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'Development on steroids' passes Council



For: Greens mayor Simon Richardson



For: Greens Cr Jeannette Martin



For: Greens Cr Michael Lyon



For: National Party Cr Alan Hunter



For: Labor Cr Paul Spooner



Against: Labor, Cr Jan Hackett



Against: Independent Cr Cate Coorey



Against: Independent Cr Basil Cameron



Absent for vote: Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye

Hans Lovejoy

Ecologically sensitive and agricultural lands could soon be opened up for development in Byron Shire after a councillor majority voted (see above) to approve the contentious *Business and Industrial Lands Strategy* at their meeting last Thursday.

Around 47 ha of land will now be considered for rezoning by the state government.

Yet independent councillor Cate Coorey wasted no time in lodging a rescission motion for the strategy, which aims to create a framework for developing commercial lands in the Shire.

As previously reported, the strategy massively exceeds land requirements

as proposed by Council's consultants, raised concerns from state government departments, and includes contentious parcels of land and planning provisions that were never publicly exhibited.

Included within the strategy is a large parcel of agricultural land on Saddle Road near the highway interchange. The Daly's eco-village proposal was rejected by Council, yet the land is now proposed to be commercial zoning, despite opposition from government agencies.

Additionally, contentious land surrounding the Central Byron Hospital were also added to the strategy after the public exhibition, along with proposed powers for Council planners to

determine spot rezoning proposals.

Cr Coorey described the plan as 'development on steroids,' and, 'a failure of process.'

She told *The Echo*, 'This strategy is not a response to the needs, identified in multiple reports, of Byron businesses or the people who live and work in the Shire. Rather, it is a blueprint for growth that is so excessive to our needs as to defy understanding – except that it is a gift for developers and speculators.'

During debate, Labor's Cr Paul Spooner spoke in favour. 'Blind Freddy can tell that we're in trouble in this Shire as to where you can have decent business and employment opportunities.'

'You can throw up as many slides as you like but that doesn't cover the reality.'

'Look at the industrial area in Byron. You can barely drive around there. Industry is changing. Retail is going out the door backwards. Business and employment in this Shire is changing.'

But Cr Coorey says, 'Transport was the number one concern raised in Council's Business Survey Report.'

'Surprisingly, this key issue for businesses in the Shire is not actually dealt with in the Strategy. Strategic land use planning should not be done without a plan for infrastructure, especially transport.'

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Questions remain unanswered by mayor

Hans Lovejoy

The Echo asked Greens mayor Simon Richardson questions around his support for the Business and Industrial Lands Strategy and its potential impact on the Shire.

The Echo asked: 'In opposition, you were very vocal against the sort of strategy that you voted for last Thursday.'

'Arguably this is a worse strategy

than the Rural Land Use Strategy you voted against prior to the 2016 election, which was eventually rejected by the state government and saw that Council majority rejected by voters.

'In this strategy, there appears no value placed on environment, biodiversity or transparent and proper process. How do you respond to this?' Mayor Richardson: 'There are great values placed on environmental values and just because we have identified land as potentially able to realise some business activities doesn't mean it is a certainty. Any proposal will have to show how it can overcome environmental constraints.'

'For some, it may be flood, for others vegetation values, and for others it may be Indigenous heritage constraints and for some, perhaps all three. Council or the state government will be able to reject any proposals and the community will be able to provide submissions and feedback. It is because much of the identified possible land areas may never be able to be used when deeper studies are done that we include more land than

the minimum possible.'

The Echo also asked: 'How do you respond to claims that you are pursuing a pro development agenda, similar to that of the National Party?'

Mayor Richardson: 'It is nonsense that doesn't deserve a response.'

Further questions were put to the mayor in light of the lack of clarity around the impacts of this strategy, but he declined to answer them.

They included, 'You admit that much of these lands are constrained (flood-prone, high ecological value etc).

'Then why propose them?'

'Why so big?'

'How is this responsible planning, given Council have now given hope to a large number of developers?'

'Won't these developers now have a legal basis for pursuing this in the courts if they are rejected?'

'What legal advice on this has been sought?'

■ The Echo has also sought comment from Labor's Paul Spooner, who, like the mayor, voted against a similar proposal in the previous 2012–2016 Council.

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Christmas cheer fills Byron Shire



Matthew, Luca and Hendrick at Sunday's Christmas carols at the Mullum Showgrounds. Photo Jeff Dawson



Indigo Caudro with Byron Public's band teacher Cameron Smith at Friday's Carols By The Sea. Photo Jeff Dawson

Council propose a 5MW solar project in Myocum

Public consultation for a proposed five megawatt solar farm on Council-owned land at 1 Dingo Lane in Myocum is now underway.

Council says if constructed, the solar farm 'will generate enough electricity to offset Council's power usage

and send additional renewable power back into the grid'. The area needed for a 5MW solar array is approximately five hectares, or 12 acres, say Council staff, which would 'generate enough energy to power the equivalent of approximately

1,000 average homes.' Council staff say that so far, residents had been 'interested to learn more about potential glare and visual impacts of the solar panels, possibility of dual use of the site, dust and traffic issues from the existing unsealed road, funding

and payback, alternative sustainable initiatives, flooding impacts and Council's infrastructure priorities'. Those interested in having input on the project, and to learn more, can contact project manager Andrew Swan at Council on 6626 7000.

Public water station opens Dec 23

Paul Bibby

Water utility Rous County Council will install a new public water filling station in Bangalow and a commercial bulk filling station nearby, to help meet the soaring local demand for water.

The new public filling station, one of two to be installed by Rous Council in its coverage area, will be located in the Bangalow industrial estate.

The station will be operated by credit card, with users charged \$5.75 per

kilolitre, with a limit of 3.5 kilolitres per transaction. Installed at a cost of around \$45,000, it is expected to be operational by December 23.

A staff report to the December 11 Council meeting says there are 'multiple enquiries each day from customers looking for public access points to the water supply to fill up smaller containers and 1,000L Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC).

'Many of these customers are looking to collect their own water as they are unable

to source an available water carter in a timely manner, owing to the high demand'. The location of the bulk filling station is yet to be finalised, but Rous Council says it will be located somewhere in the area around Eureka and Bangalow. It is expected to take between six to eight weeks to be operational, and will service commercial water carters only.

A public filling station and a bulk filling station will also be installed at locations to the north and south of Lismore respectively.

Rous Council said that the new water stations were necessary to meet the rapidly growing demand from people who were not connected to town water.

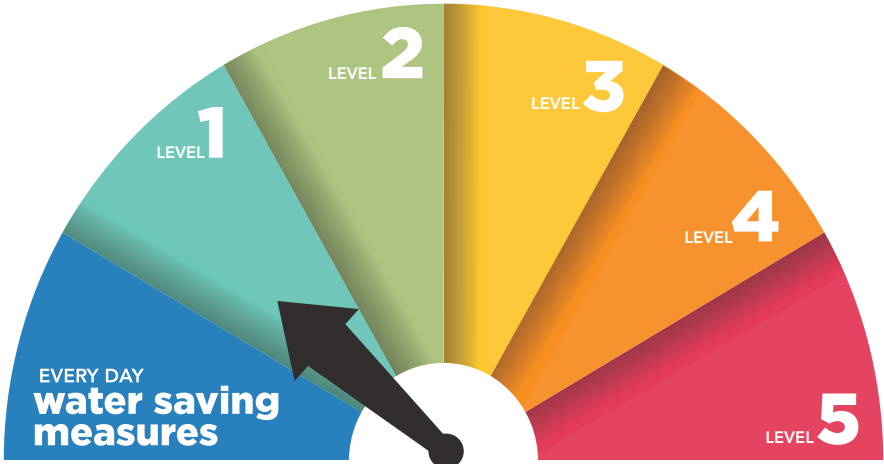
The December 11 report to Council's meeting added the number of litres purchased through commercial water cart operators in November was more than twice that purchased just two months earlier, increasing to 53.3 million litres.

As a consequence, wait times for those ordering water had ballooned, with customers waiting anywhere between two and six weeks for water.

Water carters have been waiting up to two hours at fill stations as multiple trucks queue to get water.

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Byron’s water tanks have ‘serious structural issues’

Hans Lovejoy

Byron’s Wategoes and Paterson Street water reservoirs have ‘serious structural issues,’ with ‘faecal contamination’ according to the peak body that supports the Australian urban water industry.

In its submission to the federal Parliamentary Inquiry into 5G in Australia, The Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) make the remarkable claim that increased loadings of extensive telecommunications equipment onto the reservoir roof structures have led to the problems, ‘and its maintenance/replacement was not considered by Telecommunications carriers.’



Paterson Street water reservoir.
Photo www.imagesofbyronbay.com.au

‘Currently both sites have serious structural issues that cannot be addressed until all communication fixtures are removed from the tank.

‘The stored drinking water is at risk as the roof framing has collapsed in areas resulting in a centre box gutter failing and roof drainage and faecal contamination is entering the tank.

‘The structural assessments of increased loadings onto the roof structure and its maintenance/replacement was not considered by Telecommunications carriers (individually or as a collective)’.

Council’s director Infrastructure Services Phil

Holloway told *The Echo*, ‘Council is aware of the Water Services Australia Report and actually contributed to the report.

‘Council’s schedule to replace roofs on the Wategoes and Paterson Street reservoirs is overdue and, unfortunately, it has become very complex, as a number of Telcos have infrastructure situated on the reservoirs and we are negotiating their removal.

State-wide issue

‘Staff have been working with the Telcos for a number of years in relation to this issue. This problem is not just being experienced in

the Byron Shire – it is a state-wide issue.

‘These discussions are ongoing, and from Council’s perspective, we would like to find a resolution.

‘It is however complex, and this is why the work has not proceeded in the time that Council would prefer.

‘In the interim, there were some temporary repair works completed on both reservoirs earlier in the year.

‘With respect to drinking water being at risk – Council would like to assure residents and visitors that drinking water is not contaminated and is perfectly safe to drink.

Water tested weekly

‘Like all water from reservoirs in the Byron Shire, and the Northern Rivers, the water is tested and monitored on a weekly basis, as is required by NSW Health’.

Holloway added, ‘Staff are also in regular contact with NSW Health and at no time has there been any suggestion or concern about the quality and safety of the drinking water from the Wategoes or Paterson Street reservoirs.’

Heavy telco load

On page 12 of submission 297, available at www.bit.ly/2PLv9XT, it reads, ‘Both reservoirs have extensive telecommunications equipment installed on site.’

‘The antennas and EME RF zones emit around the circumference of the tanks, however the installed support equipment impacts the operational area of the assets.



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Circus Arts captivates Brisbane festival

Performers from Byron's Circus Arts Australia wowed audiences at last weekend's 2019 Australian Circus Festival, held in Brisbane.

Under a big top tent, the week-long event brought together leading lights of circus from Australia and the world.

'I have been on the jury for all four festivals, and it was amazing to see our own troupes perform at such a high level,' says Belinda Hultgren, director of Circus Arts Australia.

Though circus is largely based on collaboration, several troupes were well



Circus Arts crew. Photo Anne Wareing

rewarded from their decision to enter competitions. Both the Acro Performance and the Teeterboard

Troupes took out second prize in their categories and Pip Hegarty was awarded a special prize for her Spanish Web display.

Flying Trapeze troupes impressed the audience with special performances under a real big top, and displays and workshops on the 'petite rig' were conducted across the week of the festival.

Anne Wareing, president of Circus Arts' not-for-profit arm, Friends of The Circus, said that the performers were a credit to the Byron circus scene and thanked those who supported the group's fundraising efforts.

Big name bushfire fundraiser Jan 8, 9

Bernard Fanning, Wolfmother, Tim Rogers and Tex Perkins are just some of the artists who will perform at a bushfire fundraiser on January 8 and 9 at the Beach Hotel.

Money raised for Make It Rain 2020 will go to the NSW RFS Northern Rivers and Far North Coast Brigades, say organisers.

Additionally an online auction is open until January 14, and features goods and services donated by Chris Hemsworth, Elsa Pataky, Ben Quilty, Joel Parkinson, Mick Fanning, Powderfinger, Pat Rafter, Spell & The Gypsy Collective, Stone & Wood and more.

Performer Tex Perkins says he recently played at a fire relief benefit called Ewingar Rising.

He says, 'I was aware that the area had been devastated by fire storms.

'Then the rest of NSW started to burn.

'Suddenly fires were everywhere.

'Places that had never burned, and should never burn, and it hit really close to home, literally.

'My local fire brigade announced an outpouring of thanks to locals for their

\$1,000 donation.

'As a result, they could buy short wave radios to use out there while fighting fires!

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Bypass cost breakdown update

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She says, 'It was amazing to be able to reward our fantastic Bruns workers with pampering, accommodation, travel and other prizes.'

The winners by category were: Hospitality: Jascinta Hardman (Bruns Bakery), Retail: Rachel Bashforth (Brunswick Heads



Byron Shire Council Youth Award winner Ava Golden with Brooke Peri from the Happy Dolphin Cafe. Photo Jeff Dawson

Pharmacy), Professional: Rosetta Smiriglia (North Coast Lifestyle Properties), Tourism: Kim Madai (Brunswick Visitor Centre), Health

and Wellbeing: Georgia Smith
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Youth Award: Ava Golden
(The Happy Dolphin Cafe).

Hans Lovejoy

Further to last week's report on the Byron bypass budget, Council's Director Infrastructure Services Phil Holloway has provided further answers to questions.

They are as follows:

Does the amount of \$24m include GST?

'The costs do not include GST'.

What are the ‘additional works’ where noise mitigation is claimed to cost \$2,069,600?

‘In the case of noise mitigation, there may be additional works required to facilitate specific noise treatments.’

What are 'Service relocations and new services'? Is it laying of electricity cables and the like? If not, what are they?

‘Services include telecommunications, electricity, stormwater, water supply and sewerage. Infrastructure associated with the services will be variously removed, replaced, relocated and in some cases – upgraded’.

Will a further breakdown of 'BSC Internal Administration and Project Management cost of \$435,121' be available ie how many staff are involved and what are their roles? Why isn't this general cost

undertaken by staff? Are cost of the delays in the project coming from the contingency breakdown?

‘The bypass is a capital project and the cost of staff working on the project is charged to the project and part of the capitalisation of the project.’

Can the \$2,867,211 contingency please be defined?

The Echo understands that contingency is generally around 10 per cent, yet this is a higher figure.

‘Contingency is included to provide funds for circumstances not known at the time of implementing the project’.

Water extraction suspension sought by Tweed Council

Aslan Shand

With bores and waterways running dry in the Northern Rivers, Tweed Shire Council is seeking to temporarily suspend bulk water extraction licences for commercial water bottling, with a request to the state government.

While NSW Water Minister Melinda Pavey's office referred *The Echo* to the NSW Northern Rivers

Bottled Water Final Report, released in October, as demonstrating that only a very small percentage of available ground water is being extracted, the report also highlights that this is only based on the available information. It claims that there is a 'lack of monitoring detecting these impacts'.

Associate professor Peter Coombes, who was recently appointed as chair of engineering

and associate professor in water resources engineering at Southern Cross University, emphasised the complexity of understanding and assessing the water resources in this region.

'It is difficult, if not impossible, to assess the the water capacity in these very complex and highly variable geological structures under the ground,' said associate professor Coombes.

‘That is just some regional average assessment. What we need to be looking for is if creeks are drying up downstream from the extraction sites. Water extraction may make quite a difference in a creek below an extraction site.’

'Local streams and ground water are linked,' he added.

With a range of vested interests, lobbying, the imbalance of power between parties and the multiple

jurisdictions that contribute to the management of water, from local councils to state and federal government, managing water for the best interests of all Australians, including residents and farmers as well as fauna and flora is challenging.

'We are going to be increasingly challenged around water, and we need to keep changing our approach,' he added.

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Where to find tiny, beautiful art?

At just 78 years young, artist Kenny Moat has launched his first exhibition. He says it's his first major show, despite his artworks being snapped up by collectors and galleries over the years. Be prepared though – the miniature abstract collages might require glasses for the visually impaired. Kenny's work is on display at the Byron Bay Gallery, located next to the Byron Beach Hostel on Lawson Street. For more visit www.byronbaygallery.com. Photo Jeff 'Mini Since 1986' Dawson

'Affordable housing' DA rejected, heads to court

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has rejected an application for an eight-unit 'affordable housing' development in Sunrise proposed by The Kollektive housing company.

The decision came at last week's Council meeting – the last for 2019 – with councillors unanimously refusing

the application.

But the matter now appears destined for the Land and Environment Court, with The Kollektive lodging an appeal against Council's 'deemed refusal' before the vote even took place.

The proposal for 6 Julian Rocks Drive had drawn the ire of nearby residents, who said it was completely out

of character with the neighbourhood, and breached multiple planning rules.

Council staff agreed, determining that the development in its current form represented an overdevelopment of the site.

Resident Cathy Stavert said residents were grateful to the council for refusing the DA.

Mullumbimby blueprint approved

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's blueprint for the future of Mullumbimby, including a significant increase in housing, is a step closer to becoming reality, after councillors unanimously endorsed the Mullumbimby Masterplan last week.

The Masterplan, developed in consultation with a group of local community representatives, predicts that Mullumbimby's population will grow significantly in the coming years requiring a significant increase in housing.

Under the plan, much of this housing would be located in an area known as 'Precinct 4 – South Mullumbimby', which runs in a rough band from the old Mullum Hospital site right around the southern edge of the town to Ann Street near the town's eastern entrance.

Other areas of land slated for development are the areas next to the rail corridor, infill development in the laneways and shop-top housing in the centre of town.

CBD proposal

Mullumbimby's central thoroughfare, Burringbar

Street, is also set for a significant transformation – becoming a shared, pedestrian and bike-friendly zone with far fewer car movements.

This would be assisted by formalising the alternate vehicle routes around the town – Tincogan and Fern streets – which many use already.

A number of residents, including some of those on the Masterplan consultative committee, oppose the addition of significant extra housing.

Lot 22

A particular point of contention is the Lot 22 site – a parcel of Council-owned land next to the Mullumbimby community gardens that has been earmarked for

affordable housing in the Masterplan and Council's residential strategy.

Some argue that Lot 22, and other areas of land earmarked for development are flood prone, while others oppose any significant new development in the town.

Councillor Basil Cameron spoke in favour of the plan at last week's meeting, saying that Council and the community had 'every right to be proud of this document.'

'This is about ensuring that the change that is going to happen can be influenced and directed by the community,' cr Cameron said.

'The concerns raised about Lot 22 are really something for the residential strategy and the planning process. This document does not authorise any particular development.'

Goonengerry cannabis bust

Two Lismore men have been charged with cultivating a prohibited plant in Goonengerry, say police.

Police say after becoming aware of the alleged cannabis plants, officers from Tweed/Byron and the Dog Unit approached the property

where they arrested a 33 year old and 23 year old. They were taken to the Byron Police Station and charged with 'cultivate a prohibited plant' for 128 plants. Both were conditionally bailed, and will appear at the Byron Bay Local Court on January 13, 2020.

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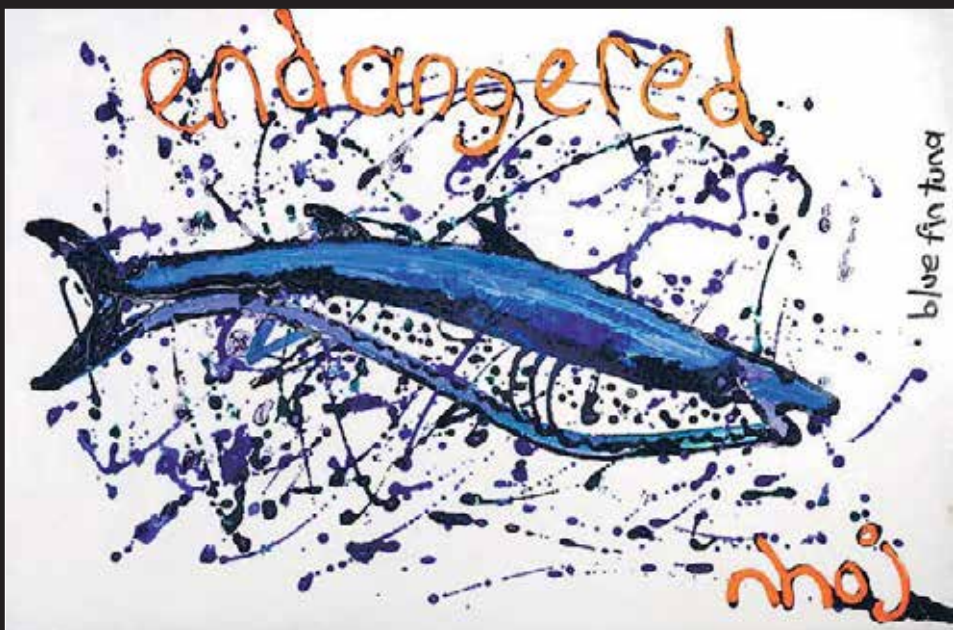


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Documents on exhibition are available for viewing at the customer service centre in Mullumbimby and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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POLICY EXHIBITION

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Byron Shire Council resolved (19-582) at its 28 November 2019 meeting to place 'Draft Policy 5.52 Commercial Activities on Coastal & Riparian Crown Reserves' on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the making of public submissions.

The draft Policy is available for viewing on Council's website at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition

Submissions open: 11 December 2019

Submissions close: 13 January 2020

Enquiries: Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300

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

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 2020

Enquiries: Andy Erskine 02 6626 7240 or aerskine@byron.nsw.gov.au

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSING 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

10.2019.619.1 – Main Arm, 963 Main Arm Road (Lot 1 DP 1079219)

Planning Sustainable Solutions, Multiple Occupancy consisting of Twelve (12) Dwelling Sites, Community Facility and Associated Works

10.2019.609.1 – Byron Bay, 10 Banksia Drive (Lot 1 DP 814604)

Ingen Consulting Pty Ltd, Change of Use to Establish Place of Public Worship and Alterations and Additions

10.2019.625.1 – Byron Bay, 3/7 Lawson Street (Lot 3 SP 58526)

Mr J Hill, Change of Use from Shop to Food and Drink Premises

10.2019.444.1 – New Brighton, 37 Byron Street (Lot 3 DP 869207)

Ms K Radmacher, Dwelling House and Swimming Pool

EXHIBITION CLOSING 29 JANUARY 2020

10.2019.616.1 – Byron Bay, 137 Jonson Street, 139 Jonson Street, 3 Browning Street (Lot 21 DP 247289, Lot 5 SEC 51 DP 758207, Lot 60 DP 1256365)

Mr M Scott, Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction of Mixed Use Development

PROPOSED LEASE

For a portion of public road reserve adjoining 27 Marine Parade Byron Bay (Lot 2 DP 250068)

Council proposes to lease 118.9m² of the road reserve to the landowner adjoining 27 Marine Parade Byron Bay for a period of 5 years.

In accordance with Section 154 of the *Roads Act 1993* interested parties are invited to make submissions about this proposal within 28 days.

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

Submissions open: 18 December 2019

Submissions close: 20 January 2020

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300

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

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

10.2018.483.1 – WILSONS CREEK, 58 Montecollum Road

Rural Tourist Accommodation: Eight (8) Cabins, Swimming Pool and Associated Works (8.2 Review for Reduction to Six (6) Cabins)

10.2019.572.1 – COORABELL, 4 Mango Lane

Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.531.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 14 Gilba Avenue

Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.413.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 32 Queen Street

Partial demolition and alterations and additions to existing dwelling house

10.2019.507.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 1 Bryce Street

Strata Subdivision: One (1) Lot into Two (2) Lots

10.2019.368.1 – BYRON BAY, 69 Sunrise Boulevard

Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2019.521.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 2/80 Balemo Drive

Alterations and Additions to establish Two (2) Carports

10.2019.442.1 – BYRON BAY, 65 Carlyle Street

Strata Subdivision of Existing Mixed Commercial and Residential Building

10.2018.493.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 9 Main Arm Road

Three (3) New Dwellings to create Multi Dwelling Housing consisting of Four (4) Dwellings and Associated Works

10.2019.479.1 – BYRON BAY, 73 Paterson Street

Swimming Pool

10.2019.495.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 4 Silky Oak Court

Secondary Dwelling

10.2019.314.2 – SUFFOLK PARK, 106 Alcorn Street

S4.55 to modify consent 10.2019.314.1, as follows:

1. remove all reference to subdivision;
2. remove all reference to staging; and
3. include a condition of consent prior to issue of an occupation certificate for four lots to be consolidated into two lots, as follows:
 - a. Lot 21 of Section 11 in Deposited Plan 11632 and Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 40815 be consolidated into one lot.
 - b. Lot 22 of Section 11 in Deposited Plan 11632 and Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 256566 be consolidated into one lot.

10.2017.464.3 – BANGALOW, 58 Charlotte Street

S4.55 for Design Modifications to Existing Dwelling House

10.2017.627.2 – BANGALOW, 42 Blackwood Crescent

S4.55 for Alterations to Existing Floor Plan

10.2018.92.2 – SUFFOLK PARK, 108 Broken Head Road

S4.55 to Move Conditions 25 and 26 of Consent relating to Development and Water and Sewer Contributions

DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

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

10.2019.563.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 135 Shara Boulevard

Use of Existing Deck

10.2019.406.1 – BANGALOW, 51 Cedarvale Road

Dwelling House, Swimming Pool, Non-Habitable Outbuilding and Carport

Holiday letting policy heads to govt for consideration

Paul Bibby

Short-term holiday letting would be subject to a 90-day cap in some parts of the Shire, while the practice could take place all year round in other areas, under a draft planning policy developed by Byron Council.

The draft planning control, which would set Byron apart from the rest of the state, in terms of short-term holiday letting, was endorsed by Byron Council last week, and will now go to the NSW Planning Department and the Planning Minister for approval.

In endorsing the draft planning control, councillors set a target of reducing short-term holiday letting in the Shire to 10 per cent of housing stock, down from the current level of 18 per cent.

Under the draft control, Council would develop a map setting out the maximum number of days for short term rental accommodation in different locations.

The caps would generally only apply to situations where the ‘host’ – usually the owner of the property or a tenant – is not present.

They would include a zero-day cap on Council-owned land and areas identified as ‘urban release land’ in state government or Council strategies, along with the areas covered by a 90-day cap, and those where un-hosted short-term letting is open slather.

‘The draft amendment to the LEP also specifies a maximum occupancy level for short-term rental accommodation of two persons per bedroom up to a maximum of 12 persons per household.’

