

Greens councillors push high growth agenda

Hans Lovejoy

The 'current strong business and employment growth' of the region is driving Council's push to open up large contentious rural land for future development.

Plans to rezone around 40 hectares of rural lands for commercial and potential residential use in Byron Shire will be again thrashed out at the upcoming Council meeting on February 20 in the Mullum chambers.

While the controversial Business and Industrial Lands Strategy was adopted on December 12, 2019, independent Crs Catherine Coorey and Basil Cameron, along with Labor's Cr Jan Hackett, have lodged a motion to rescind the strategy.

They want to remove the controversial Saddle Road precinct and redraft the strategy to include an 'overarching servicing and delivery framework' and growth scenarios, among other issues.

Greens mayor Simon Richardson and Labor's Paul Spooner inexplicably voted for its adoption, despite voting against a similar large-scale rezoning strategy while in opposition during the Council 2012-2016 term.

Like the previous Rural Land Use Strategy (DRLUS) in 2016, the current plan is fraught with geographical constraints, has raised concerns in government agencies and contain late inclusions that lacked public comment.

Both Crs Richardson and Spooner reject the question of hypocrisy, given their support of this new policy, now they are in power.

If adopted Thursday, land around the Byron Central Hospital may

be rezoned and staff will be given powers to approve 'spot rezonings'.

Cr Coorey told *The Echo* if the strategy is approved, 'It says to our community that we know better than all the data we have, the business community that we consulted, the findings of the consultants we asked to advise us, and the broader community who made submissions'.

Staff report questioned

Within the upcoming agenda, chief Council planner Shannon Burt claims, 'A parcel's inclusion in [the] strategy does not automatically mean it will be zoned for business or industry.'

It's a claim that has been repeated by the mayor and Cr Sarah Ndiaye, yet is rejected by former Greens mayor and NSW MLC, Jan Barham.

Burt is yet to reply to *The Echo's* question of how Council can prevent a developer - who has land flagged under this policy - from lodging large DAs before the NSW planning panel or the courts.

Barham is also critical of Burt's report in the agenda and its justifications.

Further to concerns that councillors are ignoring process, local Greens MP Tamara Smith has told *The Echo* that such a strategy is 'putting the cart before the horse' in terms of strategic planning.

She says, 'Before the 2019 state election, I called for a pause on rezoning land in Byron Shire until sufficient long term and strategic planning was completed.'

'This was similar to what the member for Ryde and Ryde Council

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Where surf meets boogie



Pictured are Cupid & the Stupids, who were just one of the acts who performed at Byron Surf Fest, held last weekend. Fest director, James McMillan, told *The Echo*, 'It was a really successful weekend, blessed with perfect weather and surf after two weeks of 500mm of rain. Everyone was so stoked to be outdoors surfing, seeking and celebrating all things surf culture. The local community, as well as Hawaiian, Japanese, French and Brazilian surfers and artists joined in on the BBSF ten-year anniversary festival at Wategos beach and Byron Bay Brewery. Couldn't have asked for better. Lots of smiling faces and stoked souls!' Photo @col_elmore

Byron is a natural disaster area

While large rain-dumps across the region were welcomed last week, the impacts on the road networks and infrastructure have resulted in Byron Shire being declared a natural disaster area.

As one of 56 local government areas to be affected across NSW, Council say disaster assistance will be made available from the federal and NSW governments.

Council staff responded to emergencies last week, including trees over roads and drainage problems.

Parts of the Shire's road network were also closed owing to flooding.

Water restrictions lifted

Meanwhile, water utility Rous County Council say that Rocky Creek Dam, which supplies much of the north coast, is now full, with more than 300mm flowing over the spillway last Thursday morning.

All water restrictions are now lifted, including in all Byron Shire towns and Mullumbimby, which is supplied in part by Lavertys Gap

weir in Wilsons Creek.

That weir is also at capacity, say Council.

A Rous spokesperson said, 'Rainfall readings for Rocky Creek Dam show that in the first six weeks of 2020, we have had the same amount of rainfall recorded in 2019'.

Regardless of lifted restrictions, Rous say they will continue to keep the community's focus on reducing water consumption, 'so that in the event of another extended dry spell, we can be in a better position'.



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Flood-affected Byron Shire residents will have the opportunity to dispose of water-damaged hard rubbish at the Myocum tip for free until February 26, Byron Council says.

And all residents will be able to drop their green waste at the Myocum recovery centre, without charge, over

the same period. According to a Council statement, residents dumping green waste need to bring proof of residency, such as a driver's licence or rates notice and present it at the weighbridge to qualify for free green waste disposal.

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By Byron Shire Mayor Simon Richardson

It's hard to believe that a couple of weeks ago all the talk was on water restrictions. The rain has really changed the landscape and thankfully has filled the dams, creeks and tanks.

My sincere thanks to the incredible local SES volunteers who worked so hard responding to calls during the floods and rain. I also need to thank Council staff who worked around-the-clock responding to emergencies.

As many of you know, the rain has also caused a few issues for Council in terms of damage to infrastructure, and staff are working hard to fix immediate problems. The good news is that the Federal and State Governments declared a natural emergency for our Shire, meaning we will be able to get financial assistance for the cost of repairs to infrastructure.

Businesses, residents and non-profit community groups may also be eligible for disaster relief funding.

What a terrific honour it was to announce our 2020 Citizens of the Year recently – the work and achievements of these people are remarkable. To Helen Hamilton, Margaret Robertson, James Wright, Mark 'Mono' Stewart, Linda Sparrow, Niah McLeod and the Nudge Nudge Wink Wink event – on behalf of the Byron Shire – thank you so much for your contribution to our community.

Council's first planning meeting for the year will be held this Thursday. See you there!



Tackling litter, three bits at a time

Last November, Byron Shire Council launched a litter reduction campaign in conjunction with Take 3 for the Sea, a not-for-profit organisation working toward reducing plastic pollution.

The simple message is getting people to take three pieces of rubbish when they leave the beach, river, creek or anywhere.

Last weekend, volunteers gathered at Main Beach Byron for a beach clean.

CEO of Take 3, Tim Silverwood says it was a great event. He said, 'We're just encouraging people to pick up three pieces of rubbish when they leave any of our beaches



Pictured are Council's Kate Akkerman, CEO Take 3 for the Sea, Tim Silverwood, and Russell Mills from Surfer Rosa Communications. Photo Eve Jeffrey

or any of our natural areas.'

BSC Litter Reduction Officer Kate Akkerman added that 61 registered

participants took part on the day, who between them picked up over 1,500 pieces of rubbish from the foreshore.

Renew Fest to go ahead in May

An annual festival of ecological, economic and social renewal will go ahead in Mullumbimby this May, after organisers successfully ran an online crowdfunding campaign to keep the event alive.

Renew Fest needed 600 early bird ticket pledges by midnight on February 18, and exceeded the target by a good margin.

This was driven by a grass-roots community effort in the final days of the campaign. The festival will run from May 8 till 10.

Tickets are available at www.renewfest.org.au.

Funding evaporating for homeless services

Paul Bibby

If you've been finding the recent big wet challenging, spare a thought for those sleeping rough.

For more than two weeks, scores of local homeless people have been struggling to find dry, safe places to sleep, or suffering through cold and very uncomfortable nights.

Thankfully, the Byron Community Centre (BCC) and two local churches have been operating wet-weather shelters for men and women for much of the past three weeks.

The shelters have already provided accommodation for 45 people, across 11 nights, including 10 nights in a row earlier this month.

'I'd be getting pretty wet sleeping on the street,'



Simon Warner. Photo Supplied

local homeless man Simon Warner said.

High demand

'As long as we're here, we are alright. The staff are really good, give us a hot meal, and a coffee and a chat in the morning.'

However, there has been so much demand for the

shelter recently that funding is fast running out.

There is no recurrent funding for the service, which was made possible by small one-off grants secured from the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Westpac, Harcourts, Byron Shire Council, and from generous donations from Global Ripple op-shop and Cunning Stunts.

It has enough funding to run another 16 nights of a mixed-gender shelter, or eight nights of shelter where the genders are separate.

'For the centre to keep offering the shelter, we will need to access either ongoing funding, or donations from the community,' the General Manager of the Centre, Louise O'Connell, said.

Elyssa Purdie, the Homeless Projects Worker at the

BCC, said running the shelter required a lot of organisation each night.

'Confirming security guard services, qualified overnight crisis workers, cleaners, volunteers, food and other consumables, clean laundry, managing keys, monitoring behaviour, and of course, keeping an eye on the weather on a daily basis takes an enormous amount of time and resources.'

'Predicting the weather is sometimes the most stressful element.'

'A decision about whether the weather shelter will operate is made at 6am each day.'

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The Goddess parted the clouds last Friday for about 80 women, who gathered for the annual V-Day event on Main Beach. The event, held on February 14 each year, is part of the One Billion Rising movement to end violence against all women and children. Participants, including men and children, are invited to add their voice in global solidarity with millions of other humans who want a better world. Photo Eve Jeffery

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Greens councillors push for high growth

► Continued from page 1 had called for in 2018 in response to a dramatic rise in property prices, unfettered Airbnb and extreme housing stress for residents.

'The second tranche behind the call for a pause on development was to give our community a chance to piece together and see the cumulative effect of a number of key planning strategies being updated and changed by Byron Shire

Council in quick succession.' Smith says that state government requirements will soon see councils present to the community a 20 year vision for land use, called Local Strategic Planning Statements.

Big picture planning

She says, 'Why not start with the big picture planning statement, with detailed community input, and then that statement becomes the

touchstone for assessing the details of, say, a rural residential strategy, or an industrial land use strategy?'

'Byron Council has not even started the conversation with the community on the development of our Local Strategic Planning Statement, yet Council has approved, and is in the process of approving, a number of key land use strategies.'

'What if the community input says clearly that a

shared community value is that Byron Shire is at capacity in terms of residential and/or industrial growth for the next decade?'

'How easy will it be for future councillors to legally act on that value and the Local Strategic Planning Statement when residential and industrial growth strategies have already been adopted?'

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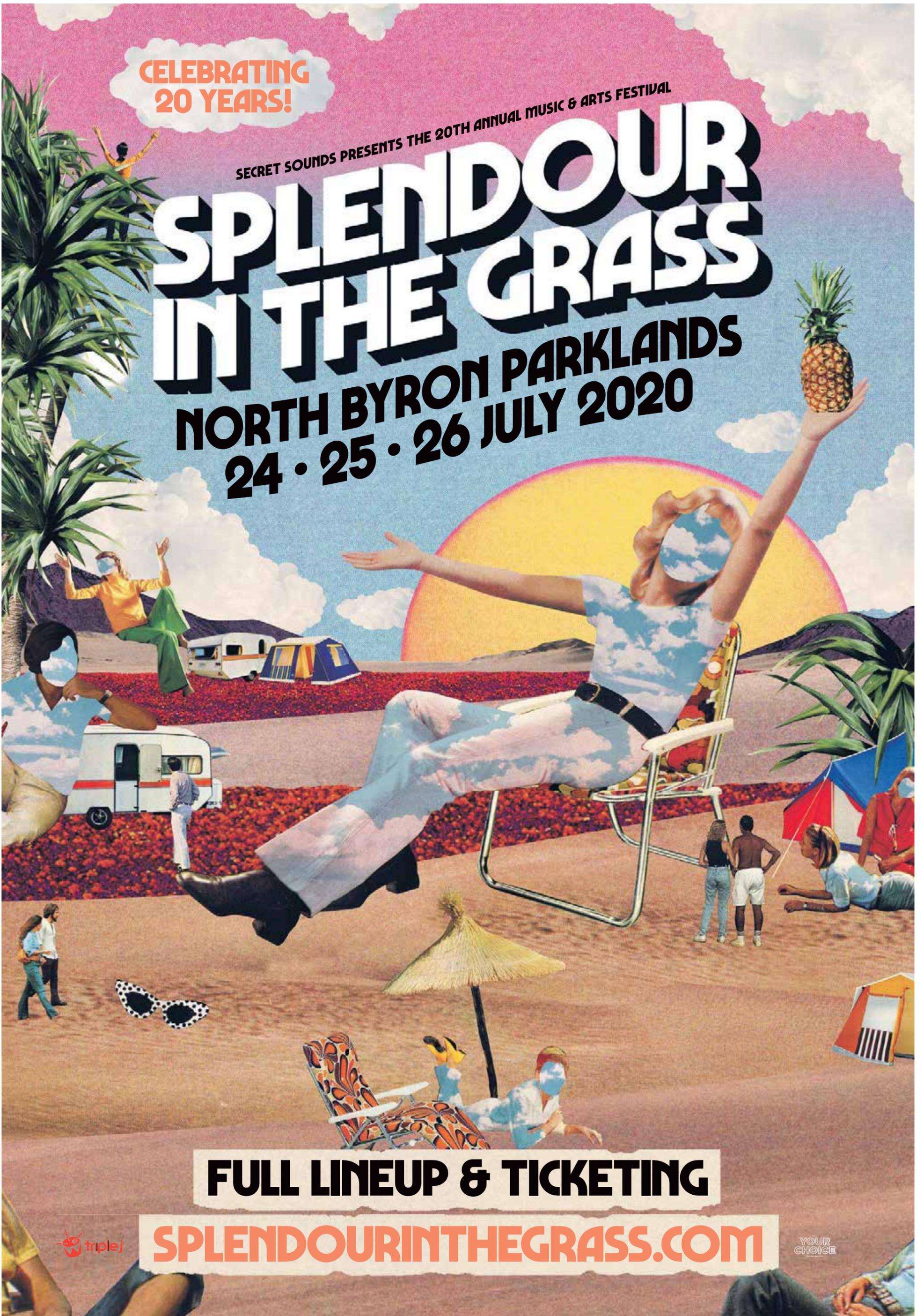
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Cleva announces he will run for Council

President of Community Alliance for Byron Shire Association (CABS), Matthew 'Cleva' O'Reilly, has announced his intention to run in the next Council election, to be held September 12, 2020.

Currently there are four Greens councillors, two Labor, one Nationals Party-aligned and two left-leaning independents.

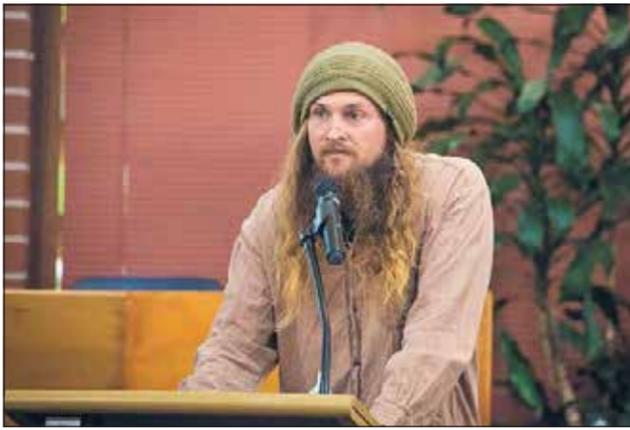
And while he is a member of the Greens, he says 'at this stage, I am still unclear whether it will be as a Green or as an Independent.'

The Greens pre-selection is expected in April, when members will vote for the candidates who will run for Council. Crs Michael Lyon and Sarah Ndiaye have confirmed they will contest. Greens mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo* he 'hasn't decided.'

Cleva has also ruled out running as a Greens mayor.

'I can rule out seeking pre-selection for mayor from the Byron Greens. If I do nominate for the Greens, it will only be for a councillor position on the ballot.'

'If I nominate, whether I become a Greens councillor or not will rest with the Byron Greens membership and whether or not they approve of the direction of the current Greens councillors.'



Matthew O'Reilly addresses Council. Photo Eve Jeffery

'I am not critical of all that the current Greens councillors have achieved. They have done some great things, and had some excellent achievements.'

'But my major concern is over-development, inappropriate DAs that are not in the community interest and an excessive focus on a jobs and growth agenda.'

'I do not believe that the current and previous Council, under the current mayor, have got the balance right.'

'However, I estimate that I am in agreement with the mayor and Green councillors on about 90 per cent to 95 per cent of the issues facing Byron Shire.'

'It is those five-to-ten per cent of issues where we disagree that will be the

areas I will be focusing on at this year's election.'

'I will be making those differences clear to the Byron Greens membership, along with the areas where I do agree with current councillors.'

'If the Byron Greens members choose to support my application for Greens candidacy then they will be sending a message that the current Green councillors have become overly moderate, and moved too far to the right of what a Green base expects of them.'

'I do not know if I will have enough Greens member votes to achieve a winnable position on the Byron Greens ticket, and if the Greens membership supports the current status

quo then that is their right'.

Cleva says he opposes the Business and Industrial Lands Strategy (BILS), which is again before councillors this Thursday.

'All Greens councillors were in support of the plans last time it was voted upon late last year'.

Cleva says if the BILS is approved this Thursday, he will lobby NSW MPs to have it amended and re-exhibited.

'Whatever happens, I will not be letting up on the inappropriateness of the current BILS and it will be a legacy I will continue to raise, time and time again, as the Shire continues to be inundated by a tsunami of over-development'.

Disillusioned with some decisions

'Since I turned 18 and started voting back in 1995, I have only ever voted Green, so it has come as quite a shock to become so disillusioned with some of the current Green councillors' decisions. Be that as it may, I get on well with Crs Michael, Sarah and Jeanette [Martin] and know that I can work effectively with all three of them if they are re-elected to Council'.

Standing Rock elders to speak in Mullum

Paul Bibby

A host of Indigenous elders from across the Northern Rivers will join two Native American leaders for two events in Mullumbimby this week to explore responses to the climate emergency.

The events, on February 21 and 22, are an opportunity for the elders and leaders to share Indigenous perspectives on the crisis, and for

community members to share their own ideas and perspectives.

'We are in a climate emergency, surrounded by immense suffering,' said one of the organisers of the event, Lisa Brown.

First Nations voices

'These events are a chance to hear First Nations voices, including key people from Oceti Sakowin camp

in Standing Rock talk about protecting the sacred – the air, the water and our future generations.'

The visiting Native American guests include Myron Dewey, the director of *Awake – A Dream of Standing Rock*; and Johnnie A, who served as the wellbeing initiative and interfaith co-ordinator at Standing Rock, North Dakota.

The events include a performance evening

at Mullum Civic Hall on February 21 from 7 till 10pm, featuring songs and stories, and an 'experiential day' on February 22, from 10am till 5pm. The day will be an opportunity to participate in conversations and activities.

Later, there will be a screening of Myron Dewey's film, *Awake – A Dream of Standing Rock*, from 7.30 till 9.30pm. A panel discussion will follow.

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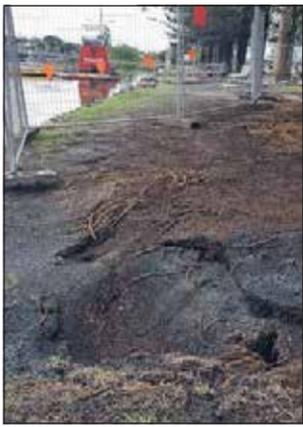
Living on a coastal floodplain in a high rainfall region means that there will be floods and ocean encroachment that need to be managed by Council, state government and landholders.

The recent rainfall since early February – more than the entire rainfall recorded for 2019 – has seen flooding across Byron Shire. A camper van fell into a sinkhole at Clarkes Beach Holiday Park, Byron Bay CBD was flooded, and subsidence and sinkholes have developed on the riverbank at Banner Park, Brunswick Heads.

Reflections Holiday Parks, a NSW government run corporation, are responsible for the Clarkes Beach Caravan Park and Banner Park in Bruns.

Now a concrete wall has been erected at Clarke's Beach Holiday Park, it raises the question of how such a structure will eventually impact the world-renowned beach, given the sand will recede over time.

Council were taken to court in 2016 by wealthy Belongil residents over a claim the Main Beach groyne impacted their beach frontage.



A sinkhole has appeared at Banner Park, Bruns.

CEO of Reflections, Steve Edmonds, told *The Echo*, 'In regards to the coastal erosion, we have already retreated our cabins, sites, and demolished any building at risk. The dune stabilisation works are holding up well, and we continue to work with Byron Shire Council, Department of Primary Industries and Environment (DPIE), and the Arakwal regarding the ongoing management of the dune.'

Mr Edmonds said the concrete blocks will ensure 'no more erosion at this site,' and Reflections have, 'appointed civil engineers, who together with civil geotechnical engineers, will commence



Govt-run Reflections Holiday Parks has placed concrete blocks at a landslip at Clarkes Beach, Byron.

design for a retaining wall solution and associated civil and stormwater designs to reinstate the sites and road in that area.'

Brun's sinkhole

While the sinkholes in Banner Park, Brunswick Heads, are not as big as the one in Byron, Michelle Grant, convenor of the Foreshore Protection Group, told *The Echo* that, 'The bank is collapsing and subsiding – with sinkholes appearing around the picnic tables.'

Ms Grant says she 'wrote to Steve Edmonds last Christmas (December 2018) warning

of the dangers, prior to the arrival of the carnival, and he assured me all was fine.'

