

## Budget cuts put Council's projects on ice

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has been forced to shelve its plans for an upgrade to the Mullumbimby swimming pool and the reactivation of the Byron rail line owing to the financial impact of COVID-19.

The agenda to last week's Council meeting revealed that there is a projected budget deficit of \$1.353 million for the 2020/2021 financial year, owing to COVID-19.

As a consequence, Council has been forced to reduce spending by cutting back on a number of activities.

'We didn't make this decision lightly,' Council's general manager Mark Arnold said of the decision to cut a study exploring the feasibility of the Mullumbimby pool upgrade.

### Pool upgrade delayed

'We looked for every possible opportunity to include this, which would have cost about \$50,000, in the budget. But it would mean going into deficit.'

The pool upgrade, which has widespread support among locals in the northern part of the Shire, was to include solar heating, so that it could remain open all year round.

There was also to have been a disability access ramp, a 'splash down' children's play pool and a rehabilitation pool.

'We have obviously hit a very difficult financial situation and it's one of those situations, through COVID-19, where we see ourselves unable to fund some of the projects we're passionate about and invested in, and that we look at our priorities,' Greens deputy mayor Sarah Ndiaye said.

The other project to be shelved was a study into options for reactivating some, or all of the old abandoned rail line between Byron and Mullumbimby.

Cr Basil Cameron, a long-time advocate of the rail reactivation plan as a way of addressing the Shire's transport woes, said the project remained a priority.

'It's absolutely vital that we lead in that process [of activation],' Cr Cameron said.

'I acknowledge that it's been left out of the budget, and I'm hoping we can bring that back into the budget sooner rather than later.'

It is the Council's intent to recover the budget shortfall during the course of the 2020/2021 financial year, as 'public health order restrictions continue to ease and economic activity starts to recover'.

## A mum and daughter summit

Mandy Nolan

How can mothers create better relationships with their daughters?

The co-founder of the Radiant Woman Mother Daughter Retreat program believes story sharing is vital.

Jaclyn Cunningham says she became passionate about creating the retreat after seeing 'high rates of anxiety in teenage girls – this sense they needed to prove themselves.'

'I also found that a lot of teenage girls really do want to have better relationships with their mums.'

The high school teacher says, 'When daughters listen to a whole group of mums, it can really help them understand something that might be going on in their relationship with their own mum.'

Jaclyn adds that often the mums who attend find insights along the way about their relationship with their own mother.



Summa Wheeler and daughter Angel, with mother/daughter facilitator Jaclyn Cunningham. Photo Jeff Dawson

## As Melbourne holidaymakers arrive – what are the virus risks?

With holidaymakers arriving to the Northern Rivers for the school holidays, local health authorities are strongly discouraging travel to and from areas of Melbourne with COVID-19 outbreaks until community transmission has been contained.

Chief executive of the Northern NSW Local Health District (LHD), Wayne Jones, told *The Echo*, 'Owing to the concerted effort of all residents, NSW has successfully suppressed COVID-19 to very low levels.'

'However, Victoria is seeing increased COVID-19 activity within some areas of Melbourne. These areas are being closely monitored, and interventions to prevent further transmissions from these areas are being implemented by the Victorian government.'

'Non-essential travel between Melbourne

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## How Bay FM is dusting itself off from COVID-19

Mandy Nolan

A lot has changed over the last few months in the media landscape.

Many regional newspapers have now disappeared, and the ABC is being subjected to severe funding cuts by a conservative government clearly in the pocket of Rupert Murdoch and other big business.

As such, community radio has never been more important.

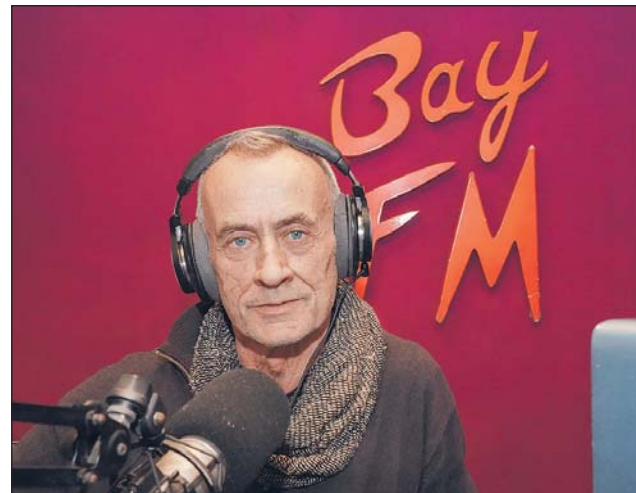
'We were an essential service during the [2018] fires' says Bay FM president Nyck Jeanes. 'There was a point when the ABC transmitter was down, and we had to present the necessary information.'

### New program

As the COVID-19 dust settles and after months of operating remotely, Bay FM is back in business at HQ, kicking off with a whole new program.

Bay FM president Nyck Jeanes, and station manager Philip Shine, have been the driving force behind the station's adaptation to remote programming.

'We closed March 23 and have operated a remote service of 69 programs – 40 contributing from homes. Some send a playlist through to our production manager, others include voice work.



Bay FM president and presenter, Nyck Jeanes.  
Photo Jeff Dawson

It's been a pretty good service considering the conditions', said Philip.

'We lost about 14 shows during the pandemic,' says Philip, who also laments the loss of income to Bay FM from their annual fundraising activities.

Nyck agreed that this had some impact, and was appreciative of the Byron Community Centre for their rent reduction.

'Like many organisations, we have been struggling financially – it's a tough period, because we didn't get our winter disco.

'We would like to acknowledge the local businesses who have remained sponsors during this time. We have had a couple of wonderful philanthropists gift us as well.'

Philip is confident about

Bay FM's future.

'We will survive. It will be difficult for the next 12 months – as all our fundraising has been via gigs. We are going to have to reinvent ourselves.'

The station did receive a \$20,000 business assistance package from the NSW government which has assisted with their survival.

### Safe workplace

And reinvention is in the air at Bay FM, with new programs coming on board, and new protocols for operating a COVID-19 safe workplace.

'We are opening July 6, with different studio usage,' says Philip.

'Usually, we only use one studio, but now we alternate one studio to the next. There will be no live guests.'

Other safe practices include each presenter being given their own washable foam sock to use on the microphone.

As long time presenter of *North Coast Positive*, Nyck is excited about the upcoming season for the much loved community station.

'This is the most changed and most significant program we've had. It's pretty exciting. We have some really exiting shows.

'While the much loved *Arts Canvass* with Karena Wynn Moylan, Danny Salfield's *Sandpit* and the *Jazz show* remains... there are some new specialist programs, including classical music on Sunday with Robyn Rodriguez and a Sunday Jazz program.

### Specialist presenters

'We have a lot of specialist presenters.

'It is about learning as a listener,' says Philip, 'a lot of our presenters have a lot of knowledge about the music they present.'

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## Vale JUNE DIANE GIBSON

Janette Gibson-Egert and Liberty Diana Gibson



On Thursday, June 11th 2020, June Diane Gibson, beloved twin sister to Janette Gibson-Egert, aunt to Liberty Gibson, great aunt to Oliver Gibson-McCarthy died in Byron Bay at age 76.

She was devoted to her family and was a loyal, generous and constant friend to many. Her acute perceptions and sense of humour were much valued.

June said on many occasions that she had lived several lives. She was born and grew up in Sydney. At an early age she showed academic promise. She studied at both University of New England, Armidale and Sydney University from where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, English and Psychology Honours. Psychology was to become her profession and passion.

Aged 27, she moved to live in Washington DC where she worked in the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services as a Psychologist. She completed a Master's in Education at the American University in Washington DC. She lived in America for 13 years before returning to Australia.

During the 1980s and 1990s June worked for The Family Court of Australia. In her roles, both as an executive and as a court counsellor, she assisted families to reduce family conflict – always keeping in mind how to uphold the best interests of any child. A standout feature of June's professional life was the combination of her obvious compassion for the families she met while, at the same time, her ability to write decisive family reports which assisted the court in its decision-making in what were often complicated family disputes.

June worked in Area Community Health in the Northern

Rivers as a psychologist for several years.

June was passionate about politics and social justice, being something of a radical lefty in her early university days. She had an enormous love of music and literature. She loved travelling, art, antiques and fabulous food, especially French cuisine. June delighted in hosting social occasions, where she would share her generosity and entertaining wit (always a joke or two). Her adoration for apparel was evident, as most can attest to having almost never seen her wearing the same outfit twice. Her cats were her much indulged pets and an obsession.

June was a keen Bridge player and an enthusiastic member of both the Brunswick and Byron Bay Bridge Clubs. 'At the bridge table she was welcoming, attentive, generous and eager to learn, never judgmental, or short of partners. June's afternoon teas were legendary, always eagerly anticipated, never disappointing. A charming witty lady who was always willing to lend a hand. June was an asset to both clubs. We will miss your sparkle, dear June.'

June's dear friend Susan Varga commented 'three days before she died of pancreatic cancer, in a period of lucidity, we shared a joke. Then she said: "We have been so lucky, Susan." That was my dear friend of 60 years, June.'

Her niece Liberty said 'Junie was more to me than an aunty. I feel incredibly lucky to have had her unwavering love, care and support and I will forever miss her.'



## No evidence of shell midden, say govt

Further to a recent story regarding the discovery of a potential Indigenous midden in the construction path of the Byron Bay transport hub, Transport NSW have told *The Echo* that a preliminary assessment by archaeologists has determined that the shells discovered were 'not part of an Aboriginal shell midden'.

The presence of hinged shells and the 'limited degree of calcium' was considered to indicate it was not a midden.

A spokesperson said, 'The report was submitted to Heritage NSW on June 2 and is under assessment'.



**New Mullum art**  
Mullum High teachers, Ed Sinnott and Scott Sentance, have joined forces with Mullum's business chamber to create an artwork symbolic of the 13 tribes of the Bundjalung nation. The iconography for the pole outside the Mullum newsagency was designed by Scott, who is being assisted by Ed and three local Indigenous students: Kaliyah Browning, Ebonie Dousling and Nakeya Squires. Photo Jeff 'Dancing Around Poles Since 1986' Dawson

## Health authorities warn of COVID-19 risks as holidaymakers arrive

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Mr Jones said, 'Further restrictions may be implemented as the situation evolves.'

'As we go into the school holiday period, everyone is reminded to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres, regular hand washing, and covering any coughs or sneezes.'

'We urge anyone in the

community feeling unwell – even with the mildest of symptoms such as a runny nose or scratchy throat – to isolate themselves from others and get tested for COVID-19 via their GP or by visiting one of the COVID-19 testing clinics.

### Prepared for cases

'Our hospitals and health facilities are prepared for any increase in COVID-19 cases in this region. We have

had pandemic response plans in place since March, and we continue to review these plans to ensure we can respond well'.

Meanwhile, local NSW MP Tamara Smith (Greens) told *The Echo*, 'The health of our community is paramount and I'm sure we are all very sad and frightened to hear that a second wave of the virus is happening in Victoria.'

'We all need to be super vigilant, and my message

to anyone travelling to our region from a COVID-19 hotspot is please don't come until that reality shifts.'

'It's also super important in a COVID-19 world that we do not demonise "other" people because of where we think they come from. We have seen horrid racism towards people who appear to be Chinese and also towards foreigners and "out of towners" trapped in our region once flights ceased'.

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## ABC cuts exceed \$783m: Labor

Local MP Justine Elliot (Labor) has joined the criticism condemning the Morrison Liberal-National government for its budget cuts, which will lead to the loss of 250 jobs at Australia's national broadcaster, the ABC.

*The Guardian* reports that ABC management is planning to cut the national head of emergency broadcasting, which was an essential service that saved lives during the 2018/19 summer bushfires.

Mrs Elliot said, 'ABC workers and services are essential across our community.'

'From emergency broadcasting during the bushfires and floods to trusted news, education and information during the Coronavirus pandemic, we need the ABC now more than ever.'

'Since 2013 the Liberal-National government has cut millions in funding to the ABC, which has meant job cuts and a shameful drop in Australian content and services.'

'The fact is, funding cuts to the ABC under this government are more than \$783 million.'

# The loss of local newspapers

David Lovejoy

When it was announced at the end of May that over one hundred local newspapers owned by Rupert Murdoch were no longer going to be printed, my feelings were mixed.

Firstly, it hurts like hell to close a newspaper. One is bad enough (RIP, beloved *Tweed Echo*), but more than a hundred? How dare this American billionaire destroy so many vital community assets in Australia for the sake of saving a fraction of one per cent of his fortune.

Not only are jobs lost when a newspaper stops printing; the reporting and examination of police, court and government matters are also lost.

A good local newspaper informs and connects people to each other in their community; it also connects them to the past, acting as a communal memory so that history does not endlessly repeat itself.

On second thoughts, it's not so bad. Not just because some competition will be removed from *The Echo*, but because Murdoch's influence

will be reduced in our area.

In recent years, his organisation has become more like a far-right political party than a purveyor of news.

Its papers are spattered by the venom of tosspots and bigots, whose views were apparently formed in South Africa in the sixties, and its television is produced by angry racists, for whom apologies must be made to visitors when their shouting heads appear on the screens of airport lounges.

Less of Murdoch should therefore be a blessing, although the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* is now distributed in a 'regional' version, which includes a couple of pages of Northern Rivers news, along with its hysterical tirades against the ABC.

To be fair, it is only News Corp's rabid metropolitan tabloids and *The Australian*, home of ancient white male privilege, that deserve our contempt.

The free printed newspapers in our area and elsewhere, now crippled and down to online subscription only, were usually written by professional journalists

without any trace of Murdoch's Fox News slime. Losing them is a genuine blow to the communities concerned.

Must it be a permanent loss? It is arguable that clearing out the old publications will give new ones room to grow. Even now I suspect most of the towns that have lost corporate newspapers have groups of citizens busy planning to start up community ones.

