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## Going the full halfa



As a passionate rainforest conservationist, Jimmy Halfcut wanted to get noticed by more people to make them aware of the issue. Jimmy's novel approach, to cut off half his beard, has worked a treat, and when in public, he says he gets many people doing a double take and wanting to know his story. After being sponsored, Jimmy set up HalfCut as a not for profit organisation that encourages people to shave off half their hair or beard, or colour/ braid half their hair for the month of August. 'The goal is to protect the last remaining forest, and to engage in regeneration projects with the dollars raised'. Pictured is Jimmy Halfcut, with Tahnee Barnes from End Extinction International, and Dean Bennet-Steel from Byron Rangers. For more info visit [www.halfcut.org](http://www.halfcut.org). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Community groups back in action!

Mandy Nolan

COVID-19 shutdowns haven't just affected businesses; community organisations around the Shire have either stopped completely or restricted their activities.

The loosening of regulations around community gathering has meant that volunteer and social groups are finally able to meet again. Although some are taking their time to re-establish meetings.

Diane Giddins is the publicity officer for the Mullumbimby CWA and for VIEW Club.

Mrs Giddins says 'Mullum CWA

isn't starting again until August 12, but Brunswick Valley VIEW Club restarts this Thursday (July 9) at the Billinudgel Hotel with a socially spaced luncheon.' The organisation will comply with requirements, including a register of attendance, and hand sanitising.

'We are really looking forward to seeing each other in person after three months in lockdown! We had to wait for the head office of VIEW to give us the go-ahead.'

Other organisations, like the Mullumbimby Presbyterian Church, kept services running via Zoom, and while they are now back to church,

there is no singing – only humming!

Organisations like The Brunswick Valley Rescue Squad (BVRS) were active during COVID-19 restrictions, responding to emergency call outs when required.

BVRS secretary, William O'Keefe said, 'We have been able to get back into fortnightly training where we train primarily in vertical rescue and road crash rescue.'

'Our responses include the release of people trapped in motor vehicles and trucks, assists in rural, industrial and domestic accidents and vertical rescue. We don't forget

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## Will councillors backflip on Bruns paid parking?

Paul Bibby

A move to put paid parking in Brunswick Heads back on the table this year appears to have the numbers within Byron Council, raising the ire of the town's chamber of commerce.

Mayor Simon Richardson, and fellow Greens councillor Jeanette Martin, are leading the push to have the matter reconsidered in October, reversing a decision at Council's last meeting to defer any consideration of paid parking until August 2021.

Moves to implement paid parking are strongly opposed by the town's chamber of commerce, owing in part to the ongoing and unknown impacts of COVID-19.

If the mayor's rescission motion succeeds, it signifies a change of mind for Greens Crs Sarah Ndiaye, Michael Lyon and independent councillor Cate Coorey; all three supported a deferral at the last meeting.

Crs Coorey and Ndiaye initially moved an alternative motion, recommended by staff, to defer the matter until this October, but this was defeated.

Cr Coorey told *The Echo* that she would support the rescission motion.

'They [local business owners] asked for extra data, and we got extra data, they asked us a year ago to put it off, and we put it off.'

'There's a huge number of people coming into the Shire, and they pay nothing for all the facilities that they use. I don't think anyone is not going to come to Brunswick Heads because of paid parking.'

Mayor Richardson said that, should the rescission motion be successful, he will move that

consideration of paid parking be brought forward to October this year, in accordance with the recommendation of Council staff.

He also said that, if this motion was successful, he would be arguing in October for paid parking to be introduced on weekends and public holidays, in time for the next summer peak season.

'We believe we've done as much as we can to allay the concerns,' Cr Richardson said.

'We already delayed making a decision, we got an economic impact report, we've had workshops and meetings – I think we've done our due diligence.'

'People who fear it are never going to accept any of the data we generate, but I think it's pretty clear. All we're trying to do is to get something for the Shire's infrastructure from the thousands of day trippers who come into Bruns on a busy weekend.'

### Livelihoods at stake

The opponents of paid parking, led by the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce, say that paid parking would have a negative economic impact on the town at a time when it has already been hit hard by COVID-19.

They say that the figures showing very high parking occupancy rates in Brunswick Heads are inflated, and that the economic analysis commissioned by Council is inaccurate.

The president of the Chamber, Kim Rosen, said people's livelihoods and jobs were at stake.

'Businesses are facing the cliff at the end of September when Job-Keeper ends,' Ms Rosen said.

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# Community groups back in action!

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the animals either, whether they be four-legged or those that fly, we rescue them all. We, in fact, assist the police on any task they request, eg: body recovery, crime scene lighting and crime scene searches.'

Veda Turner, co-ordinator for Green & Clean Dunecare, told *The Echo* that his volunteers were back doing their important work on local dunes at the end of May.

'We were allowed to have ten people then for an outdoor gathering so we could meet. Obviously, the litter situation was a lot better, but the weeds in the dunes were back.'

Meanwhile, Nadia de Souza Pietramale from Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare says, 'We have been meeting right through, working on a five hectare area around Bruns. We kept going in very small groups. Because we are on five hectares, we could comply.'

Vollies are encouraged to get involved. For more info visit [www.byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org](http://www.byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org).



**CWA open since June 27**

CWA's Barbara Feldon, Janene Jelfs and Elizabeth Noakes Photo Jeff Dawson

## Mandy Nolan

Bangalow CWA is one of many local community groups who are tentatively returning to serve their communities after COVID-19 restrictions.

Publicity officer Charm Bourne said, 'We have been open since June 27. Everyone is supporting us because we have a lot of commitments in the community, especially

after everything we have been through.'

The Bangalow chapter of the CWA is particularly robust, with 70 plus members. The organisation supports women and children across the Shire, and as far afield as Lismore and Papua New Guinea.

'We have been having two Zoom groups for our [online] meetings, as you can't have more than six

people in the shop at any one time', says Charm.

## Hygiene products

'We are also wanting to remind people of one of our upcoming programs, 'Share the Dignity,' which asks for unused items from your bathroom cupboards.'

This program is aimed at providing hygiene products for women living rough.

# Mayor ignores Bruns chamber over paid parking, again

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'We surveyed 56 businesses in Brunswick Heads about the impact of COVID, and extrapolating from that we've got a total of 470 jobs at risk, or gone, in the town.'

Ms Rosen said it wasn't only local business owners who opposed paid parking.

'Council's own survey found 60 per cent of

Brunswick Heads residents don't want paid parking, even with Council offering the sweetener that all of the revenue would go to Bruns,' she said.

'Now they're saying that only 50 per cent of the revenue will go here. I can't see locals supporting it at all.'

The success or failure of the rescission motion will

likely depend on the two remaining Greens councillors, Michael Lyon and Sarah Ndiaye, and independent councillor Cate Coorey.

The remaining four councillors are almost certain to oppose it.

Cr Lyon said he was open to being persuaded to support the rescission motion.

'It will be good to get some final clarity on some of the data on the occupancy of spaces, and I have always said

that once that data justifies paid parking in Brunswick Heads, we need to put it in.'

The Bruns chamber said Greens councillor Sarah Ndiaye did a backflip by first supporting a deferral, then later signing the rescission motion against the deferral.

'She tossed her ethics to the wind and provided the third signature required to bring the debate back to the table in August,' the Chamber's Kim Rosen said.

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# Tweed Shire gets shark drones while Ballina yet to hear

## Aslan Shand

While Nationals member for Tweed, Geoff Provest, announced two drones for his Tweed electorate, Greens member for Ballina, Tamara Smith, says she is still waiting to find out if her Ballina electorate will receive any.

The drones will be used by South Kingscliff/Cudgen and Cabarita Surf Lifesaving clubs.

Despite NSW Agriculture minister Adam Marshall acknowledging the scientific research which shows that 'SMART Drumlins and

drones are the most effective detection and surveillance

tools', the state government are still deploying shark nets on 51 beaches between Newcastle and Wollongong.

Ms Smith said, 'The way the Liberal-National Party responds to shark bites is, sadly, purely political. After several shark bites in the Ballina area, those tragic events were used to try and wedge the community, through fear, to agree to baited drumlines and shark nets on the North Coast.'

'We welcome drone technology and want to see patrols all year round at surf spots when the surf is up as surfers are at a higher risk.'

# Kolletive's Sunrise DA approval a shemozzle, say residents

Hans Lovejoy

Julian Rocks Drive residents in Sunrise are still fuming over Council's planning process, court mediation and the approval by councillors of a contentious six multi-dwelling development on their street.

Developers Phillip Agnew and Adam Band from The Kolletive took Council to court for a deemed refusal, after their DA was not assessed by Council within the statutory time limit.

The Echo understands at the compulsory Land & Environment mediation during that court case, the developers offered to reduce the dwellings from eight to six, while reducing the scale and size of the proposal. With those concessions, staff recommended the DA be approved with conditions.

The revised DA was then considered by councillors on June 18, and approved without debate.

## Not made public

Yet residents are still waiting for the consent conditions to be made public, despite requests made to planning staff.

The Echo also requested those documents, but are yet to receive them. It is unclear whether conditions of consent were finalised when the DA was approved.

Additionally, resident Wayne Byrne said Council's planning staff overlooked a defect in the Kolletive's DA, until it was brought to their attention by residents.

A statutory conflict of interest declaration was omitted, yet signed later by the applicants.

Fellow resident Cathy Stavert said, 'Is this the way



Jordan Pachos and Wayne Byrne represent a number of disgruntled Kolletive neighbours in Julian Rocks Drive, Sunrise Beach, Byron. Photo Jeff Dawson

our planning department operates, or are they in too much of a hurry to please developers?'

At the court mediation – held by phone – Ms Stavert was critical of the process, claiming some of the issues that residents face weren't allowed to be canvassed.

She added councillors created another issue with a Kolletive DA approval on the same road at the same meeting. A review of parking and pedestrian safety in Sunrise is also underway.

'This street is only 7.8m wide, and the parking issues already create a one way traffic lane. The Mayor and planning staff have created another headache for the residents on the narrowest street in Sunrise.'

She questioned how another (potential) 40 cars could park on the street, after the approval of these two developments.

Another resident, who didn't want to be named, said she waited almost an hour and a half for the court mediation call, and then was informed that she had less time to speak than was advised. 'It totally threw me', she said. 'I felt upset and

humiliated at the way I was treated.

'Courts and conciliation appear to be a total waste of our ratepayers' money, and it all comes back to the state planning (in my opinion). Council has to follow their guidelines and developers know exactly what they can get away with. Not an experience I care to repeat.'

Another resident, Andrew Turnock, said, 'we feel that neither the Council nor commissioner had thoughts of stopping this development from the start, and that the conciliation was basically a show to tick boxes, rather than an honest consideration'.

Mr Turnock also questioned the NSW government's affordable housing provision which allows these types of developments. It is called the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

He said, 'As it stands, there will be 16 new properties on land that totals approximately 2,600 square metres, all within an 80 square metre radius, with only one single unit used for affordable housing – that's one unit out of 16!

'I believe Council have not in any way tried to deter the developer. The conciliation conference was nothing more than a smokescreen to appease residents with no intention of blocking this particular developer, even though their plans are completely out of character for the street and environment.

## Lack of confidence

'I believe there is a growing lack of confidence in Council; the planning of the town seems lacklustre and underhanded. It seems planning is now down to generating as much income as possible, rather than catering for the local community. Local developers with the support of Council seem to cherry-pick and manipulate planning to suit their needs, regardless of how it affects people who have lived in the immediate area they are affecting'.

■ The Echo asked Council staff for a reply, but none was provided by deadline.

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# DV support services get funding boost

Hans Lovejoy

Local domestic violence (DV) support services are set to receive new funding as part of what the NSW and federal governments say is a recent \$21 million investment.

While exact figures for each service were not supplied, local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin announced over \$750,000 will go to local DV specialist support services.

Alison Waters is the manager of the Northern Rivers Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, based at Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre in Lismore.

She told *The Echo* that the additional funding will be directed to increasing the hours of frontline staff.

