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## Bruns celebrates Christmas



Janet Swain led the Big Sing Choir, who sang through the streets of Brunswick Heads on Christmas Eve, winding their way to the packed Bruns Picture House to join the Uniting Church in its 'Church For All People' carol-a-thon. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Brunswick Heads woodchop turns 60!

The Bruns woodchop, held in Banner Park, celebrates 60 years in 2020.

From January 15 to 18, there are 36 events for men, women and juniors in chopping, sawing, tree, relays and chainsaw competitions.

Organisers say, 'The carnival has attracted some of the best competitors in the world, including our own Australian representative team and axemen from the USA, Sweden and New Zealand.

'Aussie Laurence O'Toole, who had won the 2018 Stihl Timbersports World Championship, qualified to defend the 2019 title in Sweden but was just beaten for the title. Some of the Australian team members including Brad de

Losa, a Brunswick Heads favourite, Laurence O'Toole and Mitch Argent will be competing here.

'These three axemen, together with Glen Gillam and Brayden Meyer, formed the Chopperroos team and claimed their sixth world championship. Brayden also had success in winning the Stihl Timbersports world champion title.

'Two Australian titles are up for grabs, with a final on both Friday and Saturday night. The Tree Championship final will take place on Friday afternoon. There are seven finals on Saturday night, including the three man relay of underhand, standing and tree.

'The final event is the State of Origin NSW take on Queensland, who currently lead the 43 year competition with 23 to 20 wins.

'We encourage spectators to come along – there is no admission charged.

'Come along and cheer them on. Encourage the juniors along as they are most probably the next generation of competitors. We have many instances of generations of the one family appearing at Brunswick Heads'.

Organisers say that subject to the appropriate permits and weather on the night, the annual family fireworks will be happening at Banner Park on Saturday January 11 from 9pm.

## Developer wins costs against Council over large Byron DA

A contentious large four-storey mixed-use building proposal at 4 Marvell Street, Byron Bay is likely to go ahead after Council lost its court appeal against developer Scott Emery.

And as a result, the court have ordered that Council pay the costs of the appeal to the developer.

The decision may lead to increases in height and floor space ratio (FSR) within the CBD by other developers seeking similar outcomes.

The DA proposes a 24-room hotel, a ground-floor restaurant, rooftop pool and bar above two ground floor retail tenancies. A 18-car-bay basement is also proposed.

Commissioner J Duggan dismissed the appeal in the Land and Environment Court on December 17, which challenged a previous decision in July 2019 by Commissioner Smithson regarding questions of law.

Specifically it related to exceeding floor space ratio (FSR) and height limits as prescribed in Council's planning policy.

Commissioner Smithson considered at the time that the 'development will not create an adverse precedent given all of the circumstances of the case'.

In her judgment, she wrote, 'My decision in supporting the height breach should therefore not be construed as supporting four-storey development in the town centre, per se.

'I accept such an outcome



would not accord with the masterplan vision or expectations of the Byron Bay community as outlined in the masterplan'.

Council's legal representatives claimed the original decision by commissioner Smithson 'erred in law in the determination of the height objection, in that she did not form the necessary opinion required by cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii) in that she failed to form an opinion as to consistency with the objective in cl 4.3(1)(a) of the Byron LEP (the Objective)'.

Additionally lawyers representing Council claimed 'by considering that the objective did no more than restate the need for compliance with the height control, the commissioner did not form the necessary opinion as to whether the written objection had adequately addressed the matters as required by cl 4.6(4)(a)(i)'.

Furthermore, 'The commissioner erred in law in the determination of both the height and the floor space ratio (FSR) objection in that she was required to make separate and distinct findings pursuant to cl 4.6(3) (a) and (b) and contrary to that requirement the

Commissioner conflated those requirements.'

The owner of 7 Marvell Street has proposed a similar development, with a three-storey building made up of 29 one and two-bedroom hotel rooms, a swimming pool, health spa and shops.

In responding to Council's appeal, commissioner J Duggan said, 'While the commissioner's reasons are in some respects not sequential and/or with some looseness of expression, the reasons when read as a whole, without an eye for error, discloses the reasoning and the findings of satisfaction required.

### Loose language

'Of particular significance to this finding is that the commissioner expressly found that the height objection met the requirements of cl 4.6(3) at [141].'

While admitting the 'unfortunate loose language' adopted by commissioner Smithson in her previous judgment, commissioner J Duggan accepted that the 'building was designed such that the non-compliance with the height standard would be largely imperceptible.'

## Former mayor critical of access to Council information

Hans Lovejoy

Senior Council staff are defending their handling of a request for information relating to the Byron bypass project, after being accused of making up the process as they go.

A freedom of information request from John Lazarus on behalf of the Byron Environment Centre (BEC), and former mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham was refined after staff replied that to execute, it would cost over \$20,000 back in October.

A freedom of information request is known as a GIPA, which stands for the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*.

The GIPA from Lazarus

and Barham originally sought 'copies of all documents held by Byron Shire Council, including but not limited to letters, emails, briefing notes, file notes, and agendas of meetings, minutes of meetings, maps and diagrams dated between 1 July 2014 and 1 November 2017.'

The *Echo* asked senior staff if the claims were correct, and that despite funds being accepted for the GIPA request, staff were unwilling to accept the request as it was from co-applicants.

The *Echo* asked, 'How is this not redefining the processes?'

'Why are Council staff making it difficult for the public to be informed of its operation?'

Council's legal services Ralph James replied, 'The original GIPA application, to which Ms Barham was co-signatory, was extremely broad.

### New application, say senior staff

'In discussion with Mr Lazarus, the terms were revised and narrowed. This then turned it into a new application and Mr Lazarus alone signed the form and paid for it.

'As he was the only signatory to the application Council responded to him'.

Yet Ms Barham maintains that when the revised scope was accepted by staff, she was included in the

correspondence.

'There was no new [GIPA] application and the co-applicants didn't change'.

She added this decision 'just defies good governance and commonsense.'

Senior Council staff told Lazarus on October 22 via email, 'The revised cost to provide this information will be \$4,722.50.

'This application satisfies the criteria of being a special interest to the public.

'As such, a 50 per cent discount on the fee is available. The total cost is thus reduced, to be \$2,361.25.

'Please note the amount payable to commence the retrieval is still \$2,361.25 but there would be no final payment required'.

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Grants to support very important projects



2020 grant recipients and the NRCF team. Photo www.nrcf.org.au

A local philanthropic organisation has announced 33 not-for-profit organisations will benefit from grants in 2020.

Ballina-based Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) say the donations provided by its members ‘are invested year after year.

‘Only the profits are given away each year in the form of grants.

‘Our grants touch on issues such as people’s right to health, employment, higher education, happiness and creative expression, and the challenges of living in a regional community.’

While the 2020 grant recipients are located across the Northern Rivers, Byron Shire not-for-profits that will benefit from cash donations included The Buttery, Liberation Larder, Byron Youth Service, Byron Herb Nursery, Bangalow Men’s Shed, Zero Emissions, Bangalow Koalas, Brunswick Valley Landcare and Byron Youth Theatre.

**Byron beneficiaries**

Rehab organisation **The Buttery** will receive \$7,200 for its Youth Connection: Early Intervention Program

for At Risk Youth; 12-20 year-olds with substance misuse, behavioural and/or mental health issues.

**Liberation Larder** will employ a trained social/mental health care worker at a cost of \$9,000. They will ‘work on the street and surrounds of the Byron Bay Community Centre [and the] Fletcher Street Kitchen where nourishing meals and fresh food is made available to the homeless people in need’.

**Byron Youth Service** will receive \$5,613 to upgrade defunct sound and PA equipment at its Byron Youth Activity Centre (YAC).

Additionally, ‘two intensive workshops will support ten at-risk youth to develop skills in sound production, DJ mixing and event management. An additional 200 young people will access performances and events supported by the mobile sound resource’.

**Byron Herb Nursery** will spend \$4,700 of grant money, ‘To construct a secure storage area for mowing and gardening equipment.

‘The Herb Nursery’s new gardening business employs local youth at disadvantage

to provide garden maintenance services for people living with a disability in the Northern Rivers region. Supported by James Frizelle Charitable Foundation.’

**Bangalow Men’s Shed** will receive \$5,125 to build a nursery walkway/wheelchair access ramp.

‘This will facilitate the inclusion of a wide range of persons in activities important to many, especially those unable to participate in other shed activities. Supported by James Frizelle Charitable Foundation.

A grant to **Zero Emissions** of \$5,500 will go towards a ‘planting day and free Regenerative Agriculture workshop at The Farm in Ewingsdale.

‘Zero Emissions Byron aims to reduce Byron Shire emissions to zero by 2025 to combat climate change. Drawing carbon into trees and the soil are key solutions’.

**Bangalow Koalas** will use \$4,770 of grant money for a project to connect koala habitat and rainforest remnants in a wildlife corridor.

This will ‘enhance, protect and conserve habitat for EPBC Act and BC Act threatened species and ecological

communities including vulnerable koalas and critically endangered Lowland Rainforest of Subtropical Australia’.

**Brunswick Valley Landcare** will receive \$10,000 for a regenerative agriculture project to connect high school students with farmers and Indigenous practitioners. ‘Drought resilience and soil and food health in farming and food production are now key social issues.’ Supported by Yulgilbar Foundation, this project will also receive matched funding from Stone & Wood.

**Byron Youth Theatre** will use \$6,000 of grant money for an original theatre production called *How on Earth?* which will focus on the ‘complex issues of eco-anxiety and ecological despair.

‘Byron Youth Theatre will consult with local and national ecological, health and wellbeing organisations to create an original production focusing on the complex issues of eco-anxiety and ecological despair. The production will be performed at local schools as well as providing a public forum’.

■ For more information visit [www.nrcf.org.au](http://www.nrcf.org.au).

New movie examines AI and the rise of bots

**Paul Bibby**

The evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a development that could have a profound impact on our lives in coming years.

It is this unpredictable future that is the subject of a new documentary, *Machine*, showing at Byron’s Brew-house Theatre on January 24.

The documentary peers unflinchingly into the future and considers both the positive and apocalyptic potential of AI.

The co-producer of the

film, Michael Hilliard, was inspired to embark on the project in 2016 when he learned that a computer program had defeated a master in the game of Go, a board game infinitely more complicated than chess.

Developers had predicted it would take 20 years for this to happen – instead it took a matter of months.

The speed of AI’s evolution has been startling to some, as has its infiltration into everything from transport, to the military, to health care.

However, the makers of

*Machine* argue that we are still some way from making what is considered the quantum leap of AI – a machine that is generally, rather than narrowly, intelligent.

In AI terms, ‘general intelligence’ is when a machine is genuinely able to think for itself as opposed to learning and problem solving within the parameters set by its human programmer. Despite the common perception, this is currently far from the case, claims the film.

■ For more info visit [www.machine3.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.machine3.eventbrite.com.au).

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A new support group is being formed for those young women and men who have been injured by Gardasil HPV Vaccines.

If you or a family member have been adversely affected by these shots, you are not alone.

Meetings will be online with a view to setting up regional support groups for face-to-face contact.

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## Ciggi waste reduction campaign wins award

A campaign aimed at reducing litter in the Byron Shire, especially cigarette butts, has won an award for Community Waste Services at a recent NSW Local Government Excellence Awards ceremony.

Byron Shire Council staff say the Butt Free Byron Shire campaign has seen a 78 per cent reduction in cigarette butt litter over 12 months.

Council's waste education and compliance officer, Kate Akkerman said the Butt Free Byron Shire campaign was a team effort, involving Positive Change for Marine Life, Byron Bay life guards, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the NSW Department of Primary Industries, North East Waste and Reflections Holiday Parks.

'This award is not just

Council's award – it belongs to all our partners, especially Positive Change for Marine Life, which, for 12 months, co-ordinated monthly data collection at litter hotspots around the Byron Shire,' Ms Akkerman said.

'This was a multi-faceted campaign that was only achievable because Council received funding of \$100,000 from the NSW Environment Protection Authority Litter Prevention Grant under their Waste Less, Recycle More, program,' she said.

'The Butt Free Byron Shire campaign involved the installation of 123 Enviropole butt bins in the Byron Shire, the implementation of a smoking ban on our beaches, and an increase in litter enforcement.'

## Man charged with break and enter

Police say a man will face court this week charged with several alleged break and enter offences in the Byron Bay area.

The police report says that at about 9.15am last Saturday, police were called to an apartment complex on Lawson Street, Byron Bay, where they spoke with a 28-year-old man.

During a person search, police allegedly located a knife and items believed to have been stolen from a caravan park site on the same street earlier in the week.

Following further enquiries, police attended a park reserve on Gilmore Street, Byron Bay, where they located a makeshift campsite and found a number of items alleged to have been stolen from several break and enter offences in the Byron Bay area.

The items located included clothing, laptops, electrical goods, jewellery, handbags, suitcases, goggles and other household items.

He was refused bail and will face Lismore Local Court on January 6, 2020.

## Have your say on new holiday letting regulations

With plans for short-term rental accommodation (STRA) now open for comment until January 30, a local residents group is urging support for a 90 day cap across all residential zones.

Council proposes that for most of the Shire, it will become permissible to holiday let homes for up to 90 days per year. Holiday letting for 365 days a year is proposed for beachfront areas of Byron Bay, most of Belongil, and all of Wategos.

If approved by the state government, a new definition of short-term rental accommodation will be inserted into the LEP 2014 dictionary.

Victims Of Holiday Letting (VOHL) convenor Doug Luke says, 'Byron Shire is sinking under the highest number of Airbnbs per head of population of any location in the world. Council estimates forty per cent of all houses in Byron Bay, and eighteen per cent of all houses in the Shire [are Airbnb let]. The numbers have grown 13.5 per cent in the last year'.

Luke says the NSW government has invited Council to apply for a 90 day cap for STRA in most residential zones. 'If you do not want



Image from [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/Inquiry-into-Short-term-holiday-letting.aspx](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/Inquiry-into-Short-term-holiday-letting.aspx)

a holiday let next to you for 365 days a year, then VOHL urges all residents to use the interactive mapping to make a choice, fill out a few questions and make a submission.

'Our preferred position, for over ten years, has always been that planning law should be applied by Council to all STRA in Residential Zones where it is still a prohibited and illegal activity without development consent. However, VOHL has taken the pragmatic position, and supports the 90 day cap.'

VOHL argues that it would be much fairer for the 90 day cap to be applied equally across the Shire without exception for so called 'tourist hotspots,' where there are still a large number of permanent residents living. 'The Shire's approved

B and B operators have complied with a very detailed DA process requiring considerable fees and charges. Holiday let owners applying for a DA should follow a similar process for the sake of fairness and safety.

'VOHL agrees with the draft planning controls, particularly the proposed Council organised Registration Scheme. This aligns with the NSW Local Government Association's position. In contrast, the NSW Coalition government's position that registration should be organised by the STRA industry is akin to putting the fox in charge of the henhouse.'

### Public liability

'For registration, Council will need to check that the number of bedrooms listed

abides by the current DA. VOHL is aware of illegal conversions into extra bedrooms.

'The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has advised that STRA owners would need to purchase public liability insurance for Registration. VOHL suggests that a minimum of \$20 million cover would be appropriate.

'VOHL agrees that all STRA will need to comply with fire safety standards under the Building Code of Australia and *The Environmental Protection & Assessment Act 1979* regulations.

'The DPIE said that all STRA would require hard-wired smoke detectors in every bedroom and hallway, and, exit lighting. Council has stated that non-hosted STRA on bush fire and flood prone land will require development consent.

'The DPIE has said that an STRA on bush fire prone land with a Bushfire Attack Level of 40 or Flame Zone is unlikely to receive development consent. The Rural Fire Service advised that the safety risks are too high'.

■ The website address is [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/holiday-letting](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/holiday-letting).

## PFLAG Northern Rivers ceases operation

After 21 years supporting families and friends of queer people, PFLAG-nr has called it quits.

The social and support group PFLAG Northern Rivers (PFLAG-nr) was founded in 1998 by Robyn and Richard Grzegorzulka.

Its aim was to provide educational, social, and library resources support, as well as appropriate referrals to specialist agencies or groups.

For some years, the group was active, with speaking engagements and community-education events.

Its resources were utilised by numerous parents, families, and friends of LGBTIQA+ folk who requested information or support in various forms.

In more recent years, requests for support have dwindled to insignificant, almost zero – this despite a renewed effort at promoting the group's existence via both traditional and new media.

Over its last two years PFLAG-nr received a total of three support requests, all of which could have been readily met by numerous other local groups or agencies.



Lismore area librarian Lucy Kinsley, second left, with Pflaggers Gordon Balfour Haynes, Greg Bryant, Richard and Robyn Grzegorzulka and Carmel Bennett. They delivered dozens of books to the Lismore library. Photo Tree Faerie

This experience parallels that of most other Australian chapters of the international PFLAG family; at its peak PFLAG-AU had 27 chapters; now only five remain active.

Organisers say, 'We hope that this drop in demand is a sign of greater acceptance of LGBTIQA+ people by their families and social groups; however, perhaps it also tells

another tale.

'Research indicates that increasingly people are finding their personal needs met in new ways, mostly online.

### Thanks supporters

'Regardless of what traditional operators might think of the quality of such virtual support compared to a real-world face-to-face encounter

is beside the point: if it works for people today, who are we to condemn it?

'PFLAG-nr thanks all those individuals, institutions, and businesses who have supported and encouraged PFLAG Northern Rivers over its 21 years and, we like to think, helped us improve our diverse communities' acceptance and quality of life'.

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# Troy's Story and the death of a Planet

Mandy Nolan

There are people that you meet in your life that change who you are or who you think you could be.

Troy Planet was definitely one of those people for me.

He had a magic way with people that transcended the everyday. Being with Troy was never pedestrian, it was always an experience. Sometimes a show – always funny, insightful, and energetic – his brilliance just made the rest of the world seem dull.

On December 23 while dining with a friend, Troy Planet made his way back into the galaxy when he suffered a heart attack and died suddenly, at 54.

He leaves behind three children, his smaller Planets: Epiphany 23, Oliver 19 and Arcady 16.

And there's a host of family and friends who are shocked, and deeply saddened by his sudden passing.

But Troy was always dramatic.

Never someone to linger. He knew how to make an

entrance, and it appears, a dramatic exit.

## Larger than life

Troy Planet was larger than life. Not many people can change their last name from Smith to Planet and get away with it. But Smith was never the right moniker for a man like Troy.

And like the celestial body after which he named himself, Troy had a powerful gravity that pulled you into his orbit.

He attracted everyone – men, women, old, young, rich, poor, from conservatives to conspiracists – all were welcome at his table.

I was 25 when I met him, and for me, coming to Byron and finding home here has a lot to do with meeting Troy and becoming part of what Byron was in the early 90s.

It was an amazing place.

Troy was an integral part of a vibrant creative time in Byron Bay.

A founding member of the Australian Theatre Company with Daniel Roberts, audiences fell in love with this open faced boy with the



Troy Planet with Linda Javin at the 2004 Byron Writers Festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

broad smile and ridiculous talent. His chubby genius reminded so many of what it must have been like to be in the presence of Belushi.

Troy had that same surefooted agility and grace denied most bigger folk.

He could sing, play the guitar, he could write songs and plays and movies, and wow could he act. His talent for vocal work saw him later become Sydney's

most sought after voice-over artist. You may have never met him but you sure would have heard him.

But wow he was funny!

He was funny like no one else I have ever met. Troy had this searing intelligence and candour and a wildly Robin Williamsesque ability to distil an idea before your eyes that had you gasping for air.

He was chaotic and undisciplined and so charismatic

that you'd overlook his inability to wash up or put anything away.

That was just Troy.

He was a force of nature. If you'd seen his rendition of Mortadella man where he ate his own face at the dinner table, you'd forgive anything too.

Our three day dinner parties (did I mention he was also an insane cook?) were these rolling soirees

of performance and conversation and politics and hedonism.

With his then partner Mahogany and our young daughters, these were truly some of the best days of my life; Troy instigated the kind of community and laughter that went deep into the core of your being. Not many others know how to navigate to that place.

## Byron connection

Although Troy returned to Sydney to live with his family 15 years ago, he maintained a genuine connection to Byron and surrounds.