Yes, yes, the future lies in the digital realm, printed newspapers are a soon-to-be-extinct species targeted by the social media meteor – all that Cassandra commentary may be true, but outside of the main dinosaurs, News Corp and Nine (Fairfax), newspapers have been faring reasonably well, provided they have a strong identity based on their local community. Print is not dead yet.

However, the journalists thrown out of employment by Murdoch are not all local to the area they worked in. We cannot expect many of them to stay and help launch new community papers.

But without professional

journalists who know how to sniff out and write the stories that someone doesn't want to be written (the short definition of journalism), there is a danger of new titles becoming mere lifestyle glossies, advertising vehicles without serious news; printed yawns.

We have seen enough of those in our area already, most of which have succumbed to the advertising holocaust caused by COVID-19.

All of which proves that the future is unknowable.

Perhaps News Corp's newspaper massacre will lead to a rejuvenation of the medium; perhaps it will remain one of Rupert Murdoch's many dark stains on the fabric of Australian society.

In the meantime, the massacre is being given a particle collision level of spin. It is the start of a new era, say some of the doomed titles on their last front pages, as if their long-active and low-traffic web sites had only just popped into existence.

And yet, these last editions are full of sad

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Environment advocacy group, Nature Conservation Council (NCC), has welcomed NSW Environment Minister Matt Kean's announcement that the NSW government will add the 153,000-hectare Narriearra Station, in far northwest NSW, to the national parks estate.

NCC chief executive Chris Gambian said, 'We always welcome new parks but this

is particularly significant because of its scale and the range of ecosystems and species it will protect.'

'By securing this property, Minister Kean has beaten his pledge to add 200,000 hectares to the reserve system, and this government still has more than two years of its term left to run.'

'We now urge the government to turn its attention to

the urgent matter of forest conservation.'

'Thousands of hectares of state forests are endangered right now by mining and logging projects.'

'The Pilliga forest in the state's northwest, and the Gardens of Stone near Lithgow, are areas of outstanding conservation value threatened by gas and coal projects.'

## Tristan tackles nits again – in print

Local children's author Tristan Bancks is bringing nits back to the Shire with a relaunch of his 2009 books, *Nit Boy*.

He says, 'Up to 30 per cent of primary school-aged children are infected with head lice each year. And, for families, it can be a challenge. My wife made me do all the nit-combing in our family. She'd tell me that I was the one writing the book on nits, so I must be the expert. And, in truth, it was an excellent research opportunity.'

*Nit Boy* is told from the points-of-view of Lewis Snow, a kid with the worst case of



Tristan Bancks. Photo Amber Melody

nits in world history, and Ned, a nit that lives on his head.

Bancks will relaunch the book as part of Byron Writers

Festival's online Primary Schools Program in early August, which he will also host.



# and what it means to the North Coast

► retrospective features, unwittingly acknowledging what has been lost.

Here are some of the print titles that have disappeared from our region.

## The Northern Star

When *The Echo* was launched in June, 1986, the *Northern Star* was still a locally owned entity. The paper had been founded in 1876, and although conservative in politics, it disdained to confuse comment and news.

In 1988 Australian Provincial Newspapers was created out of the wreckage of Provincial Newspapers Queensland (Murdoch was also involved in the demise of PNQ) and the new entity later acquired the *Northern Star*. PNQ had been owned by a group of conservative newspaper families; APN's major shareholder was the belligerent Irish ex-footballer Tony O'Reilly, whose business methods were more robust, particularly in the pursuit of advertising.

In 2016 Murdoch reappeared on the scene and



Murdoch's local stable of newspapers are now behind an online paywall.

purchased APN's newspapers, promising that none of them would be closed. APN dwindled to some radio stations and billboard advertising, and then signalled a death wish by changing its name to HT&E, which stands for, absurdly, 'Here, There and Everywhere.' Four years after the takeover from APN, News Corp stopped printing the *Northern Star*.

## The Byron News

The *Byron News* was founded in 1971 and was initially a quaint family-run business.

The content was largely supplied by its readers – a sensible plan – and if the editor did not have enough copy he would fill the empty columns with quotes and proverbs from a reference book he kept handy on the typesetting machine.

When the family sold the paper to a Sydney-based investor who was only interested in its bottom line, the *News* went through a period of decline before being acquired by APN and regaining its balance.

Like the other APN titles, the *Byron News* was acquired

by News Corp in 2016, and the appointment of a series of professional editors saw the paper become a genuine resource for Byron Bay.

## The Ballina Advocate

The *Advocate* was initially a Mullumbimby publication. When its long-time editor Jim Brokenshire retired, Mullumbimby was left without a newspaper at all until the start of *The Echo*.

Then, for some time, APN ran the *Advocate* as a regional weekly, spreading across the shires of Byron and Ballina. With APN's

acquisition of the *Byron News*, the *Advocate's* wings were clipped and it became solely the Ballina local.

Unlike the *News*, the *Ballina Advocate* did not seem to improve under the ownership of News Corp.

## The Tweed Daily News

The Tweed paper did not have anything to learn from Rupert's news slanting. It was a paper indelibly stuck to the arse of the National Party, and its favourite trick was to print fake news the day before an election, defaming candidates who were not aligned with the good ol' boys, and then of course printing the correction and apology two days later.

## The Lismore Echo

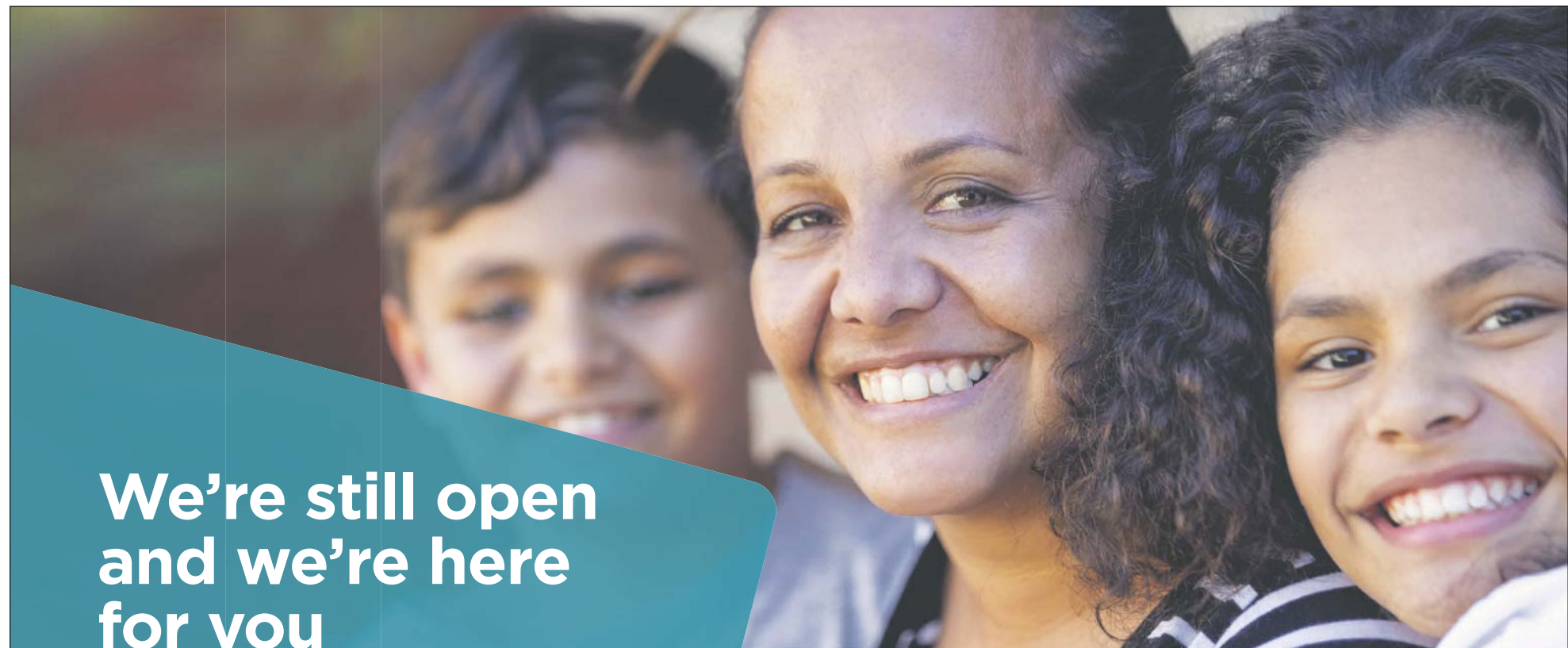
Founded in 1991 by the owners of the *Byron Shire Echo*, the paper started out strongly with Jenni Dell as editor, Mac Nicolson as advertising manager and Graham Askey as head of distribution. It was sold for a nominal sum to its employees in 1993, after an intensification of

the struggle to defend two newspapers against O'Reilly's business methods drained us of energy.

APN's first strategy of launching their own weekly (*Lismore Happenings*) had been quickly seen off, but when advertisers in a fledgling weekly are threatened with editorial boycotts by the local daily, you know you are in a no-holds-barred newspaper war.

The staff of the (renamed) *Northern Rivers Echo* succeeded in attracting Lismore's progressive readers and the paper survived intact as an independent voice, until it was sold out to APN in 2008, and subsequently sold off to News Corp in 2016. Along the way it reverted to its original and more accurate title, the *Lismore Echo*. This is the newspaper that is not even going to get the ghostly afterlife of online existence. It has been destroyed, just short of its thirtieth birthday.

■ David Lovejoy is an *Echo* co-founder



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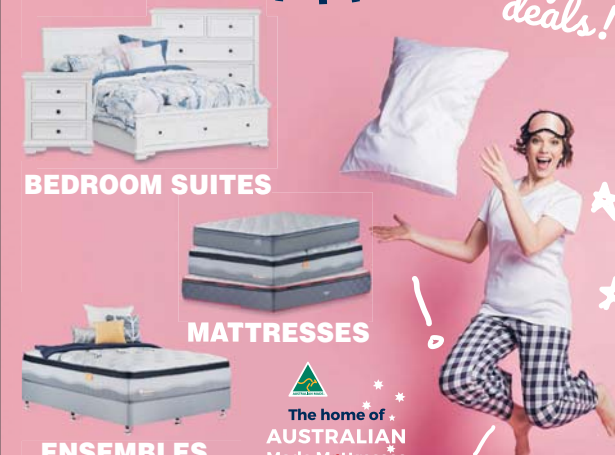


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# Ballina Council closes southern beaches

Story & photo David Lowe

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They also agreed to write to the State government to request that South Ballina Beach be closed to the general public driving 4WD vehicles.

Councillor Eoin Johnston said that Council had been frustrated by a lack of response from Crown Lands (which also holds jurisdiction over some of the affected areas), so moved a Notice of Motion to close the beach access point which Ballina Council controls, at Patches Beach.

He said it was the only practical thing Council could do to demonstrate its determination to address the 4WD problem.



Damage to the dunes caused by 4WDs.

## Government failure

Some councillors expressed their frustration with the State government's failure to assist Council by limiting access.

Other speakers suggested that Council needed to clearly show its position in order to encourage the State government to support them.

Cr Keith Williams seconded the motion to close the beach. He said, 'It's clear there are significant environmental impacts from the irresponsible behaviour of some users, but also from sheer numbers of vehicles

on the beach.'

Cr Phillip Meehan spoke about public safety and the destruction of pied oyster-catcher habitat. 'We need to save the area from the open slather,' he said. 'On a busy day like the other Sunday, it's quite diabolical. We shouldn't be tolerating it.'

Phil Hilliard made a submission on behalf of the Fisherman's Co-op. He spoke against the motion, saying 'the short term effect of restriction will mean short term costs.'

Patches Beach local, Rebecca Howard, spoke in favour of the motion. She

said that as a parent with a young family, she relied heavily on the beach, but it was 'very dangerous' at times, especially with the 4WD track adjacent to the walking track.

She said locals had noticed that many birds had returned and the bush began to regenerate during the COVID-19 lockdown, when 4WDs were not on the beach.

Ms Howard also said there had been more beach fishing, and it had been safer for families to be on the beach and play cricket and volleyball knowing there weren't 4WDs coming and going at speed.

# New sewage line to Belongil Creek to go to tender

Paul Bibby

The construction of an additional sewage flow path from the Byron Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to Belongil Creek will proceed to tender as per Council staff recommendation, despite a local hydrological engineer expressing concerns about the environmental impact.

A majority of Byron councillors approved the move at last week's meeting, five years after Council first decided to pursue the project in a bid to address the issue of treated effluent flowing into private farms around the STP, especially during heavy rains.

The additional path would use existing public drainage land that goes through the Byron Arts & Industrial Estate and West Byron Urban Release Area, eventually connecting to Belongil Creek.

But during the public access section of the meeting, local hydrological engineer, Duncan Dey, said that the project appeared to involve a potential increase in the amount of treated effluent being discharged into the catchment area.

Mr Dey is also a former councillor, and the Greens frontrunner for mayor and councillor candidate for the 2022 election.

'It seems to me that the project has taken a step



The current flow path is identified in blue above, while the new/additional flow pathway is marked as red. Image: Council agenda

forward into the expansion of the Byron sewage treatment system, which has not yet been thought about, though we can all see it coming,' Mr Dey said.

'There's a huge issue here about the capacity of the Belongil catchment and estuary to absorb more water,' Mr Dey said.

'All of the water coming through the Byron system comes from Rocky Creek Dam. We've got a cross-catchment transfer, and that water is being absorbed at the estuary.'

Mr Dey said there had already been major issues around the management of the system, including significant fish kills in Belongil Creek, and controversy over the opening of the mouth of the estuary. He said Council's own environmental assessment process didn't touch

on these issues, and that the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) had not yet granted approval.