The final boundaries of the different cap locations will be determined after considering feedback from the initial round of public exhibition and further research.

Council is also seeking to ensure that the various short-term holiday letting caps become development standards, meaning that when an owner or developer proposes building a new house or unit, they must agree to the cap that applies in that location.

The draft amendment

to the LEP also specifies a maximum occupancy level for short-term rental accommodation of two persons per bedroom up to a maximum of 12 persons per household.

It will also include a requirement that any owner wishing to use their property for un-hosted short-term

holiday letting must include the property on a Council register of short-term rental accommodation, and to place an A3 sign at the front of the property advising the public of the owner’s or property manager’s details, to enable complaints to be made to Council.

Other elements of the NSW government’s own draft regulatory framework including the Code of Conduct, Fire Safety Standards and Strata laws will apply in the Byron Shire.

LEP amendment

The development of the draft LEP amendment follows a promise made in the lead up to the last state election by then-Planning Minister Anthony Roberts; that Byron would be granted an exemption to the government’s new laissez-faire short-term holiday letting policy.

David Wallace from Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL) told last week’s meeting that his group reluctantly supported the draft planning control put forward by Council.

‘We would like to see the 90-day cap extended to the whole of the Shire,’ Mr Wallace said.

He asked councillors to remove a clause in the planning control which would allow property owners to submit a development application seeking an exemption from Council’s rules.

‘To include that clause would defeat the purpose of the whole thing,’ Mr Wallace said.

Councillors did not remove the clause, unanimously endorsing the draft control, virtually without amendment.



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Sloshal shmedia

Now that almost 4.48 billion people, or nearly 60 per cent of the global population, are connected to the internet, is humanity about to become enlightened to our collective plight as a venerable species inhabiting a spinning space rock with a fragile atmosphere?

The internet is now 29 years old, and it's come a long way from Netscape and a 56K modem.

It brings scholars and scientists together just as much as it does dangerous terrorist cells.

And there's no doubt it has facilitated vast efficiencies, both for ease of business and mass manipulation.

It's also pushed boundaries in freedom of expression, and as a trade-off for the invasion of privacy, more people can access information – than ever before.

Social media is relatively new, and has enjoyed huge market penetration for the last decade. It has modified our social behaviour and tweaks political persuasions.

The 2018 Cambridge Analytica data scandal revealed how that right-wing funded organisation harvested the personal data of millions of peoples' Facebook profiles, without their consent, and used it for political advertising purposes.

CEO Zuckerberg defended the company's livestreaming service this year after it was used in the shooting massacre in Christchurch, New Zealand. He heads a company that fudges its stats to sell ads, avoids paying tax in all countries it profits from, and gives user info to secret government agencies. All the while serving up misinformation and feeding fear and division.

Psychometrics, the technique of measuring individual psychological attributes such as knowledge, abilities, attitudes and personality traits, is one new weapon in the data mining arsenal that helps corporations and governments maintain control over us.

Owners of these behemoth corporations, as illustrated on the front cover, are the new breed of billionaires who preside over a large part of our world view narrative, and shopping habits.

Yet so far, these individuals – who have amassed unimaginable wealth in a short time – have adopted the attitude of the ruling elite who have been in charge since the human project began.

Yes, Amazon is handy with its 119,928,851 online products, yet its unchallenged dominance has led to a retail collapse in the US and store workers migrating to its warehouses. Next comes AI automation of course, and then what? Its CEO Jeff Bezos is the richest individual on the planet, worth \$131 billion. A wealth that is achieved, in part, by minimising tax. An absence of US and global anti-trust laws helps to maintain that monopoly.

Will Google, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram in the West, and Weibo and WeChat in China, be controlling the narrative and feeds in the coming decade?

Hans Lovejoy, editor



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg looks like he's been bitten by a zombie and is trying to hide it from everyone.

Croneyism enshrined within Mad Hatter's Party

And so ScoMo's annus miraculous staggers to an end, with the promise that the next one will be the year of delivery, the one that produces the outcomes which will make all the dithering, procrastination and avoidance of issues all worthwhile.

2019 may not have been a series of unalloyed triumphs, but hey, think of it, not as the start of a third term of a jaded and worn out government of muppets, but as a fresh first term with Scott Morrison phoenixed from his previous leaders to offer – well, what?

Clearly not a lot in the way of policy, which Morrison apparently regards as some kind of socialist distraction from the real business of government, which is, it now seems, reinforcing and bullet proofing his personal bubble, which *The Australian* has now christened his network of influence.

The last time this phrase was used was when the *Melbourne Age* accused the Labor attorney-general turned high court judge, Lionel Murphy, of dubious and perhaps even corrupt misbehaviour in looking after some of his shonky mates, and maybe *The Australian* is, for once, on to something.

Because it is now clear that our Prime Minister is determined to enshrine croneyism as the centrepiece of his administration.

Dissenters, whether institutions or individuals, are to be frozen out, while supporters and sycophants are to be embraced and feted. If you have a go, you get a go.

Of course all governments, all prime ministers, have their own republican guard of trusted advisors, but few rely on them exclusively – they are supposed to be the defensive rearguard, not the front line.

And it helps if they are competent. Morrison mates, by and large, do not have a good track record.

Interring them in the bubble may be a source of comfort, but is unlikely to produce useful results – or, in the end, even the political outcomes Morrison is presumably hoping for, simply because his coterie of yes men, women and androids are just not on the same page as most of the voters.

The key principles, to give them a status they hardly deserve, which govern the ethos of the ScoMo bubble are largely negatives: avoid any serious

action about climate change (indeed, do not even talk about it, it is never the right time); lock in the obsession with a budget surplus, in spite of all the evidence and advice that what is needed is stimulus, not some ideology of fiscal consolidation; resist any suggestion of bipartisanship from the Labor Party,

Morrison's authority hardly extends beyond the fragile film he has constructed around his vulnerable ego

Mungo MacCallum



apparently simply because the National Rifle Association's handbook insists on kneejerk attack at all costs – never apologise, never explain; and crucially, invoke the magic formula of national security to prevent meeting the public's right to know what is going on.

This is the essence of the bubble: it is based purely on 'us versus them' – 'them' being all but ScoMo's privileged elite.

So although Morrison thinks he is cementing his own authority, it hardly extends beyond the fragile film he has constructed around his vulnerable ego.

If you are going to surround yourself with those content to grovel, you are unlikely to convince the masses that you have their (our) interests as a priority.

Britain's Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher, saw the importance of implementing her own network of influence, but it extended a long way past her personal bubble.

At one stage she told her followers that the whole point of government was to secure the active collaboration of what she called the 60 people around the country who really ran the place, who would keep her legacy alive, preserving the culture of Thatcherism long after she had left active politics.

They may not have always been her disciples, but they could be persuaded, with carrots, sticks and if necessary mass hypnosis, to sign into her agenda – or at least not to oppose it. But the point was that these 60 were the ones who mattered.

The line up provided breathlessly by

The Australian over the last couple of weeks includes a raft of nonentities who have little to do with real influence, and everything to do with acquiescence. And more importantly, many of those who actually make the decisions in Australia publicly eschew the bubble, some actively criticising it and even working against it.

And of course others will join them, simply because they will be miffed at not being invited into ScoMo's mad hatter's tea party. Morrison obviously thinks this is not a problem, but all this shows is that his tin ear remains very tinny indeed.

The great public service purge of last week is a prime example. It was not the biggest shake-up of the bureaucracy since the Hawke years; John Howard's night of the long knives, in which he sacked a full third of the permanent heads in 1996 remains the dismal benchmark.

But it was almost certainly the most ill-considered. The idea that you merge departments, but leave their ministers intact is surely delusional. In the past there have been super-departments – Defence was a good example.

Originally it comprised a senior overarching department and its minister, with junior ministers overseeing portfolios of army, navy and air. But when these were consolidated, the junior ministers moved on, or out, as was required of them.

Morrison says that his super-departments will retain all their old ministers, and on an equal footing – with the certainty of bickering, unease and general divisiveness.

Trying to amalgamate agriculture and environment, for instance, was always going to be a hard ask, but with two seriously ambitious ministers who are not even in the same party, vying for supremacy, trouble is all but certain.

However, back in the bubble, Morrison rules – so by definition, if (when) something goes wrong, it cannot be his fault, and there will certainly be no one game to tell him if it is – until the bubble bursts, its network of effluence spilling all over the place, as the electorate decides that staying quiet is not quite the answer they were looking for.

And perhaps ScoMo, as he is finally forced into the open air, bereft of his protective membrane, is not either.

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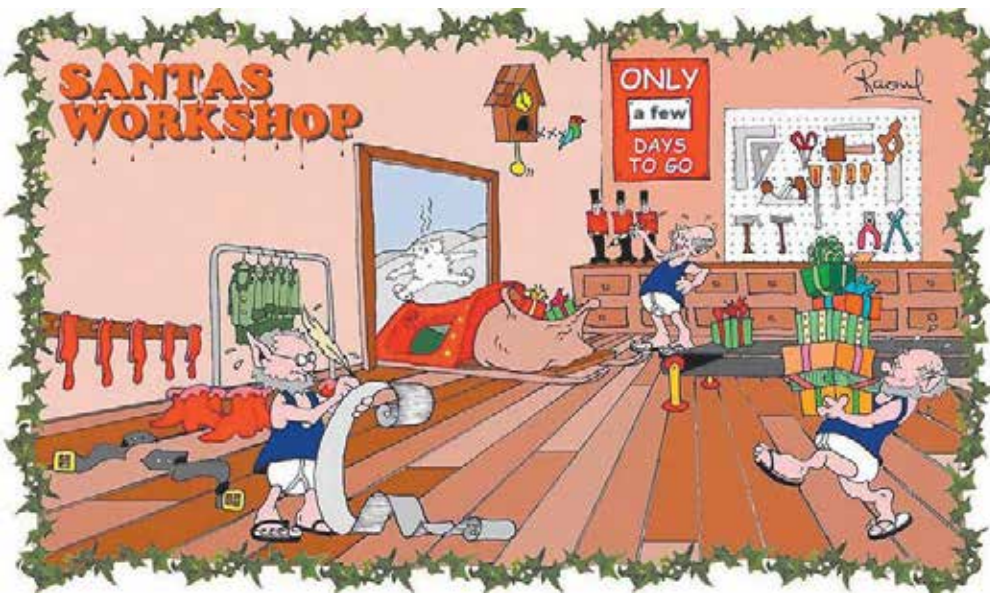
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Anton Asche
Byron Bay

Sly misogyny

I've sometimes wondered if claims of widespread misogyny are exaggerated.

Not after a bizarre incident last Saturday. Four of us friends, two men and two women, were playing tennis doubles – boys v girls – at the lovely Riverside courts in Mullum. The women often win; they're formidable players.

A couple walking past paused at the mens' end to watch. As I was about to serve, the male piped up with: 'Better watch them (meaning our female friends) make sure they don't cheat.'

Off-guard, shocked, I only had the presence of mind to call back: 'No, no they never cheat, none of us do.'

They wandered off. If challenged the bloke might have replied, 'Just a joke mate'.

Had it been mens' doubles, no such demeaning 'joke' would have been made.

How much sly misogyny simmers away just below the surface of social and intimate relationships? Do men realise how they demean and dishonour themselves, insult their partners and poison their relationships with this baseless bile?

The #MeToo movement gives an opportunity for a long-overdue cleansing and renewal of our relationships – the only real wealth we have. I hope we men embrace the liberating growth the #MeToo movement brings us all.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

A little water

Level 1 water restrictions now apply across Byron Shire (Level 3 in Mullumbimby). I can't help wondering if this is to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of people descending on the Shire for holidays, festivals and fun are the beneficiaries.

So my garden dies and I have one minute showers and if I break the law, the water police will get me. But what happens when the tourists stay in the shower? Who monitors their use?

Does anyone think that the Falls Festival will be safe given the bushfire risks? Where's the water for the festival coming from? Who makes these decisions?

Given the ratepayer base is around 15,000, and we pay a fortune in rates, the water restrictions seem like yet another act of contempt for the community so lots of non-ratepaying people get rich at our expense.

Sue Arnold
Ocean Shores

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Next week Christmas Day is Wednesday 25 December, so *The Echo* is coming out 1 day earlier (on Tuesday 24 December). It will be like Christmas has come early!

Deadlines for that issue will be one day earlier too (eg classifieds deadline, noon Monday.)

Carpets, curtains, and milking cows will remain unaffected by this major change.



The entire *Echo* staff will then work over New Year's Eve to bring out the first *Echo* of the new decade on 1 / 1 / 2020.

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Fuming motorists

It smelt of diesel in the shop today. I went outside to find an empty car idling away in the street. The fumes wafting into the shop in the heat of the day. It's something I see a lot in town these days and I usually look for the owner to quiz them about their foul, polluting habits.

Some respondents are onto it and look suitably shame-faced but most (the ones with the fancy cars) just yell 'Fuck Off'. How beautiful this town is becoming.

Today I shouted for the owner - 'Yes, but my baby is sleeping inside'.

'You don't think that's a bit selfish? Pumping carcinogens into the street like that?' 'What is your problem it's only for five minutes!'

'And if everyone behaved like you, for just five minutes, how much pollution then?'

Angry now, defensive: 'You should try being a parent!'

I thought to mention she's younger than my progeny, that she could wind down the windows, buy a small battery fan, plan her day better...

Welcome to Carbon Neutral Entitlement Central.

Nik Smulian
Mullumbimby

Tender rejection

It was heartening to observe the overwhelming vote of Byron Shire Councillors to abort the tender contract for the redevelopment of the wetlands site at the old sewerage treatment plant on Tallows Creek (South Byron Sewage Treatment Plant). It was a redevelopment plan that went straight to a call for expressions of interest, with only potential developers left

to shape the project.

Councillors finally struck a blow for better process, with the failure of the venture, as no tenders met the requirements. This is a salient reminder of the dangers of shortcuts, particularly those that bypass communication and public engagement. A site of this ecological importance particularly deserves much better.

Labor councillor, Paul Spooner made the telling point that decontamination was Council's responsibility, not something to be foisted on some other project.

The site was used by Council for sewerage treatment from night cart days to its decommissioning in 2005. Council has long known that it would need remediation and, as the party responsible for the contamination, should have long been planning for the costs involved.

Thanks to those councillors, and the staff evaluation panel, who were prepared to impose rigorous standards!

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

■ Hans Lovejoy's article (December 11) on the consent conditions applied in 2002 for South Byron Sewage Treatment Plant (SBSTP) to be closed and West Byron STP (WBSTP) to be augmented are correct.

I was the sewer operator in charge of West Byron throughout the process. The conditions placed on the augmentation were that 100 per cent of effluent leaving WBSTP go to reuse.

This has never been achieved, most of the reuse effluent has been disposed of via a pipe to the Byron Bay Golf Club (BBGC) and

dropped into a lagoon on the golf course property from day one of the augmented WBSTP going online.

There was a hydraulic engineer commissioned to assess what the BBGC could safely accommodate in megalitres of reuse effluent to irrigate the golf course without adversely affecting the soil quality by overloading it with nutrient, phosphorous etc contained in the reuse effluent. John Murtagh's findings were that the BBGC could effectively take forty megalitres per annum at that time.

The fact is that the pipe used to supply this reuse effluent to the BBGC can be seen running all day, every day of the year. This would suggest Water and Recycling has been dumping reuse effluent in the BBGC lagoon to meet the requirement of this consent condition.

The fact that the BBGC is using Byron at Byron as an effluent supplier creates more questions for Byron Shire Council to answer as to the quantities being pumped from WBSTP to the BBGC supposedly for reuse.

The fact that the BBGC lagoon overflows via a causeway under Bangalow Road and the effect that extra hydraulic load has had on the Belongil catchment area over the years should also be explained.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Assange

It was good to see such a good turnout (over 300) at the Ngara Justice for Julian event in Mullumbimby last Sunday. Julian Assange's father, John Shipton, and human rights campaigner,

Ciaran O'Reilly, were the key speakers.

An Australian citizen, Assange, faces extradition to the United States from a British Court. What a legal precedent this is creating in the undermining of free speech!

These local events are part of a developing movement to gather support for Assange who is locked up in the UK Belmarsh high security prison.

A group of 60 UK doctors recently wrote an open letter saying Assange's health is so bad they fear he will die in prison. At the very least Julian Assange should be brought back to Australia.

Australians who are concerned for Julian Assange, and the principles of free speech, are being urged to write to their politicians asking for high level intervention.

There is a change.org petition to the prime minister and foreign minister, Marise Payne to help free Julian Assange and stop the USA extradition. Add your name if you care about free speech.

Cecily McGee
Mullumbimby

Rampant consumerism

I couldn't agree more with Marcus O'Mullane (Letters, December 12) in his eloquent questioning of the insanity of rampant consumerism. He asks: 'Is it time for drastic action yet?' Well, yes.

What action? Any action supporting reduction of fossil fuel use; from walking to financial divestment, promoting regenerative agriculture, backyard gardening, community supported agriculture, to contributing to

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

By Byron Shire Mayor Simon Richardson

Last week, Council took up the opportunity to step up and provide a water carting service to Byron Shire residents as a service to the community while we're in drought. This is not a commercial venture on Council's behalf, it is simply in response to the demand from our rural community for drinking water. Council heard about the problem our residents were facing, with dry water tanks and long wait periods from water carting providers. We found a way to change the fittings on one of our trucks that is normally used for road works to make it safe and accredited to carry drinking water. The cost for 12,000L is \$350, so we are not the cheapest operator, but again - this is just a community service for those in need. Our fee enables us to cover our costs - so it's a break-even initiative for us. We are also conscious of the businesses providing water carting and their need to make a living. Our aim is to provide a much-needed service without competing or undercutting the Shire's businesses.

This summer, Council is supporting the Little Blue Dinosaur foundation, set up by a family whose four year old son was tragically killed on the NSW Central Coast in 2014. It's a salient reminder to us all to be present with our kids, and to be extra alert to children running and crossing roads during these exciting summer holiday times.

Wishing you and your families the very happiest and, above-all, safest Christmas and summer holiday season ahead.

Byron Shire Mayor, Cr Simon Richardson



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Top priority is reduction in resource demand, which means individuals questioning the necessity or non-necessity of every single purchase, from new clothes to toilet paper.

Is there anyone left who thinks that our current political leadership will lead us out of the mess we're in? Not likely. Not while business-as-usual is still in full swing.

To quote another recent prophet 'war (on the planet) is over if YOU want it'. Enough, that is.

Pauline McKelvey
Tintenbar

Lyon and the Snail

Byron councillor Michael Lyon, and the majority of our political elite, seem to have absolutely no idea!

In his opinion article (December 4) accountant Lyon presented the history of the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail. It was the kind of 'It's going to be a good cricket season for the fires', 'Thoughts and prayers' diversion a politician would give to hide the real issues.

These issues may be: 1. The community of Butler St, the wider community, and NSW Greens don't want a

bypass through their back yards. Just like Councillor Lyon doesn't want Metgasco fracking on his property.

2. Who approved Council's estimated \$450,000 of ratepayers' money in legal fees to fight their own community?

3. We are in a climate emergency – the town is under threat of rising sea levels and other impacts, and the Council want to build a \$25 million road – a gargantuan carbon bomb!

4. There are seven councillors supporting this outrageous bypass – and we know who they are!

So don't worry about the forest, the climate armageddon or Environment Protection Laws. 'It's not so bad', said the Lyon to the Snail. 'You'll be right mate'.

Remember: Business as usual ensures our extinction.
Morgan Knoesen
Brunswick Heads

Contempt for water

There is no end in sight to the ongoing drought and the situation for our rural communities is dire with vital water resources drying up.

The response of the three Liberal/National councillors last week, at the Tweed Council meeting, was the
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Does *The Simpsons* predict the future?

Scout Wallen

There is one factor that defines the childhood of any person under the age of 30: Were you allowed to watch *The Simpsons*?

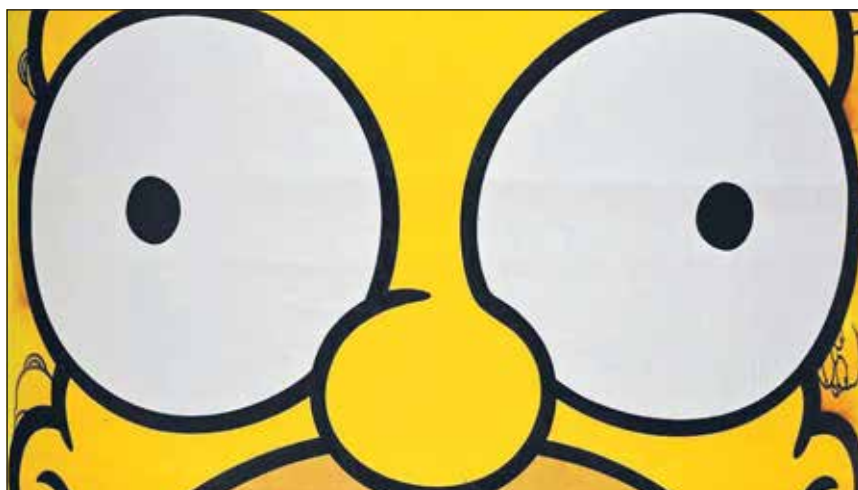
Although it is thought that our Springfield associates aided our ever-so-present addiction to screens and fast food, and provoked a deep fear of clowns, *The Simpsons* has been much more insightful than one may care to admit.

As we look back on the years that were, it is interesting to examine the forms of our culture that have shaped and moulded who we are as a society.

Now, I'm not saying that we can link all of our issues back to Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie et al, but the absurdity displayed in satirical media such as *The Simpsons* may have informed our willingness to accept whatever has been thrown at us.

And look at what we have dealt with: the UK leaving, or at least trying to leave, the European Union; a reality TV host is the president of the USA; young couples are opting to own dogs instead of having children; and the leader of the biggest political and environmental movement of this decade is a 17-year-old Swedish girl.

Dr Nicholas Carah and Eric Louw are researchers into the impact of media on society. In their book *Media and Society*, they explore the notion of media shaping how we understand the world.



'Media are social processes of circulating meaning,' they say in *Media and Society*.

'This process matters because it shapes how we understand the world and our relationships with others.

'How we understand the world organises how we act in it.'

Fictional reality

Thanks to such influences, we only see aspects of our reality as 'normal' because we have become so enthralled by the influences of fictional media, which have imbued us with the notion that anything is possible nowadays.

The blatant absurdism showcased in media such as *The Simpsons* may have helped to soften the blow when we were faced with extremely random and unexpected problems.

When abortion bans swept across the USA in May this year, it truly felt like the control of women's bodies, of the kind seen in *The Handmaid's Tale* was coming to fruition.

When Australia's treasurer – now prime minister – brought a lump of coal into parliament question time, amidst a climate crisis, we nodded our heads and displayed little dismay for this absurd act of symbolism.

And when an episode of *The Simpsons* aired in 2000 portraying the president of the USA as none other than Donald Trump, we laughed at the audacity. Now, they are living in that reality.

The point is, the media content we consume influences how we perceive, and act in, the world.

Maybe that's why I see everything in a tinge of yellow.

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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

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The decision this week by the World Anti-Doping Agency to ban Russia for four years from all major sporting events was always going to affect chess more profoundly than any other sport.

Not only have players from Russia (and before it the Soviet Union) dominated chess for almost a century, but Russia runs the world body FIDE and hosts many major tournaments and matches.

Fortunately for FIDE, the WADA ban has been sprinkled with so many loopholes that major figures in Russia have been confident enough to say that their plans for 2020 will be largely unaffected.

Head of the Russian Chess Federation Andrey Filatov immediately declared that all major events planned for Russia over the coming year – the Rapid and Blitz World Championship, Women's World Championship match, Candidates Tournament and World Chess Olympiad – will take place as usual because they were already contracted to Russia. (The WADA ban seems to have a carve out to allow this.)

Arkady Dvorkovich, the FIDE President and former Russian Deputy Prime Minister, has also stated that any ban on Russian government officials or employees from holding office in a sporting organisation do

not apply to him because he is no longer a public servant.

FIDE and Russian drug tests since chess became subject to WADA rules have never produced a positive result (unlike domestic tests in countries including Germany and Thailand), enabling FIDE to proclaim chess as a 'clean' sport. This clean status will enable FIDE to declare all Russian players exempt from the ban.

Of course like many sports, chess has plenty of skeletons in the drug cupboard. Evidence suggesting that at least one positive drug test has been covered up, and that the FIDE Doping Hearing Panel acted corruptly in another two cases, has never been investigated.

The only slight embarrassment for FIDE might come at the closing ceremony of the Moscow Chess Olympiad in August when the Russian players go up to receive their medals, given that the WADA ban does not allow the Russian anthem to be played or the flag displayed.

However FIDE's business-as-usual plan only goes so far.

While 2020 tournaments may be locked in, there is no excuse for breaching WADA's ban by hosting events in Russia in 2021 or future years. Expect plenty of events like the 2018 World Championship match, which was held in London but sponsored entirely by Russian interests, with free vodka for VIPs.

When the FU vote wins every election, what is to be done?

Phillip Frazer

Last Thursday 29 per cent of Brits voted Conservative, 22 per cent Labour, 8 per cent Liberal-Democrats, 2.6 per cent Scottish National, 1.8 per cent Greens, and 1.3 Brexit – and 33 per cent of didn't vote for anyone.

So the Brit elections were not as close as ours was six months ago (Labor plus Greens got 340,000 more votes than the Coalition), and not as close as America's last presidential election, in which Clinton got three million more votes than Trump, but lost due to weird historical rules.

Clinton and Trump each won the votes of only 30 per cent of American adults, because the remaining 40 per cent didn't vote, half of them because they weren't allowed and half because they didn't show up. In the UK about a third or 33 per cent didn't vote and in Australia, where we're fined between \$20 and \$78 for not voting, 10 per cent still didn't.

Why are so many of us voting for the bosses' party?

Because the mass media and the politicians are biased toward the bosses,



because that's who owns and operates them.

And why are even more of us protest voting or not voting at all?

Because we're pissed off that we're barely able to rent a home let alone buy one, that a good job is nigh impossible to find, that prospects for a better life look worse by the day, and now we're all peering through the fires and floods at an environmental catastrophe destroying the planet in our kids' lifetimes.