When asked if this was new funding, or funding that has already been announced, she replied, 'This is new money for Northern Rivers WDVCS'.

She said, 'It was announced weeks ago; however, we have now been advised of how much our service will be receiving – non-recurrent funding of \$62,000 (for the period



Photo www.sbs.com.au

**Local organisations to receive government funding are: Hope Haven Women's Refuge, Lismore Homelessness Accommodation Support Service for Women and Children Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence, Northern NSW Homelessness Support Service for Aboriginal Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence, Northern NSW Homelessness Support Service for Women Experiencing Domestic and Family Violence, WDVCS – Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre, Mullumbimby Women's Service and MDNC Staying Home Leaving Violence.**

July 1 to December 31).

Ms Waters says her organisation has not seen a decline in funding in recent years.

*The Echo* also asked, 'What can the government do to lessen the impacts of

DV? For example, legislation reform, education etc?'

## Behaviour change

She replied, 'It is important that domestic and family violence is regarded as

a whole of community issue.

'For example, governments must adequately fund bystander intervention programs, men's behaviour change programs, and anti-violence programs in schools.

'There is a lack of affordable housing for women and children escaping violence in this region.

'This difficulty is further compounded if the family is fleeing with companion animals.

'Further, we know that Aboriginal communities are disproportionately affected by DFV, so it is important that governments fund initiatives that support self-determination, and seek to address health inequity, poverty and intergenerational trauma.

'Organisations need to ensure that they employ Aboriginal staff to work with communities'.

For more information on the NSW government's response to COVID-19 and DV, visit [www.dcj.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au).

■ If you, or someone you know, are experiencing domestic or family violence, please contact the Domestic Violence Help Line on 1800 65 64 63.

# Wilson's Creek party gets big, shuts down

Paul Bibby

A weekend party at Wilson's Creek that attracted 1,200 people – and eventually the police – has made headlines across the country, amidst fears it could spark a local COVID-19 outbreak.

As local health authorities said they were 'dumb-founded' at the 'foolish' party, national mainstream media piled in.

'The town that doesn't believe in COVID' the *Daily Mail's* website declared.

ABC news described the event as a 'Byron Bay bush doof', while Murdoch's [www.news.com.au](http://www.news.com.au) called those attending 'selfish'.

*The Echo* understands that the party was shut down by organisers, after police attended in the early hours of the morning.

Detective Inspector Matthew Kehoe, of Tweed-Byron police, told the ABC the party was one of a number of recent events in the region that have been in breach of social distancing laws.

'At least on these

occasions, those people, once they were spoken to, saw what the issues were and those parties were closed down.'

Just one case of COVID at the party could have resulted in scores of infections, which could then have spread throughout the community.

However, a local source close to the Wilson's Creek party told *The Echo* that the organisers had intended the event to be much smaller.

## Stack of tourists

'A stack of tourists caught wind of it and turned up', said the source, who declined to be named.

'The owner immediately turned the music off and shut it down. It was not a doof, but a private party that got out of control. I don't think we need to single out a local who did not intend for that to happen.'

With the number of COVID cases in Victoria reaching a new record, some locals are concerned that Victorian tourists could bring the virus back to Byron.

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# Join the upcycling revolution!

Sasha Mainsbridge

Now in its tenth year, Plastic Free July is testament to the appetite of the masses to reduce their negative impact on the planet.

Over 250 million people in 177 countries have signed up to the challenge, and in the Byron Shire, groups such as Mullum Cares and Plastic Free Byron and businesses including Santos and The Source have inspired most locals to ditch easily avoided single use plastics like bags, straws and water in plastic bottles.

If you want to encourage any laggard cafes and restaurants to get with the program and stop supplying plastic pollution, please encourage them to seek support from [www.plasticfreebyron.com](http://www.plasticfreebyron.com).

This year, Mullum Cares is being supported by Aussie fashion legend, Jenny Bannister, to shine a light on fabric waste as another source of plastic that needs serious consumer attention and efforts to reduce.

Unlike normal 'plastic' that has some chance of being recycled and reused,

waste fabric can't be placed in your recycling bin – even if it's 100 per cent plastic.

Mullum Cares wants a resource revolution in the Northern Rivers, beginning with a feasibility study into a local reverse garbage operation. Plastic Free July will see the launch of a range of online upcycling resources to support locals to stop landfilling fabric (or dumping unsellable garments at op shops). See Mullum Cares Facebook page for more details.

■ Sasha Mainsbridge is from Mullum Cares.

# Legal reforms needed to protect journalism, says Law Council

Legal advocacy organisation, the Law Council of Australia, has expressed concerns over powers the Australian Federal Police (AFP) are exercising over the ABC's *Afghan Files* report, and is calling for legal reform to protect journalism.

President Pauline Wright said law reform is urgently needed at every step of the process when it comes to the formal investigation

of journalists suspected of breaching secrecy provisions.

## Govt embarrassment

She says, 'Disclosures of classified information should only be criminalised if it causes real harm to national security, and "harm" must be clearly defined as more than simply embarrassment to the government.

'The prosecution of

journalists engaging in public interest reporting should not be left to prosecutorial and ministerial discretion.

'Accurate journalism in the public interest should never be a criminal offence.

'All Australians benefit from a free and fearless media that scrutinises power and holds it to account. It is clear we need legislative reform to ensure this'.

## Smart water meters trialled from August

Smart water meters will be on trial in the Byron Shire from August 2020, say Byron Shire Council, as part of their 12-month pilot project to 'optimise water management in the region'.

Approximately 400 smart water metering devices will be installed on residential and commercial properties in east Mullumbimby, say Council staff, along with 'selected bulk recycled water clients in Byron Bay'.

The benefits of smart water meter devices means water consumption data can be collected and monitored by Council hourly, rather than the current process of manual water meter readings.

Council's Manager Utilities, Cameron Clark says 'manual water meter reads and quarterly billing mean there is a significant time period between customer use and billing.

'Leaks can be slow and problematic to detect, resulting in bill shock for customers and increased demand on our region's water sources and Council infrastructure', Mr Clark said.

'Customers will be able to track their water usage and have greater control over home budgets before the bills even arrive,' he said.

Mr Clark added that installation works may require access to private

property, and water supply may temporarily be disrupted. Council will contact property owners prior to works commencing. Minor plumbing work may be required in some cases, however all work and materials for this pilot project will be at no cost to property owners.

For more information, visit Council's Your Say website at [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/smart-water-meter-pilot](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/smart-water-meter-pilot).

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## Flat Rock Beach dunes trashed by 'human pigs'



Trash dumped on Flat Rock Beach and dunes in East Ballina. Photo supplied

Rubbish left on beach dunes near Flat Rock this month created risks for Ballina Coastcare volunteers and local council workers, says Ballina Coastcare president Neil Denison.

He told *The Echo*, 'Besides being an eyesore, these thoughtless rubbish dumps mean that our community volunteers have to take extra risks to keep our dunes clean. Our Coastcare volunteers work hard already, and are tired of picking up extra trash, often riddled with sharp objects. We don't know who these pigs are, but the Council and local police have been notified and are investigating'.

Mr Denison said that Coastcare volunteers work closely with Ballina Shire Council to plant and care for beach walkways and to ensure locals and visitors can safely enjoy the littoral forests of the dunes.

'As well as organising local Clean Up Australia and National Tree Planting Days, Ballina Coastcare have volunteers and school groups working the dunes on weekdays and one Sunday each month'. If you would like more information on how to volunteer, or donate, or if you would like to find out more about the coastal pathways, visit [www.ballinacoastcare.org](http://www.ballinacoastcare.org).

## Red Devils get \$310k upgrade

The NSW government is set to upgrade Byron Bay's Red Devils Park, with \$310,017 being spent on field lighting, improvements to the clubhouse and a series of landscaping measures to improve mobility, safety and the appearance of the club.

Secretary/treasurer of the Red Devils Rugby League Club, Larry Petty, thanked the NSW government 'for some much needed infrastructure upgrades at Red Devil Park.

'Funds will be spent on

new Smartlux LED lighting for the football ground, a new terrace all weather roof structure outside the club, and new paving/concreting around the perimeter of the clubhouse'.

Local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin said the upgrades will also make the facilities multi-purpose, and allow the club to be used by other community groups, such local schools, sporting bodies, fitness groups, Indigenous groups, local charities and local businesses.

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# Activist org Ngara shuts shop

Paul Bibby

For nearly five years, the Ngara Institute created a space for the critical discussion of progressive ideas and agendas, bringing some of Australia's foremost thinkers to the Shire.

But after dozens of successful events attended by thousands of locals, the activist think tank is no more.

With its founder and convenor Richard Hil stepping down, Ngara's management committee elected to pull the pin last week.

'When we planned our first Politics in the Pub – an idea first mooted by Hans Lovejoy – I thought we might get 50 people through the doors,' Mr Hil said.

'In fact, nearly 200 people rocked up. Wow! Clearly, there was a thirst for critical discussion out there, even in nirvana-central Mullumbimby!'

'I hope that we made a small difference to our local community and perhaps,



Ngara Institute founder and convenor Richard Hil.

too, that we made the world a slightly better place.'

Mr Hil said one major thought had guided him through the past five years at Ngara's helm.

'That bringing people together to discuss critical ideas and making them happen, in whichever way people choose, is a small but vital element in what is a global movement to dismantle and replace the train wreck that is racialised neoliberal capitalism,' he said.

From a standing start, Ngara grew into a major force within the Shire and beyond, drawing hundreds

to the Civic Hall and the Courthouse Hotel to see speakers such as Gillian Triggs, Julian Burnside and Hugh Mackay.

There was also a particularly powerful presentation from Indigenous author Thomas Mayer.

## Special moments

'That was a special moment indeed,' Mr Hil said.

'What I sensed was the deep, unresolved pain and hurt of Australia's First Nations people, as well as the immense dignity and determination to achieve the justice to which they are fully entitled.'

In 2020, Ngara elected to direct its focus to arguably the key issue of our time, climate change and the ecological crisis, asking the question 'How shall we live?'

'Above all, we need to reconnect with each other, build stronger neighbourhoods and communities, and bolster civic life – away from corrosive

hyper-individualism,' Mr Hil said.

## More civility needed

'We need more civility, sharing, caring, kindness, compassion, and respectful, supportive communities.'

'It's by investing in civility, civic life and promoting social power and ecological democracy that we can build intersectional communities capable of withstanding what is to come, and in the process, co-creating a radically different way of life.'

■ And in news just on deadline – a group is being set up to carry on the good work of Ngara under a different name, says Dr Liz Elliott.

She says, 'We will be looking to create understanding of alternative social and economic models to our current unsustainable trajectory. If you are interested, please contact lizshaktielliott@hotmail.com.'

'Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers.'

# How Byron College adapted to COVID-19

Mandy Nolan

How businesses and organisations responded to the COVID-19 pandemic has been a real indicator of their resilience and adaptability.

The Byron Community College was one organisation who shifted across to new platforms, keeping community connected and engaged at a time when people could feel isolated.

'We had 700 enrolments during lockdown,' said Richard Vinycomb, director of the Community College.

'I was very impressed. It was a drop from our face-to-face, which is usually around 1,000 enrolments, but considering the circumstances, it was a good number.'

'I am blessed with an amazing team who went into action. We put our classes on Zoom. We got impressive feedback. Some people were talking about seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and realised this was a good time to get new skills.'

While there were challenges delivering courses in a new format, Richard was pleased to see how people could be innovative to still achieve desired outcomes.

'People doing permaculture horticulture could show online what they were doing. A person in Karl's guitar



Permaculture students at the Byron College. Photo supplied

class said that they normally travel an hour per night to turn up, so there was a benefit in being at home.'

As the director of the Community College for well over 20 years, Richard is sensitive to the opportunities and the challenges that lie ahead and to where exactly an organisation that provides adult education, in the format that it is delivered, can find an effective niche.

'We have to look to where work is in the future. It's clear that expanding fields are childcare, aged care and disability. We are training more people to work in social services,' says Richard.