There had also been a lack of consideration of what would happen in the event of another 100-year flood.

'It is full of oversights,' he said of Council's assessment process.

## Not ready for tender

'I implore you not to go to tender on this project, because it isn't ready.'

When the matter came up for debate during the meeting, Council's utilities manager Cameron Clarke was asked by Greens councillor Michael Lyon about some of Mr Dey's concerns.

'Is it appropriate to continue to tender without the EPA licence?', Cr Lyon asked.

'They indicated that they would give us the licence

once we've got the go-ahead,' Mr Clarke replied.

'There was concern that in the one-in-100-years flood, there might be some effluent in the drainage that might move slowly,' Mr Lyon continued.

Mr Clarke responded, 'There would be limited risk to the public in terms of public health and environmental health as the quality of the water means that there would be limited health and environmental health risk.'

## Operational matters

Cr Lyon said he felt everything had been included in the report from Council staff.

'There are still some things to work through, but as I see it, those are operational matters,' Cr Lyon said.

'I think the case for the additional flow path has been made, and we need to move forward now.'

Independent councillor Cate Coorey moved that, prior to tendering, Council seek an amended licence from the EPA, and that it produce a management and operational framework for the alternative flow path.

The motion also sought clarification on any potential increase in drainage flows prior to the tender process.

However, this motion was defeated by a majority of councillors, with the staff recommendation being approved by five votes to two.





# FutureWater

## PROJECT 2060

SECURING WATER SUPPLY FOR OUR REGION



**Rous County Council** recently finished investigating new water sources capable of securing a sustainable water supply for major parts of the Northern Rivers region. The result is Council's proposed **Future Water Project 2060** – a \$245 million dollar plan to secure the community's precious drinking water supplies over the next 40 years and beyond.

The project is the culmination of Council's extensive investigations over a long period to select a viable solution for permanently boosting the region's drinking water supply.

Most recently, Council finished exploring the long-term suitability of several new water source options identified

in its **Future Water Strategy**. Adopted in 2014 following extensive community input, the strategy's options included:

- increased groundwater use;
- water re-use; and
- the long-proposed Dunoon Dam.

## PREFERRED OPTION

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## NEXT STEPS

Rous County Council has placed the proposed Future Water Project 2060 on public exhibition for six weeks from **Wednesday 1 July 2020**.

Before deciding whether to officially adopt the project, Council will consider a report on the public exhibition period's outcomes at its ordinary meeting scheduled for **21 October 2020**.

For more information about the proposed project and its public exhibition period (including how to make a written submission) visit [rous.nsw.gov.au/futurewater](http://rous.nsw.gov.au/futurewater) or email [council@rous.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@rous.nsw.gov.au) or by calling (02) 6623 3800.







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

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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.

**Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission. To enable Council to provide you with further correspondence in relation to your submission, please provide an email address.**

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### EXHIBITION CLOSES 15 JULY 2020

There are no DAs to be advertised for this date.

### EXHIBITION CLOSES 22 JULY 2020

**10.2020.274.1 – Booyong, 590 Booyong Road (Lot 1 DP 878972, Lot 8 DP 41024, Lot 1 DP 1187774)** Dixonbuild Pty Ltd, New Dwelling to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached)

**10.2020.273.1 – Byron Bay, 84 Sunrise Boulevard (Lot 130 DP 877932)** Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants, Retrospective Approval of Internal Dwelling Alterations and Rear Shed

**10.2020.272.1 – Binna Burra, 530 Lismore Road (Lot 100 DP 1209712)** Newton Denny Chappelle, Use of Converted Farm Shed as Dwelling 2 of Detached Dual Occupancy

### EXHIBITION CLOSES 5 AUGUST 2020

**10.2020.277.1 – Suffolk Park, Alcorn Street (Lot 6 SEC: 7 DP 11632)** Geolink Consulting Engineers, Demolition of Existing Toilet Block and Construction of New Toilet Block

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The Draft Arts and Culture Policy is on exhibition for a period of more than 28 days and is available on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

The process for developing the draft included a literature review, Arts and Cultural sector consultation and broader community consultation. Submissions can be made on the Draft Policy up to the closing time and date below. If no submissions are received, the Draft Policy will be adopted.

**Submissions close: 4.00pm Friday 17 July 2020**

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

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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

**10.2020.168.1 – Ocean Shores, 18 Orana Road** Staged Residential Development Comprising Stage 1: Strata Subdivision Stage 2: Construct Dual Occupancy Dwelling (Detached)

**10.2020.96.1 – Byron Bay, 69 Butler Street** Use of Dwelling House as Bed and Breakfast Accommodation and Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

**10.2019.384.1 – Ewingsdale, 246 Woodford Lane** Change of Use from Equestrian Centre to Chocolate Manufacturer (Rural Industry) with Ancillary Retail Premises and Cafe

**10.2020.187.1 – Ocean Shores, 24 Warrambool Road** Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

**10.2020.89.1 – Byron Bay, 17-21 Jonson Street** External Signage to Existing Retail Shop

**10.2020.161.1 – Suffolk Park, 19 Armstrong Street** Swimming Pool

**10.2019.429.1 – Suffolk Park, 84-92 Broken Head Road** Subdivision One (1) Lot into Five (5) Lots and Tree Removal Seven (7) Trees

**10.2020.113.1 – Coorabell, 5/105 Keys Road** Dwelling House, Shed, Swimming Pool and Tree Removal (9 Trees)

**10.2019.639.1 – Brunswick Heads, 3 Teven Street** New Dwelling to Create Dual Occupancy (Detached), Demolition of Existing Shed and Strata Subdivision Two (2) Lots

**10.2020.205.1 – Bangalow, 31 Charlotte Street** Dwelling House

**10.2020.134.1 – Brunswick Heads, 2-4 Mullumbimbi Street** Alterations and Additions to Existing Pub (Pavilion and Storage Areas)

**10.2020.108.1 – Suffolk Park, 123 Alcorn Street** Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construct New Dwelling House

**10.2020.263.1 – Mullumbimby, 16 Melaleuca Drive** Swimming Pool and Associated Retaining Wall

**10.2020.7.2 – Bangalow, 5/111 Fowlers Lane** S4.55 for Design Modifications

**10.2019.363.3 – Byron Bay, 5 Don Street** S4.55 to Replace a Single Carport with a Double Carport, Add a Roof Over a Deck and Alter Roof Water Discharge Point

**10.2015.257.2 – Mullumbimby, 109 Station Street** S4.55 to Modify Floor Plan to Convert a Study to a Lounge including Removal of a Wall and to Delete Section 7.11 Contributions and Section 68 Charges Requirements

**10.2018.561.2 – Ewingsdale, 52 Plantation Drive** S4.55 for Design Modifications and to Alter Condition 42

**10.2019.274.2 – Byron Bay, 5 Don Street** S4.55 to Modify the Size and Location of Swimming Pool and Tennis Court and add Spa

**10.2018.506.2 – Bangalow, 7 Lismore Road** S4.55 to Modify Parking Layout, include New Garage and Swimming Pool and Retain Existing Pine Tree

### DEFERRED APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

**10.2020.162.1 – Byron Bay, 22 Beachcomber Drive**, Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House including Use of As-Built Works, Two New Car Parking Spaces, Demolition of Garden Shed and Clearing of Vegetation

## Nat Parks defends claims of insufficient resourcing for Broken Head

Hans Lovejoy

Illegal camping and parking at Broken Head is being addressed, says NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NSWNPWS), yet resident Alison Drover has told *The Echo* it's 'not good enough'.

Ms Drover said of illegal camping, 'This has been a known problem for many years, including replacement signs that were discussed two years ago.'

'We are witnessing groups of people heading down to Brays, down a hidden path, and there were trees cut down to check surf. One sign was replaced last year by NPWS, yet it had no information in it regarding fires etc. This is not just the case for Broken Head; the same situation exists for Brunswick Heads with illegal camping, rubbish and areas being used as toilets.'

*The Echo* asked NPWS if there were plans for a management plan to address illegal camping, including signage and parking compliance – ie paid parking.

A NPWS spokesperson replied, 'NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is addressing illegal campers and compliance matters in Broken Head Nature Reserve and in all other national parks and nature reserves in the area.'

'We undertake strategic compliance patrols and have been working with Byron Shire Council and the police in joint operations.'

'National Parks Rangers were on duty over the June long weekend, and specifically undertook compliance patrols at Broken Head'

Nature Reserve.

'Entry and regulatory signs throughout Broken Head Nature Reserve were updated in 2019. NPWS is also currently working with the Arakwal joint management committees on additional signage in key visitation national parks, including Broken Head Nature Reserve, to provide appropriate cultural messaging about visitors showing respect for our parks.'

### Standard response

Ms Drover said of the NPWS reply: 'This is the standard, almost copied response, I got from [NPWS management] for the past six years. It is just not good enough. The signage has been promised for years, and now the excuse is COVID-19. Police are so busy, they don't get out, especially down a damaged road which is about 30 minutes drive.'

'There are no rangers on at night from Council or NPWS. We still can't get information on rangers hours and resourcing. There is no long term vision for how the Nature Reserve will handle the numbers of visitors.'

'People are creating their own paths into the Reserve as they illegally park along Seven Mile, and then bush bash in. The result of this is that there is impact on biodiversity and these people use it as a toilet. This also means people don't consider the signage, ie about the unpatrolled beaches, fire and dogs etc, cliff risks.'

'It is back to front – Council develops management plans for towns rather than safeguarding our largest drawcard, which is nature.'

## Railway Park wins award

The designers of Railway Park's redevelopment have won two awards at the 2020 NSW Landscape Architecture Awards.

According to Council, landscape architecture and design studio, Plummer and Smith, along with Council staff and consultants and contributors were behind the project.

Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson (Greens), said the awards were in recognition of a project that was not only the first project to come out of the Byron Bay Town

Centre Masterplan, but it has also reinstated Railway Park as the heart of the Byron Bay CBD.

He said, '...The Byron Bay Masterplan Group, with the financial support of Council, set the goal of refurbishing the park...'

'Community input was key to the project and after 18 months of design work and 7 months of construction, the \$2.1 million park was unveiled to locals with a beautiful celebration in November last year', he said.



# Bruns paid parking reprieve

Paul Bibby

Paid parking in Brunswick Heads is set to become a political football at next year's Council elections, after a majority of Byron councillors voted to put off considering the move until next August.

In a victory for a group of local business owners, referred to during last week's Council meeting as 'the anti-parking meter lobby', councillors voted against a recommendation by Council staff to defer the matter until this October.

Instead, councillors elected to defer consideration until the eve of the September 2021 Council elections, meaning the likelihood of parking meters being installed in the next two years is virtually nil.

'If you're going to put this off, putting it off to that particular date is just going to turn it into a circus,' Greens councillor Sarah Ndiaye said.

Rejecting suggestions that his deferral motion was politically motivated, Labor councillor Paul Spooner said the move was necessary to

protect local businesses who had been seriously impacted by COVID-19.

'Over 100 jobs have been lost in Brunswick Heads owing to COVID,' Cr Spooner said.

## Loss of income

'The loss of income has been massive, owing to the reduction in tourism, the cancellation of festivals... not to mention the impact of the lockdown and social distancing.

'With this motion, we basically give ourselves 12 months to return to some sense of normality.

'For us to be even considering such a massive change in Bruns would be a silly decision.'

Cr Spooner, and his erstwhile ally, councillor Alan Hunter, rejected the parking study Council had commissioned, which showed parking occupancy rates of more than 100 per cent, saying it had lost relevance because it was conducted prior to COVID-19.

He also questioned the study's accuracy.

This closely echoed the claims by Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce

representative Michelle Begg, who said during public access that the study was characterised by inflated figures and anomalies.

'The dates when the study was conducted were not representative,' Ms Begg said.

'Then you consider the fact that [in the study] the occupancy rate of the four spaces parallel to Torakina was four times that of the Torakina carpark. How do you explain that?'

Ms Begg said Council should take the matter off the table for five years.

But Greens councillor Michael Lyon said there was a clear justification for introducing paid parking in Brunswick Heads, once the impacts of COVID had passed.

'I think it's undoubted that COVID has had an impact,' Cr Lyon said.

'What for me is really important is that the data shows unequivocally we have reached maximum occupancy. And looking at the trend figures, even if they're 50 per cent out, we are going to see a massive increase in visitation in the Shire, especially from South East QLD.

'This isn't just about Brunswick Heads, it's about the impact on the whole Shire and getting revenue for the whole Shire.'

Cr Cate Coorey also spoke in favour of the staff recommendation, pointing out that, far from introducing paid parking, it simply suggested a shorter deferral period.

'I understand that business is suffering, but this paid parking is not going to affect locals, because those with permits won't have to pay,' Cr Coorey said.

'Those on the pension and health care cards can get permits at a discounted rate.

'This is not a tax on locals, it's a tax on tourism and visitors to the Shire.'

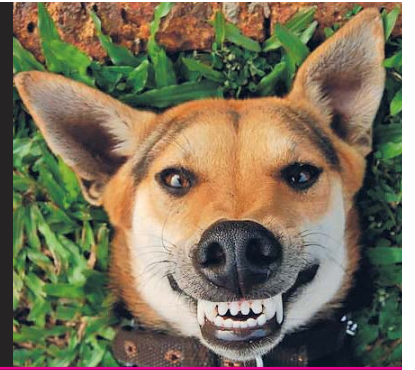
Cr Coorey moved the staff recommendation, but this was voted down by each of the other councillors, except Sarah Ndiaye.

When Cr Spooner's motion was then put, all councillors voted in favour.

Michelle Begg later told *The Echo*, 'At this time of huge uncertainty, the business community is very grateful [to councillors]. Thank you.'

