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## Byron bypass contractors plough into stage two

Works on the next stage of the Byron bypass have commenced, with wetlands known to contain vulnerable species being removed by chainsaws and mulchers behind Glen Villa resort early on Monday morning.

The Echo understands there was a police presence because of potential protests.

With no notification given by Council regarding the next stage, The Echo asked Council staff why.

There was no reply by deadline.

Additionally, The Echo asked 'What independent assessments are being undertaken by Council with regards to the clearing of the area, which is known to have vulnerable species? ie are there Council staff or independent consultants on site as this work is undertaken?'

Information related to the controversial project is available at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Major-projects/Byron-Bay-Bypass](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Major-projects/Byron-Bay-Bypass).

## Bushfire cash handed over



The Bruns Pub have raised an impressive \$200,000 for local fires, and last week the cash was handed over by the pub's Delvene Delaney. The money was the profits from a new beer, brewed especially for the pub, and the money has been spilt between the local RFS stations. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Massive West Byron DA again before public

470,000 cubic metres of fill over wetlands?

In a seemingly never-ending effort to develop and monetise constrained and flood prone land just outside Byron Bay, a group of local landholders have again put forward an amended development application (DA) for the proposed West Byron suburb.

Over many years it has drawn considerable community resistance, owing to the potential ecological destruction and increased traffic issues it would cause.

The amended DA (10.2017.661.1) is now on exhibition for four weeks, until April 9, and while submissions should be made to Council, it will be decided by the Land & Environment Court, and Northern Regional Planning Panel.

The proposal by Site R&D Pty Ltd is to subdivide six large lots into 162 smaller lots, which would consist of 127 residential lots, 25 super/master lots (lots which can be subsequently subdivided, developed and purposely planned for residential development), two business lots, two Industrial lots, one recreation lot, and five residue lots.'

It is estimated to cost \$40,167,080 and the DA comes in 54 separate PDF documents via Council's online DA tracker.

According to the DA available on Council's website, the subdivision would be in twelve stages, and includes construction of a roundabout on Ewingsdale Road, an access and internal

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## Local COVID-19 cases confirmed, Bluesfest cancelled

There are two local confirmed cases of COVID-19, say the Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD).

Acting director of North Coast Public Health, Dr Jane Jelfs, says that the cases were identified last weekend, and close contacts are being followed up by the North Coast Public Health Unit.

### Infected overseas

'Both cases were acquired overseas, and were not the result of local community transmission,'

she said.

Yet any further information is not forthcoming from the local health district; particular locations of the confirmed cases so far won't be provided, they say.

However, 'The Public Health Unit is in direct contact with relevant close contacts for monitoring.'

Meanwhile, Bluesfest has announced it will cancel its 2020 event, which was to be held April 9 till 13 in Tyagarah.

Bluesfest director Peter Noble

AOM said in a statement, 'We are heartbroken, as we believe we were presenting one of the best-ever bills of talent for you. I was in discussions right through last week with every headliner - they all said they're coming, as long as nothing occurred to prevent them from doing so.'

'That is the level of commitment that our artists have, and I am proud of that.'

'I must now thank every one of you for supporting us. The emails and posts are deeply appreciated at

this time.'

And with events with more than 500 people being cancelled, some schools and universities are announcing they are also closing.

Ms Jelfs from NNSWLHD says, 'Anyone who is considered at risk of developing symptoms owing to contact with these cases will be notified directly.'

Of the two confirmed cases, Ms Jelfs says one person is self-isolating, and the other is being

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**\$4.5m in renewable energy grants**

Enova announces battery storage while solar farm and storage facility launched

Two renewable energy projects have received funding as part of the NSW government Regional Community Energy Fund (RCEF) totalling close to \$4.5m.

Coolamon Energy was awarded \$3.5m for the Byron Bay Solar Farm and Storage Facility project.

This consists of a 5MW solar farm and battery storage facility, that will be set up in Byron Shire by Byron Bay Solar Farm Holdings.

Project spokesperson Craig Johnston said, 'The Byron Bay Solar Farm is a new 7.4MW DC/4.99MW AC photovoltaic (PV) solar farm with a 5MW/10MWh lithium-ion battery storage facility.'

'The design is innovative as it specifies a central inverter, with DC coupled storage - we believe this is a first for an Australian regional community energy project.'

Congratulating Coolamon Energy was Tamara Smith, local member for Ballina (Greens). She said, 'Moving as quickly as possible to beyond zero emissions and away from the fossil fuel



From left, Dr Greg Wildling and Craig Johnston, directors of Coolamon Energy, Ballina (Green) MP Tamara Smith, Enova CEO Felicity Stening and Enova Community Energy chair, Alison Crook. Photo Aslan Shand

industry is the brief, and our community is delivering.'

Mr Johnston says that in terms of delivering back to the community 'we hope to be able to work with Enova Energy to be able to offer Byron Bay residents locally generated renewable energy from the sun, from 2021 onwards.'

**Community battery**

Meanwhile, Enova Community Energy, in conjunction with the University of Newcastle and Enosi Energy,

has also received close to \$1m in funding for the installation of a 2MWh battery in a yet to be determined regional NSW location.

This aims to implement peer-to-peer trading (provided by partner Enosi) of the stored energy across 500 Enova customers, and aims to reduce electricity bills for Enova customers.

'Community batteries are one of the last pieces in the puzzle to bring efficient control of energy generation, storage, and supply right

back to where they belong: in the hands of people in their own communities,' Enova Community Energy Chair, Alison Crook said.

Enova CEO Felicity Stening welcomed this opportunity for Enova. She said, 'It will enable Enova to make its debut into grid-scale energy storage and bring peer-to-peer energy trading to our customers.'

**Self-sufficiency**

Stening added, 'Enova is absolutely stepping into its role as a leader in helping communities build energy self-sufficiency.'

NSW Minister for Energy and Environment Matt Kean said the Shared Community Battery Project would help regional communities take control of their energy bills and benefit from the economic opportunities presented by changes in the energy system. 'These innovative renewable energy projects will help to make electricity more reliable and affordable for our regional communities,' Mr Kean said.

**Developer refuses to reduce height, design of large Bruns DA**

Paul Bibby

A controversial dual occupancy development proposed for Brunswick Heads looks set to be rejected by Byron Council, after council staff changed their advice, and recommended refusal.

The owner of 16 Short Street, a Melbourne-based property developer, is seeking permission to demolish the existing single-storey cottage on the site and replace it with two large, double storey townhouses, each with five bedrooms and five bathrooms.

**130 objections**

More than a 130 local residents have formally objected to the proposal, arguing that it is out of character with the surrounding dwellings owing to its size, which exceeds height plane rules for that part of town.

They also fear that, rather than becoming two family homes as claimed by the developer, the development will be used as a quasi boarding house or an 'Airbnb motel'.

The immediate neighbours also argue that the proposed dwellings would



Developer Sasha Hopkins is also behind a number of development applications (DAs) around Butler Street in Byron Bay. Photo www.au.news.yahoo.com

significantly overshadow their properties.

When the matter first came before Council last November, councillors voted unanimously to defer the matter pending further investigation by staff into the height plan encroachment, and shadowing impacts on neighbouring properties.

This was despite staff recommending that the development should be approved.

Having undertaken these investigations, Council staff have now recommended that councillors issue a refusal when the matter comes before them at this week's planning and

a reduction in the width of the building on the first floor by up to a metre to provide for increased setbacks to the eastern boundaries to address this issue.'

The impact on the neighbouring property was further exacerbated, staff said, by the fact that Council had recently approved a second house there, which would experience significant overshadowing.

The report also noted that the developer had refused to reduce the height or design of the property to minimise the extent to which it breached building height plane rules.

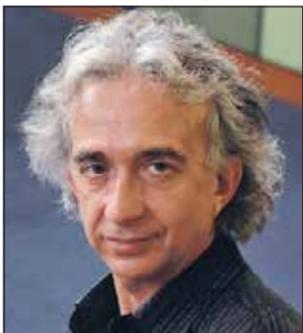
Staff concluded that 'the proposal on review is considered to generate unreasonable impacts on the neighbouring development' and had 'not adequately addressed the resolution in terms of amending the design of the development to provide for better compliance with the building height plane and to lessen impacts on the immediate neighbour to the east.'

'Options to further reduce the impact have not been taken up by the applicant in terms of amending the design as suggested [by Council at the November meeting],' the report says.

'This could have included

## Councillor Cameron calls for Mullum to Byron rail link

A Notice of Motion by independent Cr Basil Cameron, for the March 26 Council meeting, will ask support for a rail link between Mullumbimby and Byron Bay 'as the first stage of a multi use activation of the rail corridor'.



Cameron told *The Echo*, 'The traffic crisis currently generating queues that extend all the way from Byron township to the M1 is reason enough to get on with this project.'

'A rail link with park and ride locations at Ewingsdale and other points along the route is the only long term and cost effective solution capable of reducing the growth in road traffic numbers.'

'The striating point in a staged approach would utilise small buses (hi-rail) that can operate on rail and road. Hi-rail allows for flexible routes, as well as moving demand off roads in Ewingsdale and other locations.'

'Cycling and walking options would help to further reduce demand for road space.'

'Public transport would receive a significant boost, as the missing connection between the Brunswick Valley 'town centre' bus service and southern parts of the Shire would be overcome.'

'A rail link aligns with the Mullumbimby and Byron Bay Masterplan objectives to prioritise walking, cycling and to reduce traffic in town centres.'

'This is a financially sustainable approach that assists with climate change mitigation, and will support the community well into the future through better management of the Byron Shire transport network as a whole.'

'We have the foundation study (Archadis, Multi Use Rail Corridor Study) that demonstrates a net benefit

of this approach. The study estimates this could be achieved for substantially less than the cost of the Byron Bay by-pass.

'It is time for a rail link. It is also time for the major parties to rethink the ways in which they support resilience building, and back our community's vision for sustainable transport.'

'A good start would be to ensure that the current protections for the corridor and the rails are not removed.'

### Funding sources

*The Echo* asked Cr Cameron, 'How will this be funded? Are there plans for this?'

Cr Cameron replied, 'The idea is for Council to take a lead on the project and deliver a "shovel ready" project, while seeking a variety of funding from NSW and federal governments. The business plan will consider the best approach for delivery of services, and may include a role for Council in the future as a governance partner.'

'It is only through local leadership that looks at the project through our eyes and understands the benefits to our community that this project can be delivered.'

'The price tag is very reasonable compared to the likely costs of constantly expanding the Ewingsdale Road corridor, something that does, and will continue, to draw off funds from the rest of the Shire's road network.'

## Massive West Byron DA again before public

► Continued from page 1 roads, provision of water, stormwater, sewer, power and telephone services, upgrading and embellishment of the drainage channel and bulk earthworks, 'including the importation of approximately 470,000 cubic metres of fill.'

An acoustic fence is proposed adjacent to Ewingsdale Road, and habitat reconstruction and offset planting on E2 and E3 zoned land within the site is also within the DA.

*The Echo* asked Council's planning staff why they did not present to the public what specific amendments were made, but there was no reply by deadline.

While a company search for Site R&D Pty Ltd states that it has two Sydney-based directors, Kerry and Stuart Murray, a spokesperson on behalf of the landowners told *The Echo* that Kerry Murray 'has nothing to do with the project'.

In 2018, Site R&D Pty Ltd lodged an appeal in the Land & Environment court against Council over a deemed refusal, which was owing to the time taken to assess the DA.

### Who are the local landowners?

A spokesperson on behalf of the West Byron landowners confirmed the locals who are seeking to develop the large parcel of land.

The 'local' landowners are Tony Smith, Alan Heathcote, Peter Croke, David O'Connor, Garry McDonald, Warren Simmons and Kevin Rogers (described as a 'long-term investor in Byron').

The spokesperson added, 'The land that was owned by Crighton Properties is [now] owned by North Shore Property Trust (NSPT), which is Terry Agnew's company.'

'The DA formerly [lodged] by Villaworld and is no longer part of the West Byron project.'

## Libraries now closed

All Richmond Tweed Regional Library branches are now closed to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

Library branches in Lismore City, Ballina, Byron and Tweed Shires, including the mobile library, will be closed for two weeks, with the closure reviewed on a week-by-week basis after that.

Regional library manger Jo Carmody says that member Councils made the decision, as 'Council has a duty of care to its staff, library users and the community'. Jo stressed that no staff member at any

of the libraries had been diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19).

'The libraries have almost 30,000 visits per week with some of the bigger branches seeing visitor numbers in excess of 600 people per day many of whom are in the vulnerable age bracket.'

'The eLibrary is open with access to books, magazines and audiobooks in downloadable digital formats from the RTRL website or Library App.'

'Renewals can be made on the website, Library App or by phoning the library.'

## State, feds throws cash at virus

NSW Government's support package to combat the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic will be 'welcomed by the business community', say the state's peak business organisation, Business NSW.

The NSW package follows the federal government's recent \$17 billion announcement.

Business NSW Northern

Rivers Regional Manager Jane Laverty says, 'Of immediate benefit will be the deferral of payroll tax payments for three months for businesses with a payroll of under \$10 million, and the extension of the payroll tax threshold to \$1 million from July 1, which was a specific request of Business NSW.'

## Local COVID-19 cases confirmed

► Continued from page 1 cared for in hospital.

'We encourage members of the public to continue to practise good hygiene, including hand-washing and social distancing, and to remain alert to any changing advice from health authorities.'

### Two local clinics

COVID-19/flu clinics are established at Lismore Base Hospital and The Tweed Hospital.

The purpose of these clinics is for people who have respiratory symptoms or fever and who are at risk of COVID-19, for example

because they were in contact with a COVID-19 case, or have returned from overseas in the 14 days before onset of symptoms.

'Since the situation is changing daily, we'll be monitoring the ongoing need for these measures, and they'll be available according to demand,' says Dr Jane Jelfs.

'NSW Health is recommending people with acute, cold, flu-like symptoms who are returned travellers, or a contact of a confirmed case, to be tested for COVID-19.'

'Testing is recommended for all returning overseas travellers who develop symptoms within 14 days of

return, contacts of cases who develop symptoms, people admitted to hospital with severe respiratory infection, irrespective of travel history, other special circumstances such as where there is an outbreak of respiratory infections without an identified cause such as flu.'

'Samples for testing can be taken directly by some GPs, or at a range of private pathology sites across the

state that are suitable for collection of COVID-19.'

The current number of cases within NSW are listed on the NSW Health website - as of 11am March 17, there were 210 confirmed cases in NSW and 1,482 cases under investigation.

NSW Health say there have been 28,552 cases tested and excluded.

Updated info is available on [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au).

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## RBT and RDT suspended by Police Association owing to COVID-19

Paul Bibby

Static roadside drug and alcohol testing operations have been suspended in NSW and QLD owing to the COVID-19 crisis.

The NSW Police Commissioner and the Minister for Emergency Services announced that police 'may decide it is not reasonable to undertake stationary RBT and RDT in the current climate'.

### Multiple car tests

In a statement released on Tuesday, a spokesperson said, 'Police officers will therefore use their discretion to determine the viability of conducting stationary RBT

and RDT'.

NSW Police Association president Tony King went a step further, declaring that police would not be undertaking static tests, where multiple cars are pulled over at a time.

They would still be conducting random tests in other circumstances, such as when someone was suspected of being under the influence, or was caught speeding.

'With the devices in a stationary RBT set up, police could be testing 50, 60, 100 people over and over again,' Mr King said.

'This is about keeping people safe.'

## Lawyers offer free biz seminars

Wall and Company Lawyers are inviting the public to a series of free-of-charge discussions around key issues for our local business community.

Solicitor Bronwen Nicholls says, 'We hope that our seminars might function as something of a networking event as well as

an information session. The sessions will take place at 3pm on Thursday afternoons in April, at 43 Stuart St, Mullumbimby, and we ask that people RSVP to bronwen@wallcolawyers.com.au so that we can communicate with them in the event of poor weather, or any other unexpected issue.'

## SAE grads land Kasey Chambers gig



Byron Shire locals and SAE Creative Media Institute graduates, Luca Fox and Natalie Grube, have produced a music video for a collaboration between musicians Brandon Dodd and Kasey Chambers. The production took place at an abandoned homestead in Myocum, with the shoot schedule split between the film clip production and a promotional video for Kasey Chambers' clothing label, Poetry by Kasey and Renee. Luca and Natalie started their own company in 2019, called Eye Design Films, and operate from their home studio. Photo supplied

## COVID-19 crisis-management workshop

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce and PR company Vim + Zest will hold a crisis-management workshop, on Thursday March 19, from 5.30pm till 6.30pm at the Byron Community Centre and Byron Theatre.

Organisers say all proceeds will go to the RFS. The workshop will be

presented by Trudy Johnston and Tiare Leahy.

### Action guidelines

The workshop aims to give 'action guidelines for leaders to help work through the type of crisis management that's right for their companies.' For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/2Qg75h2>.

## \$100,000 for not-for-profits on offer

Last week, the 2020 Northern Rivers Large Grants Program was launched, giving local not-for-profits the chance to apply for a grant between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

An initiative by Stone & Wood's inGrained Foundation, the grants are drawn from a total funding pool of \$100,000.

Northern Rivers not-for-profits with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status are invited to apply for a grant to boost their social and/or environmental projects which contribute to this year's theme, regeneration and social connection.

inGrained Foundation grants committee and sustainability manager at Stone & Wood, James Perrin, said that this year, with help from Stone & Wood, Fixation Brewing and Granite Belt Cider Co, they are thrilled to be able to extend the funding opportunity to more local not-for-profits.

'With 26 wonderful applications in last year's round, we're really looking forward to connecting with more this time around.'

'We are also proud to have recently donated over \$70,000

to local and state-based fire brigades, rural fire services and drought relief efforts across NSW, QLD and Victoria, thanks to funds raised via Stone & Wood, Fixation Brewing and Granite Belt Cider Co.'

The project will award a maximum of 10 grants in total, in May.

The total funding pool also includes a \$10,000 employee-funded grant, created by the permanent team at Stone & Wood, who substituted their monthly carton allowance with a cash donation to the inGrained Foundation to raise the money.

Perrin added, 'Following a summer of bushfire disaster across NSW, QLD and Victoria, we've made this year's theme "regeneration and social connection", and are asking applicants to show how their projects contribute to social and/or environmental regeneration and connection in our region.'

Applications for the grants close on Thursday, April 9. For more information, visit the inGrained Foundation website: [www.ingrainedfoundation.com.au](http://www.ingrainedfoundation.com.au).

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# Billinudgel Nature Reserve expands

Over 37.15ha of ecologically significant land has been gifted to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve by North Byron Parklands.

Parklands general manager Mat Morris said, 'More than 14 per cent of Parklands' 256ha has been dedicated to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

'This land will increase the total size of the Billinudgel Nature Reserve by more than five per cent. Parklands has spent over ten years revegetating some of these lands. What was once open cattle pasture is now complex native forests.

'The majority of the land now dedicated to NPWS is well established mature forest, immediately



Billinudgel Nature Reserve, denoted in red. Photo supplied

adjacent to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve.'

Sue Walker, NPWS Area Manager, Tweed Byron said, 'The new areas demonstrate the outcomes of a positive relationship and are welcome. They provide important habitat

for a wide range of species. The addition helps improve Billinudgel Nature Reserve which protects large tracts of natural lowland coastal vegetation, and supports a wide range of fauna including rare, threatened, significant and migratory species.

Morris added, 'Parklands continues to revegetate previously degraded cattle grazing country adjacent to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve through its habitat restoration program, including ongoing tree planting, placement of nest boxes and exotic weed removal.

## Bush regen

'Parklands continues to employ a team of local bush regenerators on a weekly basis, as it has done so for the past decade.

'A longer-term commitment by Parklands' was always to give NPWS a number of ecologically valuable forest blocks to increase the size of the Billinudgel Nature Reserve.'

# Visitor strategy aims to cope with 3.86m visitors a year by 2030

Paul Bibby

Visitors to the Byron Shire would be given specific advice about how they would be expected to behave under a far-reaching Sustainable Visitor Strategy, developed by Byron Council.

The strategy, the outcome of extensive consultation with residents and industry representatives, is due to go on public exhibition in the coming weeks, and will be discussed at this week's planning and development meeting.

It includes a series of strategies and proposed actions under the overarching vision of welcoming visitors, and having a visitor economy that 'cares for and respects our residents, creates low-impact visitor

experiences, protects our natural environment, celebrates our cultural diversity and shares our social values.'

The challenges faced in achieving such a vision are acknowledged in the strategy, including the fact that by 2030, it is predicted that the Shire could have 3.86 million visitors a year.

In 2018/19, Byron Shire had 200,000 international overnight visitors, 1m domestic overnight visitors, and 1m day trippers.

## Ecological impacts

This has the potential to significantly increase both the ecological and amenity impacts on the Shire, including damage to fragile local environments, increased degradation of local infrastructure such as roads,

and severe overcrowding of popular visitor locations.

One of the strategies suggested to address these impacts was to position the Shire as a leading sustainable and environmentally responsible tourism destination.

This included the creation of a 'Welcome to Byron Shire' program for visitors, and a 'Tourism Toolkit' for industry.

The program would aim to provide 'specific behaviour expectations' for visitors, lift customer service standards, and provide product destination and Indigenous heritage information.

Other actions to achieve this goal included investigating the opportunity to design a 'Byron Shire Eco Check' program to 'help tourism businesses implement environmentally

friendly and sustainable business practices'.

There was also a plan to 'encourage and work with local environmental groups to develop volunteer tourism initiatives'.

Other plans and strategies included improving the sustainability, coordination and management of festivals, business and leisure events, improving road infrastructure and parking availability, and improving planning regulations and zoning for managing the growth of tourism.

These strategies would be implemented in consultation with local Aboriginal stakeholders in relation to opportunities to enhance visitation experiences, while maintaining and protecting cultural heritage sites and places.

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## Lennox businesses dig deep for Kenyan charity



From left, Claire Harding, Rese Emanuel, Rikki-Lee Petrie and Sarah Rosborg. Photo supplied

Nearly \$10,000 was raised by a Ballina-based marketing agency for children's charity, Rafiki Mwema, at the recent International Women's Day event.

Barefruit Marketing co-founder and director, Claire Harding, says the event was a huge success.

Harding, who is also a board member of Rafiki Mwema, says, 'We are already planning next year's event with a bigger space so we can cater to more people.'

'We were blown away by the generosity of local businesses, who sponsored the event and donated prizes, and by the women who supported it by attending and buying raffle tickets. 'The

money raised is going to a great cause and we are so honoured that we are lucky enough to be able to help others.'

She says '35 local businesses donated over \$10,000 in raffle prizes. 100 per cent of ticket and raffle proceeds will go to Rafiki Mwema.'

According to www.rafikimwema.com, Rafiki Mwema means 'loyal friend', and the organisation runs a 14 acre farm in Kenya which 'houses and therapeutically parents 70 children', who have been victims of sexual abuse.

An outreach program is also part of the program.

The website says, 'We have a school on the farm and grow our own food.'

## Renovations for Brunns events hub

Paul Bibby

It was during a night on the town in 2015 that Brett Haylock first saw and fell in love with the Brunswick Picture House.