'It's also clear that climate change isn't going away. So when it comes to food security and local production, courses like permaculture provide the skills to face

those challenges. We are the only provider of a certificate permaculture course in NSW.'

'We are attracting a lot of young people who want to do that. Permaculture philosophy and principles are something that can be taken across to other industries – keeping the sustainable approach and innovating practice.'

Richard sees innovative practice and the development of localised and sustainable models as key outcomes for a community college. He also acknowledges the significant social role education plays in bringing a community together and giving people a sense of meaning and purpose.

'Former Mayor Jan Barham once said that there were two ways to connect with community when you were a new arrival: one was

to be a volunteer, the other was to do an ACE course.'

'We are a small organisation compared to TAFE – we can take ideas and trial them. We can feed those ideas back to people who have knowledge, so there is a certain sense of responsiveness in our organisation. It's one of the College's key strengths,' he says.

## New normal

'There is a new normal,' says Richard. 'There is a sense that we won't go back to exactly how we were before. We are looking at new models – blended learning – where we combine online delivery with face-to-face.'

Term Three is soon commencing, with face-to-face courses returning. 'We have limited class sizes, in line with social distancing regulations,' says Richard.

'A class that may have had 20 will now have 12. Outdoor classes are more flexible.'

'Term Three is up, and enrolments are coming in. If you have any questions you can ring our office – we aren't a call centre – we will happily have a chat about what you might be considering doing.'

■ For more information, visit [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au) or call 6684 3374.

# Lifting the lid on Byron Shire Council's unauthorised dwelling amnesty

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire Council (BSC) say they are about to take a 'tough stance on unauthorised development'.

A June 30 press release says, 'Following a resolution of Council, staff will now be preparing an Unauthorised Residential Accommodation Policy'. A 15 month moratorium on enforcement action will take place from June 18 2020, say Council staff, and 'any development built after June 18, 2020, will not be subject to the moratorium'.

Yet for many, this just seems like Groundhog Day.

And for others, another example of the failure of Council to implement compliance on existing unauthorised developments.

In the early 2000s, Council did exactly this. They put together the 'Affordable Rural Housing Options' brochure and created a process for unauthorised dwellings to be bought into line and recognised. Then they were going to get 'tough on compliance', according to former Greens Mayor Jan Barham.

Yet just a few months ago, Mayor Simon Richardson stated in a Council meeting that 'traditionally, our position was to look the other way' to unauthorised development.

## Compliance failures

This appears to be the reason that Council staff have routinely failed to implement compliance across the Shire, from the unauthorised garage and shed conversions throughout urban areas, to the multiple dwellings and clearing activities that take place in rural locations.

One land owner, who asked not to be named, told *The Echo* that while the site they owned had been made compliant as a community title, many of the neighbours continued to build illegal dwellings and clear



Council staff have offered an amnesty for unapproved dwellings. Photo wikipedia.org

high value environmental land for future unauthorised development.

According to documents sighted by *The Echo*, this landowner has been reporting the unauthorised activities, this time around, to Council since late 2017; yet Council has failed to enforce any compliance.

In fact, further unauthorised building activities continued as they waited for the investigation that BSC committed to in late 2018.

They are still waiting. 'One set of neighbours are currently in the process of building a two storey house that was originally stopped over a decade ago', they said.

'This is in addition to the half dozen other unauthorised dwellings that they have already built and rent out on the property. This is in a high fire danger area that was directly impacted during last fire season.

'It is particularly galling, as I spent ten years and over \$1m getting my property legally approved as a community title. Therefore, we pay rates for each of the titles, whereas the neighbours increase traffic, dust, noise and destroy community amenity, and the environment, with apparent impunity, no action from the Council, and paying only one set of rates.'

A similar experience has been had by former Greens councillor and engineer

Duncan Dey, who reported illegal dwellings being built on a neighbouring property since 2016. Council failed to act on the issue, and when the property was for sale, Council staff allegedly told the prospective buyer that it shouldn't be difficult to get one of the unauthorised dwellings approved.

'The situation near me in Coopers Lane West is a case study of how to get it wrong,' said Mr Dey, referring to Council's process. It has been heartbreak for the property owner and for neighbours; and Council's planning system has washed its hands of the issues in this case.'

## Staff warning

Meanwhile, Council's Director of Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, warned the community in the recent media release that 'all unauthorised development in the Byron Shire will be discovered eventually'.

A new 'compliance

schedule' will be agreed to between Council and the landowner, says Ms Burt, 'allowing a fair and transparent assessment process of their individual circumstances to be completed.'

The 'compliance agreement' will be a full user-pays process in accordance with Council's fees and charges'.

'There are plenty of landholders who are renting out places, for top prices, that aren't habitable,' said a local builder, who has worked on both legal and unauthorised dwellings in the area and asked not to be named.

'An amnesty in principle is great, but if you come forward, you enter a potential bureaucratic nightmare. It is so convoluted and expensive that it can give people nervous breakdowns.'

'For those who can't afford the changes to their dwellings, what's the point?'

## Dob yourself in

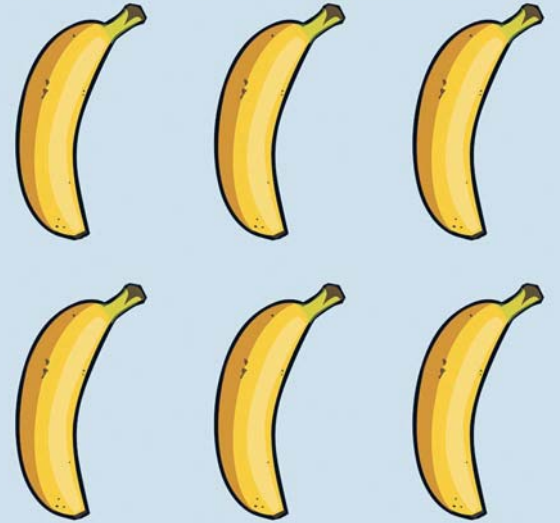
Another local landholder, who also asked not to be named, asked what happens if you come forward and then are refused permission, or can't agree on the compliance items. 'Do you get a demolition order?'

'Is this an amnesty, or a request to dob yourself in?'

'Where's the incentive with no safeguard? I doubt I will apply without absolute written assurance of no downside.'

'Maybe my kids can get into it when the next amnesty happens.'

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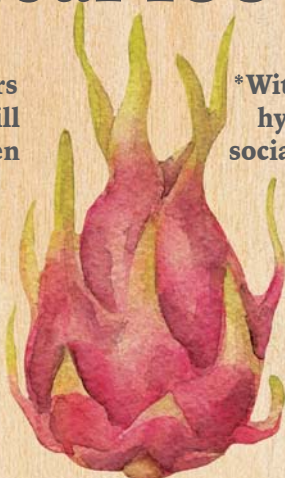
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Documents on exhibition are available for viewing on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice).

## MAKE A SUBMISSION

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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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Development Applications determined are available online using the DA Tracker on Council's website.

Go to [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker) and navigate to Applications Determined from the menu on the left side of the page.

Notices and accompanying documentation will be available online up to 5-7 days following determination.

## DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY PUBLIC EXHIBITION

The draft Affordable Housing Contributions Policy and accompanying procedure are available for public comment from 3 June to Friday 17 July 2020.

The draft policy provides a framework to facilitate and manage affordable housing contributions. It provides a mechanism to secure land and/or monetary contributions to deliver affordable housing on certain land identified in the draft Residential Strategy and Byron Bay town centre.

A draft procedure has also been developed to assist with the implementation of the policy and provide more detail on how Council intends to operate the contribution framework in Byron Shire.

Your feedback is important to us. The draft Policy and Procedure along with further information are available on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au). Submissions can be made online or emailed to [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au).

**Submissions close: Friday 17 July 2020**

Enquiries: Alex Caras 02 6626 7097

## CALL FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY AT 25 STACEYS WAY TYAGARAH KNOWN AS THE TYAGARAH HALL (PART LOT 49 DP 881232)

Council is requesting proposals to Licence of Tyagarah Hall, being Part of Lot 49 DP 881232, 25 Staceys Way Tyagarah NSW 2481 for a period of three (3) years for purposes of a Community Facility.

The Request for Proposal document may be obtained by contacting Council on 02 66267300.

**Submissions open: Monday 13 July 2020**

**Submissions close: Monday 10 August 2020**

Enquiries: Paula Telford Leasing Coordinator on 02 6626 7300

## 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

### (INCLUDING BUDGET, RATES, AND FEES AND CHARGES)

The Draft 2020/21 Operational Plan and associated Budget, Statement of Revenue Policy, and Fees and Charges, is on exhibition for public comment until 23 July 2020.

The documents on exhibition outline the 2020/21:

- Operational Plan – details of the activities and programs to be provided by Council
- Budget estimates and overview of the capital works programs
- Proposed rates and charges, borrowings, and fees and charges

Our Plan is available for inspection and members of the public are encouraged to make a submission and can do so online at [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/our-plan-20-21](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/our-plan-20-21).

**Submissions close: 4.00pm on Thursday, 23 July 2020**

Enquiries: Heather Sills 02 6626 7171

## DRAFT ARTS AND CULTURE POLICY

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION – OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS

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)

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

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

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

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

**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.**

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

### EXHIBITION 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 Chapelle, Use of Converted Farm Shed as Dwelling 2 of Detached Dual Occupancy

**10.2019.603.1 – Byron Bay, 23 Jonson Street (Lot 1 DP 713659)** Planners North, S8.2A Review – Shop 7 Refurbishment Works to Existing Shopfront

**10.2020.289.1 – Ewingsdale, 14 Hill View Place (Lot 6 DP 833571)** Mr A Mitchell, Use of Existing Dwelling and Alterations and Additions to Dwelling to create Dual Occupancy (Detached)

**10.2020.284.1 – Ocean Shores, 41 & 43 Matong Drive (LOTS: 2 & 3 DP 1243658)** Zone Planning Group, Staged Development comprising of Subdivision of One (1) Lot into Two (2) Lots and Boundary Adjustment between Two (2) Lots, Multi Dwelling Housing comprising of Three (3) Dwellings and Strata Subdivision

### 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

## Bay Leaf Cafe beautified by art



Local artist Kai Wilder has painted a message of unity on the wall of the Bay Leaf building in Byron. Kai says, 'It's important to address the deep issues such as racial inequality that are being worked through and it's also important to remember that we are one big family on this beautiful Earth'. Photo supplied

## Revised DA for Reservoir Hill site at Lennox Head

David Lowe

A revised version of the development application for a choice location at 20 North Creek Road in Lennox Head has been submitted to Ballina Shire Council.

The DA covers two hectares of the larger vacant site at Reservoir Hill, one of the last remaining large vacant blocks near the ocean in Lennox Head.

### Endangered ecology

It has previously been marketed as Crest Lennox Head.

The developer, Ballina Islands, has run into problems with Ballina Shire Council in the past in seeking to develop the entire block,

as it contains a wetland area which includes an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC), and Council had concerns about the impact that the development would have on the biodiversity of the area. The developer's response has been a new DA, which avoids impacting the important vegetation.

The new DA includes 17 residential lots, and associated works, including servicing infrastructure and a new access road. Ballina Shire Council requirements include the need to manage flood risk to downstream properties.

The developer says it has addressed this with the addition of detention basins to not exceed natural water flows from the site.

## OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADE WORKS

### REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: 2020-0031

**Description:** Byron Shire Council (Council) invites tenders for a contract to Upgrade works to the community centre at Ocean Shores. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

**Obtaining Documentation:** Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting [www.vendorpanel.com.au/byron](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au/byron).

**Contact:** For further details please contact Mick Crosbie at [mcrosbie@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcrosbie@byron.nsw.gov.au).

**Mandatory Tender Briefing / Site Inspection:** A mandatory tender briefing / site inspection will be held at 10.00am on 15 July 2020 at 55 Rajah St Ocean Shores.

**Deadline: Tenders close at 2.00pm on 11 August 2020**

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

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

# Justine Elliot MP says...



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# Echo

The Byron Shire Echo  
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## NIMBY whinger!