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## Tourism sector unsupportive of Mayor's visitor fund

A Voluntary Visitor Fund (VVF) to entice the tourism sector to contribute funds to Council appears to have been a failure, according to a staff report in the June 25 Council agenda.

Spearheaded by Greens mayor Simon Richardson, the fund was adopted at the November 2013 meeting, says the report. A trial voluntary visitor contribution fund at the First Sun and Suffolk Park caravan parks, began in July, 2014.

Called the Beautify Byron Fund, its aim was 'to provide a prioritised list of projects where the funds raised could be spent'. Other Byron Bay businesses were also encouraged take part in the fund, which would see Council be the governing body to manage the fund.

The staff report reads, 'From 2013 to 2016 a substantial amount of work was completed on the rebranded 'Beautify Byron Fund'. However, the program did not gain traction or enough support from the tourism industry to be financial.

Staff say, over that time, \$16,627 was collected through Council's holiday parks.

While the mayor initiated a follow up forum in 2018 'with industry leaders and key stakeholders to discuss a 'reboot' of the Voluntary Visitor Fund', that too, was unsuccessful.

A motion that year to progress the fund involved a consultant for three months, whose job it was to sign up businesses.

Staff wrote, 'Owing to the lack of industry support, a luncheon was organised with five key industry leaders, the Mayor, Director of Sustainable Environment and Economy and the Tourism Officer to stimulate discussion and interest. The intent of the meeting was to invite these industry leaders to commit to the VVF and take a leadership role with industry, and encourage other businesses to be part of the program. At the meeting, all attendees agreed and pledged their support to a VVF; however, shortly after the meeting four of the businesses withdrew their support'.

So what happens from here? Despite staff recommending that councillors 'No longer pursue a Voluntary Visitor Fund', a councillor majority at the June 25 meeting voted to 'defer a decision on the Voluntary Visitor Fund, until a report is presented to a Council meeting in March 2021'.

Crs Spooner, Hackett, and Cameron voted against the motion.

## Other council meeting outcomes

Other decisions were made at the June 25 meeting:

A Sustainable Community Markets policy was adopted after no submissions were received. A Public Art Annual Small Grants Program was also adopted, along with the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2020-2030 and an Open Spaces Asset Management Plan. Stage one of the Cape Byron to South Golden Beach Scoping Study was adopted.

A Sustainable Catering Policy will go on exhibition, as well as the draft Operational Plan 2020/21 and a Draft Policy [for] Building in the Vicinity of Underground Infrastructure 2020.

And finally, but not only, a local event recovery fund will be established for events, using event sponsorship funds not required owing to COVID-19. Want more? Surely you do. It's all at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

Hans Lovejoy, editor

# Virus-free dream run abruptly ends

Australia awoke last week to the strains of Spike Milligan's poignant refrain, 'I'm walking backwards to Christmas.'

It may not be all the way to Christmas, but it could be even further – well into next year, and perhaps beyond that. We don't know and we can't tell.

But it is sadly clear that our dream run over the coronavirus pandemic has come to a sticky end.

And it has happened on both fronts, the medical and the economic. The cluster of hot spots that emerged from Victoria does not yet constitute the dreaded second wave, but it is worrying, and defies explanation.

For readers of *The Australian*, of course, it is all too simple: Daniel Andrews unleashed the beast by not clamping down on the Black Lives Matter protests. But hang on – there were protests in other states as well, without clusters emerging,

And in any case, not one of the cases in Victoria can be traced to the demonstrations.

So perhaps the problem was that Andrews mismanaged the Cedar Bay abattoir outbreak? Or ignored communicating COVID-19 information to the ethnic communities? One way or another, we have to blame the socialist totalitarian for something.

But apart from the partisan bullshit, the fact that there are clusters at all must serve as a warning, because across other parts, around the world, COVID-19 is still raging. It is out of control in Brazil, spreading dangerously in India, working its way through the southern United States and, most disturbingly, making huge inroads in parts of China, where it was thought to have been tamed.

The global infections now number close to ten million, with nearly half a million deaths. And despite the predictions of the optimists, we are not yet in reach of a vaccine. This is not good news.

And for the government, the worse news is that the easing of restrictions has not just stalled, but has been reversed in some areas, notably the urgency of opening state boundaries.

It appears that we are reverting to the old maxim: think globally, act locally. The national cabinet was never much more national than our mish-mash federation, or the constitution that birthed it; it was a useful conceit and helped us muddle through the early emergency,

but it was always gesture politics rather than reality.

And now the premiers have declared that it is every state for itself. Some are derestricting like mad, others are more cautious, playing for time. And of course Victoria has gone backwards – even toilet paper is back on the rationing list. This is serious, folks.

**Victoria has gone backwards – even toilet paper is back on the rationing list. This is serious, folks.**  
Mungo MacCallum



And at that stage Andrews called in the army – not to guard the state's vital supplies of dunny wipe – but mainly as prison wardens, preventing desperate returned travellers, immured in five star hotels, from making a bid for freedom. However, after a brief contemplation, Andrews apparently decided that this was a mission not in the finest traditions of ANZAC.

So the troops were pulled back, and the long-suffering cops sent to do the job. A few were retained to assist emergency testing stations, presumably to look intimidating, to warn of the dire consequences if people with runny noses refused to co-operate.

It seems that the lockdown may not just return, but will be micromanaged. Crash testing has begun immediately in trouble spots, and if they can be confirmed and isolated, they will become mini-gulags; no-go areas.

Good luck with that.

Containing state borders has been hard enough. Policing municipal boundaries would be all but impossible – unless, of course, vast numbers of troops are to be redeployed.

And that would entail considerable political risk. There is already talk of ignorant ethnic populations – by which, of course, is meant Muslims – breaking the rules, holding illegal gatherings for their Eid celebrations.

To turn these areas into closed ghettos would not be a good look, especially in these sensitive times.

And it appears that the other premiers are less than sympathetic. In NSW, Gladys Berejiklian has made it clear that

Victorian holidaymakers will not be welcome in her pristine domain – in fact, she has bluntly told them to buggar off.

Australia is still doing fairly well by world standards. Moody's rating agency and the International Monetary Fund have both offered commendation, ticking us off as one of the best in a fairly miserable bunch.

But the IMF have warned that shutting down the stimulus measures designed to dampen unemployment too abruptly could lead to awful consequences – it has urged caution; a gradual easing, rather than a sudden shut off.

Morrison and Josh Frydenberg seem, reluctantly, to be getting the message. The strictly temporary JobKeeper program, scheduled to end in September, may have to be extended, at least for the most vulnerable sectors of the economy.

And some extra spending is being rolled out; the beleaguered arts are finally getting a boost, although a very minor one, and in the wake of the Qantas stand down, assistance for the airline industry is on the table.

But it is still all about industry and business. Individuals – casual workers in particular – are not considered essential. And of course enemies are still to be punished. The universities, and most of all the ABC, have been singled out for clobbering. Some of us are in this together more than others.

And Morrison is hell-bent on ramping up the nation for business – whatever the consequences. 'We can't go "stop, go, stop, go", we can't flick the light on and off'; he insisted, blithely ignoring the fact that this is precisely what he is planning to do with JobKeeper.

'We've got to just keep the focus on keeping the economy open and getting people back into jobs.' And there is absolutely no need for anxiety about the Victorian outbreak, because 'we were expecting it.' Perhaps he was – the rest of us were somewhat taken aback.

But it's time to forget about the health crisis – so 2019-2020, We need a new narrative to turn the page into the new financial year. It's the economy, stupid – and we do mean stupid. Back to Spike Milligan. As the Great Goon might have warbled:

*'I've tried walking backwards  
And walking to the front  
But all the people stare at me  
And ask: who is that silly...'  
Yes, quite so. Moving right along...*

## Message from The Echo

Thanks to the encouraging response from readers and advertisers in Ballina we will be increasing our print distribution from this week to 23,000. We already home deliver all through Lennox Head and Skennars Head. We are starting home delivery to East Ballina today and continuing our drops to businesses and pickup spots around the Ballina Shire. We hope to gradually expand our distribution, and our editorial coverage of the coastal area, while maintaining our coverage of Byron.

For online coverage of all the surrounding shires, join the 1.2 million unique visitors that saw the news for free on [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au) in the last year.

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Cartoon by Holly English

**Develop together**

Thank you to Basil for your commitment in regards to the building height standard. No-one wants Byron Shire to end up like the Gold Coast.

The development of Habitat proves that beautiful design doesn't have to push the envelope, however, their Stage 5 development application (DA) includes 100+ hotel rooms, a Ted X centre and more retail. A contrast to the existing live/work ethos.

A supporting letter states it's 'important to understand the differentiation between Byron the 'party' town and West Byron'. The difference wasn't explained, but it's an interesting attitude that exists around the township of Byron. The view being that Byron is already stuffed – but everywhere else in the Shire is worth saving.

I live in the 'party' town of Byron and am equally as passionate about preserving the environment we live in, the villages and towns that

surround us, and the local businesses here. It feels like some folk are happy to trade on the name of Byron without caring what happens to this place many of us call home.

When it comes to overdevelopment, we are all in this together, building more retail spaces, more hotel rooms, more wellness centres, means more traffic and more pressure to fill them – and this ultimately affects everyone who lives here in Byron Shire. I am pretty sure that's not why people live here.

**BE Brooks**  
Byron Bay

**Scarrabelottis lookout**

I don't understand why all councillors but Cr Cate Coorey voted to approve a commercial enterprise next to this public location. There are many reasons why it is inappropriate, which rather than list now, I would like to ask councillors to contact *The Echo* and explain their

logic in approving it.

I have previously written to councillors about my concerns, only Cr Coorey and Cr Cameron replied.

This approval of a commercial enterprise using public land comes at a great cost to the community. It will also impact the propensity for citizens in the future to gift land to the public.

**Nat Clarke**  
Eureka

**ABC slash & burn**

As one of Scom's quiet (but extremely concerned) Australians, who loves sitting on my verandah listening to my ABC 7.45am news, I am appalled that the government can cut funding even further for our already stretched ABC.

The ABC was one of the only ways people knew what was happening in their area during the recent bushfires.

It seems that rural areas are not important enough to be immune from the funding

cuts. According to our Weather Bureau we are currently at a greater risk of flood.

As quiet rural residents, we really need a properly funded ABC to assist us with rural news and rural programming, as well as being a reassuring voice during times of calamity. It seems, as rural quiet residents we can no longer rely on privately funded radio and print being available to fill gaps left by the depleted ABC.

So there are even more Coalition seats in jeopardy next election – owing to your short sighted vision. This is definitely one area of rural jobs that can be fixed, but not at the cost of jobs in capital cities.

As for the harebrained idea of moving the ABC to the Western Suburbs: this is a cost not required.

Please, Mr Morrison, fund the ABC adequately to perform the job of a reliable disseminator of information. Remember during the fires many Australians could not access the internet owing to infrastructure failures. AM/FM and TV are really important in these times.

A disappointed voter.

**Doug Foskey**  
Tregeagle

**Trashed beaches**

In response to trashed beaches; we would really like to see a ban of 4WDs on Seven Mile Beach.

People in 4WDs have no regard for others and their actions can be quite dangerous for children and dogs.

I would like to see this addressed.

**Celeste Beves-Brown**  
Lennox Head

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**What was, is good too**

Many Sunrise residents will welcome the Council's review into pedestrian safety and parking issues in Sunrise (*Echo*, 24 June).

We have seen increasing degradation of our streetscapes over recent years, particularly with the Kollektive's exploitation of the Affordable Housing Act and their multi-dwelling developments.

Council planners and some councillors seem to have an 'architects' impression' of Sunrise providing dense residential accommodation for people walking and cycling to work in the Arts and Industrial area. The reality of car ownership in our region is apparent with the overflow of vehicles now clogging our once pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood.

Council is reminded that within their 'Community Strategic Plan 2028' they promise to manage the impacts of increased residential development '... in a strategic way to ensure that an increased population does not have a negative impact on the community and the lifestyle currently enjoyed.'

**Jeff Harrison**  
Sunrise Estate

over. There are flights from Sydney and Melbourne and it is getting colder, and drier.

Simply put, no one knows what will happen in regional Australia (re COVID-19) in winter and with no lockdowns.

But what we do know is that 'it won't happen here' complacency has been a common thread of disaster around the world. And based on observations these past weeks, if the novel coronavirus was here now, it'd find us with our guard down.

**B Joyce**  
Brunswick Heads

Byron Shire.

It is ludicrous for the NSW government to allow 20 or more people into a holiday let - it is an invitation for a 'party house'.

This is totally opposite to the latest government position, as seen in the Department of Planning's last exhibition on holiday letting, for two people of any age per bedroom, up to a maximum of six bedrooms, to occupy a holiday let.

It appears that one arm of government is not aware what the policies are of the other arm of government.

**Doug Luke**  
Coordinator, VOHL

As if this is not enough GM Arnold, doubtless 'encouraged' by some councillors, has come up with the wizard wheeze of a 'Management of Unreasonable Customer Conduct' proposal, now out on a wall near you.

They obviously don't realise it but this is an admission of abject failure on their behalf - they are admitting they cannot deal with 'their customers', without a gag option.

Who will get to decide what is 'unreasonable'? The faux-Greens and staff?

Basking in the pale glow of a Trump-like survey they missed that a 'fix' cannot hide their hubris and incompetence.

**Tom Tabart**  
Drysdale, Vic

**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

When chess began trending on Twitter on Wednesday, it was clear that some weird chess story was being disseminated widely.

Sure enough, on Tuesday a Sydney radio station had innocently asked an amateur player and former chess official, John Adams, to explain to their listeners why White moved first and whether there were racial connotations to the rule. Then all hell broke loose.

Adams declined the interview request but then tweeted. 'The ABC have taken the view that chess is RACIST given that white always go [sic] first!' and, since you can believe everything you read on Twitter, a pile-on against the ABC began.