In reply, Mr Edmonds told *The Echo*, 'We are aware of recent small holes along the [Brun's] foreshore. We believe they are the result of broken underground stormwater pipes. Areas have been made safe with fencing until permanent repair works can occur as part of the sea wall remediation.'

Flash flooding

Responding to the criticism of repeated flooding at Uncle Toms, Crabbes Creek and Billinudgel, Greens mayor Simon Richardson said, 'It is very hard for an area to stay flood free when it gets many months worth of rain within a few days.'

He says debris covering drainage grates and stormwater drains can block very quickly, and is a 'difficult process to keep everything working perfectly.'

'Though we are improving in this regard, and our budget has grown, we have more to do. It must be said that unless our governments fund disaster prevention properly, we will always struggle.'



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

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Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

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

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

Email: submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au

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

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OPEN FOR FEEDBACK – PUBLIC EXHIBITION

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL USES AT THE 'OLD' BYRON HOSPITAL SITE, SHIRLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

Council is working with a community steering group to facilitate the old Byron hospital site as a community hub, utilising the existing building for a number of community-focused uses to provide welfare, social, cultural and educational services in the centre of Byron Bay.

The site is zoned Low Density Residential (R2) which restricts some of the desired uses.

A planning proposal is therefore required to amend the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 'Additional Permitted Uses Schedule'. This means the current R2 zoning of the site would be retained and the specific following uses would be allowed:

- Office premises
- Light industry, being for a commercial kitchen with a maximum floor space of 100m²
- Restaurant/cafe.

The intent is to repurpose the existing building to enable its use as office spaces for community organisations, a commercial kitchen for hire, a small canteen and a potential educational space.

The draft planning proposal is on exhibition, for your comments, for a period of 4 weeks from 19 February to 20 March 2020 and is available for viewing on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has issued an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this LEP amendment.

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

Submissions Close: Friday 20 March 2020

For enquiries on the planning proposal: Sam Tarrant 02 6626 7216

For enquires on the old Byron hospital site's progress: Claire McGarry 02 6626 7296

DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

In accordance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)*, notification is hereby given of the following development consents granted by Council. The consents listed are available to view Online at Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/find-a-DA.

Information relating to these applications as required by Schedule 1, Division 4, Clause 20(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended)* is also available online.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

- 10.2019.583.1 – Byron Bay, 56 Sunrise Boulevard** Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2019.450.1 – Byron Bay, 4/11 Banksia Drive** Change of Use of existing Frist Floor to Recreation Facility (Indoor) Pilates Studio
- 10.2019.228.1 – The Pocket, 446 The Pocket Road** Addition of Three (3) Cabins to Existing Farm Stay Accommodation
- 10.2019.587.1 – Mullumbimby, 7 Kamala Court** Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2019.449.1 – Myocum, 42 Bilin Road** Studio and Shed (Site 3)
- 10.2019.284.2 – Ocean Shores, 4A Gin Gin Crescent** S4.55 to Modify the Approved Development
- 10.2018.592.3 – Byron Bay, 6 Seaview Street** S4.55 to Delete Condition 27A
- 10.2018.628.2 – Ocean Shores, 3 Wilpy Place** S4.55 to Modify Carparking Location
- 10.2019.614.1 – Byron Bay, 3 Cooper Street** Secondary Dwelling and Tree Removal (1 tree)
- 10.2019.593.1 – Byron Bay, 3 Driftwood Avenue** Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and 1.6M Front Fence
- 10.2016.401.2 – Ewingsdale, 3 Tahra Crescent** S4.55 to Delete Condition 9
- 10.2020.29.1 – Bangalow, 6 Keith Street** Carport
- 10.2019.555.2 – Ocean Shores, 2/8 Yengarie Way** S4.55 to Delete Conditions and Notes requiring ET Contributions
- 10.2019.557.1 – Main Arm, 5/6 Durrumbull Road** Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2015.527.2 – Mullumbimby, 20 Dalley Street** S4.55 to Modify Design and new Garage
- 10.2001.446.2 – Byron Bay, 12 Beachcomber Drive** S4.55 to Modify Internal Layout of the Dwelling House
- 10.2019.585.1 – Bangalow, 30 Blackwood Crescent** Dwelling House, Secondary Dwelling and Swimming Pool
- 10.2019.625.1 – Byron Bay, 3/7 Lawson Street** Change of Use from Shop to Food and Drink Premises
- 10.2019.552.1 – Bangalow, 31 Clover Hill Circuit** Dual Occupancy and Strata Subdivision
- 10.2020.20.1 – Byron Bay, 57 Paterson Street** Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House including Partial Demolition

DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

- 10.2019.255.1 – Myocum, 19 Benloro Lane** Conversion of Existing Building to create Dual Occupancy (Detached)
- 10.2019.545.1 – Federal 202 Federal Drive** Use of Existing Dwelling House
- 10.2017.721.1 – Tyagarah, 68 Foxs Lane** Use of Existing Farm Shed as a Dual Occupancy (attached), use of Workshop and Use of Studio
- 10.2019.196.1 – Possum Creek, 541 Friday Hut Road** Use of Existing Buildings as a detached Dual Occupancy and Demolition / Removal of Five (5) Buildings

2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET COMMUNITY CONVERSATION SESSIONS

Council is developing its draft Operational Plan and Budget and will be hosting 2 'Community Conversation' sessions to invite members of our community to learn about the budget process and have their say on Our Plan for 2020/21:

When: Monday, 24 February 2020
Afternoon: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Evening: 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Where: Council Chambers, Mullumbimby

Members of the community are also encouraged to ask questions online at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/our-plan-20-21.

Enquiries: Heather Sills 02 6626 7171

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

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 26 FEBRUARY 2020

- 10.2020.28.1 – Coopers Shoot, 17 Byron Creek Road (Lot 1 DP 1255851)** Mr B J Mackney, Stage 1 Change of Use of a Dual Occupancy to Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and a Dwelling House including Alterations and Additions Stage 2 Tourist and Visitor Accommodation comprising Six (6) Cabins and Associated Works
- 10.2020.22.1 – New Brighton, 56 New Brighton Road (Lot 2 DP 542514)** Ms P R Forward, Use of Covered Deck
- 10.2020.36.1 – Byron Bay, 18 Banksia Drive (Lot 2 DP 1241977)** Beachbreak Developments Pty Ltd, Light Industry comprising Eighteen (18) Units, Take Away Food & Drink Premises and Associated Works

EXHIBITION CLOSES 4 MARCH 2020

- 10.2019.644.1 – Coorabell, 255 Coolamon Scenic Drive (Lot 5 DP 5130)** Ardill Payne & Partners, Demolition of Dwelling House, Sheds and Farm Buildings and Construction of Expanded Dwelling Module, Recording Studio and Swimming Pool ancillary to a Dwelling House, Construction of New Expanded Dwelling House and Swimming Pool to create Dual Occupancy
- 10.2020.54.1 – Ewingsdale, 14 Hill View Place (Lot 6 DP 883571)** Ms S Clarkson, Use of Secondary Dwelling and Alterations & Additions to Secondary Dwelling New Expanded Dwelling House and Swimming Pool to create Dual Occupancy
- 10.2020.57.1 – Byron Bay, 35 Cowper Street (Lot 1 DP 382651)** Town Planning Studio Pty Ltd, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and Change of Use of Garage to Shed
- 10.2020.42.1 – Byron Bay, 88-94 Centennial Circuit (Lot 60 DP 835249)** Newton Denny Chapelle, Change of Use to Recreation Facility (Indoor)

EXHIBITION CLOSES 11 MARCH 2020

- 10.2020.61.1 – Byron Bay, 7 Julian Rocks Drive (Lot 6 DP 714410)** Julian Rocks Developments Pty Ltd, Multi-Dwelling Housing Comprising Ten (10) Dwellings

INVITATION TO SUBMIT COMMENT

PLANNING CONTROLS TO PROVIDE AN APPROVAL MECHANISM FOR WEDDINGS AND EVENTS IN RURAL AREAS

A planning proposal and draft Development Control Plan 2014 Chapter D9 to regulate weddings and events in our rural areas are on exhibition for four weeks from 29 January until Friday 28 February 2020.

The planning proposal previously exhibited in late 2018, has been amended as a result of two changes determined by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to:

- remove the reference to permitting rural events on land zoned RU1 Primary Production, (events would only be permitted on land zoned RU2 Rural Landscape); and
- remove many of the detailed provisions and include them within an amendment to the Byron Development Control Plan 2014 (DCP).

The DPIE's approval requires public exhibition of the amended Planning Proposal and a new DCP 2014 Chapter D9: Rural Event Sites.

Your feedback is important to us. The Planning Proposal and draft DCP Chapter D9 for rural event sites can also be viewed on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

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

Submissions Close: 28 February 2020

Enquiries: Rob van Iersel 02 6626 7054

Planning staff support questionable DA

Local residents of Coopers Lane West in Main Arm have raised concerns regarding Council staff's recommendation for approval of a dual occupancy in an area that was identified as a high fire-danger area during the recent bushfires.

'At the Mullumbimby fire meeting, and in the media, Coopers Lane was identified as a high-risk area for fire danger, particularly the area where this dual occupancy has been applied for,' said local resident Peta Best.

According to residents, Council staff have recommended approval for the duplication of house numbers on this lot even though fire regulations for road access are not being met.

They claim the DA does not meet the Planning for Bushfire Protection (December 2006) regulations.

'The RoC (Right of Carriageway) that crosses our property does not meet these regulations,' said Ms Best.

'The existing road doesn't

sit within the legal RoC, on top of that, it isn't legally wide enough to meet those fire regulation requirements either in width or in relation to how steep the road is.'

Another resident affected by the development is former councillor Duncan Dey. He told *The Echo* that 'This hill is where staff say it is okay to add another dwelling, serviced by a single lane road of inadequate width, and not sitting within various RoC.'

'The most precarious RoC is only 5m wide, and is 630m long. Nowhere does this RoC have the minimum width of 8m required for passing bays, of which there should be at least four.'

'I feel really sorry for the landowner who recently bought the property,' said Ms Best. 'I understand he approached Council staff and was told that it wouldn't be hard to get the approval for a dual occupancy.'

■ *The Echo's* Aslan Shand is an affected resident.

Large 'affordable housing' Bangalow DA before Council

Paul Bibby

A contentious plan to build 15 residential units on the former Telstra site on Lismore Rd, Bangalow looks set to get the green light at this Thursday's meeting after the developer amended its plans while simultaneously planning legal action.

The proposal, which features a mix of one, two and three bedroom units, is the latest 'affordable housing' development from developer The Kollektive which has half-a-dozen other, similar projects across the Shire.

The application will come before Byron Council's first Planning and Development meeting for the year this Thursday, with staff recommending approval.

However, scores of residents continue to oppose the development, arguing that will create overcrowding, be out of character with

the surrounding area, and have insufficient green space and parking.

'This is Bangalow, not Alexandria,' said Ben Gilmour, who lives a few doors down from the proposed development with his young family.

'I understand that there's a need for places to live in the Byron Shire, but many of us escaped the city because we felt suffocated by the claustrophobic nature of life there. We don't want that recreated here.'

Before L&E court

After lodging its original Development Application (DA) in April last year, The Kollektive lodged a Class 1 action in the Land & Environment Court (LEC) the following month for what it described as Council's 'deemed refusal' of the application.

In response to this move, Council produced a statement setting out its concerns

with the proposal.

These included that it had inadequate light access, exceeded the maximum height level for the area, and created privacy and overshadowing issues for neighbours.

At a subsequent meeting late last year The Kollektive offered to amend its proposal, reducing the total number of units from 17 to 15, redesigning the five studio apartments, and breaking the largest of the proposed buildings into two separate structures.

Soon after, Council received legal advice from Marsden Solicitors about the likely costs of legal action (up to \$28,000) and their prospects of success.

Staff subsequently recommended that councillors approve the proposal.

'It is considered that the amended proposal, which now substantially complies with relevant regulatory

requirements, is appropriate for the site, and consistent with the character of the locality,' Council's major project planner Rob Van Iersel and Legal Counsel Ralph James said in a report to Council.

'The amended proposal provides a better balance between increased housing diversity, which is lacking in Bangalow, and maintaining the character of the village.'

Inner-city style?

But Mr Gilmour disagrees.

'I would like to see more will from Council to push back against this inner-city style development,' he said.

'Council's feeling pressure to increase housing in the area, but I don't think packing people in like this is the solution. I think the solution is to loosen the regulations for building appropriate housing on the large swathes of rural land that are no longer being used for farming.'

PLANNING AGREEMENT

BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL, NEW SOUTH WALES ("COUNCIL") AND THE MULLUM TRIANGLE PTY LTD ACN 611731554 ("DEVELOPER")

Council approved development application 10.2016.625.1 for alterations and additions to existing commercial building to create a café and day spa located at 35-37 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby NSW. Condition 6 of this consent required the developer to enter into a planning agreement with Council. This is notice that the planning agreement is on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Section 7.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The purpose of the planning agreement is the payment of a monetary contribution by the developer to Council in lieu of provision of onsite parking on the development site. The developer is to pay a monetary contribution of \$8,053.26 per car space or a fraction thereof for 15.3 car spaces for a total contribution of \$123,214.88.

The planning agreement is on exhibition from 5 February 2020 until 4 March 2020 and is available for viewing at Council's Administrative Offices Mullumbimby and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/PublicExhibition.

Submissions close: 4 March 2020

Enquiries: Christopher Soulsby on 02 6626 7058

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

Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will automatically result in disqualification of offending tenderers.

CHANGE TO CUSTOMER SERVICE

From Monday 2 March 2020, you can contact our Customer Service team in Mullumbimby from Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) as follows:

- Come and see us at 70 Station St, Mullumbimby 8.30am to 4.00pm
- Give us a call on 02 6626 7000 8.30am to 4.30pm
- Send us an email: council@byron.nsw.gov.au

Gas expansion welcomed by local Nationals MP

A recently announced bilateral energy deal between the NSW and federal coalition governments – which includes expanding the gas industry – has the full support of local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin.

Franklin replied to the question of whether he was supportive of the expansion of the gas industry, despite it contributing to anthropogenic climate change.

He said, 'The bilateral deal on energy signed between NSW and the federal government is a wonderful step forward.'

'As the minister for energy and the environment Matt Kean says, "It is the single biggest state-based financial commitment to emissions reduction in the nation's history and represents a massive Green deal for NSW".'

It's a statement rejected by The Greens and environmental groups.

Franklin continued, 'At its heart is the establishment of a new 3,000 MW renewable energy zone in the central west of the state, along with other measures, such as methane capture from



landfill and land-based carbon farming projects.

'This is on top of the more than 100 private-sector proposals to build large-scale renewable energy projects currently before the government, which would

add 17,700 MW of additional capacity into the network.

'We are on a transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy. That will require high levels of storage, long distance transmission and much better efficiencies in how we use energy. But as that transition occurs, we will need an energy source that can react swiftly to changes in the output of wind and solar – one that is relatively low in emissions and only operates when needed. Natural gas will play that critical role in the short term.'



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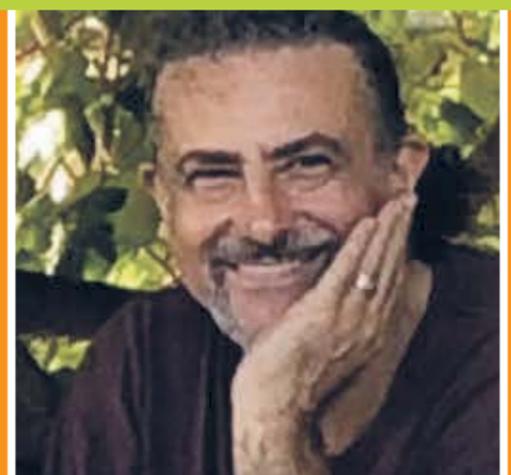
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Dear Greens voter

The local Green councillors you elected in 2016 have little interest in protecting or enhancing the environmental credentials of this region and do the bidding of wealthy developers, Council planning staff and the National Party.

Presumably they will again support that agenda this Thursday (see page one) and re-affirm their desire to pursue a high growth agenda which is underpinned by poor process.

As NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith points out on page one; process matters. It engenders trust. Trust is in short supply with this Council and like everywhere, trust is rapidly diminishing in all aspects of governance.

That's why this Council needs to spend tens of thousands of ratepayer dollars on a public relations exercise called the Community Solutions Panel.

The Greens councillors are at odds with the local Greens state MP over planning, along with those who started the party decades ago.

A branch movement against the current councillors is apparent at the monthly Greens meetings. There's a resistance underway to expunge the four interlopers!

Greens meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting 6.30pm at Temple Byron, 46 Melaleuca Road, Byron Bay. Why not join in on the fun?

With their preselection coming up in April, it's timely to ask, as a Greens voter: Does the agenda of these Green councillors align with your values? How are these councillors engendering trust? Is there hope and vision in this leadership?

They may claim to be the 'new breed of Green,' yet when it comes to planning, I have not heard an articulated position that isn't a Council staff talking point.

If you look closely at their rhetoric, or rebuttals of criticism, there's nothing: just feel good spin, deflection or counter attack.

Political strategists will point out that in general, voters are loyal to their party, and rarely vote otherwise. Brand matters.

That's why the current Greens councillors won't run as independents in 2020, despite seemingly having nothing in common with the Greens' values.

Political parties are able to pursue an adhoc agenda when they have not provided any policies. Greens policies exist at a state and federal level, but not locally.

These councillors might assume you won't be aware of, or be concerned by sloppy governance, hypocrisy and reckless development at all costs. Like most political actors, perhaps they are banking on public ignorance of their activities.

If a party carries out an agenda inconsistent with the platform they were elected upon, should that party be re-elected?

It's worth considering when Simon from Marketing, Crs Michael Lyon, Sarah Ndiaye and Jeanette Martin ask for your vote in the upcoming 2020 election.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Nats implode in shower of coal and pork

The silent majority don't give a rat's arse who becomes deputy speaker in the House of Representatives, and nor does anyone else outside the innermost reaches of the bubble.

The news that Llew O'Brien, rather than Damian Drum, the guardian of the secret vote on his party's leadership – is that karma? – will preside over the quaintly named federation chamber has left the punters positively agog with indifference – if they even registered it at all.

And even among the most fanatical followers of political manoeuvring, the coup that delivered it has been acknowledged as no more than a stunt. But what a stunt – an all-guns-blazing, ripgut ball-tearer of a stunt.

O'Brien's agreement to run against his leader Michael McCormack's (and Scott Morrison's) nominee for the plum perk left the government flat-footed and embarrassed.

And when at least five of their own members defected to vote for Labor's motion it was a humiliation that will not be forgotten or ignored as the long-running feud over both coalition parties' key core agendas and strategies moves towards a climactic showdown.

The fight has now come into the open. Ostensibly, it is over McCormack's leadership or the lack of it – about whether he is to be replaced by the beligerent egomaniac Barnaby Joyce, or perhaps the more moderate and more photogenic David Littleproud.

Certainly McCormack is dead meat – if he was not terminally wounded by the leadership vote, he has certainly been made utterly redundant by O'Brien's win, masterminded by Labor's stuntman Tony Burke. His final demise is only a matter of time, and probably not much of it.

But he is not the ultimate target. The real objectives of the war concern climate change and whether the city-based moderates or the reactionary rural rump will prevail.

For years the issue has been evaded by a series of Liberal prime ministers and their National Party deputies; they have successfully argued that it was not a vote-changer, that the punters could be reassured that as long, as the economy was plodding along and their hip pockets would not be assaulted, there was no serious reason for alarm.

Indeed, this was still the message that Morrison and his increasingly desperate treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, were shouting across the parliament last week. But, as the Nationals' implosion has demonstrated, it is no longer sufficiently sedative even for the most quiescent Australians.

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Mungo MacCallum



The Nats, or at least a majority of the 20 still left in the party room, are wedded to coal – and they want more of it in the form of a new coal-fired power plant in Collinsville, in the heart of their Queensland coal constituencies. One of them, George Christensen, spells it out in uncompromising detail – five seats, he insists, depend on it.

But the Liberals, emboldened by their own research, are now warning that many of their own marginals are looking fragile as a result of what is seen as government intransigence and denial. The trigger, of course, was the bushfires: ironically most of the damage was in the bush, but most of the angst was in the suburbs.

Once the rains came, Morrison and McCormack must have hoped that the notoriously short-term concerns of the voters would be allayed and they could go back to procrastination as usual.

But the rains brought new problems of their own: the government is now faced with the extraordinary situation of providing disaster relief for drought, fire and flood simultaneously – even in the same places.

Adapt and resile as he might, Morrison cannot shrug this off as just another weather event.

Even the sceptics are now realising that climate change does not just mean a few more hot days in summer – it means that everything is more extreme and is likely to get worse, that blathering on about meeting and beating inadequate targets and demanding that someone else takes the responsibility is

no longer going to cut it.

And the idea of a new coal fired power station, which would have to be funded by the Australian taxpayers because no-one else will touch it, is not merely pointless – it is positively perverse. But that no longer matters – we are not talking about economics, or engineering, or even the most basic science.

The new and utterly irrational line from the reactionary rump is that the activists are motivated, not by science, but by belief – the deniers are the ones who worry about the facts, which is no doubt why they spend so much time cherry picking the ones that suit them from the fringe.