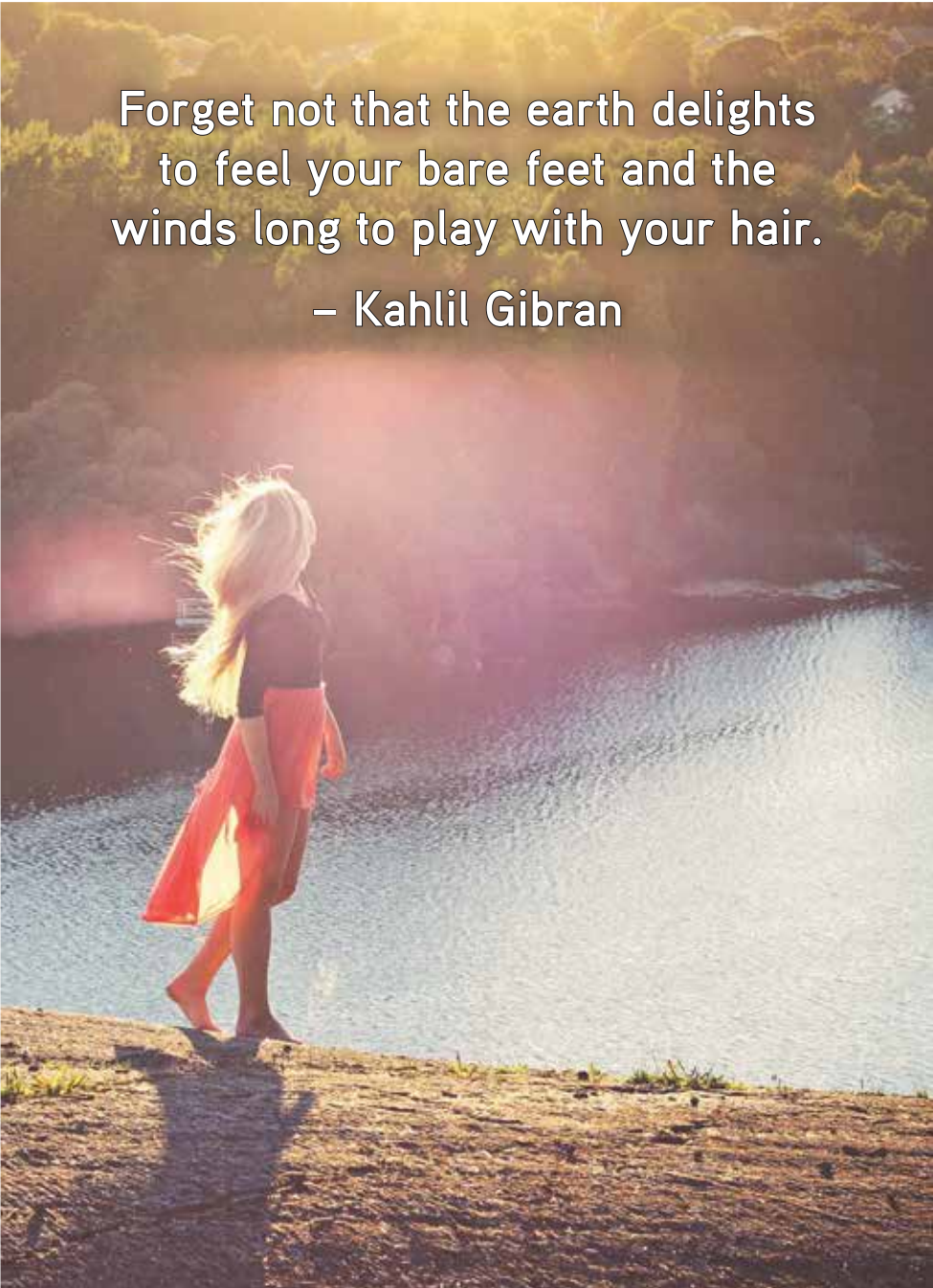
In fact, more recently he was working as a writer and producer and he'd been back just a few months working on a project.

So Vale Troy Planet.

What a shining light you are. A role model for others to be their most magnificent and extraordinary selves.

It's hard to believe he's gone, but that vibrant Planet is now the shining star he always deserved to be.

There was only ever one Troy Planet.





# Bangalow organisations to receive federal funding

Three Bangalow community organisations will receive federal grant funding, says federal Labor MP Justine Elliot.

They are the Community Children's Centre, the Country Women's Association and the Bangalow Men's Shed.

Mrs Elliot says, 'Bangalow Community Children's Centre will receive \$10,000 towards maintenance and repairs under the Stronger Communities grant program'.

She says the children's centre has been the sole day care centre providing support for families of the local and surrounding communities for over 30 years.

'This funding will go towards repairing and revitalising the building exterior.

## CWA upgrades

'The Bangalow Country Women's Association (CWA) will receive \$10,000 towards building repairs under the Stronger Communities grant program,' she says.

'The 111 year old Bangalow CWA building is a local landmark and a significant facility for the local community.

'The Stronger Communities Program funding will go towards restoring and repairing guttering and the replacement of water



From left: vice president Bangalow CWA, Di Campbell, Labor MP Justine Elliot, Bangalow CWA's Michelle Wallace, Bangalow CWA treasurer Wendy Cowan and Bangalow CWA President Janene Jelfs. Photo supplied

damaged decking on the upper verandah.

## Men's Shed

'The Bangalow Men's Shed will receive \$3,640 towards health and wellbeing programs for its members under the National Shed Development Program.

'Men's Sheds play a

vital role in supporting and enhancing the wellbeing of local men and this series of seminars will further assist the health and welfare of local Shed members. The Bangalow Men's Shed provides local men with opportunities to learn new skills, pursue their hobbies and form friendships'.

# Yelgun festival kicks off



The Falls three-day festival in Yelgun is now underway, with acts such as Halsey, Vampire Weekend and John Farnham. Police say they will be targeting illegal drug supply, alcohol-fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour. Pictured is one of the event's organisers, Brandon Saul, with festival art curator Andy Mac. Photo Jeff Dawson

# Terrorist organisations up for review

The re-listing of four terrorist organisations is up for review, say The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJICIS).

All four listed terrorist organisations are of Muslim faith, and specifically adhere to an extreme Sunni religious ideology.

Two are al-Qa'ida, one located in Yemen in the Arabian Peninsula and the other in 'Southern Asia'.

The other two Islamic State organisations listed are located in Libya and in the Sinai Peninsula.

According to UK government funded broadcaster

the BBC, members of the two sects of the Muslim religion – Shia and Sunni – have co-existed for centuries and share many fundamental beliefs and practices.

## Shia and Sunni

'But they differ in doctrine, ritual, law, theology and religious organisation. Sunnis make up approximately 90 per cent of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims, and regard themselves as the orthodox branch of Islam.

'The key difference between the two sects is that Shias believe [Muhammad's cousin] Ali is the rightful

successor to the Prophet Muhammad as leader (Imam) following Muhammad's death in 632.

'Shia Muslims are in the majority in Iran, Iraq, Bahrain, Azerbaijan and, according to some estimates, Yemen.

'There are also large Shia communities in Afghanistan, India, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Qatar, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and the UAE'.

Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, is majority Sunni Muslims. The 25 known terrorist organisations, most of which pursue extreme Islamic religious ideals, are listed on [www.nationalsecurity.gov.au](http://www.nationalsecurity.gov.au).

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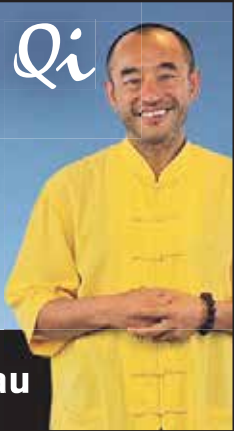
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# Waste management – have your say

How should Council deal with waste over the next 10 years and beyond?

A draft waste management strategy, Towards Zero – Byron Shire's Integrated Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019 – 2029, outlines a plan that has the aspiration of sending zero waste to landfill in the future.

Team leader of Resource Recovery, Danielle Hanigan says the vision for the strategy is for Council to transition to being a landfill-free Shire producing zero carbon emissions.

Ms Hanigan says, 'The strategy outlines the direction to achieve this vision through best practice waste avoidance, recovery and management. It's certainly a big aspiration, but our community is very engaged with our waste programs, and there is an expectation that we continue working towards innovative solutions.

'We want this strategy

to be a practical document that guides some exciting projects over the next 10 years,' she said.

According to staff, the strategy details four main objectives: 'Empower the community to increase avoidance, reuse and recycling; Optimise and enhance solutions to recover, treat and dispose of residual waste; Work with the business and the tourism sector to reduce waste to landfill and explore circular economy opportunities'; and 'Support and lobby State and Federal Governments to facilitate change in waste outcomes'.

## Circular economy

'We need to work on avoiding the creation of waste in the first place, and this means our focus will be on educating and empowering the community to reduce their waste footprint through avoidance, re-use and recycling,' Ms Hanigan said.

Council will encourage the community and businesses to support the circular economy by purchasing recycled content materials and ensuring reuse and recycling are the preference over single use items.

Another focus of the strategy is to investigate solutions to recover, treat and dispose of residual waste – which is waste that is unable to be reused, recycled or composted that would normally be sent to landfill.

This is called alternative waste treatment (AWT), and involves sophisticated technology designed to maximise environmental benefits by processing residual waste, including converting it to an energy or fuel source, where appropriate.

'It is important for our community to understand that we are supporting regional investigations into AWT, and we will only invest in technology that is

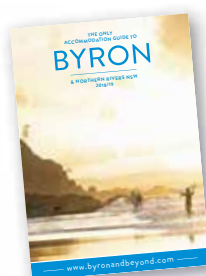
appropriate for our community, supports existing diversion, recycling and organics systems and produces a positive outcome for our environment,' Ms Hanigan said.

'This sort of investment is beyond the capacity of Byron Shire and we are working closely with other councils in the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast to investigate the feasibility of long-term regional solutions for waste, with sustainable waste management identified as a key priority for our region,' she said.

The draft Towards Zero – Byron Shire's Integrated Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019–2029 aims to realise a number of significant projects both locally and regionally that will see the sustainable management of waste for many years to come.

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Strop, Delvene and Hoges walked into a bar...

After 35 years, John Cornell, Delvene Delaney and Paul Hogan have ‘got the band back together’ as Strop, Rosie and Hoges, to record a commercial for a new brew that will see all its profits going to the Fire Relief Fund. Hotel Brunswick Classic Brew is a new signature beer, brewed specifically for the Hotel Brunswick.

‘It was absolutely awesome to be back together on set. For just a moment, I got a glimpse of two old mates, Hoges and Strop, still sinking beers together, with Rosie the barmaid still cackling away!’ says Delvene.

The team included the writer of the campaign (Alan Johnston of MOJO advertising), director Justin McMillan and his crew, family and friends as extras, and hotel



Hoges and Strop have recorded a 30 second commercial in the Bruns pub. Photo supplied

staff and management.

As owners of the Hotel Brunswick, Delvene Delaney, John Cornell and David Gyn-gell are committed to doing what they can for the current

bushfire situation. Along with Paul Hogan, the hotel owners have already kicked in \$200,000 for the Fire Relief Fund, which is in support of wildlife rescue, forest repair

and volunteer firefighters.

Once the fire crisis eases, the Hotel Brunswick Classic Brew ‘Top-Up Tap’ will continue to fund other worthy causes, says Delvene.

Farewell to an Australian hero, Bill Ryan

David Lowe

One of Australia’s foremost environmental activists, Bill Ryan, has died in Sydney at the age of 97.

Bill was part of the legendary Kokoda campaign during World War II, in which Australian troops finally stopped the southward advance of the Japanese Imperial Army in appalling, mountainous conditions. Wounded in action in 1942, Bill later returned to fight in New Britain.

After the war he worked for the PMG, and later Telecom Australia (now Telstra). Bill’s son Colin also worked there, and both were involved in the struggle to improve workers’ rights.

Bill struggled with PTSD and depression for many years following his military experiences. He was painfully aware that the sacrifices of the war did little to improve stark situations of injustice at home and abroad.

A lifelong and active trade unionist, Bill was also involved in successful campaigns against apartheid in South Africa and to end the Vietnam War.

After Bill retired, his beloved wife Joyce died, and his life temporarily lost all meaning. But concern for his grandchildren (and then great-grandchildren) motivated him to become a dedicated environmental activist, undaunted by the fact that he was almost blind and had trouble walking.

‘What sort of a world are we leaving for them?’ he



Bill Ryan, son Colin and daughter-in-law Bev at a rally in Sydney in 2014. Photo Tree Faerie

wondered.

Using a specially modified computer, Bill was able to stay on top of the latest science of global warming.

He wrote letters and lobbied politicians. When that got nowhere, he joined civil disobedience campaigns to actively do something about the climate emergency, putting his own frail body on the line.

His ever-supportive son (and expert sign painter) Colin was frequently arrested alongside him.

Non-violent direct action

Bill was a passionate supporter of non-violent direct action. When asked how he felt about being arrested, Bill said, ‘I was willing to put my life on the line in the Second World War, so putting my body on the line

for climate action is a small inconvenience.’

Bill came to particular prominence during the struggle to save the Leard Forest from coal mining.

Activism history

But he was also tossed into the Hunter River alongside Josh Fox while supporting the Pacific Climate Warriors; he marched with the Knitting Nannas in Narrabri, blocked railway tracks carrying coal trains, went to Parliament House in Canberra to educate politicians, blockaded Adani subsidiary Downer, and took the long train ride into Martin Place week after week to protest the insanity of Santos’s Narrabri gas project.

He became a familiar sight on his walker outside the Channel Seven studio, educating Sydney-siders one on one.

I got to know him in the fights to save Gloucester from unconventional gas and coal mining, and to stop Santos in the Pilliga, but Bill was an integral part of innumerable campaigns, most of which came under the banner of climate change.

He couldn’t remember how many times he’d been arrested. His concern for environmental and social justice powered all that he did.

His gentle humour, integrity and passion moved all who met him.

As Bill put it, ‘People who are producing these fossil fuels and having them burnt throughout the world, they’re the enemy.’

Politically active throughout his life, Bill was a proud member of the NSW Greens.

Bill leaves behind two proud sons, two grand-children and three great-grandchildren.



The Mandy show, live  
Comedian Mandy Nolan again packed out Mullum’s Hall for her Byron Live show last Sunday. The late night TV format featured Delvene Delaney, medicinal cannabis advocate Nick Morley, juggler Joel Salom and musician Emily Lubitz. Photo Jeff Dawson

No free camping, say Council

With illegal camping being an ‘enormous problem generally in the Byron Shire’ Council say they have a message to all people who think they will be able to sleep in their cars or vans in carparks or on residential streets this holiday season – if you can’t pay, then don’t stay.

Acting General Manager, Phil Holloway, said Council’s Enforcement team will not be on holidays this festive season, rather, staff will be working seven days a week targeting illegal camping.

‘Our cars are equipped with licence plate recognition technology which means an

infringement notice can be sent directly to the person who owns the vehicle.

‘There are 15 legal camp grounds in the Byron Shire and information about their locations is widely available on the internet and at the Byron Visitor Centre.’

879 complaints

Holloway says from January 1 2019 to December 18, 2019 there were 879 complaints from residents to Council relating to camping.

Holloway adds staff will also be doing patrols at Broken Head and Seven Mile Beach Road.

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# Echo

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## Psychonaut of the week

'Psychedelics are illegal not because a loving government is concerned that you may jump out of a third storey window. Psychedelics are illegal because they dissolve opinion structures and culturally laid down models of behaviour and information processing. They open you up to the possibility that everything you know is wrong.'

This is just one quote from psychonaut Terence McKenna (1946-2000).

His views are not popular with those who administrate authority, which is precisely why his message is so important and valuable in the modern era of mindless tyranny.

Feeling disempowered? McKenna said this is because you're giving your time and power away to icons. Vacuous celebrities and politicians are indeed exhausting.

'The reason we feel alienated is because the society is infantile, trivial, and stupid. So the cost of sanity in this society is a certain level of alienation.'

It's 2020 people! Time to 'reclaim your mind and get it out of the hands of the cultural engineers who want to turn you into a half-baked moron'.

Here's to a decade where well-honed corporate marketing in the fields of distraction, data mining, manipulation and mass hypnosis start to falter and dissolve.

And here's to a new decade where all those reporting for mainstream media finally get a spine and pressure politicians and bureaucrats on their integrity and record, or lack of it.

It's truly the most effective mechanism for change, apart from inspiring younger generations to learn for themselves and think critically.

It's 2020 - time to break free from the shackles of the herd mentality and question the fuck out of authority!

'You are a divine being,' McKenna said. 'You matter, you count. You come from realms of unimaginable power and light, and you will return to those realms.'

'You are an explorer,' McKenna also said. 'And you represent our species, and the greatest good you can do is to bring back a new idea, because our world is endangered by the absence of good ideas. Our world is in crisis because of the absence of consciousness.'

All the best for 2020, everyone. Now is the time to 'hurl yourself into the abyss and discover it's a feather bed.'

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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## Miracle marketing man not up for job

Our Pentecostalist prime minister may have been a little disappointed by Christmas.

No wise men showed up bearing gifts - ScoMo probably didn't need a lot of frankincense and myrrh, but a bit more unearned gold would always be handy, although declaring it as a foreign donation might be a bit awkward.

And hordes of caring worshipful shepherds did not flock to his side - as usual, he had to make do with his usual army of mediocre minders and slippery spin doctors.

The ever-reliable choir of angels from the Murdoch press sang his praises as they always do, but even they could not muster much enthusiasm for tidings of great joy, hallelujahs and hosannas were a bit sparse over the festive season.

They will not desert him, of course - he is their man, at least until a more effective candidate comes along, preferably one even further off on the lunar right. But after a year of gaffes and dithering, even they are being forced to acknowledge that Scott Morrison is not the messiah.

And on the other side of the ideological divide, it has become clear that he is not just a very naughty boy, either - he has now been revealed as a dangerous incompetent, an opportunist populist combining policy vacuity with a reckless opportunism and a political tin ear.

He has already done real damage to the body politic in sins of both commission and omission, and there is plenty more to come, because Morrison is utterly unrepentant - he thinks he can talk his way out of anything, so there is no reason to believe that he has any interest in becoming a serious prime minister.

No leader with an ounce of caution or integrity would have surreptitiously left the country in a time of national crisis. To then express regret not for his uncaring arrogance, but because he knew Australians were anxious that he should return, was so vain and delusional to defy reality.

Australians were not and are not anxious, pining for his presence; they were and are angry about his uncaring negligence.

And the excuse that he could not hold a hose did not help. A number of

them have had to learn the hard way and heck, how hard is it anyway? Even Tony Abbott can do it. Perhaps it is time to check whether Morrison can tie his own shoelaces without help.

The lack of empathy is compounded by the silliness - and nothing has really changed since one of Morrison's first captain's calls, his counter-productive demand to move the Australian embassy

**Like Tony Abbott, Morrison has no real concept of public administration - he is only confident when he is attacking his opponents.**  
**Mungo MacCallum**



in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

He was talked out of that one, and presumably was similarly persuaded to limit the fallout from his latest gaffe by returning to Australia as soon as he could find a suitable flight - it was not clear whether he was waiting for an upgrade to first class for himself and his family.

And his return, rather than being celebrated near and far as he apparently expected, was greeted with resentful indifference, a mood which is starting to settle in over an electorate which was hoping for rather more than the inertia which has gripped the government since the last election.

It has now become obvious that Scott Morrison is simply not up to the job - that the miracle had failed.

This is not really surprising; he wasn't up to his last job either, having been fired as head of NSW Tourism.

But there was hope, although not an expectation, that new leadership might cut through the malaise which bedevilled five years of the dysfunctional coalition.

Instead, Morrison has only coasted on the result of his unforeseen and unlikely victory.

He had not prepared an agenda for it, and it has shown - indeed, it now seems that he is not really interested in agendas, even if he is capable of devising one.

He has been labelled a transactional prime minister, as opposed to a conviction prime minister, but even that is

selling him too high; Scott Morrison is the archetypal reactive prime minister, bereft of vision, immersed in adhocery and negativity.

Even in the bushfire crisis it showed; for days, even weeks, Morrison insisted that everything that needed to be done was being done, both the professionals and the volunteers were getting all the help that they required.

But in the wake of his aborted vacation, he belatedly responded to Anthony Albanese's plea to at least offer more paid leave for his commonwealth public servants out in the field.