If you have never been affected by an inappropriate development, there's not much chance you would have interest in what others in the Shire have gone through.

Such are the self-centred times we live in.

But the disillusionment and anger of residents who have been beaten about by Council's powerful planning stick is very real, and happens all too frequently. Just because it hasn't happened to you, it doesn't mean it won't – see page 3 and 7.

Councillors were elected in 2016 after a fairly disastrous previous Council majority ignored the community, aligned themselves with Council executive staff and pursued a reckless high growth agenda. While this councillor majority has done much the same, affordable housing was an election issue.

As such, councillors set about trying to provide conditions for that to occur. Yet since 2016, there has been little regard to the conflicts this type of policy generates, nor the impacts of secondary dwellings in urban areas, for example. Thankfully a review of those impacts on Sunrise is on the way.

But much more is needed. How about a governance review! It could actually engender some community trust.

There is also a definite attitude by the current councillor majority to dismiss neighbouring objectors as whinging NIMBYs.

Additionally, the councillor majority led by the 'Greens' mayor are risk-averse and fearful of defending the refusal of inappropriate DAs. From the outside, it appears no attempt is being made to improve Council's legal position and strengthen planning policies to defend against inappropriate DAs. It's just not a priority.

To be fair, developers such as Kollektive regularly bypass Council's planning process and use instead the NSW government's Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). It's a really, really poor policy that pretends to provide for affordable housing, but doesn't, because there are sunset clauses and only a small percentage of the floorspace is required to be 'affordable'.

Where to from here? Ben Franklin is a locally-based Nationals Party MLC. He is still very keen on being elected as MP for this electorate, it appears.

Despite his loss to Greens incumbent Tamara Smith last year, his staff still pump out a constant stream of media releases, showing him heroically providing funding (our taxes) for this and that.

Perhaps he and the planning minister, Rob Stokes, could be asked politely to improve the dreadful laws that are eroding community trust in government? And ask Council for the same?

Abolishing the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) would be a great start.

Fun fact: upper house MPs have a lot more time on their hands than lower house MPs. As an upper house MP, surely Franklin would enthusiastically explain why his government probably won't change the laws, because the nation is addicted to, and relies on, speculative property investing? His contact is (02) 9230 3793 and email ben.franklin@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## The PM's assault on Aussie culture

I have nothing against pop singers, some of them are very nice people, generous, tolerant, kind to children and dogs. And they give pleasure to many Australians.

But for all his undoubted talents, the crooner Guy Sebastian can hardly be considered of the same calibre of, say, Anthony Warlow. So for Scott Morrison to parade him proudly as an exemplar of the Australian arts was somewhat disconcerting.

Obviously, he could not be expected to pose with a concert cellist, a futurist sculptor or an Indigenous ballet dancer – far too limp wristed, girly man, as his close friend and valuable colleague Matthias Corman might put it. And he would much rather have been carousing with a couple of footy mates in a Cronulla Sharks scarf and beanie.

But, he might have thought that the arts entailed rather more than the top 40. And the belated handouts – in many cases, clearly too little too late – show a basic misunderstanding about how the industry works. Offering \$90 million to struggling companies might appear a useful gesture, but the money is not for grants, but for loans – precisely the kind of loans those in desperate need cannot possibly afford to take.

So much for the arts. But in a wider assault on Australian culture, the war on the hapless ABC continues unabated – revenue, which the national broadcaster needs to keep going in anything like its present form, has been slashed. And, rather than attempting to justify this vandalism as a necessary measure to help a dwindling economy, ScoMo shamelessly and deceitfully continues to pretend that it has just not happened.

For Morrison and our brick-thick communications minister to insist that there have been no cuts to the ABC is more than mean and tricky – it is simply untrue. As the 2018 budget pointed out, in brutal detail, the money promised to the national broadcaster has been drastically reduced – by some \$84 million over the next three years, leaving it with \$10m less in 2021-22 than in 2013.

And as a result, some 250 staff members have been sacked and a number of programs axed or curtailed, among them *Foreign Correspondent*, *Australian Story*, *Gruen*, *Mad as Hell* and other much loved and watched offerings that are simply irreplaceable. The commercials,

whether free to air or cable, have neither the resources nor the will to do anything remotely similar.

Then there is the 7.45 radio news, the most comprehensive and reliable of the daily bulletins. ABC Life, offering comprehensive online content, has also been killed off and what was the comedy channel will be bundled up to include arts, science and religion, all of which will be downgraded, along with just

'our enemies talking to our friends', but in these troubled times they too need Aunty as never before.

And now the *Saturday Paper* informs us that just as the five point plan was set to be released, the government has finalised negotiations for yet another inquiry, this one a secret one to evaluate media around the world – specifically the impact and interaction between publicly-funded and commercial entities. This is precisely what the propagandists of the Murdoch monopoly wanted, a chance to gain advantage for their struggling FoxTel, over what they see as competition from the ABC. And naturally, the government will deny them nothing.

The dumbing down of Australia is proceeding apace, and it is hard to believe that it is not deliberate – part of the ongoing culture wars that aim to repackage our society into an economy, and a fairly narrow one at that. If there was any doubt, the assault on the universities has confirmed it. The humanities, the bedrock upon which culture in its wider sense depends, are to be chipped away, to make room for a single-minded pursuit of boosting the economy, under the guise of jobs and growth at all costs. And even if it works – and all the evidence is that it won't – the cost will be that the inclusive, broad-minded and, dare we say it, intelligent aspects of our society will be sacrificed.

The Australia many of us know and love will simply cease to exist.

The great god Mammon, the cult of the Philistines, will triumph – and no one will know who Mammon and the Philistines are anyway, so no one will even care.

The Morrison government is clearly on the path of what the great historian Manning Clarke called 'the punishers and straighteners', and has rejected the way of 'the enlargers', who once made Australia an international model, as superfluous to its political ends.

But if our prime minister is determined to ignore history, along with the other humanities, he must surely be familiar with the gospel inculcated by his Pentacostalist mentors? And there, right in Matthew 16:26, or if he prefers it, Mark 8:36, he will find the words of his Messiah: 'What does it profit a man to gain the whole world but forfeit his soul?'

At least he has a ready-made reply: 'Mr Speaker, I ask that further questions be placed on the notice paper.'

*The dumbing down of Australia is proceeding apace, and it is hard to believe that it is not deliberate*  
Mungo MacCallum



about everything else.

And of course the prospect of new creative offerings in drama and documentary is out of the question for the foreseeable future. The ABC will not have the capacity to make new programs itself, and there will be no money for independent producers to fill the gap.

ABC CEO, David Anderson, has unveiled what he calls a five-year plan, and remains determinedly optimistic – he can hardly do anything else. But Morrison's carefully chosen chairman, Ita Buttrose, has finally broken her uneasy alliance with the prime minister to denounce the cuts and refute the mendacious rhetoric that sustains them.

And more surprisingly, and perhaps more damaging politically, the NSW Nationals leader and deputy premier, John Barilaro, called the feds' approach to the ABC devastating and incomprehensible.

He revealed that the ABC had offered tens of millions of dollars to expand regional and rural services, in exchange for restoring the funds taken away.

But according to Barilaro, the government did not respond, and the Nationals were never informed. This was not smart politics – as scores of regional newspapers have been shut down, the ABC has become even more crucial in the bush, and has garnered much support for its exemplary coverage during the 2019-20 bushfires and other rural crises. The Nats used to complain about the ABC as

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## Chasing unicorns

National Parks' proposed picnic area at Unicorn Falls and nearby camping ground on Manns Road should raise a number of concerns with local residents. The most obvious is an increase in traffic on already inadequate roads.

One of the objectives is to 'disperse the high volumes of people from Wollumbin and Byron Bay', but there is nothing about upgrading Main Arm Road and Manns Road to safely carry the increased traffic.

Both the picnic area and camping ground are typical National Parks-style developments, quite out of keeping with the natural low-key aspects of those areas – they will look just like any other Parks' development, which appear aimed at an affluent market. How many pensioners or backpackers can afford twenty-something dollars for one person to camp overnight?

These facilities are intended as the northern end of a proposed four-day walking track from there to Minyon Falls, with three overnight camping areas along the way. This sounds innocent enough, except for the rumours of mountain-bike use of the track, and helicopter access to at least one of the camping sites.

At the Minyon Falls end, the plans for development there make it look more like a Gold Coast theme park than a North Coast bush picnic area. Plans for the picnic area and camping ground can be found by searching 'Unicorn Falls



Cartoon by Amy Prideaux

Master Plan'. Submissions are due by 13 July, but I'm sure late ones will be accepted since it hasn't been advertised in the local paper.

**Matthew Lambourne**  
Mullumbimby

## Scarrabelottis

I'm not entirely dismayed about the Scarrabelottis Lookout becoming the site of a deluxe restaurant, because I can imagine how pleasant it would be to have a meal with such wonderful views all around.

However, I am a bit worried that I might never get to eat there, because it may become a function centre for deluxe weddings. This happened to my beloved Fig Tree Restaurant here in Ewingsdale, another high-class restaurant with great views. It became almost impossible to eat there, because it was nearly always booked out by a wedding celebration. Then it burned down.

I suggest the Council try to make some provision that the restaurant really will be for the general public, as indeed the view was intended to be.

**Charles MacFarland**  
Ewingsdale

## Poo flow you

Thanks for the article (1 July) on the new effluent flowpath in Byron Bay.

Part V of the Environmental Protection and Assessment Act enables authorities

like councils to bypass what some call the green or red tape of development assessment. In June, Council took that option and approved its Additional Flowpath project. The project will shunt treated effluent from Byron Bay's sewage treatment plant (STP) down a new route, including along stormwater channels of Byron's Arts and Industry Estate (A&I Estate).

The old route was through farmland to the west of the Cavanbah Centre. That route joins Belongil Creek south of the controversial West Byron urban release area. The new route joins the Belongil Estuary much closer to the ocean – just south of Ewingsdale Road bridge.

In 2015 I alerted Council to the problem of STP effluent waterlogging the farmland, via a Notice of Motion. Now, five years later, Council has grown the scope of this project into preparation for expanding Byron's sewerage system, to cope with new urban growth. That upgrade will likely fall due in 2025, under current growth strategies, including servicing 'West Byron' (if it goes ahead).

Part V means that Council didn't have to consult the public about

the new effluent route, nor to go beyond itself to gain approval. It self-approved the project. Council's 'Review of Environmental Factors' (REF) was drafted in June 2019, but only shared with the public in June 2020, when it was presented to councillors. Advice wasn't sought from Council's own Water Waste & Sewer Advisory Committee, which includes members with skills in those areas.

The REF ignores impacts like running effluent through a highly populated area; the A&I Estate. How do people feel about their new proximity to the effluent? Not investigated. What will happen in a one-in-100-year flood, won't effluent overflow across the A&I Estate? Not investigated. What's the impact on the Estuary of emerging pharmaceutical pollutants in the effluent? Not investigated, despite the new route getting effluent to the Estuary much quicker than the old one does.

The project has some positives, but in ducking scrutiny, Council has gone with inferior project choices and is again besmirching its reputation.

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## Message from *The Echo*

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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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### CHESS by Ian Rogers

A recent court case decided in France, handing 50,000 Euros to the Russian business World Chess at the expense of a small website, spells bad news for chess fans around the world.

During the era of World Chess Federation (FIDE) boss Kirsan Iljumzhinov, World Chess was handed the rights to the entire World Championship cycle for a decade.

World Chess made such a hash of the job that when Iljumzhinov lost his FIDE position in 2018, World Chess was stripped of all its significant roles with five years of the contract still to run.

World Chess had already been shown to be remarkably litigious, suing major broadcasters of the moves of the World Championship match for copyright infringement, but losing in a series of court cases in Russia. The company also tried to use US courts to impose injunctions on broadcasters before the 2016 world title contest in New York, and also failed.