FuckYou votes

Which is why the single biggest block of voters these

days, all over the globe, is composed of people essentially voting none-of-the-above – aka the FuckYou vote. Trump's numbers were swollen by his claim to being an outsider (which he continues to claim) deflecting pissed-off voters from seeing that his policies are even worse than those of the Washington insiders. Boris and Brexit harvested a lot of FU votes by promising a program that amounts to 'we'll say FU to Europe, and to the London wogs, and girly men who've ruined our country.'

Similarly, a majority of Australian undecideds voted

for the coalition as a lesser evil, also a less expensive evil than not voting at all. I don't think many of them really thought 'Gee the coalition has such excellent policies, and ScoMo is a really inspiring bloke.'

And why has it come to this?

Because not one of the big-time parties – Liberal/Labor here, Conservative/Labour in the UK, or Democratic/Republican in the USA – dares to admit what's really happened since the 1980s: that the bosses sent the majority of jobs to lower-wage countries, smashed the leftover jobs into gigs and temps so we, the workers, are all alone and day-to-day, and they're giving all the future jobs to robots or Artificial Intelligences.

And yes the world is cooking and choking on shit because the powerful people never look at the common good or the long-term game, because, frankly, they don't give a damn.

Is there a better option than the FU? How about Greta's How Dare U? But turn that into a plan of action, as in Let's Dare To!

What are tiny homes the answer to?

■ I read with interest, and some despair, the article (December 11) proposing tiny homes as an 'affordable' homes solution. The accompanying picture shows the limitations of this popular trend. The tiny home is a mobile solution best suited to emergency, short term, or tourist accommodation.

In NSW granny flats of up to 60m² are a 'permanent structure' and offer better housing than a tiny home, whilst complying with the Building Code of Australia.

The lack of long term social cohesion and potentially inadequate lifestyle generated by clustering large numbers of random minimalist structures is not conducive to the health of our communities, social integration or to the occupants' personal growth, in what inevitably are overcrowded sub-standard conditions.

The likelihood of ghetto style outcomes is very real in our monetarist based culture. We can do better than this. I have spent a lifetime designing smaller homes and group dwellings and I am prepared to liaise with and offer access to this body of work pro-bono to 'not for profits' or individuals in need.

Yes, we need local government to facilitate exemptions or modifications to what is allowable under their DCP and LEP provisions. This is ultimately controlled at State government level but wholesale changes to the Building Code of Australia are NOT needed and are unlikely to be approved in any great rush.

Yes, we need suitably identified land. We need an integrated design for a community that meets the needs of all occupants; a community not built around the car, but around people. We need an integrated social structure; old, young, wealthy, not so wealthy, families and singles (over 50 per cent of all households are two people or fewer).

So we need 'smaller' homes that feel like big homes that engage with the environment. Self powering, water efficient homes with water storage and waste management and with access to services, plus community gardens, workshops etc.

Regarding housing affordability, the problem does not rest in the 'construction cost' for homes. Building is always affordable, or can be, what is not affordable is the land. A base cost that is inflated (because it can be developed) plus council imposed contributions and infrastructure, all marked up from a total that includes huge bank loan interest rates PLUS a huge margin for the developer.

We need Council to access crown land or other low cost land devoid of 'developer' margins. We need a housing (rental) co-operative set up at the local level to oversee and own the project (and manage rental and emergency properties). This removes the 'greed/profit' motive.

We need sweat equity opportunities for part ownership of homes; we need

guaranteed long term tenure for rental properties at 'reasonable' rentals. We need private ownership as well, both from the get go and as a transition during rental and, yes, we need emergency housing, as a transition.

The local community can do this, it just takes the will.

Phil Anstey
Anstey Homes P/L
Casuarina

■ I was encouraged by the news that Byron Shire Council is contemplating tiny house villages to assist those who are experiencing housing stress.

These types of villages work well in many places including the US and Canada and there is every reason they would in the Byron Shire also. Starting with a pilot tiny house village we could create something that addresses homelessness and sustainability.

Tiny house villages present all sorts of opportunities socially and environmentally – everything from integrating us all into the community, supporting each other, living off-grid, to rain water collection, permaculture gardens, and on-site waste management.

Ideally these initiatives would be offered by the state government, but with homelessness growing, it would be heartening to see the Byron Shire Council move forward with a tiny house village.

Lucinda Scarman
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Written by sheep farmer Tim Barritt, Barossa Valley, S.A.

We can't survive without forests – there's no time to waste

Dailan Pugh

After a disastrous year for our forests because of global heating, the key issue is whether we have passed a tipping point that heralds the rapid degradation of our forests. Our problem is that we can't survive without them, yet we are hastening their degradation.

So far this fire season, over 1.6 million hectares of north-east NSW (north from the Hunter River, west to the Great Dividing Range) burnt, which is 28 per cent of the land area and 39 per cent of native vegetation. Imagine the diversity and abundance of wildlife that was consumed.

Because of the drought, the fires have been exceptionally extensive and severe. Over 130,000ha of rainforest is mapped as burnt. While not all of this has actually burnt, as demonstrated at Terania Creek, fires have burnt hundreds of metres into rainforests in many areas, reaching areas that haven't been burnt for over one thousand years.

Some 309,000ha of NSW's forests are inscribed on the World Heritage List as the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia, with an additional 516,000ha put forward on the tentative list for addition; now 46 per cent of these forests of outstanding universal value have been burnt.



Rainforests at Terania Creek that have burnt in the recent bushfires.

Koalas have declined by 50 per cent on the north coast in the last 20 years, this year alone 24–33 per cent of their remaining habitat was burnt, killing thousands of koalas. Eight of the 29 koala populations in north-east NSW (including the Banyabba population south of Casino) had 73–90 per cent of their habitat burnt, leaving them particularly vulnerable to extinction.

Degraded forests

Most of our remnant forests are in a highly degraded state, either through logging – progressively removing most large trees – or because they are regrowth from clearing. This has dried out the forests, reduced streamflows, decimated populations of numerous native species, facilitated weed invasion, disrupted ecological

processes, and initiated widespread dieback. Which makes forests more susceptible to burning.

A multitude of native species have been drastically affected by the loss of big old trees and the essential hollows they provide for homes, abundance and frequency of nectar and other resources. Over half of our old growth forests have been burnt so far in this early starting fire season, and a multitude of remnant old trees scattered throughout other forests were burnt down.

Koalas don't depend on hollows or nectar, though they prefer bigger trees for their abundance of edible foliage and cooler branches to lounge on, and for well-spaced lofty canopies where they can escape the intense heat of ground fires and reduce their likelihood of being

consumed in crown fires.

Every fire consumes habitat, kills old trees, reduces flowering, promotes flammable species, increases erosion, and releases nutrients and carbon.

Forests can recover from a single fire if given time, it is frequent and intense fires that degrade, and it is logged forests that are most vulnerable.

The clearing of forests has reduced transpiration by trees and their transfer of groundwater and heat into the atmosphere, thereby reducing regional rainfalls and cloud cover while increasing temperatures.

Burning trees for energy

With temperatures and heatwaves increasing and spring becoming drier due to climate heating, the prognosis is dire. The NSW fires this year have released an estimated 195 million tonnes of CO₂, one and a half times NSW's normal annual emissions.

It is good that the Environment Minister Matt Kean is talking about reducing emissions by 35 per cent by 2030, yet his government is accelerating land clearing, intensifying logging and about to begin cutting and exporting huge volumes of our trees to be burnt for electricity generation overseas.

They are slashing and burning the lungs of the planet just when we need them the most. I dread what

further draconian measures will be taken in response to the recent fires.

Forests directly enhance our climate, though most importantly in this climate emergency, trees take up a third of the world's carbon emissions and store it in their trunks and soils, and the older they are, the more they sequester. Without them we have no chance of avoiding dangerous climate heating.

I have watched the Great Barrier Reef, one of the greatest living wonders of the world, being progressively killed by coral bleaching caused by the increasing frequency of marine heat waves over the last 30 years. As climate heating intensifies, coral reefs are dying worldwide, with it now likely that they have passed the point of no return, and I could outlive them.

World wide, forests too are in decline due to clearing, logging, droughts, and heatwaves. Now we have mega-fires dramatically accelerating their degradation. I fear that we may soon pass their tipping point.

As well as reducing emissions, we need to protect and rehabilitate our remnant forests to enhance their ability to take up and store more of the carbon we are emitting if we are to have any chance of avoiding an apocalyptic future.

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Smoko Morrison and Labor's coal-fest

■ Climate change forecasts over the last 50 years have proved to be correct, according to a study reported in *The Guardian*; and the continuing bushfire nightmare demonstrates what scientists have been warning us about since the 1970s.

I take this personally, having recently been forced to evacuate my bushland home, and now finding my only asset, a house in the Northern Rivers, is in the path of another terrifying mega-fire.

The political response has been dismal, with Smoko Morrison refusing to discuss climate change while sending a few 'thoughts and prayers'. Meanwhile, Labor wastes time criticising the Greens for something they didn't do and Anthony Albanese sets out on a coal love-fest in central Queensland.

Nobody recognises the opportunity for leadership towards a low-carbon economy. Instead, climate factions are becoming more bitterly opposed while emissions continue to rise.

Coal miners are furious about what they see as being vilified for the nature of their work. The major parties have done nothing to reassure all 37,800 coal mine workers with

plans for a just transition to jobs in renewables.

But this week, in NSW where 85 per cent of the population lives within 50km of the coast, 6.8 million people are directly impacted by bushfires and smoke. Six people have died and over 800 homes have burnt.

It is profoundly disappointing to see 'opposition' politicians grasping for the votes of 37,800 coal mine workers while millions of others suffer from the escalating disaster of global heating.

Even if the fossil fuel industry is shut down tomorrow, the damage will continue for decades. But let's keep exporting coal and gas to keep a few people happy – particularly the top one per cent who love to count their billions flowing from coal, oil and gas. Who cares if the rest of us burn?

Eve Sinton
Upper Main Arm

■ Isn't it good to know we are in safe hands? In Canberra, Scott Morrison fiddles while the country burns. Angus Taylor jets off to Madrid (watch his travel budget) to try to defend his dodgy emissions reduction accounting. And poor old Albanese

descends to the classic drug dealer's defence – 'If we don't sell it to them, someone else will' – to defend his policy on coal exports.

It's a drug Albo, they are addicts, and you want to keep on pushing. That puts you on the moral and intellectual level of the local ice dealer. Disgraceful!

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

■ I cannot comprehend the Federal government's totally inadequate attitude to climate change.

It's as if they're saying, look India's dog shat on the footpath 15 times, and China's dog shat 16 times, but Australia's dog shat only once so we don't count.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

■ On climate change; it seems to me, that we are all dancing around the elephant in the room. For 80 years (at least), 55 per cent of 'developed' countries' incomes have been spent on war.

Get rid of war and we'll have a hope. If not, trapped in the Iron Age, we will be extinct very soon.

Mishka Buler
Nimbin

► Continued from page 15 request for the NSW minister for water to suspend commercial extraction of groundwater for water bottling was predictable. They showed absolute contempt for the farmers, communities, environment, and our finite water resources was disturbing by voting against the motion. Their only concern was for individual profit making.

The councillor who led the charge to protect water mining business interests claimed that the public and other councillors were ignorant in regards to water mining impacts. He stated that the material water miners supplied was absolutely correct.

He then publicly promoted the unlawful activities of the water miners in letters to local papers, stating it was fine for them to expand their businesses outside their approval conditions.

There is significant evidence water miners have grossly over-extracted our groundwater and there have been no monitoring or compliance measures.

Groundwater systems are complex and there is little modelling, monitoring/data records. The science is not known on the connectivity to waterways, complexities of fractured rock aquifers and hydraulically connected downstream aquifers. Thus, it cannot be determined that there will be no short, long-term and cumulative impacts; as such the precautionary principle must be urgently applied.

Last Wednesday a report to Gold Coast Council recommended refusal of a water extraction application in the hinterland; the refusal was supported unanimously.

Third-party advice had concluded that the submitted hydrogeological report did not demonstrate that no depletion would occur to surrounding springs, waterfalls and stream flows.

Lindy Smith
Tweed Heads

No 'Green' left

Any remnants of the mayor's 'Green' credentials and the notion of community consultation slithered away in Council's resolution to rezone Gulgan Road North Precinct (GRN) to industrial land.

Located south of Brunswick Heads, historically the Pernell farm was cropped with lettuce, cabbage, peas and corn before dairying became more profitable. The Pernells sold it to the proponent who proposed an 'Eco-village'. When that

failed, the proponent shifted his values and went for industrial zoning.

The land did not form part of the exhibited Employment Lands Strategy wherein 10ha of industrial land was cited as needed by Council into the future. Without GRN 40ha were identified in the Strategy. By adding GRN to the Strategy another 10ha were included.

In spite of government advice that inclusion of GRN in the strategy was inconsistent with the North Coast Regional Plan 2036, that the land possibly contained remnant rainforest and had swamp sclerophyll forest, that historic records for the koala existed and that consideration of the vegetation for an E-zoning had been deferred in the 2014 LEP, none of this was considered in the mayor's support for rezoning.

The land is registered as regionally significant farmland, a registration that should have been taken seriously in the context of food security.

Unlikely bedfellows, the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce and Progress Association were united in opposing the rezoning of this land. The Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS), an association of Byron Shire community organisations also opposed it.

When asked by Cr Cameron, would the mayor withdraw GRN from his foreshadowed motion, the response was direct and quick, 'No'. His response spoke volumes.

In response to a question of whether or not the mayor would support re-exhibiting the Employment Lands Strategy, as advised by government, he refused. There would be no community consultation on the inclusion of GRN as industrial land.

Cr Lyon was no better. He put the economic imperative ahead of all other considerations, arguing that it would help relieve rental stress on the demand for industrial sites in the Shire.

Any notions of a Council supporting a model for sustainable development, starting with environmental considerations, then moving to social and economic, had been completely dismissed. Developers will be salivating.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Student X

I was talking to a friend re the dilemma of dobbing in people when it came to water restrictions and bed and breakfast places. I

mentioned student X who goes to the local Council for work experience.

The manager puts X in front of a computer and instructs X to look up accommodation sites in the Byron Shire. X has to find the addresses and cross reference them to ratepayers addresses. If in a residential area, it's illegal.

X is also asked to analyse the water rates. 160 litres per person per day is the average use. Two people, plus garden, is 480 litres per day. X is to report anything over that amount.

X is made to sign the official secrets act when it comes to sewage data. Data is collected from the black boxes which are located at most residential sewage junctions. If there are high readings of illegal substances, it is to be forward onto police.

So I said to my friend, if you see someone watering their garden at midnight, don't worry.

Bernard Hinchcliffe
Mullumbimby

Keep your evidence

At last week's Council meeting my booked question was not on the published list. I've learned from experience that when filing a document with Council it's best to get a stamped copy, so after a verbal tussle with Don't Ask Questions Richardson I did get my way. I'll now explain why Council staff might have lost my question.

When I lodged my federal submission over the bypass, I focussed on a procedural question. I questioned whether the Council staff had the delegated power to sign and lodge any of the documents relating to the bypass consent conditions, including Council's recent submission re the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail – which wasn't ratified by the elected Council.

I argued that there was no formal instrument of delegation and that Council's resolution of December 2017 didn't convey any relevant delegated authority because it states only that staff should 'implement' the bypass, ie put it into effect, construct it. There was nothing about the various documents that first needed to be completed in relation to the consent conditions.

I would argue, that because said resolution didn't contain the words 'subject to the fulfilment of consent conditions' it was actually ultra vires, meaning that councillors had no power to authorise construction, as at December 2017. ►

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Choosing my time to die a dignified death

By Laura and her family

A 90-year-old Ballina woman, who does not qualify for either Victoria's or the new Western Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) laws, left Australia, on Saturday 15 December, for Switzerland to fulfil her wish to die with dignity and on her own terms.

Laura Henkel, who suffers through pain and deep exhaustion every day, passionately believes she should be given autonomy over how and when she dies.



Ninety-year-old Laura Henkel has decided she wants to choose her own future, and death, for herself. Photo supplied

Death under Australian laws

'I feel I have had enough, and am quite ready to go. I have a strong body and am likely to live for a long time, just getting more and more unable to care for myself. I cannot rely on some debilitating disease to carry me away, and going into an aged care facility to endure pain and suffering to the bitter end is not a future I choose for myself.'

However, Laura Henkel isn't eligible for the Victorian laws, or the ones soon to be passed in West Australia (where her family lives). After all, she's not terminally ill. But Laura believes that old age is a terminal illness, and that she should also be given the choice to die with dignity.

She says she doesn't enjoy life anymore, her body is failing her, and the daily suffering will only continue to get worse. 'Old age doesn't have a cure - you can't mend it like a broken bone, so at the moment, the only option for elderly people is to simply hope you don't have too much pain until at some point you die.'

Laura is not interested in this way of ending her 90 colourful years on earth. Instead, she wants to die on her terms, with dignity, and with her family around her. She also enjoys the idea of

'inviting people to a farewell do. Those close to you are then given the opportunity to say a last farewell, create some final memories and hopefully get more closure for themselves.'

Laura Henkel had her 'farewell do' on Saturday night at her home in Ballina, in the company of friends and her beloved daughter Cathy, and grand-daughter Sam Lara. Laura says she is doing it as much for them as for herself.

'This is a kinder way for all families to deal with the inevitable death of those closest to them. This way, your life does not immediately, and usually most inconveniently, have to come to a standstill in an effort to absorb the shock of a parent's death. Things may be planned in advance.'

In a detailed manifesto outlining why she's chosen to go now, Ms Henkel writes 'I must go while I am still able to make the journey and meet the requirements. It is impossible for anyone to say how long I will remain able. An accident can change everything overnight. Add to this the fact that there is nothing left on my bucket list. I am ready and happy to go.'

Laura Henkel says she would much rather have been able to do this in her home, instead of having to make a long 25-hour journey to Switzerland. She believes

that there is an important conversation that needs to be had that people are avoiding.

'I know from experience that film is a very powerful medium and I am therefore extremely lucky to have two filmmakers in my family. To this end, I have asked Cathy and Sam to make a film about end-of-life choices and the limited options available, by law, to those who want it. It needs exposure by someone dedicated enough to the cause to stand up and proclaim it and I am prepared to do just that.'

Cathy and Sam (both filmmakers) have agreed to Laura's wishes and are currently filming a documentary, called *Laura's Choice*, about her decision-making process over the last three years and their journey to Switzerland.

Not easy to accept

Cathy Henkel says 'My mother's decision has not been easy to accept, for me or my daughter, but I have come to see that it is perhaps the kindest, most dignified and graceful way to farewell a parent, and I'm grateful for the chance to say goodbye in this way.'

The three generations of women flew out of Australia on Saturday. Their trip will culminate in Laura's death at the new Pegasos Swiss Association clinic in Basel, Switzerland, on 19 December.

Ms Henkel learned about Pegasos after hearing the story of 104-year old West Australian Professor David Goodall on Australian TV in 2018. Laura Henkel then sought out Dr Philip Nitschke of Exit International and the same team who helped David Goodall.

The Swiss professionals who helped Professor Goodall now operate their own organisation, which is housed in the same building in Basel as the Lifecircle service visited by the Professor.

Laura Henkel's plea for more end-of-life choices for elderly Australians comes at the same time that Pegasos has opened its first international office in Melbourne.

According to Dr Philip Nitschke, Pegasos opened an office in Melbourne in response to the demand by non-terminally ill, elderly Australians. The Pegasos office, in Melbourne's CBD will be staffed by Damian Flowers, the brother of Angelique Flowers; an ill 30yr old who made an impassioned plea in 2008 to then Prime Minister Rudd.

Many elderly Victorians fail to qualify for help to die under Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying Act. Instead, they are being forced to travel to the other side of the world where the criteria is not about how sick you are, but about whether you have the decision-making capacity to decide when it is your time to go.

Laura says 'My choice allows me to go to sleep in peaceful surroundings, with my family around me at the end, while I am still able to say thank you for all they have done for me.'

Dr Philip Nitschke will meet Laura Henkel, daughter Cathy Henkel and grand-daughter Sam Lara on their arrival in Zurich on Sunday 15 December, and take them to Basel, before Laura dies on the following Thursday.

► My public question was therefore designed to clarify the situation: 'Was any councillor able to provide evidence that he/she was aware in December 2017 that wetland destruction was involved, that an endangered species was involved, and that 30,000 cubic metres of fill would go into the swamp?'

The only councillor to respond was the notoriously deaf Cr Spooner, who

assured me he had been 'fully aware'. When I pointed that my question related to actual evidence, not assurances, he was quite unfazed.

So, if Cr Spooner is able to demonstrate that he did know, does that let him off the hook? Totally not; if anything, it makes his performance worse. That's because such information should properly have been put out for public comment, which it

certainly wasn't. And therein lies a further vulnerability for Council's legal position.

Anyone still believe that my question simply disappeared?

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

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Opium in the desert

Story & image Dave Lisle

Abed often waxed lyrical about the desert. It was a place where monumental beauty and unfettered liberty met; a utopia that welcomed the full and free expression of basic human impulses. He'd sing its manifold praises in an idiosyncratic English acquired as a kid, selling carpets to foreigners in the Naqsh-e Jahan square in Esfahan, central Iran.

Abed was a slightly older, Persian incarnation of Rudyard Kipling's mischievous character Kim. He knew every nook and cranny of his wonderful city and, seemingly, most of its inhabitants. Born during the war with Iraq that followed the Islamic Revolution, he had learnt to be radically free in a society that was not. Despite his contempt for the mullahs, he always found reason to laugh.

Nominal liberty

Vix and I were staying with Abed in his apartment just off the Naqsh-e Jahan, having met him a couple of weeks earlier. We were in the middle of a bicycle ride from Nepal to Norway. Abed was in the middle of a crisis. Police had stormed his apartment at dawn six months earlier, arresting him and his young French girlfriend. They were accused of espionage, hauled off and interrogated at length. She was still under arrest in Tehran, incommunicado.

Abed was nominally at liberty, but afraid, paranoid and

mildly heartbroken. It was early 2010, and parts of Iran were extremely tense. Eight months earlier, the apparently fraudulent re-election of President Ahmadinejad had caused the country to convulse in protest. The Basij – the conservative militia loyal to the Ayatollah – had been instrumental in shutting down the protests and seemed to stalk us as we perambulated the city. Abed forbade us speaking Farsi in the street.

Seeking release from the claustrophobic city, the three of us struck out for the desert early one morning. We took a taxi to the city limits and began hitching. Rides came easily. Before long we were waiting at the dusty crossroads of Naein, the threshold of the desert proper. Within minutes a truck stopped and after briefly conferring with the driver, Abed excitedly indicated for us to jump in. Sucking his cheeks between his teeth in imitation of the

driver, he whispered: 'He's a op-yum addict. I think we have fun'.

Guild of smugglers

The unladen truck sped hypnotically across the desert, hungrily consuming the tarmac. The truckie had terrible teeth and deeply sunken cheeks. He was engaged in warm patter with Abed, who would occasionally pause the conversation to relate some snippet to us, as we huddled in the rear of the cab. The truckie lived in a small village on the far side of the desert, where Iran, Turkmenistan and Afghanistan intersect. He was from a guild of smugglers and had been addicted to opium since the age of fourteen. This was the time of the revolution, when his father was arrested, tortured and eventually killed.

The joy plant

After an hour the truck slowed and pulled off the highway into a cluster of ancient mud structures. The centrepiece was an impressive beehive-like stepped dome, an antediluvian ice-house. 'Op-yum' explained the truckie. A gas bottle was requisitioned from behind the seat and placed on the console in the middle of the cab, and around this we arranged ourselves. A thumb-sized chunk of dark opium was produced from the glove compartment. A ten thousand rial note was rolled neatly into a straw. The gas ring was lit, and soon a pungent, acrid odour filled the cab as the truckie held the opium to the flame and sucked heavily at the straw, which he carefully positioned in the smoke. His hard angular features softened at once, in sudden relief. The straw was passed around the cab. Around again. And again. Vix and I had not

previously partaken in what the ancient Sumerians called 'the joy plant' and cautiously retired after a few turns. Abed sat tight though, going round and around with the truckie until finally, after many turns, giving up. The truck smelled of burnt plastic and was enveloped in an immaculate quiet. We gingerly disembarked for a brief stroll. My legs felt very heavy. I was profoundly relaxed.

Before long we were hurtling along the highway once more, mesmerised by the sandscape rushing past. There was no conversation.

Our reverie was broken at the oasis of Khur where, with much gratitude, we bid our truckie friend goodbye. Abed moved slowly and looked very pale as we set off on foot in search of his friend's place. He complained of feeling unwell.

We found the friend, and the four of us drove to a nearby salt lake where busloads of young people from Tehran were gathered for a dusk dance party. The authorities turned a blind eye to this flagrant violation of Islamic etiquette because the organiser was a powerful local figure, a great war-hero.

Abed was ghostly white and moaning. Nurse Vix checked his vital signs, and declaring he would probably live, sat him down and gave him water. Hours passed without Abed laughing – a worrying development.

Fortunately though, a good sleep restored his effervescence. Days later, back in Esfahan, he helped us add a few carpets to our collection. My favourite is a tribal from Zabol. It features opium iconography in a striking orange, red and black geometric design. When asked about it, I explain it's an 'op-yum' and think lovingly of my friend Abed.



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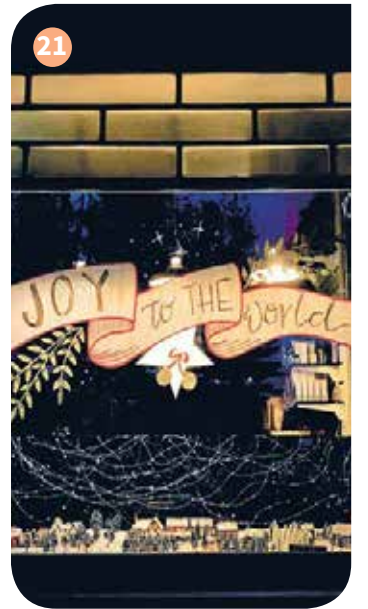
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6. Bruns News ~ Park St (next to bakery)
7. Bronson Barber ~ 3 Fawcett St
8. Portia's Will ~ 2/1 Park St
9. The Key Basics ~ Shop 1 / The Sails Motel, 26/28 Tweed St
10. Daily Counter ~ 15 Tweed St
11. Brunswick Heads Physio ~ Shop 1/25 Fingal St
12. Brunswick Surf Shop ~ 1/12 The Terrace
13. Bruns Beach, Bait and Tackle ~ 17 Fingal St
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15. Whatever Goes ~ Park St (near cnr Mullumbimbi St)
16. LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads ~ 5/16 The Terrace
17. Byron Shire Real Estate ~ 3 Fawcett St
18. Brunswick Heads Creative ~ 38 Mullumbimbi St
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Lucas Mott
Devine Meats



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Prizes courtesy
of the

Echo

*Vouchers must be redeemed before March 30, 2020.
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WINNERS SO FAR

WEEK 1 WINNERS!