'I sat on the curb across the road and watched the sun coming up over the building,' he says.

'At 7am I called the [selling] agent and made an offer.'

Not long after, Mr Haylock and his partner, Chris Chen, were handed the keys, ushering in a colourful new era for the iconic local theatre.

Five years later, the Picture House is marching into another new chapter, thanks to \$627,000 worth of renovations which will make it a more comfortable and accessible venue for patrons and performers alike.

### Solar, new roof

The planned works include a new toilet block with a disabled toilet facility, a new office and back stage area, a new roof with a full solar array and long-awaited new seats and air conditioning.

'It will look much the same as it did before from the outside,' Mr Haylock says.

'It will still have the same



Chris Chen and Brett Haylock from the Brunswick Picture House. Photo Jeff Dawson

charm, and we'll continue to run community programs at a discounted rate. But we think it will be a better experience for everyone.'

That experience is likely to include having the option to buy a glass of wine or a beer, with the owners planning to apply for a liquor licence.

'Having the liquor licence will make the business more sustainable,' Mr Chen says.

'So there will be a small bar. People already bring their own drinks anyway, so it just makes it a bit easier

for people.'

The other big change will be behind the scenes, with the theatre finally getting a proper green room and office, rather than using the lounge room of Brett and Chris's house, which sits directly behind the theatre.

'It's been amazing waking up in the morning after a Cheeky Cabaret performance and coming down to a lounge room sprinkled with sequins and glitter,' Mr Haylock says.

'Or you come in and Katie Noonan's on your couch

reading a book.

'But it will also be great to have our lounge room back.'

### Time capsule

The pair are determined to make sure the history of the Picture House is also maintained.

'We inherited a time capsule,' Mr Haylock says.

'There are so many beautiful old treasures here.'

'Ensuring that history continues is part of what we consider to be the custodianship of this place.'



Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

### Application for Appointment of Statutory Land Manager Board Members

**Byrangery Grass (R140088) Reserve Land Manager**

Ever wondered who is responsible for keeping Crown reserves operating?

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Don't let this opportunity to do something for yourself and your community pass you by - contact us today.

The Byrangery Grass (R140088) Reserve Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 140088 at Goonengerry notified on 13 April 1995 for Environmental Protection. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application forms may be obtained from <https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/> or telephoning 1300 886 235.

All applications are required to be lodged before **Wednesday, 15 April 2020** by email at [cl.reserves@crownland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cl.reserves@crownland.nsw.gov.au) or posted to Department of Planning, Industry & Environment - Crown Lands PO Box 2215, DANGAR NSW 2309. File Reference: GF95R02.

For further information contact Joe Endean on (02) 6642 9204.

## What's in store for the 2020 Drill Hall season?

The Mullumbimby Drill Hall Theatre has just announced its 2020 season, which includes three electrifying Australian plays that place women and the environment firmly centre stage.

With a dynamic creative team, drawn from the region's most established and promising new talent, the Drill Hall's new artistic director, (former NIDA teacher) Liz Chance, says audiences can expect an exciting year of theatre.

### Three big plays

Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith burns a hole right through the sexism of literary publishing in *Switzerland*, a psychological thriller directed by multi-award-winning actress Toni Scanlan (*Water Rats*, *Blue Heelers*, *MDA*) and performed by Liz Chance (*Water Rats*, *Blue Heelers*, *Caddie*) along with Drill Hall newcomer Matt Rossner (*The F Word*, *Puberty Blues*).

Climate and family also come under the microscope in Andrew Bovell's powerful intergenerational drama,



Pictured are Maggie Kirkpatrick (seated at back), Liz Chance (leaning on the piano, at the back), RAIN actors Tom Davies (seated, on stage), Andy Bambach (pictured left, on guitar), Liam Gatt (seated, on guitar), and Lorrie Cruickshank on the piano. Photo Jeff Dawson

### When The Rain Stops Falling.

It includes a stellar cast of Liz Chance, Chris Benaud, Lorrie Cruickshank, and Tom Davies, and is directed by Greg Aitken.

And finally, the foul-mouthed girls from *SHIT* are back by public demand in the bitterly funny and provocative play, by Patricia Cornelius. It features Claire Atkins, Kate

Foster, and Melia Naughton, and is directed by Liz Chance.

Chance says, 'I'm absolutely thrilled about the incredible depth of talent, commitment and support for local theatre that we have here.'

'We've pulled this program together quickly. It's fresh, it's unapologetic, and it's gripping,' Chance said.

The 2020 season was launched at a special event last Sunday at the Mullumbimby Drill Hall, where attendees got to meet the directors, see workshopped performances by local actors, and were part of a Q&A with Liz Chance, and veteran Australian actor, Maggie Kirkpatrick (from Aussie TV drama *Prisoner*).

# Plant a forest and mitigate climate change

Do you keep asking what you can do to help with reducing climate change?

You can make a difference on International Day of Forests (IDF) by planting trees at Lomandra Lane in Mullumbimby, from 10am till 12pm this Saturday, March 21.

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 21 the International Day of Forests in 2012.

The day celebrates and raises awareness of the importance of all types of forests. Countries are encouraged to undertake local, national and international efforts involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns.



A tree planting is planned on Lomandra Lane, Mullumbimby this Saturday. Photo supplied

# Byron Youth Theatre tackles bullying

Aslan Shand

Being bullied can really take it out of people and lead to some devastating outcomes.

That is why Kingscliff High School have commissioned Byron Youth Theatre (BYT) to help tackle the issue as part of their response to National Day against Bullying and

Violence, on March 20.

They have developed an interactive forum theatre event, which addresses issues of bullying and intimidation in a variety of settings experienced by young people.

Lisa Apostolides, director of the BYT, says, 'With the recent terrible death of

Hannah Clarke and her children, and Quaden Bayles's pleas to end his life after being bullied at school fresh in our minds, it is important that we empower more people to be "upstanders" and prevent this from occurring.'

### Touring high schools

The production will be touring high schools in the region, including Shearwater, Cape Byron Steiner, Byron High school as well as Kingscliff High, from March 17-20.

Forum Theatre was created by actor and activist Augusto Boal in the '70s as a kind of theatrical game, in which a problem is shown in an unresolved form, and the audience are invited to suggest and enact solutions.

It is most effective when actors and audience have a common experience of

the problem or form of oppression.

'Forum is exciting for us as actors, as although we rehearse different scenes, when we invite audience members to interact we have to improvise, it allows us to explore real solutions to real problems shared,' BYT actor Anoushka Blake said.



Byron Youth Theatre crew. Photo supplied

# Laugh off the drought, bushfire, global pandemic...

Aslan Shand

In tough times, Laugh a Minute for Mankind has never been more needed.

The idea was brought to fruition by Richard Jones, who came up with the idea of broadcasting a minute of laughter over the radio after pausing for a minute's silence on Remembrance Day in 2014.

'No doubt you'd be feeling a little unsettled considering all that's being going on already in 2020,' he says.

'Bushfires, flooding rains and now a virus pandemic, not to mention gloomy economic forecasts and toilet roll turmoil'. But now, he is teaming up with another

local laughter, Meredith Yardley, and they both firmly believe that we must make time in our lives for a laugh.

'Laughter has so many physical and mental health benefits that people don't realise just how important it is for our wellbeing' says Ms Yardley, who runs Ballina's weekly laughter yoga classes.

### Laugh-a-Minute for Mankind

The Laugh-a-Minute for Mankind idea has been ratified by the UN as an activity to celebrate the International Day of Happiness, on March 20, and 2020 marks its sixth year.

'We all know just how

contagious the Coronavirus is, but one thing's for sure, laughter is even more infectious, and thankfully spreads joy and happiness to all those in earshot,' said Mr Jones.

Bay FM will again be playing a minute of laughter over the radio at 1pm on Friday, March 20.

Mr Jones and Ms Yardley encourage all those near a radio or streaming device to tune into 99.9 BAY FM and join in the laughter.

'It's free, it's fun and it makes you feel good - if only for a minute,' said Mr Jones. 'And it's one community unity event that the Coronavirus can't shut down.'

# SCU moves to online over COVID-19

Southern Cross University has announced that most of its courses will be delivered online rather than face-to-face for the current semester in a bid to limit the spread of COVID-19.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the university said it was 'open and functioning' but that, where

possible, courses were 'actively being transitioned to online delivery mode'.

Staff who could work from home were being encouraged to do so, and non-essential events were being cancelled or postponed, including graduation ceremonies. For more information visit [www.scu.edu.au/coronavirus](http://www.scu.edu.au/coronavirus)

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 Emergency after hours 02 6622 7022  
 Works Depot 02 6685 9300  
 SES Controller 02 6684 3444  
 Rural Fire Service 02 6671 5500  
 Byron Resource Recovery Centre 1300 652 625  
 Cavanbah Centre 02 6685 5911

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

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

## MAKE A SUBMISSION

Submissions may be made to Council in the following ways:

Online: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Make-a-submission](http://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](mailto: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.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

Apply for a job at Council. For current vacancies refer to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Council/Working-at-Byron-Shire-Council/Current-vacancies).

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## PROPOSED LICENCE

### PART LOT 444 SECTION 28 DP 758207

Council is proposing to licence part Lot 444 Section 28 DP 758207, 35 Carlyle Street Byron Bay, known as the Byron Community Cabin, for a period of one (1) year to the Byron Bay Community Association for the purpose of a community hall.

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

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

**Submissions open: 4 March 2020**

**Submissions close: 1 April 2020**

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300

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

## PROPOSED LICENCE

### PART LOT 1 DP 771568

Council is proposing to licence part Lot 1 DP 771568, 1296 Main Arm Road, Upper Main Arm, known as the Kohinur Hall, for a period of five (5) years to the Upper Main Arm Community Association Inc for the purpose of a community hall.

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

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

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## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

As part of the Land and Environment Court Appeal (Case No. 2018/00222143), the applicant has been granted leave to rely on amended plans. The amended plans may be viewed on Council's website via [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker), or at Council's Customer Service Centre using the electronic customer kiosk during normal office hours.

You can also access the application through the public notice page [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/westbyronsubmission](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/westbyronsubmission).

**Development Application No:** 10.2017.661.1

**Northern Regional Planning Panel No:** 2018NTH007

**Property Address:** 364, 394 and 412 Ewingsdale Road BYRON BAY, A and B Melaleuca Drive BYRON BAY

**Property Legal Description:** Lot 1 DP 201626, Lot 2 DP 542178, Lot 1 DP 780242, Lot 2 DP 818403, Lot 1 DP 520063, Lot 7020 DP 1113431, LOT 5 DP 1222674, LOT 6 DP 1222674

**Applicant:** Site R & D Pty Ltd

#### Description of development proposed by amended plans:

Subdivision of Six (6) Lots into One Hundred and Sixty Two (162) Lots consisting of One Hundred and Twenty Seven (127) Residential Lots, Twenty Five (25) Super / Master Lots (lots which can be subsequently subdivided, developed and purposely planned for residential development), Two (2) Business Lots, Two (2) Industrial Lots, One (1) Recreation Lot and Five (5) Residue Lots.

The proposed subdivision comprises the following key elements:

- The subdivision will be carried out in twelve (12) stages;
- Construction of a roundabout on Ewingsdale Road for vehicular access to the subdivision;
- Construction of an access road from the Ewingsdale Road / Bayshore Drive roundabout to the subdivision (Lot 2 DP 818403);
- Construction of internal roads;
- Provision of water, stormwater, sewer, power and telephone services;
- Upgrading and embellishment of the drainage channel within the site (Lot 7020 DP 1113431);
- Bulk earthworks across the subject site including the importation of approximately 470,000 cubic metres of fill;
- Construction of an acoustic fence adjacent to Ewingsdale Road; and
- Restoration works, habitat reconstruction and offset planting on E2 and E3 zoned land within the site.

**The amended application will be on exhibition for a period of four (4) weeks from 11 March 2020 to 9 April 2020.**

Council is interested to hear your view on the amended plans and submissions should be made to Byron Shire Council, but will be provided to the Land & Environment Court and Joint Regional Planning Panel (as the consent authority in this matter) and may be viewed by other persons with an interest in the application.

For further information on making a submission please refer to information on Council's website [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/developmentsubmissions](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/developmentsubmissions).

There are also 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 at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/politicaldonations](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/politicaldonations).

Council's preferred option to receive submissions on this application are via the online form [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/westbyronsubmission](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/westbyronsubmission).

## PROPOSED LEASE

### PART FOLIO 444/28/758207

Council is proposing to lease part Lot 444 Section 28 DP 75692, 29 Tennyson Street Byron Bay, known as the Byron Scout Hall, for a period of ten years to Scouts Australia for the purpose of a scout hall.

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

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

**Submissions open: 11 March 2020**

**Submissions close: 8 April 2020**

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator 02 6626 7300

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

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

The following Development Applications and the supporting documentation are available online at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker). You can also view them online using the electronic Kiosks at Councils Customer Service Centre during normal office hours.

For further information on these applications, contact the relevant planning officer whose details you can find on the DA Tracker. To make a submission, select the 'Exhibition Details' tab when viewing the application on the DA Tracker and use the online form.

Note: Should you make a submission, there are requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Political-donations-disclosure) for further information.

#### EXHIBITION CLOSING 25 MARCH 2020

**10.2020.59.1 – Byron Bay, 109 Jonson Street (Lot 3 Sec 42 DP 758207)** Planners North, Alterations and Additions to Existing Commercial Premises including Demolition, New Studio and Three (3) 1 Bedroom Apartments for Tourist and Visitor Accommodation

**10.2020.88.1 – Suffolk Park, 114 Alcorn Street (Lot 12 Sec 8 DP 11632)** Planit Consulting Pty Ltd, Demolition of Existing Dual Occupancy and Construct New Dual Occupancy (Attached) and Strata Subdivision

**10.2020.39.1 – Byron Bay, 2 Acacia Street (Lot 46 DP 249402)** Mrs S A McGarry, Change of Use Recreation Facility (Indoor)

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

#### EXHIBITION CLOSING 1 APRIL 2020

**10.2020.98.1 – Federal, 13 Waltons Road (Lot 2 DP 522774)**

Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Use of Converted Farm Building as Dwelling to create Dual Occupancy (Detached)

**10.2020.101.1 – Myocum, Dingo Lane (Lot 17 DP 1178892)**

Balanced Systems Planning Consultants, Use of Resource Recovery Facility for Crushing and Recycling Concrete

**10.2020.103.1 – Montecollum, 45 Monet Drive (Lot 1 DP 1231141)**

Balanced Systems Planning Consultants, Use of Existing Caretakers Cabin, Farm Office and Cool Room

**10.2020.105.1 – Myocum, 295 Tyagarah Road (Lot 3 DP 567379)**

Matt Walker Town Planning, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and Proposed Carport and Shed

**10.2020.104.1 – Eureka, 257 Whian Road (Lot 2 DP 776145)**

Balanced Systems Planning Consultants, Community Title Subdivision, Five (5) Lots and One (1) Neighbourhood Lot

**10.2020.100.1 – Talofa, 533 Bangalow Road (Lot 10 DP 1197480)**

Planners North, Tourist and Visitor Accommodation Comprising Eight (8) Cabins

#### EXHIBITION CLOSING 8 APRIL 2020

**10.2020.87.1 – Byron Bay, Habitat Bayshore Drive (Lot 1 DP 271119)**

Planners North, Change of Use Recreation Facility (Indoor)

**10.2020.97.1 – Mullumbimby, 77 Tuckeroo Avenue (Lot 162 DP 1251169)**

Bayview Land Development Pty Ltd, Stage 8 Tallwood Ridge Estate Subdivision to Create Forty-Seven (47) Residential Lots

#### EXHIBITION CLOSING 15 APRIL 2020

**10.2020.109.1 – Mullumbimby, 77 Tuckeroo Avenue (Lot 162 DP 1251169)**

Bayview Land Development Pty Ltd, Stage 9 Tallwood Ridge Estate Subdivision to Create Forty-Seven (47) Residential Lots

## SMALL CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Council recognises and values the contribution that young people bring to the Byron Shire community with their energy, ideas, perspectives and liveliness. The aim of the grants program is to support young people to participate in community life: having a voice, joining in and gaining experience in leadership roles.

Young people aged between 15 and 25 are invited to apply for a small grant to help fund a project that will benefit young people in Byron Shire. Young people need to be assisted by an organisation, must live in the Byron Shire and must deliver the project in Byron Shire. For further information including assessment criteria and an application form see Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Home/Tab/Public-notices/Small-Change-Grants-for-Young-People](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Home/Tab/Public-notices/Small-Change-Grants-for-Young-People).

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry 02 6626 7316 or [jmcmurtry@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jmcmurtry@byron.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close: 9am Friday 3 April 2020**

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

## Scarrabelottis Lookout restaurant proposal gets staff support

A proposal for an 'intimate high-end' restaurant at Scarrabelottis Lookout on Coolamon Scenic Drive has the support of Council's planning staff and will be voted on at this Thursday's March 19 meeting.

The staff report on the proposal says there were 24 submissions made – three submissions supported the DA while 21 submissions were against.

Concerns that it will result in the commercialisation of the lookout were hosed down by staff, who instead spruiked increased usability of the site. Staff also dismissed concerns that if approved, extra operating

hours will later be sought.

The plans include a planning agreement between the applicant and Council, which would see an upgrade of the public road and associated carpark. If approved, the 40 seat occupancy 'full service establishment' would operate Saturday to Sunday, 7.30am till 2.30pm, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30am till 2.30pm.

It would be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Staff say in their report, 'The works to the proposed restaurant have various self-sustaining attributes including water harvesting from the roof into three 60,000 litre tanks, located under the

restaurant, solar power and battery storage, and onsite effluent disposal... Liquor licensing will be sought, but is subject to separate approval from Liquor and Gaming NSW should the restaurant be granted approval by Council'.

Eight car parking spaces are proposed. 'Of these, four will be attributable to the proposed restaurant'.

The original plans were amended, say staff, which include increasing the setback of the restaurant, from the boundary with the Lookout, from 8.7m to 15m.

'The ground floor of the restaurant was further lowered by 1.5 metres from 217m AHD to 215.75 m AHD.

## Council staff approve a 'fence too far'

Questions around the controversial approval of a large residential fence in Suffolk Park are yet to be replied to by Council planning staff.

Affected Armstrong Street resident, Chuck Bradley, told *The Echo* that staff approved a large fence at the back of his property, despite it being non-compliant with regards to height and the modification of the DA.

Bradley is also concerned with the assessment of the application, which includes 'breaching prescriptive measures for fence heights within the 2014 DCP (should not exceed 1.8m).'

He told *The Echo* on Tuesday, 'We had not heard anything from Council's GM or executive staff to date in regard to this issue (despite



Armstrong Street residents say a neighbouring fence is non-compliant and they are yet to hear from Council staff as to why it was approved. Photo supplied

contacting them), so we took it upon ourselves to email each councillor about this horrendous DA approval.

'To the councillors' credit, we heard from six out of the nine.

'All were shocked that such a structure was built.

### Concerned councillors

'We heard from the deputy mayor [Sarah Ndiaye] expressing her concerns, and

she asked us to contact her if we don't hear from Council by close of business.

'Also on Friday, we received an email from the mayor [Simon Richardson] expressing his disappointment in this outcome. They both have stated that we will hear from Council. To date: silence!

'Is this what Byron Shire wants as a precedent?

Bradley added, 'Are we all to live in a cage, blocked off from flora and fauna? We are shocked and dismayed at this.'

## Over-drainage results in fish kills

Addressing the issue of over-drainage will be crucial in reducing the number of fish kills in NSW following the bushfires, a water expert says.

Associate Professor William Glamore from the Water Research Laboratory (WRL) at the University of NSW said there had been a significant increase in fish kills across NSW over the past few months, following heavy rains across much of the state.

'Numerous fish kills have been recorded this month, with the NSW Department of Primary Industries recording 31 significant fish kills in coastal catchment in

February alone,' he said.

'Many of these fish kills include thousands of dead fish, with oysters and many other species impacted.'

However, Associate Professor Glamore said this wasn't simply because of the ash or fires but a historical issue of over-drainage.

This was the legacy of land settlement strategies dating back to the first white colonisers, which involved draining the land, clearing the trees and erecting fences.

To address this, authorities needed to increase their efforts to work towards large-scale ecosystem restoration.

## Council planning staff accused of breaching promise over wall

Council staff approval of a retaining wall at a Kallaroo Circuit property in Ocean Shores has miffed residents, who say they were not given an opportunity to respond to the development application (DA), despite assurances they would be.

Neighbour Denise Nessel told *The Echo*, 'The second retaining wall is almost completed on a designated flood plain, where retaining walls are not allowed. We are expecting fill to be delivered any day now. We were told we'd have a chance to respond to a DA before any

further work went ahead, but that never happened'.

Questions raised included: 'Why is fill being allowed to be brought onto the property and put in along two boundaries, when neither neighbour has agreed to it?'

### Investigating

Council staff replied that Council, 'Received a letter detailing concerns about the construction of a retaining wall at Kallaroo Circuit at Ocean Shores and is currently investigating in terms of compliance with conditions of consent.'



## Byron Shire Council Notices

### 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](http://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

- 10.2020.10.1 – Coopers Shoot; 512 Coopers Shoot Road Carport
- 10.2020.51.1 – Mullumbimby; 26 Corella Crescent Swimming Pool
- 10.2019.275.1 – Montecollum; 45 Monet Drive Boundary Adjustment
- 10.2019.556.1 – Ewingsdale; 47 Currawong Way Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2020.69.1 – Ewingsdale; 16 Wallaby Close Swimming Pool
- 10.2020.32.1 – Eureka; 70 Whian Road Boundary Adjustment Two (2) Lots
- 10.2020.46.1 – Byron Bay; 56 Ruskin Street Swimming Pool
- 10.2019.581.1 – Suffolk Park; 3 Clifford Street Change of Use of Shop 6 to Recreation Facility (Indoor)
- 10.2019.621.1 – Suffolk Park; 10 Hazelwood Close Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2020.25.1 – Bangalow; 7 Clover Hill Circuit Dwelling House
- 10.2020.66.1 – Talofa; 440 Bangalow Road Pergola, Porte-Cochere and Tennis Pavilion
- 10.2019.546.1 – Ocean Shores; 19 Kallaroo Circuit Dwelling House and Secondary Dwelling
- 10.2019.357.1 – Byron Bay; 13 Kendall Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Swimming Pool
- 10.2020.11.1 – Bangalow; 19 Granuaille Crescent Retaining Wall
- 10.2020.17.1 – Byron Bay; 53 Paterson Street Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House, Carport, Swimming Pool, Deck and Tree Removal Five (5) Trees
- 10.2019.245.2 – Ewingsdale; 1859 Hinterland Way S4.55 to Modify Condition 26 regarding Electricity Supply
- 10.2017.582.2 – Mullumbimby; 23 Morrison Avenue S4.55 to Modify Design to include Two (2) Windows
- 10.2006.254.3 – Ewingsdale; 85 Parkway Drive S4.55 to Modify Garage to become an Additional Bedroom
- 10.2017.555.3 – Bangalow; 1476 Hinterland Way S4.55 to Modify Internal Layout, Deck and Carport

#### APPLICATIONS REFUSED

- 10.2019.355.1 – Brunswick Heads; 2 Riverside Crescent Alteration and Additions to Existing Dwelling House and New Secondary Dwelling

#### DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

- 10.2019.656.1 – Mullumbimby; 23 Casuarina Street Use of Garage Converted to Bedroom and Construction of Carport

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#### PLANNING PROPOSAL TO REZONE THE RAIL CORRIDOR AT BYRON BAY, BETWEEN BAYSHORE DRIVE AND LAWSON STREET

The above planning proposal is on exhibition for a period of 4 weeks from 18 March to 17 April.