Then World Chess's lawyers changed tack, taking on the tiny French website Art des Echecs and claiming millions of Euros in

damages for coverage of the 2018 title match, which involved Fabien Libiszewski – star of the 2015 blockbuster movie *Le Tournoi* – receiving the moves from London and explaining them to an online French audience.

In most countries, live facts about a sporting event, such as scores or moves, are not subject to copyright, and this applies to France as well.

However, the French legal system also has a doctrine of parasitism, forbidding a company from benefiting from the work of others, even if just by staying in their slipstream. Art des Echecs was ordered to pay damages and costs, and its website has disappeared from cyberspace.

Now World Chess's lawyer, Matvey Shekhovtsov, says he 'will consider the possibility of applying a similar approach to other platforms present in France or having a significant percentage of the French audience.'

This shows remarkablechutzpah; World Chess did not bother to offer French language coverage during the 2018 Carlsen v Caruana match but is now set to sue the big chess broadcasters which did provide that service.

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Council has used Part V previously: to put a rockwall on Belongil Beach and to run the Byron Bypass through a wetland. It's time Council adopted a policy of sharing its project designs with the community who pay for them, and who live beside them. And that policy should go beyond the minimum required by our pro-development NSW planning laws.

**Duncan Dey**  
Main Arm

Duncan Dey is completely correct about the Belongil Estuary/Creek. Not only is it overloaded with sewage – some of it raw sewage pumped into the golf course ponds, some of it semi-treated sewage from whenever Byron Bay is full of tourists and it rains. The poor Belongil Creek catches all of the road run-off, and a lot of agricultural run-off as well.

Belongil Creek should be an asset for the community. People like to fish, it can be a healthy source of food. Unfortunately fish spawning areas, like the Belongil estuary, a major source of local seafood, are made toxic by long-term mismanagement. The wetlands are also a significant wildlife habitat, and a refuge for migratory birds.

Rather than pumping more sewage into the Belongil, it is about time the Council gave the community what it has always wanted: a forward thinking on-site conversion of human sewage into recycled fertiliser.

**Matthew Hartley**  
Byron Bay

### Apology sought

I demand that Cr Michael Lyon issue a public apology for again slandering me in *The Echo* (Letters, 1 July) with his false claim that I requested Council staff be fired or prosecuted for killing thousands of fish when Byron Shire Council opened the Tallow

Creek estuary in 2019.

When I addressed Council I described the opening as a reckless act because Council had been advised, on three occasions, that opening the estuary without rainfall or an aerator would likely result in a fish kill. I presented the facts.

I did not attack staff personally, or ask for any to be disciplined, sacked or fined. Michael's lie is his whole rationale for attacking me.

In August 2019 I wrote to the NSW Fisheries Minister asking for Council, not staff, to be prosecuted, after I found out Council opened the estuary despite being warned it would likely cause a fish kill. I did not raise this in the meeting.

NPWS did fine Council, not staff, \$1,000 for not complying with the opening rules.

Rather than making things up to denigrate me, Michael needs to identify and rectify what went wrong with Council's processes that allowed them to override expert advice, to knowingly cause significant environmental harm. Changing the method of estuary opening will not address this.

To learn from your mistakes you first need to admit them.

**Dailan Pugh**  
Byron Bay

### Thanks, *Echonetdaily*

Thank you sooooo much, once again to our beloved local *Echo* and all your team, for your intelligent and compassionate article in *Planet Watch* on deforestation ([www.echo.net.au/planet-watch-deforestation-leads-to-more-disease](http://www.echo.net.au/planet-watch-deforestation-leads-to-more-disease)).

What a tragedy it is that we rarely get to read such honest and courageous insights into the state of the planet that we are doing our best to destroy.

We have known about climate change for about

50 years, yet still mediocrity is acting like nothing has changed. The ongoing logging of our precious native forests that leaves wildlife homeless breaks my heart.

Then there's COVID, which is the direct result of our arrogance, hubris, and cruelty. We have taken all of the planet's wild and once pristine places, and turned them into barren, eroded, and toxic wastelands. We have consumed far more than we ever needed, and are still insatiable. We have stolen the land that is essential to the survival of other sentient beings, and I don't see this mindset changing anytime soon.

Our species has not learnt from our shameful history, and the planet will be much relieved when we are all gone.

**Lindy Stacker**  
Binna Burra

### Bruns paid parking

Thank you councillors. At the Council meeting last Thursday there was a unanimous vote by the attending councillors to delay the discussion on paid parking in Brunswick Heads from October until after June 2021. At this time of huge uncertainty the business community is very grateful, thank you.

**Michelle Begg**  
Ocean Shores

Ed note: Mayor Simon Richardson and Councillor Jeanette Martin have put in a rescission motion. If successful, they seek to have paid parking in Brunswick by Christmas.

### Super steal

I heard on *ABC news* this morning (30 June) about our wonderful superannuation scheme.

But when, in my retirement, I applied for my superannuation, they officially told me there is nothing left, because they had spent it on fees looking after it!

How can a scheme that spends ALL of the funds it's looking after, be anything other than government-sanctioned theft?

**John Jennings**  
Numinbah

### Measly acts

Historically, conservative governments have poorly supported Australia's cultural activities, especially evident since the pandemic. Despite contributing more than \$111 billion to the economy (6.4 per cent of GDP, 5.5 per cent of the workforce) the government has only recently allocated money to support

these endeavours.

The \$250 million in grants and loans is a measly amount when compared with the anomaly of the Australia War Memorial. Curiously, it's located in the Defence portfolio, which, unlike other portfolios, is not required to meet annual efficiency dividends. The War Memorial has received \$500 million for a controversial expansion. Why is it singled out for special treatment when the arts have been ignored?

Since the PM's December 2019 ministerial reshuffle, the arts have become invisible, with no government department with 'arts' in its title. Now lost within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, it's apparent the coalition prefers warmongering to culture.

**Meg Pickup**  
Ballina

### No chem trails?

Notice there have been no chem trails since the airlines stopped flying three months ago? Funny about that.

Perhaps deep state thinks they have doused us all with enough compliance chemicals over the decades? We the sheeple certainly complied with COVID 'lockdown' laws, so perhaps the chemicals worked?

Now it's claimed the Corona-pandemic is fake – and far fewer people have died than is being reported. The whole pandemic is supposedly the deep state imposing total control over the masses.

I don't know about you, but I'm exhausted by endless conspiracy beliefs. I find them alienating, divisive, and real conversation stoppers – and tragically our beautiful Shire is riddled with them. Also they are extremely disrespectful of the tens of millions of people destined to be struck down with COVID-19, and the many millions who will die from the virus.

I look forward to airlines flying again so we can get back to good old chem trails. Now that's something we can really believe in!


**Michael Balson**  
Upper Wilsons Creek

### You're still here

Loving my weekly *Echo* read. Wonderful to see cinema times printed again. Please make me 100 per cent happy and bring back the TV guide, now that I can't buy the Northern Star on Thursdays.

**Jennie Lea**  
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**Military spending**

The true colours have been shown, so that's what the COVID-19 government has been up to! A \$270 billion spend on the military machine over ten years for the defence of Australia? All that money for the power to cause the death of people (hypersonic weapons and others) more surveillance powers and systems, that's the priority when there is injustice in the land and the system we live in.

What's happening to the recognition of the sovereign people of this land, the bush-fire response and prevention, the COVID response and rebuilding the nation? What's happening to law reform, pollution, people living below the poverty line, the homeless, climate change action, reducing fossil fuel use? What about the recession caused by the virus and the plight of refugees – the list of repairs needed goes on.

Don't forget the taxpayer is funding this expenditure on military might, don't forget the sports rort, robo-debt, the spying on East Timor. The structure behind the people spending all our money, is the same as the one that said Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction,

and provoked the war on Iraq, based on a lie.

The motives behind their actions are not transparent, they are kept secret – for our own good we are told. I would welcome the change to a fair and equal economic system.

**Rob Podhajsky**  
Ocean Shores

**Duck shoving**

I am amused at the duck shoving by Council, councillors, Fisheries and other environmental experts over who was to blame for the fish kill in Tallow Creek caused by the reopening of the creek to the ocean by Council.

The action was clearly initiated because residential properties, that back onto Tallow Creek, were in danger of being flooded by the blocked creek.

In Ocean Shores and New Brighton, I believe it is clear who is to blame for the blocking of Billinudgel Creek at Wooyung, Ocean Shores, and Golden Beach causing flooding in the North of the Shire.

The Tweed Council allowed the closure of an outlet at Wooyung and in Ocean Shores, Byron Council closed the outlet into the ocean above Golden Beach. I think these actions increased

flooding for both Tweed and North Byron Shire residents.

Byron Council minuted, in 1976, their acceptance of liability for increasing flooding behind that closure.

The Public Works Department (PWD) accepted that the construction of the Rock Training Walls at Brunswick Heads caused the destruction of Sheltering Palms.

The internal wall in Readings Bay, also built by PWD, has been verified as causing the siltation of Marshalls Creek, again raising flood levels.

Council constructed the levee bank around Golden Beach, causing the flood levels to rise.

It is clear that Byron Council, and some councillors and 'psuedo environmentalists', are more concerned about flooding of homes and fish kills in Byron Bay than man-made flooding of homes in the north of the Shire.

It is also clear that the residents know more about the true reasons for flooding than Council's consultants.

If you have any doubts about any of the above, just search brunswickvalley.com.au/flood-history/current\_updates.htm

**Jim Mangleson**  
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# Putting a lid on the pothole problem

Richard Hill

A few years back, a senior UK parliamentarian attended the World Social Forum – a gathering of non-government organisations concerned with rolling back the global corporate order.

During a lull in proceedings he was approached by a very earnest young man who declared: ‘We have to topple global capitalism and we have to do it now! Nothing is more pressing.’

The parliamentarian nodded approvingly and said to the young man, ‘Well, yes, I think you’re probably right. But, you see, the thing is, as a local member I have all sorts of things to deal with and Mrs Jones, who tuns 75 next year, has been denied an aged care bungalow so I am rather preoccupied with that.’

Which brings me to the potholes in Mullumbimby. We laugh and joke about them, and occasionally we curse them. We talk about them over dinner and sometimes threaten to sue the Council when our car suspension systems or tyres are wrecked.

While there’s no shortage of potholes across the Shire, the real pearlers are to be found in Mullum, lots of them: small, medium and whopping great big ones. Some are big enough to consume a decent sized pram, with the parent attached.

Viewed from the air, many of Mullum’s cratered carriageways resemble scenes from the First World War, minus the trenches. One road skirting the Brunswick River has so many filled holes that there’s barely any sign of the original surface.

Most of us, I think, have decided to put up with these aberrations, although complaints surface regularly at Council meetings and during election campaigns.

## Pothole folklore

Some of Mullum’s more creative denizens have tried to grow plants in the deeper depressions, and one brave soul, in a display of civil duty, painted colourful lines around the outer rims of the offending pits, only to be



Multipurpose potholes have been put to a range of uses over the years by locals. Photos Aslan Shand

apprehended and fined by the police – or so I’m told.

A couple of roads in Mullum are so potholed that it’s almost impossible to traverse them. Perhaps the most horrendous example of these hazardous hollows is in Stuart Street – one of the busiest thoroughfares in Mullum. It’s where shoppers park their cars and cyclists navigate what are laughingly called cycle lanes.

Cyclists, including me, who have attempted to ride along the section of Stuart Street near the town centre, refer to it as the ‘bone rattler’. The alleged cycle lane is so pitted that one is forced into the equally pock-marked main drag. It is, if nothing else, a life-threatening experience.

Mullum’s potholes have become the stuff of folklore. But what does their enduring presence say about the place in which we live? Are there more serious issues associated with this problem?

Each week in *The Echo*, we read about the injustices perpetrated by nasty plutocrats and reckless governments.

We call for the upending of the capitalist system. We rage against prejudice and discrimination and the trashing of human rights. But perhaps we should take a closer look at our own town.

The fact is that we have streets without pavements, making it impossible for many older people, and those with prams, wheelie walkers and wheelchairs to get around. Some streets are so dark at night that torchlight is

required to navigate them. Those with low vision walk these streets at their peril. Some elderly people, and some with disabilities have given up going into town, for fear of tripping over jagged footpaths, or falling into one of those potholes.