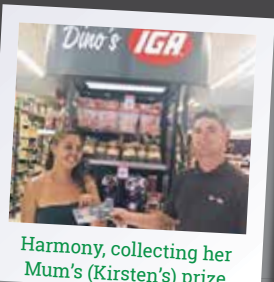
and where they shopped

Kirsten Redmond – Dino's IGA Mullumbimby
Pete Robinson – Byron Pork and Meat
Sean Trudeau – Mullum Newsagency
Heera Rigney – Liberty Mullumbimby
Vanessa Brady – Devine Meats

WEEK 2 WINNERS!

and where they shopped:

Jenny Caspen – Mullum News
Frankie Tucker – Amore
Brody O'Loughlan – Liberty Fuel Mullum
Paul Thompson – WD Nicholls
Sheryl Harper – Craig Watson Pharmacy



Harmony, collecting her Mum's (Kirsten's) prize



Jenny Caspen receiving her voucher from Mullum News



Upcoming dates

Keep up with what is happening by subscribing to the Mullum Chamber's newsletter on their website <https://www.mullumbimby.org.au/>

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:
12 May, 14 July, 8 September, 10 November.

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10 Baker & Daughters

11 Byron Bay Pork & Meats

12 Cardamom Pod

13 Courthouse Hotel

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18 Mullum Asian Grocer

19 Mullumbimby Bakery

20 Mullumbimby
Ex-Services Club

21 Paseyo

22 Santos Organics

20 Societa Bistro

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24 The Empire Cafe

25 The Mullumbimby
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Mullum Shop Local this Christmas!

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- 28 Cactus Hill
- 29 Casapandan
- 30 Linen House
- 31 Mullum Instyle

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- 32 Amore Mullumbimby
- 33 Made in Mullum

34 Mimi & Flo

- 35 Stewart's Menswear
- 36 Sue M's Boutique

HARDWARE:

- 37 Mitre 10 Mullumbimby

HEALTH:

- 38 Chemsave Pharmacy
- 39 Colleen Reilly Optometrist
- 40 Craig Watson Soul Pattinson Chemist

- 41 Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre

MECHANICS:

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- 43 Main Arm Mechanical

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- 45 Liberty Mullumbimby

STATIONERS:

- 46 Dolphin Office Choice Mullum & Byron
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VETERINARIAN:

- 49 Mullumbimby Vet Clinic



Sustainability in beer brewing: Stone & Wood

By S Haslam

With climate change causing our country to become drier, China refusing to accept our 'recycling' and customers looking for more 'sustainable' products, the role of Sustainability Officer in a business is an important one. Not only are you involved in decisions that have a real effect on sustainability (more than, for example, a single householder), but for a brand like Stone & Wood it's important to the business ethos to be constantly trying to improve performance. We spoke to James Perrin, Stone & Wood's Sustainability officer who has done a degree in Chemical and Environmental Engineering, and works across all five of S&W's sites.

Cans vs bottles

James told us, 'There's been a lot of talk in the industry about whether cans or bottles are more sustainable. We did a life-cycle analysis on Pacific Ale, our biggest seller, and we found that cans and bottles have very similar carbon emissions, and the main source of that is the energy required to produce bottles and cans.'

A lot of breweries grow by putting an increasing % of their beer in bottles and cans and sending it further away, in which case the lower weight of cans would be a factor, but that's not the case for Stone & Wood. According to James, '50% of our sales are within three hours of where the beer is made. That's a deliberate strategy for us, and it's more sustainable. 'Kegs are the most environmentally friendly. It's a closed-loop system. We have always prioritised keg beer, which is quite unusual for a brewery as it grows. We sell over half of our beer in kegs. There are some small places where you can fill your beer glass right from the brewing tank, but failing that, you should drink your beer on tap. 'By prioritising local, and prioritising keg sales, we are massively reducing our carbon footprint.'

Recycling

The key to good recycling is to separate out the product as early as possible, and keep the recycling stream clean. That



Kegs: 50% more sustainable than cans.



Waste water treatment is vital to conserve water; the treated water is very pure.

massively helps the recycling industry. James says, 'We now have 12 streams that used to go into one 'yellow bin' stream. Our bottles all come from SE Queensland and are made with 70% recycled glass.' Container deposit legislation has really made a difference to that rate, as consumers are incentivised to separate out those bottles from the recycling stream and the recycler is getting clear, clean glass. In the company's glass stream, they skip out the middleman and just send their bottles straight back to the manufacturer to be colour separated and then made into new bottles.

Factory space

The Stone & Wood brewery is itself recycled (it was previously a Bunnings Warehouse) and looking around the massive interior, gleaming with stainless steel, it's very obvious how much more efficient the keg system is. Keg beer is 50% of the beer volume, but it occupies a much smaller space in the factory than the bottling line or the canning line.

Solar power

The company makes as much use as possible of solar power. The Murwillumbah factory has the maximum capacity for its roof (100 kW) which produces about 10% of the factory's power.

Water

Water is a precious resource, and it takes about 3.8 litres of water to produce 1 litre of beer (it takes about 800 litres to make 1 litre of cow's milk, or around 5000 to 20000 litres of water to produce 1kg of beef). James says 3.8 litres is, benchmarked against other breweries, in the top 20% at the most efficient breweries in the world, and the company's goal is to recycle even more water.

The waste water from beer making contains no pathogens, but it is high in sugar, so at Stone & Wood they treat it themselves before either using it in their factory (to make steam or wash down the factory – it's not put into the beer) or sending it on to Council, but the water sent on to Council is very pure. Ironically, that water is then mixed in the sewer system with untreated household waste before Council treats it again, rather being legally available to use, for example for farm irrigation.

Organic waste streams

Spent yeast from the brewing process and activated sludge and bacteria from the wastewater treatment are composted locally at an old quarry in Terranora, mixed with sawdust, and then sold locally as compost. The spent grain is sent to local farms as cattle feed.



Taps Challenge - find the beer tap.



Stone & Wood solar panels provide 10% of power.

Future trends

One of the most profound sustainability-related changes that has happened in the industry is the move from colossal breweries that dominated the market, to an increasing number of very local breweries who sell right near where they brew. This has increased the overall sustainability of the industry, for the reasons mentioned above. Stone & Wood is almost the largest of those small independent breweries, in fact James is also the leader of the sustainability project group in the Independent Brewers Association. He says, 'Most of our raw material comes from within a three hour drive, and most of our sales are made within the same area. The local brewing movement, which shares values with Farmers Markets, has seen customers choose based on where the beer comes from rather than on the brand. 'This vastly reduces the waste – going to your local brewer to try your local beer (rather than an imported beer) is one easy step we can all take to increase sustainability.'

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Get in the club at Società

By Vivienne Pearson

Even though it's his first time featuring in the hallowed pages of *The Echo*, it all feels surprisingly familiar to Lenny Ransome. His mother, Carol, was a journalist for the paper back in the day. 'The Echo started when I was two, and it was a big part of my life,' says Lenny. 'I pretty much grew up under the desk.'

Since then, Lenny's cheffing journey has taken him to Melbourne and Brisbane, but he is now back home, just a block from *The Echo's* offices, running Società Bistro at the Mullum Ex-Services Club.

The name, 'Società', can be pronounced however you like. 'Anyway goes,' says Lenny in his typical laid-back manner. But the Italian pronunciation is how it was intended. 'So-shee-et-ta' is my lay-pronunciation guide (Italian flair and hand movements optional).

Lenny's cheffing journey has taken him to many places and through many culinary styles, but he keeps returning to Italian. He's worked at some big name restaurants, including The European in Melbourne (next door to the Princess Theatre) and Gianni's Kitchen, on the river in Brisbane.

He also knows a thing or two about burgers, having run The Popular food cart (hand-fashioned from a horse float) for a couple of years. 'It's named after The Popular Café that was in Mullum,' says Lenny of the café that he thinks closed about a decade ago. 'Everyone used to go there for \$2 burgers back in the day.'

The menu of Società is a blend of traditional club fare and



Lenny Ransome. Photo by Jeff Dawson

Italian cuisine. 'It's kind of two menus in one,' says Lenny. 'Our biggest sellers are schnitzels and steaks, but after that it would be the spaghetti marinara and mussels.'

Lenny doesn't make a song and dance about the effort he goes to in creating dishes, to the extent that he suspects many customers don't realise that their gnocchi and linguine is hand-made. My spaghetti marinara perfectly captured the ideals of good Italian cuisine; al dente pasta, simple but delicious flavours, and fewer but higher quality ingredients.

If you're a lover of specials, try Società on a Tuesday for two schnitzels for the price of one, on Thursdays kids eat free, and on Sundays Lenny cooks a mean traditional roast. Bookings



Crispy Skin Atlantic Salmon

are encouraged, as it is not uncommon for the restaurant to be full, especially on Wednesday (raffle night) and Friday.

Società means club, so it is an ideal name for a restaurant at the Ex-Services Club, especially as members receive a 10% discount on food.

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As we mentioned last week, Elders Lennox Head had Santa visit their office last Saturday and hundreds of kids dropped off a book for the ward full of sick children at Lismore hospital. The head of nursing thanked the Lennox Head community for their generous support, and given the overwhelming response, the surplus books were given to Lennox Head pre-school. Nick Bordin is pictured here with teacher Tara Lenard.

Newrybar

On the week leading to Christmas (18-24 December) there will be some free Newrybar village events for the whole family to enjoy each day with Harvest Deli, Newrybar Merchants, Luther & Co and Driftlab open until 7pm daily.

Wednesday 18 Dec

Newrybar Merchants Hall Farmers Market
Harvest Deli : Brookies Gin Bar

Thursday 19 Dec

Mini Newrybar Village: Santa with gingerbread cookies 4-7pm
Harvest Deli: Brookies Gin Bar
Harvest Bakery: Pizza from the wood-fired oven

Friday 20 Dec

Newrybar Merchants: Live Music 4-7pm
Harvest Restaurant Veranda: Sunset Oyster Happy Hour 5-7pm \$3 appellation oysters / \$10 bubbles

Sat / Sun / Mon / Tues 21-24 Dec

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To the Pole of Inaccessibility

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Byron's Brookfarm is supporting Australian Antarctic explorer Dr Geoff Wilson, who has already been to the Antarctic Pole of Inaccessibility, and is now close to the halfway mark of his mammoth 5,500km solo and unsupported trip across Antarctica. He is making this journey across some of the world's most unforgiving terrain using a kite and sleds, and eating Polar Granola, a calorie-dense food made especially for him by Brookfarm.

The dangers of being alone are obvious. On 12 December his left ski binding 'ejected his boot at speed', he writes on his blog at

thelongestjourney.com.au/.

'To an onlooker it would have looked like I'd been shot. Ski gone, boot digs into snow ridge, I cartwheel headfirst into ice, then get skull dragged 30 metres like a corpse until I can get kite under control. I had to disconnect the sled, eject my other ski then crab-walk with the kite back to my wayward ski and restart.' He wrote.

The Currumbin vet had long been a fan of Brookfarm products to fuel his training. The products grew out of the experiences of Pam Brook's father Mick Hull, who walked Mount Bogong hundreds of times, the last time in his 80s, and needed an energy rich food to fuel him. But whilst Brookfarm has always been nutrient dense, Pam Brook said this was certainly the first time that anyone has asked for more calories in a product. To create the Polar Granola they used naturally occurring oils and good fats, such as those in macadamia nuts, coconut, and nutrient rich seeds, she said. 'It was important to build calories and create delicious flavours. We designed a breakfast

high in fats, but not overly sweet, to slow and sustain the energy release and keep Geoff powering all morning. We have chopped the ingredients into small pieces so they don't break teeth when they freeze at forty degrees below zero, and we've vacuum sealed the bags to reduce the bulk of the load as much as possible. In this type of journey every centimetre, and every milligram counts', said Pam.

Fuelled by Brookfarm's Polar Granola and Polar Porridge, both featuring 2,670kJ per 100g and 2,800kJ per 100g respectively, Dr Wilson reached the Pole of Inaccessibility in only 23 days.

'I dropped the kite, fell to my knees and gave

thanks that I'd made it,' reflected Dr Wilson at the time.

'I would say the past 1665km was the most brutal journey I've undertaken to date. The cold, the isolation, the relentless sastrugi and continual difficult wind angles have made me earn every painstaking metre of progress.'

'I have pushed hard with no break for 23 days. I knew for the expedition to be a success, I needed a strong first leg. Despite tough conditions, 23 days is a ridiculous time to make it to the very heart of the ice continent.'

You can follow Dr Geoff Wilson's epic adventure on Instagram at @drgeoffwilson - or visit his website thelongestjourney.com.au/



Xmas market date changes

The week of Christmas, the Byron Farmers Market will be changed FROM Thursday (26 December) TO the Monday prior (23 December), to accommodate Boxing Day and so that people can stock up on lots of fresh local produce for the festive season. It's been a tough year for our farmers, who are hoping people will come despite the change of day. The Byron Farmers Market will be back to their usual weekly Thursday market from 2 January.

The Byron Farmers Market Magic Bus must be the best value in town: \$2 each way, and kids travel free. It goes between the Jonson St bus shelter and the Cavanbah Centre every half hour from 7.30am. Why charge at all for the bus? Well, market organisers say that since the move out to the Cavanbah Centre, the markets have incurred a number of extra costs, including the bus, which they can no longer afford to cover (being a not-for-profit community group). The bus costs hundreds of dollars every week, so they have decided to start charging the people who use it, to help cover some of the cost, rather than lose the service altogether.

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 Byron Bay Deli 6/25–27 Lawson Street 6680 8700 Open Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 5pm	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
 Barrio Eatery & Bar Mon–Sat 7am–9pm 1 Porter Street, North Byron No reservations. Bookings over 8 email: gather@barriobyronbay.com.au	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
 The Rocks @ Aquarius Breakfast/Lunch 7 days from 7am 16 Lawson St, Byron Bay 6685 7663 – Menus at therocksbyronbay.com.au	Our Rocking New Fresh Summer Menu Come and join us at the Rocks for some delicious summer bites! We have just launched a new menu, and have a range of home-made, locally sourced meals at affordable prices. Try our new salmon ceviche, sizzling brekkie skillet or our crispy pork bahn-mi roll! Cool yourself down with an iced coffee, or why not try our new nutty date smoothie to kick start your day! Indoor and outdoor seating available. Fully licenced.
 THE HIDEOUT BYRON BAY CAFE & BAR	The Hideout Cafe Breakfast and Lunch 7 days a week from 7.30am Shop 6/13 Lawson Street 6680 9300 FB thehideoutbyronbay insta @thehideoutbyronbay 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
 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	Contemporary and Middle Eastern flavours • Breakfast and lunch • Wood-fired pizzas • Fresh juices • Great coffee www.lusciousfoods.com.au
 Main Street Open 7 days 11.30am until late Call to make a reservation or for takeaway orders 18 Jonson Street 6680 8832	Gourmet burgers created by chefs Cocktails, wine and beers served all damn day. Group bookings available, please email mainstreetburgerbar@gmail.com for reservations.
 Our Table Byron Bay 18–20 Marvell Street, Byron Bay 6685 6202 0419 217 144 www.ourtablebyronbay.com.au	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
 Treehouse on Belongil Full Cocktail & Wine Bar. Extensive Menu Includes Tapas, Mains, Desserts and Famous Woodfired Pizzas. 25 Childe St, Byron Bay 6680 9452	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

BYRON BAY continued

	The Italian Byron Bay Open 7 days from 6pm Next to the Beach Hotel Bay Street 6680 7055 italianatthepacific.com.au The Italian Byron Bay provides a bustling atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine and some of Byron's finest cocktails and wines.
	GREEN ROOM Bar & Dining in the BEACH HOTEL Tuesday – Sunday From 4pm till late 1 Bay Lane, Byron Bay 6685 6402 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
	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 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
	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 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.
	Byron Bay Olive Company 2/29 Brigantine St - Industrial Estate Open Mon–Sat/9am–4pm 0431 842 340 byronbayolivescompany.com The Byron Bay Olive Company is based at the start of the Industrial estate. From our kitchen 'La Cuisine' we produce the tastiest marinated olives, sweet garlic and tapenades according to our French family's recipes. We also offer a range of the best sandwiches in the bay, gourmet cheeses and surprising add-ons to liven up your platters!

MULLUMBIMBY

	Yaman Mullumbimby 62 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby 6684 3778 www.yamanmullumbimby.com.au Open 7 days. Mon–Wed: 9am–8pm Thu–Sun: 9am–8.30pm 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.
	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 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.
	Societa Bistro Located in Mullum Ex-Services Club 58 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby 6684 2533 www.societabistro.com 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

NEWRYBAR

	Harvest 18-22 Old Pacific Highway Newrybar NSW 2479 02 6687 2644 www.harvestnewrybar.com.au @harvestnewrybar 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
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CATERING

	Celebrations Catering By Liz Jackson Celebration cakes Personal catering services Event co-ordination and management E: lizzijackson@gmail.com P: 0414 895 441
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Byron Bay Deli

Byron's No 1 destination for gourmet food is busy getting stocked up for Christmas and taking orders for hampers and platters. They are also pleased to announce the launch of their home delivery service to Byron Bay addresses.

As well as the usual festive favourites, they have exclusively taken on 'A Taste of Paris' range, including gold salt, gold pepper, gold sugar, Taste of Paris gift packs and more. The range is made in Paris by a boutique maker they met at the French Festival in Sydney this year, and they simply had to bring it to the Bay. Another first to Byron Bay is the exclusive Rogue Creamery Special Reserve Blue Cheese renowned for its unique character and exquisite bouquet. This is the most sought-after and expensive cheese in the world, kept under lock and key – stocks are limited, so get in quick!

Shop 6, 27 Lawson Street, Byron Bay
6680 8700

Byron Bay Pork

It's that very merry time of year again and the butchers at Byron Bay Pork are preparing the finest cuts of Christmas meats and selections for customers.

Your local family-owned business in Mullumbimby, they source premium quality pork, beef, lamb and goat from their family farms. All meats are antibiotic and hormone free.

They have locally sourced and smoked leg hams along with free range chickens, ducks and turkeys. Their specialty sausage range includes a gluten-free variety, salami and they stock a range of locally produced smallgoods, sauces, spices and products.

Come in and see the friendly staff or place an order on the phone, for all your Festive Season needs.

Open Monday to Saturday.
70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby
6684 2137

A graphic for Byron Bay Deli with a white cloud-like shape on a wooden background. The logo "BYRON BAY DELI" is in gold, with "EST 1997" below it. The text "WE HAVE YOU SORTED FOR CHRISTMAS" is in bold. Below it, a list of services: "Hamper and Platters tailored to suit your needs", "Home Delivery", "Infinite range of Fine Foods", "Middle Eastern Delicacies and Treats", and "All day coffee & take home meals". The hours "MONDAY - SATURDAY 8:30AM - 5:30PM" and address "Shop 6/27, Lawson St 02 6680 8700" are listed. At the bottom left, there's a "NEW" badge and an image of spice jars. At the bottom right, it says "A TASTE OF PARIS range, including gold salt, gold pepper, gold sugar as well as gift packs and more."

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Australian Pork Limited
2015 Best Australian Pork Spring Awards
Punjab Piggery
15 September 2015



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7AM-5PM MON-FRI, 8AM-12PM SAT
70 DALLEY ST, MULLUMBIMBY
PHONE 6684 2137



Earth 'n' Sea

Amazing Pizza and Pasta

The new place in Marvell Street is starting to feel like home and the Earth 'n' Sea team is looking forward to a second summer in the new location. It's Denise and David's 17th summer, Terry's 30th and Kaz's 20th. They are all true Pizzaholics.

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.

2/3 Marvell Street

(Opposite Bay Leaf cafe and Vinnies)

6685 6029

earthnsea.com.au

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



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@loftbyronbay



The Bucha of Byron

The Bucha of Byron, makers of premium kombucha in Byron Bay, have recently launched The Dirty Bucha – Australia's first kombucha and premium spirits range. To help showcase both offerings, the doors of the former Stone & Wood brewery (now known as The Bucha Shed) will be open this summer for tours and tastings.

Located in Byron's Arts & Industry Estate, The Bucha Shed has been producing top quality kombucha for sale across Australia for the past four years.

Founders Paul Tansley, Cam MacFarlane and James Mackinnon – who left behind careers working for some of the world's biggest beverage brands to work on this passion project – say the recent launch of The Dirty Bucha has been the catalyst to open the doors to the public, and offer people a full kombucha experience.

The Bucha Shed is also available to hire for events and private functions.

Enquiries: admin@thebuchaofbyron.com.au

4 Boronia Place, Byron Bay

12pm–5pm (Fri /Sat) and on request

dirtybucha.com.au

+ thebuchaofbyron.com.au

Socials: @dirtybucha + @thebuchaofbyron

The Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop

Capture the spirit of Christmas at The Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop, with old world charm, friendly smiles and service, and a great selection of gift ideas that are truly a feast for the senses! With a great selection of organic, vegan and gluten free options, choose from Christmas truffles and pralines, marzipan, peanut brittles, chocolate bars and slabs, licorice, gourmet chocolate gift boxes, chocolate Santas, other stocking stuffers and more, at their old fashioned chocolate and lolly bar! They also offer hampers made to order. Cool down with their new soft serve frozen yogurt (dairy free and tastes divine). Create your own masterpiece with a huge assortment of toppings. Have your treats gift wrapped, and stored in the aircon, until you're ready to pick them up.

Happy Holidays. See you at the Sweetest Shop in Town!

Open Mon–Fri 9–5:30, Sat 9am–3pm

Shop 1/104 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby

6684 4825

Follow them on FB and Instagram

Christmas at No Bones

Imagine dining at a restaurant where you can relax knowing that your meals are ethical, and that you can be proud knowing that you've contributed to a better earth in that moment, without compromising on flavour. Let No Bones do all the work this Christmas while you enjoy a vegan feast, with plenty of wine and cocktails to wash it down. Plus, they are just down the street from Main Beach, so after lunch you can go and bask in the sunshine and have a swim in the ocean.

Be quick to book if you'd like to join them this Christmas – limited spaces available.

11 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

6680 7418

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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!

Cavanbah Centre, Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay
byronfarmersmarket.com.au

New Brighton and Mullumbimby Farmers Markets

Come and support local farmers and purchase your fresh produce and amazing locally-made products for Christmas feasting.

Mullumbimby's Farmers Markets will be held on Friday December 20. With loads of activities on in the kids' space, you can expect a visit from Santa, along with kid's yoga, Spaghetti Circus workshops and craft activities.

New Brighton will be open on Christmas Eve and will also have a visit from a very exciting Santa Claus!

Come along to enjoy the festive atmosphere and savour the delicious produce and products on offer.

Mullumbimby Farmers Market open Fri Dec 20 and 27.
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 Sat 9:00–3:00
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We will be open on Sunday 22 December from 9am–3pm
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CHRISTMAS AT MULLUM & NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKETS

VISIT FROM SANTA MULLUM

fri 20TH DEC 7–11am

NEW BRIGHTON XMAS EVE

8–11am

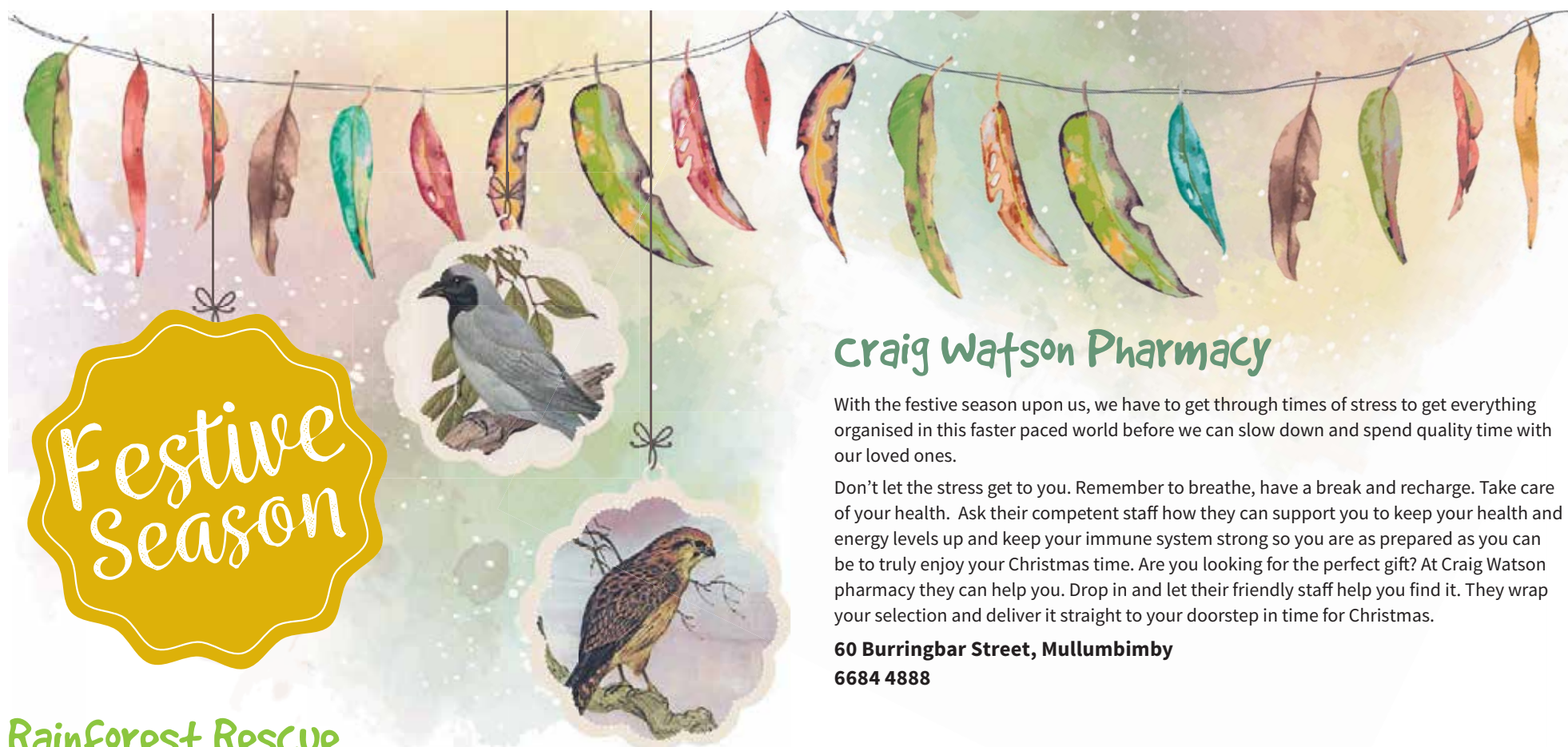
www.mullumfarmersmarket.org.au
www.newbrightonfarmersmarket.org.au

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Monday 23rd December

Cavanbah Centre, 7–11am

During Christmas week, Byron Farmers Market will be held on Monday December 23, NOT Thursday 26 due to Boxing Day. See you there!