Presumably they do not expect to be taken seriously; one of their champions, the Liberal senator Jim Molan, boasted recently on ABC TV's Q&A that when it came to the science of climate change, he was not relying on evidence.

So it was, we must assume, blind ideology that has persuaded him that it is all a conspiracy to destroy capitalism.

The latest suggestion (and it is no more than that) is that McCormack should quietly stand down in favour of his brand new deputy David Littleproud, who would include Joyce not necessarily in his cabinet, but at least in his ministry.

This assumes that Joyce would be grateful and conciliatory and would henceforth abandon any further ambitions of regaining the leadership – talk about hope trumping experience.

At the very best it might buy a bit more time. So not a solution, not even a decent stunt.

The essential schism would and will remain – the irreconcilable division between those who accept the science and those who deliberately and proudly reject the evidence, and no amount of shuffling the deckchairs will resolve it.

And it is now clear that compromise is no longer on the table – if it ever was. This is not a fight that can lead to a points decision, in which the losers can regroup and prepare for a return bout – it is winner take all.

Except, perhaps, for Llew O'Brien, the turncoat deputy speaker. Alone among the coalition, he is laughing all the way to his lavishly provided sinecure. Such are the rewards of the double cross.



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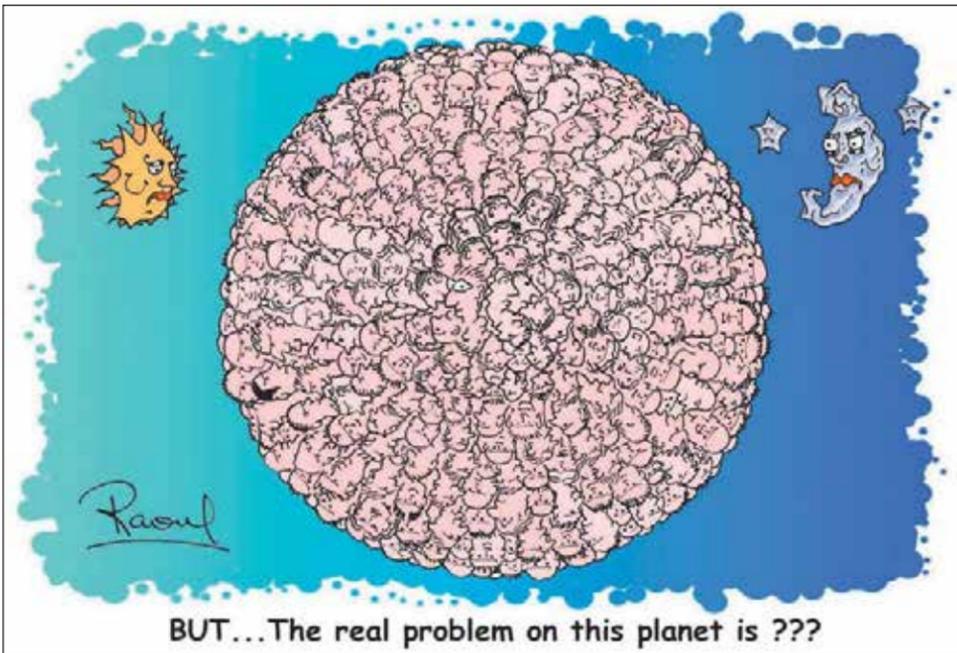


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Border farce

We shouldn't worry about COVID-19 (coronavirus), fires and floods keeping tourists away since our aggressive greeting-party to our shores are doing a fabulous job of 'enforcing our borders'.

Returning home from a week in New Zealand, upon going through customs at Coolangatta International I was subjected to questions that made me question, 'What if I answered wrongly?'

Most of the questions were the standard ones for February 2020: Have you been to mainland China recently? Do you have any criminal convictions? etc.

But it was two of the next questions that blew my mind: 'have you ever been to court?' and, 'have you ever had a speeding fine?'

What kind of dystopian interrogation is this? I was expecting a question regarding overdue library books next... silly me, the arts budget has already been cut.

In contrast, entering and leaving New Zealand was almost the opposite. When my belt buckle set off the gun scanner, the customs staff member actually apologised for the inconvenience!

So what would have happened if I did have a speeding fine? I shudder to think... maybe a stint on the cheery sounding Christmas Island? Maybe a dark room somewhere deep under the airport sporting faded 'Welcome to Australia' posters from the '80s? Who knows? But as our human rights are about as high a priority as climate change for this government, this experience did not leave me feeling too safe, or too welcome.

Matt Brady
Byron Bay

Unconfusable

Catastrophic climate change and climate emergency miss the mark... the unconfusable target is criminal emissions.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

Public sculpture

Now that Council has recouped on the infamous lighthouse sculpture with the sale of the birds, I have an idea for public sculptures around the Shire.

Stylish use of colorbond, concrete, wood and metal. Artistic design if you like, but the simpler the better. Small and large versions of the same thing.

They could be placed throughout the Shire, particularly in Bangalow where there are currently none.

Admired by many they will even have a practical use. Every school child who currently stands in the pouring rain, or runs across traffic from the shelter of a shop awning, will be thankful. For argument's sake let's call them 'bus shelters'. Imagine how many \$55,000 could build.

Lisa Peacock
Bangalow

Stop the gloom

Tina Petrof (Letter 12 February) firstly, hats off to your husband, I have great respect and gratitude to all our fires who give so much for our communities' safety!

Secondly, have a look at Jacqui Lambie's speech in parliament re the sports rort: 'another shameful day in politics... we know what you've been up to... start being bloody honest with the people in this country'. I can relate to her anger! The irresponsible, simplistic spin thrown our way to deflect

from the issue of climate change during the national emergency was shameful too.

No, the National Parks (NP) are not locked up, the incident you describe is an isolated one. The policy created by Bob Carr gave responsibility for hazard reduction burning (HRB) in our NPs to those highly trained in environmental care and fire fighting.

In 2018 NPs did complete its prescribed burning target of 35,000 hectares, despite having its workforce reduced by 35 per cent under the coalition. The drought conditions in 2019 during winter and spring were contrary to safe implementation of HRB. The reality is HRB has little effect on the mega-fires we have seen over the past months, so the responses needed are much more multi-faceted and complex. This includes addressing climate change in an ethical way instead of lying about it on the world stage.

The PM, and many members of the coalition, are career politicians focussed on being in power even if it means bribery and corruption - they are there for their salaries, perks and pensions. Look at how the government responded to the fires with a Liberal Party advert and fundraiser for their party - unbelievable!

My perspectives on our corrupt, inadequate government are based on a desire to prevent Aussies experiencing doom and gloom on an unprecedented scale. I want Australia to have an intelligent, ethical government leading people into a better future.

Christina Henry
Bangalow

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We are looking to submit a Development Application regarding the 111.2 hectare Linnaeus Estate property at 951 Broken Head Road Broken Head.

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The application proposes that 11 approved but unbuilt units not be erected and 33 two person cabins/treehouses be constructed for ecoretreat guests.

The building footprint of new development would be 0.35 hectares or less than one third of one percent of the site. The building footprint including all existing and new development would be 0.78 hectares or less than three quarters of one percent of the site.

The ecoretreat has a zero carbon commitment. New development would avoid sensitive habitat, occurring in cleared and disturbed areas only.

The DA has not yet been lodged with Council. Feedback is being sought until 6th March. Please visit www.ecotourismproposal.com.au for more information and contact 0492 877 437 or enquiries@ecotourismproposal.com.au with questions and feedback. Information sessions are being held 28 and 29 February at various times. Bookings are essential and can be made via the website.

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Planet Watch: Drowning not waving – tales from a dying ocean

Dr Willow Hallgren

As human activity contributes more and more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, such as CO2 and methane, this is having a major impact on the world's oceans. The oceans have taken up around 40 per cent of the carbon dioxide emitted by humans since 1750 – the beginning of the industrial revolution.

Absorbing so much CO2 is making seawater increasingly more acidic, and this will, increasingly, cause the shells and skeletons of some marine creatures, including corals, plankton and shellfish, to dissolve. The oceans have also absorbed about 90 per cent of the warming caused by human carbon emissions since pre-industrial times.

This warming and acidification of the oceans is having profound impacts on both its physical structure and the myriad lifeforms who live in it and depend on it, including humans. It is also having major impacts on Australian fisheries, aquaculture and tourism.



Left: The back to back massive coral bleaching events of 2016 and 2017 devastated nearly half of the Great Barrier Reef.

Right: Fire fighters at the Wardell fire front on November 8, 2019. Photo Ewan Willis

Property threat

The oceans are getting warmer and expanding, causing sea-level rise (along with land-based ice sheets melting). Coupled with more severe storms, this means that storm surges are increasingly inundating low-lying coastal areas, leading to disruptive and expensive flooding events. Extreme sea levels have occurred three times more frequently in the second half of the 20th century than the first half.

Moreover, the rate of sea-level rise is increasing, and is predicted to rise at a considerably faster rate during the 21st century than it did during the 20th century.

Currently, there are hundreds of beaches and coastal communities around Australia that are at risk from coastal erosion. A few more decades of sea-level rise, and this number could climb into the thousands. The global average sea level is predicted to rise by 45 to 82cm (above levels seen in the late 20th century) in the next 70 years – if we continue emitting large amounts of greenhouse gases. Of course, if any of the land-based ice sheets continue to melt unabated, the sea-level rises could be much larger, threatening the lives and livelihoods of millions of people living around the world's coastlines. Both the Greenland and West Antarctic ice sheets are melting at record rates – and accelerating!

Needless to say, beach-front or low-lying waterfront property is probably not a good long-term investment. The burgeoning coastal development around Australia will undoubtedly face increasing risk owing to storm surges and extreme water levels as greenhouse gas emissions continue to climb.

See the Great Barrier Reef before it's gone

As communities around Australia are reeling from the unimaginably devastating ecological catastrophe of an unprecedented bushfire season, there is another ecological catastrophe unfolding, albeit at a slower rate. In the seas that gird our bushfire-burnt country, an

ecosystem with immense biodiversity and beauty – the Amazon rainforest of the ocean; the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) – is dying. Its death is both predictable and inexorable if the continued rise in global CO2 emissions is not halted.

Australians have now realised that the 2008 predictions of climate-change-induced severe bushfires by 2020, in the Garnaut Climate Change Review should have been listened to and acted upon. The devastating results are now all around us and have been choking us in both the countryside and the cities for months.

What Australian's must also recognise is that ignoring the warnings about climate change and the GBR will have massive and possibly irreversible consequences. Between 1985 and 2012 there was a 50 per cent decline in coral cover owing to human influences, and this occurred before the back-to-back massive coral bleaching events of 2016 and 2017, which devastated nearly half of the Great Barrier Reef. In 2019, a scientific study found an 89 per cent decline in the number of new corals settling on the Great Barrier Reef.

We must realise that the future of the GBR is now dependent on how quickly greenhouse gas emissions come down. If we keep global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, the reef will survive, but in a degraded state, with less coral cover and less biodiversity. However, if greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise on their current trajectory, then it's 'game over' and the reef will die completely, according to Professor Terry Hughes, the director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies.

The times they are a'changing

So what can we do to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change on the oceans? First of all, vote for a party that has strong policies on emissions reduction – not for parties who try to use sneaky carbon accounting tricks to get away with doing as little as possible to address the root cause of climate change.

In 2018, climate change scientists agreed that 'limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society... Global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) would need to fall by about 45 per cent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050'.

Australia failing to meet targets

Needless to say, Australia is not on-track to even come close to this level of emission reductions, yet this is what the science says we must do to avoid more frequent climate catastrophes, such as the 2019/2020 bushfires, or mass coral bleaching events. This is the same science that only 12 years ago predicted the recent horror bushfire season.

Rethinking where we live

Beach nourishment may be able to extend the habitability of eroding coastlines, but not forever. It's really time we start to rethink human settlements in low-lying areas – we should be aiming for an organised, well-planned retreat. This must be accompanied by the replanting of coastal ecosystems, such as mangroves and seagrasses,

to buffer coastlines from stronger storms and to preserve as much coastal marine-life as possible. Ultimately, the uninsurability of beachside properties might be the deciding factor on future coastal developments and a planned retreat away from low-lying coastlines (the market can be an efficient tool if we allow it to be – hello carbon tax!).

Plenty of heating on its way

Unfortunately, owing to past emissions, there is already considerable heating of the planet in the pipeline. It's not going to be enough to simply stop emitting greenhouse gases. We need to sequester as much CO2 as we can, in order to stabilise the climate as much as possible, and limit future impacts. Although ecologically risky, many marine geoengineering mechanisms have been proposed, such as fertilising the ocean with iron filings or other nutrients to stimulate phytoplankton growth, and growing kelp forests – which grow very quickly and absorb huge amounts of CO2.

Other ways the oceans might help us fix the problems we have created involve tapping into their enormous potential for renewable energy in the form of wave and tidal energy, and offshore wind farms. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and diversifying the types of renewable energy we can draw on are our best approach to securing our long term, sustainable, relatively inexpensive energy future.

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Cost of 'free' camping

Well said Alison Drover. Thankyou! Those who trash our beautiful towns aren't 'free' as much as they think that lifestyle is. Actually they are slaves to their own sense of entitlement and lack of self-responsibility.

How would a locals' card work? I've lived here 23 years, most of that time with an anchored 'home', but at times, enjoying sleeping in my car, in the forest, occasionally at the beach.

More and more women over the age of 55 are finding themselves single and homeless. One of the safest options is to live in a van. The 'homeless' are a diverse group.

A locals card could work on many levels. It would entitle card-holders to use the shower and toilet facilities at both Neighbourhood Centres, as well as the usual food, facilities and range of fabulous offerings available.

The card could come with a brochure explaining the expectations, the laws, the responsibilities of each person. As for being policed by rangers - when producing the card, locals who need support can be referred on to the neighbourhood and community centres for support to move forward in living options etc.

Those locals who are just sleeping out for a few nights are free to do so, providing they respect the surroundings. Those who are lazy, disrespectful, tourists or 'long stayers' could cop a good fine as you suggest.

Money from bed tax/fines etc could be funnelled into making life easier for those locals who do live on the fringe, including education on the 'how to's' of stepping lightly and safely on the land; more clean toilets and covered areas.

Local fringe dwellers contribute as much economically and socially as other sectors of our Shire do. They can often be found cleaning up messes left by itinerants and tourists. The number of locals being forced to live simply will only increase from world influences - we need to accept that, and create a framework and embrace it.

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Sea protection

\$104 million for the Beach Hotel - not a bad price for a building on top of what would be, but for huge amounts of public money, a rapidly eroding sand dune.

No doubt they pay a motza in rates, but I doubt

it would be anything like a fair share of the tens of millions of dollars that we, as ratepayers and taxpayers, have spent, and will spend, on past and future protection works and the studies needed to do them.

Perhaps Council should get a percentage of the sale price every time it changes hands?

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

Coronaspiracy

Peter Olsen (Letters 12 February) should not willfully spread conspiracy theories about COVID-19 (the official name of the novel coronavirus) for which he has cherry picked facts.

Dr Francis Boyle is a lawyer not a physician or scientist. Claims that COVID-19 is a bioweapon are false. So are claims the first cases were not related to the fish market (read the full set of *Lancet* articles).

Dr Joseph Wu's article in the *Lancet* was an exercise in modelling the epidemic. The numbers are speculative, not verified. Most cases are mild, so many people may not be diagnosed. Numbers stated in the media come from the World Health Organisation and are confirmed cases.

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Compassion card

Michelle Grant

I join Mandy Nolan (5 February *Soapbox*) in condemning the roll-out of the gormless government's cashless debit card. It will compel Newstart recipients to spend their meagre income in specific supermarkets and department stores.

I sympathise with 'Jimmy' the typical Newstart stereotype living in his car. The cashless debit card will inevitably push Jimmy closer to suicide than survival, but Centrelink-induced deaths and suicides are not acknowledged.

The Jimmys of Australia are the collateral damage on the path to budget surplus.

There are also hundreds of thousands of people, who

are managing on Newstart – with a little help from family, friends, and community. They're resilient, resourceful and skilled financial managers, living simple, frugal lives. Most have a very small carbon footprint.

Let me tell you about Jenny. She pays \$250 per week to rent a converted garage. She's moved multiple times over the years as cheap housing was sold off or remodelled into holiday accommodation.

Running a car, her freedom machine, is her biggest expense after rent. It costs \$20 a week for rego, \$25 a week for fuel, and she needed new tyres this year (\$200).

Jenny often carools and invites car-less friends

on trips to the shops and neighbouring towns. She gets most of her clothes and household items from sales or second hand shops and garage sales. The only 'department store' in Byron Shire is Target Country at Ocean Shores, so the cashless debit card would limit her options considerably.

Volunteer

Jenny volunteers at the community garden, grows her own vegies. She spends less than \$50 per week on food, rarely shops at Woolies or Coles or eats out. She can pick up a meal from Liberation Larder or a food box from the church groups.

It costs \$40 a month for her mobile. Her last electricity bill was \$125 for the quarter, less than half the average persons. Only the small, energy efficient fridge (\$300 from Bridglands) is plugged in all day. She uses the laundromat (\$6 f/night) or a bucket to wash clothes. Jenny loves the Blues

Festival and Writers Festival and has volunteered almost every year. She's also supported Bay FM, Byron Greens, Landcare and Duncare, youth groups and other community associations; initially to gain experience and then to use her skills. She's sat on committees, managed not-for-profit organisations, coordinated events, written reports, submissions and a successful grant application. None of it paid the bills, but it made her feel appreciated, useful and valued, and she had a lot of fun along the way.

Jenny started her work-life as a secretary, but computers took over while she was busy having babies, and she's been trying to keep up ever since. She's retrained several times, earning a BA and Dip Ed, but she never managed to find a permanent well-paid job.

She applied for 300 jobs that first year, post grad, and rode the roller-coaster of hope and despair, bullied and

battered by Centrelink and a Job Network that has offered little assistance ever since.

She has made ends meet with an array of part-time work, from casual teaching to cleaning holiday houses, delivering mail, running market stalls, even writing the occasional article for the local newspapers. Most were poorly paid, and some were cash in hand.

It's taken two decades for the hourly rate to climb from \$10 to \$20. Centrelink reduces Jenny's Newstart payments, taking 50c for every dollar she earns, beyond the \$60 fortnightly threshold, making it pretty tough to get ahead.

Newstart payments have not increased since John Howard's election in 1996!

Jenny is in her 60s now, and works 20 hours a week, and is still on an income low enough to get a part Newstart payment and qualify for a health care card.

For most of her adult life, she's lived on less than

\$550 per week (Newstart's threshold), yet she manages to remain an active, engaged member of the community.

Jenny's not looking forward to the years ahead of hard physical work until she's 67 and eligible for an aged pension. She lives with the stress of yearly rent hikes, the anxiety of another eviction when she can no longer make the rent, the stress and expense of emerging health issues and the possibility of losing her job owing to these issues. After climate change, affordable housing is the issue most worrying her. Jenny needs a pay rise to keep a roof over her head, not income management via a cashless welfare card.

Jenny's never voted for the LNP, but their policies have had real, brutal and negative impacts on her and other low-income Australians, like Jimmy. Surely it's time we gave them a leg-up instead of another put-down, and raised the rate of Newstart?

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Dr Jonathon Read's paper was also a modelling exercise published as a 'preprint' ie: an early draft of research. It included some estimates of the number of people infected per case, that have since been revised down, leading to a lower (but still speculative) number.

'These are very early models that make several assumptions based on what evidence is available,' said David Heymann, an epidemiologist at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in *The New York Times*. 'They aren't truth – they're just one step in trying to better

understand this outbreak.'

The case fatality rate of COVID-19 seems to be less than three per cent, much lower than SARS which killed around 10 per cent of those infected. It is spread by droplet infection – coughing and sneezing contaminating surfaces – or inhaled directly from a close contact. Wash your hands frequently and stay away from people who are coughing and sneezing.

Mr Olsen is correct in saying the infection will finally reach Australia. But the same thing happens every winter with influenza. While a vaccine may be one to two years away, common-sense measures can prevent

most cases. Panic and misinformation are more deadly.

Julia Lowe
Suffolk Park

Coronaspiracy 2

Could Peter Olsen please let up on his paranoia and fear mongering and keep his 'conclusive logic' to himself.

He lost all credibility since his contribution to the Y2K hysteria all those years ago, and we know how that turned out.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

Meaty topics

In response to the article *There is no life without water: time to save* (5 February). We

can all save water in many ways.

Did you know 'the water required for a single hamburger patty is equivalent to 100 days of showering?' If you're serious about saving water, stop buying and eating meat (<https://www.simply-live-consciously.com>)

Matt Ogle
Byron Bay

Dead zone

Every time I walk upstairs in the Mercato Building above ByrWoolies, it's like a dead zone. So a proposal for a 146 room hotel, function centre and retail premises, when we can't even draw enough

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

In a controversial move the Mar del Plata Chess Association (FMA) in Argentina last year unanimously voted to abolish women's tournaments. In Mar del Plata all tournaments will now be open to all.