I know of someone in her eighties – let’s call her Elizabeth – who hasn’t been to town for months. The last time she did so, she nearly fell into a pothole after stepping out of a car in Stuart Street. The net effect is that people like Elizabeth have been excluded from enjoying town life. They’re often confined to their homes. The potholes are not only an ugly menace, they also signify the injustices that we often fail to see. While we’re busy trying to topple corporate capitalism, Elizabeth and others like her are simply ignored – or perhaps the whole pothole thing has been consigned to the too hard basket.

Whatever the reason for the continuing presence of these eyesores – and I have heard endless explanations and rationalisations – they’re not a laughing matter, at least not for those whose quality of life is affected. I do wonder; if we fail to see the social problems caused by potholes, what else are we missing? Or perhaps we do see them, but shrug our shoulders, or say it’s all too difficult. Would it help perhaps, to reframe the pothole debacle as a social justice issue, rather than a matter of road maintenance? I wonder what Elizabeth would say about this?

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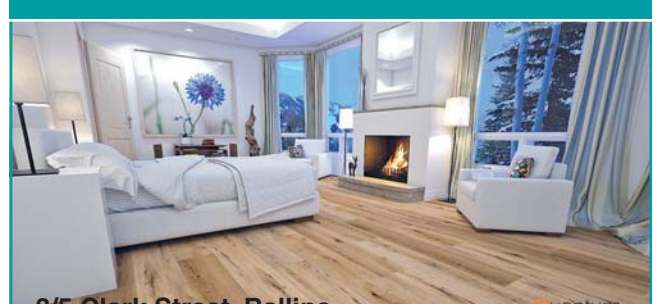
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# Planet Watch: Is hydrogen the fuel of the future?

David Lowe

There's been a lot of hot air in the media recently about hydrogen. The federal government wants the gas as part of their energy road map, and the green side of politics is enthusiastic too, with certain caveats. The problem is that there's hydrogen and then there's hydrogen. As an energy source, things quickly get complicated where the simplest chemical element in the universe is concerned.

Burning hydrogen releases energy. When used in a fuel cell, the chemical reaction between the hydrogen and oxygen creates electrical current.

Although hydrogen is the most abundant chemical substance we know of (more than half the atoms in our bodies are hydrogen, for example, along with 91 per cent of our sun), it doesn't occur naturally in a pure form on this planet – humans have to make it. This is worth doing because of hydrogen's very high energy content by weight, and its potential sustainability as a fuel source.

In 2017 the Hydrogen Council coalition (including massive players like Toyota,

Hyundai and Anglo-American) told COP23 in Bonn that hydrogen had the potential to contribute 20 per cent of the abatement needed to limit global warming to two degrees celcius, while also creating 30 million jobs and US \$2.5 trillion worth of business, by 2050. The coalition predicted a tenfold increase in the production of hydrogen in the next 30 years.

So where's all this hydrogen going to come from? That depends on what colour it is...

Strangely, for an invisible element, hydrogen comes in quite a few colour varieties. Presently, 95 per cent of the world's hydrogen production is of the 'brown' and 'grey' type. 'Brown' refers to fossil fuels as the source ingredient (coal or methane gas, derived via natural pressure or fracking), which is treated with steam, to break apart the molecular bonds of the hydrocarbons. In the process, a large quantity of carbon dioxide is generated. If this is allowed to escape and pollute the atmosphere, the process is called 'grey'.

'Green' hydrogen uses electricity to break apart the hydrogen from the oxygen in water (H<sub>2</sub>O) in a process



Left: Toyota Mirai fuel cell vehicle, ready to be fuelled with CSIRO-produced hydrogen. Right: Solar flares as hydrogen converts to helium in the sun.



called water electrolysis. More energy is required to make hydrogen this way, but if the electricity used is renewable, this is a much more environmentally sound method of production.

There's also 'blue' hydrogen, in which the 'brown' steam methane reforming method is used, with its environmentally unsound fossil fuel recipe; but then the resulting carbon dioxide is captured, and separated from the hydrogen. Like 'clean coal', this process is highly problematic.

There have been successful experiments making biological hydrogen with algae bioreactors, another green process, and by using concentrated solar thermal energy.

Whichever way hydrogen is made, the main by-product of burning it in air is pure water.

## Is this the energy of the future?

Compared with the best battery technology, hydrogen can release much more energy per unit of mass. That means cars and trucks running on hydrogen fuel cells

can cover longer distances. Refuelling is quicker too.

Tesla CEO (and battery manufacturer) Elon Musk, has described hydrogen fuel cells as 'fool cells' and as 'mind-bogglingly stupid', but there are some major players, including Toyota, who see the potential of hydrogen very differently.

With a background in applied physics, Toyota Chairman Takeshi Uchiyamada has said, in response to Musk, 'We don't really see an adversary "zero-sum" relationship between the EV (battery powered electric vehicle) and the hydrogen car. We're not about to give up on hydrogen electric fuel-cell technology at all.'

Another innovation is the idea of fuel stations that make their own hydrogen, using solar power, from rain harvested on the roof. Honda has even built tiny solar hydrogen stations designed for home use.

In the US, Honda and General Motors are collaborating to build hydrogen fuel cells. Ford is doing hydrogen research. California is planning to build 200 hydrogen fuel stations by 2025. In Europe, the largest green

hydrogen production plant is currently in Finland, with other major European players looking at scaling up green hydrogen to industrial levels. The Chinese are talking about hydrogen for transport and distributed electricity generation. In Germany there will soon be hydrogen-powered trains.

## National Hydrogen Roadmap

In Australia, the CSIRO recently delivered a National Hydrogen Roadmap that seeks to shift the narrative from 'technology development to market activation', arguing that the key associated technologies are now mature.

CSIRO research has made it possible for hydrogen to be transported in the form of liquid ammonia, using existing infrastructure, then reconverted back to hydrogen, at the point of use. Hydrogen produced in Queensland using this technology has recently been used successfully in passenger vehicles.

One of the most exciting potentials for hydrogen is

the possibility for it to store excess renewable energy, for example, in places without big batteries, and to export that renewable energy without the need for lengthy copper cables and the associated power losses.

This can be achieved at community scale, or in conjunction with large wind or solar farms, such as the planned Yara Pilbara project, or the even bigger Asian Renewable Hub, which is expected to deliver green hydrogen by 2027.

The Murchison Renewable Hydrogen Project is another exciting development in Western Australia. QUT has already exported the first green hydrogen to Japan from Queensland. The Grattan Institute recently suggested that low emission, green steel is another real possibility with hydrogen, creating thousands of new jobs in the process.

Federally though, the current talk from Energy Minister Angus Taylor is all about mixing hydrogen with fossil fuel gases in existing pipelines, and extending the life of dead-end fossil fuel investments by using these substances to make brown hydrogen for export. Business as usual, in other words.

This approach needs to be called out and resisted. Hydrogen has far more positive potential than that.

■ A longer version is available on *Echonetdaily*: [www.echo.net.au/planet-watch-is-hydrogen-the-fuel-of-the-future](http://www.echo.net.au/planet-watch-is-hydrogen-the-fuel-of-the-future), and was made possible by the support of Byron Eco Park Holdings.

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# The tides of history on our sands

*A handful of sand is an anthology of the universe.*

– David McCord

Story & image Mary Gardner



Clarke's Beach, like many other east Australian beaches, is much changed, again. The sand is swept away, exposing reefs and ripples of round rocks. I look at the parfait of black and pale sands. As I ponder the future, the dark heavy minerals and pale grains first conjure up the past. After all, for millennia these tiny grains were structural supports holding both shellfish and gold.

Supernova explosions created gold, and hurled it throughout space. About 200 million years after the creation of Earth, meteorites laced with gold dropped onto the planet. A lot is still part of the core, but long ago some was moved in magma, erupting as part of different rocks. As the rocks eroded, gold and black heavy minerals washed down to beaches.

Shellfish evolved in the Cambrian, some 540 million years ago. As the sea level stabilised 10,000 years ago, the sands were crowded with various clams. Dominating open beaches were surf clams, here called pipi. In 1880, the Queenslander reported that from Southport to Richmond, they were 'alive in their incalculable myriads'.

Of course, Aboriginal people knew. An important protein for young and old, abundant, edible raw or cooked, surf clams were part of their seafood basket. Physical proof of thousands of years of use were the many middens built up of clam shells. Some were many metres high and long. Many were also used as caches or burial sites. Post invasion, so many have been destroyed.

But Aboriginal culture holds on to the pipi. Stories continue, not only about holiday feeds but also survival food – when many displaced or marginalised Aboriginal people lived in 'no man's land' or 'fringe camps' near beaches. Pipi show up in art: look at Digby Moran's work in Railway Park, Byron Bay, or in the Angel Beach Tunnel, Ballina.

In the early 1800s, timber cutters and whalers were

using the land and water of the subtropics for extractive commercial work. They noticed gold in the black sands. In the words of former Byron Mayor, Richard Brownell, their 'plush carpets or even goatskins were good enough to catch and hold... heavy amalgam [gold]... as if it had been put [there] by the shovel'.

The beach gold rush is the quieter companion of inland gold rushes. It is also the history of early commercial fishing. The convoluted story, with a cast of thousands, is worth remembering.

Among the many migrants seeking gold were men from the Celestial Empire, often travelling from Guanzhou. Through 1880-90, Sydney newspapers published reports of men in small groups mining the far north's beaches. From what we now call the Gold Coast, down through Evans Head, industrialised sand mining destroyed many of these sites by the early 20th century. But archaeologist, Thera Gilroy, found evidence of at least six Chinese mining camps near Evans Head.

A mosaic of biography and trade history explains these times.

In 1859, nine-year-old Mei Quong Tart accompanied his father to Ballarat and worked for a Scots family. As a young man, speaking both Mandarin and English, with a Scottish brogue, he made a fortune in gold.

Settling in Sydney, Quong Tart opened the first of the soon-to-be-popular, tea houses. He was a progressive, offering his workers benefits such as meals, paid holidays and sick leave. A dual citizen, serving the Australian government, and decorated by China as a Mandarin, he was a negotiator in many cases of racial discrimination, and an advocate of racial equality.

Two of the largest shareholders in a bank that we now know as Westpac, were

Louis Ah Mouy and Lowe Kong Meng, gold-trading and merchant men of Melbourne. The currency issued was in English on one side, and Chinese on the other.

In many coastal towns, as well as the capitals, men at Chinese camps, financed by wealthier Chinese, caught and salted fish. They also bought fresh fish from both settler and Aboriginal fishers. The brined or dried fish were shipped inland to Chinese miners, but also back to China.

The trade was very successful, financed by the likes of Mouy and Meng. The ships returned with tea and silk, sold on by the likes of Quong Tart. More immigrants also arrived.

Remember one major economic driver to the founding of Sydney was the creation of a British closed port near China, helping the East India Company. Trade with China through Australia was important to the British Empire.

My point? Before Federation, the British and Chinese empires influenced activities and changes on our coasts in ways no longer visible. Through all this, Aboriginal people survived, sometimes just barely. Irrevocable change to the structure of many beaches began. Vast populations of surf clams began to collapse.

Today, we know that vehicles on beaches, much like mining, destroy pipi. The populations are in fragments. The Australian government still blocks Aboriginal people from most of their sea country and much of its management. It also struggles with China; its trade and peoples.

The same government also rejects the value of history and other humanities. How could we understand the science of gold and surf clams without Indigenous and colonial history?