Multiple Australian media outlets and even former World Champion Garry Kasparov criticised the ABC for their position; so much so that the ABC felt obliged to issue a statement denying that they had ever said chess was racist.

The following day a current chess official, Kevin Bonham, appeared in Adams' stead and explained the convention of White moving first was only established in the mid-late 1800s and that

it was done to standardise the recording of games. Bonham said there was absolutely no racial basis to White having the first move. Adams tweeted, 'The entire segment was both OUTRAGEOUS & BIZARRE!'

Yet the question of who goes first in chess has indeed been influenced - coincidentally or not - by the countries which set the rules.

Chess began in India around 1,500 years ago and then travelled, in various modified forms, through the Middle East before arriving in Europe during the Middle Ages.

While records are sparse as to who moved first in the Indian years, by 1,000 years ago records of Arabic chess, Shatranj, make it clear that: 'the Black men are for the chief, and the White for the inferior.' At that time games were generally visualised from Black's point of view.

The first chess puzzle books in Europe in the 1500s were also seen from Black's side but gradually that reversed. Though European chess books were, by the 1700s, showing openings with White going first, the convention did not become universal until tournament chess rules were standardised in the late 1800s.

**Complacency?**

As we all enjoyed restaurants and haircuts in the last couple of weeks, are we getting complacent about the risks?

Here are some post-lockdown observations from Mullum, Bangalow, Bruns and Byron: crowded shops; strangers shaking hands; hair stylist hugging multiple clients and not disinfecting equipment; waitstaff not social distancing; restaurants wiping tables with a damp rag post-meal, no other shared surface cleaning; crowded pavements; almost zero mask wearing.

Yes, there have been no cases here for multiple weeks. Yes, rural areas have been much less affected. And yes, lockdowns are hard.

But lockdowns do work, and ours is now essentially

**COVID contradictions**

Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL) has major concerns about the lifting of one of the COVID-19 restrictions.

The NSW government website states, 'Up to 20 people may stay in a holiday home or holiday rental. More than 20 people can stay... if they are all members of the same household.'

VOHL welcomes the reopening of approved accommodation, where due diligence in obtaining development consent has occurred.

VOHL does NOT welcome the reopening of short-term rental accommodation where it is still illegal in

**Secret trials**

The Morrison government is busy overseeing secret trials and has Dutton pushing to enhance his already overloaded trove of repressive legislation.

With the connivance of the pathetic ALP they are moving to limit senate motions in order to avoid political embarrassment. Freedom of information is now virtually extinct at all levels of government and now Byron's light Greens are trying to kick Fast Buck\$ out of Council meetings.

Oz is primed to become a police state anytime soon.

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as Dailan requested.

What about their good or exemplary work on other projects? What is the cost to Council of losing their experience across other areas? The impact of retraining, hiring, and the staff culture? Regardless of what is legally possible – not much in this instance.

Part of the councillors' role is to ensure all aspects of an organisation are sound and running smoothly, including the staff culture. It is also our role to own the mistakes, which we did. Lessons have been learnt, and our focus has been on getting it right in the future – not finding a scapegoat – to ensure a more robust process.

**Cr Michael Lyon**  
The Pocket

### Paid parking please

No amount of delusional spin or surveys (signed by tourists) can avoid the fact that Council has precious few options to raise money to maintain infrastructure in Byron Shire.

If so called 'simple pleasures' equates with more tourists, increasingly more numerous and larger festivals, increasing difficulty to move and park around Brunswick Heads, (in truth the whole Shire), increasing

pressure on road maintenance, water, garbage, sewerage and emergency services – then bring on paid parking.

I for one am fed up with subsidising tourist infrastructure, and the Chamber of Commerce in Brunswick Heads, through my ever-increasing rates. Maybe the chamber members could move to the Gold Coast, as they seem to want to live in a more crowded environment – unlike many who have moved here for community connection and a more enjoyable life.

**Rod Murray**  
Ocean Shores

### Call for tolerance

John Jennings (Letters, 24 June) has chosen Christian churches and Christians to belittle, ignoring other religions and superstitions promoted in this newspaper.

The Christian church is seen as a soft target – Christians don't riot, burn down your house, or the offices of the publisher, in response to the hate speech directed against them.

Christian organisations in this country do more to help homeless and poor people than any other institution.

Communist countries have shown the world that

Atheism does not bring peace or prosperity.

**W Wylie**  
Ocean Shores

### Not funny Buck\$

Re: Fast Buck\$ and Editors note (Letters, 10 June).

There are no special names for him, and there is nothing funny about it. For three and a half years John Anderson has made a mockery of my surname at every Council meeting he's attended.

My surname is steeped in my history, and that of many others. It was the name I took when I married and my husband left his home to come and live in Australia. It is the surname our two children and my three step-children in Senegal.

My husband died in 2002 and I have kept it in honour of him and my extended family. It's a little tricky to say, but most decent, respectful people manage. Every time he makes fun of my name it hurts me deeply. I cannot believe anyone could find that funny.

John Anderson's actions are reminiscent of an Australia where people felt they had to change their names to Jenny and John so Aussies could say them.

His behaviour has been

nothing but shameful and needs to be called out.

**Cr Sarah Ndiaye**  
Mullumbimby

■ Ed Note: It was our understanding the nickname referred to how you spoke at Council, not your surname. Fartbucks was the term you used in the heading of your letter. We never said these were funny.

### A great milestone?

I gritted my teeth and fumed when I read in *The Echo* (24 June) that Nationals Ben Franklin described the near completion of the Butler Street bypass as a 'great milestone'.

A milestone to where? In my mind it is the road to perdition, a damned future for Byron Bay – a disgrace.

This mini-motorway has cut a swathe of destruction through the bush corridor.

The placing of a transit centre at what used to be the Butler Street crossing is another horror.

**David Morris**  
Byron Bay

► So many letters that couldn't be printed. Find them on *Echonetdaily*: [www.echo.net.au/letters](http://www.echo.net.au/letters)

■ Bob Maughan clarified that she has always paid her rates (Letters, 10 June).

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Popular Byron Bay op shop, Global Ripple becomes a massive success after rescuing thousands of Kenyan villagers in massive drought.

Back in 2014, local Byron Shire resident Jacqui Boyett was sick of seeing people locally and internationally struggle due to poverty or financial struggle. Living amongst some of the highest homeless rates in Australia, she decided to do something about it, and the Global Ripple op shop was born.

Today, as a result of that vision, Global Ripple has successfully saved and supported tens of thousands of lives in Australia and across the globe. Increasing awareness about the op shop and the continued support of the Byron Shire community can keep this goodness going!

Because of the popularity of the not-for-profit shop, they recently moved to a larger warehouse around the corner in the Byron Arts and Industry estate, and have been blown away by the generosity of the community.

Their first project started helping remote villagers in Fiji and since then, Global Ripple have completed some massive projects - supporting remote villagers in the Nepal earthquakes, supporting Aboriginal communities in Arnhem land Northern Territory, housing projects in Cambodia with Byron High and, in conjunction with the

Byron Community Centre, helping fund the local Byron Bay homeless shelter for wet weather.

They have supported a Kenyan Orphanage, helped local single parents in financial struggles, and provided free clothing and bedding for our homeless community. Most recently, they helped support locals with the bushfires, and helped fund The Byron Community Centre's 'Pantry' program, which helps residents through the impacts of the Coronavirus.

Last year Global Ripple organised their largest project so far, setting up a water bore, solar pump and water tanks in Kenya, rescuing thousands of people who were dying owing to drought. As a direct result of this, the Kenyan government decided to do the same after seeing this little charity from Australia supporting the Kenyan people.

The ethos behind Global Ripple is simple: 'All profits go direct to projects, no middle-man, and no million dollar salaries for board members.'

People can help by donating goods directly to the shop or organising a pick up for much needed furniture donations.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated..

Check out all their great successes at [www.theglobalripple.org](http://www.theglobalripple.org) or on facebook at

[www.facebook.com/globalripple](https://www.facebook.com/globalripple) or visit their op-shop located at 2/17 Grevillea Street Byron Bay (same road as Bunnings).

Watch this space for the new and exciting stories that are about to take place. Come on down show your face, find yourself a hidden treasure, and meet the friendly team. Real people doing real things!

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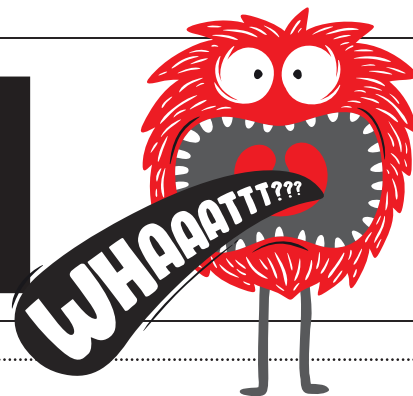
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## AUSTEN TAYSHUS

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## BEACH HOTEL

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## STARS BY LILITH



**CANCER THE CRAB**  
 Stable structures meet Plutonic catharsis as Saturn joins Jupiter, Pluto and intense weekend full moon eclipse in Capricorn...

- ♈ **ARIES:** This week's planetary retrogrades and eclipse in the professional and worldly status sector of your chart seem set to affect your career trajectory. Full moon eclipses tend to activate completions and turning points, but fortunately Mars in Aries is charging your superpowers so brace yourself for a wild few weeks of change.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** This week's planetary percolations, which include a potent lunar eclipse, could give you a second chance and three month window of opportunity to have another go at something that may not have worked out before: a business proposition, creative venture, avenue of interest, career move or personal passion. Go for it.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** A trio of intense planetary energy in your house of long term commitment, plus the third of a triple eclipse cycle could send plans and relationships every which way. In which case; extend your thinking beyond binary either-or scenarios and look for a third alternative. And if it doesn't – thank your lucky stars!
- ♋ **CANCER:** Partnership makeovers continue and deepen with this week's full moon eclipse activating everyone's destiny card. Think transformational, game changing, life altering – although nothing will happen overnight. Any changes that eclipse season activates were going to happen eventually anyway – this week simply speeds up the process.
- ♌ **LEO:** There's no quick fix for this week's demands. If you feel pressured to make instant, imperative decisions, don't. Not so fast, retrogrades are saying. Take it one step at a time. *Think deeply. Tread carefully...* Reduce immediate stress by taking better care of yourself, and your immediate environment, while events unfold.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** If there was ever a week to activate your inner Eeyore's glass-half-full, this could be it. Should the supercharged, dynamic full moon eclipse something away and/or shine a blinding spotlight on what can't be ignored anymore, think patience, kindness, grace. Don't be hard on yourself or others. A new day's coming.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** More focus on clan matters this week – if not your immediate loved ones, perhaps your family of origin. Are unresolved issues affecting the way you behave at present? This is a prime time to get clarity and closure, heal rifts with relatives or friends, and discuss foundational plans for future security.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** The powerful planetary emphasis peaking in your communication centre this week says it's time to put into practice all the interactive techniques you've been refining recently, whether that's spoken, written or social media. Destiny's requesting you to issue a strong, clear, compelling call to action that benefits our hurting world.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** As taskmaster Saturn joins retrograde heavyweights Jupiter and Pluto in your sector of work, money and daily routines, the re words kick in: retrace your steps, review, revisit, revise, rejig, rearrange, renew... Your reward will be opportunities and offers surfacing from the weekend's full moon onwards, though they'll take some time to fall into place.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** It's okay to pump the brakes, Capricorn. Okay to ask for help. Actually, more than okay – essential. Against the dramatic backdrop of your planetary ruler seven-ringed Saturn joining Jupiter and Pluto retrograde in Capricorn, this week's full moon eclipse in your sign brings a watershed moment for something exciting you always knew was coming.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** As Saturn flips into its retro trajectory, a recurring pattern could surface for a last hurrah of healing and closure. Take this timely opportunity to finalise and finally put to rest something that's been going on for way too long. Say 'sayonara' to whatever's run its course because new adventures are ready to roll.
- ♓ **PISCES:** With retrogrades in your teamwork and technology sector, expect stress tests and frustrations in everything from group dynamics to digital interactions. If the weekend's lunar eclipse magnifies what's happening, in some cases uncomfortably, just stick with it because everything you've already learned will stand you in good stead.

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### WELCOME TO NEWS PORN

The ABC is officially on the endangered list. Last week saw 250 jobs axed when management were forced to ameliorate budget shortfall to the tune of \$84million. The prime minister soft shod around the Liberal scroogeing of the national broadcaster, claiming there were no budget cuts. It's very Monty Python. They've set the ABC up to cut itself, and then hold them responsible for the drastic changes; Silly Auntie, see what you've done now!

Mr Morrison neglects to mention that these aggressive internal cuts have been made in response to the government's indexation freeze on ABC funding, which co-incidentally also amounts to \$84million. There are \$40million worth of content and staff cuts happening, in Sydney alone. Apparently the Coalition have always thought the ABC were too Sydney-centric. They dress too nice. They're smart. And they're troublemakers. You don't want journalists gathering together forming alliances and collaborating. That's dangerous. They need to be disparate. They need to be dispersed. They need to be isolated. It's so much easier to bully and confuse lone regional journalists, than the herds of Ultimo intelligentsia. You certainly don't want them sharing leads over their lattes.

Let's not forget that when it comes to bailing out the media, Mr Morrison's been able to find a few spare coins in his piggy. In April this year he bailed out Mr Murdoch's struggling regional mastheads to the tune of \$50million. Was that for survival, or a slush fund for redundancy payouts?

I was at uni studying journalism when I was 17. The industry that exists now is unrecognisable. You didn't print media releases. We were taught as journalists that you had to practise due diligence. A media release was just marketing - by publicists working for politicians, or businesses who were trying to sell you a pitch. Your job was to work out what the story was. You generally had to ring a few people for differing opinions. And most times you had to leave the office and go meet with people. Yep, outside. Sometimes it took a week to work out what the story was. You might have had an angle, but you had to source backup materials, and you had to have evidence.