For years argument has raged as to whether women's and girls-only events encourage female players or hold them back.

Advocates for women-only events point to the preference of girls for their own tournaments and the treatment girls get from boys in mixed events. They also note the financial benefits of segregated events – the recent Women's World Championship was played for a 500,000 Euro prize fund.

Those opposed have as their trump card the fact that the only female player to reach the top 10, Judit Polgar, eschewed women's events almost entirely from the start of her career.

The FMA has come down strongly in the second camp, arguing that separate gender events support discrimination, exclusion, ostracism and stigmatisation. 'When it comes to activi-

ties where the intellectual abilities of the individual prevail – and chess is clearly one – we are all equal. In maths competitions, no gender difference is made. For the Nobel prizes there is no such categorisation.

'All chess players know that the best way to progress is to compete with higher level players. So, how does a woman develop if she competes only with individuals of the same gender?'

Could (or should) such a change occur in Australia?

Inferior female participation rates, almost total neglect by the Australian Chess Federation, and negligible rewards for top women players have seen Australia's female players fall behind the rest of the world. And since there are already no domestic women's events, banning female-only tournaments in Australia would only affect juniors.

Such a move would probably further diminish participation rates, with the remaining girls hopefully improving to remain competitive. Would that long term benefit outweigh the likely short term participation hit? All eyes will be on Mar del Plata for evidence one way or the other.



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People's Climate Assembly calls for action

Graeme Dunstan

The People's Climate Assembly gathered outside Australia's Federal Parliament on the first day of sitting, on 4 February 'to make a stand against the ignorance of the Australian government, and to demand real action in the face of the climate change emergency.'

The gathering outside the Parliament followed a calamitous season of bush-fire and a popular denouncing of climate change denialism. It coincided with the first sitting day of 2020 for the now reviled Morrison government.

The Assembly occupied Federation Mall for five days, and busloads of individuals and groups arrived from Melbourne, Wollongong, the Blue Mountains, Sydney, Dubbo and the Rainbow Region.

The program included workshops about liveable cities, hydrology, traditional ownership, doctors talking climate and mental health, veterinarians talking fire and wildlife. There were smoking ceremonies, and choir-led sing-alongs, information stalls and lots of banners and signage.



The Northern Rivers Extinction Rebellion's Red Rebels joined the march from the Aboriginal tent embassy to the People's Climate Assembly rally. Photo Chibo Mertineit

With hot sun, limited shade and blustery wind, Federation Mall was a harsh place for the protesters. They were corralled well back from the big house by an army of police, even though for four of the five days the crowds were sparse.

Support from across the community

The first sitting day saw the action begin at 7am with a Pollie Watch at the Melbourne Avenue entrance to Parliament House. Activists and their banners lined up so that politicians arriving from the airport could not help but notice them. There were about one hundred people

with 20 big banners – the biggest Pollie Watch yet. About 2,500 people attended the 11am rally. Popular science communicator, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki MC'd the rally, and the speeches were fiery – hot with anger at the government's inaction and climate denial.

Speakers included the newly announced Greens leaders, Adam Bandt and Senator Larissa Waters, former Liberal leader, John Hewson, and the ever-popular Bob Brown who urged direct action against coal miners and Tarkine loggers.

Bruce Shillingsworth, a Muruwari and Budjiti man from the northwest NSW

river lands, demanded water be put back in the rivers.

The Member for Warringah, Zali Stegall, spoke of a climate emergency bill, for which she intends bipartisan support. Go Zali!

Dr Sue Wareham from the Medical Association for the Prevention of War warned of coming conflicts from climate extremes and war-promoting military spending. Of the 'LibLabs' she decried, 'How long do we have to suffer these people?'

The ALP Shadow Minister for Environment, Mark Butler, was heckled. He left the stage with the crowd chanting in unison, 'No more coal!'

The rally finished with a walk and hand-holding around Parliament House.

Personally, I felt disappointed that there was no direct action, and all-in-all it seemed to me just an exercise in more hot air. It was good for movement-building, but the practical task of reducing CO2 in the face of a fossil-fuel funded government remained unaddressed.

■ Graeme Dunstan is a peace activist from the North Coast of NSW (Peacebus.com).

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When motor neuron disease came into my life

Timothee Diers

There are events in our life that we call 'life changing' and there are events that are life-markers: scars from trauma and bad experiences that never heal. But there are also events that transform us, that lift us out of an unthinkable event. This is such a story, and it is mine.

It all started in April 2015 when my wife's voice began to change. After eight months she was finally diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease (MND). That year and the four months following can only be described as the most profound chapter of my life.

I can now look death in the face. I have seen it. I have witnessed the coming to the end - its nuances, the rays of hope, believing a miracle may happen.

The care giving - nights and days, for months with little food or sleep, losing hope, the heart breaking over and over. At the end,

I would sleep on the floor beside her bed and turn her every half hour since she could not move.

And she was alert. Her mind, as far as I could tell, was not affected. She could not speak for the last 11 months, but she could communicate by writing, and finally, by slowly typing on her mobile phone.

She had a feeding tube for the last five months through which all liquids and nutrients were fed. The deterioration happened slowly, and then quickly.

Looking for the miracle

We travelled for nine months around the world looking for the miracle, hoping that someone, somewhere, would crack the code to heal the incurable disease. We went first to India, then to Germany, and finally to Southern California for cutting-edge stem-cell treatments. We travelled into Mexico for experimental



Madhubala Christina Fendel

treatments not yet allowed in the US. We saw healers who guaranteed that she would pull through.

We did everything we could, and in the end, we came home. Back to the Pocket Road, back to our beautiful home in the rainforest, surrounded by nature and our friends. It was an unbelievable journey, and

we met beautiful people, all wanting to help.

She died in my arms on 5 April 2017.

I could tell you of our 18 years together that began when a mutual friend showed her a photo of me in Corfu, and she fell in love.

After five months of correspondence I flew from the States to meet her and we

started our life together here on the Pocket Road. Our love story was, in the beginning, and for the most part, like a fairy tale, but the miracle we were looking for at the end turned out not to be physical, but an inner one.

Life choices

The year following her death was pretty hard. I felt the knife in the heart. I know the dark place where people go when their partners die and they give up living. I came to a crossroad - to shut down, or to move forward with love and acceptance. I chose love.

Just before the anniversary of her passing, I journeyed to the south island of New Zealand for my own designed vision quest - to find myself. I rented an old van and went into the mountains. I stood in those old beech forests under towering mountains and claimed my life again.

People have told me that MND is the most horrendous disease that can happen to

someone, and that it is a mistake in the plan of life. This is what I say: that this disease was a gift. It demanded everything; it demanded surrender to something bigger than us. Our hearts broke over and over. Finally there was nothing left to break and there was only love. I know now this is what is eternal. To say that it was a mistake is to discount those two years that taught us that love is the most powerful force in the universe. I value those days. I honour them.

The morning she died, something opened, and the space in the room was indescribable. Beyond religion and spirituality, it was tangible. During the months that followed, many events happened that I couldn't dismiss as coincidence or things I made up. Some would call them miracles.

My day will come, as will yours. And my wish is that I spend these remaining days in love and awe and wonder, and that I see each moment as a privilege to be lived in.

► Continued from page 14 people to the current retail premises, seems absurd.

Now we're talking about another development opportunity next to where the old Woolies is, which seems even more absurd.

Byron Council's willingness to turn Byron into a city-scape will ruin the

town forever.

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We have a so-called Green council? I don't think so.

Liz Friend
Ocean Shores

Preselection

The local Greens are going through their preselection process at the moment and there's a bit of jockeying going on. Considering how badly they chose last time, how dumb must the Greens' membership be?

I predict they'll confirm their ineptitude by putting up the same stunned mullets as last time with a highly qualified newer member (who I won't name) being put in an unelectable position on the ticket.

I can understand the

membership being glibbed by Simon Richardson (but who wasn't?) but have other Greens councillors done anything to earn our trust?

The only intelligent political thing they ever did was to over-enthusiastically join up with the Greens in order to jump the queue and cash in on the Greens' past glories.

Simon Richardson apparently won't be running and will perhaps join the 'wets' in the Liberal Party, who are his natural constituency ie, people who don't like coal but aren't about to bust their

gut in pursuit of an ideal that involves more than posturing.

I really hope that electors will reject the party rot at the next election and vote for individuals, not tickets.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Mullum flood study

Despite the rain, or maybe because of it, the public meeting on 12 February at Mullum Ex-Services Club on Council's Floodplain Management process was attended by over 70 local

residents. The meeting was organised by Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) to inform residents of the process, to outline content and recommendations of the draft plan now on exhibition, and to encourage people to submit their experiences and concerns to Council by 21 February.

The most recent flood event in north Byron Shire, influenced by ex-cyclone Debbie in 2017, was an experience shared by many at the meeting with memories of

► Continued on page 18

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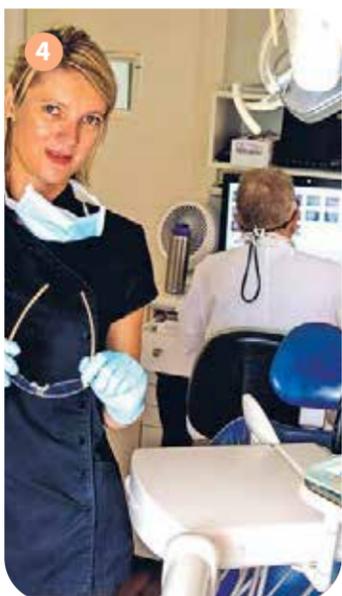


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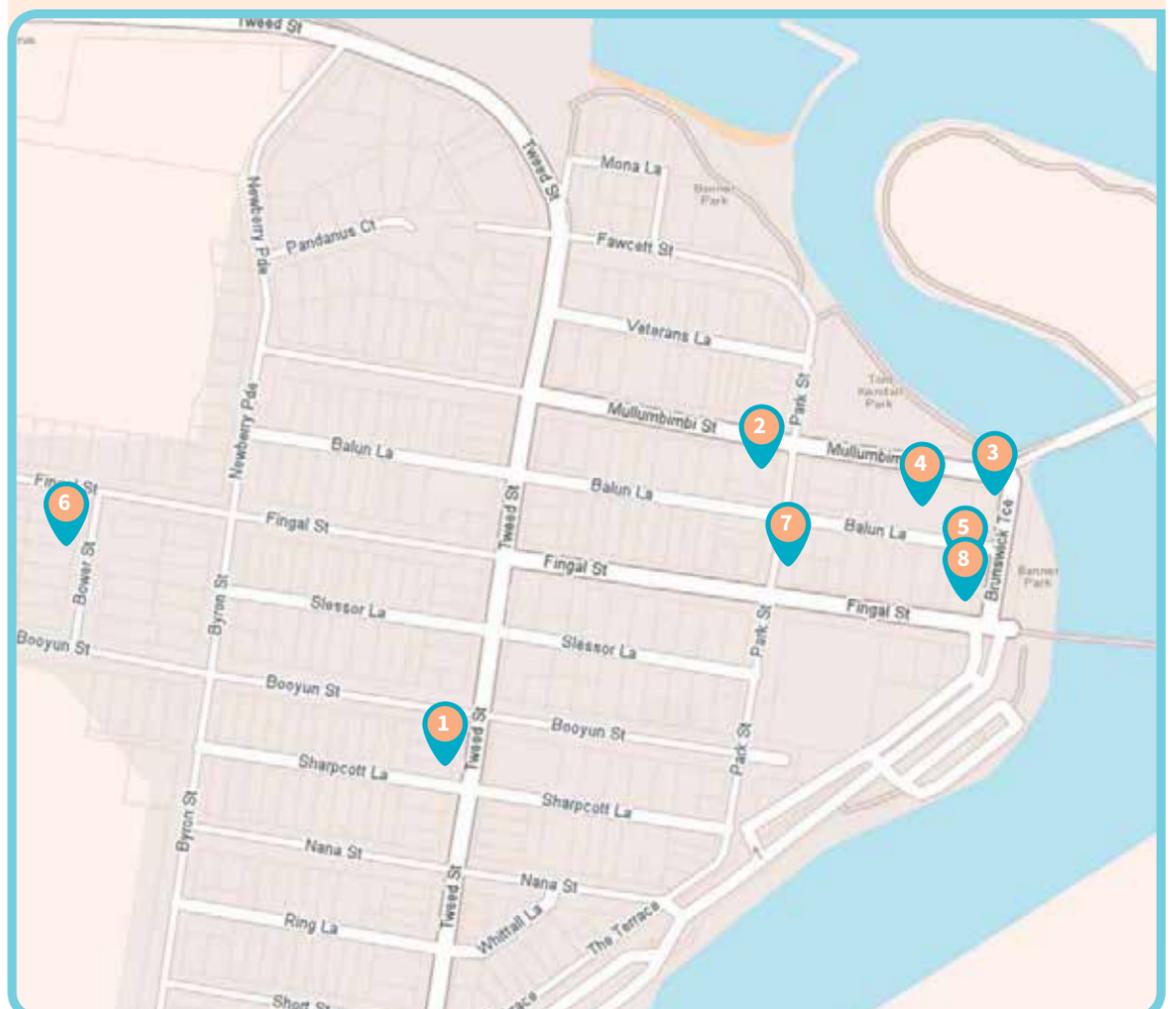
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Tax evasion or subtle government money grab?

Patricia Warren

Issues related to the restriction on the movement of cash should be of concern to anyone who has dealings with banks, credit unions and building societies (Follow the Money Echo 15 January).

In spite of a raft of existing legislation, the government is alleging the proposed restriction on the movement of cash under the *Currency (Restriction on the Use of Cash) bill 2019* is to address all forms of tax evasion.

Black economy

If the government was intent on addressing the black economy, then it need only expand 'reporting entities' to AUSTRAC to include motor-car dealers, jewellers, antiquities dealers, art dealers, real estate agents, lawyers and accountants and the tipper-truck industry, where it is alleged most of the black economy exists.

► Continued from page 16 waking up with flood water through their homes where it had never been before. That there was no flood warning and no help available when it occurred was an experience shared by many at the meeting. Thankfully, the draft plan recommends a new style of warning system and re-thinks on emergency management.

It was no surprise to learn, at the meeting, that the Study and Plan identify Mullumbimby as the most flood affected town in North Byron Shire.

A position shared by many at the meeting was that the safety of existing residents must take priority over pandering to new development. 'No-Fill zones' are a strategic necessity in and around Mullumbimby, to prevent increased flooding. Other mitigation options supported in the plan include larger openings through the railway embankment south of Saltwater Creek and widening of Kings Creek Bridge on Mullumbimby Road.

Dr Sonia Laverty,
Convener MRA

Not ladies!

I loved *The Echo's* front page photo of women wielding power tools at the shedding workshop (5 February). However, the caption *Ladies hit the shed* was a shocking diminishment of their independent can-do stance.

The term ladies is so



There is no justification for the \$10k ceiling on cash transactions, no base-line to determine the effectiveness of the proposed legislation, and only an estimate of the size of the black economy.

So what is the agenda here? And why is the government acting in unison with the big banks, who have been exposed as practitioners of the most ruthless aspects of capitalism and who support this Currency bill?

At the Senate's hearing on the Currency bill, the Reserve Bank's representative

dismissed and diffused any linkage between the bill and (a) the *Financial Sector Legislation Amendment (Crisis Resolution Powers and Other Measures) Act 2018 (FSLA)*, which provides for the conversion of deposits to be used by the government to bail in (using private money to stabilise the financial system) failing financial institutions, and (b) negative interest-rate policy.

Cashless society

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) 2017 working paper advised

invigorated alliance between Iraq and Iran.

Trump declared the assassinations were necessary to prevent imminent attacks against US facilities, but clearly they served to provoke an attack – not to prevent it.

This assassination has handed Iran an opportunity to legitimately target US bases. Whereas these US actions have been wholly without legitimacy, the Iranian response was measured and legal. Having clearly misjudged their opponent, team Trump appears crude, callous and incompetent by comparison.

America is an empire in decline, dependent on permanent war. Its resort to brutal, unlawful and strategically disastrous action betrays frustrated impotence. This crime has done nothing to benefit the people of Israel or the US.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

■ Ed note: Funnily enough we thought that using this outdated term in this context highlighted the issue nicely.

The fog of war

Trump is a loose cannon. With one fell swoop of its predator drones the US committed its gravest strategic blunder since the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

The extralegal execution of senior Iraqi and Iranian commanders by Washington has given the martyred ones glory in death and unified an

governments on how to move step-by-step to a cashless society to avert public unrest and bring money into the banking system. It argues that a cashless society makes negative interest rates as part of monetary policy more efficient. One step is to place a ceiling on cash transactions. The governor of the Reserve Bank is supportive of a cashless society.

The Currency bill is not an evidence-based policy, and therefore not good public policy.

People need to contact their federal representative and NSW senators, now, to demand the bill be withdrawn before it comes up for vote. The final report is due to be returned to the Senate on 28 February and voting will take place soon after that.

Go to www.aph.gov.au for a list of NSW senators.

There's no place for 'my crowd versus your crowd' battles, where emotions overtake the ability to get to the facts. There's too much at stake to get it wrong, as many people could be harmed if we act hastily without knowing enough about the impacts of our decisions.

Open-mindedness and patience to listen to others is needed so we can move forward together. Now that many are waking-up to our collective response-ability it's vital we respect all views of available evidence.

Unfortunately, I've not seen any opportunity for calm, reasoned discussion of all views. I know, many say that it's already settled.

But whose word are they taking that 97 per cent of scientists agree? I've searched the internet and it's clear the matter is not settled.

Anyone interested in a reasonable discussion, please contact me.

Dudley Leggett
Suffolk Park

Emotion v facts

Where are the so-called 'climate deniers'? Almost no one believes the climate isn't changing; it always is. The issue is, what's causing it, and is there an emergency?

It might be helpful if that embedded labelling was dropped as it leads to alienation, prohibiting coming-to-agreement through reasonable discussion. If you don't think it's complex, you need to learn more.

A little advice?

Any constitutional lawyers out there?

Regarding section 100 of the constitution on water: if a land owner sells his water rights to someone outside his property – can that new owner use the water even though he has no ownership of the land that it runs through?

Bernard Hinchcliffe
Mullumbimby

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Peanut butter best thing since...

By S Haslam

Surely Tim and his partner James at Byron Bay Peanut Butter are the best thing to happen to peanut butter since sliced bread – Tim’s enthusiasm for the product was quite infectious when I spoke to him last week.

Peanut butter is becoming quite trendy, partly because it is a healthy high protein ingredient in modern plant-based diets, and perhaps because its rich flavour and creaminess is a key factor in many great Indonesian dishes, as well as Acai bowls, and protein bliss balls.

After Tim extolled the virtues of the light, loamy Kingaroy soil from which he sources his peanuts, I wasted hours researching peanut farming techniques. Did you know a peanut is not strictly a nut? It forms when the bright yellow peanut flower dips down below the soil, forming the peanut pod with ‘seeds’ inside underground. The stalk that connects the underground pods to the plant has to be delicately uprooted at harvest – heavy or wet soil makes this process too difficult. Australia’s crop is grown mostly in this special band of QLD soil, although Australia’s 40,000 tonne harvest is a small fraction of the world’s 45 million tonnes.

I now know that whilst China is the world’s biggest producer of peanuts, the high oleiac-peanuts Tim buys from Kingaroy have a healthier oil composition (more like avocado oil or olive oil), and also hold their crunch longer.

Anyway, Tim didn’t leave his research there, he’s also made sure that Byron Bay peanut butter is made just a few days after the peanuts are dry roasted – from picking to production is a very swift process for freshness of flavour. After all, Tim and his partner did give up their jobs to pursue this dream! They started producing



in a small kitchen in the A&I almost three years ago, opened their own store in the A&I 14 months ago, and are now distributing both nationally and worldwide.

Actually, being smart blokes they didn’t quit their jobs straight away, but they did move to Byron to create the kind of thick, crunchy peanut butter that Tim had loved in the States, where it is a \$2billion industry, with almost 60% of peanuts being made into peanut butter.

‘We started by doing the Bangalow and Byron markets, and the night markets, and a couple of the local stores,’ says Tim. ‘And we loved the way we met the community through the markets. But it grew very quickly – in the first six months we were distributing throughout Australia. Now we sell into Singapore, Fiji and Hong Kong as well.’

They also make a lot of related products: they do a smoky BBQ satay sauce (for example), snack packs, granola, and also sell peanut butter chocolate in their Byron store. Only some of their products are available in local stores, and some in Woolies in

be moisture sensitive, so drought followed by flood doesn’t help.

Naturally, Tim is also fussy about his 100% Australian sea salt. ‘The particular lake we use has a very natural grey salt, it doesn’t need a lot of processing and has a nice mineral flavour, but is low in sodium, and doesn’t have a tinny bite, so it’s much softer. We also offer “no salt” peanut butter which is sometimes good for cooking, or those who are concerned about sodium,’ says Tim.

Whether you’re looking for satay sauce, some ingredients for your cooking, inspiration for a peanut butter-based dish that will look great on your Insta feed, or just to recreate the best sort of peanut butter you enjoyed as a child, it’s worth popping in to see Byron Bay Peanut Butter in the A&I Estate.