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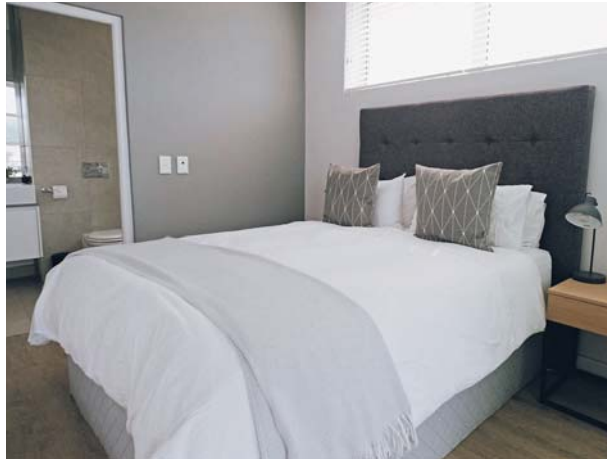
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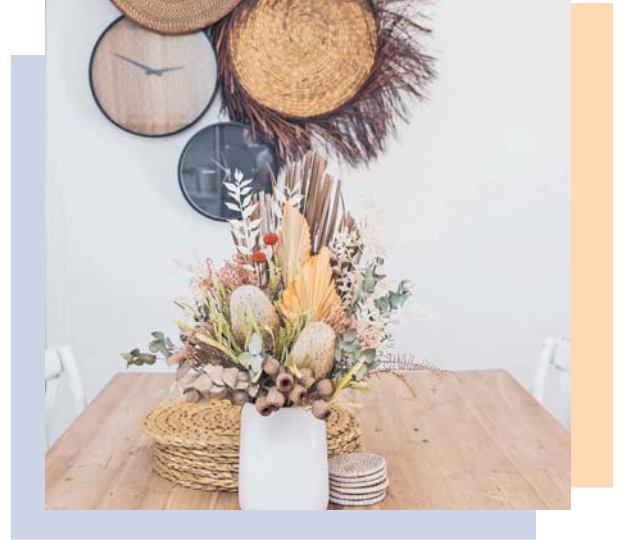
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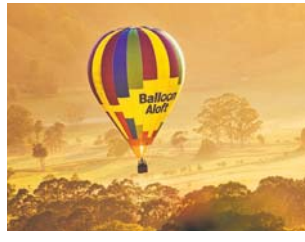
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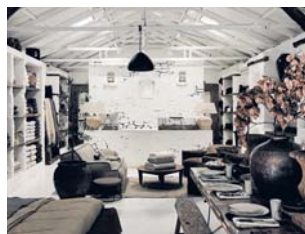


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# The Good Life

## Organic Forrest at New Brighton

Story and photo Kate O'Neill

Some of Dougal Forrest's earliest memories are of being out in the garden with his mum and dad, and crawling around in the macadamia orchard 'helping' to gather the harvest.

His parents, David Forrest and Sue Mangan, moved to their Federal farm more than 40 years ago and were pioneers of the organic farming movement in the Northern Rivers – so for Dougal and his three sisters, helping out on the farm was a huge part of their life growing up.

When Dougal finished school he moved to the Gold Coast and worked as an electrician, returning to the farm on the

weekends to help out. But farm life was calling and when his parents offered to sell him a piece of their land to create his own patch, it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up. Dougal now has his own burgeoning market garden. His produce includes ginger, garlic, turmeric, cucumber, potatoes and kale, which he sells at his stall Organic Forrest at the New Brighton Farmers Market.

He also collaborates with his mum and dad – who have sold their organic produce at Mullumbimby Farmers Market for many years – by having produce from their farm available on his stall too.

His stall offers macadamias, macadamia butter, leafy greens, coffee beans, and delicious home-made creations from Sue (a former food tech teacher at Mullum High) including Davidson plum jam, Jamu (an Indonesian health drink based on turmeric), and the ultimate winter tonic, Fire Cider, made with apple cider, horseradish, ginger, garlic, chilli, lemon and honey. Dougal says the move to full-time farming has been incredibly rewarding and he loves the face-to-face interaction with customers at the markets.



Dougal Forrest's got the right stuff when it comes to organic produce at the New Brighton Market, every Tuesday morning.

Dougal reckons he's got the right stuff; 'When customers ask where it's come from and how it was grown – I've got the right answers,' he said confidently.

Find Organic Forrest at the New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday.

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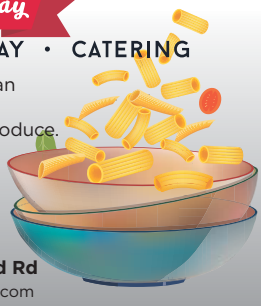
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## Life is boring without pasta!



The extended Pasta Bowl family: Jerome Dionne, Pina Witzel, and Daniele Trimarchi, at the Golf Club.

Story and photo by Eve Jeffery

What happens when you take a cup each of Italy, Holland and Canada, and add a pinch of Berlin? You get flavour filled pasta in Byron Bay!

With Italian and Dutch heritage behind him, Daniele Trimarchi is the chef at the Pasta Bowl at the Byron Bay Golf Club, with his German-born partner, Emily Witzel.

Danny has been cooking Italian food for 35 years. 'My passion comes from my heritage. I was raised on a market garden farm in South Australia,' he says. Trimarchi has also cooked his way across the globe, adding to his broad spectrum of flavours. 'I worked for the Roux brothers in London, and at Icebergs and Fratelli Paradiso in Sydney, to name a few. It has been a lifetime dream to own

an Italian restaurant in Byron Bay.' Danny says he wants to bring back the fun in food. 'I want to make wholesome, real food – the honest food that we all love so much.'

The Pasta Bowl sources local and organic products where possible, and he likes to push the vegan agenda, so there are lots of vegan options on the menu, with his Vegan Bolognese a huge hit.

Why pasta? 'Life is boring without pasta,' says Danny. 'Everybody loves it!'

But there are also other great Italian favourites on the menu if, for some crazy reason, pasta isn't your thing; with popular specials including handmade gnocchi and arancini.

Danny says they opened pre-COVID and were lucky to build a strong local following in a short time, so reopening the Pasta Bowl has been a huge success.

The Pasta Bowl does catering of all sizes, nothing is too big or too small – they do bespoke catering, events and weddings, with everything you need in the beautiful venue, overlooking the gorgeous Byron Bay Golf Club.

Danny also has plans to start cooking classes in the near future. Danny says the thing he loves most on the menu is the orecchetti gamberi – prawns, zucchini and a light tomato broth with basil and parsley.

Pina, who has been in the food industry her whole life, and has been trained in

fine dining, says her favourite dish is the fettuccine pesto genovese – pesto, potato and green beans, and house made vegan parmesan.

But wait! Their crumble is to die for, with a great vegan option as well.

The team at the Pasta Bowl is an extended-family business with sous chef Jerome Dionne, from Quebec in Canada, who also has a background in fine dining.

'We always have lots of fun working together, and I think people can taste the love in our dishes,' says Danny.

'There is lots of space for large groups and families here, and plenty for the kids to entertain themselves, overlooking the beautiful landscape of the Golf Club – what could be more perfect?'

The Pasta Bowl is open evenings, from 5pm, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and from 12-7pm for long lunches and high tea on Sundays, offering fresh baked scones with house made jam and cream.



We were so excited about Loft Byron Bay opening last week that we waxed lyrical for far too long and forgot to put in this awesome photo, by Nuria Mele, of new chef Craig McFarland!

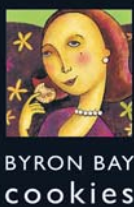
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# Fifty years a butcher: a Devine life

Ross Kendall

Vince Devine has been selling top quality meat to locals and newcomers alike for the last 50 years, including running Devine Quality Meats in Mullumbimby for the last 30 years. Vince got his start in the trade in May 1970 when he was apprenticed to Knights, a butchery in Lismore that employed more than 22 people. 'There are not too many big shops like that around now,' he said. Before long he was sent to work in the sister business in Ballina, and went back and forth between the two

shops for five years. At that point he was asked to join a colleague who was opening a new butcher shop – Fawcett's Butcher, on Mullumbimby's main road. Vince was born and bred in the Main Arm valley just outside Mullum, and with his wife of 43 years, Karen, has brought up three children on their family farm just kilometres from where he was raised. 'It was good to get a job in Mullumbimby because it meant a lot less driving. I did all my driving in an EH Holden,' he said. Thirty years ago he started his own business, Devine Quality Meats, on Stuart St

behind The Middle Pub. The shop employs five butchers, and Vince attributes its longevity to delivering consistent quality and service to his customers, even though the area has seen plenty of change across the decades. 'Good quality keeps you there,' he said. Devine Meats does a range of value-added, pre-prepared meats but, 'generally people are still looking for the more traditional cuts,' he said. As a rule, Devine Meats takes advantage of its rural location to source meat from local farms. 'It's good to know the farm where your cattle are coming

from; how they have been treated and fed. Local cattle are all top quality, we source as much local as we can,' he said. He used to be able to source cattle from as close as Main Arm, now they come from the Nimbin and Kyogle areas. Like most local businesses Devine Quality Meats was hit hard when Woolworths opened in Mullumbimby, roughly eight years ago. 'Thirty per cent they knocked us. We were down. You can't blame the customers, it is just so convenient to shop there and get everything at once, especially if you have three kids in the car,' he said. The business has only really



Photo: Vince Devine by Jeff 'The Devine Mr D' Dawson.

bounced back to its former levels in the last few months with the onset of COVID-19. 'That's the positive side of it, people have time to cook at home, and all the restaurants and takeaways have been closed. There has also been a lot of parking available and that has helped us too – they

realised, 'Yes, we do have a local butcher shop in town!' he said. When retirement is mentioned Vince's eyes light up. 'It's getting closer,' he chuckles. 'But I still enjoy it, when I don't anymore, I'll know I've done my bit'.

## Good Taste Eateries Guide

### BALLINA

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## MOTHER IS BURNING

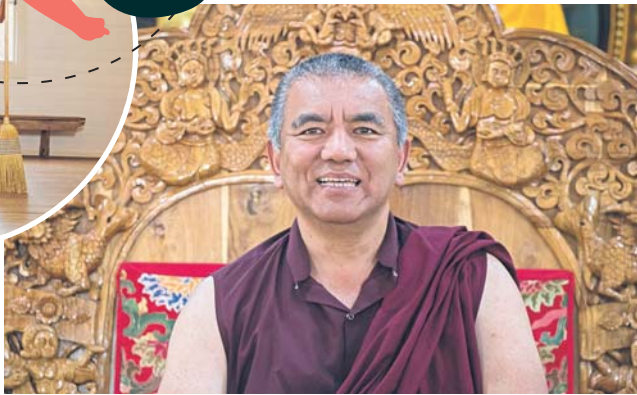
While singer songwriters have found themselves prevented from performing live, they've been forced indoors to consider and create new projects. One such artist to concoct something new and powerful is **Merryn Jean**, who is about to release *Mother is Burning*.

She says, 'The song was written in January 2020 when the bushfires were at the peak of devastation. It made me think a lot about society and nature, the connection between the two, 'human nature' and 'humans in nature.' Merryn is an Australian musician based in Paris, France who is driven by her instinct to work across codes. To record this battle cry for Mother Nature she engages the young voices of **Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School** (where she was once a student). The song also features cello by **Cecile Lacharme**. 100% of the revenue raised will be donated to an **association fighting for climate justice**.

The song will be released on all streaming platforms this Friday

## BACK TO UKE!

**Mullum Uke Club** has resumed at **Mullum Ex-services Club** – running most **Mondays** from **6-7.30pm** in the Auditorium. The Uke crew ask, if you are ill in any way, please don't attend, and of course, if you are well – bring your own uke. And with the four metre rule being observed, social distancing and four string instruments will be in play!



## HAVING THE RIGHT VIEW

A senior Tibetan Buddhist lama, His Eminence the 7th Dzogchen Rinpoche, believes that having the 'right view' is essential to our wellbeing. He says: 'Wrong view is the biggest issue now in the world. When we have the right view, living in this crazy world makes sense; otherwise, we suffer. Right view is essential for wellbeing.'

**Dzogchen Rinpoche** will share his Buddhist wisdom in Byron Bay in a **three day weekend seminar and meditation**. The seminar, on the topic **'How to be in the world with right view?'** will take place from **Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July**.

In these teachings, Dzogchen Rinpoche will explain what it means to have the right view, and how it leads to better decision making and choices. Dzogchen Rinpoche will show us how to have a view like that of an eagle soaring high in the sky. With that, we can rest with ease in all that arises.