Generally when a story like this came into being it spelt trouble for people in power. It was about exposing corruption, a.k.a keeping the bastards honest. Old school journalism was the slow food of its era. You didn't have to file five stories per day. Sometimes all you had was one or two a week. They were researched, and presented at length. They weren't the short form re-hashed populist drive-thru click bait that 'journalists' are forced to create in the 24-hour news cycle. From News Corp to News Porn.

The 24-hour news cycle sounds like we should have more news - because it's constant. What we have is less news and more noise. Stories that are created by the cannibalising of other stories which in turn were cannibalised... creating a kind of newsy porridge. The other day I read a news story about \$30 cookware at Aldi that rivalled the Le Creuset range. Is that news? Did they ring a secondary source to back this claim? Maybe someone at Chasseur?

I got caught in a weird story that's not a story this week. My soapbox from last week, that I blog on my facebook page, got picked up by Mamamia to reprint with my approval. Then I discovered The Daily Mail had run an article that cannibalised the story from Mamamia once it saw it got traction with women on their socials. It rewrote the story, and quoted me, like I was in an interview - turning it into a 'news' item instead of an opinion blog - featuring the headline 'Woman 52 gives up housework'. This story popped up just as I was writing this piece. 12 hours later a friend texted me to tell me they'd just talked about my housework story on Sunrise.

It was a blog about how I was sick of doing housework. I certainly didn't expect something that innocuous to become a news item.

Over the last decade there has been a constant whittling down of ABC resources - the last bastion of media we have that still does due diligence in their reporting. Without a national voice that isn't funded by corporate interest, how will Australians get independent information?

I guess, in future, when it comes to cooking up a story, we're going to have to get used to the \$30 pot.



### WITCHES

Pre-lockdown things were looking bright for Aine Tyrrell and Mandy Nolan of the Country Witches Association, with shows booked in Sydney for Vivid Festival, a week long run at Melbourne's iconic Butterfly Club, a season at the Gilded Balloon at Edinburgh Festival, followed by offers to perform at festivals in Ireland and Scotland. But Covid-19 changed all that.

In just one week the two performers, who had seen their CWA show hit a nerve across the globe, saw everything fall. While both felt crushed by the blow to their creative trajectory, they committed to keeping the spirit alive with regular Friday night online witching sessions.

For ten straight weeks the Country Witches performed and communed with their coven over Facebook, around fires, in loungerooms, in hair rollers, and finally, in the tub (cauldron)! With the ability to return to socially distanced 'seated' performances - the Country Witches are back on their brooms and preparing to sweep the place clean.

'It feels like everything we were, and what we thought our future was, is gone' says Mandy. 'There's an exciting feeling about what lies ahead. We laugh, we sing, we talk, but most of all, what we want to do is engage in a disruptive narrative, and right now it feels like things finally might be changing. Just got to keep up the pressure!'

Join the CWA - the unruly chapter of country witches at the Byron Services Club on Saturday 11 July. Show at 7.30pm. Tix are \$35 and must be purchased online - ainetyrrell.com/touring



### MUSIC IN KINGY

Things are kicking off at Kingscliff Beach Hotel too - with the live line up starting to push ahead. Friday sees the virtuoso genius of Jon J Bradley at 7pm, the cool charm of Jamie Ashforth on Saturday at 7pm, and on Sunday the salty folk licks of Dan Hannaford at 3pm.



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After a three-month hiatus between delivering programs and switching to online learning, the Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) is happy to announce the recommencement of the Bright Sparks Creative Kids Art programs at Ignite Studios.

The popular Art Station School Holiday Art program will be running in the second week of the upcoming school holidays from Wednesday 15 July - Thursday 16 July, delivering two exciting days of creative arts workshops. Learn how to paint with Narelle Bretherton, or delve into the world of mixed-media collage with Karma Barnes. Owing to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the normal holiday program has changed to one 3-hour art session, from 10am-1pm each day, with a maximum of ten participants allowed per session.

On Wednesday 29 July, in the second week of Term Three, the Bright Sparks After-School Art program will recommence, focusing on the art of nature with facilitator Cara MacLeod. Classes will be every Wednesday 4-5.30pm, starting 29 July-23 September.

All classes are held at Ignite Studios, located 60 Crane Street, Ballina. Book online via the Gallery website nrcgballina.com.au or phone 02 6681 0530.

### NORPA PLAYWRIGHTS SEND POSTCARDS TO DEAR AUSTRALIA

NORPA has contributed to Playwriting Australia's groundbreaking project, Dear Australia, where 50 new short works from some of Australia's best playwrights will be simultaneously live streamed, by more than 30 performing arts organisations from across Australia, Thursday-Saturday.

Playwriting Australia (PWA), the national body for the development of Australian plays and playwrights, invited 25 Australian theatre organisations, including NORPA, to each nominate two playwrights. PWA then commissioned these 50 playwrights to write a short monologue. 50 extraordinary actors recorded these monologues; many in their own homes.

The 50 moving and sometimes provocative stories will be grouped over three nights and live streamed by the partner theatres, along with major performing arts centres, such as Arts Centre Melbourne, Sydney Opera House, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Canberra Theatre Centre and Darwin Entertainment Centre.

NORPA nominated playwrights Janis Balodis and Suzie Miller. Janis and Suzie's monologues will be performed by actors Jacek Koman and Emma Jackson respectively.

A Dear Australia panel discussion will be broadcast, from the Joan Sutherland Theatre, by the Sydney Opera House on Saturday at 7pm, as part of its Digital Season.

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# Climate wars – vested interests shape politics while Australia burns

Keith Duncan

In November 2007, with enormous enthusiasm, Australian voters elected a Kevin Rudd-led Labor government in a landslide, with a huge mandate to implement an emissions trading scheme (ETS) to deal with anthropogenic climate change. John Howard took much the same policy to the same election.

Kevin Rudd immediately signed the Kyoto protocol and a bipartisan ETS was looking a certainty, with new Opposition leader Malcolm Turnbull giving his support. Fate however intervened, by September 2008 the entire world was in financial meltdown owing to the global financial crisis (GFC), and governments everywhere were struggling to save their economies.

By 2009 the world had changed, and opposition to carbon pricing was growing within the Coalition; and in the Senate, the Greens were demanding increasingly unrealistic measures to support the ETS.

The Rudd government was acutely aware that introducing huge cuts in carbon emissions in such a short time would damage the economy, and cost the government politically. Rudd again turned to Malcolm Turnbull to support his politically acceptable ETS that could be strengthened over time. But the inept and dangerous form

of Tony Abbott replaced Turnbull as leader by just one vote. This catastrophe would change the course of history, and unleash a decade-long climate war, aided by the Murdoch empire using weaponised misinformation and absurdities.

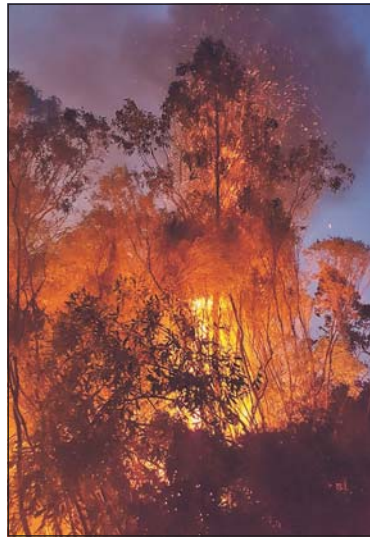
## Choice in hindsight

The Rudd government was short on options when both the Coalition and the Greens were unmoveable. Rudd could either call a double dissolution election, with no guarantee of success, or drop the ETS. He chose the latter, which ultimately cost him his job and cost Labor all credibility regarding climate change policy.

Bob Brown and the Greens should also hang their heads in shame over their intransigence. Had that ETS passed into law in 2009 and became embedded, we would not be in the dire position we are in today.

The introduction of the carbon tax in 2012 by the Gillard Labor government brought short-lived success. When the Abbott government was elected in 2013, the carbon tax/ETS was immediately scrapped and our carbon emissions have risen ever since.

By now it's painfully obvious that both Labor and the Greens made monumental mistakes, and absolutely nothing has been



Myall Creek, Bora Ridge Fire, 2019. Photo Ewan Willis

gained. The Greens seem to prefer 100 per cent of nothing to 80 per cent of something, and as a consequence, Australia has been the big loser – we now have 'direct action' (no action) under which the polluters are paid to pollute. In addition, we gifted the Coalition with a decade to brainwash, lie to, and frighten the crap out of the average voter at every election about the 'dangers' and 'high' cost of renewable energy.

## Action wanted

It's time for the Greens and Labor to have a serious re-think on strategy, because what we've been

doing for the past decade clearly isn't working, in fact, we're up shit creek.

Every opinion poll indicates that Australians want action on climate change, but it's not that simple. Convincing entire regional mining communities whose livelihoods depend on mining coal, to suddenly stop mining coal, is a problem (they vote), and Pauline Hanson is usually the beneficiary. We also can't continue to inconvenience the general public when going about their business with counter-productive protests – looking at you XR – because they vote too.

The only hope of ever getting back on track towards a low carbon future is to re-elect a Labor government, and keep it there. But the issue is now so politically charged we're all going to have to expect there are no quick fixes.

The Labor Party, often with Greens preferences, can usually win most city-centric seats that want action on climate change, but that doesn't necessarily give them government – they must also win regional seats, especially in Queensland.

A return to a LNP government at the coming election in Queensland would be a disaster. They would immediately repeal current environmental and land clearing

laws, and give the green light to Gina Rinehart and Clive Palmer to open ever more coal mines.

The LNP, who are terrified of renewables, would also immediately stifle the massive solar farms the Queensland Labor government is currently building, to replace domestic coal use. The total demise of export coal may have to depend on the eventual collapse in world demand.

With Angus Taylor now loose in the energy sector, Australia is about to be locked into a coal, gas and nuclear future – from which we may never recover. The only option is to remove this appalling government.

A realistic policy set is needed so that voters are not fearful for their personal economic future.

Labor and the Greens need to arrive at a compromise, because neither can afford to go to the 2022 Federal election at each other's throats over coalmines.

Australia is at a tipping point regarding climate change, and out of time and options: as Kevin Rudd famously stated, 'climate change presents the great moral challenge of our generation'.

■ Keith Duncan is the vice-president of the Ballina Labor sub-branch.

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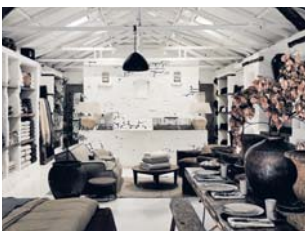


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# The Good Life



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## Sitting on top of the world, or at least Byron Bay

Eve Jeffery

Hot air ballooning has a rich history – it is the original form of aviation and was pioneered in France in 1783, so it seems only fitting that the first form of flight and the first rays of light in Australia are joined together in a wonderful experience in Byron Bay.

What many may not know is that ballooning suits Byron perfectly as it is a sunrise sport owing to the light and safe, navigable winds, in the early morning.

Family owned and operated, Balloon Aloft Byron Bay opened last year out of the rising demand for the experience, not only from tourists, but old and new residents alike.

Balloon Aloft's Taylor Miller says that ballooning is a bucket list adventure, often chosen to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, work and family get-togethers.

'People who come fly with us love the scenic beauty and peacefulness,'



says Taylor. 'They can't believe the floating sensation and silence above the treetops on a calm dewy morning.'

Taylor says she enjoys seeing how passengers react to the experience. 'Anyone who has any fear of flying or heights – which can be often – is quickly cured of that as soon as they see the gentle moment of lift-off. The majesty of the experience seems to just wash it all away. Also, the pilots are incredibly professional and helpful – somehow they seem to imbue a kind of serenity.'

Balloon sizes can vary according to the size of the group – a small VIP basket

is available for a couple, and there is a big basket that can cater for up to 24 passengers.

Taylor says the Balloon Aloft Byron Bay experience lasts about four hours. 'We meet at the Farm in Ewingsdale before dawn and after checking in, we drive out to one of many launch sites across the region, depending on the winds of the day. The flight time lasts for one hour, and then we return to the Farm for a wholesome coffee and breakfast at the Three Blue Ducks Restaurant. This is another great highlight to the morning because such a big morning outdoors really stimulates the appetite!'

After three months of COVID-19, Balloon Aloft is open again with special arrangements and more spacious basket compartments to accommodate the times.

Taylor says that Balloon Aloft pilots are CASA certified, the same as any other commercial aircraft pilot. 'All the balloons are handmade and manufactured in Sydney, by the Kavanagh family, and are well recognised as the best in the world.'

Taylor says working with the balloons has made her fall in love with home all over again. 'Having grown up in the region, I relish

driving through the green valleys and seeing the morning sun wash over the landscape, near and beyond the coast. It's wonderful being surrounded by a group of happy smiling passengers – it's such a positive start to the day and generally, it's a 5-9 instead of a 9-5!

'For all of us, the crew and the pilots, it is one of the best jobs in the world, and in the best place in the world, and an amazing way to see the ocean and hinterland and the magic light of the rainbow region.'