For their local customers, they offer a ‘locals card’, so if you buy five jars in the shop you get the sixth jar free!

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Aria chef at Harvest

By S Haslam

If you’ve been lucky enough to dine at Aria restaurant in Sydney, you’ll know that they make the most of their killer view of the Opera House and Sydney

Harbour with great food, great service and a great wine list.

Executive chef Joel Bickford from Aria will be guest chef at Harvest restaurant in Newrybar on Wednesday, 11 March 2020. Joel describes his Aria style as ‘incorporating nature, using unique and native Australian ingredients’, and he will be joining Harvest head chef Alastair Waddell, and wild food researcher Peter Hardwick, for a one-off menu exploring Australia’s underutilised ingredients.

Renowned for his stylish and contemporary cuisine with a nod to native Australia, Joel is looking forward to exploring all that the Northern Rivers has to offer.

‘Growing up in the Blue Mountains, I have always had a strong connection with my environment, the land and its offerings - in turn, shaping my cooking style and thought process in the kitchen. Collaborating with

chef Alastair Waddell and wild food researcher Peter Hardwick this March at Harvest Newrybar, I look forward to having the opportunity to bring the taste of Aria to Byron Bay locals’, said Joel.

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Special nights again at Barrio

Barrio Eatery & Bar is now officially back open for dinner after the fire in December, and to celebrate, Francisco Smoje is hosting a one-off Francisco's Table event on Saturday 22 February at 6.30pm. In true Francisco's Table style, guests will eat together on communal tables and enjoy a special creative menu with shared plates.

The renowned Francisco's Table first began in 2008 as a series of pop-up events, taking over spaces in an underground dining movement that was spreading across Sydney. In 2011, Francisco, his wife Emma, and their roaming restaurant moved to Byron Bay and quickly became an integral part of the food community. Francisco's key philosophy is to know the provenance of food. He spends time getting to know the local growers, producers and farmers – many of whom are now his friends.

Francisco says that the Barrio crew 'wanted to do a special event to celebrate that we are finally back open with our usual trading hours. It's been a tough few months, but the community support has been amazing. I hope to see you all there for our neighbourhood gathering at Barrio', he added.



Argentinian-born Smoje is famed for his authentic, vibrant and bold cooking that's familiar and comforting; beautiful to look at, yet close to its original form.

Rejoice with Barrio Eatery & Bar as they re-open for nights, and enjoy the food, wine, culture and most importantly, the passion of the people.

From 22 February 2020, Barrio Eatery & Bar will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week (Mon-Sat 7am-9pm).

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Love of pizza continues

Zohar Flantz always made it fun to come and order a pizza when he owned the Luscious Foods restaurant in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Not only was he a welcoming presence, there was also the excitement of seeing the wood-fired oven, and seeing the choices available – not to mention the great-tasting pizzas he created.

Now he's sold the restaurant, but kept the brand, the catering, and the mobile pizza pop-ups in Ocean Shores, and Mullumbimby. I've been to the Mullumbimby Leagues club ground on a Saturday, and it's a relaxed outdoor environment – like a picnic but with better food, and a bar!

This is a great location to come and chill out with family and friends, with the spectacular view across to Mt Chincogan, and plenty of safe space for the kids to run around. It's also a great place for gatherings, or birthdays – all you need to do is let Zohar know how big your group is, and they will have Luscious Pizzas for you all, and drinks are available from the bar.

'I've kept the fun bits', says Zohar, 'without so much of the business-oriented stuff that goes with running a business. I have my kids and my wife, and I'm very lucky – you tend to forget that

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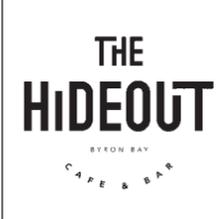
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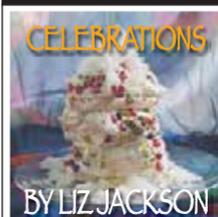
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Equinity also supports the Centre for Real, who provide Equine Experiential Therapy for people with PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Equinity donates ten per cent of all HorseOm shirt sales to subsidise sessions for those in need.

Visit Equinity Horse and Rider Emporium on Facebook:
[@equinityhorseandrideremporium](https://www.facebook.com/equinityhorseandrideremporium)
 and instore at 29 Prospero St,
 Murwillumbah
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Steampunk, a shop with a difference

Cliff and Anne from Cliffords Metal Recycling in Murwillumbah have now been in their new premises for 18 months.

Adjoining the yard is their shop, containing a mixture of unique and eclectic items that have been made on-site from the scrap metal they have collected. The items range from copper and brass lights to garden sculptures and upcycled funky furniture, often made from old relics. They are also now making bespoke pieces for returning customers, including props for movie sets. It is well worth a day out to visit this shop!

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Murwillumbah Cycles

The team at Murwillumbah Cycles are happy to see rain after the dry spell, and they have plenty of action happening in the shop!

They are over-the-moon to be stocking SPECIALIZED, and they're making a bold statement with their 2020 Turbo Levo Comp full suspension electric Mountain Bike – a must-experience! Pop in and test ride it and/or hire their new full-suspension Specialized Stumpjumper.

Being so passionate about cycling, their mission is to help you enjoy your cycling experience, regardless of your ability, so they not only provide test rides to help you choose the right bike for you, they also hire out bikes and provide support from servicing and repairs to improving your ride with their wide range of accessories.

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Gelato & Co

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Open Fri/Sat 1-9pm, Sun 1-4.30pm
115 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah
Follow them on Instagram for updates about their new store opening!
@gelatoandco



Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre

As Summer comes to an end and the cooler weather approaches, the Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre has it covered with heated indoor pools and friendly, helpful staff. They have a state of the art hydrotherapy pool with a ramp entry that is heated to 34 degrees, making it excellent for any type of rehabilitation, relaxation or therapy. You will notice the difference after your first visit. They also have a four lane 25m lap pool for those wanting to continue their swimming over winter. If you just want to spend some time playing with the kids, they have a teaching pool heated to 32 degrees. Several pools are indoors and they are right in the heart of town. Why not take the drive and check it out, you will be amazed at what magic Murwillumbah offers.

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6-8 Tumbulgum Rd, Murwillumbah
02 6670 2750
FB: facebook.com/TweedRegionalAquaticCentre
trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au



The Shire Seamstress

Satisha Young is The Shire Seamstress, and one of the new artists to join the thriving & lively artisan collective at M-Arts Precinct.

As an experienced fashion designer turned sustainable seamstress she is all about saving the Shire – one stitch at a time! Satisha, previously known as the Byron Seamstress, is passionate about inspiring and empowering everyone to rethink how their fashion choices impact the planet's sustainability.

In addition to her services including mending, alterations, refashioning, made-to-measure and home furnishings, her new studio space now enables her to offer individual tuition classes and group workshops.

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Murwillumbah | 0499918925
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Sutto's Floor Coverings

Family owned and operated, Sutto's Floor Coverings specialise in domestic and commercial flooring with a range of carpet, vinyl planks and timber flooring options, all available in a variety of sizes.

They offer a large range of eco+ and wool carpets, which are beautifully soft to touch. Their vinyl planks capture the essence of woods, stones, metals and sport some original graphic designs.

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02 6672 1674
flooringtweedheads.com.au



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Mavis's Kitchen 2020

2020 sees the return of Mavis's Fortunate Event series. Mavis's Kitchen core values: food grown organically, sourced locally, picked seasonally. But Mavis's is even more than that! Relax into the breathtaking beauty that surrounds you to enjoy what we call 'those magical Mavis's moments'.

With only four long table events this year you will need to subscribe to get the details before they sell out. Each is themed, with musicians and local producers. This year's events include: South American Fire Feasts, Everything Gin, Venison Wild Game, and a Vegan Long Table.

Other not-to-be-missed events include: April's Easter Sunday Funday, and in May, the Northern Rivers Harvest Trail.

In May and September: Faulty Towers will be performing at The Gallery Café & Mavis's. August sees Mavis & The Magic Theatre, and Doggy Disco. September, Father's Day Mavis's Cup Cricket, and in November, Day of the Dead Mexican Celebrations.

If you would like to join in on the fun, or create your own long table, call Ursula 02 6679 5664, 64 Mt Warning Road, Mt Warning
Keep up to date on Facebook or maviseskitchen.com.au.



Mill & Make – shop | create

A contemporary yarn shop located in the heart of the thriving M-Arts Precinct.

Their aim is to support and inspire the next generation of makers through the reinvention of the knitting and crochet experience - with YARN, CLASSES & COMMUNITY. Join them for a weekly 'learn to knit or crochet' class - or a specialised fibre-based workshop. They are a 'Wool and the Gang' flagship store - stocking their contemporary yarns and patterns, ranging through six sizes for all body shapes and sizes. They also have a curated selection of beautiful handmade knitwear, Australian indie yarns, high quality notions, books, magazines and tools.

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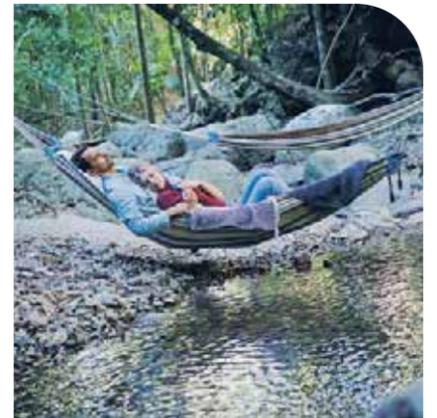


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3. Australian Law Group, 15 Prince St
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10. Sutto's Floor Coverings, 2 Wollumbin St
11. Mavis's Kitchen, 64 Mt Warning Road, Mt Warning
12. Mayberry Meldrum Anderson, 315 Tweed Valley Way
13. Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat, 201 Booker Rd, Upper Crystal Creek
14. Raine & Horne, Murwillumbah, 15 Commercial Rd
15. Mill & Make, 1 Brisbane St
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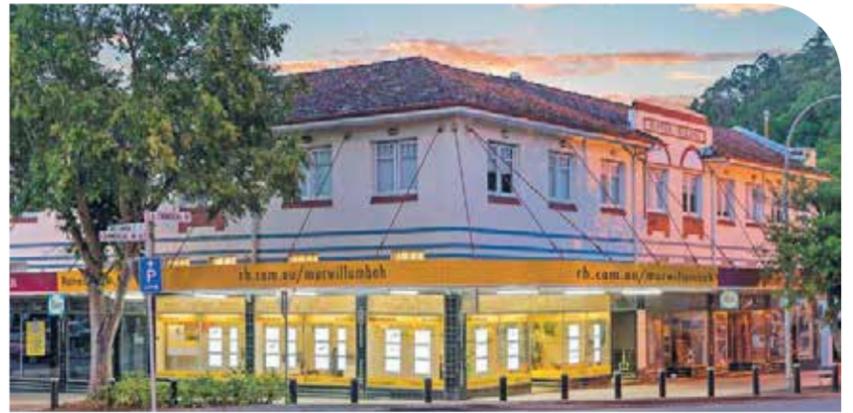


Property Information Evening

Whether you are thinking of buying or selling property in 2020? You can find out everything you need to know at Raine & Horne's Property Information Evening, to be held on Thursday 27 February from 5:30-7:30pm at their Murwillumbah office. You're invited to attend this free event to hear industry professionals share expert tips on property-related topics. There will be a range of industry experts presenting, including financial planners, leading building companies, accountants, home stylists, photographers and conveyancers. Numbers are limited, so you must register today to avoid disappointment.

See you there!

RSVP: sally.scott@oceanshores.rh.com.au
or call freecall 1800 547 848.
15 Commercial Road, Murwillumbah.



Mayberry Meldrum Anderson accountants and taxation consultants

Nick Moran grew up in Murwillumbah and moved back to the area ten years ago, living for several years in Byron Shire before settling back in Murwillumbah to give his family the childhood in the Northern Rivers that he loved. Nick says about Murwillumbah: 'There is a growing sense of pride in the town, its unique character, and the people who live here, making it a great place to visit, to do business, and to raise a family'.

Nick has worked closely with Paul Mayberry at Mayberry Meldrum Anderson for over nine years and it has rubbed off. Existing and new clients can expect the same service that has made Paul Mayberry such a trusted adviser for over 30 years. 'We believe in delivering excellent advice at a fair and reasonable price, and we don't just see our clients as customers, but take a genuine interest in their financial and business lives.'

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Floral Appreciation – Judy Oakenfull

Exhibition Friday 21 February to Sunday 3 May 2020

Official Opening Friday 21 February 6-8pm DST

Historically, flowers have been considered symbols of the feminine. Murwillumbah-based artist Judy Oakenfull considers what the increasing popularity of native flowers might suggest about contemporary femininity.

'Personally, I do not want to be soft, pretty and fragile like a rose or a carnation. I would much rather be tough, earthy and full of character like a Banksia flower. Neither do I want to be cultivated and kept in a vase. I would rather be in the bush and connected with nature.' - Judy Oakenfull

Flower Portraits Drop In Drawing Session Sunday 1 March, 10am - 4pm DST, Free

Drop in to the Gallery Foyer to observe the artist at work. Taking inspiration from a selection of Judy's 'flower portraits' and create your own wild-flower portrait from the native flowers provided.

@tweedregionalgallery
@judyoakenfullart



The Foundry Murwillumbah

News, Lifestyle & Gift Emporium – Sale Now On!

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE MELBOURNE SKA ORCHESTRA

Last year, The Melbourne Ska Orchestra took home the 2019 ARIA for best World Music Album. They certainly earned it. Comprising up to 36 members, led by Nicky Bomba, this award came at the end of a year of ska – the band’s commitment to releasing one song a week.

The Melbourne Ska Orchestra are a lot of fun, but they also know how to work.

‘We adopted this hard work ethic a couple of years back, and it was obvious we were a fairly prolific band – and that a band this size gets recognition – and the project is sticking and people know there is something special about it. We dedicated one year of ska – one song per week. There was a lot of work involved, and passion, blood, sweat and tears. But to be recognised [with the ARIA award] that we are doing good work,

and they are good songs, and we are a good team – it was great!’ says Nicky Bomba.

Melbourne Ska Orchestra operates like a family. It’s the key, Bomba believes, to the powerful unity within the band.

‘A lot of us come from big families and there is a sweet balance, certain attitudes and conversations and perspectives and perceptions you have to have to maintain the balance of the brood. There are a lot of dynamic options and a lot of talent – the hardest is filtering out, or putting in, the mechanisms so everyone’s voice can be heard – and that is important for me. The goal of the band is the multicultural mix and the characters and dynamic people. When you join the band, you get how it operates, and that ego has to be left behind. We are like this cruise liner and everyone is on it going “What is my role on this ship?” Naturally it fits into the scheme of things that you need a captain [that’s Bomba], and a tour manager, and someone doing the charts... there are different elements and roles in the band, and people have to step up. It’s a military operation – but you

do it with the essence of joy and love for the music – and we know you don’t sweat the small stuff!’

So how do you get a band of such enormous proportions disciplined to produce a song every week?

‘At the start we had a bit of prep – we treated 52 songs like a card set – four lots of 13. On the first CD you were going to get an education of ska, so we did that first, the next batch were TV and movie themes which is a famous thing in the ska genre – so let’s do *Game of Thrones* and *Curb your Enthusiasm* and *Family Guy* – that was a task, to hold the integrity of the song but keep the danger and mystery of what ska music is. And then it got hairy and scary – we were composing on the spot for the last 26 songs. This is where the joy happened.’

Some of the magic of The Melbourne Ska Orchestra is its multiculturalism. Band members are Maltese, Venezuelan, Italian, Trinidadian, Jamician, Scottish, English and Greek.

‘It’s a really good reflection of Melbourne and the world of ska,’ says Nicky. ‘The type

of ska we are doing is international, and apart from dropping songs that respect ska, we offer a global ska.’

Melbourne Ska Orchestra are coming to Mullumbimby. It’s a gig Nicky Bomba loves.

‘Mullum has a special spot for us. When you are on tour with the band, playing in the Northern Rivers is kind of like one of those things you have to do as a musician. Part of my musical adolescence was playing the Rails and Bluesfest. It’s a great place to start the tour – Mullumbimby Civic Hall. The town hall gigs are the ones about connection. We like to set up a harmonic electronic loop that creates a beautiful bubble that only exists for two hours. The Mullum Hall is the perfect place to do it. I feel it every time. Our goal is not just playing the songs for people, but having them leave elevated, with a smiles on their faces.’

The Melbourne Ska Orchestra play Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Friday 28 Feb, at 7pm. Tickets are \$40 from melbourneskaorchestra.com

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



ON FEMALE FRIENDSHIPS

Someone said to me once how great it must be for my ego, being a performer and having all the hot dudes come up to me after a show. That's never happened. I am, and have always been, a chick magnet.

Men don't listen to a mouthy in-your-face woman like me and think; wow I can't wait to meet her so she can tell me what's wrong with me. I scare men. That's why women like me. It's always women who want to meet me. It's women who are attracted to what they perceive as a show of strength – a sister who has the courage to put herself in the firing line. Either I'm brave, or stupid, or both. I think they come to meet me to work out which. They tell me funny stories, they confide personal details of their life, they thank me, and if they're a bit drunk they hug me and get a selfie with me. It's kind of lovely. I like that women who don't know me find me approachable. I've even been hugged and kissed by two young girls in a long queue for the port-a-loos at a music festival. I was impressed that I had broadened my demographic to under 25's, but as they snapped selfie's they confessed 'Our mums love you'. It's certainly a gift to be loved by women, even if they use their daughters as a proxy. I am a woman's woman.

I was thinking the other day how stupid and insincere Valentine's day is – and why do we only celebrate romantic love? With relationship failures more prevalent than successes, perhaps we need to acknowledge the people who stick by us. The ones who listen to us repeat ourselves over and over as we trawl through the emotional autopsy of a failed romance, the ones who come over when we're sad, or celebrate our successes. The ones who pick our kids up from school so we can work, who put us in a cab and send us home when we've drunk too much. The ones who notice we've lost weight, or put it on, and know which one they should comment on. These are our female friends. These are the relationships that last a lifetime.

In a sense, for me as a woman with a chequered husband-history, my women friends are my 'forevers'. I still have girlfriends from when I was three, girlfriends I went to school with, girlfriends who confessed to hating me from afar – until they got to know me and love me close up – girlfriends I shared houses with when I was at uni, girlfriends I met in cafes when we waitressed together, girlfriends who were friends of my partner, and when we split they shifted allegiance. I have girlfriends I met at parties. One I met on a plane. Even girlfriends whose boyfriends I 'accidentally' slept with.

I have always attracted strong female friendships. I love women. I love my rich array of women friends. I love how different they are. They are mothers, artists, teachers, comedians, musicians, dancers, writers, businesswomen, gardeners and humanitarians. They are young and they are old, and they are my age. I remember how I met each of them; that spark of attraction that fired between two women who recognised another from her tribe. It's almost as compelling as falling in love – that recognition of deep belonging and sisterhood.

As girls grow up, patriarchy divides our inner world. We are quietly socialised into being in constant competition with other women. It's at the core of our being. Is she prettier than me? Thinner than me? More worthy? This internal narrative destroys friendships by eroding our sense of self. When that drops, and you get to truly love a female friend without feeling diminished by her amazingness – it's wonderful! It's this warm feeling that someone sees you for who you are when your make-up is off and your tracksuit pants are on. When your eyes are swollen and your face is panda-beared with mascara from the tears. So maybe, in this three weeks that sit between Valentine's Day and International Women's Day we could celebrate the power and beauty of our female friendships? Let's have a frizzy-hair tracksuit-pants day to honour the love and loyalty of our female friends.



ALL YOUR NORTH COAST ENTERTAINMENT

LET IT RAIN: BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUNDRAISER

Jasper Corner (aka Federal Hall) is hosting an epic fundraiser to support both animals and families affected by the recent bushfires. The event will see seven acts hit the stage, including **Sky Eater, Viva Lava, Neil Junior, Gaby and Colin, Short Circuit, Spliffun and Double Trouble**. Starting at 4.30pm until late. Kids under 12 are free. Tickets are a donation of \$10, \$15 or \$20. Pre-sales are available at trybooking.com, or pay at the door. Yummy eats provided by **Warung Tuti**. BYO drinks. There will be raffles, prizes, and a few special surprises. All proceeds will be split between **WIRES**, for their animal rescue programs, and **Blazeaid** who help to re-build fences and structures on rural properties to secure livestock and vegetation.

Let it Rain: Bushfire Appeal Fundraiser, Federal Hall Sunday, 4.30pm.



THIS IS THE CUZZO'S CUZZO

After a groundbreaking year for **Cousin Tony's Brand New Firebird**, the 'bird is gearing up for an even bigger 2020, beginning with a summer tour', they say.

2019 saw the release of the Melburnian quintet's standout singles *Joy, Hot Pink* and *Best Face to London*, as well as their acclaimed sophomore album *New Romancer*. They toured the UK and Ireland, playing sold out shows in London, as well as performing at The Great Escape Festival (Brighton, UK), and around Australia – twice.