Which, of course, left the problem of the weary volunteers who work in the state and private sectors.

Morrison urged employers to do the same for them, but it might have been smarter to have set up a deal in advance.

But that would have taken planning, putting forward a sensible and considered program, something of which ScoMo is manifestly incapable.

Like Tony Abbott, he has no real concept of public administration - he is only confident when he is attacking his opponents.

And so far it has more or less worked. He has spent the best (or worst) part of a year living on the kudos of his election win, and his quiet Australians remain quiescent, either content with his schedule of masterful inaction, or resigned to the fact that this is just the way it is, there is nothing they can do about it and it's not worth trying to change it.

He is still obviously acceptable to the electorate, but there are signs that the early gloss is wearing thin, and that Albanese, though a long way from being embraced, is showing the beginnings of being seen as a viable alternative.

Christmas provided a little welcome rain - probably Morrison, Barnaby Joyce and their fellow evangelists even believe that their thoughts and prayers were effective, but there is a long way to go.

The current fire season will come to an end and at least some of the angst will abate, but there are two more fire seasons to be negotiated before the next election.

And by then pleading to the heavens, and slagging off at Greta Thunberg, is unlikely to be enough.

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Resting in peace

Further to Bronwyn Sindel’s letter about Resting Places, (*The Echo* 24/12/19).  
The ashes of our family’s late mum, dad and brother are in two large pot plants, (olive trees), on display as we go in our driveway.  
As per my late husband’s wishes, half his ashes are here as well and the rest in a pot plant, (a Plumeria Frangipani called Everlasting Love) in Brisbane where we spent our married life together.  
There they rest in peace.  
**Sue Loane**  
Ocean Shores

Dear Bruns Chamber

Dear Chamber of Commerce, how much longer and how many more tourists can we expect in Brunswick Heads to be provided the benefit of free parking at the expense of a cash strapped council and increasingly pressured rate payers?  
Awaiting your balanced response.  
**Rod Murray**  
Ocean Shores

Ode De ScoMo

There is a man upon the hill with a song about a magic pill.  
It’s quite large in the hand derived from deep in the land,  
Can cure the ills of no money no it is not funny,  
Black to start with then the smoke yes ScoMo it’s not a joke.  
We need the air clean and pure, yes that’s a cure.  
Love of money, wants attached, is from where the song is hatched;  
Keeps you marching for a goal that many know is not in coal.  
The ones you serve have no care, they’re not concerned with dirty air,  
That clogs all Nature in its works, and reveals the Politician’s quirks.  
You sing your song upon the hill, we know about your magic pill,  
The Hill Song tribe with arms held high, have no care for our clean sky.  
**Robert Podhajsky**  
Ocean Shores

20/20 vision

Here’s a terrific New Year’s resolution: let’s stop wasting food!  
The latest analysis from Rabobank shows that Australians now spend over ten billion dollars on food that ends up in their garbage



Cartoon – F Lowe

bins. We have the shameful distinction of being the fourth highest wasters of food in the world.  
Besides burning an average of \$1,026 from the average household’s budget, food in landfill decomposes anaerobically, producing methane, a greenhouse gas 28 times stronger than carbon dioxide. Additionally, the CSIRO have estimated that cattle alone are responsible for 48% of enteric methane emissions and 6% of Australia’s total greenhouse gas emissions.  
The impact on animals is far worse. Land clearing is putting 28,000 animal species at risk of extinction within the next 25 years. That land is cleared to provide grazing or grains for hundreds of millions of cows, sheep, pigs and chickens who live in appalling conditions, packed into sheds or branded or castrated without pain relief, before being crammed into trucks for the long ride to a terrifying and often agonising death.  
Arable land could be used far more efficiently to grow plant-based food for humans, and to regenerate forests, which act as natural carbon sinks. Studies have shown that a meat-based diet requires far more energy, land, and water than a vegan one.  
**Desmond Bellamy**  
Special Projects  
Coordinator, PETA Australia  
Byron Bay

House fire protection

I must admit that my google search on mesh was a bit hasty and I assumed the mesh referred to was a type of gutter-guard rather than a whole roof covering and I apologise to David Warren for this.  
However I still think eliminating guttering on houses is a good idea. As I suggested in my first letter, harvesting water would be a challenge and water would basically have to be stored underground. To achieve gravity feed, water would have to be pumped up onto the roof, however there are advantages to such a system as a sprinkler system could be attached to the roof tank that would further protect the house.  
**David Gilet**  
Byron Bay

Re Frazer’s FU

I write in response to the article by Phillip Frazer, on 18/12/19, re:00 the FU vote.  
Perhaps I might be permitted to enlighten Mr Frazer on a couple of matters which appear to have escaped his peripheral vision.  
Mr Frazer appears to be in some quandary as to why seemingly intelligent voters, in a genuine democratic election, might disregard the politburo election instructions on how to run the world.  
The fact that Clinton, Shorten and Corbyn were totally un-electable would be a good starting point.  
And it is not terribly smart to claim that the mass media and the politicians are biased toward the ‘bosses’ when in reality, particularly

in Australia, the media is effectively controlled by the left and far left of politics.  
Consider Fairfax, *The Guardian* and yes, the fiercely independent Byron Shire *Echo*, Mungo’s front bar at the Billi, difficult to find a voice of reality in any of those publications, and what about ‘our’ ABC, well, not mine, but someone else’s, under almost absolute leftist control, all out there to tell us how to think, what to think and when to think.  
And guess who is responsible for floods, droughts, fire, destroying the Great Barrier reef, no free housing, lower wages, Newstart too low, giving work to robots etc. etc., yep, the FU voters again.  
Just look locally, traffic regularly backed up from the Byron CBD to a couple of hundred metres up the Pacific Highway.  
There is not much chance of the incumbent lefties resolving that one when not only can’t they find two

voices to agree on what to do, and where to do it, or what snail to avoid, they don’t even have the brain power to fill / repair a simple pothole, yet they readily want to step up to run the world.  
Yes Mr Frazer, you can denigrate us, you can tell us that we are the ruination of the world, you can tell us to F off, but you can never control our vote.  
**Tim Harrington**  
Lennox Head

Bravo Mandy!

Bravo on Nolan’s Soap Box last week - Why the world still hates women.  
I read it a day after my first Netflix binge (in a long time), having been recommended to watch the series *Unbelievable* – starring our very own Toni Collette – and holy shit – it drenched me to the bone. It took days to process. I related to every feeling of dis-empowerment, every feeling of outrage, fear, control... and I thought I was one of the strong ones – the lucky ones.  
The thing is women are not trying to take over the world – we are not trying to take revenge or even weaken men. We are simply taking back that which is rightly ours. Our own power. Real masculinity supports this.

Real men know the wisdom and intelligence that women possess – and yes, there are lots of real men out there.  
The responsibility in this change lies entirely within the individual and those around her. To take back your power – You must first remember that you have it, then you need to take responsibility for it.  
Women – stop saying ‘Yes’ when you mean ‘No’.  
Women – stop gossiping, stop comparing – yourself, looks or success to other women – there is no need to compete – there is *only one* you.  
Women – live deeply in your own truth – if you are unsure of that – *go and figure it out* (it’s the only thing worth doing).  
Women – stop feeling bad about yourself. You are beautiful.  
Women – look after each other – not in the attack of men – but in the strengthening of who you really are, which is un-fucking-stoppable!  
In the end – the weak men will crumble. They always do... go forward fearlessly into your 2020! You got this!  
**Alison Nankivell**  
Suffolk Park

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# The big good things we got in the decade gone by

Phillip Frazer

## 1. We got planetary awareness

When Galileo said that the Earth went around the Sun, not the other way around, priests tortured him.

Even now, it's still hard to get that this big old world is a speck of dust in the universe, and it's just as hard to get that eight billion of us living our tiny lives on Earth's surface could have collectively changed the behaviour of the entire planet, dramatically, over the course of a couple of hundred years.

But we have. We didn't mean to fuck it up, but that's exactly what we did. We invented machines that converted energy that was lying around doing nothing into energy we found useful; for example burning petrol to keep 1,200,000,000 vehicles in motion as of this year.

And we made chemicals that kill bugs and weeds, and others that help plants grow, and we have sprayed these chemicals over vast areas of land to grow crops to feed animals so we can eat them.

Only a very few people understood 200 years ago that these fuels and (later) fertilizers, once they pass through a car or a cow, become airborne in the form of carbon dioxide and/

or methane. And all those carbon molecules in the atmosphere enlarge a blanket of gas that every year allows less of the sun's heat to bounce off the Earth and back into space.

The heat accumulating under the carbon blanket is now creating disasters all over the globe, and it will get worse every day unless we can stop it.

An awareness that we are members of an ecosystem on a relatively small planet has been beyond our collective consciousness – until now. But now that houses are burning down and coastlines are eroding all over the planet, that awareness is spreading like, well, like wildfire.

That's the good news, being spread most effectively by teenagers. The bad is that we have just a few decades to think together, and act together to save our species, which will require some huge failed projects to be abandoned; such as most religion, wars, private property, profit-hoarding, and male domination, for starters.

## 2. America got stripped naked, at last

In 2010, WikiLeaks published documents and videos they had received from secret sources inside the US government. These words



Protests continue around the world as planetary awareness builds. Montage Phillip Frazer

and images showed us what a million privileged people already knew from their libraries and billions of others knew in their gut: that the American military, shielded by propaganda dressing invasions up as democracy, had routinely committed appalling crimes against humanity – including its own citizens – in pursuit of its own agenda, which was the spread of raw and rampant capitalism.

Africans for example, knew that dictators had half of their countries' wealth hidden in banks in Switzerland, but WikiLeaks showed them the bank statements, the receipts, and the contempt with which those dictators viewed their people.

We all knew that emperors and warlords were just men, but Julian Assange pulled their pants down in the new global public arena, the Internet, which is why

the American elite will kill him or imprison him for life for the crime of saying the unspeakable.

The people who leaked the secrets, primarily Chelsea Manning (previously Bradley Manning), were themselves Americans, but it was perhaps necessary that an almost-American outsider like Julian would be the one to pull down Uncle Sam's pants.

## 3. The patriarchy pulled down its own pants

The women's movement, the gay and lesbian movement, the peace movement, environmentalism, and the rest of the movements seeking to replace the exhausted cultures of the post Second World War world, all knew that the patriarchy and its rules were a plague on the planet.

Tarana Banks started the

#MeToo movement in 2006 and it reached another tipping point in 2017. What #MeToo did was call out men who were pulling down their own pants and using their patriarchal power and privilege to violate women physically and in every other way.

When he saw 2017 Golden Globe award-winning women espousing #MeTooism from the podium, Stephen Bannon – the brain behind Trump's rise to power – saw #MeToo's true meaning. 'Women are gonna take charge... the anti-patriarchy movement is going to undo ten thousand years of recorded history,' he screamed at the television, and for good measure – 'If you rolled out a guillotine, they'd chop off every set of balls in the room.' This is Steve's worst nightmare, and so it is for Trump, Boris Johnson, Scott Morrison, and all their truck nuts mates (<https://tinyurl.com/trucknuts-com>).

Putting men in charge of everything has achieved many great things, and, ultimately and spectacularly, it also has failed.

## 4. At last, Australia's past is bursting out of its red-dirt grave

When Europeans invaded Australia 230 years ago, armed with the latest deadly weapons, they ignored the rights of the people who had been on this continent for 60,000 years or more. In fact, they enslaved them and killed them in numbers only now being counted.

As the 2010s have staggered to the finish line, the tipping point has been reached, such that Indigenous Australians can no longer be ignored or killed at the whim of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic branch of the patriarchy.

The Aboriginal community has had resistors who fought the Euro-Australians with weapons, some who pleaded with them for mercy, some who argued and even won an argument or two in court. And some white fellas saw the injustice and called it out.

But in 2017 the Uluru statement from the heart emerged as a definitive challenge, asking white fellas to walk with them, the black fellas. This time they're not gonna take 'No' for an answer, and they will get a voice, recognition, and compensation perhaps, even atonement, whatever today's rump of the patriarchy does or says.

Somewhere in all of the above are flickering fires of positive change – and yes that's a terrible metaphor to use when half the country is on fire, but that's the kind of world we are in right now. Time is no longer on anyone's side.

Tomorrow we start another spin around the Sun and another decade. Every day, more kids get it, that they can't allow the big Boys' Club to own the Big Stuff one more decade.

■ Phillip Frazer does existential accounting at [coorabellridge.com](http://coorabellridge.com).

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**Loss by Death.**

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**Loss by Separation, Divorce or Being Left.**

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

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# Living in the Pyrocene

## (and a few apocalyptic summer reading suggestions)

David Lowe

As one of many bushfire refugees in Australia and beyond this year, I was faced with that classic question – what do I take and what can be left behind? A houseful of stuff and a small car are very different sizes, but when time is short, it's amazing how it sharpens the mind, and the Tetris skills.

Turns out, not much is really necessary, or even desirable when it comes down to it. Being human, quite a few sentimental things of no practical use during an apocalypse found their way into the car. A few books. Also lots of ones and zeroes on hard drives of various sizes. Pretty much everything else was excess to requirements.

This is something more of us are learning as we move into this new reality, which has been predicted for some time, but not many expected would arrive so soon.

But what should we call this over-cooked era? Anthropocene has been suggested (or Anthrocene, as Nick Cave prefers) – the age when humans are the main drivers of everything that happens. Then there's the under-sevens favourite, Plasticene. You only have to walk along a beach anywhere in the world and see the colourful detritus of our species to understand that one.

For me though, the one that takes the cake (a bombe alaska, naturally) is the Pyrocene, or the age of fire. That's what international fire expert Stephen J Pyne calls this era we're living in, and after 29 books on the subject including *Fire: a Brief History*, he should know.

Burning stuff (especially fossil fuels) got our civilisation cooking with gas, made a lot of people rich, and now it seems everything else has to burn as a consequence.

Chloe Hooper's masterful book, *The Arsonist*, digs deeply into Australia's tricky relationship with fire. She focuses on the police investigation into one of the deadly bushfires that was started in Gippsland a few years ago, not far from Hazelwood, where a fossil fuelled fire had been keeping the lights on in Victoria and damaging the climate for decades until it was closed.

Within a small radius,



Fire fighters battling flames at Woombah, Iluka Road in November 2019. Photo Ewan Willis

there were a huge number of potential suspects, people with criminal records for fire-related crimes.

Having caught their man (probably), the police and courts then had to find their way through a mind more labyrinthine than Barnaby Joyce's expense account.

The reader is left wondering who was really responsible. Was it the person who lit the match? Was it the society who threw that person aside? Was it the ecology that had evolved to demand fire? Was it climate change?

Speaking of ecology, there's been much talk recently about the need for fire regimes in this country to be based on ancient Aboriginal land management principles. The best book on the subject is probably Bill Gammage's *The Biggest Estate on Earth*, which makes a persuasive case that Europeans have completely misunderstood the way fire works in this country, since day one, and is a great book to read in conjunction with Bruce Pascoe's bestseller and Bolt-stirrer *Dark Emu*.

While not perfect, the previous human custodians had a deeply complex relationship with fire and the landscape, which appears to have been sustainable for tens of thousands of years.

Unfortunately it's not as simple as bringing the old ways back. Much knowledge has been lost (or destroyed, to be more accurate), there are far fewer big trees than there used to be, biodiversity has been sacrificed, there's industry and houses all over the place, heaps more people, and much less rain, in part because of all of the above.

Men in large hats talking

about the need to burn everything in sight, so it can't burn later, is as idiotic as their talk about the need to build more dams so their mates can grow more cotton, so there's less water downstream, so we need to build more dams, etc.

People who hate trees will use any excuse to destroy them, and these blame games are taking place in the context of increasingly longer (soon to be infinite) bushfire seasons, with less money for fire fighting, more reliance on already-stretched volunteers, less safe time for prescribed burns, no moisture in the trees and no water in the dams to put the fires out.

Meanwhile the mining industry waits in the wings, like a hungry crow, while the landscape is still smoking. After helping bring the problem into being, they stand to be the main beneficiaries.

It's not just them though, it's us. These days we're all pyromaniacs, burning something pretty much every time we cook a meal or travel somewhere.

In spite of what Billy Joel might have you believe, we (humans) did start the fire, and now we have to live with the consequences, along with all the other earthlings.

As we progress through the smoky Pyrocene, and into an increasingly dangerous future, every part of our civilisation, society and culture needs to be interrogated. Like that house full of stuff which needs to be crammed into the small car; what do we really need to take with us, and what can be left behind?

■ PS: thanks to all the libraries and generous individuals who have sent wonderful books my way this year!

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## Constantly amazed

I am constantly amazed by the scope of stories *The Echo* prints. Never have I ever been moved so deeply since reading Mandy's Nolan's recent article on misogyny/women hating.

Many contemporary women question the origins of the witch burnings. Contained therein seems to reside a silent, hidden history of female oppression. Prompted by these hidden narratives I was fortunate enough to study this subject in the British Museum, UK.

Texts reveal women did have enormous knowledge of Earth's plants, nature's changing cycles, and were viewed as 'responsible' for strange natural events. For example, it was noted that there were periods of strong winds in which it was claimed that the male testes ascended into the body. This emasculation was the work of women labelled witches. This was a time when claimed facts revealed no rationality or evidence-based reasoning. The propaganda was a movement against women and was enshrined in the narratives of 'mystification' and growing social prejudice. It was claimed that women's naked bodies were searched for moles

from which milk flowed to suckle cats. Women were imprisoned and their pleas for justice ignored. Indeed, many claimed that Lucifer did visit them in the prison cells and violated them and 'Your honour, Lucifer looked just like Father and many members of the clergy'.

Indeed, a darker, sinister side supported the witch burnings. Women of property were the most targeted by the Christian church who claimed the higher moral ground. Thus we view the entry of market forces. The Church claimed their properties. The actual burnings created a spectacle for multitudes of communities to view the burnings of very wicked women.

This purge of women spread, throughout the UK and to Scotland as the Church grew richer by these market / religious values. Many, many thousands over several centuries died.

Researching these ancient texts does not necessarily validate the origin of modern day misogyny but certainly an outstanding feature of such vileness remains for women. A deep stigmata of the soul bleeds through the centuries.

Jo Faith  
Newtown

## Economic cog what?

I apologise for boring the economic cognoscenti, but I experienced a light bulb moment recently when hearing the clear distinction that a national economy is not bound by the same rules as a household!

Besides the fact that a national economy can, to some degree, adjust interest rates, there is also the well known option to 'print money' (do not try this at home). In other words, a national economy can increase or decrease the money supply, which is known as a monetary policy.

Fiscal conservatives and neocons may have uncontrolled bowel movements when exposed to this option. But a few decades ago it was a commonly accepted economic tool.

Increasing the money supply tends to increase inflation, which is something we could, in moderation, benefit from right now. When an economy is paralytic, like ours at present, increasing the money supply can feed activity.

But moving beyond the money mentality, we could see this need to build the money supply as a wonderful opportunity for government investment to dramatically

expand Australia's renewable energy supply and storage.

Tic tok, tic tok, climate emergency, it must be time for an Extinction Rebellion.

This year is our last chance, and it's only the head count that politicians respond to.

Sapoty Brook  
Main Arm

## Below Bjelke-Peterson

Increasingly, the statements that issue from certain Council spokespersons remind me of Queensland under the late Bjelke-Peterson dispensation. ('We know what's good for Queensland.' etc.)

Councillor Spooner's dismissive allusion (*letters* 24/12/19) to 'conspiracy theories' demonstrates a disregard for some people's genuine concerns for what goes on behind the scenes in local government (well, all government).

I recall the day I noticed certain Council members poking about at the south end of Butler Street, and I knew then that the destruction of the whole neighbourhood was at hand. I knew that all these DAs that we were being asked to submit were a total waste of time. The decision was made. And I recall that the current mayor supposedly used

his casting vote to approve the course of the so-called bypass. It was never going to be any different from that moment on.

This in itself, of course, was not a conspiracy, per se. But things were known, I believe, about future commercial development and concessions that would be made to this agenda. Now, whether this can be called a hidden agenda is a moot point.

No reasoned arguments or appeals to sense would change the official mindset.