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Your feedback is important to us. The planning proposal and supporting information are available on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

The Minister for Planning and Environment has authorised Council to exercise delegation to make this LEP amendment.

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

**Submissions close: 17 April 2020**

Enquiries: Sam Tarrant 02 6626 7216

### YAMBLE RESERVOIR WATER MAIN RENEWAL REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: 2019-0046

**Description:** Byron Shire Council (Council) invites tenders for a contract to construct new DN200, DN300 and DN450 water main and water meter pit. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

**Obtaining Documentation:** Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at [www.tenderlink.com/byron](http://www.tenderlink.com/byron). If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

**Contact:** For further details please contact Ricky Ballard at [rickyb@planitconsulting.com.au](mailto:rickyb@planitconsulting.com.au).

**Deadline:** Tenders close at 10.00 am on 31 March 2020.

**Invitation:** Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the proposed contract to submit a tender to Council by the deadline specified in this advertisement and in accordance with the Tender Documents referred to above.

**Please note:** The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will disqualify tenders from the tender process.

# Echo

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## What the experts say

Ignoring compromised political actors and their shock jock cheerleaders in a time of crisis is essential if the aim is to minimise harm and suffering.

Politics has been tribal and toxic for some time now, so low flyers like the PM, Greg Hunt and Peter Dutton should be avoided when it comes to COVID-19 advice. And Alan Jones.

The ABC's Dr Norman Swan seems to be the 'go to guy' on this unfolding pandemic, along with others with specialist knowledge.

Dr Swan has been calling for a greater and quicker response, as well as banning flights from the US, which is struggling to contain the virus.

This is one of many human coronaviruses which cause respiratory infections; others include Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) coronavirus or endemic Human Coronaviruses (HCoV).

So how long does Coronavirus last on surfaces? According to [www.journalofhospitalinfection.com](http://www.journalofhospitalinfection.com), 'Human-to-human transmissions has been described with incubation times between two to ten days, facilitating its spread via droplets, contaminated hands or surfaces.'

The journal says Coronavirus, 'Can persist on inanimate surfaces like metal, glass or plastic for up to nine days, but can be efficiently inactivated by surface disinfection procedures with 62-71 per cent ethanol, 0.5 per cent hydrogen peroxide or 0.1 per cent sodium hypochlorite within one minute.'

This is a virus that increases exponentially, yet a bell curve can be achieved. The epicentre in China's Wuhan province (11m people) is now in decline, claim authorities, and temporary hospitals are being decommissioned. Much of this decline has been attributed to strict containment measures.

Former president of the Australian Medical Association Dr Mukesh Haikerwa told ABC's Q&A program, on Monday night, that Australia did not have the intensive care capacity to deal with a big spike in COVID-19 patients.

Yet if social distancing measures work, and there is a slow rise in the number of patients, he said, 'We can potentially ride the wave.'

Where is this all headed? Health authorities are bracing for a large rise in COVID-19 cases, along with subsequent deaths of those who are predominately elderly and have pre-existing conditions.

Richard Jones penned a heartfelt letter on this - see page 12.

Infectious diseases expert, James McCaw, from the University of Melbourne says it's likely COVID-19 would become a permanent, seasonal disease in humans after this initial pandemic.

'Just as for [2009 swine flu], the virus will cause a large initial epidemic, perhaps followed by subsequent waves of infection, and then reduce to low levels,' Professor McCaw said.

'But it is unlikely to truly disappear, just like seasonal influenza doesn't truly disappear each year.

'This is different to SARS - which we truly eliminated because we successfully controlled it before it could fully establish itself in the human population.'

Hans Lovejoy, editor

News tips are welcome: [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au)

## Adman reacts instead of anticipates COVID-19

To the manifest relief of the coalition and its supporters, Scott Morrison's approach to the coronavirus crisis has been cautiously endorsed by the voters.

They have not yet embraced him - even his most enthusiastic spruikers use phrases like 'so far he has hardly put a foot wrong,' a long way from the unstinting praise he craves. But it is a huge improvement from the shellacking he received after the serial stuff-ups during the bushfire disasters.

Then, the feeling was that he had clearly lost control, he didn't really know what was happening, and he didn't care.

But this time ScoMo has grabbed the initiative; it would be nice to be seen as compassionate and empathetic, but these are optional extras. What matters is that he is seen to have taken charge.

So he can report progress; so far so good. And this means he can get on with milking it for all it is worth, and then some. Last week we barely saw him off the television, one grave and portentous speech after another, assuring a bewildered public that whatever the situation actually is, he is on top of it, alert but not alarmed, ready for action.

Or if not immediate action, at least an announceathon. To set the scene, Tuesday opened with the announcement that there would shortly be more announcements. And true to his word, he returned on Wednesday to talk about the substantive issue - what his government was doing about the health of a nervous public.

It was not before time; the official response, especially on the key questions of who should be tested, and where, when and how it was to be done, had become confused and confusing - in some cases simply unworkable.

So arrangements have been rejigged and ramped up, and crucially there is to be a hefty PR campaign, a solution dear to our leader's heart.

And then came the big one - Thursday was make or break, money day, shitloads of the stuff to be shovelled out in the hope of averting a recession.

A recession is normally defined as two successive quarters of a fall in the GDP. Just about all the economists regard the current March quarter as a write off - it is too late to save it now.

So it will all be up to June - no expense

will be spared to push the figures across the edge into positive territory.

This, obviously, is the whole point of the exercise. And for Morrison it is of paramount importance - not just economically, but politically. Having denigrated and derided the way Kevin Rudd and Wayne Swan had managed

then Treasury head Ken Henry in 2008: go hard, go early, go households. ScoMo has certainly gone hard; the scale of the current package far exceeds what Rudd envisaged, with the likelihood of more to come - 'scaleable', as Morrison calls it, meaning he has no real idea whether it will be adequate or not.

And, for reasons previously mentioned, it is certainly early. But he has squibbed on the households bit: the bulk of the cash splash goes to business, and is unlikely to trickle down into the pockets of consumers in the foreseeable future, if it ever does. The only households that will receive a direct handout will be recipients of welfare, who obviously need it, but in the current uncertain times may be reluctant to spend it in the way Morrison hopes.

The whole point of the Rudd stimulus was to instil confidence across the board, which is why the money followed the same path.

But Morrison is instilling not confidence, but confusion: off the cuff changes to travel restrictions, advice to cancel some; but not all, gatherings: daily announcements amounting to overload. It reeks of ad hockery, of reacting to events instead of anticipating them.

A fine example was that when Peter Dutton succumbed to infection, Morrison assured the world that the medicos had told him there was no need for him to be tested, let alone quarantined, but that he was after all not going to the footy as promised because - well, because why?

We weren't told. Which leads to the suspicion that there are other things we are not being told either.

And in the end, Morrison resorted to the old standby; an appeal to Team Australia, patriotism - the dubious quality that Samuel Johnson described as the last refuge of a scoundrel.

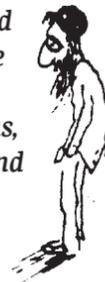
Morrison is not seen as a scoundrel, but he is still a fair way from political redemption. Morrison obviously sees himself as a great leader, omniscient and omnipotent; but he has succeeded only in making himself omnipresent.

To get to the next stage, he will have to channel the tsunami of announcements into a message that is rational, convincing, and trustworthy.

Unfortunately these are not the traits we associate with the master marketer.

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Mungo MacCallum



to avoid a recession over the GFC, it would be the deepest of humiliations if one occurred on his own watch some thirteen years later - an unprecedented full generation of economic growth for Australia, the only country to have ever achieved such a feat.

Actually, he might even get away with it - it appears that the public, clearly panicked by the pandemic, is prepared to be forgiving as the politicians switch policies and directions, break undertakings and promises, in the hope they might ride this crisis out too.

The loss of the long-promised surplus has apparently been received with equanimity.

Explaining away a real recession, with activity going backwards and unemployment soaring, would be tougher, but there are already signs that Morrison is preparing to take out insurance - one of his many tergiversations has been to announce that contrary to his earlier reassurances, COVID-19 is actually a greater threat than was the GFC.

But then, he also says that unlike the GFC, the disruption will be temporary - the economy will snap back, barely touching the ground before rebounding to resume the search for the holy surplus. And this typifies the muddle surrounding Morrison's Friday announcement, which even his claque in *The Australian* admitted was a farrago of mixed messages rather than an enunciation of the 'clear plan' he was claiming.

He has now effectively followed two thirds of the Keynesian advice of the

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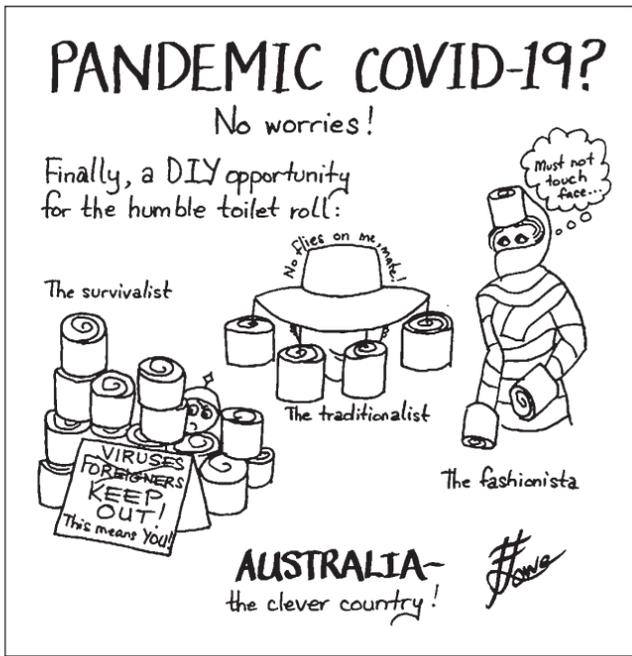
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**Overdevelopment**

It appears that the Byron Shire Council's planning department has had a 'road to Damascus' moment regarding the overdevelopment of 16 Short Street, Brunswick Heads. You know the one - two swimming pools, 14 toilets, 10 bathrooms, massive intrusions above the building height plane, and 135 written submissions against the DA - yes, that one.

Now that the developer has finally been required to submit the mandatory shadow diagrams, the Council planning staff's report opinion has changed from the development 'will not adversely affect solar access of adjoining properties', to 'is considered to generate unreasonable impacts on the neighbouring development in terms of overshadowing'.

The staff planning report now recommends refusal of the DA, because of this considerable overshadowing, to be considered by councillors at next Thursday's meeting.

One may have hoped that it could also have addressed the issues of massive inconsistency with the bulk, scale and character requirements of the Development Control Plan (DCP), the true nature of the character of the development, or the stated intention of providing two kitchens per dwelling. Hopefully the councillors will include these and other contraventions in their reasons when they honour their principles, and their duty to voters, and refuse the development at Thursday's meeting.

Neighbours are confident of a favourable outcome. They are also preparing for the next steps, should

Council go against the department's updated recommendation and advice.  
George Stinson  
Brunswick Heads

**Living on the wing**

I have not lived in the Byron region for some years, although am still a regular visitor. I had lived there on and off from 1977. So the online *Echo* (www.echo.net.au) is a pleasure to read on a regular basis.

I recently read Kath Vail's butterfly articles, with her gorgeous photos. You are lucky to have such a gifted and dedicated expert as a contributor. Is it the start of an ongoing series? I believe it should be!

Especially after the devastation of the bushland habitat of these creatures in the bushfires, it is hope-bringing to read such positive stories and see Kath's brilliant pictures. I'm sure her skill and patience are immense to capture such vibrant images. Hoping to see more of her work in future.

Pete Dawson  
Castlemaine, Vic

**Like a lady!**

Well, it's taken me a while, but I feel the need (obviously not for speed) to respond to Deb Lilly's take on not being called a lady! (Letters, 19 February/*Echonetdaily*).

Fancy that, she thinks it's dated and 'stems from a time when women were considered second-class citizens, and to call a woman a woman was thought to be impolite and might offend'.

I had no idea! I've always loved being thought of as a lady - not just a woman, a human being with female  
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**Money Dreaming**

Bronwyn Bancroft's *Storylines: Unite and Act* (www.echo.net.au/storylines-unite-and-act) expressed the loss of respect for the land and recalled the climate denial and lack of 'forensic planning and attention' to our environment.

May I speak as a white elder, versed in the scientific dreaming. Many of us live in the Money Dreamtime where money is the primary reference, much like Country is the foundation of Aboriginal Dreaming.

Those in the Money Dreamtime have money as the underlying reference of their existence. These people know the money they live in,

every part of the money they were born into - they even know where the coal is! But they do not listen to the land and the water. The objective world is external to their existence and is not real to them.

For our comprehensive survival, these people must be awakened. This can be done by simply and peacefully standing in their way. They will awaken to find a new path, and in the process rediscover the land, water, and air.

May we all have the courage to continually stand in their way, in peace, as they go through their process of awakening.

Sapoty Brook  
Mullumbimby

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## A run on toilet paper – but COVID-19 don't give you the runs...

■ My God, it's the great Australian toilet paper famine! Enough to give anyone the shits. Seriously folks happy wiping.

**Steven Gilbert**  
Clunes

■ If your paranoia is that high, and if there is a complete lockdown who is going to maintain the sewerage system? Remember, this is where the virus will accumulate.

I would advise hoarding shovels, and I hope you all live near a large paddock.

PS This is a virus. There is nowhere to hide.

**Bernard Hinchcliffe**  
Mullumbimby

■ COVID-19 is undoubtedly lurking in Byron Shire by now. We are beginning to bow to each other, rather than our usual hugs. We're washing our hands regularly and even attempting to stop touching our faces – which we do about sixteen times an hour.

There are hidden dangers though, which we might not even consider. The virus can remain live on surfaces, from a few hours up to several days, including the buttons of ATM machines. It can live on bank notes, hand rails, counters, a multitude of places. If you have long nails you can pick it up, so cut them and keep long hair up. The person leaving a trail

of virus could be entirely asymptomatic.

This is a virus that needs to be taken deadly seriously. Italy went from 21 cases to 12,462, from one death to 827 in just three weeks.

Now the entire country is closed down.

I have no doubt I will lose friends to this virus in the next twelve months, regardless of avoidance measures. Please stay safe by being aware that it's everywhere. Take it seriously.

**Richard Jones**  
Possum Creek

■ Congratulations, you stupid, deluded Mullumbimbians who cleaned out the toilet

paper aisle and depleted the rice and pasta shelves. This will not save you from COVID-19 – but it is totally unfair to people NOT seeking to stockpile, but who have simply run out of dunny paper.

The virus doesn't even give people the shits, but I've got the shits with you!

However, like most of us anywhere near this first-world town occupied by too many gullible idiots, I have a fully functional shower and will use that for a far better bum-clean than toilet paper.

The town is like a ship of fools. I would have expected better.

**Eve Sinton**  
Upper Main Arm

## Seed power and making the food go round

**Hilary Bain**

Our current food system is in crisis, and therefore our food is in crisis. Seeds are the crux of the food supply, and the big multi-national corporations (MNCs) have control over 75 per cent of the world's seeds, and they intend to own 100 per cent.

If this alarms you, it should. Seeds used to belong to the commons, they were everyone's responsibility, and there was an amazing diversity.

Seeds are so common, and everywhere, we rarely notice them. We throw them away when we eat fruit and when we cook; they're on the ground, under the ground, stuck in hair and fur – and blowing in the wind.

They're like an embryo, ready to create a life with some water, soil, sun and air. They're nature's magic and they offer hope. And food.

### Controlling the seed

But in 2020, seeds are in jeopardy. The MNCs have endangered the world's food supply by practicing monoculture and chemical agriculture since 1945, and genetically modified agriculture since 1996.

There are four MNCs involved in chemical/GM seed patenting agriculture, and with government as the enforcer, a handful of individuals have control over what we grow and eat!

Here are a couple of examples of how government helps the MNCs to take over the agriculture in a country and a continent. In 2004, a new governance for the defeated Iraq was

put in place. There were one hundred orders, and number 81 authorised the introduction of GM seeds. Iraqi farmers were forced to switch from saving their own seed to using GM seed, which they now had to purchase every year, along with the rest of the package: synthetic fertiliser and pesticides.

With America in Iraq prior to the war, these corporations were there collecting native Iraqi seed, altering it, and patenting it. The result is that they essentially owned seed that had been manually, and painstakingly, developed through selection by Iraqi farmers over many generations.

To help the MNCs take over Iraqi farming, US army soldiers handed out free wheat and barley GM seeds, free fertiliser and free T-shirts emblazoned with United Farmers of Iraq.

According to Nagrib Nassar, professor of genetics at Universidade de Brasilia: 'Introducing transgenic wheat means replacing this diversity and leaving it to extinction. It will be replaced by a monoculture with a very narrow genetic base. This is a problem. This will be a catastrophe!'

What happened in Iraq was part of an extremely well-funded, politically-savvy, militarily connected, corporate-minded gambit to control the world's food supply. That's your food too!

Tanzania has applied legislation concerning intellectual property rights on seeds as a condition for farmers receiving development assistance through the New Alliance for Food Security

and Nutrition (NAFSN). The NAFSN was launched in 2012 by the G8 with the goal to help 50 million people out of poverty and hunger in the ten African partner-countries through a public-private partnership.

The initiative receives support from the EU, the US, the UK, the World Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation. This is forcing African farmers to go along with the genetically modified and chemical agriculture system. This will devastate many of them because of the cost, and disempower them because they won't have control of their traditional seeds. It will also destroy soil, habitat and the environment. This is about feeding the MNCs with more profit.

This is an unspoken war against organic farming and heirloom seeds in Africa. Most people in the global south are fed by small, organic farmers.

Here in Australia we have a duopoly of two supermarket corporations that supply 80 per cent of the food, a lot of which comes from overseas, thousands of miles away. If the global food chain were to get disrupted, the shelves would potentially empty quickly. That's a very insecure food system!

Up until the 1980s, most people in Australia had vegetable gardens in their backyards, and neighbours swapped produce and seeds with each other.

### Local food chain

Here in the Byron Shire, there are people concerned about this broken food system and want to take

back control.

One of the first things is to grow food, save seed, and exchange it with your community. And of course support your local, organic farmers.

One of the purposes of the Byron Hinterland Seed Savers (BHSS) is to encourage and empower people to grow their own food with seeds they've saved and/or swapped with other gardeners.

### Seed saver event

BHSS is planning to have a seed saver swapping event in the near future, in partnership with the Mullum Farmers Market. There will be speakers including Maree Bracker, an organic farmer in the Jiggi Valley, who saves her own seeds, and her topic will be Resilience in the garden.

Sharon Gibson, a permaculture teacher, who grows most of her own food right in Mullumbimby will be there to talk about growing your own food.

Seeds represent the beginning and end of plants' lives and the generosity of nature. One seed, once it has flowered and fruited, can produce hundreds and sometimes thousands of seeds. But once a seed disappears because of neglect, it's gone for good.

We've lost 94 per cent of our heirloom seed diversity. Let's hold onto the remaining six per cent by growing and swapping seed with each other. Don't let corporations decide what you'll eat!

■ Hilary Bain is a member of Byron Hinterland Seed Savers.

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As I am writing this, Coronavirus is making its presence felt in our Shire. There is going to be significant disruption to our day-to-day activities, and this will change constantly, and will most likely get more challenging before it gets easier.

Council management has been meeting for several weeks now to make sure the organisation is as prepared as it can be, and we are trying our best to ensure all operations continue as normal. Thus far, some events have been cancelled, and the Richmond Tweed Regional Library will close all of its libraries, including those in Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads, for two weeks from yesterday, with the situation to be reviewed after that. Council will keep abreast of the changing landscape as directed by the Departments of Health and Local Government, and we will respond and remain as flexible as needed.

The most important thing is for people to keep checking in with NSW Health for the latest information on Coronavirus. Council's website also has a list of links for information from the NSW and Australian Governments. Let's let medical experts guide us, and perhaps consider that though it is hard not to discuss it, waxing lyrical about the most recent disaster news may be adding to the sense of panic which certainly will be felt more acutely by our kids who are often within earshot.

This is a challenge for us all. A community whose individual members only think of themselves will all get sick together; however, I know and trust that our community will think of each other and so instead, we will all get well together. Please, let this be a test of our community's trust in each other. Let's save our energy from judging each other's actions or responses to this challenge, and focus it on ensuring decency keeps propelling our decisions—to isolate ourselves if we are unwell, to only take what we need, and to share what we have with those who need it, and to check in on our neighbours, including our elderly residents, to see if they are okay, as a phone call, email or text message could make the world of difference to someone. Also, please continue to support our small businesses—it truly is an important way to invest in our community.

As we batten down the hatches, it is worth remembering that this too shall pass, and it won't be too long before what is happening now will eventually be just a part of the story of our individual and collective journeys.



► Continued from page 11 private bits, but a female with some degree of refinement, manners, possibly even grace and poise. In essence, counterpoint, the yin of the yang expression – a gentle man.

A gentle woman. Not subservient, not docile, not afraid to speak her mind, not anybody's housemaid. Good Lord (and Lady) – though I've never burned a bra, I don't shave my legs, I wear flat shoes, look the way I want (comfortable and clean) and really don't think I look anything like a lavatory door.

Now I do object to the term 'chick', or being called 'baby' by anyone who might find me attractive (admittedly it's been a long time folks), but I definitely am in favour of verbally honouring women who have some degree of charm and maturity in the most agreeable way. After all, I am a red-headed Scorpio, so being dictated to by any social concept has never really been my problem.

Now, come on Deborah, in my opinion, you're more than just a woman, you're quite a charming and self-possessed lady. No offence intended.

**Bronwyn Sindel**  
Mullumbimby

## Facts and distance

It would appear that Cr Lyon (Letters, 11 March – [www.echo.net.au/green-bashing](http://www.echo.net.au/green-bashing)) is unaware of, or is choosing to ignore the full content of my letter (Letters, 4 March) which is available on *Echo-netdaily*: [www.echo.net.au/eat-your-greens](http://www.echo.net.au/eat-your-greens).

The letter's main purpose was to point out that the Byron Greens' lack of local-issue policies is a result of long-term resistance from a section of the party. Cr Lyon is part of this faction which has managed to nullify numerous policies prepared by the most experienced members of the group.

It is unsurprising that this Council-based minority would be paranoid over policies that may conflict with decisions that Simon-says are the path to progress.

As to the party meeting mentioned, my information differs from Cr Lyon's version of events, I believe the motion was to 'oppose' not 'reconsider' the Business and Industrial Lands Strategy; and the decision is still a live issue threatening Cr Lyon's ambition to pave the Shire.