Riding high in the US NACC college radio charts, the Melbourne exponents of Indie art-pop are currently on their summer tour, sharing the love, and farewelling *New Romancer*, before they head to Austin, Texas – where they have been invited to play at the music world's premiere global showcase, SXSW!

They're revving it up this week at the Northern.

Cousin Tony's Brand New Firebird at the Hotel Great Northern, Friday.

LATE NIGHT TUNES WITH NOON

With five ARIAs in her stash, singer songwriter **Katie Noonan** has announced her upcoming mini-album release *Late Night Tunes with Noons*, sharing her interpretation of iconic Australian songs, as well as featuring a new original song *I Found You*. The idea started when Katie posted a short video on Instagram of her learning a Hunters and Collectors classic for an upcoming event. After garnering such a strong response from fans, Katie created a late-night video series where she interprets some of her favourite Aussie songs, from across multiple decades, in her intimate and dynamic style. The eight-track mini-album really showcases Katie's magical interpretation of classic's new and old; taking on Tones and I, Emma Louise, Jarryd James, Jordan Rakei, Hunters & Collectors, Cold Chisel and Powderfinger. Katie's sublime voice transports each of these covers to a new place, captured by Muso TV – Katie also recorded a live video-series to share each performance in its most intimate state.

In support of the new release Katie will be taking her intimate solo show around the country

Don't miss the seven-time platinum songstress as she takes this uniquely Australian intimate performance around the country – proving why she's consistently voted one of the country's best voices.

Check her out at the Bruns Picture House, Saturday at 7pm

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THE START OF FINNISH BLUEGRASS

One thing Bluesfest does is, it allows you to hear music you might never have otherwise heard. One band I'm really looking forward to seeing is Finnish country band Steve 'n' Seagulls. Fronted by Tomi Tajakka, the band plays bluegrass versions of well-known hard rock and metal songs. It's Nordic noir for the ear.

Right now Steve 'n' Seagulls are exploding all over the world – this will be their first time in Australia.

'Around 2014 we kind of suddenly realized that some of our videos were getting a lot of exposure. After that we've been really fortunate to tour a lot of different parts in Europe, and then in North America numerous times. Then we've visited South America also, so I feel that we are more-than-lucky-guys to be able to go around and play music and have a good time, with people in different countries, so it's been really nice' says Tomi.

The band comes from all over Finland.

'Originally we're all kind of from different parts of Finland, and at some point, the original lineup, we ended up studying in the middle parts of Finland in this town where there's a big university and stuff like that. We moved there early in the 2000s. It's a smallish town, so everybody who plays an instrument, at least half serious, you will at some point meet each other. And during the years we ended up playing in different line-ups together, or some of us played in some sort of bands together. Then in 2010

Steve 'n' Seagulls was formed as a side project, but then it just kind of stayed alive, and it started going through some sort of evolution from semi-electric to an acoustic line-up.'

Although there have been a few line-up changes, the idea has stayed the same.

'We experiment with different acoustic instruments, mixing in parts of North American folk music and Finnish music and then metal, hard rock, whatever kind of rock fits in, so that's the short version of the story, I would say.

'Part of this band is that we like to have fun; and we love to have fun with our childhood idols. We don't want to mock them, but we want to pay our respects to those iconic bands, and at the same time we feel that you can actually dig into music and be really serious about the musical input of the band, and musical output, and play as tight and good as you can, but at the same time you can have a lot of good times. And when people come see us or hear us, they also have an hour, two hours, three hours of a good time that night. It's kind of a cool mixture of serious musicianship



and then something totally opposite' says Tomi.

'A lot of the songs that we cover, we grew up with. We're mainly kids from the '90s – so a lot of these bands hit Finland pretty hard. And also classic rock has been there in our lives more or less.'

It was an ACDC cover of Thunderstruck that kicked off the viral YouTube success for Steve 'n' Seagulls.

'That's a huge reason that we're actually even playing outside Finland! Because I think *Thunderstruck* was the third live video we did for our band. We didn't have any plan at that point. To be honest with you, we were touring in Finland, and the band was just kicking in and we wanted to make those videos for our Finnish booking agent to have

something more than an email that says the usual; that we play this and this kind of music, and this kind of instruments. We thought that, because the line-up and the instrumentation is a little bit different, that it's easiest to present it with a live video. Then we just uploaded it to YouTube and sent the link to our booking agent. But at some point, the videos just started spreading around to different web scenes, websites and fan sites and stuff like that. That's how it kicked in.'

It's not just ACDC – they do Metallica, Iron Maiden, Guns N' Roses, The Offspring, Pantera. It's really something else!

Catch Steve 'n' Seagulls at Bluesfest! 9-13 April, bluesfest.com.au



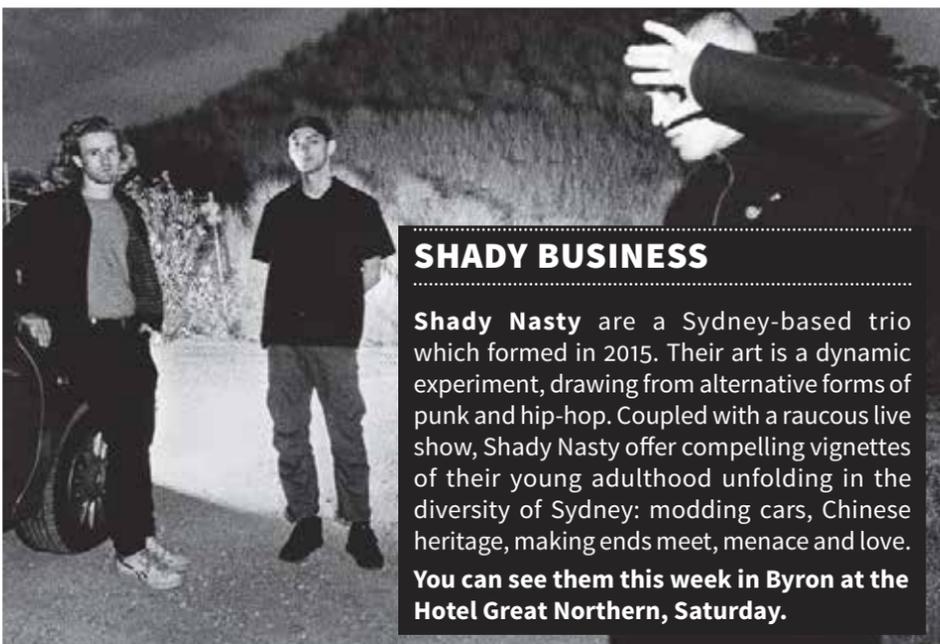
FUNDRAISER GIG FOR FIRIES (RFS) AT MAIN ARM GENERAL STORE

Soak up the Funky tunes by D'Rumble on the verandah at the Main Arm General Store on Saturday afternoon for great tunes and vibes.

This is a free show with a donation bucket collecting for the RFS. Bring your donations and your dancing shoes! Bring your dancing feet and fill the

collection bucket for our RFS crews!

Saturday between 2pm and 4pm at the Main Arm General Store.



SHADY BUSINESS

Shady Nasty are a Sydney-based trio which formed in 2015. Their art is a dynamic experiment, drawing from alternative forms of punk and hip-hop. Coupled with a raucous live show, Shady Nasty offer compelling vignettes of their young adulthood unfolding in the diversity of Sydney: modding cars, Chinese heritage, making ends meet, menace and love.

You can see them this week in Byron at the Hotel Great Northern, Saturday.

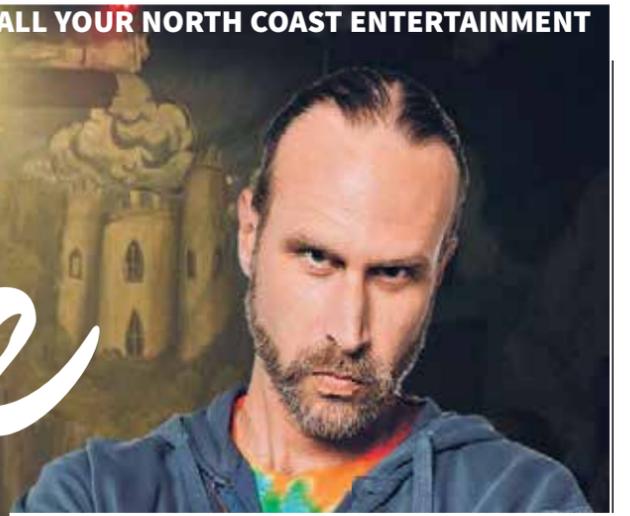


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Culture



THE NATURAL FUTURE – IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS

Dr Bronner's CEO (Cosmic Engagement Officer), **David Bronner** is visiting from California for a film screening and meaningful conversation with **Dan Fitzgerald** (ReGen Ventures), and Patagonia Ambassador, **Dave Rastovich**.

'How can we take the principles of regenerative agriculture and create lives and businesses that are truly regenerative by nature – going beyond 'sustainable' living by supporting nature and her healing powers?' they ask.

'We, as individuals, communities and companies, can do this collectively to create a regenerative future.

Conversation topics include; hemp, fair trade, climate change and, most likely, surfing.

The Natural Future; Ideas and Solutions.
Byron Theatre, Saturday 7pm.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

Following its sell-out run in Sydney last year, **Monty Python's Spamalot** is coming to the Gold Coast at **HOTA, 5-7 March**, on the only Queensland stop of its 2020 tour.

Directed by **Richard Carroll**, and choreographed by Cameron Mitchell, this hilarious musical – which is lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

Audiences can expect the unexpected as a diverse, cross-gender cast of heroic-yet-foolish actors battle their way past various cows, killer rabbits and French people, in pursuit of claiming the legendary Holy Grail.

A smash hit in both New York and London, as well as winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, Monty Python's *Spamalot* redefines the word 'epic' and will be one not to miss during its limited Gold Coast run.

Monty Python's Spamalot will take place in the HOTA Theatre, for three days only. 5-7 March.

THE CLIT STORY

How do you feel about your clitoris? When were you told you even had one? These are some of the questions that Vicky Jay asks 53 women in her documentary *Me & Her*.

'The documentary interviews 53 women, from 15-76 about how they found 'her' and what they were taught. It's an in-depth dive into a woman's relationship with her clitoris. I had always been a pretty big feminist and I have always rooted for women, and a woman's right to pleasure' says Vicky Jay, the Crabbes Creek-based film maker.

'I grew up with an incredible group of friends – we knew *everything* about each other. When I left home at 18 and came to Australia, I learnt it wasn't the norm to have relationships that were this open – and I struggled with it. Why aren't we talking about it? Why aren't we asking our partners for what we need? I just think we don't talk about women's pleasure very much.

'We are starting to talk about vaginas and periods, but not one woman I interviewed was ever told about her clitoris – here it is – *this* is for your pleasure; its sole purpose is pleasure. In fact, we were told quite the contrary. We all know men masturbate. Women's masturbation is not talked about. Interviewing these women a few different "whys" came out – they think it may be more about control – that women in charge of their own pleasure are powerful, and hard to control. But the doco doesn't intend to give an absolute "why" – the mission was to start a conversation, and for people to go home and say to their partners, "Do you masturbate? What do you do?" I think it should be a talked about thing, and people would be happier.'

Vicky recorded the 53 interviews in three days – speaking to women from Melbourne, the Gold Coast and Byron Bay.

'We had very varying women' says Vicki. 'The two oldest were 74 and 76. One was starting to get into tantric sex at her age – she believed she was coming into the peak of her sexual experiences. The other woman had never orgasmed or self-pleasured in her life – she says it in a way that you have to work out what she meant. She was the grandmother of the youngest girl we interviewed, who had been masturbating since 13, and was preaching all should do it.'

The lack of information is something Vicky touches on with the women she speaks to.

'In school, everyone is told how to (not) get pregnant, and how a man ejaculates – and I interviewed a sex-ed teacher – and the word clitoris wasn't even in the curriculum. Religion is definitely an issue; we interviewed a few women from very religious families, and a lot said the sexual oppression really affected them. There was a woman who grew up in the Mormon church who didn't masturbate until she was 27. She didn't realise that something as simple as touching herself could bring you into liberation.

'About three women out of my 53 had never reached orgasm. The older woman says it all in her expression; you can see she's disappointed, she's missed out on something, and there is this sense of loss' says Vicky.

'A lot of women didn't know a lot about the vagina. For instance, that it has the same erectile tissue mass as the penis. At the launch we will have a gynaecologist and a sexologist there to have a talk after the documentary screens. We are diving into the history after the show.'

***Me & Her*, a documentary about clits has its world premiere at the Brunswick Picture House on Thursday 27 February, at 7pm. Tix are \$15 from brunswickpicturehouse.com**



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WOMEN LIKE KAT AND JENNY

For Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs, one of the joys of developing their *Women Like Us* show was building something other amazing women comics could step into. For the Ballina RSL show, Kat Davidson and Jenny Wynter step into the control briefs... these are two ladies who really know how to let rip!

If my kid/s described me they would say...

K: Weird... strange... one-of-a-kind... funny... not calm... epic... instagrammable. (I literally just asked her, and that's what she said)

J: Is she that weird lady who turns up and makes pancakes sometimes?

When I wake up...

K: I am relieved.

J: I immediately start counting the minutes till nap-time.

The biggest shock...

K: Is when intelligent people do stupid things.

J: Was finding out the truth about Santa. My Mum literally grabbed me and said 'There is no Santa! I'm Santa!' It was my own Darth Vader moment.

I used to believe...

K: That I could get up without making old person noises. That is no longer the truth.

J: That my kids would never disrespect me because I'm a cool mum. Bahahahahaha!

When I dance I tend to...

K: Do it like no one's watching.

J: Go way harder than my fitness levels should allow me to. Basically I defy science.

My favourite position in the bedroom is...

K: Taking up all of the bed.

J: On my tummy, one arm by my side and the other over my face to block out the light. We're talking sleep, right?

When I do sexy talk...

K: I like to use a kiwi accent. Apparently, it's the sexiest in the world, also - it just sounds friendlier.

J: I inevitably turn it into a joke. Which, if you find comedy erotic, I suppose could be excellent.

If I could have anything...

K: I'd change the language settings on the bitchy voice in my head so I can't understand any of the mean things she says about me.

J: I would be in an 80s inspired musical where I get to play the part of a Julie Andrews/Jane Fonda hybrid.

If I could change one thing about my husband...

K: It would be his desire to run the fuel gauge to empty.

J: Nothing. As I'm on hubby number two I've decided to embrace absolutely everything, and round him up to a 10. He's stoked.

When I am nude...

K: I jiggle.

J: I am at my most relaxed. Unless I'm in Coles at the time. That feels tense.

When I step on stage with *Women Like Us*...

K: I am home. I'm working with amazing women, for an audience that are warm, and ready to laugh, and hilarious themselves. It's heaven.

J: I honestly let out a squeal of inner joy.

Women Like Us with Kat Davidson and Jenny Wynter, at the Ballina RSL on Friday 6 March. Tix \$35 at the club or from ballinarsl.com.au.



TOURING THIS WORLD

This World is the stunning debut release from a brand-new collaborative band formed by four of Australia's most established and celebrated improvisers.

Individually they have worked with some of the greatest musicians in the world: Coleman Hawkins, Pharoah Sanders, Hugh Masekela, Ian Moss, Yusef Lateef, Hermeto Pascoal, Charlie Haden, Michael Brecker, and Don Walker.

New Zealand born pianist/composer **Mike Nock** (ONZM) is one of the acknowledged masters of jazz in Australasia. Based in Sydney since 1986, he previously spent 25 years in the USA. He is a recipient of the Don Banks Music Award and is an inductee of the Australian Jazz Bell Awards Hall of Fame. Mike has released a plethora of critically acclaimed albums under his own name, on many international labels, including his own label FWM.

Jonathan Zwartz (also originally from NZ), and Sydney native **Hamish Stuart**, form one

of Australia's great musical partnerships. For 30 years they have run Sydney's Starfish Club together and are the first-call rhythm section for a who's-who of the Australian music industry and international touring acts. Zwartz' albums regularly top best-seller lists and have won numerous awards including an ARIA, an IR Award and a handful of Australian Jazz Bell Awards.

Melbourne saxophonist **Julien Wilson** has been awarded almost every major accolade in Australian jazz, including the National Jazz Award, The Freedman Fellowship for Jazz, an APRA/AMCOS Art Music Award, and a Bell Award for Australian Jazz Musician of the Year. Since the mid '90s he has maintained strong relationships with many Sydney musicians and regularly performs there.

This Bay FM fundraising event is a night not to be missed by lovers of fine jazz!

***This World* tour with Nock, Wilson, Stuart & Zwartz, Byron Theatre, Sunday 6pm.**



COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION FOURTH MEETING

Back by popular demand... Welcome to the fourth meeting of the CWA! The (dis)organisation everyone's been waiting for - **The Country Witches Association!**

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

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

The CWA Byron Bay Byron Brewery, Friday 7pm.

Culture makes people understand each other better. And if they understand each other better in their soul, it is easier to overcome the economic and political barriers. But first they have to understand that their neighbour is, in the end, just like them, with the same problems, the same questions.

- Paulo Coelho



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THE SCIENCE OF FATE

Are we really the masters of our own destiny? Neuroscientist **Hannah Critchlow** shows how far our future is already hardwired in our brains in this conversation event with **Adam van Kempen**.

So many of us believe that we are free to shape our own destiny. But what if free will doesn't exist? What if our lives are largely predetermined – hardwired in our brains – and our choices of what we eat, who we fall in love with, even what we believe, are not real choices at all?

Neuroscience is challenging everything we think we know about ourselves, revealing how we make decisions and form our own reality, unaware of the role of our unconscious mind.

Leading neuroscientist Hannah Critchlow draws vividly from everyday life, and other experts in their field, to show

the extraordinary potential, as well as dangers, which come with being able to predict our likely futures – and looking at how we can alter what's in store for us.

Lucid, illuminating, and awe-inspiring, *The Science of Fate* revolutionises our understanding of who we are – and empowers us to help shape a better future for ourselves and the wider world.

The Science of Fate with Hannah Critchlow, presented by the Byron Writers Festival, Byron Theatre, Tuesday 6pm



Cinema

JUST MERCY

Just Mercy is a true-life story of a lawyer by the name of Byron Stevenson (Michael B. Jordan), who defended a man named Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx), who is on death row for a crime he swore he didn't commit. The movie takes place in the USA state of Alabama

where a small community is mourning the loss of a local woman who was gunned down. Despite a complete lack of evidence, authorities decided to indict Walter McMillian.

From the start of the film, you get the sense that it could be incredible in terms of acting and

directing, although it might leave you empty when it comes to caring about the story. Fear not – it doesn't take long for this feeling to be dispelled, and for you to get completely wrapped-up in it.

Most critics agree with this sentiment, namely *Plugged In*, saying

'*Just Mercy* is a beautiful example of the work, the courage and the faith it takes to push against the wrongs of this world'. And Neil Soans from *Times of India* assures us 'Although *Just Mercy* takes its time to get there, the conclusion is unquestionably impactful'.

However, critics at *Empire* disagree, saying of the film 'An important story of injustice inspires, but fails to fully ignite, despite two towering central performances from Jamie Foxx and Michael B. Jordan'. Unlike a lot of loud and proud movies, the directing by Destin Daniel Cretton in this film makes you root for the respectful people in the room, and the subtle yet powerful acting, by Foxx and Jordan, slots in perfectly to create a great film.



ALL YOUR NORTH COAST ENTERTAINMENT

STARS BY LILITH



This week's Sun and new moon swim into a watery cosmic quartet with Neptune and Mercury in Pisces, the zodiac's most oceanic water sign...

♈ **ARIES:** Venus in Aries wants what she wants, now. Mars in Capricorn says 'Do it my way'. Four planets in Pisces meander round the scenic route embracing this, forgetting that. Irritating? Exasperating? Pretty much – unless you accept retrograde Mercury's invitation to relax, refresh, and go with the creative flow.

♉ **TAURUS:** When pesky retro Mercury throws glitches and bitches, delays, miscommunications and technological snafus into this week's group activities, remember that the gift of this retrograde is less attention on order and logic, more on creative opportunities to listen to your intuition, be spontaneous and think outside of the box.

♊ **GEMINI:** With Gemini's ruling planet Mercury entering a slippery, tricky period, things that looked promising can stall unexpectedly. Take this as your cosmic cue to go back to the drawing-board to review, reflect and reconsider. Don't make assumptions, do stay negotiable. Listen to the voice of reason, even if you don't like what it's saying.

♋ **CANCER:** While confident Mars does wonders for your magnetism this week, it could also churn up strong emotions in the partnership department. But Mercury retrograde is great for creative solutions, so use your lateral Cancerian superpowers. And if things go haywire, just do what you do with electrics: switch off, wait a while, do a reset.

♌ **LEO:** For the first time in two years, Mars arrives in your zodiac zone of organisation for a six-week stay, forming a dynamic trio with Jupiter and Pluto. While the charge is there, use this window of life-improving opportunity to start something that seemed overwhelming. Hint: break it down into manageable, consecutive steps.

♍ **VIRGO:** With action planet Mars adding extra dazzle to Virgo charm and confidence this week, don't give-in to Mercury retro's inclination to critical pickiness. So people are forgetful, self-centred and pleasure driven – why not you too? Do something playful, spontaneous, frisky, flirty, artistic – especially during the new moon early next week.