The mini freeway has halted over the seasonal holiday; but doubtless the desecration is set to grind on. It is just appalling to have to try and accommodate what is happening here. For a pedestrian it is noticeably hotter, the wider lake of bitumen is radiating out the searing heat of the summer. Now there are motorway-style lights (light pollution) looming over an area where once the council would not provide a street-light! No. I can imagine the horror of this road's continuation, and the implications regarding noise, fumes, and light pollution into the conceivable future. This from a council that uses the slogan 'Zero emissions for Byron Bay'.

I should like to declare it all anathema; and would like that whole medieval cursing procedure to boot. Bell, book and candles, please. Let it rain and thunder; let the whole damn thing go under!

David Morris  
Byron Bay

## Mr Barnaby

If you look at the world, you will find that the most populated parts are between mountain ranges and delta regions. An example would be India.

They get three months of 24/7 rain in the wet season, June to August. Then in November to January they get heavy snow falls in the Himalayas, which thaw in March to May. The peasants figured out thousands of years ago, that you could heavily irrigate all year round.

Australia has no high mountain ranges, which means we just rely on rainfall. If we start heavily irrigating again we will run out of water. People wonder why the First Nation's people never practised irrigation. Doesn't take an Einstein to figure this out. So Mr Barnaby, if you want to save your cattle industry, just ban heavy irrigation practices.

Bernard Hinchcliffe  
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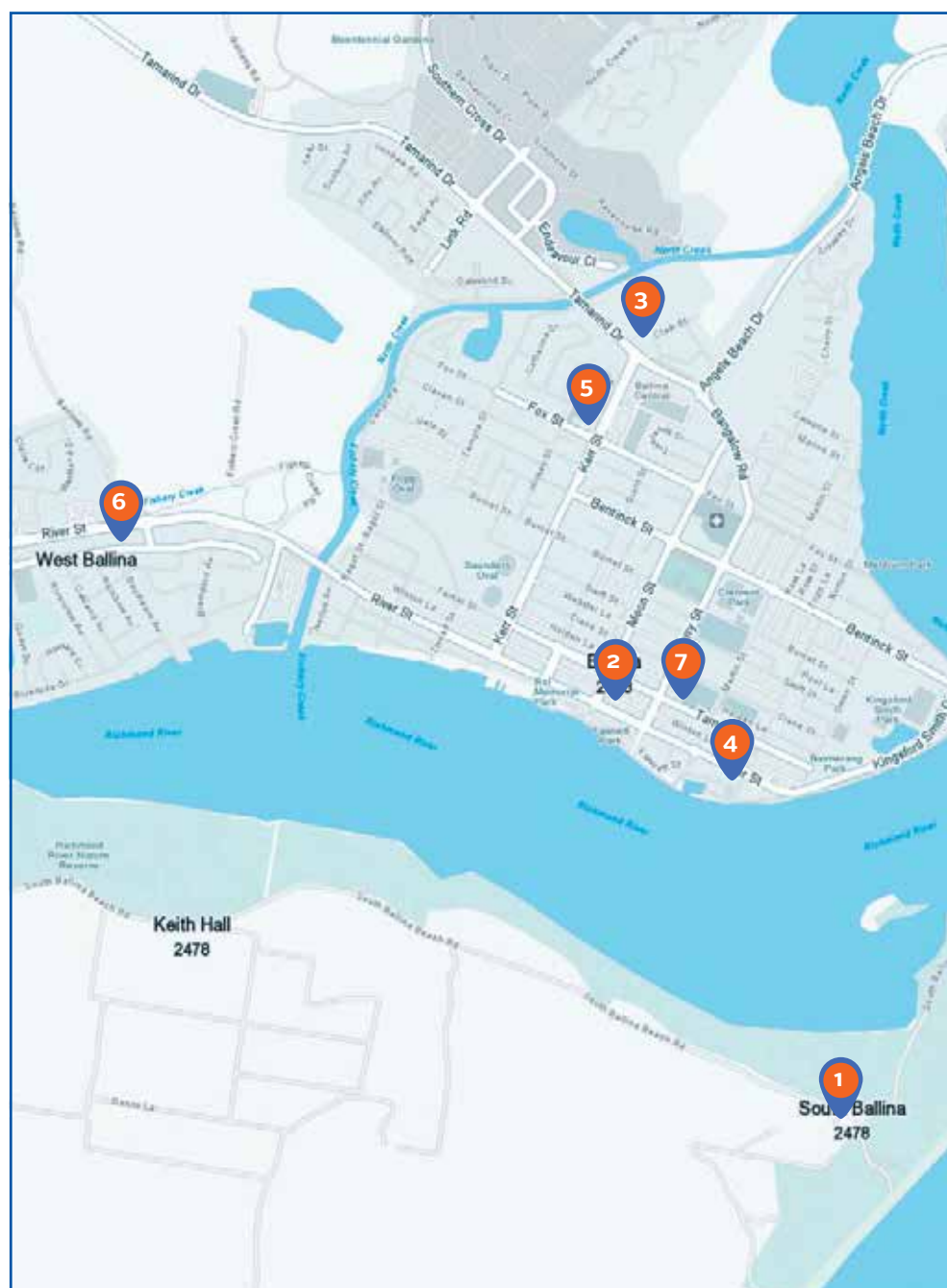
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# How big should the future economy be?

Jason van Tol

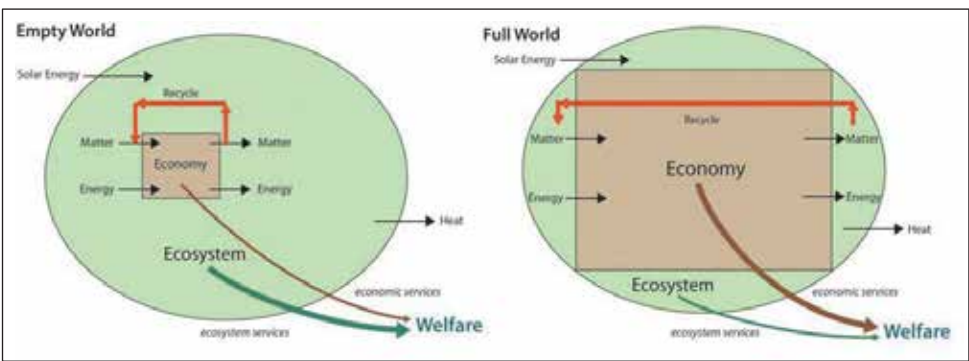
Anyone who has never studied economics would be excused for the common-sense belief that the economy cannot grow forever, but those who have been indoctrinated with an economics education know otherwise.

The standard model of economic growth that they learn is independent of resources, so, they believe, there is no limit to an economy's size. Sound strange?

The key point to toppling this dogma is knowing that the economy is a real thing, requiring real resources to increase the amount of real products and services. Those real resources exist as either matter or energy, and they come from the environment, which can only supply a limited amount for the simple reason that the Earth is finite.

So, despite what economists and the politicians they influence tell us, there is a limit to how much the economy can produce in a given amount of time.

So how big should the economy be? While there is no simple answer,



Source: Daly (2015) - [greattransition.org/publication/economics-for-a-full-world](http://greattransition.org/publication/economics-for-a-full-world)

as a sub-system of an ecosystem, the economy must at least remain within the biophysical limits of its parent ecosystem. Otherwise, just as a parasite kills its host by extracting too many resources, so too will an economy collapse when it draws out too many resources from its host ecosystem, killing both in the process.

To highlight the ecological consequences of a growing economy, consider the above diagram.

## World ecosystem

As shown, the economy grows into ecosystems, degrading their services as it does so.

Ecosystem services are

broadly defined as things that ecosystems do which benefit humans. For example, providing an ozone layer and stable climate, recycling nutrients and breaking down wastes, among many others. They are the fundamental object of sustainability; because if they cease functioning, no society, much less any economy, will survive.

We are now living in what Daly calls a 'full world'; that is, one full of people and all of our stuff.

What do climate change, biodiversity loss, plastics in the ocean, the hole in the ozone layer, and a slew of other ecological aberrations have in common? They are all a result of our growing economy.

## Ecological decline

The series of reports *Australia: State of the Environment*, published every five years, and arguably the most comprehensive account of the state of the Australian environment, identify growth of the human population and the economy (which are closely related) as the prime cause of our ecological decline.

Locally, the Byron Bay bypass is just one example of the conflict between economic growth and ecological sustainability.

Anyone who has spent at least a couple of years in Byron Shire can see that it is growing; both in terms of the number of people living here, and those visiting, as

well as the economic activity conducted here. This growth is endorsed by the NSW state government in its North Coast Regional Plan 2036, and its Growing Local Economies fund has provided close to half the money for the bypass. Of course, the bypass runs through wetlands where a number of threatened species live, including the Mitchell's Rainforest Snail, the Common Planigale, and Black Bittern. This thereby reduces the ecosystem service of providing a habitat for these and other species, since they will not live on or near the bypass, which is probably true for most humans too.

While proving that economic growth will cause catastrophic dysfunction of ecosystem services is probably impossible for one specific case, the precautionary principle suggests that limiting growth for the economy as a whole would be wise.

This is the conclusion of the IPBES (the biodiversity and ecosystem services analogue of the IPCC). In their recent Global Assessment report, they note that about 1 million species are

threatened with extinction, many within decades, and suggest 'steering away from the current limited paradigm of economic growth'.


Yet in Australia, as with all other countries in the world, economic growth is set firmly at the centre of solutions to issues as diverse as poverty, unemployment, and even environmental degradation.

A prudent response to these issues would include a re-evaluation of the growth economy, and replacing it with its counterpart, the steady-state economy.


The steady-state economy is one with a constant, or mildly fluctuating, human population and stock of human-made things. In addition, the levels at which these two quantities are held steady are sufficient for a good life that is sustainable into the future, and the rate of matter and energy flows maintaining them are kept as low as possible.

There is no question that the growth economy must end, it is only a question of how. Those reasonable and caring would like the transition to be smooth, rather than abrupt.

# Time is of the essence...



## The time to speak up, act up and protest is now. We are in a climate crisis!



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We have donated our lending library of approx 40 books to the community through Richmond Tweed Regional Library, and have spent our remaining funds supplying Igbtqiqa+ resources requested by regional primary-school libraries.  
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### PFLAG Northern Rivers thanks all for their support & encouragement over its 21 years.

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The founders, president, & committee of management



# It's time to tap and go – for environmental action on the run

Mandy Nolan

When I was a kid there was no such thing as bottled water. Water lived in the tap. Everyone drank tap. You turned it on, and water came out. It still does apparently. You'd put it in a glass. Or a cup. Or you filled up an empty cordial bottle and bunged it in the fridge. You didn't buy water at the shops.

If someone had told me that the annual revenue in Australia from bottled water in 2019 was going to be in excess of US\$988 million I would have said you were nuts – that's like selling air. If you can get that in a bottle and find a way to get it to market it's probably the next product boom.

## Water for all

How have we allowed corporations to commodify what should be a common and shared resource? Water flows through aquifers, into creeks and rivers... it falls freely from the sky – so how has it become one of the most profitable products on the market?

There's a reason Coca-Cola sells water – it's not because they're into health products, it's because they're into healthy profits. Water is very very lucrative.

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In America alone, every year, more than 38 million water bottles end up in landfill. Photo Shafiu Hussain / flickr.com

Drinking bottled water can cost you around \$346 per year, but if you'd used the same amount from the tap, it would have been 42 cents for the same period. The profit margin on bottled water ranges from 50–200 per cent. A \$2 water bottle costs about 5 cents to make. That leaves a 4,000 per cent mark up.

World wide the bottled water industry generates more than \$13

billion in revenue each year. The estimate to solve the global water crisis is just \$10 billion. That still leaves the greedy corporations a tidy \$3 billion.

**And the bottle...**

Did you know that 90 per cent of the cost of bottled water is the bottle itself? So basically, every time you buy bottled water you're

just paying for the plastic bottle. And 80 per cent of those bottles never get recycled. Most of them go into landfill. In America alone, every year, more than 38 million water bottles end up in landfill.

It takes three litres of water to create one litre of bottled water. It takes 24,000,000 litres of oil to make the billions of bottles. Those bottles which take up to 1,000 years to break down.

I haven't even got started on the ludicrous importing and exporting of bottled water in countries that already have bottled water.

## Dreams in bottle?

So why do we drink bottled water when our water is safe to drink? Marketing. It's not the water we're drinking – it's the marketing. We have somehow been convinced that the water in plastic bottles is better for us than the water from our taps.

Words like 'spring' and 'Fiji' create the expectation that we are purchasing plastic bottles of glorious purity. But did you know that 1/3 of bottle-water samples, when tested, showed some contamination? Contaminants like: benzene, mould, kerosene, tetrahydrofuran, fecal coliform and other bacteria, sanitiser, elevated choline, styrene, algae and glass particles have all been found in bottled water.

Yep glass and shit. I'd be staying away from that natural spring – it sounds more like someone's done their bottling in a pub toilet.

This means bottled water is not purer or safer than tap – quite the opposite. Some bottled water actually is tap water that has been put in a plastic bottle. In fact Aquafina was one brand that was identified as coming from a 'public water source' just like your plain old tap water does. Apparently they give it a little extra filtering!

Far from being healthy, if you store water in plastic bottles for 10 weeks it contains a chemical that can disrupt human hormones. Do you know how long that water you're drinking has been in that plastic bottle?

So if you want to do just one thing for the environment that's quick and easy, and has a massive impact: stop buying water in plastic bottles! It will also save you money. It's time to drain the multinational water-bottling cash springs. Shops could simply sell glass bottles and offer taps for refill everywhere.

## New year's resolution

Here's a new year's resolution we should all make: never buy water in plastic again. You want to be an environmental activist? Then you need to tap and go!

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## Crystals & Dreaming

Kate Messenger is a Crystal Resonance Therapist and Dream Coach, who offers private sessions and group workshops from her healing space in Mullumbimby. Her Crystal Resonance Therapy sessions are powerful journeys of transformation facilitated through a 'laying on of stones' while you are in a relaxed and receptive state. The crystals work together synergistically to create powerful and lasting changes to the energies in your body, and in your life.

Learn how to bring the guidance from your dreams into waking life at Kate's first dream workshop for 2020 – *Understanding the Language of your Dreams*, this Thursday 2 January, 11.15am–1.15pm at the Starlight Festival in Bangalow.

[crystalsanddreaming.com.au](http://crystalsanddreaming.com.au)

## Tuk Tuk Thai at the Byron Bay Golf Club

Tuk Tuk Thai – a family friendly environment and fantastic Thai food. Now open for lunch, from noon to 2.30, with a new lunch menu. Check out their website for menu details. Enjoy a drink on the deck at the Byron Bay Golf Club overlooking the scenic course. And for a limited time, from 5pm, take advantage of their amazing special offer: two main meals for the price of one when you dine in.

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– Richard Maloney, Quality Mind

Kate Messenger is available for private & group sessions, workshops & special events.

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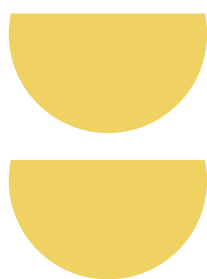
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## Time to Giddy-up!

Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre has a new trail ride available for experienced riders, over creeks, hills, and to a gorgeous waterhole.

For beginners, or those who prefer a gentle ride, they offer a 30 minute lesson followed by a half hour or full hour trail ride at the ranch.

The beach ride along isolated Seven Mile Beach, between Broken Head and Lennox Head, is a favourite with riders and horses and is an unbeatable experience!

Pegasus Park offers great package deals and gift vouchers. Why not stay over?

They have three bedrooms, sleeping up to six people at the ranch and a one-bedroom self-contained cabin is also available. (Children from 2yrs up catered for by appointment only.) All rides include a full safety induction.

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## Sunday Under the Sun

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With the support of Ballina Council and Liquor and Gaming NSW, music events will be held outdoors on the green on the first and third Sunday of every month. Music events will be held indoors on alternate weekends.

Club Lennox is very excited to be able to offer the community a fun and relaxing Sunday afternoon this summer.

Don't get FOMO, come and check out The Salty Turtle Food Truck, Green Beacon Brewery and Stu Black providing the tunes this Sunday!

**10 Stewart Street, Lennox Head**  
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**JANUARY**

# SUNDAY UNDER THE SUN

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| <b>SUNDAY 05/01</b><br><b>3:00 PM</b> THE SALTY TURTLE - FOOD TRUCK<br>GREEN BEACON - BREWERY<br><b>4:00 PM</b> STU BLACK<br>*MUSIC TO BE HOSTED OUTSIDE*              | <b>SUNDAY 12/01</b><br><b>3:00 PM</b> BURGER BAR - FOOD TRUCK<br>PIRATE LIFE - BREWERY<br><b>4:00 PM</b> ANDY PIERCE<br>*MUSIC TO BE HOSTED INSIDE*             |
| <b>SUNDAY 19/01</b><br><b>3:00 PM</b> MOIN MOIN EURO STREET FOOD - FOOD TRUCK<br>STONE & WOOD - BREWERY<br><b>4:00 PM</b> LUKE BELLOWS<br>*MUSIC TO BE HOSTED OUTSIDE* | <b>SUNDAY 26/01</b><br><b>3:00 PM</b> LENNOX SMOKIN BARREL - FOOD TRUCK<br>SEVEN MILE - BREWERY<br><b>4:00 PM</b> ISAAC FRANKHAM<br>*MUSIC TO BE HOSTED INSIDE* |

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## School Holiday Program at Ballina RSL

Relax in air-conditioned comfort this January school holidays while the kids are entertained. The program starts on 7 January from 10.30am with a free screening of The Lion King movie – including crisps and a popper, plus tea and coffee for the parents. Then on Wednesday the 8th, 10.30–midday, Stan's Music Factory will be sharing his old school wood cutting methods and working in pairs, kids will make a fun play guitar; cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

A free disco will be held from 4.30pm–6pm on Friday 10th.

The free reptile and dingo show is visiting on Tuesday 14th from 10.30am.

Craft and cooking is another free activity starting 10.30am on Wednesday 15th.

Byron Bay's Bop It With Bonzo has put together an epic show for the kids – live on Friday 17th. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch.

Free Kids' Bingo is on Wednesday 22nd, eyes down 10.30am.

Last but not least, on Australia Day the Club host a free kids' fishing comp suitable for 4–16 year olds. Stacks of prizes and giveaways.