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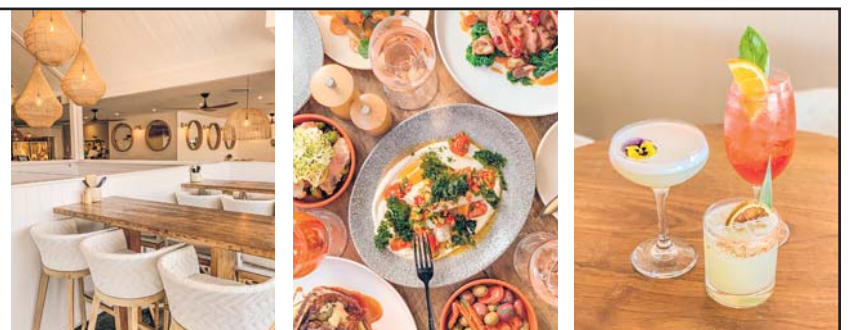
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The menu includes everything from Sydney rock oysters through to fried school prawns, the Loft cheeseburger and fish and chips, as well as charcuterie, cheese and mixed deli boards. There are also delicious medium and large dishes, including chicken Katsu sliders, Korean chilli

tofu, roast duck breast, snapper, rump cap and a 500g Sirloin steak, then onto delectable desserts, including a magnificent brie cheesecake.

Loft has plenty of gluten-free and vegetarian meals available, and even something for the vegans with scrumptious fries, tempura eggplant with miso ranch, and a salt-baked sweet potato salad.

Byron has always been home for Loft's new chef Craig McFarland. He did travel south in his early years to work at Sydney's Bistro Moncur and with Neil Perry, however locals would have tasted McFarland's fare at St Elmo's up until 2017, before he travelled



internationally to broaden his talents.

'I was keen to come home for a lifestyle change,' says Craig. 'After working

in a number of amazing restaurants with varying cuisines, I decided it was time to come home, closer to my family and the beach'

Spanish cuisine is Craig's speciality, but he has a keen interest in Asian cuisines. Having recently returned from a snowboarding stint in Hakuba, Craig has some exciting Japanese and other Asian flavours to add to the new Loft menu.

McFarland's signature dish is bone marrow. 'I have tried this in a number of my previous venues, and it has been a hit. It's something that people may not commonly see, but when they try it, they are blown away.'

Now that he's home in Byron, Loft is the perfect place for Craig to be. 'It is a beautiful location set above Jonson Street with the most amazing ocean

views – I secretly wish the kitchen was on our terrace. The team here has been welcoming, and we have had fun working together to reopen and get ready with our brand-new menu.'

Loft is really excited to announce that they now have a private dining room that caters for groups, up to 30 seated, for any and all occasions and celebrations.

Loft Byron Bay is upstairs at 4 Jonson Street, and is open from 4pm until late, seven days a week. Loft will be reopening for their lunches from 7 September.

■ To find out more and see the menu, visit: [www.loftbyronbay.com.au](http://www.loftbyronbay.com.au).

## Good Taste

### Eateries Guide

#### BALLINA

**Wharf**  
Bar & Restaurant



**Wharf Bar & Restaurant**

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Byron Bay

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*Rosie*



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*Carmel*

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*Amanda*

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4 1 1 1 670M<sup>2</sup>

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**234 BROKEN HEAD ROAD, SUFFOLK PARK**

5 4 2 2 6041M<sup>2</sup>

- Luxurious and functional architectural design home
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**3 DANIELS STREET, BYRON BAY**

4 2 2 2 218M<sup>2</sup>

- Torrens title home on 218m<sup>2</sup> block close to town
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**56 BUTLER STREET, BYRON BAY**

5 4 2 2 487M<sup>2</sup>

- Quality property in the centre of town
- Lovely home offering charm, warmth, character
- Open plan kitchen and dining space leads out to a covered deck
- Large private courtyard with established gardens
- Rear lane access and a large, well equipped studio
- 5 generous bedrooms, modern and fresh bathrooms
- Excellent investment opportunity, strong proven income

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 4 July 12.00 - 12.30pm

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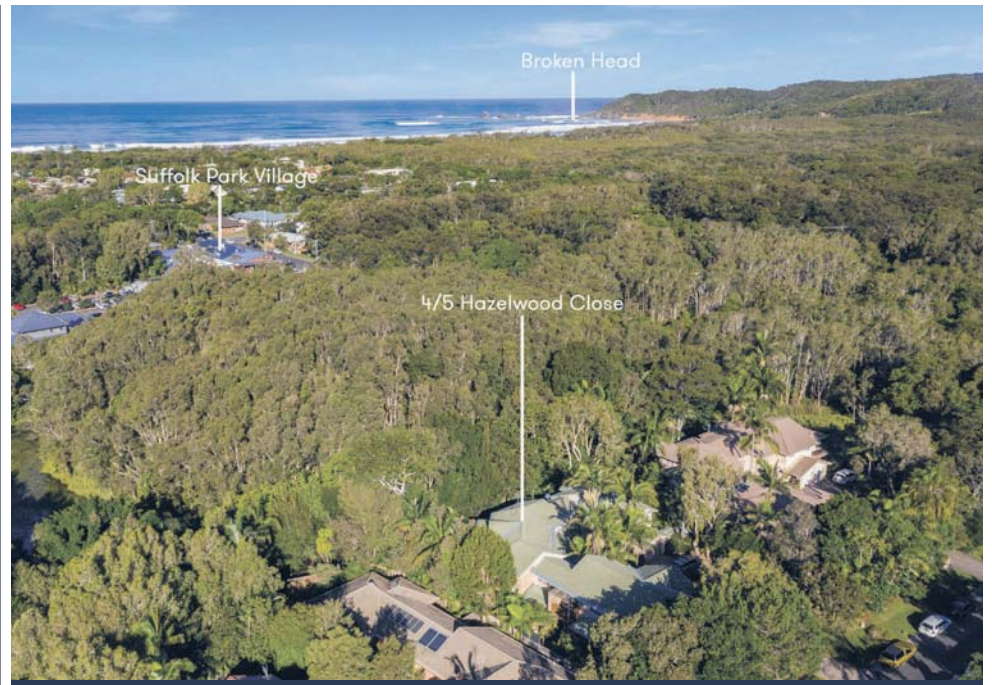


**21B GORDON STREET, BYRON BAY**

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- Spacious 2 bedrooms designed to provide private guest accommodation
- Luxurious ensuites with custom cabinetry, marble tiles plus outdoor bathrooms
- Open plan living with heated floors and opening to the north facing courtyards
- Heated pool and spa surrounded by private deck and courtyard
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 Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



**4/5 HAZELWOOD CLOSE, SUFFOLK PARK**

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- Easy walk to Suffolk Park shops and beach
- Spacious and very private townhouse with an easterly aspect
- Open plan lounge, kitchen and dining rooms open to a large yard and courtyard
- Kitchen, living and bedrooms overlook a beautiful bush reserve
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**10 TULIPWOOD COURT, SUFFOLK PARK**

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- Free-standing home on 458m<sup>2</sup>, completely private
- Set the at the end of a cul-de-sac and down a private drive
- Open plan kitchen and living room which flows to the a large covered deck
- Second living/rumpus adjoining the main living room
- Two of the bedrooms have built in robes all bedrooms look out on tropical gardens
- Easy walk to local parks and shops, short drive or cycle to Suffolk Park Beach

Price: \$685,000 to \$750,000  
 Open: Saturday, 4 July 9.00 – 9.30am  
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**36 CORKWOOD CRESCENT, SUFFOLK PARK**


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- Great family home located on a quiet, family friendly street
- Open plan living area with blackbutt timber floors, air-con & bifolds to outside
- Modern kitchen with gas cooktop and oven
- Undercover courtyard, large flat lawn, vege patch, established garden and trees
- Private yard with bushland views
- Great investment opportunity with proven rental returns
- Minutes to shops and beaches, walking distance to Baz and Shaz

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**21B GORDON STREET, BYRON BAY**




**\$2.2M**

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5 4 3 1376M<sup>2</sup>

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**\$1.5M**

5 4 4 1141M<sup>2</sup>

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**\$800,000 TO \$880,000**

4 1 1 670M<sup>2</sup>

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**\$1.26M TO \$1.4M**

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**\$1.85M TO \$1.95M**

4 2 4 96AC

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**\$2.99M**

3 2 4 65AC

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4 2 2 506M<sup>2</sup>

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3 2 2 482M<sup>2</sup>

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5 3 2 9643M<sup>2</sup>

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**\$685,000 TO \$740,000**

3 2 4 4017M<sup>2</sup>

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**1035C HINTERLAND WAY, BANGALOW**



**\$4.7M TO \$5.15M**

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**HELENE ADAMS - 0412 139 807**

**39 LILLI PILLI DRIVE, BYRON BAY**



**\$1.2M TO \$1.25M**

4 3 2 814M<sup>2</sup>

**OLIVER ALDRIDGE - 0421 171 499**

**CLOVER HILL ESTATE, BANGALOW**



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500M<sup>2</sup>

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**2070 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, MULLUMBIMBY**



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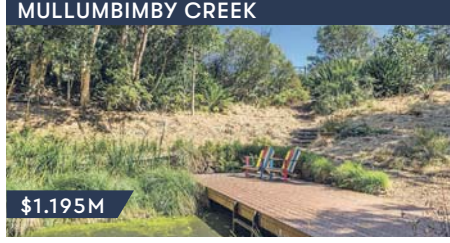


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4 1 1 721M<sup>2</sup>

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**110 YANKEE CREEK ROAD, MULLUMBIMBY CREEK**



**\$1.195M**

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**\$725,000 TO \$795,000**

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- 2070 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Wed 12.30-1pm
- 804 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Thu 11-11.30am
- 5/64-70 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 10 Tulipwood Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
- 2070 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 804 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 10-10.30am
- 115 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 34 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 48 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 9 Koala Close, Ewingsdale. Sat 10-10.30am
- 234 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1107 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Montecollum. Sat 11-11.30am
- 40 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 11-11.30am
- 13 Green Frog Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 118 Mcauleys Lane, Myocum. Sat 11-11.30am
- 35 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 135 Rocky Creek Dam Road, Dunoon. Sat 11-11.30am
- 44 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 428 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2E Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 31 Queen Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 33 Queen Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 56 Butler Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 18 Booyong Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Daniels Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 70 Butler Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 4/5 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm

### Elders Brunswick Valley

- 6067 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar. Sat 9-9.30am
- 2/28 South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.30-11am
- 40 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2/20 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 22 Garden Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30am-12pm

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- 1a Train St, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30am-12pm

### LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

- 1 Oba Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 26 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 2 Paldi Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 30 Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 35 Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 11 Nightcap Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 1-1.30pm

### McGrath Byron Bay

- 14/21-25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 19/11 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 38 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads/ Murwillumbah

- 5 Whian Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9.30-10am
- 10 McPherson Court, Murwillumbah. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1/4 Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 12/1 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30-11am
- 40 Wahlooga Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 20 Sapphire Court, Lismore Heights. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 10 Gardner Ave, Lismore. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 11 Flinders Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30-1pm
- Pinnacle Estate, Ramsay Close, Goonellabah. Sat 12-1pm
- 556 Caniaba Road, Caniaba. Sat 1.30-2pm

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### Byron Bay First National Real Estate

- 70 Butler Street, Byron Bay
- 2/16 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

### Fiona Johnson @Realty

- 3/88 Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores

### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads/ Murwillumbah

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		Full moon	2.44pm	Third quarter	9.28am	New moon	3.32am	First quarter	10.32pm	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	W	0639	1700	1340	0209	0428 1.40; 1736 1.66	1041 0.31; 2347 0.51			1130 0.28	
2	T	0639	1700	1423	0315	0530 1.34; 1830 1.77				0050 0.45; 1217 0.26	
3	F	0639	1701	1511	0421	0629 1.30; 1921 1.85				0145 0.39; 1303 0.25	
4	S	0639	1701	1603	0526	0722 1.27; 2008 1.90				0236 0.35; 1348 0.26	
5	S	0639	1701	1700	0627	0812 1.25; 2053 1.90				0322 0.34; 1431 0.29	
6	M	0639	1702	1800	0723	0858 1.23; 2135 1.87				0405 0.35; 1513 0.33	
7	T	0639	1702	1900	0813	0942 1.21; 2215 1.81				0446 0.38; 1554 0.39	
8	W	0639	1703	1958	0857	1024 1.20; 2252 1.73				0526 0.42; 1636 0.47	
9	T	0638	1703	2055	0935	1105 1.18; 2329 1.64				0603 0.45; 1720 0.55	
10	F	0638	1704	2149	1009	1149 1.18				0725 0.49; 1912 0.71	
11	S	0638	1704	2242	1040	0005 1.55; 1240 1.18				0812 0.49; 2025 0.75	
12	S	0638	1705	2333	1110	0045 1.45; 1339 1.20				0900 0.48; 2147 0.75	
13	M	0638	1705		1140	0130 1.35; 1445 1.24				0949 0.46; 2302 0.70	
14	T	0637	1706	0025	1210	0226 1.27; 1549 1.32				1035 0.43	
15	W	0637	1706	0118	1242	0329 1.20; 1645 1.41				0002 0.63; 1120 0.39	
16	T	0637	1707	0212	1318	0430 1.17; 1735 1.52				0051 0.55; 1202 0.35	
17	F	0636	1707	0308	1357	0526 1.16; 1821 1.62				0134 0.47; 1245 0.30	
18	S	0636	1708	0406	1443	0617 1.17; 1905 1.71				0215 0.40; 1329 0.25	
19	S	0636	1708	0505	1535	0705 1.19; 1947 1.79				0257 0.35; 1413 0.22	
20	M	0635	1709	0602	1633	0751 1.21; 2030 1.85				0339 0.31; 1458 0.22	
21	T	0635	1709	0655	1735	0836 1.24; 2113 1.89				0422 0.28; 1545 0.24	
22	W	0634	1710	0745	1840	0922 1.27; 2156 1.89				0505 0.28; 1635 0.30	
23	T	0634	1710	0830	1946	1010 1.29; 2239 1.86				0581 0.28; 1720 0.35	
24	F	0633	1711	0911	2051	1100 1.31; 2322 1.79				0638 0.31; 1833 0.48	
25	S	0633	1711	0949	2155	1152 1.33				0727 0.33; 1947 0.57	
26	S	0632	1712	1025	2259	0008 1.68; 1250 1.35				0819 0.35; 2113 0.61	
27	M	0632	1713	1102		0058 1.54; 1357 1.39				0915 0.36; 2239 0.58	
28	T	0631	1713	1140	0002	0154 1.40; 1509 1.45				1013 0.35; 2353 0.51	
29	W	0631	1714	1221	0107	0259 1.28; 1619 1.54					
30	T	0630	1714	1306	0211	0410 1.20; 1723 1.64					
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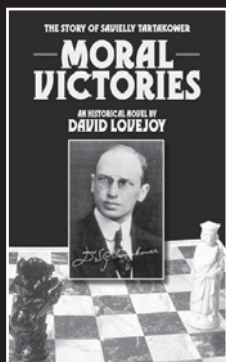
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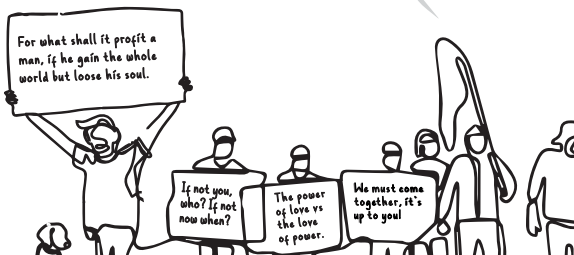
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**THE 'CELEBRATION OF LIFE' FOR** Margaret Thurecht (dec. 21/06/20) has been postponed indefinitely owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Paulo Andrade passed away on the 22/06/2020, surrounded by loved ones.**

Paulo was local to the Byron/Mullumbimby community for many years. May his next journey of life be filled with light and happiness. He is loved by his children, Isabella, Jade, Luara, Josh and Jack.