Rainforest Rescue

Rainforests have never been so threatened – locally, regionally, and globally. Climate change, fires, land clearing, and human settlement are having dramatic effects on the rainforest. In Australia rainforests from Tasmania to Central Queensland have recently been impacted by fire. Rainforest Rescue's mission is to protect and restore the rainforest – securing properties to prevent clearing, expanding rainforest habitat, and building resilience against climate change and climate stress by creating wildlife corridors. In the far north, the Daintree Rainforest contains plant and animal diversity that is found nowhere else. To date, with the support of our donors, we have purchased 34 Daintree Lowland Rainforest properties of high conservation value, and have further protected 22 of these with Nature Refuge status. Rainforest Rescue also implements large-scale restoration projects in the Daintree area, with spectacular results attracting international and national media attention, and praise from rainforest ecologists and scientists. We focus on outcomes and Protecting Rainforests Forever.

1300 763 611

rainforestrescue.org.au

Craig Watson Pharmacy

With the festive season upon us, we have to get through times of stress to get everything organised in this faster paced world before we can slow down and spend quality time with our loved ones.

Don't let the stress get to you. Remember to breathe, have a break and recharge. Take care of your health. Ask their competent staff how they can support you to keep your health and energy levels up and keep your immune system strong so you are as prepared as you can be to truly enjoy your Christmas time. Are you looking for the perfect gift? At Craig Watson pharmacy they can help you. Drop in and let their friendly staff help you find it. They wrap your selection and deliver it straight to your doorstep in time for Christmas.

60 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby

6684 4888

Byron Shire Uniting Churches

Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome this Christmas at the Byron Shire Uniting Churches. Bring the family to an outdoor carols service on Sunday 22 Dec, 5pm at Byron Uniting (8 Carlyle St, Byron). Join with the community at Bruns Picture House on Christmas Eve from 4pm for a 'Church for all people.'

On Christmas Day, they have two options for family friendly services: 8am at Bangalow Uniting (Station St, Bangalow) or 9am at Mullumbimby Uniting (corner of Dalley and Whian Sts, Mullumbimby). And if you are looking to share Christmas lunch with others, they are hosting a free Christmas lunch at Brunswick Heads Uniting (corner of Fingal and Byron Sts), from midday.

All are welcome!

For more information check out their website:

byronshireunitingchurches.uca.org.au

or call their ministers: Greer and Phil Dokmanovic on 6685 1708.

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Byron Anglican Christmas Services 2019

At Christmas we celebrate our God who redeems and saves us through the birth of Jesus Christ who enters into our humanity and rests his head in the manger of Bethlehem. Jesus is born into the world as we know it; full of wonder and beauty, as well as corruption and darkness. Yet, being born into the messiness of humanity and history, Jesus claims all of it and redeems it, for indeed he is Emmanuel, 'God-is-with-us.' And even now, we are called to join God in divine life, so that we might be-with-God. In the harsh light of Christmas Day, when all the world's brokenness is laid bare, we hear the angels rejoice at the announcement of peace. Song is heard among the ruin of our relationships made right. For in this new beginning, with the birth of Jesus, we, too, are re-created again.

1 Ashton Street, Bangalow
6687 1046

Anglican Parish of Mullumbimby

Christmas Day at 9.30am is a time of joyful celebration, as the journey through Advent reaches its climax, celebrating the birth of our Lord.

At St Thomas' in Brunswick Heads there will be an early Christmas service commencing at 9.30am.

We look forward to welcoming you!

St Martin's - 38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby.
St Thomas' - 21 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads.

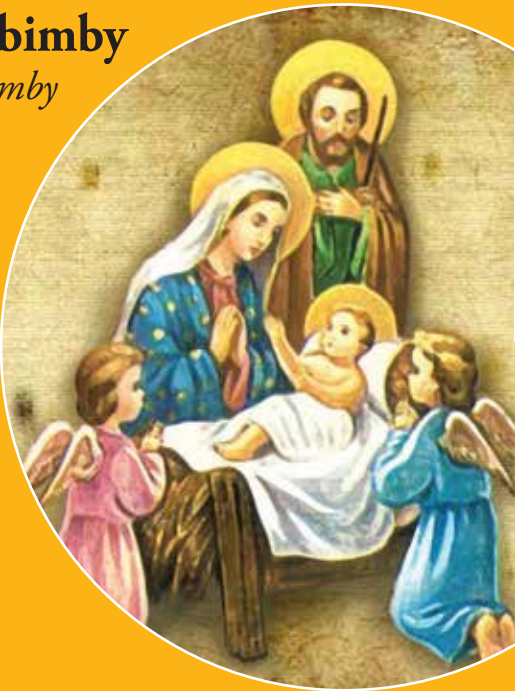
The Anglican Parish of Mullumbimby CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

St Martin's Mullumbimby
38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby

Christmas Day
9.30am: Holy Communion

St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
21 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads

Christmas Day
7.30am: Holy Communion



For information: 6684 3552

BYRON SHIRE UNITING CHURCHES



Celebrating Christmas



OUTDOOR CAROLS
5PM, SUNDAY 22ND DEC.
@ BYRON BAY UNITING

CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM @ BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE:
CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

CHRISTMAS DAY
8AM @ BANGALOW UNITING
9AM @ MULLUMBIMBY UNITING



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Byron Anglican Christmas Services 2019

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 December
7pm - St Aidan's Eureka
and St Paul's Byron Bay

Christmas Day Wednesday 25 December
7.30am - St Columba's Ewingsdale
and St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

9am - All Souls' Bangalow and St Paul's Byron Bay

9:30am St Martin's Mullumbimby

**Celebrate with us
the birth of Jesus
and God's gift to all**

All Souls' - 1 Ashton St, Bangalow
St Aidan's - 3 Federal Dr, Eureka
St Paul's - 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay
St Columba's - William Flick Lane, Ewingsdale
St Martin's - 38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby
St Thomas' - 21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

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Brunswick Heads Record Fair

Get set for the massive 5th annual Brunswick Heads Record Fair. Coinciding with Falls Festival, the event will be held over five big days, 28 December to 1 January, at the Fingal Street Memorial Hall, Brunswick Heads.

Local DJ Matt Bowden aka 'The Vinyl Junkie' recently spent five weeks sourcing some of America's finest quality vinyl gold, bringing back a shipping container filled to the brim with fresh, original US pressings that Bowden describes as 'all killer no filler'.

'The quality of stock is super high this year, there's loads of rare, highly sought-after and valuable picks for serious collectors, stuff you don't often see around here,' Matt said. 'We've got everything from jazz and soul to rock and blues, country, surf, 50s rock 'n' roll, there's soundtracks, spoken word, punk, new wave, indie, hardcore heavy rock, death metal, psychedelic, funk, hip hop, house, disco, techno, drum and bass and reggae.'

Fingal Street Memorial Hall, Brunswick Heads
thevinyljunkie.com.au

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byroncollege.org.au or call us on 6684 3374.

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POB'S VISION SPLENDID

POB'S an old club-head who's been hanging out behind the decks for over two decades and he still totally loves it... he gets his kicks dancing while he plays, engaging and creating a dialogue with the dance floor.

How did you get into DJing?

I've always collected records and made mixtapes since I was a kid, not necessarily dance music, but I loved a flow and a journey in music. After experiencing The Shaman live and loaded in the UK, in about 1990, I was turned onto the electronic sound. Then came a move to Brighton, UK in '92 where The Zap Club with Eric Powell as resident seriously opened my eyes. I had a lot of mates DJing here and there, playing music from the original acid trance to ambient dub. I used to paint UV backdrops for the clubs and get free entry. I bought bootleg tapes from Camden and on one of those tapes discovered Sasha, who hooked me into a mixing style that seemed to unlock the key to DJing for me. I had a hifi system, which I used to practise on, mixing between vinyl and cassette with the mode buttons. Time went on, and in '95 a good friend loaned me two belt drive turntables which I practised on for ever, mixing drum and bass with instrument hiphop, learning beat matching and the necessary skills. At that time I was heavily into LTJ Bukem and the more jazz infused D&B and started collecting the first bunch of Ninja Tunes cuts headed by Coldcut with their forward thinking brand of head-music.

Who are your early influences?

I guess my music was influenced by my early love of original dub from the late '70s and a lot of the first 'intelligent techno' music on labels like Warp, Rising High and Novamute. I massively got into the chill scene, frequenting The Big Chill in Islington, at the Union Chapel, with Irresistible Force creating sonic vortices on the altar.

What are you into at the moment? Where have you been playing?

Recently I've jiggled about a lot to the players we've been getting at Sunday Kicks, Ria-Listic, Curly Si... the other night with Rahima getting deep and techy! I think the most memorable night recently was a gig of Joseph Capriati, absolutely sweat soaked slam-dunk-tastic. Space Cadet in Brisbane with Phil Smart at the helm in a dinky room with close friends and up-for-it folk. Give me a club over a giant outdoor setting any day, dimly lit and saturated with sound.

At the moment I've been digging the house music that's keeping a bit of quirk and wonk but maintaining the deep kick. I love a bunch of humour, irony, interesting chords, throw-back vibes and maybe a bit of piano-action. But then driving tech-action is top gear fun.

I've been fortunate to be asked to play at the new Surfers Paradise club NXT LVL and was booked for my first SubSonic – but it has been postponed. I'd love to play Elsewhere again, a brilliant long time club...

What advice would you give aspiring DJs?

Aspiring DJs – do the work, attend the gigs, buy the tunes, invest the time and be patient. Remember why you're doing it, coz it's not about the hands in the air!

If I was starting out I'd no doubt be playing digitally. I think it's a good idea to learn beat matching even though you can use 'synch' once you're getting creative. I do believe in the apprenticeship, whatever that means.

POB is on deck at 2020 Vision at Billinudgel Hotel on NYD. Tickets \$38 from eventbrite.com.au

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CLAIMING OUR CREATIVE MINDS

We don't value creativity. Our school system has generally always favoured the STEM streams. It loves uniformity. It loves data that can be neatly measured. It loves absolutes. There are no absolutes in the creative process. True creativity is reckless and messy and impossible to measure in any quantitative way. The Australian Bureau of Statistics tells us that the creative sector in our country contributes \$86.7 billion to our GDP each year. But that's just measuring creativity with money so that we can validate it – say that it's worthwhile, because we finally found a way to quantify it. For 'creatives', cash is a happy consequence, but never the end goal of one's pursuits.

Being creative has always been seen as a special quality and certainly isn't promoted as a universal characteristic. I believe creativity is the natural pathway to our innate mindfulness; for me it has always been the way I make sense of my world, from when I was a small child living with domestic violence and drawing monsters, to the comedian who jokes about her broken-ness. Creativity is like an operating system that helps you make sense of an illogical world. We are all creative. We just don't believe it.

What if creativity was seen as a second language; something we can all speak, we can all hear, and something we can all do? Creative minds are dangerous. They ask questions. They emote. They push up against the establishment. They become furious about injustice. They join hands and unite. They navigate dark places. The best creativity says the unsaid. The unsaid is an uncomfortable place. People who say the unsaid aren't easy to control. They think outside the box, they live outside the lines. Government is ostensibly all about social control. It 'saves' us from anarchy. Creativity is by its very nature anarchic.

Those in power have always feared the people they govern. Which is ironic, because the reason they hold power is that they've curated a system that instills fear in people. Most people are too anesthetised to realise what power they actually have. Creative minds are disruptive. They need to be trimmed. Massaged into shape. That's why schools are so important. It's important to start the shaping process with young minds. Teach them to memorise and retain knowledge that is delivered to them, but not to seek knowledge out. I remember the joy of my children at 4 years old. The boundlessness of their thinking filled me with awe. What happened to these magical brains that asked incredible questions? Children struggle to retain their enquiring minds once they hit educational institutionalisation.

Like my Ivy, who at two years old asked, 'Is it tomorrow today?' And at four asked 'How do they get the milk in the cow?' Or one day when she looked deep into my soul and declared 'Every day is a different day.' Another time she asked 'Is it okay to not love someone?' 'Yes.' I said 'Why?' She replied, 'I don't love my baby who wets herself anymore.' Or on a beach walk; 'I've been meaning to ask this for a long time. Who puts the sand on the beach? There is a lot of it. It must have been a lot of work.' And sure, it's cute, but it's also deeply philosophical and creative thinking.

We take our freethinking free-drawing kids to school and teach them to colour inside the lines. I hated colouring mass produced education department sanctioned line drawings when I was a kid. I wanted to do my own drawings. Colouring-in is not creative. It's uniform. It's prescriptive. It can be measured. Colouring-in teaches us to stay in the lines, that we need to obey rules – we need to conform to the ideas created by other people, and we need to stay away from edges.

Personally I've always been attracted to people who can't stay in the lines. People who not only push to their edges, they fall off them, into the abyss. For me, the creative process has always been about making sense of the abyss. Of finding a way to traverse the dark unspoken places of our subconscious mind. Of making magic happen, like Ivy who, when eating grainy bread, pulled a seed from her teeth and asked 'If I plant this, will I grow a bread tree?'

We need to plant more seeds. You never know what will grow. Maybe even a bread tree.



THE CARTEL AT MULLUM

Following on from a mammoth 2019, **Tijuana Cartel** is heading to Mullum in their warm up to 2020.

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.

This is the solstice, the still point of the sun, its cusp and midnight, the year's threshold and unlocking, where the past lets go of and becomes the future; the place of caught breath.

— Margaret Atwood,
Eating Fire: Selected
Poetry 1965-1995

ANOTHER COG IN THE TROOPS

To cap off another great year for the **Cog**, they are jumping in the troopy one more time to hit the road for three quick shows. Supported by Redhook, The Hotel Great Northern is one of the lucky trio to host a Cog show before the 2020 rush begins.

Catch them on Friday, from 9pm in The Backroom.

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STARTING THE YEAR WITH 20/20 VISION

The second decade of the 21st-century has been one full-on ride. Sometimes it's been hard to tell whether we are up or down but one thing is for sure, we need to move into the next decade with 20/20 vision.

You are officially on notice. We are at the dawn of the roaring '20s and the hurricanes of change are coming- there's no more sitting on the fence.

What's YOUR vision for 2020?

Make a move in the right direction, and start out with a boogie - put on your glad rags this 31 December and dance the night away, for tomorrow we fight or die!



RING IN 2020 WITH A COSMIC DISCO

Celebrate NYE at your favourite location in the universe, the wild planet of **Harvest Newrybar**.

Get ready to take off into the glistening aether of dazzling funk in the cosmic tent, where you'll be taken on a journey into outer space by **DJ Bonnas** for a soulful and retro-tinged disco vibe.

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FAMILY FUN WITH SOUL

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Bring the whole family and enjoy a night filled with dance, fun and laughter. See the heart of Byron bustling with market stalls, food vendors, face painters, three stages, amazing bands, buskers, fantastic circus performers, fire twirlers, drummers, and fun children's activities. Discover beautiful artisan and imported treasures at the market stalls along Jonson Street and through Railway Park.

Soul Street is a great opportunity for the Byron Bay community and visitors alike to come together to celebrate New Year's Eve and to showcase the creativity, lifestyle, and talent that we have in this region.

For this event, the Byron Community Centre partners with Byron Shire Council to promote a Safe Summer in the Bay. Soul Street, New Year's Eve in Byron Bay will be a fun, safe, community-driven, alcohol-free event!

There will be cabaret, music, dance, kids play zones, comedy, food stalls, DJs, henna, tarot, circus and the list goes on.

From 4pm-midnight, together we will see out the old year and bring in the new one, as we celebrate the magic of our wonderful Byron community – Jonson St and Railway Park.

THE DAWNING OF THE THIRD DECADE AT AQUARIUS

If past New Year's Eve celebrations are anything to go by, the 31st of December is going to be hot, hot, hot and the Aquarius Bar is hosting a slick pool party to close out the decade.

There'll be tonnes of music including Taya who will be delivering his latest release Circus Recordings – ACAXIA, of Melbourne, a collaborative outfit of musicians, artists and performers have been given the remix treatment by Taya.

Liife with DJ Jamie Vale and producer Philipp Peltz are bringing Club Sweat and DJs Diskodisco and Madspin Baby and Machine Club live to round out what promises to be the best party around town in Byron's only rooftop cocktail bar.

Get wet at the Aquarius on Lawson Street from 6pm.

Check out their website for details and pre-sales:

www.aquariusbyronbay.com.au



THE BEST PART IN MULLUM

Mullum Ex-Services Club is hosting the best party in town on New Year's Eve

Their NYE entertainment will be none other than premier covers band Push with a decade-breaking mix of modern and classic rock. Push are hip, now, relevant and entertaining, keeping up to date with the latest trends and songs, while throwing a few surprises in along the way.

A mix of youth and a wealth of experience provide the solid

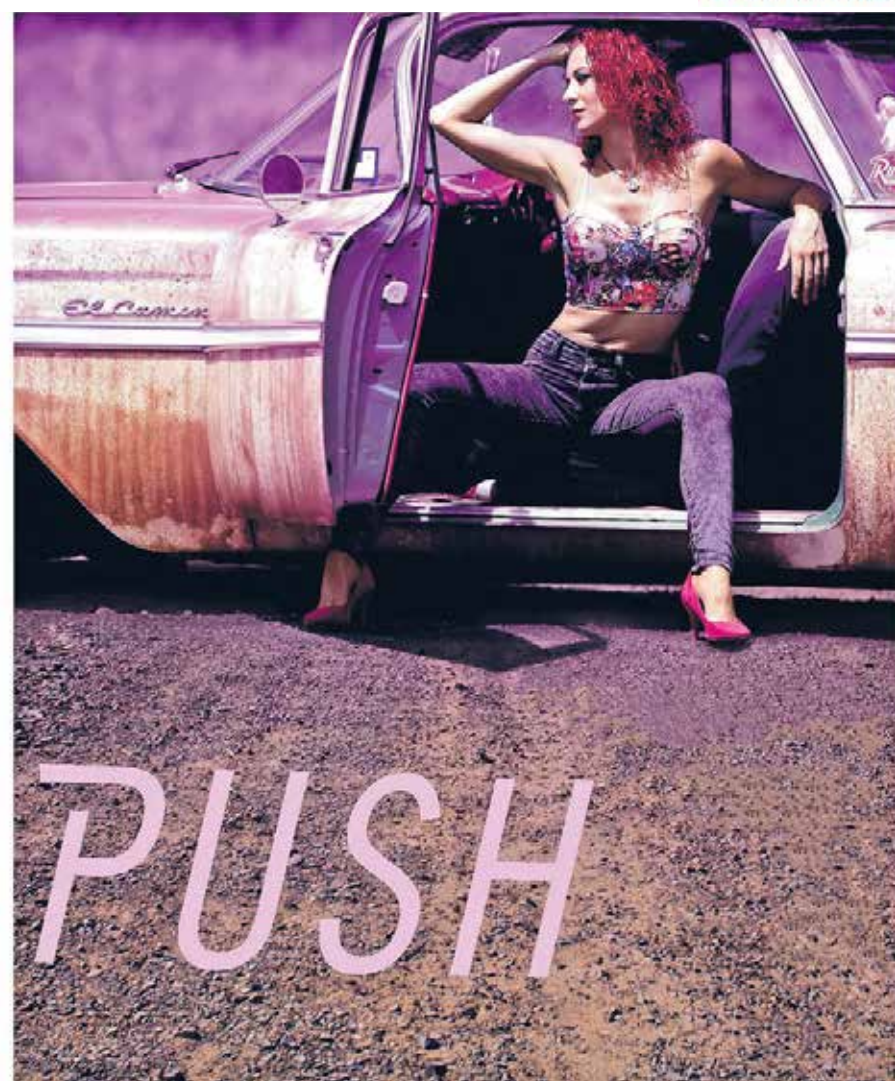
foundation that lead Push in a constant drive for perfection.

From smooth groove dance, to burning rock, from such varied artists as Split Enz, The Divinyls, Baby Animals, Maroon 5, Pink, Bruno Mars, Thirsty Merc, Hoodoo Gurus, Powderfinger and ACDC, Push are the entertainment package!

Make your New Year something special at Club Mullum – celebrate 2019 and see the new year in from 8pm.

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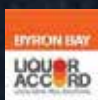


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Road closures in Byron Bay New Year's Eve, 31 December 2019

- No parking from 6am on 31 December:
 - Jonson Street between Marvell Street and Lawson Street
 - Lawson Street south car park
 - Main Beach car park
 - Bay Street
- Signed detours will be in place and traffic delays should be expected
- The Taxi rank will be on Jonson Street near the Marvell Street intersection

Parking and public transport

- Free parking all day between Tennyson Street and Massinger Street
- Free parking from Kendall Street to Wordsworth Street from 5pm, 31 December – 9am, 1 January

There are NO FIREWORKS or beachfront events on New Year's Eve. Byron Bay town centre is an ALCOHOL FREE ZONE on New Year's Eve and no alcohol will be allowed on the streets. On-the-spot fines may apply.

Road closures and traffic information New Year's Day, 1 January 2020

- No parking on the road shoulder between Clarks Beach carpark and Cape Byron Lighthouse. This area will be patrolled by Byron Shire Council
- The Lighthouse Road (from the corner of Palm Valley Drive) will be closed from midnight 31 December 2019 to 8am 1 January 2020
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FEELING THE LOVE

With more than 20 million hits on YouTube for his track *Permanent Holiday* Hawaii's renowned reggae artist, Mike Love, returns with his full 6 piece band, The Full Circle.

How has the YouTube excitement of *Permanent Holiday* fed into your fanbase – do you see those numbers translate when you go on tour?

Being honest, without YouTube and *Permanent Holiday* in particular, I don't know that I would be touring at all. It's the number one thing people say to me when talking about how they discovered my music. It's pretty amazing, because I have a similar sized audience wherever I go in the world. My fans seemed to be spread out fairly evenly over the planet and I think it's due to YouTube not being a centralised source of entertainment, that and because my music is geared toward humans of any size, age, shape, colour, gender, etc. I have no demographic I try to target, I just write songs from the heart, from my experience and hope that it translates.

As a musician and 'creative' do you get a bit of a feeling about a song and its potential, or does it always come as a surprise what the listening public relates to?

Not really, honestly. Usually when I write a new song it's just my favourite because I'm so excited about sharing it. I never can guess what will hit a nerve with people though. Sometimes I'll play a new song to gauge how people connect and it just kind of falls flat, then I realise, well maybe that one is just more for me, for my personal experience. I have learned though, that certain songs work great in different situations, with varying types of crowds or venues. Sometimes I just have to come full-force if it's a high-energy crowd, and I'm just coming on as a solo act after a band or something. Other times, I can get away with playing a lot of the softer, more vulnerable stuff if I'm in a theatre with a sit-down crowd or something like that. Although, both can work in both situations, it's all about grasping the focus of the crowd and bringing the energy together into unity.

We are in a time when we need musicians with revolutionary voices – how important is it to you to inspire and motivate people with your music?

It's really the reason we do it. I mean, we make enough money to pay the bills and we love what we do, but it's a lot of hard work and a lot of gruelling travel. The energy I get back from the people when we've healed each other and had a spiritually enlightening experience is tantamount to my survival. If I was making music without a reason, without a purpose for the activation of people, for my own activation, I don't think it would be worth doing, honestly. We do live in a time where change is happening rapidly, whether we like it or not. It's up to us to embrace it and not be complacent about allowing it to be negative or positive change. We need to be a light, there are so many out there hanging on for dear life, and so many losing hope. Music can be a beacon in dark times and ignite the fires of positive revolutionary change!

What are the issues that you are most passionate about?

I'm very passionate about animal rights. I'm a vegan and promote that lifestyle. It's something so simple that everyone can do, that will drastically change the vibration of the creatures of the planet, as well as significantly decrease our carbon footprint. I always tell people, if it's not completely necessary, why would you take a life to sustain your own life? There are a plethora of good and healthy options available to you anywhere you go, there's just no excuse. Of course, there are so many issues to be passionate about, climate change is incredibly important and I'm happy to see the massive movement happening around that. We just need to do more as individuals. It's all about the choices we make, the lifestyle we choose, where we choose to spend our money. We have to look at every decision we make, and weigh up how it will affect our children.

We are in polarising times – what is your hope for the future Mike?

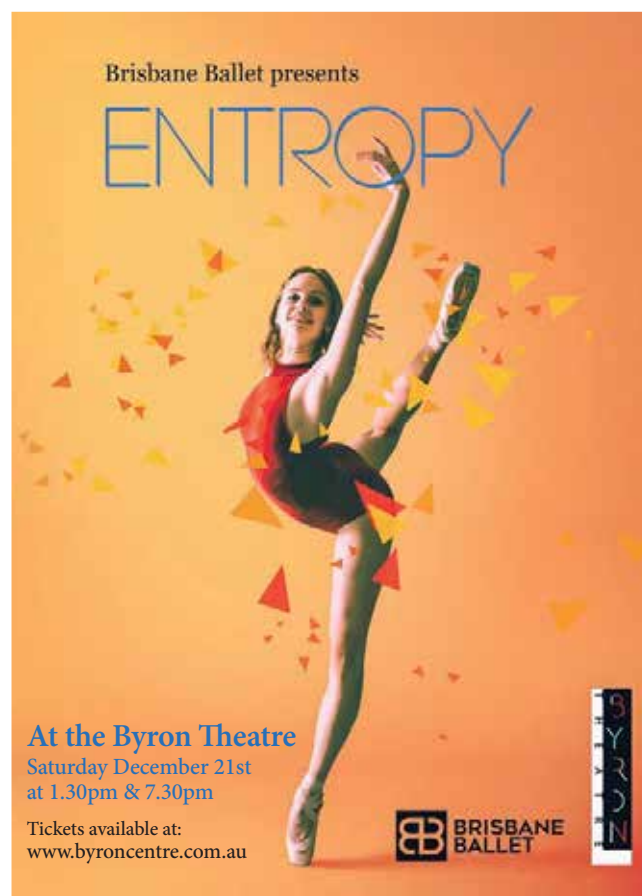
I still have hope for people. While the polarisation is real, it's also largely due, in part, to the effects of social media, internet news and propaganda that's directly designed to separate people, pit them against each

other and in turn, control them. I believe that as time goes by, humanity will awaken from this bad dream we are experiencing now, remember that we are all connected in spirit and that these divisions we've been fed are simply fleeting illusions. One of the greatest effects of live music is that it's an easy way to get people into a sort of group meditation. Whether they realize it or not, they are remembering the connection we have with one another. That's why people still crave going to live shows rather than just watching them on their phone or TV. I have hope for humans. While we are all individuals, at different places on our spiritual journeys, we also have a collective spirit and karma that we are working through. This point in our collective journey is essential to our growth. I have to believe that, and I have to believe that we can overcome these obstacles and emerge with the spiritual and emotional knowledge to further evolve.