**Tom Tabart**  
From 1,500km (Drysdale)

## Barefoot amusement

Walking to the radio station in my lovely shoes I've had for a couple of years but only worn about four times, one shoe felt a bit loose. No time to walk back, so I kept walking. The right shoe had semi come apart as can happen in this climate. Oh well, I didn't have to walk around much at work.

It was not long before the other shoe felt loose and almost disintegrated. In the bin for my poor, lovely shoes; I'm barefoot at work and walking home.

I was a little bit self-conscious of being barefoot in the street. But I'm in Byron right, so what does it matter? I'm in a town where anything goes, and my dress is long, no one's going to notice.

As I'm walking I hear a car horn. This guy is repeatedly tooting his horn. Quite unusual for Byron, so figure him for a jerk. I notice another man staring at me and smirking. Even when I look at him a couple of times he still looks at me and smirks. He's a complete stranger. I say to him 'what is it?', in an everyday enquiring manner as I'm thinking 'it's because I haven't any shoes on', but this is not that amusing – I'm in Byron where everything

goes. He's still smirking and says, 'the woman's drawers are open'.

I turn and look at what he's looking at, the woman's open drawers. Now I'm smirking too. The man tooting his horn wasn't a jerk but tooting at a van, common accommodation in Byron, its back doors had opened at the roundabout, and the woman's drawers from under her bed had opened and spilled their contents onto the road. Yep, it's Byron, typical everyday weird shit.

**Toni Collins**  
Byron Bay

## Sympathetic noises

For years Simon Richardson has made all the right noises against holiday letting – without doing anything identifiable to change things on the actual ground.

This is the standard behaviour of the standard politician; the National Party's Don Page was an expert, and Simon's right up there.

I gather from last week's *Echo* that Simon is now handing it over to Councillor Michael Wannabee Lyon to carry on the good posturing. Given Councillor Wannabee's supine capacity to be

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# Planet Watch: A hot topic – energy in the age of global warming

Dr Willow Hallgren

It should be blatantly obvious to most people who are not impervious to scientific facts by now, that the continued burning of fossil fuels is sending us hurtling toward an apocalyptic future of extreme climate events. Hellish bushfire seasons which last for months, followed by extreme floods, and deadly heatwaves characterised by extreme temperatures which are at the limit of human

tolerances. Even Dorothy Mackellar would be shocked at the way we're transforming our climate.

## Just one degree

Australians have now experienced some of the devastating impacts of what a global heating of just one degree looks like.

Does anyone really want to see what climate and ecological catastrophes befall us and our kids as global average temperatures rise by three more degrees, within

the next 80 years? Because, if the world follows Australia's current emissions policy trajectory, that's where we're headed!

We must decarbonise our economy, and the earlier we do this, the less painful and costly it is going to be, and the greater the chance that we will be able to prevent ever more severe impacts of climate change from disrupting our civilisation in the decades to come.

## Waste not, want less: the Great Energy Transition

Now that the Labor party has committed to reduce Australia's carbon emissions to 'net zero' by 2050 – which is what scientists say is necessary, in order for the world to have a decent chance at keeping global heating to 1.5 degrees Celsius – we need to plan how to get there as painlessly as possible.

In order to reduce our carbon footprint, we will have to reduce our energy consumption as much as possible, through both increased energy efficiency and energy conservation. This means using more energy efficient appliances and technology and adopting lower-energy lifestyles.

## Make it personal

The decarbonising of our economy can start at a personal level – there are numerous carbon footprint calculators where you can calculate how many Earths it would take to provide the resources to sustain a world of people like you. If the current Earth's population lived like most Australians, we'd need three or four 'spare' Earths to sustain us.

The fact is, citizens of advanced industrialised nations like ours are outrageously spoilt when it comes to energy use. We use far more energy than all other societies on the planet currently, and in the past, and undoubtedly far more than is required to live a happy, fulfilled, and meaningful life.

Our industrial civilisation has voraciously consumed huge amounts of energy in just a couple of hundred years that took millions of years to accumulate. We are literally living on a finite amount of borrowed energy, and many scientists would say we are also living on borrowed time that is fast running out – as our climate is rapidly destabilising.

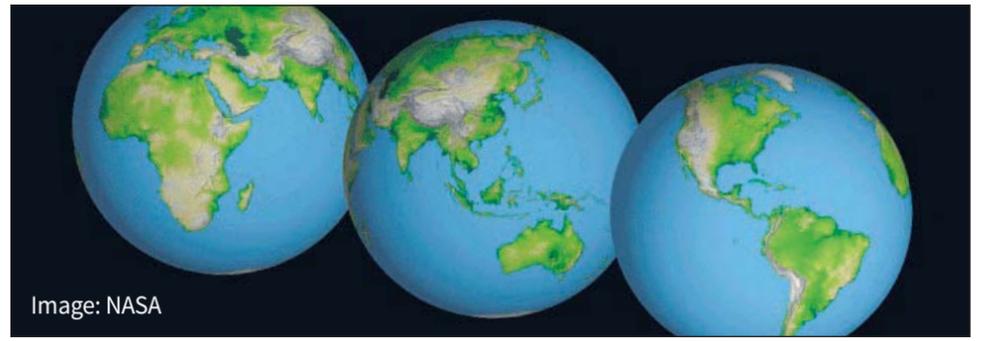


Image: NASA

We'd need three or four 'spare' Earths to sustain us at our current rates of consumption.

## Baseload power and fossil fuels

That renewable energy sources cannot provide 'baseload power' is a persistent and erroneous climate myth which is perpetrated by the fossil fuel industry and other climate change deniers. They claim this as a reason to keep the coal power plants fired up to provide a 'back up' to the intermittent nature of wind and solar power production.

In fact, there are several ways in which renewable energy is being stored to provide baseload power around the world – some examples include Concentrated Solar Thermal (which collects and stores energy in some medium, like pressurized steam or molten salt), Pumped Hydro Energy Storage (PHES), which uses intermittent renewable energy to pump water uphill to be stored for later use as hydroelectricity; 'off-river' pumped hydro has an especially promising future for Australia, and Pumped Heat Energy Storage (involves pumping heat between tanks containing hot and cold insulated gravel). Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) has been identified as a particularly promising technology for utility-scale bulk wind energy storage due to relatively low costs, environmental impacts, and high reliability. Australia's first advanced CAES plant is scheduled to be in-service sometime this year (2020).

## We can do it. We have the technology

And then there are batteries, which are already proving their worth in providing grid reliability, a reduction in energy costs and the ability to integrate substantial renewable energy resources into the grid.

Apart from smart grids (or renewable energy mini-grids) connecting distributed rooftop solar power, utility-scale batteries are an essential component of the transition

to 100 per cent renewable power. A well known example is the Hornsdale Power Reserve in South Australia. Built by Tesla and connected to the Hornsdale Wind Farm, it is the largest lithium-ion battery in the world. This technology can also be implemented quickly: Elon Musk famously promised to build it in 100 days or else provide it for free (it was delivered on time).

Most of the house batteries on the market also use lithium-ion technology, but increasingly there are less environmentally polluting, 100 per cent recyclable alternatives – such as zinc-bromide flow batteries, which also have a longer lifespan, and are more thermally stable.

As for renewables replacing fossil fuels in the transport sector, electric vehicle batteries (ideally charged with energy from renewable sources) and fuel cells are already powering our cars, buses and trucks. Electric cars are still more expensive than conventional cars, but prices are coming down rapidly as the market expands. Also, as plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles become more common, Spent Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery Storage will become another potentially vast form of power-grid storage (as they will still have considerable storage after their automotive lifespan).

Hydrogen fuel cells also have enormous potential, especially since CSIRO scientists recently created a membrane that can filter out pure hydrogen gas from ammonia. It can then be dispensed into fuel cell cars, buses, and even trucks. The CSIRO have already successfully powered fuel cell electric vehicles using locally-produced ultra-high purity hydrogen, and are currently in the process of commercialising the technology for larger scale production. This hydrogen membrane technology has the potential to create a national renewable hydrogen export industry

'to rival the LNG industry' and serve a growing global market for clean hydrogen.

## Australia – a renewable energy superpower

Australia is already a world leader in the uptake and deployment of renewable energy. Australia has, with good reason, been described as the 'Saudi Arabia' of renewable energy – we have some of the best wind resources in the world, our solar power potential is among the highest in the world, and we produce world-class science and technology to harness renewable energy.

Given the inexorable global uptake of renewable energy, perhaps only those with vested interests in the fossil fuel industries would argue that a transition to 100 per cent renewables could cause a net loss of jobs. Instead there is the potential for an enormous renewable energy industry, given appropriate retraining and/or compensation for workers in affected industries. A reorientating of subsidies, away from the fossil fuel industry, would go a long way to implementing these measures: the International Monetary Fund recently calculated that fossil fuel subsidies in Australia amounted to \$29 billion, or \$1,198 per person, per year.

We've wasted a generation getting bogged down in deliberate misinformation campaigns and childish denial of the scientific facts. The sooner we can make the transition to 100 per cent renewable energy, leaving the fossil fuels in the ground, the better off ALL Australians will be in the future, both environmentally and economically.

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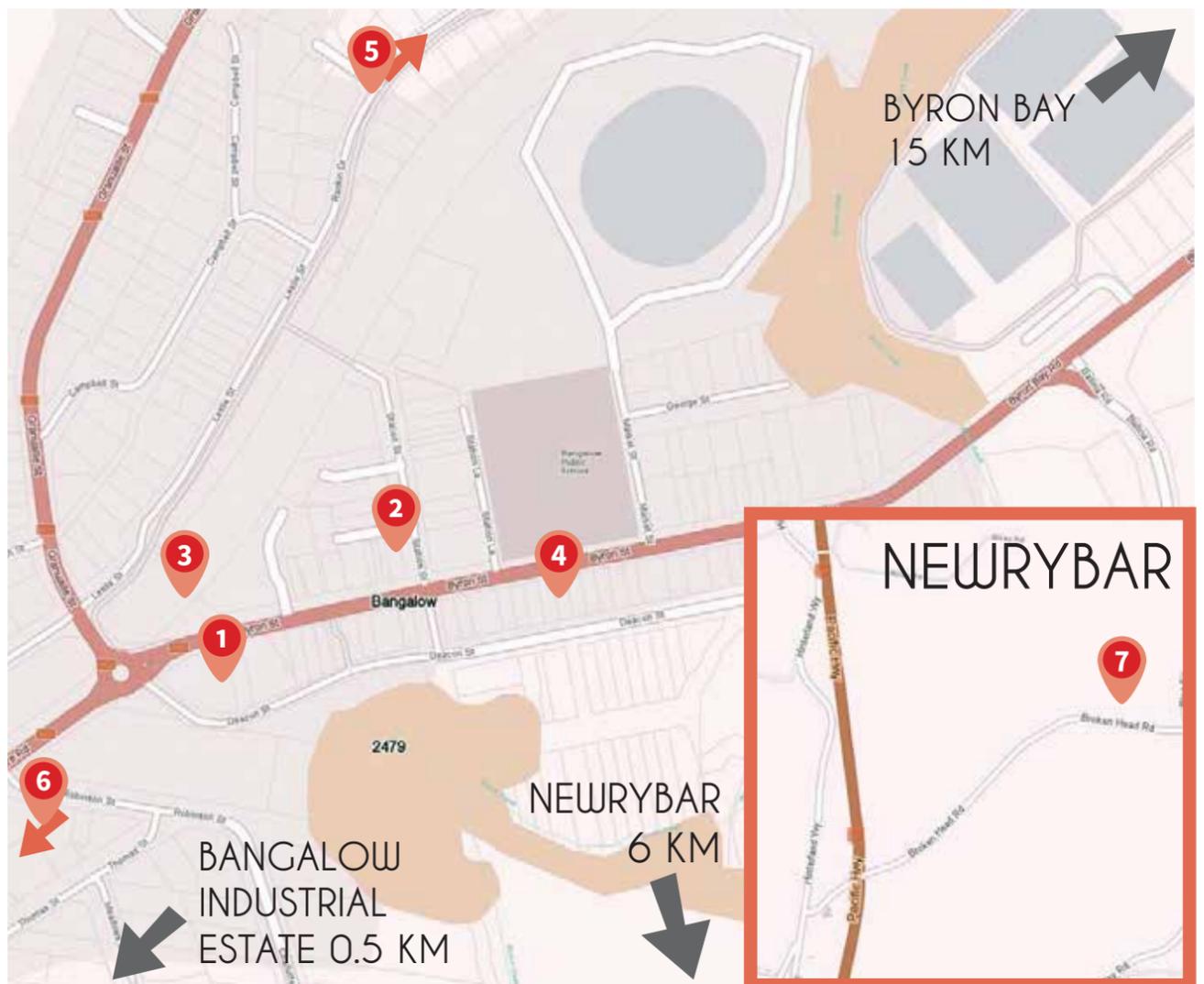
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# NSW Local Health's response to COVID-19

Government departments across the nation are bating down the hatches in preparation for large numbers of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) patients to present themselves at health facilities. Regular update will be posted on *Echonetdaily*: [www.echo.net.au/nsw-local-healths-response-to-covid-19](http://www.echo.net.au/nsw-local-healths-response-to-covid-19).

Chief executive, Northern NSW Local Health, Wayne Jones, says the Northern NSW Local Health District and North Coast Primary Health Network are working in partnership to ensure they have an appropriate and effective health response to the impacts of COVID-19.

## Daily briefings

'This includes regular daily briefings at the state and local level; sharing information with primary health providers, and providing

advice and support around testing and ongoing monitoring; the Public Health Unit monitoring and following up suspected cases, contacting close contacts if required and, cross-border collaboration with our Queensland Health counterparts,' he said.

## Hospital preparedness

Mr Jones says that COVID-19 and flu clinics have been established at Lismore Base Hospital and The Tweed Hospital.

'The purpose of these clinics is for people who have respiratory symptoms or fever and who are at risk of COVID-19, for example, because they were in contact with a COVID-19 case, or have returned from overseas in the 14 days before the onset of symptoms.'

The clinics are open from 10am to 6pm seven days a

week at this stage.

## Phone ahead for Emergency and GP

'People do not need to call ahead to attend these clinics, but if attending an Emergency Department outside these hours, or attending your GP, please phone ahead,' said Mr Jones.

'As with other public hospitals in NSW, we are arranging to double the ICU capacity in hospitals in Northern NSW, and to prepare for a significant increase in respiratory presentations to the Emergency Department.'

'All our facilities are planning for a potential increase in presentations of people with respiratory illness over the coming weeks and months, and we're working with NSW Health to maximise available critical care resources.'



## Elective surgery not cancelled

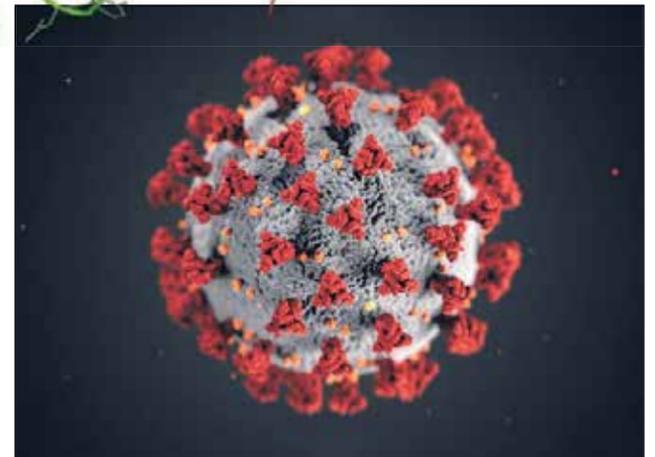
Mr Jones says that elective surgery has not been cancelled, but hospitals are reviewing the need to bring some cases forward, particularly those which may require Intensive Care support, in light of the expected increase in demand for ICU services in the coming weeks.

'We'll continue to monitor our elective surgery lists and make decisions based on the best advice and forward planning scenarios,' he said.

Mr Jones says departments are holding regular weekly forums to update staff and clinicians on the latest information and health precautions, and providing additional updates as the situation unfolds.

'We are providing support to staff in our health facilities, ensuring they follow appropriate infection control measures, hand hygiene and appropriate use of personal protective equipment (including masks) in addition to standard precautions.'

'We are providing information and support to staff in forward planning and managing any leave issues that may arise.'



Top: Model ribbon diagram rendering of the 2019-nCoV coronavirus protease as target for antiviral drugs. Bottom: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention illustration reveals ultrastructural morphology exhibited by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

## Additional and back up staff

'We are exploring opportunities to source additional and back up staff, in the event that more health workers are required to assist with medical and nursing care.'

Mr Jones says public health measures, such as early case identification and contact tracing, are designed to limit the impact of epidemics and pandemics, by flattening the curve of peak case numbers and to lessen the number of people requiring health care during periods of highest demand.

'We encourage members of the public to continue with

hand-washing and social distancing, and to remain alert to any changing advice from health authorities.

'The health response is evolving as the situation unfolds, and as more is learnt about COVID-19. The NSW Health website contains the most up to date information for the public and health professionals.'

■ For more information, visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx).

■ You can also call the national Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

## Events and venues closed because of COVID-19

A growing list of festivals, events, meetings and venues are closing in the hopes of stopping the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Here is the list of events affected so far.

*Echonetdaily* will continue to update this list as cancellations and closures come to hand - visit: [www.echo.net.au/nsw-local-healths-response-to-covid-19](http://www.echo.net.au/nsw-local-healths-response-to-covid-19).

### POSTPONED

- **Splendour in the Grass 2020** is being rescheduled to Friday 23, Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October 2020. All tickets purchased for the original Splendour July are valid for the new dates.
- **Byron Harmony Festival 2020.** Purchased tickets will be refunded.
- **Nimbin MardiGrass** postponed till later in the year. Tickets will be fully refunded or carried over to the next MardiGrass.
- **The Adolescent Brain and Risk Taking Behaviour** meeting at Mullumbimby High School.
- **Southern Cross University graduation ceremony** and other non-essential events.
- **St Johns Primary School Fete.**
- **Casino Beef Week** will work towards delivering their festival, possibly in early September.

### SUSPENDED

- **Byron Community Centre Senior's Program.**
- **Going Local: Hope in a Time of Crisis.**
- **DuneCare and Coastcare 30th anniversary.**
- **Storyboard Program for the Byron Writers Festival** has been suspended for an initial four weeks.

### CLOSURES

- **Library branches in Lismore City, Ballina, Byron and Tweed Shires, including the Mobile Library,** will be closed for two weeks, with the closure reviewed on a week-by-week basis after that. The eLibrary is open with access to books, magazines and audiobooks in downloadable digital formats from the RTRL website or Library App. Any renewals will now be for a six-week period rather than the normal three-week renewal period. Renewals can be made on the website, Library app or by phoning the library.
- **Tweed Regional Gallery, Gallery Cafe and Gallery Downtown.** At this stage, the closure will be for two weeks.
- **Lone Goat Gallery** will close for two weeks.
- **Byron Lighthouse and museum** closed - grounds are open.

### CANCELLED

- **Bluesfest 2020.**
- **Northern Rivers Food Harvest Festival.**
- **Masterclasses for Illustrating at Lismore Library.**
- **Piers Lane and Byron Music Society Music program launch.**
- **HOTA, Home of the Arts.** Ticket holders for forthcoming events will be contacted to arrange a refund.
- **Mullum Community Garden GROW event.**

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# The adventures of Puk Puk the cluck cluck

Story & photo Tirza Abb

One day, during the fires, a lone chicken wandered down from the hills to my home and took up residence, making a roost on the top of an outdoor clothes rack, under a shelter. I put a flower pot up there, filled it with straw, and she started laying eggs in it, every day.

I thought I had hit the big time! Eggs for free! Without having to be responsible for the chicken or come home and put her away every night. Maybe one day a snake might come and eat her, I thought, but 'that's nature', right?

I started to feed her. I named her Puk Puk, called her to me, cuddled her, and bonded with her. This went on for about three months, until one day she became sick. It was a sad sight. She sat in her pot all day and stopped laying eggs and clucking around.

## Getting help

I lifted her down, washed her dirty feathers, brought her inside and settled her into a box of straw, but she didn't really get better. I didn't know what to do. Then someone gave me the contact number of a local organisation called Who gives a Cluck?

Julie O'Shea, who is the main force behind the organisation, talked me through Puk Puk's symptoms, and then gave me different medications that treated her for fleas, internal parasites and general chicken diseases. I treated her, but knowing that I was moving house soon, I asked Julie if she could take her in. She needed better care than I could give her.

## Free range shock

I took her up to Julie's land, where there were lots of other chickens, a few in a bad state. I was shocked! Had these chickens been rescued from battery farms? No. They had been rescued from free-range, local farms.

This little brown chicken of mine was the same as the others, an ISA brown; bred to lay an egg every day - which is not natural at all. These free range chickens, after 18 months to two years of laying eggs are killed, even by the most ethical of farmers, because they are no longer commercially viable.

To my shock, according to [www.australianeggs.org.au/](http://www.australianeggs.org.au/) egg-industry, in the 2018-19



Julie O'Shea, with Narelle and Puk Puk on her lap, has recently started up the chicken rescue and re-homing shelter called Who Gives a Cluck? If you would like a few chickens to re-home, she has all the start-up advice you need.

financial year, the number of chickens killed on any one day in Australia, in the egg industry alone, is 78,372 and of that number, 47 per cent are free-range. Therefore 36,835 free range chickens are killed every day, due to commercial non-viability.

## Conscious choices

Until this point, I had believed that my egg choices were good. I only bought free-range, open-pasture, organic, locally-sourced eggs. I had never thought about what happens to the chickens after they have been worn-out by egg-laying. This is where Who gives a Cluck? steps in. They rescue these chickens and find them forever homes.

I asked Julie 'How can I be more ethical if I want to eat eggs?'

She said there are solutions, 'Firstly, never buy eggs from the big supermarket chains, buy them from a market, from the producer, and ask the question about what happens to the chickens when they are no longer commercially viable.

'If you have to buy from a shop, then buy local and contact the egg company, asking them the same question. Tell those producers about Who gives a Cluck?', says Julie.

'We WANT the farms to give us their chickens so we can re-home them with an approved hen-parent - who will give them a forever home, regardless of their egg-laying ability.

## Hen-parenting

'As a hen-parent you may not get an egg a day per chicken, but with five to six chickens you will probably get around two eggs every day, on average, from your flock and save five to six lives.'

Julie imagines a world where, instead of people buying newly-hatched pullets, every ex-farm hen will have a home to go to. Once there, they will fertilise your garden with their poo, eat pests, veggie scraps, egg shells, old yoghurt and milk, and contribute to the mental health of their human parents.

## Hen-parenting not for you?

Who Gives a Cluck? has just achieved charity status. For \$7 you can re-home a chicken and give back to the charity, helping with the costs of food, medicines and accommodation. In a few weeks they will have DGR status (donor gift recipient), which means that you can donate and receive a tax break.

Their online shop will be ready in one month, selling everything hen-worthy; including tried and tested herbal remedies for chickens, and offering workshops, as well as many other things. Even if you can't look after chickens at home, there is always a need for volunteers, for the rescue and clean-up days at the ridge-top property in Main Arm.