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**On The Horizon**

**DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY**

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**Op shops open**

The **Uniting Church Op Shop** on the crn Dalley and Whian Street Mullumbimby will reopen on Saturday, 4 July from 9am till 12.30pm. We are missing all our valued supporters and friends and look forward to welcoming you back. Featuring good quality winter coats plus much more. The **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** has reopened. The new trading hours are: 9.30am-3.30pm.

**CWA Bangalow**

The CWA Bangalow shop will be open from Saturday, 27 June. COVID-19 means only three people are allowed in the shop at a time. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**BV VIEW Club**

After three months break the Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will meet for its monthly luncheon on 9 July. The venue is the Billinudgel Hotel, and members and guests should arrive at 10.30am for 11am start. Apologies to Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com.au no later than 6 July. Casual members please advise if you are attending. VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women. Our club supports seven students in The Smith Family's Learning for Life program, to give them the best chance of a good education. For more information, or to get involved, call Margaret on 0429 966 894.

**Seniors program is on**

The Byron Community Centre Tuesdays Seniors Programs will start again on 7 July. This includes: Tuesdays Seniors Drumming with Gareth Jones at 10.30am in the Byron Theatre, Seniors Chair Yoga at 12.00 noon, Wednesdays Choir and ukulele, and Thursdays Studio 55 drama for seniors. For more information www.byroncentre.com.au.

**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.

**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.

**Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre services are operational**

MDNC services that are running include: Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. Listening Space - free counselling. Staying Home, Leaving Violence program. Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program. Financial Counselling - outreach available Thursdays & Fridays. Financial Counselling is a free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. Food Recovery. Information, referral and advocacy. 'We are seeing people who have never had to access a service like ours before', says the MDNC. 'We are doing everything we can to

**Free walking group**

Free 1200 Heart Foundation Walking groups may be restarting in: Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed. Search <https://walking.heartfoundation.org.au/walking/new-south-wales> to find a group near you.

**Croquet is on**

**Byron Bay Croquet Club** has resumed play with COVID-19 awareness. Play days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, or by arrangement. Enquiries from new players welcome. Free lessons. Call Max for more information 0431 906 536. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** has resumed at The Black Rocks Sports Fields (end of Overall Drive) Pottsville. We commence play at 9.30am, Tuesday and Thursday. Please arrive 15 minutes before play starts. Call Jenny on 0413 335 941.

**AGM - Pottsville croquet**

Pottsville Fun Croquet Club Inc Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday, 23 July at the croquet courts situated at the Black Rocks Sports Fields. Call Jenny on 0413 335 941.

**Libraries re-open**

The Lismore and Goonellabah libraries will re-open on Wednesday, 1 July. The libraries, along with all those in the Richmond Tweed Regional Library network, will continue to be widely available online including the ability to access eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines.

**Dog trainers**

Brunswick Area Responsible Canine Owners (BARCO) needs more volunteer trainers to support increases in demand. Training takes place on Sunday morning. People will have personal experience in training dogs. They also need to be happy working with dog owners, as BARCO is really about teaching people to train their own dogs. Contact Eve Sinton at [barcodogs@gmail.com](mailto:barcodogs@gmail.com).

ensure people feel valued and have dignity as they access support. 'We encourage people to call us on 0491 227 306. We can talk to people about what they need, and any items can be collected. In some cases we can organise delivery', says the MDNC.

**Byron Community Centre continuing to run services**

These programs include: **Homeless Breakfast:** 7.30-9am Wednesday and Friday. **Homeless Showers:** Monday and Wednesday 10-12.30pm (book in at breakfast). **Women's Support Group:** Fridays (women only) 1-3pm at Community Cabins. **Severe Wet Weather Shelter:** signs at Byron Community Centre on days when WWS open, with instructions. **Free Phone Counselling** for Byron Residents: Call 0414 322 064, 10am-2pm weekdays to make an appointment. **Emergency Food Delivery:** Locals who are physically or financially unable to shop can now phone the Byron Emergency Pantry on 0482 787 552 to request a free food box delivery. In this time of isolation, Liberation Larder is partnering in this venture to help out the community by providing healthy, freshly cooked meals and fresh produce. **Women's Counselling:** For women needing extra support, leave a message for community worker on 6685 6807.

**Waterlily park AGM**

The Ocean Shores community are invited to the Waterlily Park AGM meeting at 6pm Wednesday, 1 July in the Board Room at OS Country Club. Enjoy getting involved with the Ocean Shores playground project.

**Probus Club**

The Probus Club of Hastings Point Tweed hope to meet face-to-face again at Tricare on 21 July. Enquiries: Jean 02 6670 4072

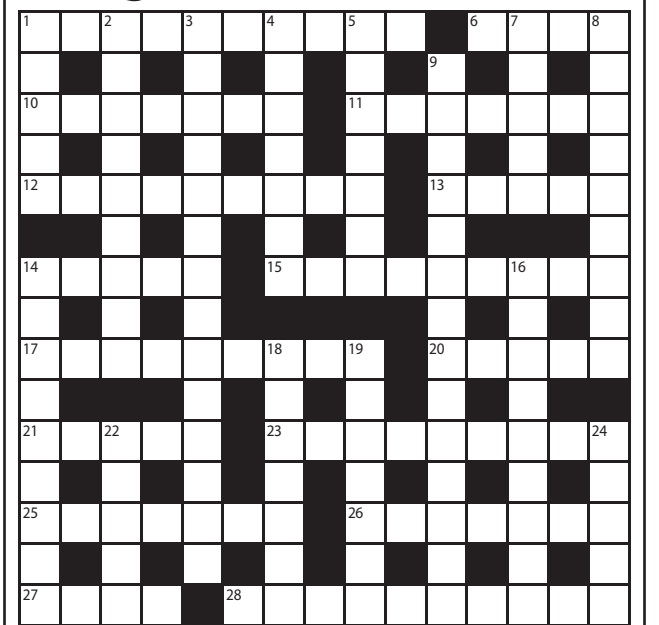
**Artists exhibit**

Lone Goat Gallery is now accepting applications from visual artists across the Northern Rivers region for our 2021-22 Exhibition Program. We are focussed on supporting ambitious exhibitions by Northern Rivers-based artists. For detailed information download the application form: <https://www.lonegoatgallery.com/applications>.

**Vindication**

Vindication is supporting barrister Bernard Collaery and ex-ASIS spy, Witness K. Both men are arraigned in secret courts, and charged with violating national security because they revealed Australia's dirty tricks in bugging the Timor-Leste cabinet room during negotiations over the oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea (<https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/secrets,-spies-and-trials/11451004>). The Australian Lawyers Alliance stated that, 'A key element of a fair trial is the ability to have disclosure of the prosecution case so that defendants can respond to allegations against them and instruct their legal representatives appropriately'. They said there was no accountability, and this case was an attack on the legal profession. If you would like to get involved contact Gareth Smith on 0491 107 279.

**Mungo's Crossword N341**



**Cryptic Clues**

- ACROSS**
- Main memoir interpreted in a poem by Tennyson (2,8)
  - The Spanish graduate returns, competent (4)
  - Fulfill demands that 'posed' is formally limited (7)
  - Brought together a service with a journalist (7)
  - Chat over a meal with a pill: aluminium and potassium (9)
  - Magic spirit: they say I dream of her light brown hair (5)
  - Cut off, turn back a rare original kind of bear (5)
  - Belts, and including hazards for drivers (9)
  - Surprisingly resides at an address on the Atlantic edge of Manhattan Island (9)
  - Chilly - like a crab or a puppy? (5)
  - SN, named for a German city (5)
  - Drink queue - it's the end of a joke (9)
  - Amphibian predator surrounds old city - right, but it seems like a dream (7)
  - Buttrose, pin back a Venetian! (7)
  - Horrible dregs rot us - in America they sell ice cream! (10)

- DOWN**
- Popular group placed in special position (5)
  - Insect testicles - but they repel insects (9)
  - Irregular primes disliked and described falsely (14)
  - Dark glasses in Charles bars (7)
  - Alda about to inquire about Palin? (7)
  - A horny beast - a boy who loves men and women alike? (5)
  - Forever aim at the French - cunning! (9)
  - Dismissed around Canberra, red-handed (6,2,3,3)
  - Edgar Allan and the lady from the D'Urbevilles have directions for A Sappho and Plath, perhaps! (9)
  - A prim life, sadly - this will make it bigger! (9)
  - Old prep revised - the effect might make it bluer! (7)
  - Status of the ruler of the queen's navy (7)
  - Rinse out a warning (5)
  - Wild sea birds - they say they're big jars! (5)

**Quick Clues**

- ACROSS**
- Common heading for epitaphs (2,8)
  - Competent, with ability (4)
  - Meet needs or demands (7)
  - Assembled, hoarded (7)
  - Chat during a meal (9)
  - Mythical being able to grant wishes at a price (5)
  - Concerning the high latitudes (5)
  - Hazards on the golf course (9)
  - One who resides on the ocean side of New York (9)
  - Chilly, bracing (5)
  - Industrial city on the Ruhr (5)
  - Conclusion of joke (9)
  - Weird, not natural (7)
  - Citizen of Venice (7)
  - Rational, not crazy (4)
  - American milkbars (10)
- DOWN**
- Short insertion in writing or a picture (5)
  - Solid insect repellents, usually of camphor (9)
  - Made false statements or descriptions (14)
  - Brands of sunglasses (7)
  - Citizen of Nome (7)
  - American buffalo (5)
  - Without cessation (9)
  - Found at the scene of the crime, red-handed (6,2,3,3)
  - Feale versifiers (9)
  - Device for enlarging, especially of sound (9)
  - Scientist known for finding the effect of wave-lengths on velocity (7)
  - Status, seniority (7)
  - Lorelei temptress (5)
  - Large sea birds (5)

**Last week's solution N340**

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Time again to be COVID-19 vigilant, peeps. Flights are bringing Melbourne holiday makers to the region at a time when the city is experiencing a virus breakout in certain suburbs. According to Vic Health, hotspot suburbs include Keilor Downs, Albanvale, Sunshine West, Maidstone, Hallam, Broadmeadows, Brunswick West, Fawkner, Reservoir and Pakenham.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
The Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre say, with winter in full swing, they are 'seeing an unprecedented demand on our services since COVID-19'. Nearly 5,000 frozen meals have been provided since April, they say, and their 'biggest and most genuine concern is being able to maintain services – and to do that – we need your help'. Tax-deductible donations can be made via [www.mdnc.org.au](http://www.mdnc.org.au).

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
Should jails be handed to the private sector to manage? It's a good question to ask given the new \$700m Grafton mega jail has just opened. It will be joint managed by the NSW government and corporations John Laing, John Holland and Serco. Will incarceration rates rise given corporations pursue profits at all costs?

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
ICYMI, Ballina Shire Council has closed their Waste Management Centre until further notice owing to a fire event.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen pranked a far-right militia movement rally in Washington last weekend, after posing as a sponsor and filling the rally with his own entertainment and security staff. Online videos show him in overalls while singing in a bluegrass style that Obama, Hillary Clinton and US Infectious Diseases expert Dr Anthony Fauci should be injected with 'Wuhan flu'. He also mentions chopping up members of the World Health Organisation (WHO) 'like the Saudis do'.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
There are limits to the 45th US president! He deleted his tweet which showed a video of his supporter chanting 'white power'. Meanwhile, good friend of the 45th US president, Aussie PM Scrotes from Marketing, brazenly lied to the nation on TV last week about no cuts to the ABC. There's never been a better time to divide society for selfish political gains.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
ICYMI, it looks like mainstream media were tipped off to cover the AFP raiding the house of NSW Labor MP Shaoquett Moselmane. Imagine the rainbows that would appear if mainstream media instead pressured Peter Dutton over his botched handling of the Ruby Princess virus ship? Or examined why Scott Morrison's Robodebt disaster has resulted in at least 2,000 deaths (according to Department of Human Services).

■ ■ ■ ■ ■  
CNN reports that a growing number of corporations, including Unilever, have joined a Facebook advertising boycott over its handling of hate speech and misinformation. 'The #StopHate-ForProfit campaign, which launched in the wake of Facebook's decision not to take action on incendiary posts from president Donald Trump, is now a force Facebook cannot ignore.'

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