♎ **LIBRA:** With Mars heating things up on the home front in your safe haven this week, and Jupiter making mountains out of molehills, try not to get sharp or snarky. Stay calm. Keep what you can on-track, don't fret or stress about what you can't. Appreciate and enjoy all the things that are working.

♏ **SCORPIO:** If collaboration suddenly collapses, or something proceeding according to plan hits a speed bump, getting cranky and crabby could finish it off completely. Anyone's intentions, even yours, can be misconstrued this week, which on the upside has an angel in disguise, or a gift in unfamiliar wrapping, waiting in the wings.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** If Mercury beating a retreat in your emotional security zone has you extra sensitive, it's also an excellent cycle for taking time out from terse interactions and circular misunderstandings to focus on your own piece of this week's puzzle, rather than other peoples' faults, foibles and failings.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Others might stall, but Capricorns are on the ball for this week's juicy rush of let's-do-it hormones. Which you'll definitely need to keep everything on track and everyone on the same page with current attention spans as scattered as confetti in a whirlwind.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** With Mars in your zone of closure, issues you thought were sorted can resurface for that last layer of healing. Your judgment may be off, so read texts and emails carefully before pressing a send that could complicate life immeasurably. Good retro news? People from the past may return to assist.

♓ **PISCES:** Happy birthdays Fish folk! With energiser Mars in your house of friends, plus sun, new moon, Mercury and Neptune in Pisces, it's your time to shine. Though with Murky retro in your sign, all the warnings apply: Back-up data. Communicate clearly. Spell things out. Confirm. Recheck that arrangements haven't changed.

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Gig Guide



THURSDAY 20

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **TAY OSKEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MANOA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **DALLAS JAMES DUO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **FILMS FOR CHANGE PRESENT 'IN MY BLOOD IT RUNS'**, 7PM **KIT BRAY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **OLY SHERMAN**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **OPEN SCREEN - OPEN MIC FOR FILMMAKERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **BALLINA UKE NIGHT - HAWAIIAN UKE NIGHT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6PM **ACID BLEED**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9PM **RICHMOND JAM**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

FRIDAY 21

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **COUSIN TONY'S BRAND NEW FIREBIRD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOCK BARNES**, 9PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **EARTH FREQUENCY FESTIVAL AFTER PARTY**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM **THE BYRON SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL 2020**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANGIE HUDSON**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 6PM **EXHIBITION - JACOB BOYLAN - 'DIRE CONTACT'**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**

- BREW HOUSE THEATRE, BYRON BAY, 8PM **CWA (COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION) 4TH MEETING AND PODCAST**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **CURTIS LUXTON + LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **MANOA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HOUSE OF BLISS - SUMMER NIGHTS SERIES**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **THE PEPPERCORNS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **KARL S WILLIAMS**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB PLATINUM LOUNGE 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADYZ**
- CITY HALL, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SHIRE CHOIR**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **MASSIVE**
- UKI ANGLICAN CHURCH 6.30PM **UKI REFUGEE PROJECT - SUSAN GALLAGHER, BEN REYNOLDS AND BETH BROOKS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **MIKE WINKWORTH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **TIN PARLOUR**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BIG BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **PAUL DEMPSEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 5PM **CORY HARGREAVES**

SATURDAY 22

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **SHADY NASTY + CRATERFACE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DJ LONGTIME**, 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **BEN WALSH AND SWANNY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **THE NATURAL FUTURE - IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL**
- MARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **PACO LARA - THE ANDALUSIAN GUITAR**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JESS JUDIES**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **FELIX + LOCAL DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **CATH SIMES BAND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **KATIE NOONAN: LATE NIGHT TUNES WITH NOONS**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **LADI ABUNDANCE**
- MAIN ARM GENERAL STORE 2PM **JAZZ FUNDRAISER GIG FOR FIRIES (RFS)**
- MULLUM LEAGUES CLUB, 5PM **MULLUM AT NIGHT CRAFT BEER & STREET FOOD GATHERING**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **TOKE**
- SILVER CLOUD STUDIOS, LISMORE, 5PM **EARTH TRIBE CONNECT**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **GORILLA BAND**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **NORTHERN SOUNDS KARAOKE**

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8.30PM **ALIVE: A TRIBUTE TO PEARL JAM**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **BENNO & KESH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **FAT ALBERT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **SALI BRACEWELL**, 7PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **DOUG PARKINSON - A TRIBUTE TO VAN MORRISON**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 5.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **UPSHIFT FESTIVAL FEATURING: TALPA, LIKE LIQUID, GET DOWN, U-PHORIC AND MORE**

SUNDAY 23

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FERGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEMAIRE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GOODRICH**, 7.30PM **MVMT**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 5PM **BURNING HANDS BLUES BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **NOCK, WILSON, ZWARTZ AND STUART**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSIONS - DJS SLACK AND VINNIE LADUCE**
- FRESH, BYRON BAY, 7PM **STEVE TYSON**
- FEDERAL HALL 4.30PM **LET IT RAIN: BUSHFIRE APPEAL FUNDRAISER FEAT JESSE MORRIS BAND, SKYEATER, VIVA LAVA, NEIL JUNIOR, GABY & COLIN, DJ'S SHORT CIRCUIT, DOUBLE VISION & SPLIFFUN**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **FAT PICNIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 5PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- SEVEN MILE, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **DAN CLARK**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **LAZY SUNDAY SESSIONS - THE DUSTBOWL DAISIES + NEIL MCCANN**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 4.30PM **CLIMATE EMERGENCY - INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON HEALING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OURSELVES, EACH OTHER AND THE EARTH**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL **LIVE SESSIONS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 11.30PM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **MICK ALBECK AND HAMISH DUTTON**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 3PM **SEARCH FOR A STAR KARAOKE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 2.30PM **TOM HARRISON**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 1.30PM **PINK ZINC**

MONDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **BADDEST MONDAY DANCEHALL INDUSTRY NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS AND JAMIE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **THE SCIENCE OF FATE WITH HANNAH CRITCHLOW PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.15PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 7PM **THE RICHMOND QUIZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **THE BROADWAY I LOVE**

WEDNESDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BENNY WHISKEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **FILMS FOR CHANGE PRESENT 'ANTHROPOCENE: THE HUMAN EPOCH'**, 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH HARRY NICHOLS**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- THE STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON BAY, 9PM **FELIX**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6.30PM **GET QUIZZED**

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Checking in with Janice Maple

Property Insider checked in with Janice Maple during the week, to see how she is going after taking the bold step of going solo through the @realty group, last September.

How have you found the transition from working within a team to working solo?

It has been amazing! I run my own show under the @realty banner and I get to utilise all the knowledge and experience I have gained in working in real estate for almost 20 years. It is wonderful being able to make decisions which best support my clients without having to check back in with an 'office'. As much as I am the face of Janice Maple @realty, there is a huge team behind me at the @realty head office who provide support with administration, trust accounting and marketing, which lets me focus on what I do best... working with my clients!

Business seems to have been positive for you, would that be a correct assessment?

Yes, I am blown away by how well supported I have been by my community. Thank you Bangalow and Clunes people! It's so lovely to be able to support them too with competitive



Janice Maple @realty

fees and marketing and the knowledge that I know the Bangalow market inside out, and passionately share that with them to get the best results. I don't offer a 'one size fits all' selling campaign. Some owners want to list their property quietly, whilst others want to do auctions, or sell by private treaty.

What do you have planned for the first half of this year?

After a slow January spent with my kids, I'm looking forward to getting back into a routine. I love an organised week! Working from home I am able to have a great balance with work and my other interests, specifically organising fun events and activities for our women's social club, The INClub, in Bangalow and surrounds. We have a great program that I also facilitate, around my work commitments.

Are you looking for any specific properties that you have buyers for?

I am! I'm always looking for properties in Bangalow as there are always buyers wanting to buy there. Having been in Bangalow for so many years, I'm the go-to agent for a lot of buyers. I'm getting calls all the time asking what I have coming up, and do I have anything off-market? Some owners may not know that I also sell properties in Bangalow off-market. I sold three properties prior to Xmas that were not publicly marketed. Whether you are an owner who wants to sell, or a genuine buyer looking to buy in Bangalow, then you really should make contact with me so we can have a chat.

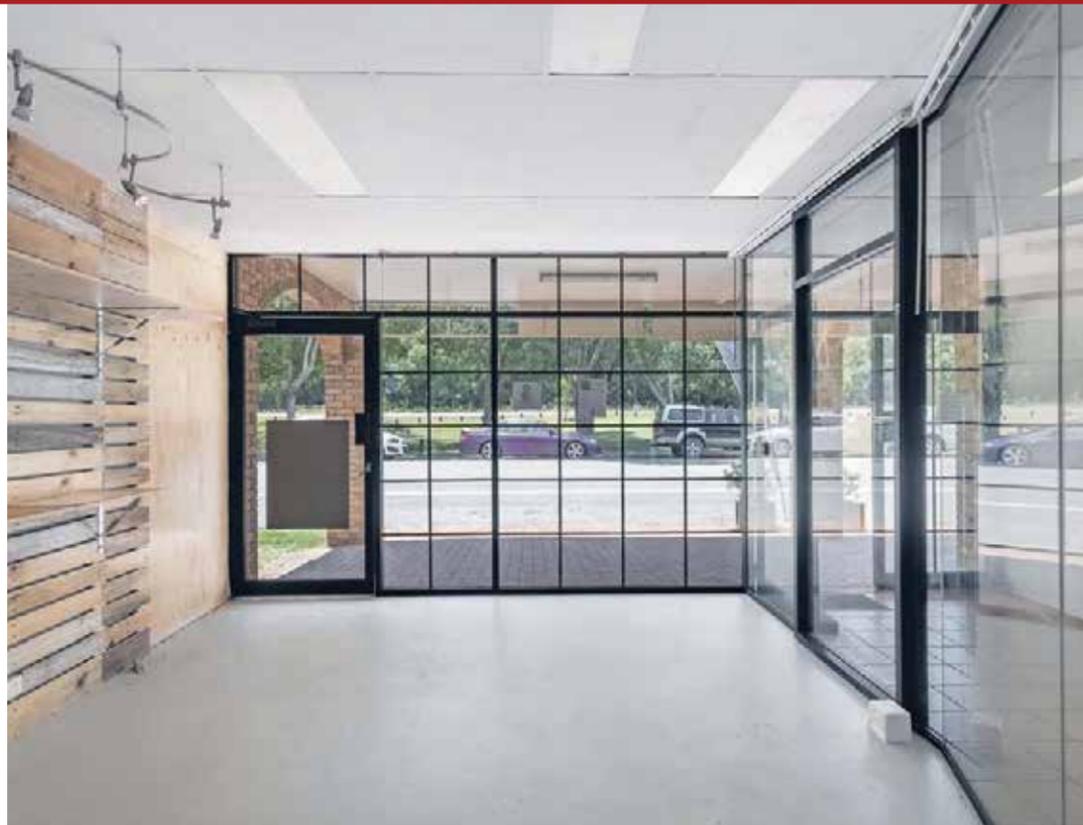
How long, on average, is it taking you to find the right buyers for the properties you have listed?

It depends on a few factors, but some properties are not hitting the market at all, and some go through the process and can take a couple of months. It's all about timing and price!

There are a few female agents in the area under the @realty banner. Why do you think that is?

Interesting question. There are both male and female @realty agents in our greater area, and across Australia there are over 580 @realty agents, and I am unsure of what the percentage split between male and female is. For me, I like the model that @realty provide. They offer a lot of support for very little cost, which allows me to pass-on the savings to my clients. It is also the model for the future I believe, as we move away from requiring an office. Let's face it, our business is done at the properties, and then on the phone. I don't need an expensive office with overheads to best service my clients, and the past five months have proven that. If any real estate agents are interested in learning more about the @realty model, I would be happy to have a confidential chat with them. I love the freedom and flexibility it offers me!

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4 2 2

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. Plus office/garage with DA approval for conversion to 2 bed granny flat.

Inspect
Wednesday 19th Feb 3-3.30pm
Sunday 23rd Feb 11-11.30am
Price
\$1,490,000 to \$1,550,000
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 10am

206 Overall Drive, **Pottsville**

3+ 2 2

Spacious & contemporary home in quiet location. With stylish, high-quality features, vaulted ceilings, natural light and cross flow ventilation inviting the summer breezes and winter sun. Covered alfresco area adjoining open plan kitchen/living area. Master with ensuite & walk in robe.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 10-10.30am
Price
\$849,000
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 11am

1 Tongarra Drive, **Ocean Shores**

3+ 3 2

This custom-built timber home has character and individuality. A grand formal entry, magnificent ocean views from decks on three sides, master retreat, 5 metre cathedral ceilings and generous dimensions make this home stand out from the crowd.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 11-11.30am
Price
\$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000
Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



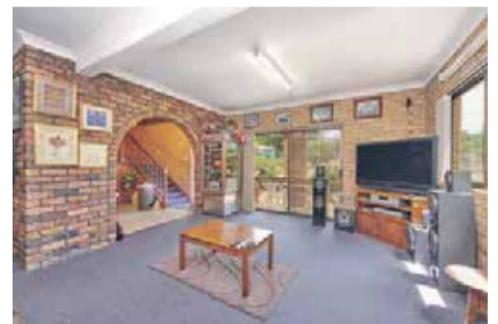
OPEN
SAT 11am

1 Left Bank Road, **Mullumbimbby**

4 2 4

Set on gently sloping 4000sqm, this property has direct creek access. The double brick house is extremely well built with suspended concrete slab, which is rarely seen these days. Open plan kitchen and dining have views over the property with established fruit trees and gardens.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 11-11.30am
Price
\$1,150,000
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 12pm

20 Kolora Way, **Ocean Shores**

3 2 1

This newly renovated home is just a 1 km stroll to the beach and cafes. Set on 755m2 with a private, spacious, north facing entertainment deck overlooking National Park. Improvements include solid blackbutt floors & fresh paint throughout, country style kitchen, landscaping and new lighting.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 12-12.30pm
Price
\$800,000 to \$840,000
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Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 12pm

23 Palmer Avenue, **Ocean Shores**

4+ 2+ 2

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

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 12-12.30pm
Price
\$1,280,000 to \$1,400,000
Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 1pm

1/81B Rajah Road, **Ocean Shores**

3 2 2

Absolutely stunning new home with huge ocean views. Discover for yourself this rare, elevated and private location 90m above & away from the street in the heart of Ocean Shores. This home is a class above in design & quality with the latest and finest inclusions.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 1-1.30pm
Price
\$979,000
Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



OPEN
SAT 2pm

10 Old Pacific Hwy, **Brunswick Heads**

4 3 1

The extensive renovations of this property include tasteful new bathrooms and a new kitchen upstairs. The exterior facelift includes new rendering, paint and a new roof. If a secondary dwelling is what you're after, the dual access would be ideal for a backyard granny flat.

Inspect
Saturday 22nd Feb 2-2.30pm
Price
\$1,290,000
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



29 TWEED STREET, BRUNSWICK HEADS @realty

INSPECT:
THURSDAY
2-2.30pm
SATURDAY
1.30-2pm

AUCTION **3 BED | 2 BATH**

AUCTION: Saturday 22nd February onsite 2pm

Motivated sellers have bought elsewhere! The most affordable house currently for sale in town could be your stepping stone into this tightly held seaside village. World class entertainment, fabulous eateries, and a 24-hour gym are all within an easy stroll from your front door. Flat walk or cycle to pristine swimming holes, river and patrolled surf beaches. Classic 1930's character home built using timber from the original Hotel Brunswick with hardwood floors and 11 foot ceilings. Don't look back with regret and say 'I could've bought that in 2020 for \$...'

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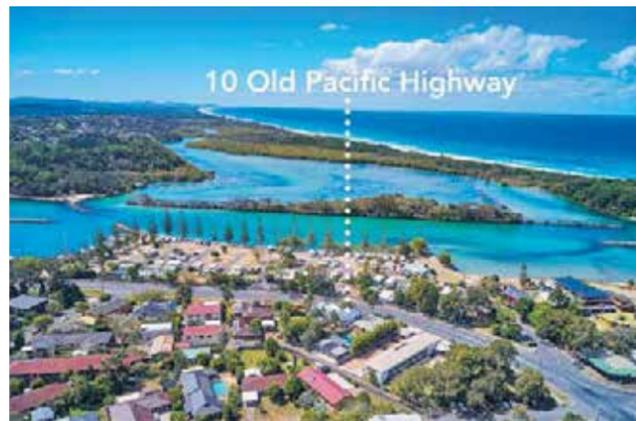
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\$1,290,000



This great Brunswick Heads property is a box ticker. The home has had extensive renovations with tasteful new bathrooms and a new kitchen upstairs. The exterior facelift includes new rendering and paint as well as a new roof. Other features, such as high ceilings with 1940's decorative cornice and the original hardwood flooring give the home a charming and endearing feel.



The block has rear lane entry and a big fully fenced backyard. There's plenty of room for the kids to play, as well as store the caravan or boat. If a secondary dwelling is what you're after, the dual access would be ideal for a backyard granny flat. The property is situated in a fantastic spot, within 100m of the Brunswick River, and everything else the village offers is only short walk away. With interest rates so low, the rental return from this property, when fully developed, is very attractive, not to mention the capital growth possible in this sought-after coastal town.

Inspect: Saturday 2.00-2.30pm
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'Salem'- 1897

60 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar

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



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11 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores

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7 Moran Close
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- Three bedrooms.
- Reverse-cycle air conditioning in living room.
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Auction On-site at 10.00am
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Auction - Out of the Box Thinking

7 Moran Close, Main Arm

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2,013m² land



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- 1 Left Bank Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 20 Kolora Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 23 Palmer Ave, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 10 Palm Lily, Cres. Sat 11-11.30am
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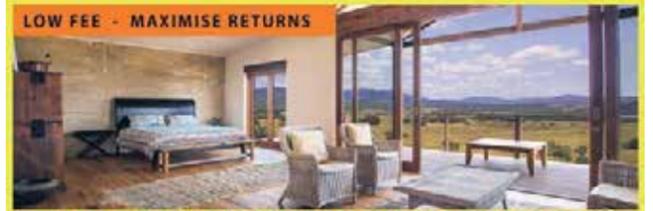
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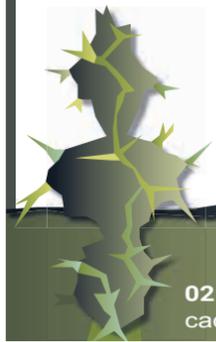
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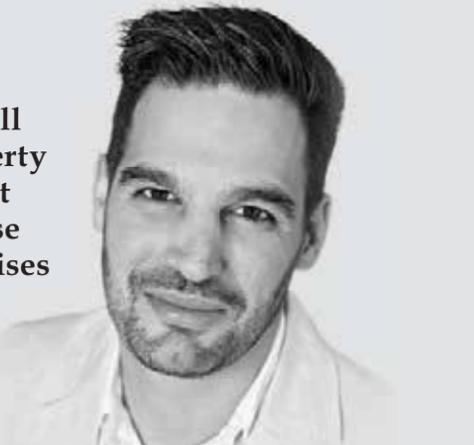
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PUBLIC NOTICES

OPTUS
PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION
 Optus Mobile Pty Ltd (Optus) plans to upgrade the existing telecommunications facility at the below site;
 Site Address: **Lot 346/DP755695, Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay NSW 2481**
 RFNSA reference: **2481002**

- The proposal comprises the relocation and reconfiguration of the existing 4G facility on site with the removal of all Optus panel antennas and associated equipment from the rooftop of the water tank, to be relocated onto new mounts on the walls of the water tank. The equipment includes two (2) panel antennas (2.6m in length), and ancillary equipment including eight (8) radio remote units, antenna mounts, walkways, handrails, etc
- Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 ("The Determination") based on the description above. This notice is in accordance with Section 7 of the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2018
- Further information can be obtained from Joel Stuart of Metasite (02) 9439 1006, feedback@metasite.com.au and at www.rfnsa.com.au referring to the RFNSA reference number above
- Written submissions should be sent to: Metasite, PO Box 31, CROWS NEST, NSW, 1585 by March 5th, 2020.

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 Connecting the Byron Shire Community

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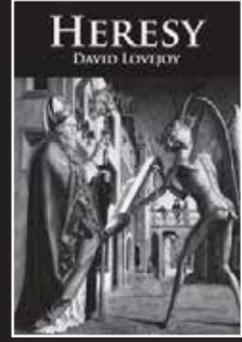
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WANTED

LP RECORDS: good condition, no op shop crap! Ph Matt 0401955052

GARAGE SALES

SUFFOLK PARK, 105 Beech Dr. Baywood Chase from 9am. Haberdashery sale, lace blinds, fabric, threads, etc and household items.

9 GREVILLEA AVE, MULLUM, Sat 8.30am-12.30pm. All kids stuff exc cond.

11 NATAN CRT, SGB Mega combined sale 8am-1pm. Clothes, kids stuff, h/hold.

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Byron Dog Rescue
COMPASSIONATE ANIMALS HELPING HANDS

HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS TO SPARE?