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### Free Kids Disco

Friday 10 January 4.30pm to 6pm  
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### Free Reptile and Dingo Show

Tuesday 14 January 10.30am to 11.30am

### Free Cooking and Craft

Wednesday 15 January 10.30am to 12pm



### Bop It with Bonzo Show

Friday 17 January 10.30am to 12pm  
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### Free Kids Bingo

Wednesday 22 January from 10am

### Australia Day Free Kids Fishing Comp

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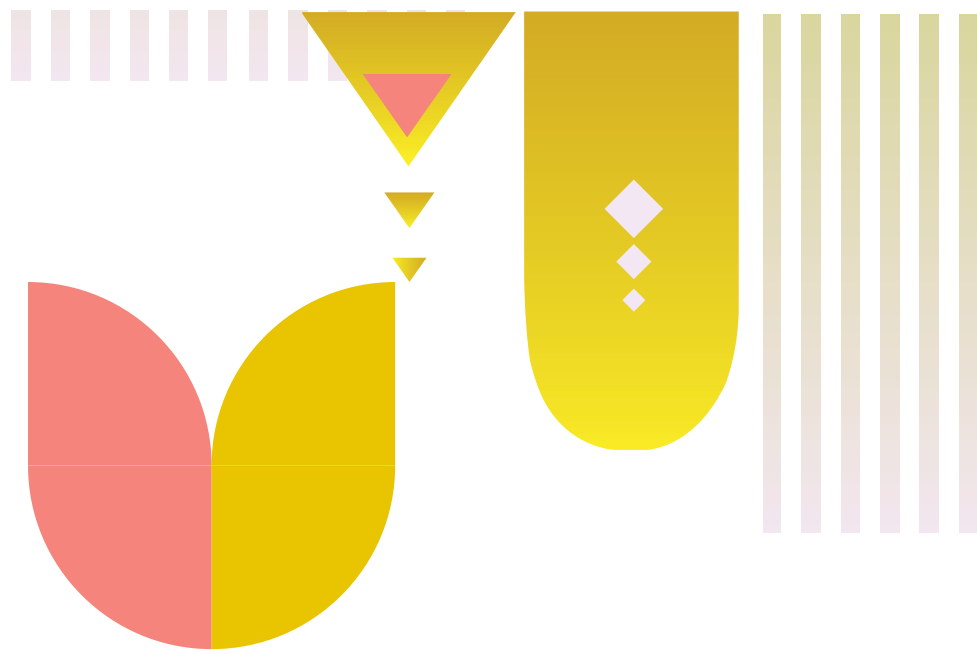


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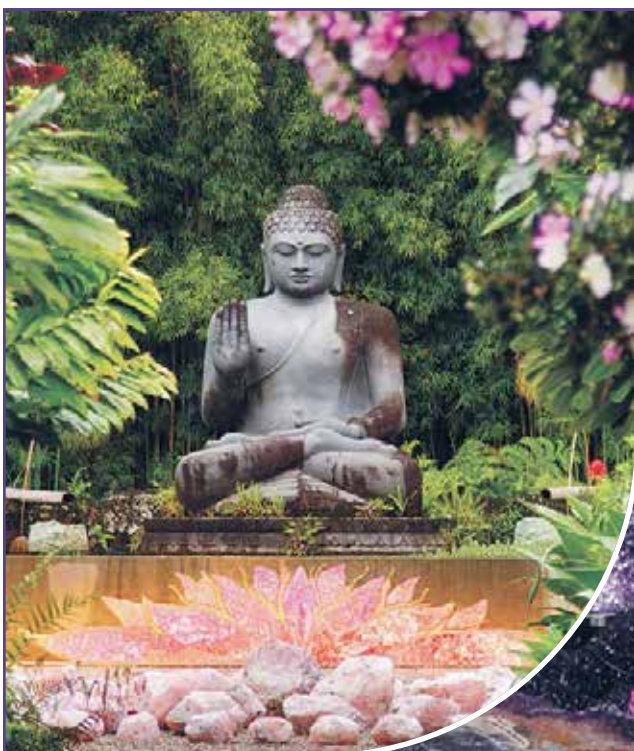
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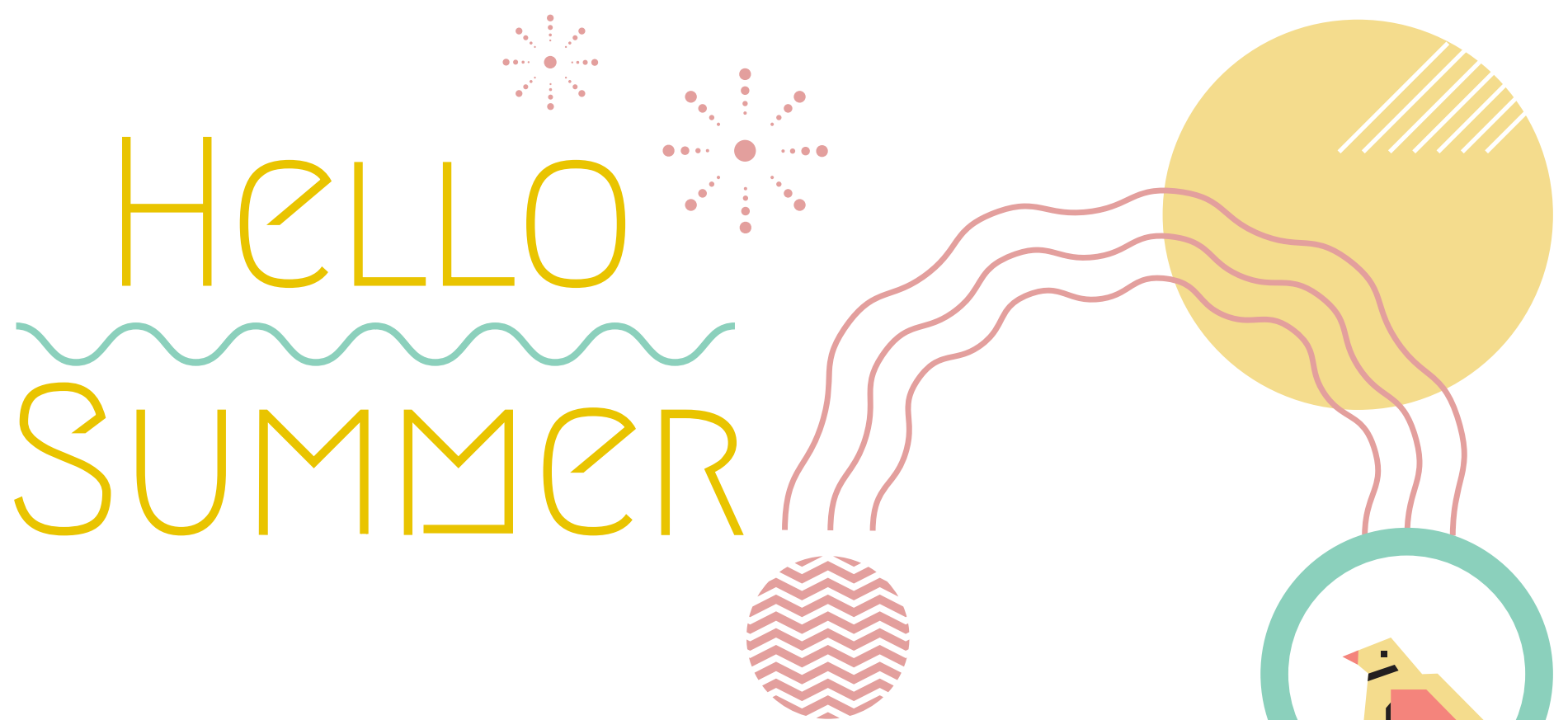
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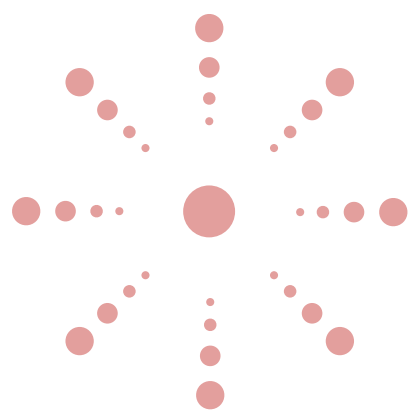
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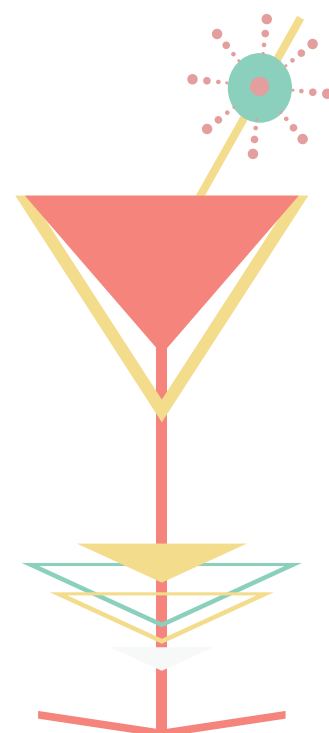
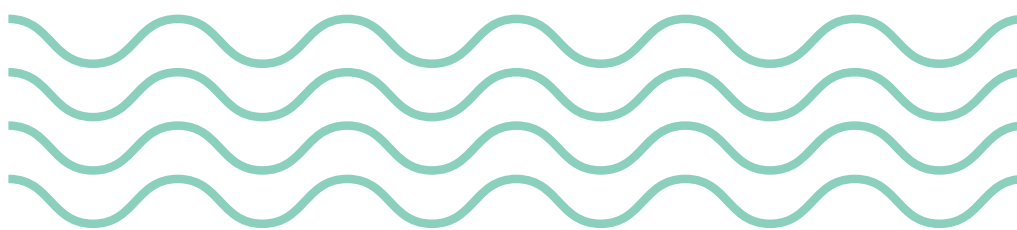


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The Creation Equation is a unique formula for identifying, reprogramming and upgrading out-dated programs. A blend of ancient techniques and cutting-edge energy medicine, The Creation Equation reconnects your innate wisdom and truth, bringing your life into a magnetic flow state.

Knowing yourself, what you desire and how to create it, becomes easier. The Creation Equation offers workshops, training programs and coaching packages. You're invited this week to the Starlight Festival, Bangalow to meet Tess Miller-Sharp, founder of The Creation Equation.

[tessmillersharp.com](http://tessmillersharp.com)

## Summer School Holiday Fun

There are four school holiday workshops operating at the Macadamia Castle.

The Critter Capture Photography Workshop is open to kids from 10 years. They'll learn the fundamentals of photography, how to capture great images of animals, and predict their behaviour.

Use your \$100 NSW Government Creative Kids voucher for this workshop!

For kids 7-11 years, become a 'Wildlife Guardian', with training on animal conservation and caring for our native wildlife. It's hands-on and plenty of fun.

For older kids, 12 years and up, become a 'Keeper for a Day' and go behind the scenes to learn all about Zookeeping from a Senior Keeper.

Creature Keepers is for children with a disability. This program offers a safe experience in small groups designed to build a child's independence, confidence, skills and knowledge of wildlife.

All workshops include lunch and refreshments.

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## The Great Eastern Fly-In

The region's longest running and friendliest community aviation event will be held on 11 and 12 January, at the Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome. The event is a wonderful weekend for aviation enthusiasts, or for those just keen to see something different and have a fun family day out! This year they're celebrating the 80th anniversary of the establishment of RAAF Station, Evans Head 1940–1945. No.1 Bombing and Gunnery School and No.1 Air Observers School. Veterans are very welcome.

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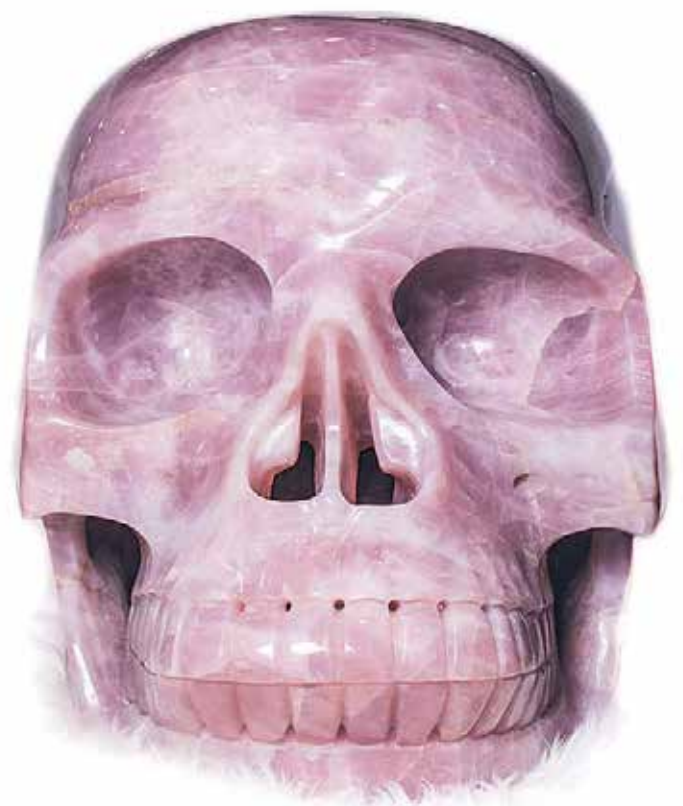
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## Bless the RFS

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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# seven

## NO ANIMALS WERE HARMED BY THESE JOKES: HUGHSIE THE COMEDY VEGAN

Dave Hughes doesn't have to perform stand up. He's probably one of the busiest people in the business – on radio every morning, a TV personality and host of *Hughesy We Have A Problem*, but every year Hughsie still finds the time to create a new comedy show for the festival circuit. He doesn't do stand up because he has to, he does it because he wants to.

'You still have to be able to take risks. I love the thrill of creating a new bit of comedy more now than I ever did. I never want to be not able to find a new bit. Performing stand up comedy is my fun.'

While stand up comedy offers an atmosphere of camaraderie, there is often a feeling of competition between acts – of wishing you'd come up with that joke first or the act before you didn't 'kill it' so hard. Working as the host of TV shows where you want everyone to be as funny as they can has changed the way Dave views himself and the work of others.

'When you are a host you want everyone to be funny. You don't have to be the funniest person in the room. There is no reason you can't be like that every day. I mean if you could find that attitude of approaching life like you are the host, then how much more relaxed would life be! I gave that talk to kids at my wife's school – she's a teacher. Be the host of your own life...' says Dave, who's certainly expert at hosting his own!

The January shows at the Brunswick Picture House see Dave develop some of the ideas he riffed on his breakfast radio spot.

'I write notes down every day and especially doing radio when its based on me mining my own life, and those notes that you write down become like gold. It's not until you take it to stage that it becomes stand up – you work with it and say let's make it into something – I have to write bits every day; what's funny about daily life, doesn't get

less funny – it's just that you don't see it, or you don't notice.' Noticing is essential to the craft of comedy.

So when it comes to mining his life Dave Hughes has a whole new mindset to riff on. You see, Hughsie has just become a vegan.

'I watched Game Changers and it made a lot of sense to me. There are all these people banging on about saving the world, but still eating meat. Albert Einstein said the answer to saving the planet was to eat a plant based diet. People love to protest, but won't do anything.

'In my limited 8 weeks as a vegan I noticed that, as a vegan, you are definitely in the minority. I'm thinking of doing a vegan only show...'

Making your material about who you are today is what keeps Hughes' material fresh.

'Some comedians are doing the same routine from 1997 – might be why you're not working... you can't pretend the 2000 Olympics was last week mate...'

No matter how successful he's become, Dave Hughes still has that down-to-earth larrikin charm that we all fell in love with. Smart, insightful, self-deprecating, Hughsie is definitely the host of his life. Why not be on his show – or at least in the audience?

**He plays Wednesday 15 Jan to Sunday 19 Jan.**  
**Tickets are \$30/35 at brunswickpicturehouse.com**



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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### THE SETTING SON

You'd think that you'd get used to your kids leaving home. But you don't. Every time one of them leaves it's as heartbreaking as it was when the first one went. This time it's my fourth kid. My only boy. This morning I crawled into bed beside him and started crying and told him not to leave me. What a loser. He kindly comforted me and told me I'd be ok. He doesn't know that. But I will be ok. Eventually. I need to throw a few tantrums first though. Eventually this painful letting go thing will pass. I felt his bony 6'4" body next to mine and wondered what happened to that little boy with the bright yellow hair and the crinkled smile. I can't see him. I miss that sweet little boy. The little boy who had to be near me. For the first 12 months of his life he'd only sleep if his body was in proximity to mine. I spent a year just holding him. Then he slept in my bed until he was 7. Apparently it's called attachment parenting. I'm glad it's got a name. I thought it was the kind of lazy parenting I did because I could never set boundaries with my children. I breastfed them for so long that when I did it in public people looked away in disbelief. Eleven's not too old is it?

It doesn't feel that long ago. I can still remember him clinging to my leg. Insisting I pick him up and carry him. I'm really crying now. I'm morose this morning. I'm crying because I don't want to let him go. I feel like he belongs to me. I made him. He can't go. It's why mothers can be so toxic. Especially mothers of sons. It's hard to lose this sense of authorship over my kids. They're books I may have attempted to edit, but I didn't write their stories. I sure tried to though.

But every story I wrote for them they'd erase and write their own. And now my son is up to the part where you don't need your mother anymore. The bit where the mother stands at the door and waves goodbye to the boy she made in her body. I remind him how big he was. Five kilos. The biggest birthweight baby they'd had in Randwick Royal Women's in the year he was born. It was like landing a prize fish. Everyone wanted to see the big baby and the champion mother who'd birthed him in just over an hour. He was overdue by ten days. Back then *he* didn't want to leave *me*. He was induced. Then finally, when he did leave, it was quick and it was violent.

Like today. He was going to have a gap year – a year at home with me, working and then travelling. Like the overdue baby, he was going to kickback in the womb. Mentally I hadn't started the letting go process because he wasn't going anywhere just yet. But his plans suddenly changed, and he's going to Melbourne Uni which means moving to Melbourne. Apparently.

It's like the violent induction all over again. He's leaving in the next week. On Christmas Day he sorted his clothes. He cleaned out his cupboards. I'd been asking him to do that for years. Now I don't want him to. I want to take everything that doesn't fit him – the stuff that belongs to the boy he was and shove it back in his cupboard. The soccer clothes he's outgrown, his school uniform, the dumb skater boy T-shirts. I wanted to make myself a nest from his discarded items and lie in it. Breathe in the boy that is no more. I'm not ready to put that boy in the Vinnies bin.

But that boy is gone. This boy is leaving me. On Boxing Day he sold his car. He's ready. He's excited about the next chapter of his life. I am too, I just wanted that extra year with him. This is what we work towards – creating independent young people ready to take on the world. He's hard working, focused, creative and kind. He is a really nice person. He's talented. He has great friendships. He is confident. He's going to be ok. So I close the fourth door on that part of being a mother. Of reading him bedtime stories, of clipping him into his seat belt, of kissing his forehead goodnight. He'll be back on holidays. A voice on the phone. A friend on Facebook. My Charlie. My glorious Charlie. Oh god, I'm going to miss him. Hey, I just thought of something – can I come too?

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Live



### CLAIRE TURNS HER BROKEN HEART INTO ART

Research says that the arts are good for our mental health, but what does an artist do when they no longer find joy in their chosen field? Three years ago, local artist **Claire Atkins** signed up for her first music lesson as a form of therapy to recover from a broken heart.

'I was dealing with a whole bunch of grief. My dad and two close friends died suddenly and in quick succession, and it paralysed me, creatively speaking.

'Music kept suggesting itself, which was strange because I couldn't play an instrument! I was quietly terrified by that, and so I started small with the uke,' she said.

According to Claire, weekly ukulele lessons resuscitated her creativity, and unexpectedly inspired her to write and record her soon-to-be-released debut EP.

Under the tutelage of local singer-songwriter **Kathryn Jones**, Claire learnt to play the ukulele, and within 12 months was writing and performing her own songs. In 2019, with her teacher's encouragement, she sent her songs to producer and sound engineer **Paul Pilsneniks**, renowned for recording artists Angus & Julia Stone, Powderfinger and Silverchair.

'Hearing Claire's demos I felt that these beautiful tunes would really shine with some additional instrumentation and production, so we brought together some amazing local players to guest on her songs.

'What we ended up with is her stunning debut EP *Eternal Return*. Any music-listening aficionado should keep an ear out for this body of work in early 2020,' Paul said.

The album's title track was inspired by Nietzsche's philosophy of eternal return that proposes the universe and everything within it has been recurring and will continue to recur in the same pattern infinitely. Claire says reliving heartbreak is not an attractive prospect, but she's also confident of music's power to transform hardship into something unexpected and beautiful.

'In a strange way, I'm grateful for life's challenging times, and if it wasn't for them, I may never have strummed a chord or written a lyric. That difficult period drove me to music and it saved me. And it's my best work,' she said.

Claire's unique vocal style has been likened to Natalie Merchant and Julia Stone, and her story-driven songs played on ukulele are supported by a stunning line-up of guest artists including John Hoffman, Martha Baartz, and Angie Hudson.

Limited edition CD's are available now from [eternalreturn.com.au](http://eternalreturn.com.au) and in local music stores.

### ALLAH-LAS

California's shimmering psych-folk melody-makers **Allah-Las** have unveiled their full run of Australian tour dates for 2020, following from the October announcement of their slot on Brisbane's impressive Nine Lives Festival. This time around, Allah-Las will be touring their acclaimed fourth LP, *LAHS*, released October 2019 via Mexican Summer. Widely noted as the band's most thoughtful and evolved work to date, *LAHS* conjures the luscious allure of a breezy Los Angeles summer with an irresistible slice of surreal psychedelic meanderings, which unfolds into a sound so palpable you can virtually taste the salt water on your tongue.

**Friday 28 February at the Byron Brewery. Tickets from [www.byronbaybrewery.com.au](http://www.byronbaybrewery.com.au)**

### COSMIC CURIOSITY

Catch the original party-with-a-conscience in the best-sounding shed on a soul-soaring Saturday night.

**Curious – Cosmic Osmosis** will be held on **11 January**. Featuring DJs **Phil Perry** (Full Circle UK) **Lux Velada**, **Dale Stephen** and **Lord Sut** with **She J** from Tijuana Cartel live on percussion.