What should we expect for your shows here? Who are you playing with? What will you be playing?

I'm really excited to be bringing my band, The Full Circle, for the first time ever to Australia. This will be my fourth time Down Under but it's the first time I'll be coming with the full force of my 6 piece band. These are my favorite musicians in the world – hand picked from years of experience together, not just for their incredible musical talents, but also for their beautiful spirits and energy. I'm so excited to share our music in this way, it's the peak experience of the songs I've written, as all of the music has grown and evolved greatly from the state it was in when it was recorded. I really am looking forward to it. The people of Australia hold a special place in my heart, as does the beautiful, sacred land there. I've heard so much about Woodford Folk Fest and am overjoyed we could finally do it this year. Mullumbimby is one of my absolute favourite places in the world, and I'm so happy to be returning there.

Mike Love and his band, The Full Circle, play Mullumbimby Civic Hall Friday, 28 Dec at 7pm. Tix are \$20-35 from sticky tickets.





BRITISH INDIA COUNTING DOWN TO NEW YEAR TOUR

Melbourne based indie rockers **British India** will play a show at the Kingscliff Hotel on Sunday 29 December as part of their Countdown to New Year tour. The show will be an afternoon twilight session with doors open at 3pm, and support from Brisbane band Dopamine.

Over the course of their impressive career, British India have released six albums and earned four Top 10 ARIA albums, eight entries into the Hottest 100, and their classic single *I Can Make You Love Me* is accredited Gold in Australia, and is soon to be accredited with Platinum status.

On the upcoming tour, the boys will be armed with tracks from their entire discography, particularly boasting those from their bulging back-catalogue of Australian live favourites – think Hottest 100 tracks.

Be sure to catch the legendary Melbourne rockers doing what they do best, on Sunday 29 at the Kingscliff Beach Hotel.

Tickets from www.britishindia.oztix.com.au



BOO!

Dr Denim is having one last run of celebrations before seeing the new year out, and as part of the summer series electro-soul duo, **Boo Seeka**, will meld their pulsating synth sounds with sultry, sweet vocals to create a vibe as smooth as hot fudge chocolate on a soft serve.

Get your serve at the Byron Bay Brewery this Saturday from 7pm.

TWO NIGHTS OF BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISING

The **Beach Hotel** will deliver two huge serves of awesome on **Wednesday 8 Jan** and **Thursday 9 Jan**, raising funds for RFS NSW Northern Rivers and Far North Coast brigades by donating proceeds from all ticket sales.

The event will feature **Bernard Fanning** and **Ian Haug**, **Wolfmother**, **T'N'T**, **Tim Rogers**, **Tex Perkins & The Loose Rubber Band**, **ARC** (members of Spiderbait/You Am I/Jet/Even), **Jackson Carroll**, **Jimmy Willing & The Real Gone Hick-Ups** (feat. **The Buffalo Gals**) and **Monica Frances**. There will be an online auction (open until **Jan 14**) with goods donated by Chris Hemsworth and Elsa Pataky, Ben Quilty, Joel Parkinson, Mick Fanning, Powderfinger, Pat Rafter, Spell & The Gypsy Collective, Stone&Wood and more via makeitrain2020.com.au



GOT THEIR EYE ON YOU

Eagle Eye Jones return to Byron to play a free show at The Northern to launch their latest single *Can't Sleep*. After packing out The Backroom in August for the launch of their debut EP, and coming off the back of an east coast tour supporting CLEWS, and playing support slots for Lime Cordiale and Ocean Alley, EEJ are set to make you groove. This is one show you do *not* want to miss!

Can't Sleep is a testament to the growth of the band and their rapidly evolving sound as they rocket toward their 2020 debut album release.

With supports from Flying Machine Aus, and Sophie Ozard, see them from 8pm on Saturday at The Northern.

BABE RAINBOW

North Coast cosmic conduits **Babe Rainbow** are overjoyed to present their latest peace offering, *Today*. Their third album in as many years, *Today* catches Babe Rainbow at their laconic, luminous peak, curiously exploring their place in sonic space while permaculturally rooted here on planet Earth, to drifting, dazzling effect.

Today is a positive rumination on the present, and a gauntlet of good times. A sermon of daydreams and poesie, fantasy and found phrases that endlessly echo with repeat listens, Babe Rainbow's lilting, charming eco-pop is out of time just enough to feel totally on time.

Today is the day. Today is YOUR day, on Friday from 8pm at the Beach Hotel.

What's On THIS WEEK

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THUR	BURNING HANDS BLUES BAND	HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM
FRI	BRAZILIAN NIGHT	HAPPY HOUR 4-6PM
SAT	BOO SEEKA	FREE BREWERY TOUR 2PM
SUN	BYRON GROOVE LOUNGE	FREE BREWERY TOUR 2PM

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THE AUSTEN SPACE

This January, Austen Tayshus joins Mandy Nolan for a swag of gigs, up and down the coast. *The Echo* caught up with Austen, the comedic provocateur who’s had people laughing, shouting and running from the room for almost four decades.

You are best known around the country for *Australiana* – why do you think that hit such a chord?

When the record was released in June 1983 there was a great deal of National pride around. This included Men at Work’s incredible successes, The America’s Cup triumph, Paul Hogan’s tourism campaigning and the likes of Prime Minister Bob Hawke. Jingoistic fervour and Aussie pride were everywhere. *Australiana* was just a part of the Zeitgeist. And it was hilarious. Everybody seemed to know the routine and you couldn’t go to a gathering without some Austen Tayshus ring-in reciting it as the entertainment. It was number one on the Aria chart for 13 weeks and became the biggest selling single of the year and subsequently the biggest selling Australian single ever.

How did your life change after that?

Life changed for me overnight. Suddenly every celebrity was my mate. Michael Hutchence was at my house. Barnsey and Glenn Shorrock were my mates. Everyone couldn’t understand how a funny punny monologue could be so successful. Since then I have released many records, to less acclaim, but *Australiana* has enabled me to have a four decade career. I have loved every minute.

How has the comedy landscape changed from when you started, to now?

I was a comedy pioneer. I performed with the biggest bands in the country, doing a 40-minute routine before Midnight Oil and Cold Chisel, in front of thousands of rock and rollers. Nobody cared what you said. Comedy was about pushing boundaries, shaking things up, challenging social mores. I was never interested in pleasing a crowd or working to the lowest common denominator. I always tried to lift the bar, which often was misinterpreted, and I had to run away from many gigs. Comedy was alive and exciting. It has become dull, and attracts people who want to be famous rather than to be genuinely funny. Barry Humphries has always been my hero.

What are the topics that you like to touch on at a ‘Tayshus gig’?

My shows are predominantly free flowing and improvised. Because I am a big reader they are up to date on current affairs and politics. The shows are aggressive and highly provocative. People leave. Irony is not a form that is widely understood. Sometimes no one is left in the audience at the end of the show.

Audiences are often scared to sit up the front. Should they be?

Most scared people now know not to sit up front. Because of the interactive nature of my shows I love to involve everyone in the room, starting with those in the front. Usually those who are offended, come to be offended. I aim to please.

You have an adversarial style that provokes – why do you like to give your audience a hard time? Do they always get it?

My shows are very theatrical. Whatever can happen is welcome. Pushing people adds to the unpredictability, and the danger makes me salivate. Exciting, outrageous, crazy and hilarious. I am always investing in what can happen. To draw on everything in the moment and encouraging chaos is what I do. It’s all about an experience that people will remember.

What do you love about being a live performer?

Live performance is tremendously rewarding. I have been involved in filmmaking, which is exciting, but the buzz is tempered by the amount of time it all takes. I can have an idea, try it out immediately and get a response straight away. Like a line of cocaine. I am impatient, so stand up suits me. I stumbled upon it, but it has certainly worked out.

What can we expect for your local shows?

My shows will be shocking, funny, moving and hilarious. If laughing out loud upsets you, don’t fucking come.

Local shows are 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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NHOJ ‘ENDANGERED’

‘If we include microbes, insects and all living beings that make up our fragile ecosystem, billions are threatened with extinction every 24 hours as a direct response to man’s footprint on the Earth. The animals I chose to paint in this series are those that are very much front of mind. Arousing an emotional response and hopefully a change in consciousness and a call to action’ – Nhoj.

Ninbella hosts a superb collection of award-winning contemporary art – the work of Nhoj can be seen at the Ninbella gallery space in Bangalow.

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL FIRST MEETING OF THE CWA!

The (dis)organisation everyone’s been waiting for – the **Country Witches Association** is coming.

Tired of waiting for change, creative women around the world are getting ready to stir the political pot – **Mandy Nolan** and **Áine Tyrrell** are bringing comedy and music to the boil, to facilitate dangerous dialogues and uncomfortable collaborations.

The CWA’s First Meeting format invites the audience to participate, by becoming members, and suggesting topics for the agenda to be discussed by Mandy and Áine. This will be one of the show’s highlights as it has an unscripted, improvised format decided by the audience. The content will form the basis of the CWA podcast to be recorded as part of this innovative live show.

Join the coven on Friday at the Brew House Theatre, Byron Brewery, 7.30pm and Sunday at 4.15pm.

VAN GOGH & JAPAN – EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

‘I envy the Japanese’, Van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo.

In the exhibition on which this film is based – *Van Gogh & Japan* at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam – one can see why. Though Vincent van Gogh never visited Japan, it is the country that had the most profound influence on him and his art. One cannot understand Van Gogh without understanding how Japanese art arrived in Paris in the middle of the 19th century and the profound impact it had on artists like Monet, Degas and, above all, Van Gogh.

In this little-known story of Van Gogh’s art we see just how important his study of Japan was. The film travels to France and the Netherlands but also to Japan to further explore the remarkable heritage that so affected Van Gogh and made him the artist we know of today.

Directed by David Bickerstaff, this event will screen on Sunday, 22 December at 3pm at the Byron Theatre. Tix \$20 | Conc \$18 | BT Club \$18 | U18 \$15 Book now: <https://bit.ly/31QhX8T>

ENTROPY AT BYRON

Entropy is the final season for 2019 for **Brisbane Ballet**, with three distinct works that demonstrate how entropy works at an emotional and physical level in the universe.

The first piece, *Isolation*, will enthrall audiences with rippling movement, and partnering that defies gravity.

Entropy, the second work, thrusts classical ballet technique into the hearts of everyone present with its extreme lines and non-stop athleticism.

Finally, *Equilibrium*, will surprise many with its fusion of electronic music and ultra-classical ballet.

There will be two performances at the Byron Theatre on Saturday, 21 December, 1.30pm & 7.30pm.



PALACE ENCORE! CHRISTMAS SEASON

Palace Encore! brings you the best in classic and cult cinema around the country. Contained within curated seasons, Palace Encore! will have your sleigh bells jingling for the silly season this December with

a series of Christmas-genre gems.

This Friday, the amazing *It’s a Wonderful Life* – Frank Capra’s story of an angel who is sent from heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman, by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed, will screen at 8.30pm.

Tickets are the price of a stocking stuffer, at only \$10 for Movie Club, and \$15 for General Admission.

ALL SHORTS ENTRIES DEADLINE EXTENDED

Byron All Shorts celebrates the film-making talent of the Northern Rivers region and encourages audiences to experience the many amazing films and local stories that are produced here each year.

The best of local shorts from the Northern Rivers will screen in the **Byron All Shorts finalists program on Sat, 1 Feb 4pm**, alongside the best of the rest (Australia and the world) at **Flickerfest International Short Film Festival** running **Thur 29 Jan, Fri 30 Jan and Sat 1 Feb**.

Filmmakers from across the region are invited to submit their short films, of up to 30 minutes in length, from all genres.

Prizes and cash, to the value of around \$3k, will be awarded for the Flickerfest-iQ Best Short Film Award, the SAE Qantm Emerging Talent Award, the Audience Award and more – recognising the incredible talent in our region.

If you live in the Northern Rivers, or have produced a film in the Northern Rivers, or have made a film about the Northern Rivers, you can enter Byron All Shorts.

Entries deadline has been extended until 27 December – just over 1 week to enter. Entry Forms & Info: iq.org.au | 0414 779 881

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SING-A-LONG WITH THE PICTURE HOUSE

Christmas is just about the perfect time to sing, and if you need to brush up on your carols, you are invited to the **Brunswick Picture House** this **Saturday from 4pm to 5pm** for a quick run through. Led by local singer **Janet Swain**, you'll get a chance to practise. 'Picture House hosts *Real Carols at the Right Time* as part of their Church for All People Christmas at the Brunswick Picture House on Christmas Eve – bring along the whole family and join them for a big community sing-a-long.

Santa and other silliness from 4pm. Entry by donation.

FEBRUARY 2020 FROM SANTA BARBARA TO BYRON BAY

Spoons is called 'A Santa Barbara Story,' but it's an Australian story too. Sure, Santa Barbara has some good waves, but when it went flat during the summer, guys went to Australia to feed their addiction to right handed point breaks.

Among those early travellers were Renny Yater, George Greenough, Bob Cooper and Michael Cundith. This was the beginning of the cross-culture meshing of ideas between California and Australia. The place they initially chose was Byron Bay, and that connection

changed the world of surfing forever. To this day, Byron Bay and Santa Barbara have a lot in common. There is good surf, and easy attitude, and they're both enduring the same culture-alterations brought on by money and tourism, but their special draw remains, and we expect that it always will.

***Spoons* will be screening at Byron Bay Surf Festival 12 Feb, 2020 at Byron Community Centre. Tickets on sale now at www.byroncentre.com.au.**

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STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER

With much anticipation, the Star Wars saga is sadly reaching its inevitable end. Rise of Skywalker is hitting cinemas on 19 December with tickets to midnight screenings booked out worldwide. After mixed responses to the last film, JJ Abrams is returning as director to close out the saga.

Picking up from where *The Last Jedi* left us, the remaining Resistance fighters face the imposing First Order – as Rey continues to search for answers to her past, whilst trying to refine her lightsaber skills and grow her knowledge of the force.

In classic Star Wars style, there are many questions to be answered. I believe the main unknown in fans' minds is whether all these questions will be answered, or whether – despite it being the end of the saga – we will be left with yet another bundle of questions.

As the trailer revealed, Ian McDiarmid returning as Sheev Palpatine is a perplexing addition to the film, as The Emperor was presumed dead at the end of *Return of the Jedi* (1987). What

really happened is just one of the questions that will be in the front of fans' minds as they walk into cinemas on 19 December.

If you are a committed fan, there is no question as to whether you will be going to see this film. And the opposite is true for those who aren't. For those in the small category that haven't seen *any* of the Star Wars films, best to start at the beginning and leave this one until lucky last.

STARS BY LILITH



This week's cosmic quartet of Sun, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto in Capricorn call on our ancestral superpowers to pause the retail orgy and reconnect with the sacred nature of this time and place...

♈ **ARIES:** Venus is currently in super-social mode in your chart, and this week could definitely benefit from your unique perspective. Don't be shy about sharing it, but do wrap that honesty hammer in some seasonal ribbons of diplomacy. Quiet your natural compulsion to keep doing more, by keeping on coming back to joy, harmony and grace.

♉ **TAURUS:** Vivacious Venus offers some alluring opportunities – personal, professional, take your pick – at end of year get togethers, industry events and office parties. Amidst all the commercial noise of the festive season, refresh yourself in the restorative music of nature: the dawn chorus, oceanic orchestra, and/ or the unexpected euphony of night walks.

♊ **GEMINI:** This week's Venus, besides making you the internet's favorite target for last minute deals, puts Geminis in the mood for living your truth. Which might mean changing festive or holiday arrangements – without, of course, breaking important commitments. A great time for taking your show on the road, connecting with new people, directions and ideas.

♋ **CANCER:** It might be a hot mess everywhere, but Venus the love planet is winding up the decade with its annual residency in your personal astro-zone of magnetism and mystique. Which means all the care and nurturing you've shared boomerangs back during the coming exchange of seasonal traditions. Have a cool yule, Crab clan.

♌ **LEO:** One of Leo's superpowers is fixing things, and this week you shine in helping out people in need. Venus is suggesting that whether you contribute to a cause, spend time serving a meal to the homeless or invite a lonely friend to join your festive celebrations, goodwill in action is your personal key to seasonal happiness.

♍ **VIRGO:** Everyone looking for the quickest, easiest solutions while you're wanting the best can be taxing, but taking care of the small things others are too busy to even see will attract maximum satisfaction (and appreciation) this week. Then it's time to accept that some things won't get done, step back, relax and just enjoy.

♎ **LIBRA:** When your prima planet Venus in passion and glamour mode partners with weekend Libra moon and you're loving everyone up, don't forget to include your precious self. In the hustle and bustle of coming days, take quiet time out for personal rituals and tune into deeper, universal truths of the season

♏ **SCORPIO:** Venus in your domestic sector; what could be easier and cosier for the seasonal leadup? You needn't even go anywhere if you don't feel like it, just have people over. With close to home this week's best address, you could actually get to explore the novel concept of sacred laziness.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Agreeable Venus sweetening your speech chakra ensures you're smooth talkers, but having one mouth and two ears suggests listening might actually give twice as much pleasure as exercising the tongue. While it's difficult even hearing yourself think this week, try checking into the silence within for an audible sigh of relief.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** With four planets in your sign singing welcome to Capricorn's month in the sun, it's your vibrant party time, but less haste equals more speed this week. Give that busy, organising brain a break. Everything that needs to get done will – if it doesn't, too bad. Surrender to the inevitable and just enjoy the ride.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Venus into Aquarius, woohoo! The love planet in your sign for the hols – what could be better than drawing the planetary charm card? Especially if you're running on the verge of burnout, feeling overworked, undervalued and in need of backup. Loving and supporting others this week will unleash the desired tsunami of appreciation.

♓ **PISCES:** Energy's always intense in the countdown to the x-event, so if interpersonal narratives start fraying, as they usually do, let Venus soothe and smooth scratchy interactions. Show your love this week by following her guiding principles of beauty, harmony and balance to mediate misunderstandings – the celestial force is with you.

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- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUNSTONE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **NATHAN BALL + TIM STOKES**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **ENTROPY PRESENTED BY BRISBANE BALLET**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **VERSA**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6PM **ACID BLEED**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 6PM **DISCOSTATIK**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 20

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **COG + REDHOOK**, 6.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **THE BABE RAINBOW + TIM STOKES**
- BYRON THEATRE 5.30PM AND 7PM **HOOROO - SURF MOVIE PRESENTED BY NICK COLBEY**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 3PM **GOLF ALPHA BRAVO**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TIM STOKES**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JOSHUA TREE**

- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- BREW HOUSE THEATRE, BYRON BAY, BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **CWA (COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION) FIRST MEETING WITH AINE TYRRELL AND MANDY NOLAN**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 8PM **ROB EDWARDS AND LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **ALISHA TODD**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6PM **CROAKER & THE HONEY BEE**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 6.30PM **JC DANCE END OF YEAR CONCERT**, 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADY**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **MASSIVE**
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM **THE BILLY GUDGEON BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **ROCKKS**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JOCK BARNES BAND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **GET FREE FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 21

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **EAGLE EYE JONES, FLYING MACHINE, SOPHIE OZARD, MY HAPPY PLACE - IT'S A VIBE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOUTHWALL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **DR DENIM PRESENTS BOO SEEKA**
- BYRON THEATRE 1.30PM AND 7.30PM **ENTROPY PRESENTED BY BRISBANE BALLET**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6PM OPEN MIC, 7.30PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **OOZ + LOCAL DJS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 6PM **SHORTY BROWN KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET 10AM **BROADFOOT**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **CASS ELEVEN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **DAN HANNFORD**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 9PM **EPIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **3 PLAY**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **OCCA ROCK**

- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 7.30PM **ROUTE 66**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **GLENN MASSEY & THE THREAD**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6PM **IS MAN KIND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **ROB BOSTOCK**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **Z STAR TRINITY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **JESSE MORRIS**, 7PM **LADI ABUNDANCE**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8.30PM **ANGELS, OILS & DIVINYLS SHOW**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **TIJUANA CARTEL WITH SPECIAL GUESTS CC THE CAT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM **DROP LEGS "EAST COAST PLAYGROUND TOUR" WITH ELETRIK LEMONADE, THE BONNIE DOONS & CACTUS BAND**

SUNDAY 22

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ADAM HOLE BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **EPIC**, 7.30PM **LIVE DJS**, 10PM **MAT JOE**

- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4.30PM **BYRON GROOVE LOUNGE FREESTYLE JAM**
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM **VAN GOGH & JAPAN - EXHIBITION ON SCREEN PRESENTED**
- BREW HOUSE THEATRE, BYRON BAY, BYRON BAY BREWERY 4.15PM **CWA (COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION) FIRST MEETING WITH AINE TYRRELL AND MANDY NOLAN**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS - JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **GREG KEW**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **STEVE TYSON**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **ROD MURRAY 'GARDEN PARTY'**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 5PM **DJ MARIO**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 11AM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **SADIE & JAY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **THE JACKS BAND**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **REMEDY**

MONDAY 23

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**

TUESDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BEN CAMDEN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **BEN WALSH TRIO**, 9PM **DJ REFLEX**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 10PM **ROMISOUNDS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DJ KIRBY**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **CHRISTMAS IN THE HOUSE, CAROL SING-ALONG**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, **TRIVIA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, **PUSH**
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 7.30PM **JAKE & THE CADILLACS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **DEVILS KIOSK**

WEDNESDAY 25

- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**

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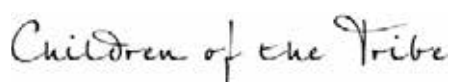


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The Cosmic Collection at Quartz

The Cosmic Collection at Quartz has raised the bar for luxury retail experiences. Speaking to Byron's emerging urban trends and its connection to conscious living and energetic awareness. The world-class design of the space, and The Collection, has already made a name for itself.

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.

With an array of items from small to large, including jewellery and sculptures, there's something for everyone at The Cosmic Collection.

The Cosmic Collection at Quartz – for discerning collectors of earthly art.

Upstairs and across the bridge, Mercato on Jonson Street

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David Bromley at FallenBrokenStreet

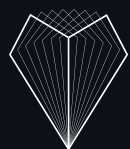
David Bromley and Co. return to Byron for a massive four day sale of his magical wonderland of paintings, jewellery, clothes and furniture. David Bromley is regarded as one of Australia's leading artists and has an eclectic taste in fine things. His wife Yuge Bromley will also be showcasing some items from her clothing label. Immerse yourself in this magical wonderland at 3/2 - 4 Tasman Way, Byron Bay, on 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd December, from 9 am to 3 pm daily.

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Authorised by Justine Elliot, ALP, 107 Minjungbal Drive Tweed Heads South.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'My husband Craig, our children, Alexandra and Joe, my staff and I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas is a special time of year when families, friends, neighbours, and communities come together to celebrate the festive season.

I want to thank the police and our frontline services for their tireless work throughout the year and over the busy holiday season.

This year, I especially want to thank all the firefighters, volunteers and emergency services and all the people who have fought, and continue to fight, the bushfires in our region.

Without a doubt it's been an extremely tough year with the ongoing drought and the horrific and devastating fires.

Our community has always shown incredible spirit during difficult conditions and that's what makes the North Coast such a special place to live.

It's such a privilege and an honour to continue to serve the people of Richmond in our Federal Parliament, and I'm so proud of how much we've achieved by working together.'

– Justine Elliot MP, Federal Member for Richmond..

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For the past two years Jo has been working in the mental health sector with the UPA, Life without Barriers and Casper, working with kids in out of home care. It has become a rewarding passion for her and the horses.

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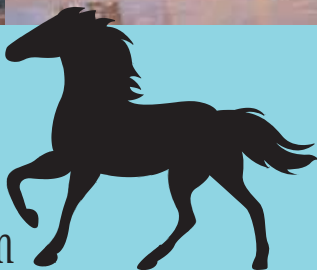
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If you don't want to buy more 'stuff' this Christmas, then giving your friends, family or staff an 'experience' is a wonderful way to celebrate the occasion. Whether you're a local or a visitor, taking a scenic flight with Balloon Aloft Byron Bay is a fantastic way to rejoice in the beauty of the region, as well as spend quality time with your loved ones. Balloon Aloft Byron Bay fly every day of the week (weather depending!) and all around the Shire. The flight takes off at sunrise and lasts for one hour, finishing with a delicious breakfast at Three Blue Ducks restaurant, The Farm.

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Leave kids at the circus and let their qualified coaches teach them trapeze, silks, tightwire, trampolining, pyramids, juggling, hoops, the famous flying trapeze and more in ½ and full day kids and teen circus programs. Afternoon programs have Parkour or JUMP focus depending on the day of the week.

The sought-after add-on continues – with the region's only Ninja Warrior classes for kids, led and instructed by Byron's pocket rocket Lisa Parkes and her team at Ninja Play Byron Bay.

The specialised Teens program offers an awesome mix of activities including rock climbing, trampolines, aerials and a 1.5 hour flying trapeze class.

New healthy and delicious Lunch Boxes are now available during the school holidays. They are vegan and made with love by Circus Arts Cafe chefs from local fresh produce.