Byron Dog Rescue is looking for volunteers to work in their Op Shops in Brunswick Heads and to assist with sorting goods for the shops at their Centre on Left Bank Road.

If you are interested please ring Annie Stephen on 0438 839 919 or email: cawidogs2483@gmail.com

POSITIONS VACANT

WARNING

The Department of Fair Trading has warned people to be very careful about responding to advertisements offering work at home. Readers should be wary if asked to pay money upfront for employment opportunities and never send money to a post office box

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To be successful in this role, you'll be comfortable in your own skin and have a friendly personality. You live locally, are extremely reliable and have the flexibility to come in at short notice. Our fitting sessions usually take place on Tuesday and/or Thursday, from 11am or 1pm onwards.

Given the nature of the role, it is very important that your body measurements and proportions are as close as possible to our standard size small: Height: 170, Bust: 85, Waist (at narrowest point): 65, Hip (at widest point): 92

Please email a short introduction of yourself, your availability, your measurements, and three full length images of your front, back and side to deborah@spell.co

We thank everyone in advance for their application. Only those selected for casting/interview will be contacted.

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Courses starting soon...

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Fri 6th March
• Basket Weaving
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• Parenting With Compassion

Sat 7th March
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BIRTHDAYS

Cheers Kate Happy 50th

Much love from the Echo Crew

Wishing Joyful Birthday Vibes Paul

Much Love, the Echo Crew

IN MEMORIAM



Dearest Dylan
You're on a journey far from us
Loved and missed by many
Always in our hearts
Never far from our thoughts.

Dylan Kane Etherington
20/10/87 - 22/2/10 Aged 22 years

I carry your heart with me,
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PETS on next page →

PETS



Toffee

Toffee is very lonely in the shelter. She misses her human very much & the other cats are stressing her out. Toffee needs someone who has time to spend with her, in a quiet home preferably with no other animals. Time & love will mend our beautiful Toffee's heart. To meet our little sweetie, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

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THURS: 3-5pm
SAT: 10am-12 noon
Call AWL 0436 845 542
Like us on Facebook!
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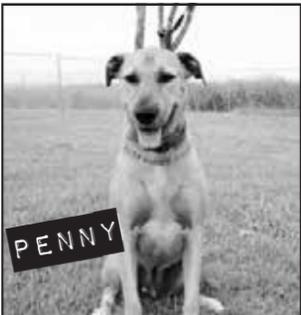


Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

LUCY

1-year 8-month old female Staffy "Lucy" is a sweetheart. She has been well-loved & cared for - her jet-black coat literally shimmers. Lucy is house-trained, has good recall, loves people and is very good with other dogs. She does need further training, particularly with walking on-leash and she does suffer from separation/aloneness anxiety. Lucy will make an affectionate, adoring companion or great family dog.

Please phone Shell on 0458 461 935 if you would like to meet Lucy or any of the other 9 dogs needing new homes. MC: 900079000409639



Penny is a 3 year old desexed female Wolfhound x. She is a big girl, pretty laid back and best without young children, in respect of her size.

If you can give Penny a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on **0421 017 461**. Microchip number 900079000292423.

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia discussion group will explore the perennial questions every Thursday, 1.30 till 3pm. Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay. For more information call 0488 005 077, email: allwelcome@byronsofia.group or go online to www.byronsofia.group.

Digital mentor

Know how to use a computer or mobile device? Become a digital mentor for seniors. Northern Rivers Community Gateway is providing Be Connected one-day training in Lismore on 18 February, and in Ballina on 25 February. It's fun, takes one day, and costs just \$5. Call 6621 7397 for more information.

Chasing the Thunder

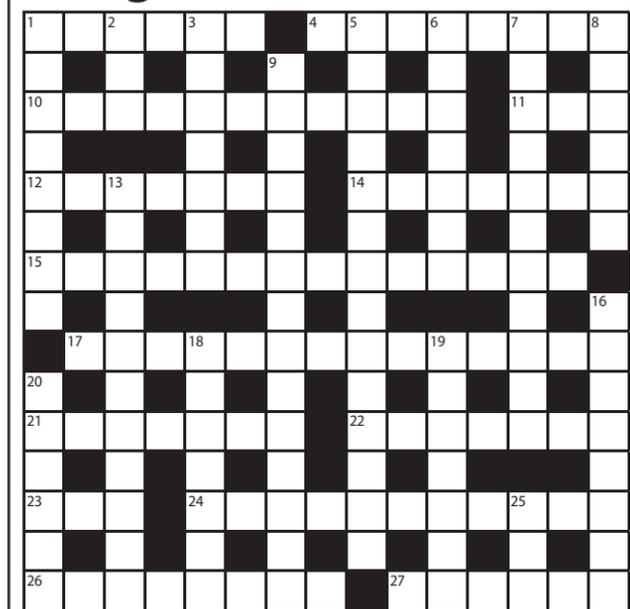
Chasing the Thunder film screening with Q&A is being presented by Sea Shepherd Byron, as a fundraiser, at the Byron Theatre at 6.30pm on 22 February. Over three months, and across several oceans, Sea Shepherd crews stalked the fugitive fishing boat Thunder that was considered the world's most notorious poacher. Tickets available online at: <https://byroncentre.com.au>

Seniors fun Fridays

Fun Fridays for seniors (60+) at Marvell Hall, Marvell Street East, Byron Bay. Mahjong and 500 at 1.30pm. Enquiries: Nancy 0498 480 373.

Mungo's Crossword

N322



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Take a small volume with record time (6)
4. Malcolm Turnbull frogmarched out of parliament - perhaps Jeremiah included! (8)
10. A A Milne's book following the arrival of a third set of twins (3,2,3,3)
11. Ban pub (3)
12. First home in lost waste bin (7)
14. Individual in dodgy casino need capital (7)
15. Helium balloon match - Thai ran badly (7,4,3)
17. Caesar's fatal appointment - arrange for head chemist (3,4,2,5)
21. Bean's chariot wrecked (7)
22. Silliest, but a protected situation? (7)
23. Little Lew, a star (3)
24. Neurons quit unexpectedly - it doesn't follow (3,8)
26. Steer erratically, like unknown - but relax (4,4)
27. It's about measurements - ran into right 99 (6)

DOWN

1. Abolish detailed supporter - every year (8)
2. Commanding Officer, West Jersey (3)
3. Publicity around - that's rot. He's a clown! (7)
5. Rich sunny nodes - out of order, offbeat! (14)
6. List of words turns u 109 in Christmas (7)
7. Revolutionary dresses with big # (11)
8. Bacterium - article for a woman in Dresden (6)
9. Muster: repay regiments and religious assemblies (6,8)
13. On the nose: Ed hurls rubbish and they're used as obstacles in the Olympics! (4,7)
16. Right, casually heroic over time - the art of oratory (8)
18. Aromatic gum to enrage! (7)
19. I object to a certain ruler (7)
20. A second drink for an ABC comedian (6)
25. Pitch to the sailor (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Take, receive (6)
4. Large noisy amphibian (8)
10. A A Milne's children's work (3,2,3,3)
11. Drinking hole (3)
12. Receptacle for stubs (7)
14. Capital of Cyprus (7)
15. Less dense than the surrounding atmosphere (7,4,3)
17. Date of Julius Caesar's assassination (4,2,5)
21. Type of bean (7)
22. Silliest (7)
23. Our son (3)
24. Statement that does not follow (Latin) (3,8)
26. Relax, be comfortable (4,4)
27. Re measurement (6)

DOWN

1. Every year (8)
2. Bovine beast (3)
3. Hero of Commedia dell'arte (7)
5. Not coordinated in time (14)
6. List of words (7)
7. French revolutionary leader (11)
8. Resident of Berlin (6)
9. Devotional gatherings (6,8)
13. Obstacles used in competitive races (4,7)
16. Art of persuasion (8)
18. Anger, enrage (7)
19. Calculate the size of something (7)
20. One who pursues (6)
25. British sailor (3)

Last week's solution N321



GCAT

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, 16 February from 9am to 12noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. We plant in the sand dunes from Clarkes Beach to Main Beach. From 12noon to 1pm enjoy a delicious free BBQ, and be in the draw to win one of our excellent prizes. It's good fun. Enquiries to Udo 0413173786 or Veda 66857991 or Miles 0403206190.

Chemical free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare working bee will be on Saturday, 22 February from 8am at New Brighton chemical free site. Meet at the first curve, on the left, at North Head Road. Park, and walk into the beach; you will see us on the dunes. Donations of palm fronds and/or garden prunings are needed for the Saltwater Creek project, call 0478 272 300.

Dementia workshop

Get support if you care with someone with dementia. A free workshop for family and friends who care for someone with dementia is taking place 10am-12.30pm Thursday, 27 February at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. The workshop will provide a space to share positive experiences and achievements, learn new coping strategies, and problem-solve with other family carers. Attendees will also learn about other dementia support services available in the Mullumbimby area. A complimentary lunch is provided. For more information, or to register, call or text 0406 409747 or email linda.wirf@socialfutures.org.au

Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critically needed soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap to Kim at Raine & Horne, 39 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay. Call 0499 839 566. All quantities welcome. www.soapaid.org.

BVU3A

U3A Brunswick Valley, Tuesday Forum, 25 February 10am-12noon, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Jean Watson will recount her experiences living with mountain tribes in new Guinea. Visitors and potential new members are most welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Ballina coastcare

Join us for morning tea to celebrate Ballina Coastcare's 30th Anniversary on Thursday, 19 March, 10.30am. Meet at the North end of Flat Rock car park. RSVP by Tuesday, 19 February via email: cathyjbyrne@gmail.com or phone or SMS Cathy on 0408 668 287. Please provide a direct phone number for wet weather arrangements. Find out more at: www.ballinacoastcare.org/ourstory. Probus club

Next meeting of Hastings Point, Tweed Coast Probus club will be at Tricare, Tweed Coast Rd, on Tuesday, 18 February at 10 am. Speaker, Scott Jones, on a natural solutions to divert everyday food waste away from landfill. Enquiries: Jean 02 6670 4072.

Free exercise group

Join Byron Bay's free exercise networking group. It is open for all business people. Meet at Clarkes Beach Park carpark every Friday morning at 7.30am to walk or run the lighthouse loop. More information call Sharon on 0400 609 916.

Parkinson's support

The Northern Rivers Parkinson's Support Group **coffee catch-up** is on Friday 13 March, 10am at Summerland House Farm (Aruma). This is a relaxed social get-together. Please RSVP Yvonne 0429 946 146.

One Roof Byron

No fixed address? Lost your housing in the last 12 months? One Roof Byron is looking for local residents interested in joining a long-term accommodation program in this shire. Enquiries: call or text Jenny 0422 455 735, 2-5pm on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

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

ACA

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

Breast cancer support

The Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay gets together every third Wednesday from 12 till 2pm at Byron Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, entering Carlyle Street from Jonson Street opposite Woolworths. More info on Facebook: Breast Cancer Support Group Byron Bay, or call 0431 207 453.

OS art comp

Artists get painting! The Ocean Shores Country Club - 14th Annual Art Competition is opening, May 21, 2020. Three entry categories are watercolour, pastel/drawing and acrylic/oils. All artists are welcome to enter. Organised by OSSC Art Group. Entry forms will be available early March. Contact Marilyn on 6680 4907 or osscartgroup@gmail.com for information.

OSSC art group

The OSSC art group meets every Wednesday morning from 9am-12noon at the Ocean Shores Country Club to paint together and inspire each other. Space is available for other artists to join us. Visiting artist, Jan Brooks, will be hosting an art session on colour blending/feathering on 26 February, 9am-12noon at the Ocean Shores Country Club. All Artists welcome - contact Marilyn: 66 804 907.

Retirement investment

A free finance seminar is running on retirement reality and investment choices at the Byron Bay Library on Wednesday, 19 February, 10.30am. Presented by the NSW Department of Human Services as part of the NSW Senior's Festival 2020. Bookings on 13 63 57 or email fis.seminar.bookings@humanservices.gov.au

Friends of Libraries

The Friends of Libraries (FOL) Byron Shire first meeting on Wednesday, 19 February at the Byron library at 10am. FOL is a community-based group providing much needed funds for the Byron, Brunswick and Mullumbimby libraries. They host the Annual Book Fair on the weekend of 11-12 July at the Byron Bay Surf Club. The collecting of books is now in progress for the fair; pre-loved and in good condition, especially children's and art books, or any other genre such as fiction, non fiction, history, Australian and limited editions - all gratefully received. Call Janene 0407 855 022.

Support after suicide

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

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.

Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. **Tuesdays:** 10.30am. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10-11am; Ukulele 11.30-12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** every Monday at 10.30. Phone 0435 780 017. **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.

Honours even after local surfers come 12th at Boardriders final

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay Boardriders and Lennox-Ballina Boardriders got off to great starts at the biggest and richest club competition in the world at Newcastle in the 'Australian Boardriders Battle.'

Both clubs racked up some big scores in the individual heats on Saturday, and as luck would have it, the Far North Coast clubs were drawn to surf against each other in every division.

The results showed that the friendly rivals emerged pretty even.

Soli Bailey took the win over Stuart Kennedy in the Open men's heat. Nyxie Ryan from Le-Ba won her Open women's heat with Byron Bay's Sasha Baker in third.

In the masters division, Byron Bay's Kieren Perrow was second over Marcus Aboody who placed fourth. Le-Ba's Jai Glinderman placed third, with Duke Wrencher coming fourth in the juniors.

Both clubs ended up with 25 points heading into



Byron Bay Boardrider Soli Bailey riding the lip in Newcastle for the national club final. Photo Blainey/Surfing Australia

Sunday for the tag style 'nudie teams' finals.

Both teams starred in their first round, tag-style heats taking wins in successive heats that each featured four clubs battling it out over 50 minutes. Le-Ba racked up an impressive 36.90 points and Byron Bay 34.20.

Flush with such successful starts both clubs were being touted as favourites to make the grand final, but in successive heats in the quarter finals both teams' surfers got off to very slow

starts, struggling to complete rides and find good waves to perform on.

Mistakes crept in as the pressure mounted, and both finished last in their respective heats to finish in equal twelfth place overall.

North Shore Boardriders from the Sunshine Coast QLD went on to win the event and take home the \$20,000 prize money in a buzzer-beater moment from North Shelly (NSW), North Narrabeen (NSW) and Bondi Boardriders (NSW).

Georgina shines at regional swimming championships

Georgina Morely Miller was the Mullumbimby Swimming Club's most successful competitor at the North Coast Swimming Championships after winning two gold and four silver medals.

Swimmers, coaches, parents and officials braved wet conditions for the long-course championships held in Port Macquarie over February 8-9.

These championships had been postponed from the original date in November because of bushfires.

'The rescheduling reduced the number of competitors, but those who attended from twenty three clubs across the north coast region as well as visitors from four clubs, from just outside our area, performed creditably in very difficult conditions,' said Faye Rowles publicity officer, with Swimming North Coast.

Coffs Harbour Swimming Club was the champion club for the second successive year, followed by host club, Port Macquarie, and Forster



Mullumbimby Swimmers: Mira Brittain, Finn Brittain, Ella Brittain, Daniel Irace, Sara Irace, Davide Irace, Georgina Morley-Miller and Asha Brittain. Photo supplied

Aquatic were the third placed club.

'Mullumbimby swimmers put up a creditable performance and show great promise for the future as the swimming club continues to build,' Faye said.

Results

Georgina Morely Miller was Mullumbimby's most successful swimmer. She achieved a personal best time by taking almost three seconds off her 50m butterfly time. She was awarded six medals in 16-year-old

events, including the 200m backstroke, 200m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke.

Davide Irace did a personal best time in the 100m breaststroke and achieved fourth place in the 15-year-old breaststroke.

Sara Irace achieved two personal-best times in the 200m backstroke and the 50m freestyle event, winning the silver in the 12-year-olds 200m backstroke, coming seventh in the 12-year-olds 100m back and 12th in 50m freestyle.

One Byron Bay team gets through at District Pairs

In hot and humid conditions the first day of the District Pairs Championship was played last Sunday across the region.

In the open division at Cudgen, Sam Skehan and Paul Clark were eliminated on Sunday afternoon after winning their morning game.

In the senior division at Pottsville, Phil Boyd and Syl Reid went down in the morning game by five shots.

Both Byron Bay duos in the reserve division won in the morning, playing on their home greens, but then Ian Burston and Werner Borkhardt went on to win their second match, while Steve Hammond and Toby Schott were just pipped at the post in their afternoon game.

By day's end Byron Bay had just one team qualify for the second round.

Loggers revel in great conditions at Wategos

Surfers were greeted with 'amazing' conditions for the Wategos Wizards Logging Comp, held as part of the Byron Bay Surf Festival last weekend, according to founder James McMillian.

'It was the best surf we've had in a long time,' he said. 'Logger boards are single fin and weigh at least eight ounces. The competitors are judged on traditional manoeuvres like nose riding and drop-knee cut backs.'

The event was at capacity with all categories filled by



A Wategos Wizard hanging ten. Photo supplied

a total field of 46 surfers including some of the world's best loggers.

Chloe Calmon (Brazil) was

the best Mermaid, the Bloses was won by Augusto Olinto (Brazil), and Chris 'Tiger' Newling won the Old Bloses.

Champions prepare for Tweed Enduro

The sixth annual Tweed Coast Enduro is set to return to Pottsville on Saturday 7 March 2020, with a number of professional triathletes in attendance.

Eight-time Ironman Champion Luke McKenzie, 2012 Ironman World Champion Pete Jacobs, and Ironman 70.3 Champion Lindsey Lawry are planning to race in the open men's division.

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Yay, no more water restrictions! While a long soak in a bath will feel luxurious after the drought, it's always good to be mindful of water use and how precious that resource is.

Local mushroom success story Lyfe Cycle, were last week given a shout on the planet's most popular podcast, the Joe Rogan Experience. Great to see the health benefits of shrooms gaining a wider audience, along with a locally grown company.

Um, yes the Greens councillors. Should a party claiming to support environmental causes pursue high growth scenarios on constrained rural lands? Without any knowledge of the consequences? In a region known for its unique biodiversity? While supporting poor planning staff processes? Does this reflect the platform they were elected upon in 2016? If only the answer to one of those questions is 'yes', then this community should be very concerned. See editorial page 10.

Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad (BVRS) came to the rescue of three horses that were trapped by last week's flood. 'BVRS are amazing. I am so grateful to them,' said owner Wendy St Clair from Mullumbimby. 'All the volunteers give up their time from their jobs to respond to calls. They can really do with donations to keep them going.' If you can make a regular donation to the BVRS Ms St Clair said it goes to a great organisation. For more information on donating or joining the BVRS see www.rescue.org.au.



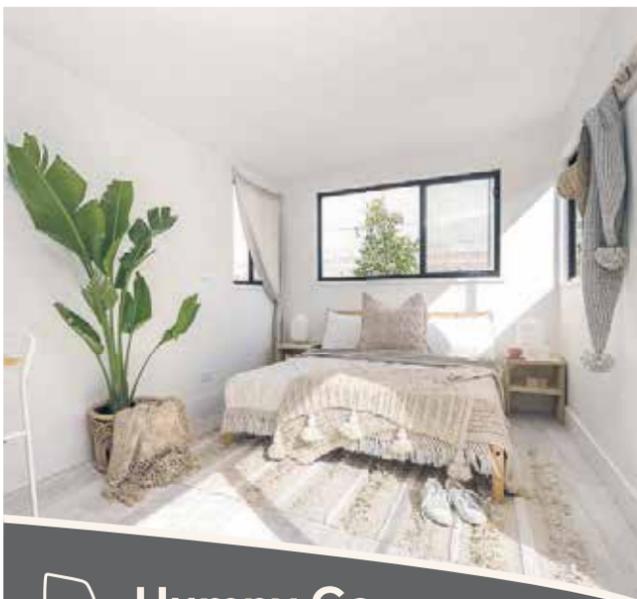
Last Wednesday's climate change fundraiser raised \$300,000 for land restoration projects that environmental enterprise Greening Australia undertake. The charity art auction, held at Byron's Secret Garden, was presented by Australian-owned whisky company, Pure Scot, in partnership with *Byron Arts Magazine*. Dave Rastovich, David Gyngell, Kyle Lionhart and Billy Otto were among the locals who attended. Pictured are Wil Anderson and Tim Stokes. Photo supplied

On page 9, local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin enthuses over a massive energy deal that will see renewable and fossil fuel gas expansion in NSW. Gas as a transition energy has been long discredited and contributes massively to climate change, which isn't addressed by Franklin. Interesting how South Australia's renewable energy transition now leads the nation, and also includes battery storage, thanks to Elon Musk and Tesla.

Do you love spreadsheets and accounting? Got some spare time? Council's 2020/21 budget is now up for comment and is available at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/our-plan-20-21. Two community sessions are also planned on Monday February 24, from 2pm to 4pm and again at 5pm to 7pm in the Council Chambers in Mullumbimby.

'The true delight is in the finding out rather than in the knowing.' – Isaac Asimov.

'We are like butterflies who flutter for a day and think it is forever' – Carl Sagan.



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