**Tickets are on sale now: \$15 early bird, \$20 general and \$25 late release. Tix at [cunningstunts.com.au](http://cunningstunts.com.au)**



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**Spaces are limited and should be reserved through the facebook event or by contacting 0401 432 892. Entry is by a \$25 donation at the door and delicious chai tea will be provided. For more info, music and trailer go to [www.chaikaband.com](http://www.chaikaband.com) and [www.facebook/chaikaband](http://www.facebook/chaikaband). Sunday, 7pm.**

## STAINED DAISIES

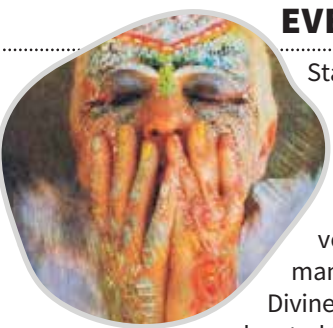
Following several singles and two EP releases, **The Stained Daisies** have finally recorded their first full length album. The tracks were laid in their very own warehouse in Brunswick, Melbourne, and The Stained Daisies are dropping the first single from it early in 2020.

Titled *Sit Long in The Silence*, this track is a lengthier, slow burner compared to their previous three or four singles. It is a song that began as an exercise in imagining and reflecting on self-doubt.

'This one acknowledges the necessity to beat the self-doubting self into submission,' says **Daniel Tuite** of The Stained Daisies.

The band are primed for a busy 2020 with an east coast tour already booked in January to promote the new single, a residency locked-in for every Sunday in March at The Tote Hotel in Melbourne, and an album tour in the works for mid year.

**They're playing at the Hotel Great Northern on Friday.**



## EVENSONG – SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Start the year with an enchanted sacred sound journey in the gorgeous little church at **Jasper Corner** in **Federal** with **Carmella Baynie**, **Yantra De Vilder**, **Konrad Ball** and **Blair Greenberg** on **Saturday**.

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## KINGSCLIFF GROWLERS

**The Growlers** return to our golden coast this summer for what will be their biggest ever run of Australian and New Zealand shows. The fourteen-date tour, which celebrates the release of the band's sixth studio album *Natural Affair* is destined to be a travelling circus of mayhem and madness.

The Growlers bring to the stage a critique of the artifice of social media with a slinky beat and a synthetic, G-funk soundscape. 'I've avoided social media all my life,' says singer **Brooks Nielsen**, who – despite his massive popularity on Instagram – doesn't have any personal social media accounts. 'It doesn't look attractive, it doesn't make people happy, but they're in some weird purgatory where they're just stuck in their phones all the time.'

**The Growlers play Kingscliff Beach Hotel on Saturday.**  
**Tix from [lovepolice.com.au/the-growlers-2020](http://lovepolice.com.au/the-growlers-2020)**

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## LAZY SUNDAY FREE FAMILY SHOW DAY

Yet again, **Kathryn Jones** throws a twist on your *Lazy Sundays*.

Join Kathryn and her band at the Ocean Shores Country Club this Sunday on the back deck as she plays host to multi award-winning children's act **The Curly Cousins**, whilst adding the sheer pleasure and uniqueness of patting an alpaca, courtesy of Erwin Alpacas.

The Curly Cousins present family friendly, fun filled children's music, capturing the imagination of everyone who is young at heart! Sunshine, Coco and Miss B delight and inspire audiences with their trademark harmonies, humour, multi-instrumental talents and playful audience interactions. Drawing on traditions from calypso through to country, The Curly Cousins deliver uplifting arrangements of classic songs and originals that celebrate a love of the outdoors, and explore friendships, feelings and fun through theatrical interplay.

**Kick off at 1pm with Kath, Curly Cousins 2pm (50 min show) and alpaca patting throughout. If you want to eat at the club's Thai restaurant, Spice it Up, bookings are recommended. Call 6626 7700.**

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## Culture

## THE BLISS OF BREATH

**Christabel Zamor** is an expert educator and a pioneer in ecstatic breath and movement. She has been leading teacher trainings in various modalities for over 20 years, is the founder of Breath of Bliss Academy, and has led breathwork groups with up to 500 people. She is a Clarity Breathwork Practitioner, a Certified Life Coach by the Coaches Training Institute and has Hendricks Institute coach training in Conscious Loving. She holds two master's degrees: one in Depth Psychology and Mythology from the Pacifica Graduate Institute, and a second in Anthropology from the University of California. She is also a Global Coherence Initiative Ambassador of the Heart Math Institute. Christabel has studied with and received initiations by shamans in the Sacred Valley of Peru. She also has Earth Priestess Mastery Training to facilitate Shakti Embodiment and Tantrika Arts. She has integrated all of these teachings into Breath of Bliss.

#### What is ecstatic breath?

Breath of Bliss is an angelic ceremonial breathwork practice where we do movement, heart shares and an hour-long guided breathwork practice with music, connecting the inhale and exhale without pauses through an open mouth. When we connect the breath in this way for sustained periods of time it can release dimethyltryptamine from the pineal and pituitary glands, leading to ecstatic states of expanded consciousness. These states can include deep emotional feeling and release, remembering memories from this or past lives, downloading creative visions, experiencing an all-pervading sense of oneness and communion with angels, non-physical guides and the Divine.

#### How does the regular practice transform someone's wellbeing?

I did a brain mapping study of Breath of Bliss at Zen Brain in Ubud, where we tested the impact on three subjects of 10 consecutive days using my *I Am Passion* downloadable guided breathwork journey. Here is the science of what was found – over the 10 days there was a significant reduction in symptoms of: chronic fatigue, anxiousness, worry, depression and low libido. And an increase in: happiness and joy, ecstasy, emotional openness, connection to source, creativity, inner child healing, pleasure, flow states, heart opening and deeper sleep.

#### How have you seen it change someone's life? Or even your own life?

I've seen people transform from being insecure with low self-esteem and suicidal thoughts, to being confident, self-loving and focused on showing up to serve others (instead of chronically self-attacking).

I've seen standoffish skeptics brought to sobbing tears of vulnerability and deep presence.

I've seen emotionally disconnected, type-A, guarded and judgemental participants melt into soft openness, gentle smiles and open heartedness.

I've seen those suffering from all the stories their mind is weaving about them literally wake up out of the trance of thinking and drop deep into their hearts.

I have seen atheists become believers in angels, spirit guides and the Creator.

In my own life, breathwork has helped me wake up from chronic self-abandonment and staying in a marriage which no longer had any shared values, to feeling more love than I ever imagined possible and liberating myself to create the life of my dreams, living on exotic tropical islands.

#### What is the deep foundation of your work?

The foundational philosophy of Breath of Bliss is that you are an angel on Earth here to share your love with humanity. You are a divine sovereign being. You are good, you are pure and you are free. Breath is plant medicine that can help you remember that.

#### How have your early studies of anthropology informed your work?

Traveling the world to study mystical wisdom traditions helped me step away from academia actually, and helped me realise I could self-source the spiritual insights I had been seeking from outside me – through the body.

#### Tell me about HoopGirl?

For 12 years I was obsessed with an extreme sport called hoopdance. I created something of an empire selling over 10,00 handmade hoops, producing five instructional DVDs, publishing a mass media book, performing all over the world and training performers and over 700 teachers in my own three part training curriculum. My passion for ecstatic dance and embodiment lives on in Breath of Bliss in the ecstatic dance portion of each ceremony.

#### What are you doing at Starlight?

I'm thrilled to be sharing two Breath of Bliss angelic ceremonies at Starlight on January 4 and 5 where we will dive deep into activating our angelic DNA with connected breath, movement and sound. Every ceremony is different – and in these two I will be supporting participants in anchoring a vision of how they can become bridges between heaven and Earth in 2020.

For those who can't attend Starlight, you can download my guided psychedelic breath journeys *I Am Passion* (recorded live at Byron Spirit Festival), *I Am Love* (recorded in Byron Bay), and *I Am Light* or *I Am Bliss* (both recorded in Bali).

**Christabel is just one of the presenters you can catch at the Starlight Festival of Healing at the Bangalow A&I Hall Thursday-Sunday. Tickets at the door or online from [starlightfestival.com.au](http://starlightfestival.com.au)**



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## FROM LAWYER TO LAUGHTER

Former lawyer **Chris Radburn** is an Aussie comedian who has earned a reputation for clever and cheeky observations that are relatable, original and hilarious. Chris has appeared as a comedian on over 15 TV shows including The Footy Show, NBC's Last Comic Standing, CNN International, Stand up Australia, Thursday Night Live, Getaway, Joker Poker, and the Sydney Comedy Festival Gala. Chris has also performed in America, Malaysia, the Solomon Islands, Egypt, Dubai and New Zealand.

Chris is one of Australia's best comedians for corporate and private events. Whether it's a 21st birthday, sports club fundraiser, product launch, Hen night or a Black Tie Ball, his ability to tailor his material for specific events and clients has made him a sought after corporate comedian, and the perfect choice for your next event. Chris has over ten years' experience performing for corporate clients, including Casella Wines, Nivea, Aristocrat, British American Tobacco, Australian Forces Entertainment, Sydney Roosters and Harvey Norman, to name just a few.

**A regular on the comedy circuit and an all round funny guy, Chris Radburn headlines Ocean Shores Country Club on Tuesday 7 January at 7pm, with Craig Quartermaine as support and Mandy Nolan as MC. Free event.**

## HELLO SUNSHINE

The Brunswick Picture House is storming into 2020 with an almighty bang, presenting their biggest program yet with 41 shows scheduled for January. The Picture House continues to bring you the best in the business, with comedic royalty coming to Bruns over January: **Peter Helliar, Kitty Flanagan, Judith Lucy, Frank Woodley** and **Dave Hughes**.

Add to this, plenty of family fun events with Picture House favourite **Talking Dogs**. A comedy variety show with a real difference for kids aged 4-11. Where else can you see two talking dogs and one world-class juggling human? Starring **Erik the dog, Allen the dog** and **Joel Salom** returning to the stage on **January 3-5**.

Also, **Imaginitis** starring local **Shorty Brown**, also **Space Cowboy** returning by popular demand and from the team behind the smash hit **Cheeky**, comes **Circus Bonanza**... for ages 3-103.

Continuing with a diverse program of entertainment we have our summer edition of **Cheeky, live music** and two new Picture House presents events...

**Turn it Up Tuesday's** - a shameless dance party with guest DJ's and **Bruns Does Burlesque**.

Another Picture House favourite returns with **Velma Celli's Me and My Diva's**. We round out the month with the sex education you never received at school, but probably should have... **Pussy Play Masterclass** and **Wank Bank Masterclass**.

**Don't miss a moment of summer at the Picture House. For further details and tickets check out brunswickpicturehouse.com.**



## DR DOLITTLE

**Ballina Players Youth Production for 2020, Dr Dolittle Junior**, is a real family affair for the **Lodge family**. Mother, **Kristen**, is the choreographer, son **Declan** plays the title role, and daughter **Elisha** plays the feisty Emma Fairfax. All three have appeared previously on the Players' stage in the last few years, Kristen having played Buttercup in 2018's *HMS Pinafore*, but these are the first principal roles for Declan and Elisha.

The Youth Productions are a great training ground for up and coming talent, and Ballina Players is proud of the talent that has been nurtured in this way since 2006 when they produced *Worzel Gummidge*. Since then they have performed *Grease*, *High School Musical*, *Little Mermaid* and, most recently in 2019, *Beauty & The Beast*. Director **Peter Harding** and Musical Director **Karen Goodsell** are delighted with the opportunity to work with mainly 8-15 year-olds.

Emma Fairfax is the niece of the local magistrate General Bellows, who, after a sour confrontation with Dr Dolittle, accuses him of animal theft and tries to have him committed to an asylum on the grounds of insanity. But, after a search for the Great Sea Snail, Emma discovers Dolittle's intelligence and kindness, and convinces the corrupt uncle Bellows in *The Voice Of Protest* to reconsider and find him innocent.

**Dr Dolittle Junior runs Friday 10 January to Sunday 19 January for 8 performances. Wednesday-Friday performances are at 7pm, while weekend shows are at 2pm. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$15/child (16 years and under), and family tickets (two adults and two children) are \$70. Tix available from Just Funkin Music store, Ballina - by cash or card (\$2 booking fee), 6686 2440, or www.ballinaplayers.com.au by credit card (no fee).**

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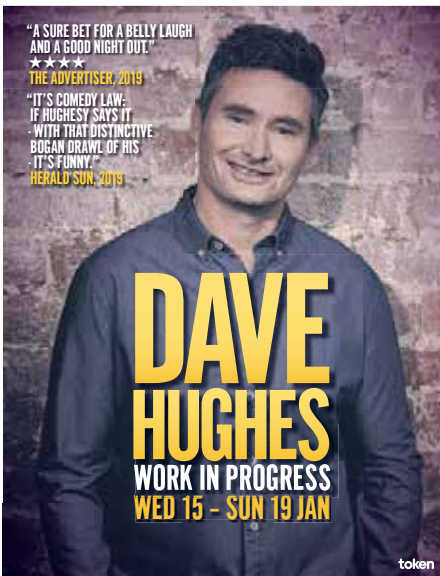


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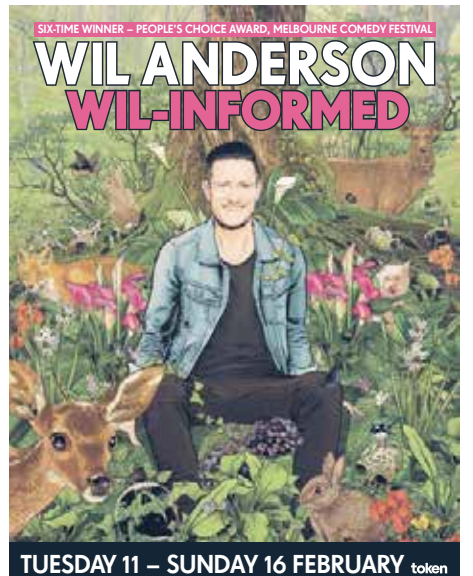
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## WITH AUSTEN, THE JOKE'S ON US

Every January, **Austen Tayshus**, the legendary white pointer of Australian comedy makes his way to Byron Bay. It's his favourite show of the year. 'It's a smart crowd' he says. And he's right. Not everyone is going to 'get' a Tayshus show. But Byron, he reckons, does. And that, he believes, is the point. Austen likes to make people think. Push them to the brink of their comfort zones. And sometimes – way over the edge.



It's why he's such a fierce figure in the Aussie comedy scene; a scene where many comics and promoters are terrified of him. Austen, aka **Sandy Gutman** doesn't play safe. He doesn't suck up to venue owners. And he certainly doesn't stroke the ego of other performers or promoters. In a landscape where comedy tends to lose its edge because of the corporate need to be mainstream and to be commercially successful, Austen Tayshus still doesn't give a rat's. He is a lone wolf. Smarter, funnier, and more experienced than anyone else in Aussie comedy. But be warned. He's also a lot more dangerous. A Tayshus show is not for the faint-hearted!

There are few comics with the tenacity and killer instinct of Austen Tayshus. The comedy superstar who first came into being in 1981 has the ability to take a room hostage just with his tongue. He's the closest thing the Australian Comedy scene has to its very own Bill Hicks. Topical, dangerous, irreverent – he's the high priest of satire; unflappable and relentless. Every Austen show is unique. He has the ability to weave current politics, what's happening in the room, philosophy, anthropology, religion, sport, and let's not forget the Pope, into one gag.

Tayshus is a man of controversy. There is no subject he won't dissect. Uncomfortable, confronting, but always illuminating, an Austen Tayshus show is both comic and cleansing. He doesn't need you to like him. In fact he'd probably prefer if you didn't. He is joined by **Mandy Nolan** for a whirlwind 2020 tour.

**Monday at the Byron Services Club, and Wednesday at The Regent Theatre, Murwillumbah. Thursday 9 Jan at Evans Head RSL, Friday 10 Jan at The Saraton Theatre, Grafton, and Sunday 12 Jan at Lennox Bowlo. All Tickets \$30 and available at [www.mandynolan.com.au](http://www.mandynolan.com.au) or at the door.**

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**THE TRUTH (PG) NFT**  
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**CATS (CTC) NFT**  
Daily: 10:30AM, 4:00, 6:20, 8:45PM

**FORD V. FERRARI (M)**  
Daily: 1:00PM

**FROZEN 2 (PG)**  
Daily: 9:30AM, 1:45, 6:30PM

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Daily: 1:30, 3:50, 8:45PM

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Daily: 4:00PM

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Daily: 10:30AM, 6:00PM

**SORRY WE MISSED YOU (MA15+)**  
Daily: 3:50, 9:00PM

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG)**  
Daily: 9:20AM

**THE GOOD LIAR (MA15+)**  
Daily: 11:30AM



## THE GENTLEMEN

From writer/director Guy Ritchie comes *The Gentlemen*, a thrilling and sophisticated action comedy. *The Gentlemen* follows American ex-pat Mickey Pearson (Matthew McConaughey) who has built a highly profitable marijuana empire in London. When word hits the street that Pearson wants to get out of the business, the wolves come out – with elaborate schemes, bribery and blackmail, in an attempt to steal his fortune

out from under him. Featuring an all-star cast, including Charlie Hunnam, Henry Golding, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong, Eddie Marsan, Colin Farrell, and Hugh Grant. Initial reviews have been mixed, with the film getting 78% on Rotten Tomatoes, 3/5 from Empire and only 2/5 from 2/5. Its release is timely, hitting cinemas in Australia on 1 January. *The Gentlemen* would no doubt be a thrilling way to start the new year.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## STARS BY LILITH



The new decade kicks into gear with powerful planetary synchronicities calling for toughness, tenderness and tenacity – and taking the whole year to play out...

♈ **ARIES:** With generous Jupiter in Aries' sector of worldly success, your ambitious plans are likely to manifest into concrete reality more easily than in recent years, so set one or two primary goals and stick with those. This year needs grown-up strategies, making maturity your operative word. Too boring? Then how about ripening...

♉ **TAURUS:** Your ideas about life purpose and the bigger picture are undergoing a profound metamorphosis as January's once-in-a-lifetime celestial choreography has you questioning whether cherished beliefs remain relevant in the face of current realities. This year, the solar system's shock absorber Jupiter affords a fortunate buffer for the transformation dance of Uranus in your sign.

♊ **GEMINI:** January's gang of planets doing a major makeover of your joint ventures and shared resources might not be entirely comfortable, but the gifts this year brings are a wakeup call to savvy money management and renewed confidence in long-term rewards. If you think discipline is a dirty word, then investigate ways of making it an aphrodisiac.

♋ **CANCER:** While free-spirited Jupiter urges an adventurous year, sensible Saturn and edgy Pluto keep it real. The large, lucky planet in your zodiac house of pairing and togetherness sprinkles growth powder on all levels of partnerships – activating relationship repairs and improving communications with nearest, and dearest, even those most difficult or estranged.

♌ **LEO:** January's potent planetary energy in your sector of self-care is likely to require all of your Leo superpowers directing quality attention towards you, your life and surroundings. Think massive rejig: a paring down to the essentials of only what serves your highest purpose, of that which reignites your personal pilot light and returns you to joy.

♍ **VIRGO:** Give your perfectionista persona this week off. January's potentially dramatic dynamics won't benefit from a glass-half-empty perspective, so be a silver lining finder instead. With a five-planet bonanza in your house of creative brilliance, remind others by example that modern love includes the earth, its creatures and all its living systems.

♎ **LIBRA:** January's astral emphasis in your foundational base of emotional security and ancestry – your roots –could expand your clan or extended family. As this year rearranges Libra's domestic picture either by changes in family dynamics or living arrangements, or the nuts and bolts of upgrading, downsizing, moving, buying or selling, home is your hot spot for 2020.

♏ **SCORPIO:** While this week has its challenges on the world stage, how you respond is your choice, but you'll be chuffed to know that energetic Mars in Scorpio's zodiac house of values, cash flow and income has your back. And whether your words are warm, witty, wise or wild, the power of language will be paramount this year.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Your celestial mentor Jupiter joining the posse of power planets in Sagittarians' house of hard work and payoffs doesn't happen often, so don't let its potential slide by. While patience and restraint aren't your favorite flavors, this year needs discipline and methodical routines: meaning smart Archers will stop yawning and start cultivating consistency.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto rarely gather together in Capricorn, and this trio doesn't muck about: Pluto prunes and Saturn rebuilds while Jupiter makes the most of this epic opportunity. As January brings tests, remember Capricorn Martin Luther King's words, 'Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.'