To get involved in making the world a better place, one cluck at a time, contact Who Gives a Cluck' via E: [julie@whogivesacluck.org](mailto:julie@whogivesacluck.org) PH: 0428 335 766 FB: [www.facebook.com/whogivesacluck](http://www.facebook.com/whogivesacluck), WEB: [www.whogivesacluck.org](http://www.whogivesacluck.org).



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# Protesters 'really frustrated' by logging after fires

Eve Jeffery

Four conservationists stopped logging in koala habitat in Comboyne State Forests west of Port Macquarie on Saturday.

Spokesperson for the protesters, Susie Russell, said they had been informed during the week that a neighbour had seen and heard koalas in that patch of forest several times over the years they have lived there.

Ms Russell has been a long time activist with the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) and is a Vice-President of the North Coast Environment Council (NCEC).

## Prime koala habitat destroyed in fires

'With so much prime koala habitat destroyed in the fires, every bit of koala habitat is important,' said Ms Russell.

Ms Russell wrote to the Forestry Corporation last Thursday, advising them that a neighbour had informed her they had seen koalas in

that forest, and asked them to give an undertaking that logging would cease by close of business Friday.

'They didn't reply, and then we heard that the machines had started up in there [on Saturday] morning.

'It was a spontaneous response to the frustration many of us feel, that despite the koalas of our region having suffered hundreds of fatalities in the recent fires, and despite so many millions of hectares having burnt, it's business as usual for the logging industry.

## Police escorted protesters from site

'We stayed on site for almost three hours before we were escorted off by police, and threatened with significant fines. Logging would have resumed after we left. We will consider taking further action,' said Ms Russell.

'The logging has been going on for a while - at least a month. It is one of several areas that were being logged



The four protesters held up work for several hours in the Comboyne State Forest. They were then escorted from the site by police. Photos supplied

before the fires, that the EPA gave the go-ahead to continue logging after the fires.' People living on the truck route have also been increasingly concerned about the number of trucks accessing the area.

'I talked to a neighbour who told me that several years ago he had rescued a chlamydia infected young koala that had come from that forest. They took it to the koala hospital in Port Macquarie, they called it Comboyne, and it was eventually released back into that

forest,' said Ms Russell. 'They said they had also heard a koala in recent weeks.'

Information provided by conservationist Dailan Pugh shows that the area is modelled habitat for the *Sphagnum Frog*, the *Stuttering Frog*, *Giant Barred Frog* and the *Tiger Quoll* - 'All



these identified species are among the Commonwealth's most threatened species, along with koalas, whose unburnt habitat should be protected,' said Mr Pugh.

'The harvesting plan will likely impact others such as the Greater Glider.'

Ms Russell said that when someone rang her on

Saturday morning to say that all their machines were 'going for it' at 7am, she felt really frustrated.

'So, the four of us decided to go in and stop work to make the point. Interestingly one of the contractors acknowledged that they'd been told we might show up.'

# Protect fire devastated rainforests

Aslan Shand

The rainforests of north-east NSW have been ravaged by both fire and drought, leaving refugee animals packed into the remaining areas.

'The NSW government's mapping of fire extent and canopy scorch shows that some 160,000 hectares (35 per cent) of north-east NSW's 462,000ha of rainforests were burnt last fire season,' said North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) spokesperson Dailan Pugh.

In light of the devastating impacts of the fire and drought, NEFA are calling on the NSW government to immediately protect 50m buffers around rainforest and implement an urgent weed control program in and adjacent to burnt stands.

'It is tragic that over a third of these priceless relicts burnt in one year. Across the fire-grounds most leaf litter, logs and under-storey plants were burnt, along with their inhabitants. Many tree bases were damaged,' said Mr Pugh.

'Most worrying is the significant loss of large canopy trees, hundreds of years old, across 125,000ha of rainforests, with 34,000ha of these losing most canopy trees. Some stands are unlikely to ever recover.'

These rainforest remnants are all that is left of the rainforests that once covered Australia 70m years ago when it was still part



Ancient rainforest in the Tooloom National Park that was burnt out in the recent bush fires. Photo supplied

of the supercontinent of Gondwana.

## Rainforests provide protection

'The relatively small remnants left are packed with survivors from the ancient forests. Rainforests now cover only about 0.25 per cent of Australia, yet they contain about half of our plant species and a third of our mammals and birds,' pointed out Mr Pugh.

'The exceptional importance of NSW's rainforests is recognised by parts being created as the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

'With climate heating increasing droughts, temperatures, heatwaves and extreme fire weather, many of our relictual rainforests are under a looming threat to their continued existence.

'If we want them to survive they need to be treated with some care and respect. Rainforest buffers are essential to maintain moist rainforest microclimates and reduce fire threat.

'If our rainforests are to survive this climate emergency the NSW government needs to protect their buffers. As a minimum, 50m buffers (one tree height) should be applied around all mapped rainforest stands from which logging and clearing are excluded. Weeds and debris from past logging need to be removed from these buffers.

'The intensity of the fires has killed lantana over large areas, creating an opportunity to control it before it takes over again. This opportunity must be capitalised on if we want to increase the resilience of rainforests,' said Mr Pugh.



## Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

The Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements was established in response to the extreme bushfire season of 2019-20 which resulted in loss of life, property and wildlife; and environmental destruction.

Sometimes known as the 'Bushfire Royal Commission' it will examine how Australia is prepared and coordinated across the Commonwealth, States and Territories to respond to bushfires and other natural disasters as well as mitigation and recovery.

### Submissions

The Commission is now receiving public submissions. Individuals, organisations, community groups and the broader community can make submissions on the 2019-20 bushfire season.

To make a submission visit [naturaldisaster.royalcommission.gov.au](http://naturaldisaster.royalcommission.gov.au) or call 1800 909 826\*. **Submissions will close on Friday, 3 April 2020.**

### Hearings

The Commission will hold formal hearings in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the ACT from April. The Royal Commission wants to speak to people who were affected by the recent bushfires. Further information about the hearings will be announced in late March 2020.

### Community Engagement

The Royal Commission is taking expressions of interest to attend community forums in March 2020. Commissioners will meet with small groups who are representative of fire affected communities.

Further information about the Royal Commission and its work is available at:

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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

Junta Ikeda improved his chances for a place in the Australian team for the 2020 Moscow Olympiad – if it happens! – by winning the ACT Championship over the Canberra Day long weekend.

Ikeda secured his seventh title conceding only one draw, to third-placed Harry Press.

Yet his tournament victory hung on one move of one game. Ikeda met his main rival and second seed Michael Kethro in the fifth round, when both had perfect scores. The game proceeded normally until Ikeda, Black, made his 36th move, offering Kethro the choice of two moves which seemed to win the game.

In fact one move did win by force, but Kethro chose the other, falling into an Ikeda trap and losing the game. Kethro won all his other games but ultimately finished half a point behind Ikeda.

The Begonia Open in Ballarat, held simultaneously with the ACT Championship, was won by one of Ikeda's Olympic rivals, Moulthun Ly, who in doing so defeated a third Olympic hopeful, James Morris.

Some players wore face masks at the ACT Championship, but unlike Europe, where chess tournaments are being wiped out en masse due to the coronavirus, no Australian events have yet been cancelled. Nevertheless, attendance at Canberra's Doeberl Cup at Easter is expected to be seriously reduced.

2020 ACT Championship

White: H Press

Black: D Hathiramani

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.a4! A trendy method of countering Black's Pelikan Opening, made popular at the 2018 world title match. 9...Be7 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Be2 f5 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Bb4! The start of a highly ambitious plan. 13.a5 is more consistent as Black could now gain time with 13...a6 and 14...a5. 13...Nf6 14.f4! exf4 15.a5 g5 16.Qd3 A remarkable concept by Press, playing as if the lost pawn does not matter. 16...Ng4! Black's first misstep. After 16...Ne4 Black should be fine. 17.Bxg4 fxg4 18.Qa3! Planning the following sacrifice, but 18.Nd4 was objectively stronger. 18...Rf6 19.Rae1 Qf7 After 19...Bf5, White would have struggled to justify his aggressive play. 20.Rxe7! Qxe7 21.Re1 Qf7! 22.Nxd6 Qxd5 23.Re8+ Kg7 24.Bc3 Be6! 25.Bxf6+ Kxf6? The final error. After 25...Kg6!! 26.Qd3+ (26.Rxa8 Qd1+ is perpetual check.) 26...Qxd3 27.exd3 Rxe8 28.Nxe8 Bd7! 29.Bd4, the endgame should be a draw. 26.Qc3+! Kg6 27.Qd3+! Qxd3 28.Rxe6+! 1-0

# The glass box and the plight of Julian Assange

Julian Assange, through Wikileaks, brought to the attention of the world what most consider are unacceptable actions on the part of the USA military in Iraq.

He has done the world a favour. Whether or not he is identified as a journalist is a technicality and, if not seen as a journalist, he should not be penalised for what he has done.

Wikileaks has embarrassed the USA military and I suspect that this is the main reason why they want to try him in the USA.

Julian Assange has effectively already served a prison sentence through his self-incarceration in the Ecuadorian embassy. It is about time for the Australian government to look after its nationals and repatriate him home. If the USA is upset, too bad. It is high time that we stopped kow-towing to the USA and stood on our own feet with confidence that we are doing the right thing.

The lack of action on the part of the Australian government is similar to the case of David Hicks who was still incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay when the other prisoners had been returned home.

I am as ashamed to be Australian because of our neglect of Julian Assange as I was in the case of David Hicks. Where is your compassion and sense of fair play, fellow Australians? Lobby your Federal MP in the hope that he will be brought back to Australia before he dies in prison.

I am also dismayed to hear that Julian Assange was handcuffed in court and placed behind a glass screen. This is totally unnecessary and humiliating.



Has this become the norm in these courts? Because of this he had no direct contact with his legal team during the in court trial – and he is no threat to anyone – except that some Americans might wish to harm him.

Chris Abraham  
Mullumbimby Creek

Reflecting on the image of Julian Assange, isolated in a glass box – separated from his lawyers in a British courtroom – I am reminded of Adolf Eichmann on trial in Jerusalem in 1960. He also appeared in court in a glass box.

There is a disturbing reversal that speaks volumes. In Jerusalem, the glass box was to protect Eichmann, organiser of the Holocaust, and murderer of millions. In London, the glass box is to intimidate an innocent man who has embarrassed the US government.

The writer, Hannah Arendt, a Jewish woman who had escaped persecution in Germany before the war, saw that post-war reflection on the Nazi phenomenon was missing key understandings about the psychology and sociology of fascism. In her book called *Eichmann in Jerusalem*:

A Report on the Banality of Evil, she described Eichmann's lack of guilt – his complete internalisation of the racism, responsibility-denying narrative, and exceptionalism of Hitler's SS.

Are we not seeing similar phenomena in today's world? The narrative of US and Israeli exceptionalism is constructed out of lies that have been repeated so often by the world's media that they are accepted as truths.

Those who study the vast amount of evidence that was ignored by the 9/11 Commission become keenly aware that the attacks were allowed to happen, precisely in order to bolster the exceptionalism narrative in which the US could legitimately lead regime-change wars.

Because of the lies of exceptionalism, show trials like this one, appear acceptable, justifiable and necessary – a world of needless destruction; of murder (watch the Collateral Murder video); and where whistle-blowers like Manning, and journalists like Assange get jailed for life.

Arendt would say that these monstrous evils are the sum of countless small acts of deception and self-deception by innumerable intelligence officers, politicians, civil servants, military personnel, academics, journalists, editors, and NGO personnel – and judges – like Vanessa Baraitser, who is presiding over Julian's fate. All are caught in dysfunctional social systems; in webs of ideology and propaganda; in naive narratives that lack ethics and complexity; and in a denial of their own humanity.

Will Parker  
Brunswick Heads

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deceived over a number of other issues, I suspect that the holiday letting industry will effortlessly run rings around him should he be elected. He refers to the 'pushback' against Council's policy of limiting holiday letting to 90 days per year.

Doesn't he realise that this policy is a crock of poo and that the industry is laughing at him by pretending to be worried? Tell us, councillor, how many holiday letters have been prosecuted since Simon came to power? That is, where logically the limit on holiday letting was always zero days? You wouldn't know.

Perhaps you can tell us then how compliance will be achieved without enforcement? Have you noticed how few bike riders are wearing helmets since the cops stopped enforcing the law? It's human nature councillor; why desist from something that's not punished?

Last month, councillor, you voted in favour of the Staff Compliance Priorities Program. This is a document

replete with category overlaps, undefined terms, waivers, excuses, and escape clauses.

But one thing was clear, if you were determined to look; there were 113 complaints against holiday letters, (we are told on p.96 of the agenda) of which a similar number of investigation were 'completed'. Tell us what 'completed' means, councillor, because if you go to p.100 you will see clearly the words '...there were no prosecutions of holiday let properties'.

Okay, what about noise emanating from holiday let properties? On p.99 we are told that there were 185 complaints about noise, but we have to go to p.101 to learn that 'many' of those complaints related to holiday let properties. How many infringement notices were issued against holiday letters? Impossible to work out from the information provided, which tells me that zero were issued.

When I write letters to *The Echo* I go to a lot of trouble to bring out the salient points

to make them understandable to readers. Correspondingly, Council staff obviously go to a lot of trouble to obscure certain information, while purporting to provide it.

Councillors Richardson and Cameron alone on Council are intelligent and educated enough to see what's really going on. But for their different reasons they elect to remain blind and silent. As a result, the farce rolls on and on... Maybe after the election?

Fast Buck\$  
Coorabell

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But now the abusers are screaming, as the legislation is revealed. In a turn-up for the books, the most recent legislation in Western Australia is giving vast new powers to animal welfare inspectors to enter premises without a warrant or prior consent.

No activist wants to spend a night looking at appalling abuse in filthy, crowded, stinking sheds – it's distressing and dangerous work. They go there for one thing – to document and hopefully stop the suffering of millions of sensitive animals, whose lives and welfare are measured only in dollars. If government inspectors are prepared to do that instead, everyone should be happy. Except, apparently, those who have something to hide.

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# Destructive West Byron development refuses to die

Opinion & image Dailan Pugh

West Byron has raised its ugly head again as a group of local landholders attempt to use the courts to force their excessive and inappropriate over-development of a sensitive site, adjacent to the Belongil Estuary, upon the Byron community, against its will and best interests.

Last year, after a prolonged struggle, the Byron community managed to convince the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) to refuse two development applications (DAs) for West Byron. Now the Site R&D has risen from the dead to menace us again.

## Didn't wait for DA decision

Not to be thwarted, the local landholders commenced legal proceedings in the Land and Environment Court against Byron Council, for deemed refusal, before the NRPP even had a chance to consider their Site R&D DA.

The NRPP concurred with Byron Council in giving 20 reasons for refusal. These

primarily related to the inadequate assessment and mitigation of fill and stormwater impacts on biodiversity, ecosystems, and the Belongil Estuary, along with the failure to comply with a multitude of planning requirements.

## Not in public interest

The NRPP found 'the site is not considered to be suitable for the proposed development in view of the identified constraints (acid sulfate soils, bushfire vegetation, flood prone land, high environmental value vegetation, koala habitat and threatened flora and fauna)'. Most significantly, the NRPP concluded 'the proposed development is not considered in the public interest'.

## No substantial change

Now the local landholders have fiddled with their DA, seemingly to overcome some of the most blatant legal deficiencies, while



minimising any meaningful changes. This minimally altered proposal has been put back on public exhibition until 9 April, giving you a chance to have a say before it goes back to court for them to decide whether to impose this monstrosity upon us.

They still intend clearing and fragmenting koala habitat, building a 4m high wall adjacent to Ewingsdale Road, importing 470,000 cubic metres of fill, and

directing huge volumes of polluted stormwater into the Belongil Estuary and the Cape Byron Marine Park.

Site R&D say they now intend to subdivide into 162 lots, though this includes 25 super-lots intended for further subdivision. Three super-lots do not identify what further subdivision is intended, two are proposed for flats, and 20 show an indicative subdivision into 208 smaller lots. Many larger

lots are capable of further subdivision and shop-top housing is also intended.

## 66% traffic increase

The traffic study is based upon 470 dwellings for Site R&D, for the whole development, generating another 14,000 car movements a day on Ewingsdale Road. Current traffic is around 21,000 car movements a day, so this is a 66 per cent increase.

I find it outrageous that

a group of local landowners are trying to use the courts to shove their unwanted and inappropriate development down our throats, without any substantive changes – despite it already being rejected by Council, the NRPP and the community.

## Villaworld DA

Villaworld Byron Bay, owned by Tower Holdings, have also taken Byron Council to court over their refused DA. They too are redrafting their DA, though at least they are telling us they will put forward a greatly reduced proposal which will address many of our concerns. Time will tell.

While there are innumerable reasons for rejecting Site R&D's over-development, it is important that you show the Land and Environment Court that it is not in the community's best interests by making a submission through Council's website, you have until 9 April. It doesn't need to be lengthy, just state that you object.

Check Byron Residents' Group website and Facebook for updates.



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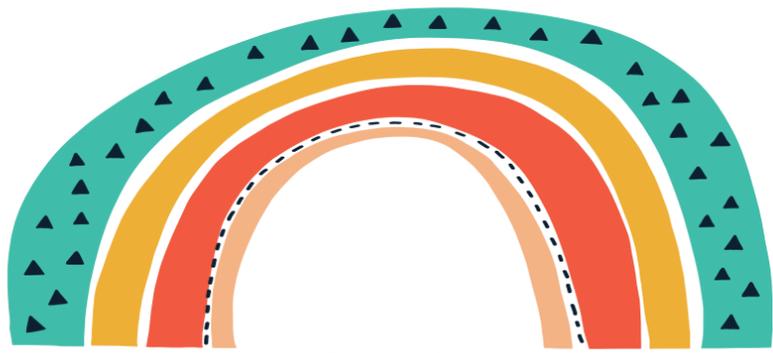
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## 1 Sky High Ambitions

ACE Community Colleges is relaunching its technology hub, training centre and creative studio spaces – all part of a revitalisation at the Magellan Street Campus in Lismore’s CBD.

The project, a major renovation, was given the green light late in 2019, triggered by a combination of business growth and support from the Department of Education and Training as part of the NSW Adult and Community Education (ACE) Infrastructure Maintenance Grants Program.

‘We are beyond excited about the College rebuild and renovation. The new student learning and training spaces are brilliantly contemporary and custom designed.

‘The new infrastructure enables us to offer an expanded lifestyle, work skills and full qualification program. I also see the entire project adding new energy and possibility to the CBD heart of Lismore. There are a bunch of Campus tour dates coming up soon. Pop in for a look’, said ACE Colleges CEO & Principal, Kerry Johnson.

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## 4 Northern Rivers Pottery Supplies

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## 6 Lismore Regional Gallery – a place for everybody

Lismore Regional Gallery is one of the region's most vibrant art spaces and presents a wide range of cultural events. Showing local, national and international artists, the gallery always has something unique to experience with regular talks, children's activities and exhibitions. The Gallery is also home to Geoffrey Hannah's incredible Hannah Cabinet (with over 140 drawers!) which has weekly viewing session times to see the intricate craftsmanship inside. Outside the Gallery is the lovely green space of the Lismore Quadrangle – the ideal place to kick back and relax.

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## 8 Lismore MG

The iconic MG is now available in the Northern Rivers. Located in South Lismore, near Lismore Airport, Lismore MG offers a range of vehicles; from the sporty MG3 auto (from \$15,990 drive away), to the ZS compact SUV (from \$22,990 drive away), and the all new HS SUV, (from \$30,990 drive away) – now with five star ANCAP safety rating and features rivaling the best of the SUV competitors and an unbeatable seven year unlimited km warranty with seven years roadside assistance.

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**Visit Sarah and the team at 67 Krauss Ave, South Lismore or [www.lismoremg.com.au](http://www.lismoremg.com.au) or give them a call on 02 5624 7450.**  
**'If you can't come to us, we will come to you.'**

## 7 NORPA

See world-class circus, dance, theatre, music and more at NORPA! The 2020 NORPA Season is packed full of comedy, drama, dance and music, bringing together exciting homegrown performances with the best of national touring productions.

Our home at Lismore City Hall already had brilliant acoustics, but new world-class sound and lighting equipment means you'll experience performances that will stick with you long after they've left the stage.

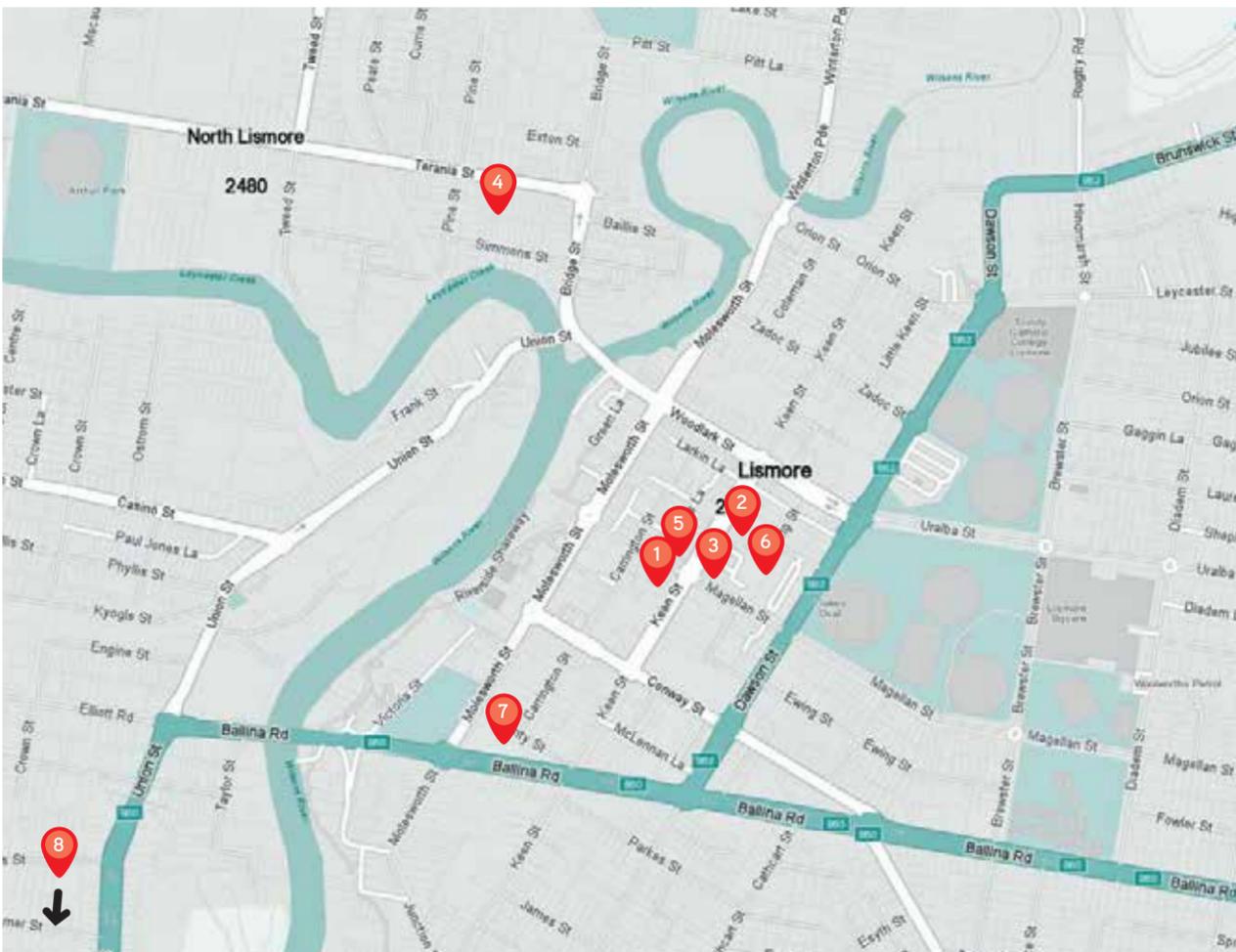
Coming up soon at NORPA is contemporary circus and physical theatre juggernaut *Gravity and Other Myths* on Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March, followed by smash hit pint-swiggling, feel-good sensation *The Choir of Man*, on Friday 3 April. On May 5 and 6, George Orwell's intensely powerful classic *Animal Farm* by acclaimed Brisbane-based company, Shake & Stir, takes the stage.