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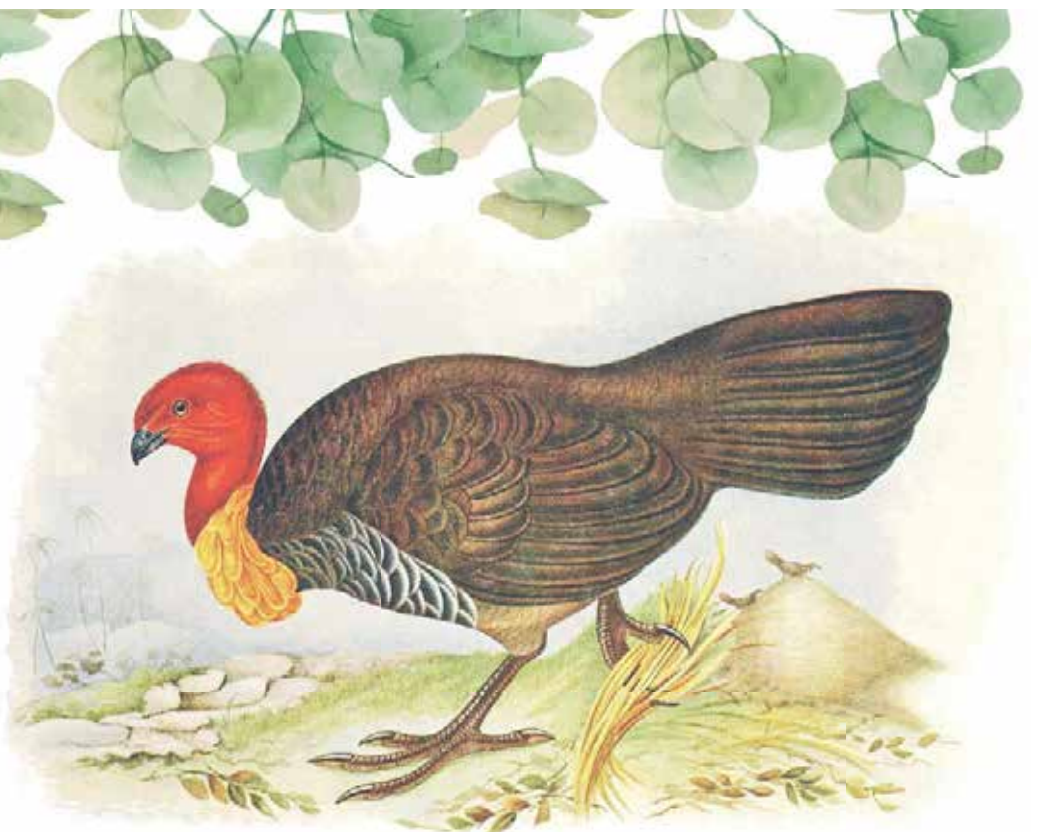
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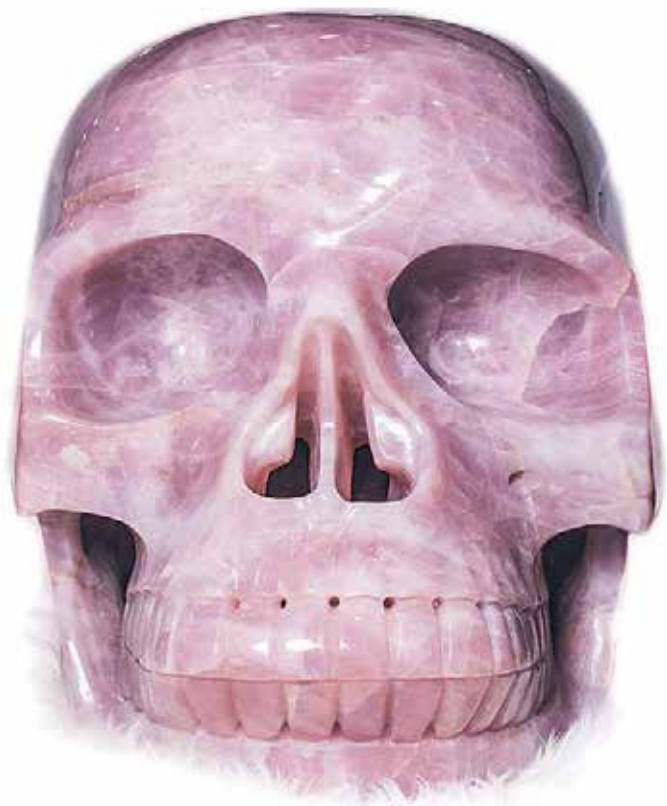
A family operated horse riding business established in Bangalow's hinterland in 1994, founded on a love for equine species and other animals, Pegasus Park offers a range of services to suit all riding abilities, operating from two spectacular locations. Beach rides are run on the iconic Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head, and all other services including Pony Rides, Trail Rides and lessons are run from their ranch, based in the scenic hinterland of Bangalow.

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Son of Drum is a candy store for adults – alive with the sounds of musical instruments you can try out and taste with your ears! They have musical instruments and accessories for all ages and skill levels to suit any budget. Their range is constantly evolving and improving, so it's always worth swinging by regularly to keep up to date with what's new. They also carry out instrument repairs and arrange tuition. They pride themselves on their helpful and intimate local knowledge. Oh yeah, and their prices are pretty competitive too! Drop in and see what they can do for you before you buy anywhere else, including online. You may be pleasantly surprised! They're fully stocked for Xmas.

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Long term women's lifestyle clothing label MOKEA Designs has returned to Mullumbimby for a one week pop up shop in the front room of the Mullumbimby Civic Hall – on now until Saturday 21 December.

Mokea's styling is a fusion of classic and coastal, specialising in natural fibres, perfect for the North Coast lifestyle. Dress up – dress down styling. Easy wear designs for women.

This year's pop up is primarily a huge SALE – 40% OFF EVERYTHING. They will have a very small line of full priced new arrival items, but their focus is to offer bargains and stock at very affordable prices. There will be a jumble of mixed colours, fabrics and styles. You are sure to come across something you will love.

First in will be best dressed, and best chance of finding the style in your size.

On Now – ends Sat 21 Dec at 1.30pm.

Mullumbimby Civic Hall

55 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby

The Nimbin Candle Factory

Nimbin Candle Factory is located in the Old Butter Factory, just north of the township of Nimbin. They make traditional dipped candles using their water-driven dipper.

The Nimbin Candle Factory is open seven days a week: Monday–Friday 9am–5pm, weekends and public holidays 11am–4pm. They are always happy to show you through.

There's parking for large vehicles, buses etc. They have ramps and amenities for the disabled; there is no charge. Family groups are welcome.

All candles are available for sale at factory prices.

Unit 5, Old Butter Factory, Nimbin.

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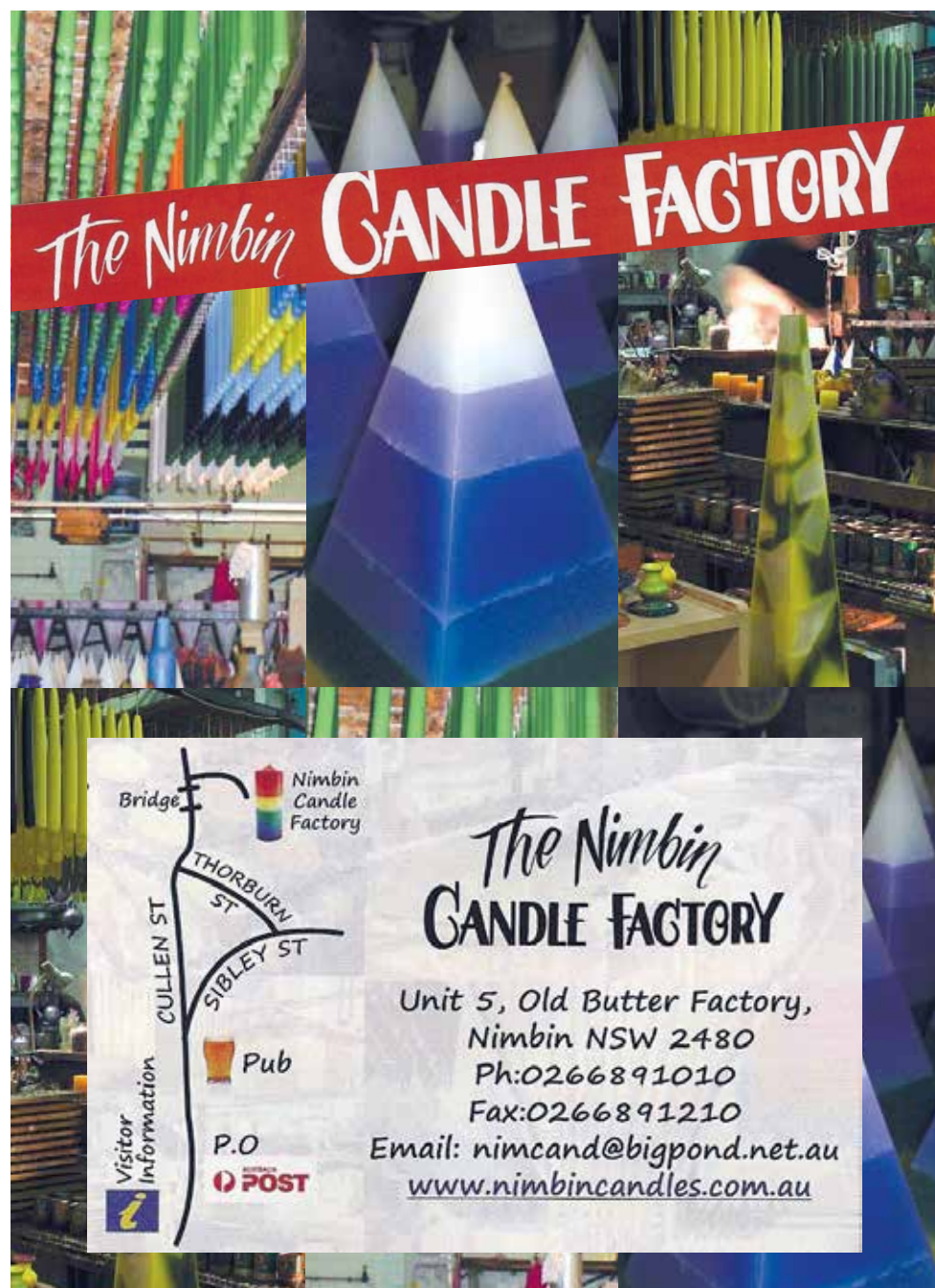
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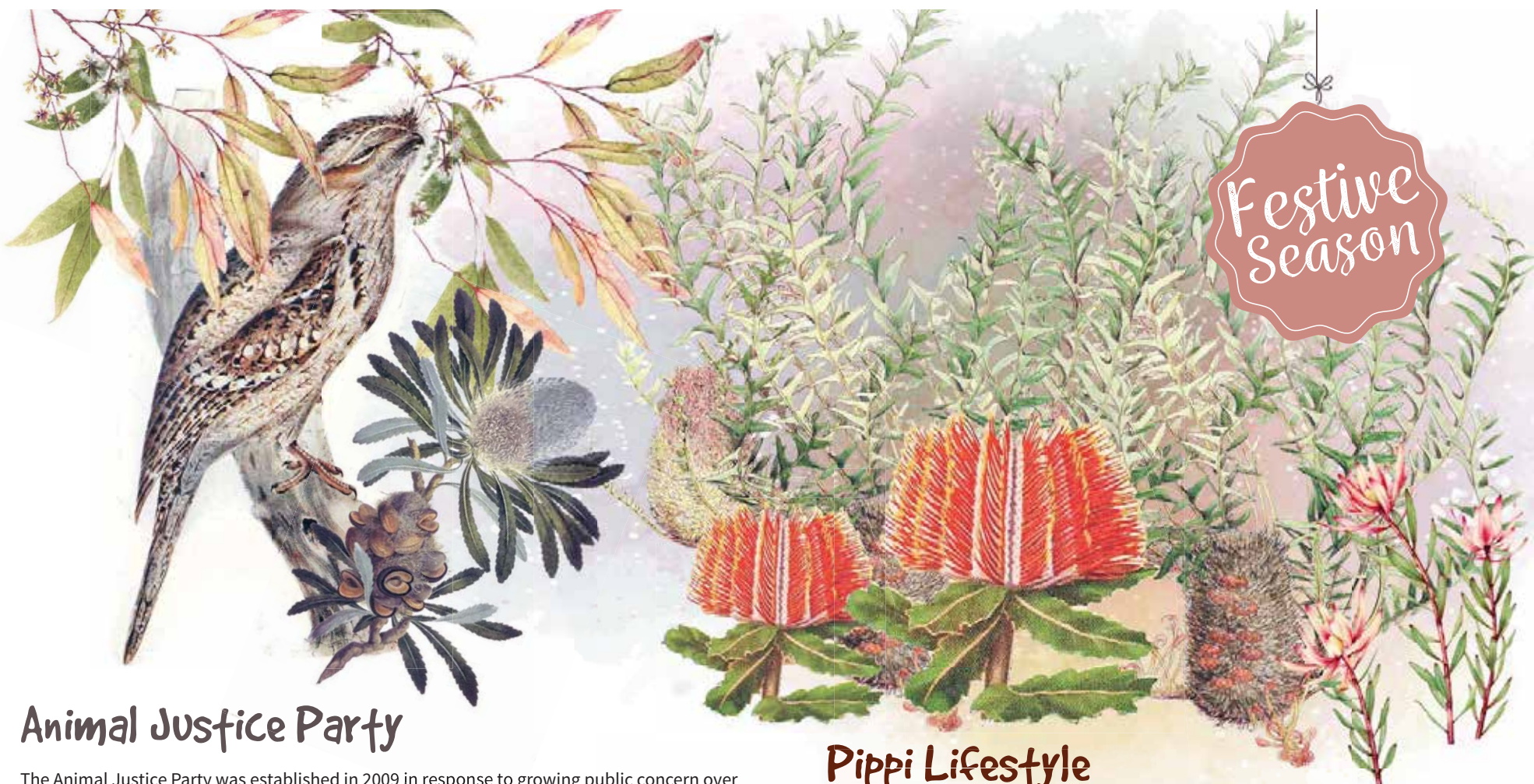
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Animal Justice Party

The Animal Justice Party was established in 2009 in response to growing public concern over the abuse, harm and mistreatment of non-human animals across Australia.

The Animal Justice Party aims to give a political voice to animals, to pursue the vital issues of animal protection through Australia's political system and to encourage political parties to adopt animal-friendly policies.

Our MPs, members, and volunteers lobby for tougher animal protection laws and increased penalties for convicted animal abusers. Together we fight for better regulations around the trade of companion animals and advocate for better education about and awareness of the treatment of animals.

All members of the Animal Justice Party believe in the core principles of Kindness, Equality, Rationality and Non-violence.

Together we're fighting for a brighter future right here in NSW; for animals, the environment and ourselves.

animaljusticeparty.org

Pippi Lifestyle

Tucked away behind the famous Byron Salvos in Byron Arts and Industry Estate you'll find Pippi Lifestyle, importer of gorgeous high quality Rattan Furniture. Coming direct from Vietnam, their furniture has been designed and manufactured to be lightweight but extremely sturdy, using plantation materials with nature and sustainability in mind. For just a couple of months you can visit the warehouse for beautiful, affordable furniture, homewares and clothing – everything from lights, bedheads, tables, daybeds, sofas, sun lounges, hanging chairs and double hanging chairs, mirrors and loads more. The warehouse sale will continue throughout December and January, but hurry in early as they have limited stock available.

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Lismore Regional Gallery

Lismore Regional Gallery sits alongside the Lismore Library and Northern Rivers Conservatorium at the heart of the Lismore Quadrangle. The building and wider precinct offer plenty of opportunity to take time out for yourself, or meet with others. During December we have something for everyone in our current exhibitions. New works from our permanent collection; incredible craftsmanship in The Hannah Cabinet, from Geoff Hannah's student, Colin Fardon; American photography from the permanent collection; fine woodfired ceramics and the touring exhibition, The Partnership Project, which features local artists Karla Dickens, Hiromi Tango, Aris Prabawa and Penny Evans. The Gallery and Quad have cooked up a suave afternoon from midday until 6pm, on Monday 30 Dec, for the Tropical Fruits Festival. Join us for tunes, art, drinks and food.

Spend some time in the cool at the gallery, we are open Tuesday to Sunday 10am–4pm and Thursdays until 6pm. We will be closed 25, 26 Dec and 1 Jan.

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To donate: friendsofthekoala.org

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A big thank you to all our regular bookworms!

Richard and Carolyn would like to wish all our dedicated and loyal customers a very happy and safe festive season. We look forward to bringing you more great reads in 2020.

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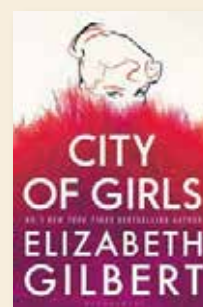
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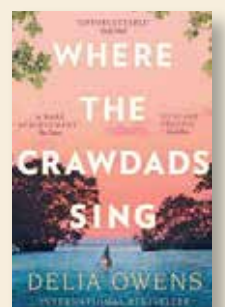
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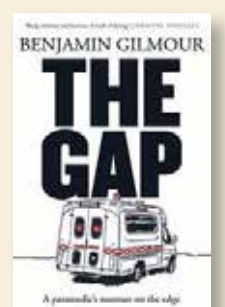
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The Lingerie Drawer Christmas Sale

The Lingerie Drawer Christmas Sale is on now – 20% off storewide and 50% off selected items! The Lingerie Drawer opened in Lawson Street in May of 1983, and for over 36 years they have been helping both locals and tourists to achieve style and comfort with an emphasis on correct fitting. Prosthesis fittings are also available upon request with their experienced fitter.

They pride themselves on old fashioned courteous service, years of knowledge and experience, and a vast range available in store or on order. Their ranges include Wacoal, Jockey, Kayser, Triumph, Berlei, Finelines, Papinelle, Passionata and Simone Perele from France. Most of their sleepwear and slips are made from natural fibres such as cotton, modal and silk.

They also have a large range of accessories for the likes of visiting bridal parties and their guests, and the staff are fully trained in finding the correct fit and look for you.

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The designs are from artworks by mother-daughter team 'Pickle & Honey' including Jules' tactile ceramic originals and beautiful floral watercolours by Rosabella.

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Open Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am to 5pm or by appointment.

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Bless the RFS

Tamsin Smyth lived in the Bungawalbyn for 17 years before moving to Byron Bay. When she saw her former home on fire, she wanted to thank the RFS who were quietly and bravely fighting the fires and actively saving people, properties and wildlife.

'I was walking around for days saying, "Bless the RFS"', she says.

So instead of trying to hug every single firey, because they were a little bit busy, the graphic artist decided to use the words on a T-shirt and raise money for the Rural Fire Service. She designed several versions of her concept and created a fundraising online shop with Redbubble, whom she chose for their great quality apparel, good ethics and sustainability practices. They print one T-shirt at a time on demand, so there is no backlog surplus of T-shirts piled up in a shed! All profits after manufacturing and printing are donated to the Rural Fire Service.

There are T-shirts for kids and adults in all styles, sizes and colours. To see all the available choices, just scroll down under the design to where it says, 'View this design on all products.'

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CLIMATE CRISIS UPDATE

A few more titbits of the ongoing climate catastrophe...

How good is 'Straya!... (on climate action, not very)

In the week NSW burned and Sydney choked, Anthony Albanese visited a coal mine and Scott Morrison announced a new law supporting religious discrimination. Meanwhile, serial fabulist Angus Taylor (poisoning grasslands, Clover Moore, Naomi Wolf) was appropriately in Madrid bloviating about Australia's carbon emissions – and roundly condemned by most of the other attending countries.

Also this week the 2020 *Climate Change Performance Index* was released, showing that Australia is sliding even further down toward the bottom of the global pack on climate action. This detailed annual report ranks 57 countries and the EU on emissions, energy production and use, and climate policy. Overall Australia is one spot worse than last year in 53rd, and depressingly is notable as being the only country to receive no score at all for its (non existent) climate policy.

The rainforests are burning!

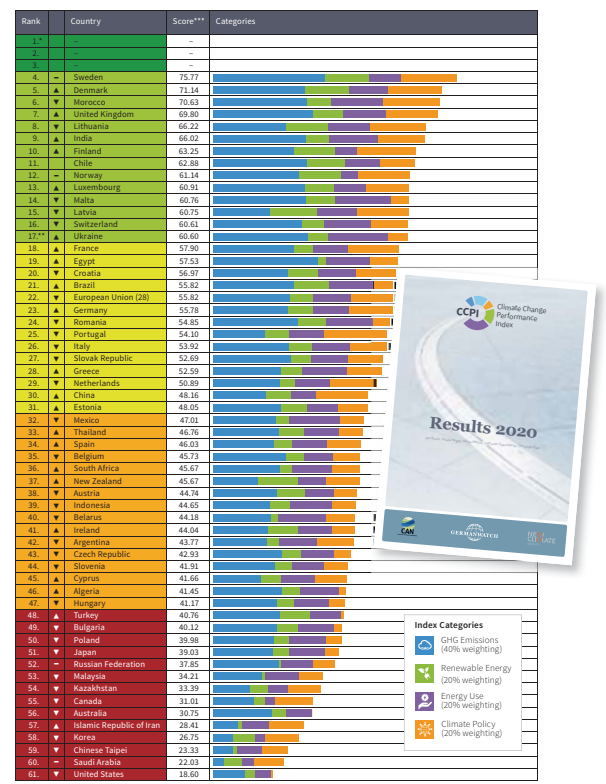
Seriously, the rainforests are on fucking fire. Areas of ancient wet forests that are not adapted to being burnt have gone up in smoke with tragic loss of threatened unique flora and fauna.

This tragedy has been met with an inspirational, determined effort by fire fighters and community defenders who have risen to the challenge, of not only saving nearly all of the dwellings threatened locally by the Mount Nardi fire, but also saving swathes of this precious ecological community. Legends!

Of course it's not just the rainforests, but almost *all* of the forests across the state are either burning, burnt or under serious threat of being burnt over the coming predicted hot and dry summer.

Right: Overall rankings and scores from the 2020 *Climate Change Performance Index*. Australia is, of course, near the bottom.

Nice one 'Straya!



Left: The few remaining green parts of the landscape have turned brown, and now black. NSW seen from space December 5, 2019. Image: NASA Earth Observatory

Greta Thunberg named Time's person of the year

Governments might be dragging the chain but the people are rising. Many of those people, especially the world's youth, have been inspired by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg who took it upon herself to take a stand for climate action with her School Strike for Climate in August 2018. The then 15-year-old's stance has inspired kids and adults around the world to make their voice heard, such as the largest protest rally ever seen in Byron Bay, in September this year.

In recognition of the impact that Greta has made *Time* magazine has named her this year's person of the year – the youngest person to date to be given the honour.



Check out how much the climate has already changed during your lifetime

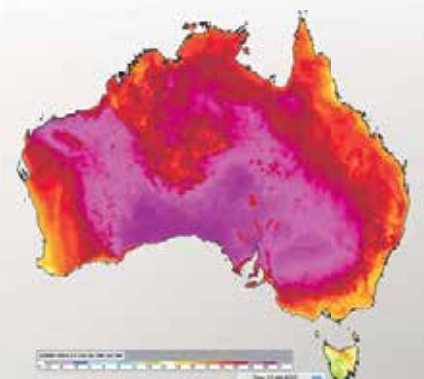
The ABC has published an excellent multimedia article that clearly illustrates temperature rises over time, the affects this is already having on us, and where it's likely to be heading in the future. Check it out at:

www.abc.net.au/news/2019-12-06/how-climate-change-has-impacted-your-life/11766018

Hot enough for you?

Predictions as of Monday, before going to print, are that over the next week Australia is set to swelter under a slow moving weather pattern of unusually high temperatures. There is a high probability that a range of records for hottest temperatures and numbers of consecutive high temperature days are set to be broken.

Right: Not a good kind of purple patch. Predicted temperatures for tomorrow, Thursday December 19. Image: Weatherzone



RFS resorts to crowdfunding upgraded face masks

Across NSW Rural Fire Service brigades are resorting to social media fundraising campaigns to kit out their crews with better quality face masks that offer appropriate protection, rather than the standard issue P2 dust masks.

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

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Property Insider

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Todd Buckland and Gary Brazenor from Byron Shire Real Estate share their thoughts on the year that almost was, and on the one to come...

Things started flat for the real estate market in 2019.

After the May federal election results, combined with the three interest rate cuts that followed, and the limited number of homes for sale, the market has once again heated up. The year has finished strong!

First home buyers and investors are back, especially in the sub 750k range. In the \$700k – sub \$1m market we recently had 22 inspections at the open home of a new listing, which sold that weekend. In the same price range, the week prior, we had 20 inspections at another property with seven offers resulting in a sale price seven

per cent above the asking price. 'Off-market' sales are also common in these conditions and many properties are selling before the sign goes up, to buyers on our database.

An interesting trend I've noticed in 2019 is buyers looking for water – rivers, creeks or dams – on hinterland properties. This takes precedence over quintessential 'lighthouse' views – we can see this continuing in 2020.

Interstate buyers are also back following a drop in late 2018,



early 2019. I would anticipate that this trend will continue in 2020 as the Sydney market regains its 2018/2019 losses and as Sydney-siders continue to be drawn to the Northern Rivers. This will increasingly include young families, we believe, due

to technology offering remote working arrangements.

We predict the 2020 market will start strong with first home buyers continuing to return. As yields in other asset classes



come under pressure, real estate will increasingly attract investors with those already in the market

reluctant to sell their existing investments. This, combined with home owners being unable

to sell, due to costs of upgrading, mean that there will be a lack of homes for sale.

2020 looks likely to continue to be a sellers' market. Listings will continue to be scarce and buyers plentiful.

■ Byron Shire Real Estate will close 20 December and reopen 6 January.

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26 Mia Court, Ocean Shores

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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 or uses within the home. Potential for a secondary dwelling on the 1150m² lot (STCA).

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\$895,000

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23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

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Delivering sweeping ocean views, this architecturally designed home offers it all. Thoughtfully arranged, the floorplan provides ideally for a family - a vast master retreat, study, hardwood floors, landscaped gardens, two decks, media room and huge laundry.

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By Appointment
Price
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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 & elegant ambience.

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- Well-equipped Rosewood kitchen. Dining room with combustion fireplace.
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- Reverse cycle air conditioning, fireplace, elegant timber staircase.
- Wrap around verandahs, privately set swimming pool and spa.
- Self contained cottage, double garage, four bay garage/workshop.
- Huge water storage, spring water bore, creek, rainforest.
- 10 minutes to Byron Bay, 5 minutes to Bangalow.