♒ **AQUARIUS:** A phase of life is coming to an end, no denying that. During this transitional year, the word that springs to mind is *coddiwomple*: defined as travelling purposefully toward an unknown destination, while open to limitless possibilities. As buoyant Jupiter illuminates the bright side of change, turn your attention to the potential benefits ahead.

♓ **PISCES:** The trio of planets in your sector of tech-oriented friendships and online communities make this a primo networking year for Pisceans. Jupiter, who only passes this way every dozen or so years, opens doors and opportunities through group associations and organisations. Not a year to disappear, or watch Netflix solo, so invite the crowd around.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE & GUESTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES**, 8PM **MY HAPPY PLACE**
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- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 1PM **2020 VISION NYD**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **PETE MURRAY**

## THURSDAY 2

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **S.Y.L.K**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MUSOS NEW YEAR JAM**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY, **OZZ**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **JOSH HAMILTON**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 5.30PM **IRISH MUSIC JAM**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM **NIK PHILLIPS**, 8PM **THE BLACK SORROWS**

## FRIDAY 3

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE STAINED DAISIES, ECHOWAVE, LENS & JACUZZI**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GOODRICH**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DAN CLARK DUO**, 9PM **LA BOUM**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY, **DOLPHIN FRIENDLY AND GUESTS**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **SALT AND STEEL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **TALKING DOGS**, 7PM **PETER HELLAR - WORK IN PROGRESS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **JON DIXON**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **LIVING IN THE 70S** BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **THOR PHILLIPS**, 7PM **RAKU ONE O'GAIA**, LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BLACK SORROWS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADY**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **LINDA STREET**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **MAGNETIC FORCE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **BRETT HEALY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BAG RAIDERS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 11AM **NICKLEBY THE MAGICIAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 5PM **BACK TRACKIN'**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **RUSSELL MORRIS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **TIM CARTER**, 5PM **MIKEY EDWARDS**, 9.30PM **GET CARTER**

## SATURDAY 4

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE MOVING STILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JIMMY WILLING**



- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **CASSAIN DJ SET**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 8PM **FRIENDLY FIRES**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **DOGMA**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM AND 1PM **TALKING DOGS**, 7PM **PETER HELLAR - WORK IN PROGRESS**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 6.30PM **MATT ARMATIGE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **DENNIS WILSON**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **ROCKHOUNDS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **FABIAN**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BIG BAD**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS **CHRIS BENT**
- ROWAN ROBINSON PARK, KINGSCLIFF, 3PM **OLLIE TWOHILL**, 4.15PM **FAVOURITE SON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **THE GROWLERS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **KATIE WHO**, 7PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**

- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVIEW**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEVE RUDKIN**, 8PM **GANGGAJANG WITH SPECIAL GUESTS**, 9.30PM **SUNSET CITY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **GREGG PETERSON**

## SUNDAY 5

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SILK 'N' OAK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**, 8PM **SNEAKY SOUND SYSTEM**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY, **DOS LUNA**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS - JEZZA J & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JACK CASEY**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, **STARLIGHT FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **TALKING DOGS**, 3PM **CATHERINE MACLELLAN**, 7PM **PETER HELLAR - WORK IN PROGRESS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **KATHRYN JONES AND FRIENDS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**

## TUESDAY 7

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **DU' EAST**, 10PM **DJ REFLEX**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **TURN IT UP TUESDAYS - DANCE PARTY**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **COUNTRY CLUB COMEDY - CHRIS RADBURN + CRAIG QUARTERMAINE - MC MANDY NOLAN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- CLUB LENNOX 5.30PM **KIDS DISCO - PRE-SCHOOL**, 6PM **KIDS DISCO - PRE-TEENS**

- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **STU BLACK**
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 5PM **MARIO HOWL & MOAN RECORDS DJ SET**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM **PIANO BAR - BRIAN PAMPHILON**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **PHIL & TILLY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 4PM **RAKU ONE O'GAIA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS **DAN HANNAFORD**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 2.30PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 3PM **JET CLUB EFFECT**

## MONDAY 6

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **4'20 SOUND REGGAE NIGHT**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB **AUSTEN TAYSHUS & MANDY NOLAN'S VERY FUNNY 2020 VISION**
- CLUB BYRON 6PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **KITTY FLANAGAN: NEW MATERIAL WORKSHOP SHOW**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **DAVE BARRY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **AGENT 77**

## WEDNESDAY 8

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JEREMIAH JOHNSON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MAKE IT RAIN BENEFIT NIGHT**
- CLUB BYRON 6PM **ANDY PIERCE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **OLI WRIGHT (DJ SET)**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **JUDITH LUCY VS MEN**, 8PM **FRANK WOODLEY - WORK IN PROGRESS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, **AUSTEN TAYSHUS & MANDY NOLAN'S VERY FUNNY 2020 VISION**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KIDS DISCO**

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## Byron is a Bucha leader

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.



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Located in Byron’s Arts & Industry hub, alongside the likes of hip brands Spell, Creature Yoga, All Press Coffee and Rowie, The Bucha Shed has been producing top quality kombucha for sale across Australia over 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.

‘We’re excited about giving people the opportunity to see what our Bucha and Dirty Bucha is all about,’ says Tansley, a Byron Shire local. ‘We want people to touch, taste and take part in the brewing process, have some fun and enjoy a few tasting paddles.’

Produced in partnership with Stone & Wood brewers, The Bucha Shed tap-list will include:

- Dirty Bucha: Botanical Gin & Lemon Myrtle Kombucha, Premium Vodka & Tropical Kombucha
- Bucha of Byron Kombucha: Original, Lemon Myrtle, Ginger and Tropical
- Sneaky Bucha: Beer & Kombucha
- Ongoing innovative and experimental flavours

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

If you can’t get to the Bucha Shed in Byron, the Dirty Bucha is



now available nationally in BWS stores, and The Bucha of Byron is available nationally in 7-Eleven stores.

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**12pm–5pm (Fridays & Saturdays) and on request.**  
**[www.dirtybucha.com.au](http://www.dirtybucha.com.au) + [www.thebuchaofbyron.com.au](http://www.thebuchaofbyron.com.au)**  
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Drink Easy Award Winner: Best Other Fermented Alcoholic Drinks

## Woods: cool Bangalow café

Woods is a vegetarian and plant-based cafe located just off the main street in Bangalow’s Arts Precinct. Owners Josh and Casey Cordoba bought the café in April 2019 after returning to Australia from living abroad in London and Bali.

In an effort to reconnect with nature’s cycles and the passing of time, their menu has been thoughtfully curated, oozing with sensitivity for

seasonal eating in an effort to become more sustainable and harmonious. Since making Wood’s their own, Josh and Casey have added more seating and a cooling mist system throughout the sun filled courtyard – making it the perfect hang-out for family and friends during these hot Byron Shire summers.

The menu has been updated to include a little people’s menu to keep the kids happy, as well as cold-pressed juice, smoothies and smoothie bowls. There are so many different bursts of flavours, colour and texture – from the Smashed Avo on organic sourdough, to their Japanese inspired Soba Noodles and the popular Green Brekkie Salad. The couple have also added some treats, including a chocolate brownie, salted caramel slice and more sweet delights as well as stepping up the emphasis on great coffee beans. Says Casey, ‘We

have travelled and lived in many countries and have a passion for exceptional coffee! We are thrilled to collaborate with Single O Coffee, and are loving sharing this beautiful bean with our community and travelling visitors.

We are also very excited to work with Orchard Street; serving their adaptogenic elixir powders, medicinal mushrooms and botanical teas.’

Josh and Casey grew up on the NSW south coast, also own a juice bar in Sydney, as well as a retreat company and not-for-profit called The Helpers Foundation ([www.thehelpexperience.com](http://www.thehelpexperience.com)). Josh played NRL for 12 years and finished his career in London before they moved



to Bangalow with their two children, Tilly, 8 and Tucker, 6,

who are at the local primary school. They say the best part about owning Woods Cafe in Bangalow is the opportunity to employ local teenagers for weekend work and traineeships, giving them the chance to join the workforce in a supportive team environment within the local community.

**Woods: in the Arts Precinct Shop 4, 10 Station St, Bangalow**  
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## Vote now, party later

After gauging the country’s most popular craft beers of 2019 in an online poll, the GABS Hottest 100 announces the top 100 best-voted beers in a countdown broadcast on Saturday 25 January, with official countdown festivities kicking off at pubs and venues around the country at 12.00pm, including at our very own Stone & Wood brewery in Byron Bay. Independent since opening in 2008, Stone & Wood are members of the IBA (an association of brewers who are owned and operated independently, and who value authenticity, localism and the communities built around them). Some 600 independent breweries operate today across Australia, contributing to local economies, industry and employment. Why not vote online for your favourite independent beer and show that you value independence in the

industry? Apart from simply buying and drinking beer, the second-easiest way to, for example, get behind their Original Pacific Ale, is by voting for the beer online at [www.gabshub.com/gabs-hottest-100-craft-beers](http://www.gabshub.com/gabs-hottest-100-craft-beers). Stone & Wood’s Pacific Ale reached number two in 2018’s GABS Hottest 100. **More info: [gabsfestival.com](http://gabsfestival.com)**



## Love Mullumbimby!

By S Davey

Mullumbimby is in the heart of the Byron Shire and is said to have the most heart of the area as well. It’s a real community; if you walk down the streets, people will look you in the eye and smile, others are paused on the paths or in shops in conversation – it’s an idea of what a truly connected community looks like. Mullum still has that country town feel, it is surrounded by farmland and shop awnings shade the main shopping streets, making for relaxed strolls around town. Many of the businesses are located in heritage buildings, and there are a wonderful variety of enterprises. There are of purveyors of many fascinating things such as old wares and vintage gear, unique, handcrafted and artisanal goods, imported exotic wares, groceries stores, organic produce, camping gear, banks, hardware, even fodder for your cattle. You can pretty much get everything you need in Mullumbimby. There are about 20 eateries in town with plenty of choice of cuisine and vibe, from funky alfresco; cool, quiet and healthy; exotic and spicy, to traditional pub-fare and European cuisine, and best of all, wherever you eat, the quality is really very good. Known for its alternative culture, there is a strong leaning towards sustainable and ethical practices. The straws in your smoothie will be compostable, the food on your plate will largely be locally sourced and you will be offered a box or a paper bag for your purchases instead of plastic – better still, bring your own reusable one!



Every Friday there is a bustling Farmers Market from 7am to 11am under the grand and elegant trees of the Mullum Showgrounds. As well as produce, you can buy a variety of breakfasts or gifts and listen to live local musicians. There is also a community market that has local arts and craft, textiles, bric-a-brac and great food stalls. This market is on every third Saturday of the month, next to the Brunswick Valley Historical Museum. After a wander through town you may want to sit under the shade of a tree at one of Mullumbimby’s parks alongside the river, or book a therapeutic appointment to really, truly and deeply relax back into yourself. Mullumbimby is a gateway to the hinterland and ten minutes to the beach – some say Byron is just the eastern suburbs of Mullum and that this little town really is the Heart of Byron Shire.

Good Taste

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### Fiona Johnson: Branching out on her own

2019 was a massive year for local realtor Fiona Johnson. Following the sad loss of her mum last July, Fiona had some much needed time off work and was able to take stock of her life. 'My break has enabled me to spend more time with my family, which has been wonderful. I've also made some pretty big changes in my lifestyle and reconnected with my spiritual values.'

After careful consideration, Fiona came to the realisation that it was time to branch out on her own. So in her tenth year of selling residential, rural and commercial property, exclusively in the Brunswick Valley, Fiona

Johnson is now re-emerging under the national @realty banner as an independent real estate agent.

During her exciting career, Fiona has continually smashed records and she has an approach to property sales that breaks the mold of what most people may expect from an

agent. Having graduated from Mullumbimby High School, Fiona has a strong connection with the land, as well

as enviable local knowledge and connections. With a background in performing arts, Fiona is a trained public speaker and also a licensed Auctioneer.

*"I never pressure sellers to take low offers, because you only get one chance to sell a property."*



'I've had some pretty awesome training over the years and I'm also really grateful that I've been

mentored by some of the best in the business, including successful Auctioneer David Mills from McGrath Real Estate. David taught me that nice guys don't always finish last, in fact his fine example of honesty and integrity inspired me to just be myself. People are attracted to people who are honest and transparent. Most of my business comes from referrals, and I'm really proud that 99% of my clients are happy to refer me to their friends or family.'

'People have been telling me for years go out on my own, and I'm now at a point in my career when I can be selective about which jobs I take on. Having worked at four

different agencies in the Byron Shire, clients often call me for an appraisal and ask 'So who are you with now?' In other words they don't care which office I work at, they just trust me – and that is an incredible compliment.' Fiona explains that selling what is often someone's biggest asset is an honour and a responsibility that she takes very seriously. 'I never pressure sellers to take low offers, because you only get one chance to sell a property'.

The best part about working under the @realty brand is that Fiona can now offer the same service and skills as before, but for a much more competitive fee.

If you want to read what Fiona's past clients have had to say about her, go to [ratemyagent.com.au](http://ratemyagent.com.au) or [www.ratemyagent.com.au/real-estate-agent/fiona-johnson-ct725/sales/reviews](http://www.ratemyagent.com.au/real-estate-agent/fiona-johnson-ct725/sales/reviews) or Insta @fionajohnsonrealestate



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200 St Helena Road, Mcleods Shoot

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- A private 55-acre, 137 year long-term holding estate, located in one of Byron Bay's most exclusive locations.
- 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 Newes Road, Coorabell (formerly Peppers Retreat)

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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



🛏️ 5 🍷 3 🚗 3

- 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.
- Shop size is 81sqm + large undercover deck space for seating, with high pedestrian traffic flow daily. Breakfast, lunch and dinner trading hours overlooking main beach.
- Secure parking for the shop. Tightly held position, perfect for the savvy entrepreneur.

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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 899m<sup>2</sup> 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 12.30 – 1.00pm  
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2 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

\$1.495M



🛏️ 5 🍷 3

- 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



🛏️ 4 🍷 2 🚗 4

- 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.
- 817.2m<sup>2</sup>

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NEW



8 Short Street, **Brunswick Heads**

4 2 1

Tastefully renovated brick three-bedroom house with private tropical garden in one of Bruns' best streets. Options galore with immaculate, approved self-contained studio with rear lane entry and income. Office/garage with DA approval for conversion to further accommodation.

**Inspect**  
By appointment  
**Price**  
\$1,550,000

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26 Mia Court, **Ocean Shores**

4+ 2 2

Relax to the sound of waves from this modern, spacious Beach House. The 904m² block, high ceilings, seamless indoor/outdoor flow, private tropical gardens & pool, two alfresco areas, stunning aspect and tasteful design all make this home a rare opportunity!

**Inspect**  
By appointment  
**Price**  
\$1,450,000

**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



15A Weeronga Way, **Ocean Shores**

3 2 1

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

**Inspect**  
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**Price**  
\$785,000

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10 Old Pacific Hwy, **Brunswick Heads**

4 3 1

Just 100m from the Brunswick River, this high set cottage is in a great location with loads of potential. The block is big enough for a granny flat and ideally has rear lane access, high ceilings, timber floors and loads of space for the guests.

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**Price**  
\$1,290,000

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2B Booyun Street, **Brunswick Heads**

3 1

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

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**Price**  
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33 Warrambool Road, **Ocean Shores**

4 3

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

**Inspect**  
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**Price**  
\$895,000

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‘Cedar House’

140 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby  
5 3 \$1,795,000



Built in 1908 this beautiful example of Edwardian architecture steeped in local history is one of the most beautiful period homes in the region. The architectural integrity of the house has been preserved and it retains all of its original character and grace. There are 4 generous bedrooms, the most generous featuring an ensuite, 2 fireplaces, original safe and built in robe. The quality and craftsmanship built into the home is amazing. Coveted local Red Cedar was used extensively throughout the home (hence the name), including all doors, windows, cabinetry, and decorative features. There are ornate pressed metal ceilings to die for, a total of four fireplaces, and timber floors in every room. Gorgeous Art Nouveau leadlight windows and panels also feature around the home. Register your interest for this rare property. Agent declares interest.

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Seconds To Surf – Vacant 719 m<sup>2</sup>

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56 Helen Street, South Golden Beach 🚗 3 🚤 1 🚗 2  
GOLDEN DREAMS



JUST LISTED



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A well-designed floor plan, perfect for beach-side living provides a north-easterly aspect, with open-plan living flowing seamlessly out onto two large decks for the gorgeous Northern Rivers alfresco lifestyle.

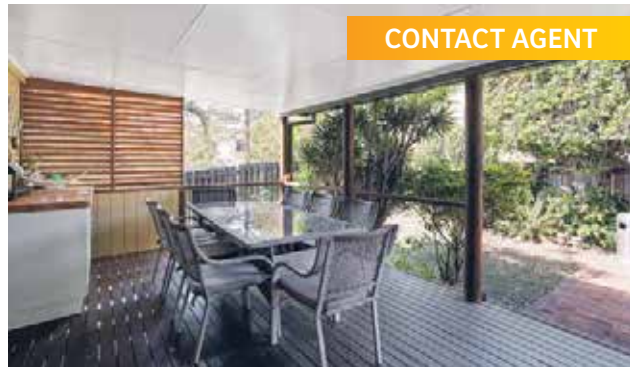
- North-east facing 800sqm level block
- Potential to add second dwelling (STCA)
- Solid, well-designed family home
- Study/home office with external access
- Walk to popular café, skate park and nature reserves
- Easy access to Byron Bay and Gold Coast airport

**Price Guide** Just Listed

**View** By Appointment

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117 Kingscliff Street, Kingscliff 🚗 4 🚤 2 🚗 3  
COVETED BEACH SIDE LOCATION, DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL



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- Modern kitchen with stone bench tops, 900mm wide gas cooktop & oven
- Spacious covered alfresco entertaining deck plus balcony
- Rumpus room and laundry downstairs
- Double garage + undercover storage for your jet ski or extra vehicle
- 778 square metre block, fenced yard

**Price Guide** Contact Agent

**View** By appointment

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175 The Pocket Road, Billinudgel 🚗 4 🚤 2 🚗 4  
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\$885,000 – \$965,000



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Set on the outskirts of the relaxed north coast village of Billinudgel, the land comprises 7.2 acres/2.92 hectares of predominantly level grazing land, ideal for cattle or horses, including equestrian use, and is partially fenced. There's a Colorbond shed, spring fed dam and power is available on the property.

Offering the potential to become your idyllic rural haven, the Queenslander style home with paneled glass French doors leading to the wraparound verandah, has been completed to lock-up stage with the internal fit-out now required for completion.

Under the current owners, plans were DA approved, a construction certificate was issued and building commenced.

This sensational location is just 2 minutes to Billinudgel, 5 minutes to the Yelgun interchange, 10 minutes to Brunswick Heads and only 8 minutes' drive to the pristine sands of South Golden Beach.