Subscribe and save! Buy tickets for 3 or more shows to save 20%.

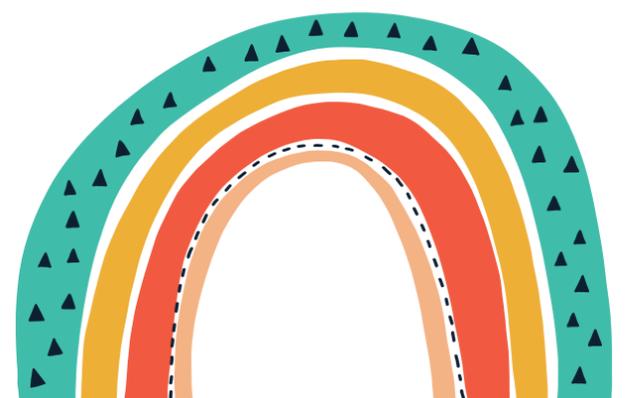
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## THE SONGS OF SIMIC

How does having a baby affect men? For Michael Simic who had his first child with his wife at 49, there was a mixture of emotions, and an incredible flood of creativity. Most know Michael as Mikangelo – who fronts *The Deep Sea Gentlemen*. But taking six months off afforded him downtime to connect with more personal songwriting. The songs were penned in a caravan out the back of the converted church where he and his small family live in Majors Creek.



'I have a very fluid relationship with making music' says Michael. 'I do best when I follow my intuition. Having a baby really worked in with that, although I didn't expect I'd be writing more songs than ever! I would go out to the caravan in the garden and just write. I had no idea what it was going to be about. I would just open myself to the possibility and see what comes. I believe that songs are just floating around, and that by trusting in the process, they come through. The initial art of the process is letting go of all the barriers that stand in the way of you doing that!'

**It's clear that Michael has a love of nature, and a talent for articulating those quiet unspoken moments.**

'I have written so many songs! About one hundred of them. It has taken about 6 months of gigging to get through them and I slowly started road testing the different bodies of work. I have been trialing songs in different places. It felt right to work under my own name for this. While I love working as Mikangelo, it's with the Black Sea Gentlemen, and these songs are very different. Mikangelo is a persona, but this is me, what I do on my own is quite different to what happens with the band.'

**For his upcoming shows, Michael will be joined by Dave Evans on piano and accordion.**

'What I like about Dave is that he is able to go anywhere and play anything. We have this unspoken understanding of where we are going. For this show in Brunswick Heads at the Picture House it is nice to understand my own journey, and my transition into fatherhood, and the changes that have happened in me. It's a wild ride, the full palette – it's beautiful, and so dreamy at times, and surreal at others.'

**It seems this softening, or creative opening, that happens with childbirth is usually a woman's narrative – it's quite refreshing to hear how this happens for a man. Michael believes that things are changing for men, and that these conversations are becoming more common.**

'I think, clearly, we are at an interesting time of change – it feels like men opening to more gentleness in their communication and expressing vulnerability – I think it can only be a good thing. The world of women and men has been vast, but we have been shoe-horned into roles, or into being different, and sometimes the sameness is overlooked.'

I was watching a show on Netflix called *Babies* and researchers were saying that if a man becomes a primary carer – he exhibits all the same [behaviours] as a mother, and the baby has the same bonding – we kind of undervalue ourselves as men if we think we can't be part of it.'

**Michael believes, although his work has evolved, it still has the same vulnerability it had as a teenager.**

'Sometimes it's about going deeper, into beautiful wells, or underground places. There are beautiful analogies you can use – digging deeper with the difficulties and traumas I've had in my life, our choice to ignore, and confront, and make peace through music, for me, has been part a personal diary and the internal world. Once you share it with people, it becomes a generous thing. I tell stories in the show, but I never tell people what the songs mean, it's up to them to find what they mean to them. Songs have this versatile and intriguing resilience!'

**Michael Simic presents his beautifully crafted songs at the Brunswick Picture House, on Sunday, at 5pm. Tickets from [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com)**

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### LOVE IS A VIRUS

What if love was viral? Imagine a world that became infected by LOVE-20 – a highly contagious infection of the heart? A disease that moved like wildfire through populations, causing an unfamiliar and unexplainable sense of wellbeing. A feeling so unrecognised and absent from the human condition that all you'd have to say is 'I feel loved' and next thing, it is followed by a desire not to go to work, not to go on Facebook either, but to sit and stare at the face of your sleeping baby – and in that simple act to find a deep contentment.

LOVE-20 is so deadly to capitalism they've been secretly inoculating us through social media, and TV, and print for years... LOVE-20 terrifies the entitled trolls at the top of their trickledown towers because LOVE-20 changes us.

Adversaries clutch each other in a long healing embrace; the battle finally over. Trump hugs Nancy Pelosi and tells her she was right, and that he really likes her hair, and he's sorry how he's treated women, but he couldn't help it because deep down he never felt loved or good enough, and quite frankly women who didn't need men scared him.

Pauline Hanson begs Indigenous Australians for forgiveness for her continual lack of compassion and understanding. Bettina Arndt gives back her OAM, and apologises to the family of Hannah Clarke for any harm that her comments, defending the man who murdered their daughter, may have caused.

Andrew Bolt admits to Bruce Pascoe that he was wrong to question his Aboriginal ancestry, and admits that for a lot of white Australians it's confronting to discover how complex and well-managed Indigenous Australia was before white people stole their country and said they weren't here.

Men would stop hitting and killing their wives. Multi-nationals would close their coalmines and share the patents to the renewable technologies that they've been hoarding. The Gaza strip would be a massive banquet where Palestinians and Israelis break bread together, raving about how great their hummus is.

Imagine the quiet chaos LOVE-20 would bring to a world curated by the architecture of hate and fear. How would we even work out who we were if there was no 'other'? If we can't define ourselves by what we are not – then who are we? Without the cancer of identity, individualism would die off.

We wouldn't need mirrors – because we'd learn to see ourselves in the eyes of others. We would truly know what it meant to be part of a community; with our previous aching selves now as incomprehensible as a single grain of sand. It is the beach that has consequence, not one grain of sand.

How would you know if you'd caught LOVE-20? You'd have a compulsive desire to hug a homeless man and give him the contents of your wallet. You could no longer walk past the pain or circumstance of another without getting involved. You'd find yourself making eye contact with strangers and smiling at them. You'd not only pick up a hitchhiker, you'd drive them all the way home, and then give them your number for the next time they need a lift. You'd lose your ambition. You wouldn't worry about what you were wearing. You wouldn't care if you're old, or ugly, or fat.

You would stand in nature and have a profound sense of gratitude for being alive; followed by a crippling sensation of grief for the unloving and cruel way we have treated First Nations, our planet, each other and ourselves.

What if love was an incurable disease that affected the compromised and the frail, the lost and the lonely with such potency that they became well again?

What does a loved world even look like?

Marx talked about capitalism's use of alienation to keep people disconnected and compliant. I never quite got it. I don't think Marx was a bit hippy calling for love either, but he certainly understood how separation from self and community created cogs for the machine. We have farmed a culture of self-loathing. Happy people don't need retail therapy. Happy people don't need to satisfy their egos with trinkets or big houses. Unhappy, endlessly dissatisfied people buy stuff to fill the chasm that exists when they feel disconnected from their environment, their purpose, their community and themselves. Disconnection is a long dark pit that kills the canary of hope. It seeds our deepest human sadness. The economic impact of LOVE-20 would be even greater than COVID-19. If all the world caught LOVE-20, the systems that exist to separate us would collapse. By losing our sense of entitled individuality, we'd finally become one.

Don't keep Love in quarantine. Spread it today.

# LIVE MUSIC &



### THEY'RE FURRY, THEY'RE NICE

A sandy stoked spaceship wizard embarked on a journey to planet earth. His excellent wisdom and musical taste delivered him to the Gold Coast – home to **Peach Fur**.

Upon touch down, he met up with the four furry fellaz; Denny Hilder, Liam Ward, Ben Crichton and Mikey Woodworth. Naturally a new friendship formed. They walked up the stairs of one thousand dreams, over the ever-changing groove cubes of light, and found themselves amongst a sea of dancing dazzlers. The show was about to begin...

What is this sorcery, the wizard wondered, as the sonic waves moved his body and expanded his consciousness?

A spell concoction entered his mind; 1kg of rock'n'roll, 1 cup of funk, 2 tablespoons of blues, and a sprinkle of reggae, stirred thoroughly in a litre of psychedelic juice – and left to cure in a jazzy jar. Badda bing, badda boom! The sound of Peach Fur.

**Peach Fur. Byron Brewery, Friday 8pm. THE BREWERY HAS CANCELLED ALL GIGS.**



### THE GROGANS HEAD NORTH

Melbourne's garage/surf trio **The Grogans**, are heading north this March for only three shows – lucky Byron Bay is one of them!

This show follows the band's recent sold out shows at Howler, Wrangler and Cherry Bar to cap 2019 and two sold-out Gasometers to kick off 2020.

Following the release of their debut album *Just What You Want* in late 2019, The Grogans embarked on a national tour, and have been playing to some of their biggest sold-out crowds to date. You won't want to miss this one.

**The Grogans at The Hotel Great Northern, Friday 8pm.**



### ICON, LEGEND, REBEL: BLUNDELL

There are many terms people use when describing **James Blundell**. Icon. Legend. Controversial. Rebel. The truth is – James Blundell is all of these things. He is unashamedly honest and comfortable in his own skin. He radiates an enthusiasm for everything that life has to offer and it's this authenticity that makes him one of the most instantly likable and recognisable artists in Australian music.

Acknowledged by many as the act that single-handedly shaped modern Australian country music by infusing his influences of (John Mellencamp, The Band and The Angels) with the storytelling ethos of Slim Dusty and his lyrical insight, sharp wit and empathy for the average working man. This, combined with his handsome good looks and country charm, ensured there was no stopping his success across all demographics.

James Blundell is one of only a handful of today's country artists who live the authentic life of a country singer. When he's not touring, he's managing his family owned property in Stanthorpe. He is an artist of substance and longevity thanks to his unique perspective, showcased through song.

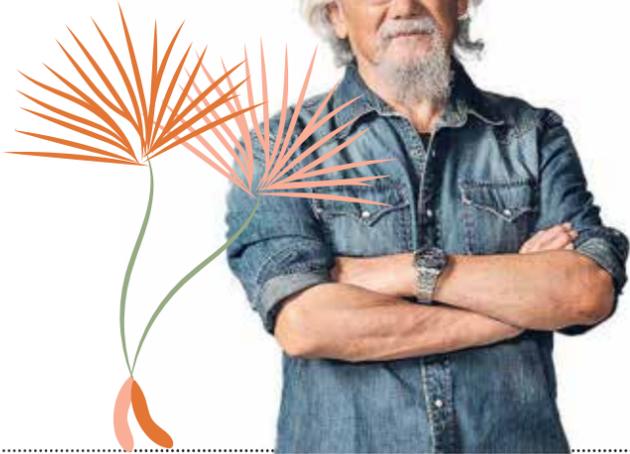
**James Blundell. Mullum Ex-Services Club, Saturday 8pm.**

### MUSIC BINGO MONDAYS

**Music Bingo** is a game for drinking not thinking. Dropping beats, not balls, you just mark songs off your card till you get two lines. Come with your friends, or solo, it's free to play and the world's easiest game. Danny is an epic host, who will dance around while you listen to all the hit songs of different decades, and help you to win a \$50 voucher, a skydive, free drinks and more...

**Music Bingo. The Hotel Great Northern, every Monday 6.30pm.**

# CULTURE



## GOING LOCAL:

### HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Presented by Local Futures & New Economy Network Australia.

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

The goal of this three-day ideas festival is to explore and explain how we can shift direction – from a single globalised market toward economies that support renewal, resilience and greater human and planetary wellbeing. This gathering will emphasise the systemic root cause of our many interconnected ecological, social and economic crises, and identify key strategic shifts toward economic localisation that can solve them.

From food, land, water and human settlements, to businesses, knowledge systems, innovation, production and consumption, this festival focuses on translating understanding into action.

Within this context, the 2020 Conference has three key themes: understanding the dominant economic system and global market and its impact on democracy and local economies; showcasing and amplifying strategies for reclaiming local economies for the benefit of people and planet, and; stories of success – challenging corporate domination of national, regional and local economies.

Going Local. Byron Theatre, March 20–22.

## PIERS LANE IN BYRON

Piers Lane and Byron Music Society Music program launch. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Piers Lane is a London-based Australian pianist who was to perform at the Byron Theatre on Sunday 29 March.

Reluctantly, Mr Lane says he has had to cancel this event, which was part of the Byron Music Society Music program for 2020. The launch has also been cancelled.

Piers was due to fly into Australia a few days before the concert. He will now have to self-isolate for 14 days, so the event is out of the question.

## CIRCUS ARTS FUNDRAISER

It's back to the '80s with Circus Arts' new and exciting circus show – with breathtaking aerial and acrobatic acts, teeterboard, and flying trapeze.

Get dressed up in your favourite '80s outfit – because the best dressed will win a free flying trapeze class!

The show is a fundraiser for Friends of the Circus, the not-for-profit arm of Circus Arts who help to fund additional training and performance opportunities for Circus Arts' youth performance troupe.

There will be raffle prizes on the night, and \$10 flying trapeze swings after the show for everyone who'd like to give it a go.

**Tickets:**  
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Circus Arts, Friday 3 April, 6pm.

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# BACKBONE BY GRAVITY AND OTHER MYTHS...

In less than a decade, Australian acrobatic sensations Gravity & Other Myths (GOM) have rocketed to international acclaim. This month they are bringing their biggest and most spectacular work, *Backbone*, to NORPA. A high-octane spree of physical virtuosity featuring ten extraordinary performers and a live band on stage, *Backbone* tests the limits of strength; physical, emotional, individual and collective.

Staged with a deceptively DIY aesthetic, and dispensing with trickery and distraction, this is circus that goes straight for the jugular. *Backbone* is a celebration of human connectedness and the meaning of strength. *Backbone* is directed by Northern Rivers local, Darcy Grant.

### Have you always wanted to join the circus, Darcy?

I discovered the circus in Far North Queensland as a kid. I was part of a youth circus project called the Blackrobats. Since that time I've been pretty obsessed.

### Is *Backbone* your directorial debut for Gravity and Other Myths?

Yes it is. It is also my first major work as a director. *Backbone* was commissioned by Adelaide Festival in 2017, and since then it has travelled across the world. The privilege of being commissioned for a major festival is immense. It allowed us the time and space to deeply question ourselves, and our form, in a time when a great deal of circus is becoming homogenous. Since then I have made another work with GOM called *Out of Chaos*.

### Tell us a little about how *Backbone* came about?

The company was ready to make their next work, and we serendipitously crossed paths at the perfect moment. They needed some fresh eyes, and I found their company culture magnetic. They are a self-made success – young, raw, unpretentious, and hungry to create strong and deliberate meaning in contemporary circus.

### Was there something that you always wanted to explore in *Backbone* from the outset?

Each GOM show is a provocation to the company. We wanted to express and shape meaning around the concept of 'strength' and the different ways it can be measured or embodied, inside an individual, or in a group.



### What do you love about working with this company?

The hunger. This company grinds harder than any I've seen. They go above and beyond for each other, and never take the easy route if there's something to learn.

### There's a lot of people on stage in *Backbone* – as a director, how do you keep cohesion, and stop it from descending into chaos?

Planning and communicating openly is the key. Giving everyone a voice, but also a framework to express themselves, whilst always pushing toward the clear end goal.

### *Backbone* has travelled all over the world and has won a lot of awards – what do you think resonates with audiences about this show wherever it is performed?

Circus is an aspirational form, and people can always relate to how others use their body. There is a great saying that goes 'There are three things a person can never take their eyes from; fire burning, water moving and another person using their hands well.' I think that says it all.

### It's pretty special that you're bringing this show to NORPA – why is that important to you?

My work is mostly based overseas, so being able to show my community what I'm doing with my time is special. I think the Northern Rivers will dig the work.

### You're also a wonderful photographer and spent some time documenting the Mount Nardi fire at Tuntable Falls near where you were living – tell us a bit about that experience and what you learnt about the community.

People are stronger than we know. Community is priceless, and at the end of the day – we are all in this together.

*Backbone* by Gravity and Other Myths is at NORPA. Friday 27 March, and Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm. Tickets: \$25–\$49. [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au) | 1300 066 772

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# CINEMA



## FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

The Alliance Française French Film Festival is returning to the Palace Cinema, Byron Bay, for another incredible season, following last year's exceptional 30th Anniversary. Representing the largest festival dedicated to French films in the world, the 2019 edition attracted more than 195,000 spectators, and further cemented a place in the hearts and

minds of Australians. The success of the Alliance Française French Film Festival is undoubtedly a reflection of the unwavering friendship between France and Australia, underpinned by lasting partnerships that have been reinforced thanks to sponsors, partners, distributors, Palace Cinemas and Unifrance.

The French Film Festival wears the colours of France proudly, showcasing a changing industry, founded on creativity and quality. 2020 is a notable year for French Culture in Australia – this year's theme 'French Waves 2020', is offering more than 35 major cultural events to audiences all around Australia.

**French Film Festival. Palace Cinema, 31 March–12 April**

### THE WAY BACK

Talented former high school basketball player turned alcoholic (Ben Affleck) gets a chance at redemption when the opportunity to coach the underperforming team he once played for presents itself. This inspirational sports drama is very Ben Affleck-centred, yet he rises to the challenge, to deliver one of his best performances yet.

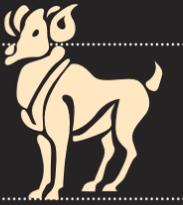
This is director Gavin O'Connor's second collaboration with Affleck, the first being the well-known film *The Accountant*. *The Way Back* follows the tried and tested, traditional inspirational sports drama formula; a coach with some serious personal issues coaches an underdog team who aren't cohesive, on or off the court.

For the first two-thirds of the film you think O'Connor is following the formula to a T – yet toward the end, he takes the film in a different direction, leaving you wondering what will happen next; steering away from the big game finale ending. It's always good when directors avoid what the audience is expecting, and O'Connor does that well.

The downside to the film is that you don't get to know the team as well as you would like. Even though the directing choices, and the acting by Affleck, make the film worth watching, it would have been better if they had spent more time developing the individual stories of the players so that the audience got to know them on a deeper level.

It's easy to like an underdog story, and if you're a fan of basketball or sports films in general then this is worth adding to your must-watch list.

## STARS BY LILITH



This week's sun and new moon rise from watery Pisces to celebrate the zodiac's new year in fiery Aries...

♈ **ARIES:** Halleluja and happy birthday Rams! This week's sun and new moon in Aries are backed by a Mars/Jupiter alignment that only happens every other year, and only once a decade in your professional sector. With Pluto involved, this week has the capacity to shift stuck energy for a wild and wonderful change.

♉ **TAURUS:** This week's sun/new moon energy supports a big release of something you know is holding you back, whether it's a relationship, dream, project, habit or attachment. Let boldness be your friend. If drama erupts in the workplace, or in a group, as a consequence – use Taurine tenacity to calmly stick with your decision.

♊ **GEMINI:** This week's Mars/Jupiter/Pluto hookups release some deep feelings into the general atmosphere, especially intense for Geminis with your ruling planet Mercury in sensitive Pisces. Best use? Teaming up with helpful, like-minded people who feel as strongly as you do to form a cutting-edge squad.

♋ **CANCER:** The planetary trio of Mars, Jupiter and Pluto having summit meetings in your relationship corner combine drive, good fortune and plutonic energy. Which could be explosive and/or deeply informative, and bring an exciting opportunity to team up with a powerful partner. Doors can open suddenly. Bit scary? Pluck up your courage.

♌ **LEO:** Focussing on details isn't likely to help this week, which calls for the bigger picture. Widen your viewfinder and consult others for an expanded perspective. Even so, the combustible Mars/Pluto/Jupiter combo might have you blowing your top and bringing whatever needs addressing to a head. In which case, stay as calm as you can.

♍ **VIRGO:** This week's kickoff of the new astrological year gives you a second chance at those new year resolutions that may not have worked out so far, offering a fresh chance to reset the ones about having more fun. Tune in for Tuesday's trailblazing new moon calling you to the wild.

♎ **LIBRA:** With Mars and Pluto having a big dig in your home zone, frame whatever they find as buried treasure, even if it doesn't seem so at first. This year's only new moon in your partnership house makes two your lucky number, propitious for both Libra couples and singles – though are there ever any solo Venusians?

♏ **SCORPIO:** Two rare and electrifying alignments involving confident Mars, ebullient Jupiter and volcanic Pluto suggest an exciting week of passion and power plays, in which you could use your sense of dramatic timing to make a master move. Next Tuesday's new moon offers a window into ways to simplify your operating systems and declutter routines.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** This week's Mars/Jupiter hookup in Sagittarians' zodiac zone of stability and security activates your moneymaker, while a Mars/Pluto business meeting could give insight into your financial future. Is an investment worth exploring? You need a plan, and this is an auspicious time to circulate and speculate if you want your earnings to germinate.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Hot blooded Mars and playful Jupiter rendezvous in your sign this week to pour you a double shot of spunky and lucky. When Mars and Pluto bump fists early next week you'll really be on-a-roll, but no need to overdo it – be mindful of staying a grateful player and gracious leader.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Late week Aquarian moon, insistent Mars and adventurous Jupiter in your house of letting go and moving on are all asking the big question: is it time to wind up a certain something? This cosmic combo favors bold, inspired, even audacious moves, which are cosmically designed to blast you out of the blahs.

♓ **PISCES:** While Mercury, Neptune and weekend moon in Pisces are dreamy, assertive Mars and expansive Jupiter are busy in your sector of teamwork and helpful others. So make the effort to mix and mingle, perhaps reach out in a way you wouldn't usually. Sometimes, who you know is more important than what you know.

## PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 19 Mar - Wed 25 Mar



<b>ONWARD</b> 102 min (CTC) Preview Screenings Fri, Sat, Sun: 1:40, 6:40PM	<b>BIRDS OF PREY</b> 109 min (MA15+) Daily: 1:30PM	<b>MOTHERLESS BROOKLYN</b> 144 min (M) Daily: 3:40PM
<b>ROMANTIC ROAD</b> 80 min (PG) Preview Screenings Sat, Sun: 2:00PM	<b>DOLITTLE</b> 101 min (PG) Daily except Sun: 1:40PM	<b>PARASITE</b> 132 min (MA15+) Daily: 4:00, 6:10PM
<b>Paris Opera Ballet: GISELLE</b> 125 min (CTC) Sun: 1:00PM	<b>DOWNHILL</b> 86 min (M) Daily: 4:20, 6:40PM	<b>SONIC THE HEDGEHOG</b> 99 min (PG) Daily except Wed: 2:00, 4:15, 6:30PM Wed: 2:00, 4:15PM
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<b>1917</b> 119 min (MA15+) Daily: 3:45PM	<b>LITTLE WOMEN</b> 135 min (G) Daily except Sat, Sun: 1:30PM	<b>THE WAY BACK</b> 108 min (M) Daily: 1:40, 6:30PM
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# GIGGUIDE

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## THURSDAY 19

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MEL SCARLETT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **JESSE PUMPHREY. CANCELLED**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **MOZAYIC**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **GAVIN DONIGER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **PHIL GUEST**

## FRIDAY 20

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **RIFF RAFFLES + JACKPOT JOKER 6PM, THE GROGANS + SUNFLOWER IN THE FLOWERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM LEIGH JAMES, 9PM **MICKA SCENE**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7PM **PEACH FUR + GUESTS. CANCELLED**
- BYRON THEATRE **GOING LOCAL: HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS PRESENTED BY LOCAL FUTURES & THE NEW ECONOMY NETWORK AUSTRALIA. POSTPONED**
- TARGA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANGIE HUDSON**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ANDY PIERCE**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **LOST BELONGINGS**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS FISHER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **CADENCE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- WEMOVE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **HIGH - TIDE MUSIC AND DANCE JOURNEY FEAT PETER HUNT, TOM HINCHLIFFE AND HUGH JONES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 7.30PM **MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE COMPANY - ELSIE AND NORM'S 'MACBETH'**
- LENNOX HOTEL, 9PM **JAY HOAD**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **HUSSY HICKS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **TUFFY**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **TWO MEN AND A LADY Z**
- NORPA AT CITY HALL, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SHIRE CHOIR**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **EDUCATING RITA**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **MASSIVE**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **FIRE & ICE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **BACK TRACKIN'**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JOSH HAMILTON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 5PM **JJ ADAMS**

## SATURDAY 21

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **PASIFLOREZ, FLORA LINK, TILLY, TAI DANIELS, JONNY CAPPUCCINO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **EL SCORCHO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **CARNA BYRON BAY**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 6PM **COCO REPUBLIC**
- BYRON THEATRE **GOING LOCAL: HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS PRESENTED BY LOCAL FUTURES & THE NEW ECONOMY NETWORK AUSTRALIA. POSTPONED**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, JAYO & KATALYST, 7.30PM **JAYO & KATALYST**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PUSH**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL **BYRON HARMONY FESTIVAL CANCELLED**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **JAMES BLUNDELL + CHLOE STYLER**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET 10PM **KOBYA**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 7.30PM **MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE COMPANY - ELSIE AND NORM'S 'MACBETH'**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **DJ ADI B - DOUGIE'S BIRTHDAY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**

## SUNDAY 22

- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **EDUCATING RITA**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 9.30PM **MY ADDICTION**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **TANGLE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BULLHORN & JORDAN MAC**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 5.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8.30PM **BON JOVI & BRIAN ADAMS TRIBUTE**
- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **LUKE YEAMAN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KRISTEN LEE MORRIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **SUPERCHEESE, 8PM DJ EASY P**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **SKY HIGH**
- BYRON THEATRE **GOING LOCAL: HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS PRESENTED BY LOCAL FUTURES & THE NEW ECONOMY NETWORK AUSTRALIA. POSTPONED**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 12PM **SUNDAY SESSION DJS SLACK & VINNIE LADUCE**
- THE SUN, BYRON BAY, 5PM FELIX, 5PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE STRIDES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 5PM **MICHAEL SIMIC AKA MIKELANGELO**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 1PM **LAZY SUNDAY SESSIONS - CLELIA ADAMS, KATHRYN JONES, MICHEL ROSE AND LYDIA STOREY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **MIDDLE PUB JAM**

- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4.30PM **JACKUZZI**
- STOKERS SIDING MEMORIAL HALL 2PM **MURWILLUMBAH THEATRE COMPANY - ELSIE AND NORM'S 'MACBETH'**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 11.30AM **COUNTRY CARNA**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 2PM **EDUCATING RITA**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 8.30PM **RICHMOND JAM**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL, 11.30AM **MELISSA BLACK**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **RAKU**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 3PM **SEARCH FOR A STAR KARAOKE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 1.30PM **CADENCE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 2.30PM **MR TROY**

## MONDAY 23

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **JAFFER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAX HAZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **BADDEST MONDAY DANCEHALL INDUSTRY NIGHT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL 6PM **MULLUMBIMBY HIGH SCHOOL P&C PARENT FORUM: THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN AND RISK TAKING BEHAVIOUR**

## TUESDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH SLIM PICKENS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.15PM **DANCING IN THE DARK**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE, 7PM **THE RICHMOND QUIZ**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**

## WEDNESDAY 25

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **JAZZ IN THE RESTAURANT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH HARRY NICHOLS. CANCELLED**
- BREW HOUSE THEATRE, BYRON BAY, 6PM **FILMS FOR CHANGE PRESENT BECOMING NOBODY**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **VINNIE LADUCE (DJ SET)**
- MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKETS - **DANIEL SLOSS: X**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **INDIGO SPARKE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **GAME SHOW QUIZ**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM **TRIVIA BUT GOOD**

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# The Good Life

## Hooked and Cooked

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This week I visited Liat Ben Yishay, the new owner of Hooked and Cooked fish and chips in Mullumbimby. It's not every day you see a person who likes their job, but it was very clear that Liat really enjoys her new shop.

Hooked and Cooked has been the local fish shop in Mullumbimby for over 20 years, and it's now under new management, with new recipes and fresh wild-caught fish delivered every day.

A number of years ago, Liat changed her diet to cut out chicken and red meat, and now eats a lot of fish and vegetables. It's obviously working for her, because she is not only warmly welcoming of customers in her shop, which she calls her 'baby', she's also busy and energetic. 'I feel amazing', she says.

Her love of fish goes deeper than that – Liat's grandfather was from Greece, and he not only loved to catch fish in the Israeli seaside town where they lived, and to cook the fish (very simply), but he also liked to sip a cup of ouzo, and tell stories to his

granddaughter while they ate together.

The 'barbunya' that her grandfather caught is a sort of red mullet, highly prized in cuisine around the Mediterranean, very low in fat and easy to digest. Perhaps growing up on freshly caught fish is what has made her so keen on wild fish. While the crumbed fish, as in most fish and chip shops, is bought frozen, the fresh fish she sells, such as snapper, barramundi, jewfish, and more, is all wild caught.

'I am really happy that the fresh fish is wild caught', says Liat. 'There are many health-conscious people in Mullumbimby. I don't believe in that system of fish farming using antibiotics, and industrial food making the fish bigger and changing their colour. But it's not only about being free of antibiotics, it's also about the flavour.'

Although I'm a vegetarian, I often cook Liat's fish at home for the rest of my family, but every now and again I get the store to grill it. Talking to her



I find out that, unlike my somewhat 'intuitive' method, they take a very scientific approach to temperature and grill times to ensure each piece



of fish is grilled consistently, to the best quality. One thing that is very important to Liat is the environment. She's changed to all biodegradable packaging, and even gives a small discount to people who bring their own boxes to the shop, because she doesn't need to use her own boxes and paper to wrap the fish. People who order and dine in the shop can also use a special basket that can be washed and re-used.

I ask her how she stays so friendly, given that she works six or seven days a week in the shop? 'It's just me', says Liat, 'if you feel good on the inside, that's your outside. This is me – Hooked & Cooked'.

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## Miracle of Beer-Water Beer

Stone & Wood perform the miracle of turning water into beer on a regular basis, but how about turning the wastewater from that process back into pure water, then into beer again? In celebration of the United Nation's World Water Day on Sunday 22 March, the local independent brewery will be offering a beer using purified wastewater to promote recycling water and water efficiency, in line with this year's theme.

The one-off limited Pilot Batch beer will be available at Stone & Wood's Tasting Room in Byron Bay, from Sunday 22 March. The recycled wastewater beer, named Beer-Water Beer, is a 4.7% summer ale, brewed using wastewater – that is, the excess water used in the brewing process that wasn't turned into beer – processed through Stone & Wood's ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis (UFRO) system.

Installed early 2018, the UFRO system turns brewery wastewater into perfectly usable water by stripping out all impurities, turning the hazy beige wastewater into crystal clear H2O.

When *The Echo* visited Stone & Wood three months ago, we heard that they currently only use this reclaimed water for utilities and cleaning at their Murwillumbah brewery, but, according to their

Sustainability Manager, James Perrin, there's no reason other than stigma that stops them brewing with it.

'All water is essentially recycled in one way or another', James said. 'If done properly, it is completely safe and harmless.'

'In Australia, we have a history of rejecting recycled water initiatives, yet we are one of the driest places on Earth. The water that comes out of the reverse osmosis process is as pure as you can get – great for brewing!'

James said the key to normalising the idea of recycled water is changing attitudes.

'My hope is that by using perfectly good recycled water in this beer, it will start to overcome the stigma,



and change people's perspectives on what sustainable water management could look like,' he said.

'We think people who come to our Tasting Room and try this beer on World Water Day, Sunday 22 March, will be very surprised,' James said.

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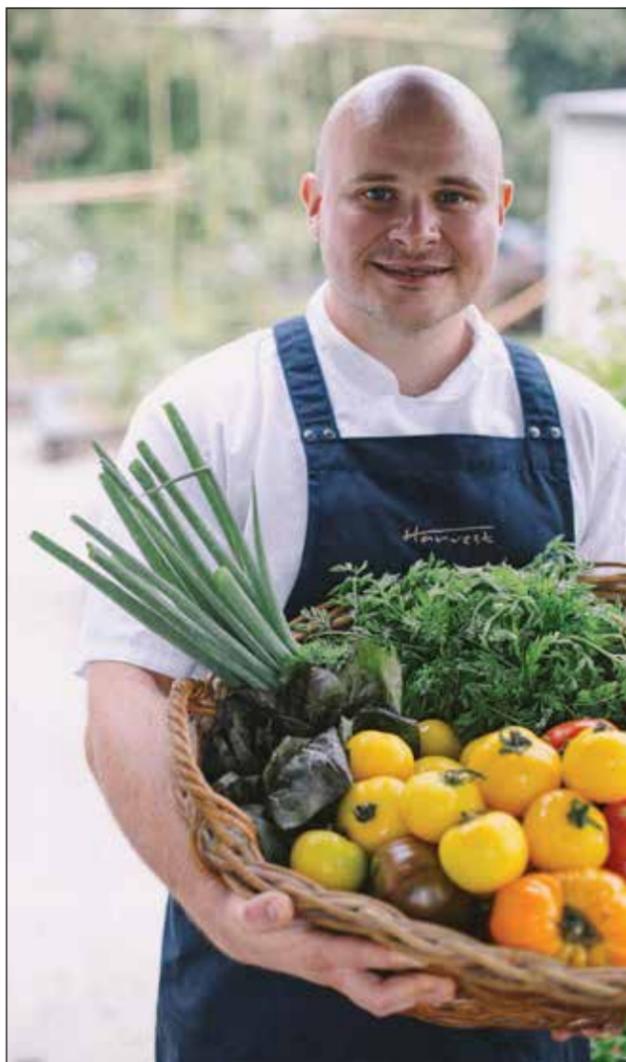
## Harvest at Home

Harvest restaurant, deli and bakery are offering healthy, nourishing takeaway meals for customers to enjoy at home. Expect comfort food at its finest with daily changing dishes prepared in-house. Local vegetable-box subscriptions are available at the Harvest Deli, alongside bulk pantry essentials, take-home wellness kits and immunity boosting foods, tonics and supplements. Friday night is chook night, with organic roast lemon myrtle and mountain pepper chicken coming out of the bakery's wood-fired oven, and served with locally sourced roasted root vegetables or salad to take-home.

Open daily from 8am-5pm. Call ahead and follow Harvest on Instagram for daily updates and health driven news.

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Head Chef Alastair Waddell with vegetables



## Byron Farmers Market to go ahead

If you prefer to get out of the Panic Aisle at Woolies and do more of your shopping in the open air at the Farmers Market, you can still do so this week. However, precautionary measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of customers and farmers, and to limit the spread of COVID-19.

'The government has clarified the definition of non-essential public gatherings, and under these guidelines farmers' markets are not currently affected, so Byron Farmers Market will continue to operate for as long as we are advised it is safe to do so,' said Tom Carey, Byron Farmers Market manager.

'We believe that offering our community access to fresh food that hasn't been handled by a large number of people, in an open-air environment, is the responsible thing we can do during these difficult times.'

'Having said that, we have consulted local, state and federal government guidelines to introduce extra precautionary measures at our market in the interests of the customers, stakeholders, staff and community as a whole.'

'For example, while the farmers market is usually a community hub for people to gather, shop, sit and enjoy each other's company, we have made the decision to remove all seating areas to avoid a 'static' environment where people are sitting together for long periods of time.'

'We have also set up hand washing and hand sanitiser stations throughout the market, along with signs about safe hygiene practices. And we have implemented a Coronavirus Policy - with health and safety guidelines for all our stallholders, effective immediately.'

There has been a temporary ban on the use of reusable serving ware, cutlery or cups - including Keep Cups and BYO mugs, a measure that market management said, 'goes against our sustainability and waste ethos, but is necessary at this stage'.

'We will continue to monitor this evolving situation, and heed state and federal government advice and regulations. In the meantime, Byron Farmers Market has stepped up our already stringent health and safety procedures, as per the latest government guidelines, as a precautionary measure to ensure we are doing everything we can to offer a safe environment for our community.'

'We appreciate the community's support and understanding at this time', said Mr Carey.

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# Good Taste

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Byron Bay  
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**Indulge in one of our new creations!**  
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**Enjoy! The Fishheads Family**



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 Dinner 5pm - 9pm  
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 6680 7418  
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**NOW OPEN FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EVERY DAY FROM 8AM UNTIL 2PM**  
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## BYRON BAY continued



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 0448 077 401  
[www.chupacabra.com.au](http://www.chupacabra.com.au)  
 @chupabyron

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 Saturday Lunch: 11.30am - 3pm  
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Open 7 days  
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**Our Rocking New Fresh Summer Menu**  
 Come and join us at the Rocks for some delicious summer bites! We have just launched a new menu, and have a range of home-made, locally sourced meals at affordable prices. Try our new salmon ceviche, sizzling brekkie skillet or our crispy pork bahn-mi roll! Cool yourself down with an iced coffee, or why not try our new nutty date smoothie to kick start your day! Indoor and outdoor seating available. Fully licenced.



### The Hideout Cafe

Breakfast and Lunch 7 days a week from 7.30am  
 Shop 6/13 Lawson Street  
 6680 9300  
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**Hidden away in Byron's iconic 'Eat street' Bay Lane, The Hideout Cafe and Bar offers indoor, outdoor and deck dining**  
 With a fresh, funky, relaxed vibe, generous serves, cruise staff and 10am licence, come and find us for 'Byron's BEST breakfast' all day...  
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 Kids menu

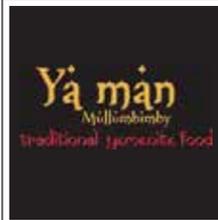


### Main Street

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## MULLUMBIMBY



### Yaman Mullumbimby

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[empiremullum.com.au](http://empiremullum.com.au)  
 20 Burringbar St, Mullum  
 6684 2306

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 58 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby  
 6684 2533  
[www.societabistro.com](http://www.societabistro.com)

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**Tuesday - 2 for 1 schnitzel night**  
**Thursday - kids eat free**  
**Saturday - pasta and salad buffet \$17**  
**Sunday - Sunday roast \$17**

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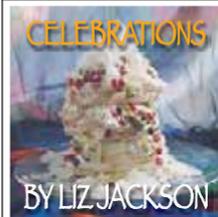


### Harvest

18-22 Old Pacific Highway  
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# Property Insider

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## Sweeping changes are coming to NSW landlords and tenants in March

The NSW Office of Fair Trading has announced sweeping changes to the Residential Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018 [NSW] and the Residential Tenancies Regulation 2019 [NSW]. These changes will come into effect on 23 March 2020. 'Significant changes are coming which will affect property managers, landlords and tenants,' said Leanne Pilkington, REINSW President.

Some of the reforms include:

- Rent increases must be limited to once per year, during a periodic agreement when the fixed term has passed.
- Landlords must obtain tenants' prior written consent to publish photographs or video recordings of premises, including property interiors, for advertising purposes, which may show tenants' possessions.
- Tenants may make minor alterations, fixtures, additions and renovations with the landlord's consent, but the landlord cannot unreasonably withhold consent if the alteration, fixture or addition is one from a prescribed list in the 2019 Regulation.
- Repairs and replacements of hardwired smoke alarms must be carried out by an authorised electrician.
- Non-payment of water usage or utility charges may now result in tenancy termination (in addition to non-payment of rent)
- Tenants have the right to break their lease if it is signed after 23 March 2020. Tenants will pay a break fee of:
  - 3 weeks rent if 25% or more, but less than 50% of the fixed term has expired.
  - 2 weeks rent if 50% or more, but less than 75% of the fixed term has expired.
  - 1 week's rent if 75% or more of the fixed term has expired.
- Victims of domestic violence will be able to terminate their tenancy without penalty.



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# BYRON SHIRE REAL ESTATE

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OPEN SAT 12pm

1/81B Rajah Road Ocean Shores

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Absolutely stunning new home with huge ocean views. Discover for yourself this rare, elevated and private location 100m above & away from the street in the heart of Ocean Shores. This home is a class above the rest in modern design & quality with the latest and finest inclusions.

**Inspect**  
Saturday 21st March 12-12.30pm  
**Price**  
\$890,000 to \$960,000  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



OPEN SAT 11am

26 North Head Road, New Brighton

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Rare opportunity to purchase this massive property with 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 21st March 11-11.30am  
**Auction**  
TBC  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



OPEN SAT 12pm

2/81B Rajah Road Ocean Shores

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Enjoy impressive ocean views from the expansive east facing deck or whilst unwinding in your bathtub. Combining perfect aspect and elevation with contemporary design and high ceilings means this home is light, bright and breezy. One of two beautiful homes available.

**Inspect**  
Saturday 21st March 12-12.30pm  
**Price**  
\$990,000 to \$1,060,000  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



OPEN SAT 10am

1 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby

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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 21st March 10-10.30am  
**Price**  
\$1,150,000  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



4 ROSEWOOD AVENUE, BANGALOW 



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**FOR SALE**

**LARGE BLOCK, HEAPS OF POTENTIAL**  
 3 BED | 1 BATH | 2 CAR | PRICE \$895,000

Located in a very quiet area of Bangalow is this solid brick and western red cedar home, situated on a generous 1000sqm block. The home comprises a spacious open plan living/dining area with high raked ceilings. A covered deck wraps around the north-east end of the home providing a lovely place to capture the morning sun and views towards Bangalow village. It's elevated position also captures the cooling nor-easter breezes. There is plenty of scope to renovate the home however, it is in excellent condition being owner-occupied for over 25 years.



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Acreage properties located so close to our beautiful North Coast beaches are often sought, yet seldom found. Enjoy a coveted coastal lifestyle at this expansive, private acreage property comprising 78.8 hectares or 194 acres, and boasting ocean views from a choice of potential building sites. The property is set on the Northern side of Chinaman's Hill, which was named after a settlement of Chinese farmers who were market gardening on the hill 100 years ago. Remnants of the terraces they used are still visible, yet somewhat overgrown. This fenced property consists

of north-east ridges, covered with bush, leading up to the top of Chinaman's Hill, and features gullies, pastures and pretty creek flats, with Yelgun Creek running through it. There is an original 100+-year-old, four bedroom homestead in place, which arguably would have been the finest home in the area in its day. Sadly, it is rather dilapidated and may be beyond repair – unless you're seeking a starring role on the program Restoration Australia! Don't miss this golden opportunity to purchase rare coastal acreage, and live the lifestyle of your dreams.

**View**

By appointment

**Auction**

4th April 2020, 2.00pm  
Raine & Horne Murwillumbah  
15 Commercial Road  
Murwillumbah

**Agent**

Jason Dittmar / Licensee in Charge  
0477 222 452

2 Barkala Court, Ocean Shores

PRIVATE WATERFRONT LIFESTYLE SANCTUARY



Perfectly positioned overlooking the water, this stylish, welcoming family lifestyle home is set amongst lush tropical gardens, bringing sought-after privacy and a relaxing ambience. Showcasing laidback luxury and a sense of spaciousness, the fabulous floorplan allows plenty of room to move for the whole family. High ceilings and a fresh, open atmosphere further add to the charm of this stylish family home.

What a fantastic lifestyle this home offers... You can launch your canoe, tinny or SUP from your own front yard and head off to explore the local waterways. You're just two minutes' drive or around 600 metres from the pristine sands of South Golden Beach and the Ocean Shores Public School is 2 minutes' drive from your door. Opportunities to purchase a coveted waterfront holding in this desirable location are rare indeed. Secure this incredible waterside lifestyle for your family.

- Spacious, light and airy lounge room opening on both sides to alfresco entertainment decks.
- Lovely dining/kitchen overlooking the water.
- Gleaming polished timber floors on the ground level.
- Sparkling inground pool with feature waterfall.
- 870sqm waterfront block.
- Solar power 8.4 kw.

**View** Saturday 11.30am–12.00pm  
**Price Guide** \$1,275,000–\$1,295,000  
**Agent** Tania Sheppard  
Sales Consultant  
0436 033 636

17 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach

WATERFRONT RETREAT IN SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH



This is an entertainer's lifestyle property, with a choice of areas where you can relax and make treasured memories with your loved ones. The open plan living and dining area features wide sliding doors which open out onto the wide, covered timber deck which overlooks the local waterway. Downstairs, you have a large undercover entertaining space, ideal for parties, barbecues and family gatherings.

- Gleaming polished timber floors in the living areas and hallway.
- Large covered entertainment area + wide timber deck.
- Pool with sand filter and timber deck surrounds.
- 607 square metre block.
- Landscaped yard with a wide range of fruit trees, including strawberry guava, orange, mandarin, lemon, lime, avocado, finger lime and passionfruit.

Launch your kayak or stand-up paddle board right from your own yard, and head off to explore the local waterways and nature reserve, or take a stroll to the beach via Helen Street bridge, just 100 metres from your door. On returning home, you can cool off in your own pool, or relax with a refreshing drink on the timber poolside deck.