View: By appointment
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The Pinnacle

23 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

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A beautiful contemporary home in an elevated location, providing a beach lifestyle with a lush green outlook. Set in North Ocean Shores, a short stroll or drive to South Golden Beach, local cafes and Brunswick Heads village. This expansive architect-designed family home delivers sweeping ocean views from Pottsville to Cape Byron Lighthouse and a sun-drenched North aspect. It's truly a gorgeous home with everything the family needs.

An oversized timber front door opens to a grand entrance revealing the mixed hardwood timber floors and 396m² of living area over four levels. This relaxed designer home enjoys 9-foot ceilings and airflow all year round. You will be captivated by this home and its choice of spacious light-filled living zones. The three living areas include a media room and a rumpus for the kids or in-laws.

Inspect: by appointment
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Byron Shire Real Estate

‘Salem’- 1897

60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar

4 2 2 \$1,600,000



‘Salem’ – Hebrew for peace. A gorgeous old homestead and dairy bails on a beautiful and manageable 2 acres. Over 120 years old and getting more alluring with age. The house, along with the large c1906 dairy, retains all the features and character of its time and it stands as a magnificent snapshot of yesteryear. Original sash windows, French doors opening onto bull nose verandahs, teak lined 11 foot ceilings and walls, classic Federation internal archway and timber floors with a patina that only 120 years of use can give you. The property was the home of the first Mayor of the newly formed Tintenbar Shire - Captain William Harold Fredericks. He and his wife Ama Isobel Fredericks built the home in 1897, primarily from Eastern Teak which was harvested and milled on the original 185 acre farm. The owners have already bought in South Australia and committed to the big move.

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- Circa 1881 elegantly restored federation home with 360-degree uninterrupted views. Fully fenced improved pastures, including pristine creek bordered by old rain forest remnant plus spring fed dam. So many options to choose in regards to the next step in history.
- Separate 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom luxury accommodation, plus additional self-contained studio enabling passive income.

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139 Neues Road, Coorabell (formerly Peppers Retreat)

P.O.A.



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- Formerly operated as the iconic Exclusive Peppers Coorabell Retreat.
- Council approved 66-acre luxury retreat, consisting of: 12 cabins, 5 multi-use yurts, manager's residence, music studio, conference centre, commercial kitchen, large dining areas, inground pool plus hot tub by the creek, 18.6 km from Byron Bay.
- Overlooking 3km of pristine Wilsons Creek frontage, absolutely stunning.
- This stylish retreat is perfect for weddings, executive retreats & conferences, servicing up to 120 guests. Unwind, relax and breathe into this tranquil setting. This is as good as it gets.
- Lush sub-tropical rainforest and stunning hinterland outlooks from all cabins.
- A tourist development of this size will never be repeated in Byron Shire.
- Large permaculture vegetable gardens.

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48 Binalong Court, Burringbar

\$1,375,000 – \$1,450,000



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- Panoramic views that span the rolling hills & across the countryside to the glistening blue Pacific Ocean which is only 14.8 km away.
- This immaculate sanctuary on approx 6.5 N/E facing acres upon volcanically rich soil, magically framed by naturally regenerating rain forest either side to enjoy full privacy.
- High ceilings, modern kitchen, open plan living, polished timber flooring, white crisp interiors + spacious under cover entertaining deck with magnificent views.
- Over 50 established fruit and nut trees, grape vines and vegetable garden.

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33 Wallaroo Drive, Burringbar

\$1,200,000 – \$1,300,000



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- 5 perfectly level north facing acres of prime usable land, located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac.
- Flowing fresh water creek & spring fed dam, home to an array of native birds and wildlife.
- Expansive single level residence radiates peaceful country living perfectly.
- Shedding, water tanks, underground bore and three phase power + large 3 bay garage, workshop & cool room.

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2/14 Bay Street, Byron Bay

\$1,299,500



- This free hold shop is one of four commercial shops, situated opposite the World famous Byron Bay Main Beach & surrounded by some of the area's best long term food and trading businesses in the Byron eat street precinct.
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6066 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar

\$585,000 – \$600,000



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- Charming and fully renovated 4 bedroom Queenslander home situated on 899m² block.
- High ceilings, polished timber floors, fresh white interiors, two living areas flooded by natural light.
- Perfect for those looking to add their own personal touch & taste to the landscaping of the property. As an investor or owner-occupier opportunities abound.
- Desirable village, within a quaint and tightly held community, only 14km to pristine surfing beaches.

Inspect: Saturday 12.30pm – 1.00pm
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2 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

\$1.495M



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- Level, spacious & tastefully designed coastal abode - only 2 years young
- Desirable N/E facing aspect, nestled on a 626 sqm corner block.
- Hardwood timber floors & crisp white interiors flooded by natural light.
- Open plan living & dining area, beautiful fireplace & entertainer's kitchen.
- Additional fully self-contained luxe accommodation with separate entrance & parking.

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8 Eloura Court, Ocean Shores

\$1,195,000



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- Private serenity with picturesque water views from sunrise to sunset.
- Multiple indoor/outdoor living spaces for a relaxed lifestyle or entertaining.
- Live sustainably with your own power, water and established and edible gardens.
- Ideal location with beach, schools, cafes, pubs and markets a short walk, ride or drive away.
- 817.2m²

Inspect: Saturday 1.30pm – 2.00pm
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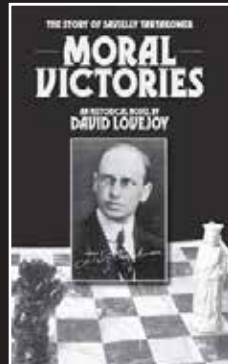
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 Yoga Pilates Yogalates Barre	LOCATION LEGEND (B): Bangalow (SP): Suffolk Park (BT): Byron Town	6.30-7.30am: BARRE FITNESS (B) 9.30-10.45am: SLOW FLOW (B) 6-7.30pm: YOGALATES (SP)	6.30-7.30am: CORE SLIDERS (B) 9.30-11am: YOGALATES (BT) 6-7.15pm: YOGALATES (B)	9.15-10.15am: BARRE FITNESS (B) 6-7.30pm: PILATES W YOGA STRETCH (SP)	9.30-11am: YOGALATES WITH WEIGHTS (B)	6.30-7.30am: BARRE SPORT (B) 10.30-11.45am: YOGALATES (BT)	8-9.30am: YOGALATES (B & SP) 10-11am: PILATES ALIGN (B)	See web for full timetable and studio locations yogalates.com.au
 heart & soul HEALTH & SOUL	6685 5640 byronbay@ heartandsoulhealthclubs. com.au www.heartandsoulhealth clubs.com.au	9.30am: YIN YOGA 6pm: YIN YOGA	9.30am: VINYASA YOGA 6pm: VINYASA YOGA	9.30am: VINYASA & PRANAYAMA YOGA 6pm: HATHA YOGA	9.30am: HATHA YOGA 6pm: VINYASA YOGA	9.30am: STRENGTH & BALANCE YOGA	8.30am: HATHA VINYASA YOGA	8.30am: HATHA VINYASA YOGA
 Jo Morrish	0439 492 804	AFTERNOON: HEALING MASSAGE	9.30am: YIN YANG @ HEAT YOGA A&I BYRON	12 NOON: YIN / ROLL & RELEASE @ HEAT YOGA A&I BYRON	9.30am: YIN EXPERIENCE HEARTSPACE ABOVE SANTOS	XMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE & PERSONALISED TREATMENTS	EXPERIENCED TEACHER ALL LEVELS CATERED FOR	BALI YIN YOGA RETREAT MARCH 2020 BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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Love from
Mum, Dad
& Matt.
x x x

**Thanks for being
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Happy
Birthday
ROSS**

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In loving memory of
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16.12.17

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is trying to get
into the festive
spirit as she'd
desperately
like a home
in time for
Christmas.
She'd be
best suited
to a relaxed
household as she's still a little shy
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ALLY

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1st SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC	5th SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609
2nd SAT Woodburn 0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon 6688 6433	
2nd SUN Lennox Head 0419 369 609	
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall 0490 329 159	
2nd SUN Coolangatta	
3rd SAT Mullumbimby 6684 3370	
3rd SAT Murwillumbah 0413 804 024	
3rd SUN Uki 0487 329 150	
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4th SAT Evans Head 0439 489 631	
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Each TUE New Brighton 6677 1345	
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Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore 0450 688 900	
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Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow 6687 1137	
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki 6679 5530	
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☾ First quarter 4 Dec 5.58pm
○ Full moon 12 Dec 4.12pm
☾ Third quarter 19 Dec 3.57pm
● New moon 26 Dec 4.13pm

**DECEMBER 2019
Astronomical data
and tides**

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 S	0540	1929	0933	2339	1232 1.60	0524 0.37; 1918 0.41
2 M	0540	1929	1029		0045 1.00; 1316 1.51	0609 0.46; 2008 0.45
3 T	0540	1930	1124	0020	0143 0.97; 1403 1.43	0704 0.55; 2101 0.46
4 W	0540	1931	1218	0056	0255 0.99; 1458 1.36	0811 0.62; 2155 0.45
5 T	0540	1932	1310	0129	0408 1.05; 1557 1.32	0927 0.65; 2246 0.42
6 F	0540	1932	1402	0201	0511 1.14; 1655 1.29	1042 0.64; 2331 0.38
7 S	0540	1933	1454	0231	0601 1.25; 1749 1.28	1148 0.61
8 S	0540	1934	1547	0302	0645 1.36; 1837 1.27	0011 0.33; 1244 0.55
9 M	0540	1935	1641	0333	0725 1.48; 1921 1.26	0046 0.27; 1332 0.49
10 T	0540	1935	1738	0408	0804 1.58; 2002 1.25	0120 0.23; 1416 0.43
11 W	0541	1936	1837	0446	0844 1.67; 2044 1.24	0153 0.19; 1500 0.38
12 T	0541	1937	1938	0529	0924 1.73; 2125 1.21	0229 0.17; 1544 0.34
13 F	0541	1937	2038	0618	1005 1.78; 2208 1.19	0305 0.17; 1629 0.31
14 S	0541	1938	2136	0713	1047 1.80; 2253 1.16	0345 0.18; 1715 0.30
15 S	0542	1939	2229	0813	1132 1.79; 2343 1.13	0429 0.21; 1805 0.30
16 M	0542	1939	2318	0917	1219 1.76	0516 0.27; 1857 0.31
17 T	0542	1940		1022	0038 1.11; 1310 1.70	0611 0.34; 1952 0.33
18 W	0543	1941	0002	1126	0142 1.11; 1403 1.63	0713 0.41; 2049 0.33
19 T	0543	1941	0043	1230	0254 1.15; 1501 1.55	0824 0.48; 2145 0.31
20 F	0544	1942	0121	1333	0407 1.24; 1603 1.47	0943 0.51; 2241 0.29
21 S	0544	1942	0157	1436	0515 1.35; 1706 1.40	1100 0.51; 2331 0.25
22 S	0545	1943	0234	1538	0615 1.49; 1808 1.34	1214 0.48
23 M	0545	1943	0313	1642	0710 1.61; 1905 1.29	0019 0.21; 1319 0.42
24 T	0546	1944	0355	1745	0800 1.71; 1958 1.25	0103 0.18; 1417 0.37
25 W	0546	1944	0440	1847	0845 1.78; 2045 1.22	0145 0.17; 1509 0.33
26 T	0547	1944	0530	1947	0930 1.81; 2130 1.19	0227 0.17; 1556 0.30
27 F	0547	1945	0623	2041	1011 1.80; 2212 1.16	0307 0.19; 1639 0.30
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Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of
1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data from Bureau of Meteorology.

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Lonely Xmas?

Christmas Lunch, for those who are alone or lonely, at Brunswick Heads Uniting Church, Fingal Street at 12 noon. If you can provide a plate to share that would be great, but not a requirement. Come join us. No one need be alone.

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.

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.

Mullum op-shop dates

Uniting Church op shop Mullumbimby is closed from 21 December for the summer break and will reopen on Saturday 18 January, 2020. A big thank you to our community for your support. We wish you peace and joy in the coming year.

Food Box closed

Food Box will close 19 December and re-open Thursday 30 January 2020.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market is on this Saturday from 8am until 2pm, Cnr of Stuart and Myocum Streets Mullumbimby. Great local artisans, massage, good food and coffee. Broadfoot playing live. We love your dogs, but they can’t come inside the market. Please support your local community market.

Kids library fun

Free kids Christmas craft workshop to make decorations will be held at Byron Bay Library on Thursday, 12 December 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.

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!

Bruns twilight market

Brunswick Heads Twilight Markets will be held at Banner Park on Wednesday, 18 December 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 Houseie.

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.

End of life choices

Exit International is a voluntary euthanasia group that meets quarterly. Meetings are held at the Robina

Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit Members. Further information on our website www.exitinternational.net or phone Local Coordinator Elaine 0421 796 713

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? Is your weight affecting your life? **Brunswick Heads** Uniting Church Fridays 5– 6pm cnr Fingal/Byron Street. Call Madeleine: 0426 134 222. **Byron Bay** first Tuesday of the month Uniting Church, Carlyle St opposite Woolworths. Call Louise: 0401 294 252 Meetings also take place in Casino and Lismore for more information look up their website: www.oaqlld.org.

Muslim prayer

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

Mungo’s Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Gold ten, the French birds (7)

5. American footballer is a power worker (7)

9. Old rich yobs fiddle with young church singers (9)

10. Pass out for court between poles (5)

11. Knock back a drink at Royal (5)

12. Go Iberian – disguise Australian (9)

13. Honied borough – peculiar local community (13)

17. Means of verification in pub, perhaps – well known in the 13! (5,8)

21. Popular approach – thanks and a kiss. But it is a duty many seek to avoid (6,3)

24. Monkeys retreat over – it’s wrong (3,2)

25. Put back very large weight – it’s wrong (3,2)

26. Explosion damages range – it could be a weapon (9)

27. German city with cerium – it’s a vital ingredient (5)

28. Cruel perverts – unhappy winners (7)

DOWN

1. Big vehicles get prizes (6)

2. I gain corn harvest – but it isn’t strictly natural (9)

3. Singer has traditional practice with garland (7)

4. Most hurt, and were in pain – but put up with it! (9)

5. Girl with a ring, and a rope (5)

6. Unfortunately retains the less pleasant (7)

7. Indigenous type – one to wander about (5)

8. Sprained tendon in sedentary pursuit (8)

14. Raise a stink – no Sioux gathered. That’s very bad (9)

15. Athena, Artemis and perhaps Sally Pearson (9)

16. Silly Alec holds pin-up for marriage (8)

18. Love running after light satire (7)

19. As an alternative, popular thoroughfare precedes English publicity (7)

20. Team with directions to the big river (6)

22. Quotes views, they say (5)

23. Bill the French piece of furniture (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Blackbirds (7)

5. Worker on the power grid (7)

9. Church singers (9)

10. Faint (5)

11. To do with royalty (5)

12. Original inhabitant of a country (9)

13. Locality, district (13)

17. Well known personality in 13 (5,8)

21. Public liability for earnings (6,3)

24. Reddish brown colour (5)

25. Inaccurate, wrong (3,2)

26. Indigenous hunting or ceremonial stick (9)

27. Intrinsic quality (7)

28. Those who enjoy inflicting pain (7)

DOWN

1. American movie prizes (6)

2. Not made from natural ingredients (9)

3. Siren of the Rhine (7)

4. Tolerated, endured (9)

5. Rope noose (5)

6. More unpleasant (7)

7. New Zealand indigene (5)

8. Japanese video game (8)

14. Repulsive, disgusting (9)

15. The ancient Greek gods (9)

16. Treaty, formal pact of friendship (8)

18. Satirise, send up (7)

19. As an alternative (7)

20. Great river of India (6)

22. Quotes as a reference (5)

23. Piece of furniture (5)

Last week’s solution N313

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Regular As Clockwork

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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.

Alateen meeting

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

ACA

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

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.

Muslim prayer

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

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.

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.

Museums

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House 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.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or mishaele@si.org.au. **Dzogchen meditation** and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 6pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Community Yoga Nidra** class free, Wednesdays 1–1.30pm at the Bamboo Yoga School, behind The Health Lodge, 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Matt 0430 008 293. **Meditation Collective** Mondays 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: www.byronbaymeditationcollective.com.au

or call Geo 0431 747 764. **Yoga Nidra** every Wednesday 1pm at the Bamboo Yoga School behind The Health Lodge 78 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Call Matt 0430 008 293. **Integral Zen meditation** Tuesdays 6–7.30pm at the Pura Vida Wellness Centre, 14a Park St. Brunswick Heads. By donation. Contact Erik 0418 337 508. **Free guided meditation Mullumbimby** every Friday from 12–1pm at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Contact Paul: 0401 926 090 or email: paulebibby@gmail.com. **Group Meditation:** Tuesdays 11.30am at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell st, Byron Bay. Everybody welcome. Donations appreciated. Gnostic Society Byron. 0412 020 234.

Carers’ support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers’ Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Rainbow Dragons

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

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 phone 6685 6807 or email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au.

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby’s Repair Cafe at the Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

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.

Cryptic Crossword Club

Any cryptic crossword tragics out there – beginners or advanced. If you’d like to share your obsession with others and get together once a week at Marvell Hall as part of the new seniors’ activities, please ring Christine 0407 857 991. As a team we might be able to conquer DA!

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.

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330. Timebanking Timebanking can help you build a network of support within your community through sharing skills. For more: Northern Rivers Community Gateway 6621 7397.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations. Info: 6621 7397.

Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the [Emerge Australia Website](http://www.emerge.org.au/) at <http://www.emerge.org.au/>.

Men’s Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men’s groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

Free youth DJ class

Free Friday night beats and DJ workshops for young people 10–24 from 5 till 7pm at One Vision Studios, 4/10 Wollongbar Street, Byron Bay.

Hearing Voices Group

Our first Hearing Voices Peer Support Group starts 6/9/19 in Mullumbimby. Anyone with present or past experience of voice hearing (or visions) is welcome. Offer your experience, gain support, knowledge and explore meaning in a safe accepting space. Every first Friday of the month. Info call 6687 1111

Hawai’ian Hula

Hawai’ian Hula (not to be confused with hula-hooping) is being practised by Byron Bay Hula troupe Mana Aloha. Join the beginners’ class to try dipping your toes in the ocean of hula. No experience necessary, all welcome to join. Mana Aloha respectfully share this cultural art with the encouragement and blessing of their Hawai’ian teachers. Class info + bookings: www.facebook.com/ByronBayHula, email alohallith22@gmail.com or call 0417 633 080.

Bosom Buddies

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Julie 0499 550 757 or Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

Quota Club

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

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Championship Fours decided at Byron Bay Bowling Club



Club Fours Championship finalists: (L-R) Syl Reid, Craig Johnson, Mark Brown, Gavin McPhail, Mark Barry, Paul Clark, Martin Berger and Peter Lofts. Photo supplied

Mark Barry, Craig Johnson, Mark Brown and Paul Clark took the honours at the Byron Bay Bowling Club's Fours Championship last week.

It was a tight game with only one shot in it with four ends to play. The final result was 21-15.

Martin Berger, Syl Reid, Peter Lofts and Gavin McPhail were runners up.

The competitors in the final of the mixed pairs were also decided after Robyn Knaus and Sam Skehan won their semifinal against Pam Scarborough and Werner Borkhardt.

In the other semi Linda Child and Bulla Burton won through to the final with a win over Julie Higgins and Peter Darby.

The doubles will be decided this week ahead of the club's annual presentation night this Friday 20th of December.

Locals head to the Australian Juniors as Jaws gets big



Billy Kemper took on some of the best waves that Jaws has to offer. Photo Miers/WSL

Crystal Cylinders

Some of our local junior surfers had the honour of representing NSW at the Australian Junior Surfing Titles held in solid surf at Margaret River Main Break Western Australia.

Lennox Head's Nyxie Ryan performed the best for our locals with a seventh place finish in the U/18 girls, bowing out in a close quarterfinal clash.

Rino Lindsay from Lennox Head also made the quarter

finals finishing in ninth place overall in the U/16 boys.

Byron Bay's Touma Cameron made it to round three in the U/16 boys, Lennox Head's Niamh Sharpe and Juniper Harper made it to round three in the U/14 girls while Harry O'Brien was eliminated in the second round in the U/14 boys.

Meanwhile at Jaws

Paige Alms and Billy Kemper have won the Jaws Big Wave Championships in 9 to 15 metre waves at

the famed Pe'ahi surf break on the North shore of Maui, Hawaii.

Both are locals and regularly surf the wave that offers up some of the biggest tube rides in the world.

Three times winner Alms said: 'It's the ultimate feeling being on a giant wave, it's when I feel the most alive and so it's the double-edged sword. You're putting your body and life on the line to ride these waves but when you successfully ride one, nothing beats it.'

Focus on safety at freediving sessions in Mullumbimby

Harry Webber is a qualified freedive instructor who is hoping to promote the sport as well as boost safety skills with his regular how-to sessions held at Mullumbimby pool.

Freediving is like advanced snorkelling where holding your breath is a key skill for taking longer and deeper dives.

The idea behind the meetings at the pool is to promote safety techniques and facilitate and promote a community of freedivers in the Byron Shire.

'There hasn't really been a unified freediving community in the area, so this is a great way to get people together, to create a group, so they can organise dive buddies,' Harry said.

The sessions also provide the basics of breathwork as well as the safety procedures all dive buddies should be aware of.

'Having a safety aware buddy close at hand can massively reduce any safety issues around freediving,' Harry said.



Safe diving techniques and breathwork are a key part of the freediving sessions at Mullumbimby Pool. Photo supplied

'We also teach divers to recognise the signals their bodies are giving them that indicate they are getting dangerously low on oxygen, before their body reacts by blacking out.'

'Even a small change in a diver's state of being, say extra fatigue, can have a big impact on their performance underwater.'

'Dive buddies also need to be able to recognise these signals as well,' he said.

The freediving pool sessions carry a \$20 fee for the

first induction and then any following sessions undertaken are by donation.

Professional courses can be expensive and time consuming, so the pool sessions are focussed on making the safety know-how of freediving more accessible.

The session are on Thursday afternoons at Mullumbimby Pool from 5.00pm. After this Thursday 19th of December, there is a break until they resume on the 9th of January. Contact: freediving@apneart.com

Byron Bay triathletes keep top place in North Coast series



The Byron Breakers enjoyed their trip to Yamba. Photo supplied

The Byron Breakers have kept their position at the top of the ladder of the North Coast Interclub Triathlon Series after some stunning victories at round two, held at Yamba the weekend before last.

'I am incredibly proud of our team as this time last year most of the crew were attempting a mini triathlon for the first time,' club member Deb Fuller said.

'They have come a long way in such a short time. One member was so determined to finish that she rode on a

flat tyre for the last 10km of the cycle.

'The Byron Breakers absolutely smashed it out there,' she said.

Individual results:

Duncan Andrews first in men's 20-24 (years); Matthew Tapping first in men's 16-17; Paivi Hanninen second in the women's 35-39; Huw Jones fifth in the men's 55-59; Danny Rossi third in the Men's 25-29; Daniel Costa first in the women's 30-35; Deb Fuller first in the women's

55-59; Jess Schaffer second in women's 30-34; Robyn Darke second in the women's 55-59; Claire O'Meara was third in the women's 55-59; Greg O'Meara was 13th in the men's (55-59); Dan Van Zuylen was fourth in the women's (55-59); Giulia Scurria was seventh in the women's 25-29; Peter Clarke came third in the men's 70-74 while Nerida Clarke came first in the women's 65-69.

The club's swim coach Andy Kean and Becky Jones took out second place in the mixed team.



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Here's wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays, including visitors to the Shire. The bushfire threat is still very real for the hinterland, and Byron – like the rest of northern rivers – is on water restrictions. Please manage our precious resource with more care and responsibility than the corporately-captured federal and state governments do.

Tamborine Mountain state school has run out of water and their bore has run dry, according to *The Guardian*. The answer? The QLD education department is now bringing water to the school, including Mount Tamborine bottled water, mined from local water sources, which have dried up for everyone else.

The Echo will be publishing a little earlier next week on Tuesday, then back to normal for Wednesday January 1, 2020.

Former ABC news presenter Barrie Cassidy perfectly captured the state of national politics with his tweet last week: 'I don't think we've ever had a government so out of touch with a national concern and an opposition so incapable of putting the pressure on them'.

While political integrity collapses worldwide and nationally, it's unfortunately happening locally. A significant rural rezoning strategy passed last week in Council – see page 2. If accepted by the state government, it will enable mass-scale development. It's the latest abandonment of environmental responsibility and process by this Council

majority. Did residents vote for this in 2016?

Organisers say at least 43 one-week holiday packages in Brunswick Heads will be distributed by the Salvation Army during February 2020 as part of the Bushfire R&R in Bruns Project. For enquiries about donations of cash, gifts, vouchers or summer activity items for the R&R Bazaar, contact Valerie Hardy on ahardyvalerie@gmail.com or Kim Rosen on kimsrosen@gmail.com or 0412 316 299.

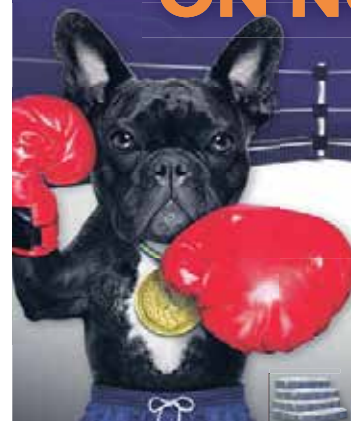
Scott from Marketing finally allocated \$11m for fire fighting during the most catastrophic bushfires in living memory. But what's that in context? In September he spent \$250m on refurbishing his personal plane, *Shark One*.

A fire at Barrio Eatery & Bar in the Habitat Estate has closed the business for the short term until they can repair the damage. Co-owner Dan Wyllie thanked the Byron community and local emergency services for their help.

A Sprung!! dance group member from the front page picture last week was incorrectly named as Julie Allen. Her name is Jordan Bilson.

It's good news that drug amnesty bins will now be provided for festival goers, yet that was the only recommendation that was adopted by the NSW government from the Deputy Coroner's recommendations. With Falls Festival approaching, it's a reminder that only state-sanctioned drugs that make profits are permitted, because they don't expand consciousness and don't threaten the new world odour.

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