**Price Guide** \$885,000 – \$965,000

**View** By appointment

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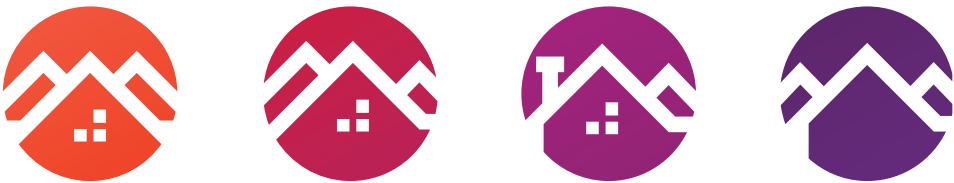


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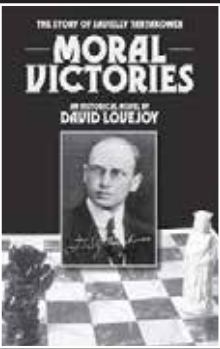
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LOST & FOUND

LOST: MISSING orange ocean kayak from Brunswick riverside. 0477779627

FOUND: in Brunswick Heads car park on 29 December, a pair of Collette Dinnigan prescription sunglasses. 0431424197

R.I.P. PETS



THE ANGELS TOOK VINCENTO ON 19/12/19.  
He was 10 years old. Handsome, well mannered and adored by all who knew him. Some people called him Chewbacca. He spent more than 40 doggie years under the Echo distribution tables.  
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A special man who touched many lives & lived to the fullest in all walks of life.  
Missed, loved & remembered every day, Shirley, Mark, Karen, Matt, Leanne, Tony, Luke, Cody, Stephen, Sherrynne (dec.) & Ashlee  
KEITH BROWN  
Dad, your passion for life and enthusiasm in friendships will always remain our most cherished memories.  
Forever close to our hearts.  
Love Shane and Liz

PETS

Greta wishes you all a very Happy New Year!  
Sadly this past year hasn't been the best for Greta. She's been in the shelter for many months now yet she is the sweetest little kitty you could ever wish to meet. 2020 is going to be the year where Greta finds her forever home...paws crossed!  
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Adelaide  
Adelaide is a 4 month old desexed female Kelpie. She is a delightful, active pup who is well socialized and will train easily. If you can give Adelaide a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on 0421 017 461.  
Microchip number 900079000588443  
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MONTHLY MARKETS

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| 1st SAT                | Bruns Heads           | 6628 4495    |
| 1st SAT                | Alstonville           | 0429 019 407 |
| 1st SUN                | Byron Bay             | 6685 6807    |
| 1st SUN                | Lismore Car Boot      | 6628 7333    |
| 2nd SAT                | Flea, Byron YAC       |              |
| 2nd SAT                | Woodburn              | 0439 489 631 |
| 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 |
| 3rd SUN                | Lismore Car Boot      | 6628 7333    |
| 3rd SUN                | Ballina               | 0422 094 338 |
| 4th SUN                | Bangalow              | 6687 1911    |
| 4th SUN                | Nimbin                | 0475 135 764 |
| 4th SUN                | Murwillumbah          | 0422 565 168 |
| 4th SUN                | (in a 5 Sunday month) | Coolangatta  |
| 5th SUN                | Lennox Head           | 0419 369 609 |
| 5th SUN                | Nimbin                | 0458 506 000 |
| FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS |                       |              |
| Each TUE               | New Brighton          | 6677 1345    |
| Each TUE               | Organic Lismore       | 0450 688 900 |
| Each WED               | 7-11am M'bah          | 6684 7834    |
| Each WED               | 3-6pm Nimbin          | 0475 135 764 |
| Each WED               | 4-7pm Newrybar Hall   |              |
| Each THU               | 8-11am Byron          | 6687 1137    |
| Each THU               | 2.30-6.30pm Lismore   | 0450 688 900 |
| Each FRI               | 7-11am Mullum         | 6677 1345    |
| Each SAT               | 8-11am Bangalow       | 6687 1137    |
| Each SAT               | 8am-1pm Uki           | 6679 5530    |
| Each SAT               | 8.30-11am Lismore     | 0466 415 172 |
| Each SAT               | 8.30-12am Blue Knob   |              |

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| ☾ First quarter  | 3 Jan    | 3.45pm  |   |          |   |                                     |
| ☾ Full moon  | 11 Jan   | 6.21am  |   |          |   |                                     |
| ☾ Third quarter  | 17 Jan   | 11.58pm |   |          |   |                                     |
| ☾ New moon   | 25 Jan   | 8.42am  |   |          |   |                                     |
|  |          |         | <b>JANUARY 2020</b><br><b>Astronomical data</b><br><b>and tides</b> |          |   |                                     |
| Day of month   | Sun rise | Sun set | Moon rise   | Moon set | High tide, height (m)   | Low tide, height (m)                |
| 1 W  | 0551     | 1947    | 1100  |          | 0057 1.08; 1317 1.48  | 0628 0.51; 1959 0.44                |
| 2 T  | 0551     | 1947    | 1152  | 0000     | 0151 1.08; 1400 1.40  | 0721 0.59; 2045 0.45                |
| 3 F  | 0552     | 1947    | 1244  | 0031     | 0258 1.10; 1448 1.31  | 0826 0.66; 2135 0.45                |
| 4 S  | 0553     | 1947    | 1336  | 0101     | 0409 1.16; 1546 1.24  | 0940 0.70; 2226 0.43                |
| 5 S  | 0553     | 1947    | 1429  | 0132     | 0512 1.25; 1649 1.19  | 1059 0.69; 2315 0.40                |
| 6 M  | 0554     | 1948    | 1524  | 0204     | 0605 1.36; 1749 1.17  | 1211 0.65                           |
| 7 T  | 0555     | 1948    | 1621  | 0240     | 0653 1.48; 1845 1.17  | 0000 0.35; 1311 0.57                |
| 8 W  | 0556     | 1948    | 1721  | 0320     | 0738 1.60; 1935 1.18  | <b>0042 0.30</b> ; 1401 0.49        |
| 9 T  | 0556     | 1948    | 1822  | 0406     | <b>0822 1.70</b> ; 2023 1.19  | <b>0123 0.24</b> ; 1447 0.40        |
| 10 F   | 0557     | 1948    | 1922  | 0459     | <b>0906 1.79</b> ; 2110 1.21  | <b>0205 0.19</b> ; 1532 0.33        |
| 11 S   | 0558     | 1948    | 2019  | 0558     | <b>0951 1.86</b> ; 2157 1.23  | <b>0249 0.16</b> ; <b>1617 0.28</b> |
| 12 S   | 0559     | 1948    | 2112  | 0702     | <b>1035 1.90</b> ; 2245 1.25  | <b>0333 0.14</b> ; <b>1702 0.24</b> |
| 13 M   | 0600     | 1948    | 2159  | 0809     | <b>1120 1.89</b> ; 2333 1.25  | <b>0421 0.15</b> ; <b>1747 0.23</b> |
| 14 T   | 0600     | 1948    | 2242  | 0916     | <b>1205 1.85</b>  | <b>0510 0.20</b> ; <b>1834 0.25</b> |
| 15 W   | 0601     | 1948    | 2321  | 1022     | 0025 1.26; <b>1251 1.76</b>   | <b>0602 0.28</b> ; <b>1922 0.27</b> |
| 16 T   | 0602     | 1948    | 2359  | 1126     | 0122 1.27; 1339 1.64  | 0701 0.38; <b>2012 0.30</b>         |
| 17 F   | 0603     | 1947    |   | 1230     | 0227 1.29; 1431 1.50  | 0808 0.48; 2103 0.33                |
| 18 S   | 0604     | 1947    | 0036  | 1332     | 0338 1.33; 1530 1.36  | 0927 0.56; 2159 0.35                |
| 19 S   | 0605     | 1947    | 0114  | 1435     | 0451 1.41; 1636 1.25  | 1051 0.59; 2255 0.35                |
| 20 M   | 0605     | 1947    | 0153  | 1537     | 0559 1.51; 1747 1.18  | 1213 0.57; 2351 0.33                |
| 21 T   | 0606     | 1947    | 0237  | 1638     | 0656 1.61; 1853 1.15  | 1321 0.50                           |
| 22 W   | 0607     | 1946    | 0324  | 1737     | 0747 1.69; 1948 1.16  | 0043 0.31; 1415 0.43                |
| 23 T   | 0608     | 1946    | 0415  | 1833     | <b>0833 1.74</b> ; 2035 1.18  | <b>0130 0.28</b> ; 1501 0.38        |
| 24 F   | 0609     | 1946    | 0509  | 1924     | <b>0915 1.77</b> ; 2117 1.19  | <b>0214 0.26</b> ; 1542 0.34        |
| 25 S   | 0610     | 1945    | 0605  | 2009     | <b>0953 1.77</b> ; 2155 1.21  | <b>0254 0.25</b> ; 1618 0.33        |
| 26 S   | 0611     | 1945    | 0701  | 2050     | <b>1029 1.75</b> ; 2230 1.22  | <b>0331 0.26</b> ; 1652 0.34        |
| 27 M   | 0611     | 1944    | 0757  | 2126     | <b>1102 1.71</b> ; 2306 1.23  | <b>0407 0.29</b> ; 1724 0.35        |
| 28 T   | 0612     | 1944    | 0851  | 2159     | 1133 1.65; 2342 1.23  | 0443 0.33; 1756 0.37                |
| 29 W   | 0613     | 1944    | 0944  | 2231     | 1205 1.58   | 0519 0.39; 1829 0.39                |
| 30 T   | 0614     | 1943    | 1035  | 2301     | 0020 1.22; 1237 1.50  | 0600 0.47; 1903 0.42                |
| 31 F   | 0615     | 1943    | 1127  | 2331     | 0103 1.22; 1313 1.40  | 0645 0.56; 1942 0.45                |
| Times are Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time.<br>Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;<br>Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr;<br>Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min;<br>Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min;<br>Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. <b>Tides in bold</b> 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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Free Moon Viewing

Saturday January 4 is a free moon viewing night. View the moon through a large telescope in Brunswick Heads. From 7.30pm in South Beach Lane - across the road bridge opposite the music shell. Look for the big blowup spaceman. Details 0413 779 223.

Woodchop carnival

The Festival of Fish & Chips will be holding the Woodchop carnival between 15 and 18 January. Day and night sessions. For more info on times, see: www.woodchop.com.

Mullum op-shop dates

Uniting Church op shop Mullumbimby will reopen on Saturday 18 January.

Kids library fun

All branches close between Christmas and New Year.

Fireworks

The Festival of Fish & Chips will hold a fireworks display on Saturday, January 11, 9pm in Banner Park, Brunswick Heads.

Food Box closed

Food Box will close 19 December and re-open Thursday 30 January 2020.

Giving tree

Habitat in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate have a Giving Tree supporting homeless people in Byron. Drop off donations, vouchers, shoes, socks, undies, torches and batteries and bags.

Regular As Clockwork

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

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.

**Bangalow Bowlo** Sundays at 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries Margot 0412 394 932. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 9.30am Tuesday and 2pm Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

Contact Improvisation

Contact Improvisation Saturdays in Mullumbimby 10–12 noon at St Martin’s, Church Hall, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. All levels of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564.

End-of-life choices

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

Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd Friday from 6pm at Club Byron (Bowlo). Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook. Contact byronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

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.

Labyrinth Walk

Walk the Labyrinth at Byron Bay Uniting Church 1st Sunday of the month between 2.30 and 4pm. Introductory talk at 2pm. Info: Lauall Greer 0438 608 776.

Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday Presbyterian Church Hall, 101 Stuart Street Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Shona 0457356567 or Bronte 0451567996.

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 Soceiety Byron. 0412 020 234.

Seniors computer club

Byron Shire seniors computer club invites interested seniors to come to learn how to use your photos creatively. Meets at Ocean Shores Community Centre, Wednesdays 1–3pm during school terms. For more information phone Lynne on 0428 665 948.

U3A discussion group

Brunswick Valley U3A audiovisual discussion group, Thursdays 10am Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Info 0432 165 006.

Quota Club

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

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Choirs

**Bay Singers** meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10–11am. Ukelele class at 11.45am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, kim@kimbanffy.com.au. **Singchronicity Choir** meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm-8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 0425 363 589. **Mullum’s Biggest Little Town Choir** meets weekly at the Uniting Church, corner Dalley Street and Whian street, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome. **Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@raisetheroofsinging.com 0417 277 211. **Brunswick Valley Choir** Monday nights at Bruns Bowlo, 6.30pm ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Picture House Choir** - quick sing fix at Brunswick Picture House on Monday mornings 9.30am till 10.30am Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Rebel Rebel Girls Choir** for ages 8 to 12. Meet Friday at 4pm, Ocean Shores. Ph: Janet 0438 965 397. **Time to Sing** Sundays, 10am at South Golden Beach Community Hall. Call Linda: 0415 412 514.

Craft group

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

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, mazzertati2010@gmail.com.

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children’s Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Volunteer Hub

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

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall is open every Tues & Thurs 10am–2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am–4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au.

CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am–1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5–7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday–Saturday 9am–noon.

Byron Gem Club

The Bryon Gem and Lapidary Club is open weekly to members new and old. Visitors welcome to view club facilities. Activities – semi-precious and gemstone cutting, shaping and polishing – gem faceting – silver work – gem setting and jewellery making etc. Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club work shed located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagrah Air Field. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Baby massage

At the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre. Friday mornings, weekly, baby massage classes for expectant and new parents and carers. Gold coin contribution. Bookings essential. Linda 0411 985 557

#StartupByron

#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused on connecting anyone interested in startups or small biz. See startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/startupbyron-un-networking.

Up your skills

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

Muslim prayer

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

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.

Byron FLEA

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crescent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Berri 0490 026 840.

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.

Free ESL

Free English as a Second Language classes suitable for beginners to advanced learners. Brunsick Heads 6672 0834 or Kingscliff 6674 7267.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

Mungo’s Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Weak and simple fellow turns beside chart, back near ... (5-5)

7. ... alarm signal! A party! (4)

9. River, with Southern Moslem festival working for a god (8)

10. Centre of learning – Cruz has joined in! (6)

11. English PM – aged abstainer, turned fish (6)

12. Reverse cross bit for entrance in the floor (8)

14. Subsidiary role – !? (6,6)

15. Marijuana tin analysed by one having the interests of all mankind (12)

20. Sweet bird – it used to be a pacifier (5,3)

21. Expression of distaste with the street, a carnival (6)

22. Stones for Australian entrances (6)

23. Singer to block single false note (8)

25. Wander in three directions with daughter(4)

26. Choose and speak for your constituency (10)

DOWN

2. A Pole, and the French followers (8)

3. Extra wide (3)

4. Walk quietly about army chaplain (5)

5. People, books – it’s up to composer Gian Carlo (7)

6. Daisy out – I discovered you’re right! (3,4,2)

7. G, did he regret violent torture! (5,6)

8. Wild cat to circle 100 English collection (6)

12. Io, very brave (4-7)

15. Missed tea? Unfortunate – a small cup? (4-5)

16. Clapper – try for fish! (8)

18. Famous but impotent (7)

19. Toot around the north, and mess things up (6)

21. Conifer Road – the winner (5)

24. Sailor? Thanks, right (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Sissy, weakling (5-5)

7. Sound of a horn (4)

9. Greek sea god (8)

10. Combined, unified (6)

11. English prime minister Clement (6)

12. Type of poisonous spider (8)

14. Not the leading violinist – or anything else (6,6)

15. One who works for the benefit of all (12)

20. Sweetened dummy (5,3)

21. Fete, festival (6)

22. Semi-precious stones (6)

23. Male voice (8)

25. Meander, amble (4)

26. Parliamentary’s constituency (10)

DOWN

2. Disciples (8)

3. Extra in cricket (3)

4. Army chaplain (5)

5. Composer Gian Carlo (7)

6. I totally agree with you (3,4,2)

7. Physical coercion, torture (5,6)

8. Type of feral cat (6)

12. Very brave, heroic (4-7)

15. Small coffee cup (4-5)

16. Spanish percussion instrument (8)

18. Mildly famous, well-known (7)

19. Mistake, mess-up (6)

21. In the lead (5)

24. Pitch (3)

Last week’s solution N315

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# Highlights of another big year in local sport...

## Netballers cleansweep NSW third division



NSW state champions (L to R front): Monica Brandolini, Amy Ross, Freya Peacock, Jorja McQueen, Chelsey King; (L to R back) Tysharna Puni, Tarnie Hilyard, Charlotte Ryan, and Bella Cromwell. Photo supplied

The Brunswick Byron Netball Association U/17 side dominated Netball NSW's third division state tournament going through the three-day, 18-game competition undefeated.

'Teamwork and determination' were the winning hallmarks of the side, coach Narelle Anderton said.

'Everyone in the team has to be focused and has to perform all the time.'

'Great netball was played, the girls thoroughly deserved their win.'

Six of the nine players came through from the BBNA side that also won the same competition undefeated last year.

## Magpies dominate AFL and win two flags, including the first by the women



The Byron Women's AFL team held out against Tweed Heads to win their first premiership. Photo supplied

The Byron Magpies collected two well-earned premierships and almost had a third on grandfinal day for regional AFL, held at Oakes Oval in Lismore in September

The senior men collected their fourth premiership flag on the trot when they beat the Ballina Bombers 12.10.82-8.5.53.

The seniors were not beaten all year across 16 regular-season games and two finals.

The women's side also capped off a great season, just their second in the competition, with a tight three-point win over Tweed Coast 2.6.18-2.3.15, to take out their first-ever premiership.

The women also dominated the league, dropping just three games across the regular season.

But the club couldn't make it three from three when the men's reserve side went down to Ballina 7.12.54-11.6.72.

## Byron cricketers made it two premierships in a row



The Byron Bay second grade cricket team with umpires and Baz after the big win. Photo Deb Milgate

In April, the Byron Cellars second grade cricketers won the Coastal League grandfinal against the minor premiers Lennox Head.

Lennox Head were bundled out for 90 runs in the 28th over and the Byron side reeled-in the runs for the loss of four wickets.

'A splendid result, especially after last season's

washed out final which resulted in Byron sharing the major premiers title. This one was earned fair and square, and it is a credit to all involved,' club member Syl Reid said.

The side currently sits on top of the second grade ladder after going through the first half of the summer undefeated.

## Junior basketballers shine at regional championships



The U/14 Byron Bay Beez were the 2019 NSW Country Champions along with coach Matt Barlow. Photo supplied

The Byron Bay Beez U/14 basketballers won division two of the NSW Country Championships held at Terrigal in June.

The side went through all seven games of the tournament undefeated and beat heavyweights Illawarra on the way, as well as Newcastle 47-35 in the final.

'The boys have improved all year, so it is great to see they got a result for that

effort,' coach Matt Barlow said. 'They really deserved it.'

It is the first time a side from the Byron Beez has won a country championship.

The U/16 boys' Beez also capped off a good year with second place in the premier division of their age group at the championships. They were also runners-up at the Combined Eastern and Junior League Championships.

## Mullumbimby Hockey Club celebrated 90 years



Members of the 1954 'invincibles' hockey team celebrating at the anniversary: (L-R) Audrey Doman, Pat Plater, Maureen Ball, Denise Batson, Lorna Virgo, June Cartner, Judy Graydon, Toni Watson, and Ruth Slogrove. Photo supplied

### Pauline East

The Mullumbimby Hockey Club hosted a very successful celebration of their 90th anniversary with around 100 people attending the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club for the party.

Displays of each decade, with newspaper articles and

photos were a popular talking point among the crowd as was the Powerpoint presentation of photos from the 1920s through to the current season.

Several past presidents attended and spoke of their time with the club.

All life members: Debbie Cullen, Julie Williams, Mary

Schumacher, Pauline and Grant East were present.

### 1954 champions

The highlight of the evening was the attendance of nine ladies who played for Mullumbimby 65 years ago, in 1954.

The three women's teams won both minor and major

premierships that year. Ruth Slogrove and Val Staff spoke on behalf of past players.

Also shown was an interview with Phyllis Flick, who is 103 years young and lives in Byron Bay. Phyllis and her sister Jean played for Mullumbimby in the 1930s. Her son Geoff and grandson Tony were also present.



NSW Northern and Eastern Junior Waratah League grandfinalists: The Byron Bay Beez U/16 boys with supporters and coaches. Photo Basketball NSW





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**Scottie Marsh's impressive political art featuring Scott from Marketing gets the rub in Newtown, Sydney.**

It's a new decade! We have firefighters working for no pay and politicians being paid for no work. Isn't that exactly what the cosmic octopus overlord had in mind to test our resolve?

Now Council has lost its court appeal over a challenge by a developer to exceed height and floor space limits in Byron's CBD, will there be a review into how to strengthen policy to ensure future compliance? It's an issue that the community have supported over many years. Yet any interest in strengthening planning policy is unlikely, given the history of this pro development councillor majority. See page 2.

Flying cars are on the way – Chinese-owned corporation Terrafugia is developing a two seater that will go 644 km on a tank of 91 Octane automotive fuel and can reach 161 kph. It has foldable wings for parking, too.

Vale Baba Ram Dass, proponent of LSD turned new age guru - he died last week at 88.

A new draft law, if passed, could make it illegal for cash transactions of \$10K and above between individuals and businesses and businesses and businesses. *The Currency (Restriction on the Use of Cash) bill 2019* is being recommended by the government's Black Economy Taskforce, whose members have ties with – you guessed it – the global financial sector. Until his death in June 2019, the chair of the Black Economy Taskforce was Michael Andrew, former global chief of KPMG.

If you are wanting to improve your skills in detecting fake news, there's a new app called Informable, which tests your ability to spot real and fake news. It's part of the US-based News Literacy Project – [www.newslit.org](http://www.newslit.org).



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