**View** By appointment  
**Price** Just Listed  
**Agent** Tania Sheppard  
Sales Consultant  
0436 033 636

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- Upstairs main bedroom with balcony, and second bedroom, both with built-ins
- Easy walk to Seven Mile beach, Lennox Point and safe swimming area of the boat channel
- Conveniently located close to restaurants, cafes, shops, schools and medical centre
- It is rare that ocean view properties like this become available to the market

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**AUCTION:**  
**ON SITE 1PM SATURDAY 4TH APRIL**  
**INSPECT:**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 4-4:30PM**  
**SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 1-1:30PM**  
**CONTACT:**  
**LOIS BUCKETT 0428 877 399**

**Tropical setting, style and studio**

8 Short Street, Brunswick Heads

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\$1,490,000 to \$1,550,000



The front swing in the giant paperbark tree. The private backyard clawfoot shower & bath. The safe and quiet street of established residences and friendly neighbours. The walking distance to the Bruns river, beach, bowling club, pub, supermarket and cafes. You're getting much more than a house here; you're buying the dream.



- Renovated brick three-bedroom house with air conditioning & solar
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  - Council-approved 30m<sup>2</sup> studio with private entry
  - 30m<sup>2</sup> office/garage with DA approval for further accommodation
  - Tropically landscaped 670m<sup>2</sup> north-facing block surrounded by leafy, mature growth
  - Multiple outdoor entertainment areas with great privacy
  - Quiet, family-oriented street, a short walk to everything, including gorgeous Bruns beach & river
- Inspect: By appointment  
 Contact: Todd Buckland - 0408 966 421  
 Byron Shire Real Estate

**Tongarra on the Ridge**

1 Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores

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Price: Expressions of Interest



This custom-built timber family home has character, individuality and plenty of living space. A grand formal entry reveals soaring five metre cathedral ceilings, filling the house with light. The ridgeline position ensures magnificent views from almost everywhere in the house. The location is great for privacy, yet just a short walk or ride into Brunswick. The upper level main bedroom features WIR, ensuite, large living area and adjacent deck with views. The 5-level layout provides room to move and spaces to escape to. There's also a generously sized study or a fourth bedroom.



The large open-plan entertainer's kitchen, dining and living area with polished hardwood flooring open out to a large deck with views to Cape Byron and the hinterland. Every detail of the construction was carefully considered and there is further potential in the design with large areas under roof space ready for extensions or a granny flat (STCA).

Inspect: Saturday March 21, 10.00-10.30am  
 Contact: Todd Buckland - 0408 966 421  
 Gary Brazenor - 0423 777 237  
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**Open for inspection**

**Belle Property**

- 39 Killarney Crescent Skennars Head. Sat 9.30-10am
- 28 Alison Ave, Lennox Head. Sat 10-10.30am
- 5 William Pl, Lennox Head. Sat 11-11.30am
- 25 Ibis Pl, Lennox Head. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 31 Fox Valley Way, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 13 McLeans St, Skennars Head. Sat 12.45-1.15pm

**Byron Bay & Hinterland Property**

- 8/11 Korau Pl, Suffolk Park. Sat 10.30-11am
- 3 Goninan Pl, Possum Creek. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 19 Blackbean Ln, Federal. Sat 12.30-1pm

**Byron Bay First National Real Estate**

- 58 Butler St, Byron Bay. Thu 1-1.30pm; Sat 10-10.30am
- 7/39 Lawson St, Byron Bay. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 23 Morrison Ave, Mullumbimby. Fri 11.30am-12pm
- 11 Iron Bark Ave, Byron Bay. Fri 1.15-1.45pm
- 1/14 Beachcomber Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 8.30-9am
- 32 Shirley Ln, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 27 Charlotte St Bangalow. Sat 9-9.30am
- 244 Goremans Rd, Eureka. Sat 9-9.30am
- 71 Lilli Pilli Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- House 3/34 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 23 Morrison Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 85 Skennars Head Rd, Skennars Head. Sat 10-10.30am
- 51a Balemo Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/9 Seaview St, East Ballina. Sat 10.30-11am
- 233 Coopers Shoot Rd, Coopers Shoot. Sat 10.30-11am
- 4/49 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Ribbonwood Pl, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2 Jacaranda Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 4 Kingsley Ln, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 119 Lawlers Ln, Bangalow. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 9 Koala Close, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 4/17 Mahogany Dr, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 17-19 Smith St, Clunes. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 135 Rocky Creek Dam Rd, Dunoon. Sat 1.30-2.30pm
- 1/39 Lawson St, Byron Bay. Sat 1.30-2.30pm

**Byron Shire Real Estate**

- 1 Tongarra Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Left Bank Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 26 North Head Rd, New Brighton. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/81B Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 2/81B Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

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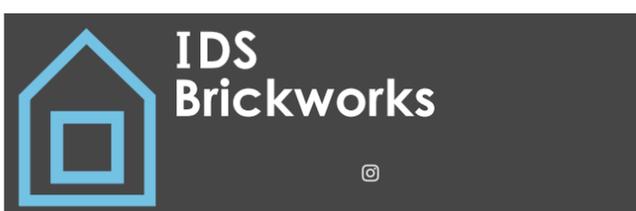
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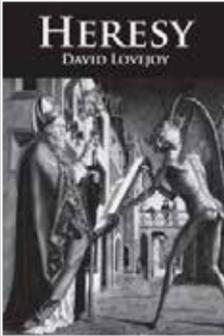
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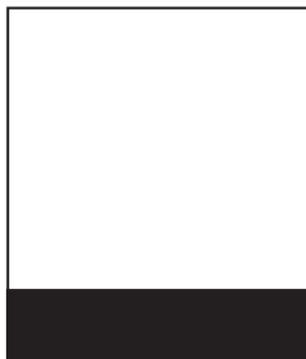
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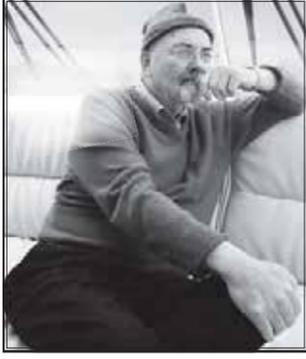
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## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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#### Disabled Surfing

Disabled Surfing this weekend, Saturday, 21 March, at Clarkes Beach, Byron Bay. Lots of volunteers are needed to help in the water for this event. Sign up at 9am, for a quick briefing, and a couple of hours of fun, followed by a barbecue and presentation. We supply rash-shirts, sun lotion, lunch and water, and generally wrap up by 1pm. The disabled community can sign on at 10am, ready to surf. Don't forget your swimmers, hats, towels and jumper if cloudy. Please check for cancellation prior to the event on facebook.com/DSAFarNorthCoast, call Daffy on 0458 690 455, or email Diana at dianasgarden@hotmail.com.

#### Land and rivercare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare is presenting a free workshop on the importance of rainforest riparian zone restoration funded by the Environmental Trust. Jen Ford from Ecosure in Brisbane will be presenting the workshop on Saturday, 28 March from 10.30am till 1.45pm on the Bangalow Heritage House Museum veranda. It will provide an overview of how our creeks have become so degraded; The importance of providing habitat for wildlife and creek health; Case studies (what can be achieved); Discussion on the importance of best practice regeneration techniques; And a walk and talk around Byron Creek restoration site. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided. A rainforest tree-planting will take place along Bandongrove Creek at 231 Fowlers lane, Bangalow on Saturday, 4 April with 1,200 rainforest trees ready to be planted (no hole digging).

#### Hastings-Tweed probus

The next meeting of Hastings Point and Tweed Coast probus club will be at Tricare, 87-89 Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point, on Tuesday, 17 March at 10 am. It will be followed by the AGM. Guest speaker Nikki from Service NSW who will talk about the services being offered, particularly the Travel Allowance. Info Jean 02 6670 4072

#### Friends of Palestine

Byron Friends of Palestine will join the international Israeli Apartheid Week on March 20. It is devoted to fighting all forms of racism, racial discrimination, marginalisation and oppression. It promotes Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) in the pursuit of Palestinian freedom, justice and equality. Our stall outside Fundies, Jonson Street, Byron Bay will distribute felafels with the cry 'Free Felafels, Free Palestine'.

#### Op shop sale

The Anglican Op Shop on Kingsley Steet, Byron Bay is having a sale for the next two weeks - come along and grab a bargain.

#### Animal welfare league

Animal welfare league (AWL) is having a street stall on Friday, 20 March from 8.30am till 1.30pm at the taxi rank, corner of Burringbar and Stuart Streets, Mullumbimby. Items include cakes, plants, books, bric-a-brac.

#### Bicycle Kitchen EOI

This is a community bike repairs, maintenance, re-cyclery and skills-share workshop proposed at The Mullumbimby Commons, 91 Main Arm Road. We want to hear from bicycle enthusiasts of all levels wishing to be involved! Mullum's True Wheel Cycles and Jay Carney are on board. Contact Tom: mullumcommons@gmail.com.

#### Bangalow Progress Association

Our quarterly general meeting is at 7pm Wednesday, 18 March at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. It will include an update on development and infrastructure activities in Bangalow. As we move to the implementation phase of the Bangalow Village Plan there is opportunity for broad community engagement. All BPA members and Bangalow residents welcome.

#### OSCC art group

The OSCC 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.

#### Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market is on this Saturday from 8am till 2pm on the corner of Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby. Great local artisans, massage, good food and coffee with Kobya playing live. We love your dogs but they can't come inside the market.

#### 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 OSCC Art Group. Entry forms will be available early March. Contact Marilyn on 6680 4907 or osccartgroup@gmail.com for information.

#### Visitors scheme

The Community Visitors Scheme is an empowering free service that sends volunteer visitors to senior citizens in their own homes and in residential care. It creates companionship and reduces social isolation. If you want to become a visitor, or you would like to receive one, call Northern Rivers Community Gateway on 6621 7397.

#### Dementia carers

Join us at our monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting will take place at 10.30-12 noon, Monday, 9 March, at a cafe in Brunswick Heads. Please call or text Karen on 0412 911 613 or email: dementiafriendly@byronrespite.com.au for the location. Bring your questions and concerns.

#### Crochet lessons

Would you like to learn to crochet? Mullumbimby CWA's handicraft group has organised beginners crochet lessons starting Wednesday, 18 March. Cost is \$10 for two hours. The lessons will be limited to five participants and must be booked in advance. Contact Betty: 6684 2056, or Jenn: 0427 847 282. Next CWA meeting 11 March.

#### Feel Good Friday

A free weekly group for women to access support and relax. Feel Good Fridays happen every Friday from 1 till

3pm at the Byron Community Cabin on Carlyle Street (behind the tennis courts in the recreational grounds). Just drop-in, no bookings or commitment necessary. For any further information and any questions just let me know by calling the Byron Community Centre on 6685 6807.

#### Federal Exchange

Our Autumn Federal Exchange is on at 10am on Saturday, 2 May at Federal Park Playground. This is an all-weather, family-friendly, cash-free community event. Bring along any garden fruit, veggies herbs, cuttings, seeds, eggs, bulbs etc to swap and share. See FB group The Federal Exchange for details or email: thefederalexchange@gmail.com.

#### Understanding super

Sandra Dowling from the Department of Human services will present a free talk 'Understanding Superannuation' at the Byron Bay Library on Friday, 20 March. It will include: how superannuation works, who can contribute, accumulations and options within funds, and gaining access to superannuation. Book on 136 357 or email fis.seminar.bookings@humanservices.gov.au.

#### First Fleeters

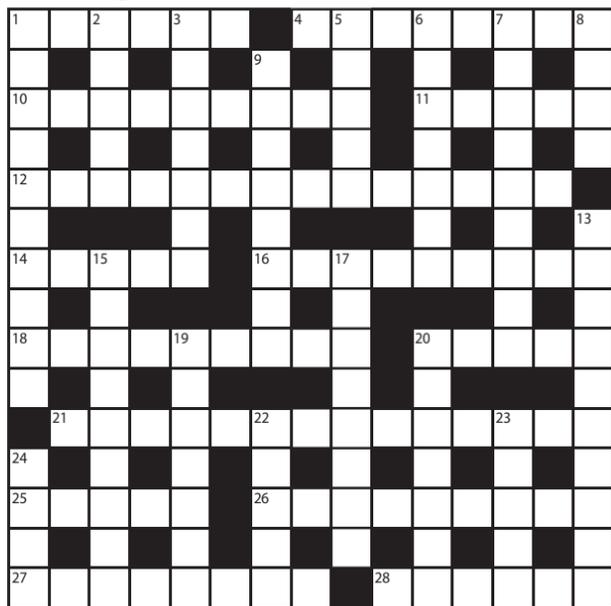
The Northern Rivers Chapter of the Fellowship of First Fleeters' next meeting will be held on Sunday, 22 March at the Cherry Street Sports Club, Ballina at 11.15am. Our guest speaker will be Sue King. All visitors welcome. Contact Karla on 6688 4306 or rojokarla1788@gmail.com

#### Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA members are always busy creating handmade items for sale at our rooms. Lovers of vintage-inspired, quirky and modern designs will find something to their liking in CWA rooms in the Main Street, six days a week. Funds raised support vulnerable women and children in our community. Women who want to make new friends, influence social policy or learn new craft skills should come along on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 9.30am to join a vibrant group of women with diverse interests. For further information contact cwasecbangalow@gmail.com or ring Barbara on 0415 166 754.

## Mungo's Crossword

N326



#### Cryptic Clues

##### ACROSS

- Bows for American verandas (6)
- Gets ready quietly about gentle Mars (8)
- Exaggerate above Tasmania, say (9)
- Mohammed, like an excuse (5)
- Rid art movement - nonsense. The use of will power to overcome physical problems (4,4,6)
- Just entitlement (5)
- Bad weather - popular with Atlee (9)
- Lost again - confused with reminiscence (9)
- Plant over place around the Italian (5)
- Tourist with hackneyed story about Sindbad among others (10,4)
- Small retirement fund - great! (5)
- Dessert with the amount of alcohol to involve no risk (9)
- Socialist Teddy - damn Barbarossa! (8)
- Holy man, fish with youth - unbending! (6)

##### DOWN

- S, bad weather on the way (10)
- Wrecked canoe in the sea (5)
- Faint ticket to return after interval (4,3)
- Discharge ambassador in the grog! (5)
- Soft clatter of meaningless talk (7)
- Pay increase - he will carry on a treat (5,4)
- Alarm with a band - but it's only average (2-2)
- Iron in the fabrication - it's an historical relief! (8)
- Walk with a bird and little kids - he's a performer! (7,3)
- 6, turn left and perform over a mollusc! (9)
- Bloke, English Clarke - he looks after the women! (8)
- Publicity doggerel - against our interests! (7)
- Throw the saucepan - he's a drunk! (7)
- Records clerk, said Spooner - he's on for a very long time! (5)
- A large individual - one his own (5)
- American queen, an employer (4)

#### Quick Clues

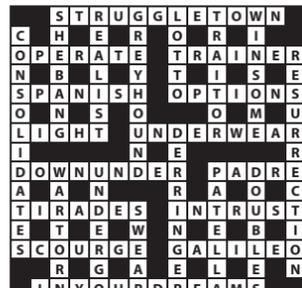
##### ACROSS

- Bows, kowtows (6)
- Gets ready (8)
- Exaggerate (9)
- False name (5)
- Place the intellect above the practical (4,4,6)
- Not left (5)
- Stormy, not pleasant (9)
- Wistful memory (9)
- Flowering bulb (5)
- Tourist's yarn (10,4)
- Terrific, above the norm (5)
- So simple an idiot can mangle it (9)
- English name for Barbarossa (8)
- Tough and unyielding (6)

##### DOWN

- Precursor to thunder and lightning (10)
- Open sea (5)
- Ticket to return to the show (7)
- Mucus discharge (5)
- Carry on talking irrelevantly
- Make a big racket, especially at a party (5,4)
- Only average (2-2)
- City besieged in the Boer War (8)
- British television host and performer (7,3)
- Slug or snail literally 'stomach foot' (9)
- Older person looking after girls on dates (8)
- Contrary, opposed (7)
- Heavy drinker (7)
- Convict with no hope of relief (5)
- Solo, isolated (5)
- Employer or addict (4)

#### Last week's solution N325



## 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.

#### Respite Service

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

#### Alateen meeting

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

#### Breast cancer support

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

#### Drug support groups

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

#### Support after suicide

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

#### Up your skills

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

#### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8.30am-12 noon and first Thursday of the month 9am-11am: food bank. Last Wednesday each month 10-11am: playtime. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Prue Harrington 0420 316 610. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.15pm, Saturday 9am-12.15pm. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm, Sun closed.

#### Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

#### Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazerati2010@gmail.com.

## Silver for 'Mono' in California

Crystal Cylinders

Byron Bay's Mark 'Mono' Stewart has claimed a silver medal at the 2020 AMPSURF ISA World PARA surfing championship, held in La Jolla California.

Finals day featured tiny, weak waves that didn't suit Stewart, or his finely tuned kneeboard, but he managed to adapt to the conditions and get the second highest scoring wave of the final.

There were 21 countries represented, and the competition had divisions for both men and women and for stand, prone, kneel, visually impaired, and wave



'Mono' working hard at La Jolla. Photo Sean Evans/ISA

ski surfers.

The team world championship was won by Spain.

### Pro results

Lennox Head's Nyxie Ryan had a good result down in Sydney with a semi-final finish in the Sydney Surf Pro Junior that was held in

decent surf.

Our local male pro surfers didn't fare so well at Manly in the Sydney Surf Pro with Soli Bailey, Kyuss King, Stuart Kennedy, Owen Wright and Matt Wilkinson all tumbling out of the draw in their first round heats, held in small inconsistent conditions.

## Rams win but are not yet in the ANZAC Cup final

Christian Layland

The Byron Bay Services Club Rams got the result they needed, but have to wait on another key fixture before their spot in the ANZAC Cup final is confirmed.

Needing a big win against Lismore Thistles to put pressure on Alstonville, the Rams did the job with a 4-1 victory thanks to strikes by Diego Vasquez, Lisandro Luaces, and Yusmel Mustelier.

With top spot in group A earning a place in the cup final, Byron now sit three points above Alstonville, and have a three-goal lead in goal difference. Villa though are yet to play their final match against Richmond Rovers.

No date for the catch-up game has been set, which gives the Rams a nervous wait. But Alstonville need a four-goal victory to overtake Byron.

Last Friday night's match



Rams' Lisandro Luaces on the charge. Photo Dogwhistle

did not start well for the Rams with the Thistles taking the lead within five minutes.

The equaliser came from a cross from Diego Vasquez that forced an own goal.

It was a different story in the second half when a resurgent Byron Bay took control.

Vasquez got the ball rolling, slamming a half-volley into the net after Lisandro Luaces beat three defenders

on the left side before passing to the striker.

Despite the dominance, Rams had to thank their keeper Pierce Essery for keeping them in the lead when he made some very smart saves from Thistle counter-attacks.

The big win was sealed when Yusmel Mustelier headed in and Luaces finished a one-on-one opportunity.

## Northern NSW surf athletes shine at state championships

The Surf Life Saving NSW 2020 State Championships wrapped-up on Sunday March 7, at Swansea Belmont, Lake Macquarie, with northern NSW surf sports athletes from Cudgen Headland, and Lennox Head performing strongly.

Lily O'Sullivan, from Cudgen Headland, claimed gold in the U/17 female board rescue, the U/17 surf race, silver in the tube rescue, and she took home two bronze medals in the U/17 board relay and U/17 board race.

It was one of the strongest individual performances in the competition and helped steer her club to claim a haul of sixteen medals.

Lennox Head SLSC also performed strongly, bagging two gold and three silver



Lennox Head SLS, Jackson Bond, and Oliver Sharp enjoyed the carnival at Lake Macquarie. Photo supplied

medals. Jackson Bond and Oliver Sharp were the stand-out performers. They worked well together to win the U/15 male board rescue, then backed up that performance to take the bronze in the U/15 board relay.

## Ocean Shores 18 qualify for state school swimming finals

Eighteen swimmers from the Ocean Shores Aquatics swim team have secured berths to the NSW state finals in Sydney in coming weeks.

They will be representing their schools and racing will be in late March or early April depending on the school.

'The recipe for their success consists of three main ingredients: persistence, passion and committing to the program,' coach Adrian Filipič said. 'They are a strong-willed bunch, and let nothing stand in the way of what they are setting out to achieve.'

'Good luck also to all the team swimmers competing in relays, I really am so proud of you all,' he said.



The Oceans 18: (L-R front row) Meg Porter, Charlotte Archibald, Sashi Wills (regional age winner), Jamillah Bikoumou (zone age winner), (middle row) Mollie Cheek (zone age winner), Eve Porter (zone age winner), Tiggi Groves, Montannah Archibald (zone age champ), Cedar Eastwell, Maddison Oliss and Macy Eastwell; (back row) Jack Safraneck, Tom Cheek (regional age winner), Miloš Safraneck (regional age winner), Tom Pockley, Jack Matkevich (district age winner). Not pictured Zara Morris, Roka Stewart. Photo supplied

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Cancelled events, panic buys, empty airports and holiday lets. 2020 has had a rocky start with drought, bushfires, floods and now a global pandemic. It's been said before on these pages but... Perhaps we shouldn't be electing slogan bogan adman PMs who believe in the literal interpretation of the Rapture and end times?

The Mullum & District Neighbourhood Centre say they have been inundated by residents unable to get what they need at supermarkets. 'They could not get what they can afford. We estimate that we can provide food parcels for another two days (as of Monday). Anyone who can... please consider sharing with us so we can share with others.'

As COVID-19 unfolds and upcoming events become uncertain, it's probably best to check by phone or website that they will continue. The Ngara event on March 25 is still up in the air, say organisers, and they suggest checking their Facebook page to make sure. Additionally, [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au) will update the list as cancellations and closures come to hand.

Two Harmony Day events (Saturday March 21) have now been called off - the Byron Youth Service at Fishheads has been postponed, while the Byron Harmony Festival Day at Mullum Civic Hall has been cancelled.

Splendour in the Grass 2020 has been rescheduled for October 23, 24 and 25 at North Byron Parklands in response to COVID-19.

Clearly West Byron is a project that can only occur when a group of developers have too much capital (to pay for endless court challenges and DA amendments) and have no respect for the community they inhabit. To keep foisting such an inappropriate development upon a community - that has time and time again rejected it - speaks volumes of the 'locals' who clearly want to ruin the place. To make your voice heard by April 9, send objections to [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au) and quote DA 10.2017.661.1.

MardiGrass (May 1-3) has been postponed owing 'to the uncertain times surrounding the coronavirus'. Co-organiser Michael Balderson says 'The plan is to let things settle and move the dates forward once we are in the clear. Tickets will be fully refunded or carried over to the next MardiGrass'.

Local industry group Northern Rivers Food (NRF) say that the 2020 Northern Rivers Food Harvest Festival has been cancelled. NRF chair Pam Brook says, 'We urge the Northern Rivers community to keep supporting our local farmers, producers, cafes and restaurants. We're all in this together!'

Byron Writers Festival's StoryBoard Program has been suspended for an initial four weeks until at least the end of term 1, say organisers.

St Johns Primary School in Mullumbimby has also postponed its school fete, planned for this Friday, as well as a school trip.

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