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## THE COVID-19 COVEN...

### BITCHIN FOR A WITCHIN

The **Country Witches Association** are feeling like the world has changed, and maybe that's not such a bad thing. Join Irish singer songwriter **Aine Tyrrell**, and comedian **Mandy Nolan** as they gather to talk politics and polemics, pornography and pole dancing. It's a wide ranging discussion that breaks the fourth wall and asks the audience to join the conversation, and the revolution. Join the CWA at the **Byron Services Club** this **Saturday**, and **Saturday 1 August** at the **Bangalow Bowlo!** Both shows at **7.30pm**. Tix are **\$35** and must be purchased online at **ainetyrrell.com/touring**.



Fun facts about the Byron Theatre!

### Fun Fact #12:

#### Byron Theatre has a rich history!

Did you know that the theatre is 17 years old? In 1994, the Byron Community Centre closed its doors for a major redevelopment. The creative project of re-designing the building was supported by many sponsors & years of dedicated local fundraising efforts. Designed by the well-known architect Ian McKay, the new Centre opened its doors in 2002, the theatre opened in 2003. The Byron Theatre won the Dolphin Award for Best Venue in its first year of operation. Since then, the theatre has been a home base for local artists, theatre groups, schools and musicians: The premier performance space in Byron Shire.

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



## THE BURN

What inspires you to push past your pain barrier? It's the question that every personal trainer wants to know. What motivates you? How do you activate the mindset that gets you up at 5.30am when the alarm goes, and into a pair of exercise pants and runners? How does a person resist the temptation to snuggle a little longer in the fluffy warmth of the doona and go back to glorious sleep?

Some people just get up every day and exercise. I'd heard of these people. But I didn't actually know any. Now I'm one of them. I'd seen them in the dark, pulling tyres through sand, or punching middle-aged men outside a surf club, or dropping for 20 push-ups. These people had found that hard to reach 'spot'. The E-spot.

It doesn't come easy. It comes in degrees. I've realised, after years of avoidance, that exercise is the easy bit. I actually quite enjoy the physical workout. I just never have the time. I'm too busy. I'm going somewhere else. I have to do something with the kids. I have to work. The biggest hurdle to exercise, for me, has always been a flabby mindset; my health was never that important. If my life was a tube of toothpaste, I intended to wring it until I was drained.

That's no way to live, especially if you want to brush your teeth each day, or if other people in your life rely on your supply. So when I hit 50, I thought I'd better redress my lax attitude towards self-care.

Time to move. Great concept, but very annoying when trying to implement.

If you have any hope of rolling your fat ass out of bed, you need intention. Intention can't be folded up and stored under the bed. It needs to be active. You need to find your intention every day. I often go to bed with intention, but then when the alarm summons me forward, I realise I have none. It's like intention has fucked off while I slept.

I trick myself with a cup of tea. I figure, if I get up and have a cup of tea, I might, at the very least, develop the intention to put my pants on. Once you have pants on – you are half way there!

The next step is willingness. Willingness for me is usually not a problem. I'm a very willing woman. But I guess I've been willing in the wrong direction. Willing for wine. Willing for weed. Willing for carbs. Now I have to be willing for pain. 'The burn' as they call it. Sounds like cystitis. Ok, I'm willing to be willing. I'll forget about the burn, and just turn up. I figure, if all I do is turn up, the rest will sort itself out.

To make myself turn up I've been making dawn walking-dates. Buddying up with an exercise partner. Sadly, I am never that committed that I would turn up just for myself. I turn up for other people. So in order to turn up for myself, I make sure that me not doing so would let someone else down. It's a highly manipulative behaviour masked in selfless camaraderie.

Anyway, once I turn up, I am there for the burn. The other day a personal trainer was encouraging us to run and push past the part of you that just caves-in once the pain gets too much. It occurred to me that in order to motivate middle aged women to run, you need to speak their language. I thought a good inspiration to run might be 'you've just paid \$200 to get your hair done, and it's started to rain. Now *run for the car*'. Or 'you've left your phone in a cafe and you're parked illegally'. I would definitely run for that. 'You left the bath running'. And my favourite motivator, that I believe would work for most women – probably men too – is 'you have 5 minutes to get to the bottleshop before it closes'. Fuck I'd sprint. Imagine the willingness! The Intention! Yes – the bottleshop workout. Talk about 'feel the burn!'. The burn of your liver failing. See you on the beach.

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# STARS BY LILITH



After last month's intense triple eclipses, pressure lessens, a little, as Mercury goes direct this weekend and communication glitches ease...

**♈ ARIES:** Mars in your sign can be irritable and blunt – this Cancerian week is emo and sensitive. Meaning dragon-tongued and thin-skinned isn't a comfortable combination for any of us, so tread gently, and if something offends, use it as an opportunity to love yourself more, especially during combustible weekend Aries moon.

**♉ TAURUS:** With Mars and Mercury at odds this week, feelings are likely to run high. If clashes erupt, resolution may not be possible in the heat of the moment, so postpone discussions till tempers and temperatures cool down. If an unexpected occurrence throws you, don't hesitate to ask for help.

**♊ GEMINI:** We're in a time when tensions can flare between even the gentlest of humans. That said, this is a great week for Gemini to use their mercurial superpowers of visualisation and communication to say, do, or manifest something that could make a difference in someone's life. Even one person's...

**♋ CANCER:** Mercury exiting retrograde in your sign this weekend is good news, right? Then again, its edgy alignment with Mars says: not if you get all feisty and fiery and start burning bridges. Hold your fire, and note instead, some of this week's fabulous free-flowing ideas, before they get lost.

**♌ LEO:** Best take your chill-pills again this week, because a combative attitude could detonate major conflagrations. Problems will be more easily resolved if you don't bring past issues to the present situation. Or buy into dramas. Or arc up over imagined discourtesies. Try not to take things personally, your majesties.

**♍ VIRGO:** While some peoples' passionate attitudes and forthright opinions mightn't gel at all with yours, respect their right to them. Connect instead this week with your like-minded tribe to see what can be accomplished. Or, if you need new input, seek out creatives in other social sectors for a fresh perspective.

**♎ LIBRA:** This week's Cancerian vibes could have you thinking about using your talents to help others, so look for ways you can build more service and giving into daily routines. Retrogrades remind us of skills we haven't used for a while and Mercury, messenger between inner and outer worlds, is currently reviving this forgotten knowledge.

**♏ SCORPIO:** If this week's mixed signals and crossed wires find you questioning everything, including someone's loyalty, tread warily and carefully. Don't go making accusations unless you have facts. And even if you do have them, it's possible that things still might not be the way they seem. Keep your heart open.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Saying too much could get you in hot water this week, so think twice before sharing unsolicited opinions, unrequested advice or TMI in general. The good news? Some really radical and highly inspiring ideas are downloading, but it's advisable to keep them in the private file till the time's right for sharing.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** Not a good idea to push your agenda right now, no matter how enthusiastic and pumped you are about it, or how urgent it might feel. This week people are likely to be more receptive if you speak from the heart, and more impressed by appeals to their feelings than by facts and figures.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** This could be a quarrelsome, argumentative kind of week, so keep that contrarian Aquarian streak in check. Channel antsy energy into caring activities instead: a kindness to someone who needs it, fresh flowers for your home, a meal with a friend, or diving into your favorite creative endeavor.

**♓ PISCES:** This week's relationship ebb and flow will ride some king tides, easing somewhat when Mercury wraps up its retrograde on the weekend. The astral weather forecast is still majorly emo, with conflicts standing a better chance of resolution if you reschedule discussions for the end of the month.

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## REUBEN KAYE IS OUT TO PLAY

It is time to shake off the post-isolation blues – with the **Picture House** bringing in the big guns to do just that. Yes, multi-award winning Australian Cabaret artist, and self-proclaimed part-time hood ornament, **Reuben Kaye**, is back for two shows. Choose from a variety of ticketing options, starting at **\$15**.

Described as 'the evil love child of Liza Minnelli and Jim Carrey', Kaye's delivery is flawless, and blends lavish storytelling with gilded song, incorporating an impressive repertoire that ranges from Kurt Weill to Kate Bush. All while punctuating his monologue with rich cultural critique that has his worldwide audiences and critics begging for more.

With current COVID-19 restrictions in place, the team at the Picture House knew they needed to get creative, ensuring that no one would miss out on the full Reuben Kaye experience. In addition to a very limited number of tickets indoors, audiences can *Come Out and Play* in the idyllic **Picture House garden**, watching the show inside live on the big screen outside, as the fire is stoked and Reuben's sequins give the evening stars a run for their money. But don't think you'll be safe from his moments of improvisation just because there is a wall between you... audience participation is a 'ready or not' proposition.

Covering all corners, for those of you who have become a little too comfortable on the couch, in a first for the Picture House, local audiences will be joined by fans from all over Australia, and the world, as the Reuben Kaye *Comes Out to Play* show is streamed right into the comfort of your lounge room for \$15.

**Two shows only. Duration 75 minutes: Saturday at 7pm, and Sunday at 5pm. For all bookings, streaming information and tickets go to [brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com)**

## BLACK TIE CONCERT AT BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE

Fresh from releasing their new belter, *Under The Thunder* and accompanying video, **Skeggs** are proud to present a series of once-in-a-lifetime shows from the iconic **Brunswick Picture House**, over four nights, **July 8–11**.

The shows will see the band perform for a limited capacity audience (seated and asked to arrive in formal attire), with the



Friday and Saturday nights also live-streamed to international audiences via Veeps.

In some of the first concerts to be attended by live audiences post-COVID lockdown laws, fans at the shows can expect a full night of entertainment that may not happen at a Skeggs show ever again – including a magician, cheese platters and limited edition merchandise.

For those who can't make it to the Picture House in person, they will be able to **stream** the Friday and Saturday night shows, and host their own watch parties from the comfort of their lounge rooms.

Supporting Skeggs will be Cronulla-based singer/songwriter **Adam Newling**, showcasing some of his top-notch alt-country gems.

**Tickets are on sale now. Sign up to the band's mailing list at [Skeggs.com](http://Skeggs.com) for your chance to secure tickets.**

## THE WAY WE WERE... WITH AUSTEN TAYSHUS

The world is nervously finding its way back to the pre-COVID way we were. Although perhaps we won't ever be completely the way we were. We now stand on squares, we avoid contact with people, we wash our hands. So how are we supposed to negotiate this new world disorder? How do we connect? How do we move forward? Comedians are very much at the frontline of the social dialogue about how we feel.

Standup comedian and social provocateur, **Austen Tayshus**, always has a unique perspective on topical issues, and his post-COVID comedy is certainly something worth hearing! Fortunately for comedy lovers, Austen is back for two nights with the mama of mirth, **Mandy Nolan** as MC, and carpet cleaner by day, comedian by night, **John Peacock** as support. Social distancing has never been a problem at Tayshus' gigs – no one ever wants to sit up the front! He's a force of nature – his comedic downloads are legendary – weaving politics and topical themes throughout his satirical discourse that drills down on Australian identity, race and religion. **Friday 17 and Saturday 18 July at 8pm** at the **Byron Services Club**. **Tix \$35 on [mandynolan.com.au](http://mandynolan.com.au).**

Shows have limited tickets owing to Public Health Order regulations.

Admission Prices: Adults \$14.00, Student/Conc \$12.00, Senior \$11.00, Children \$10.00. Wednesday All Tickets \$10. Telephone: (02) 66869600. Website: [www.ballinafaircinemas.com.au](http://www.ballinafaircinemas.com.au)

### BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

#### Thursday 9th to Wednesday 15th July

JULY	THU 9th	FRI 10th	SAT 11th	SUN 12th	MON 13th	TUE 14th	WED 15th
BLOODSHOT M 109 MIN	4:30 PM	4:30 PM 6:35 PM	4:30 PM 6:35 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
FROZEN PG 108 MIN					10:30 AM		
JUMANJI: THE NEXT LEVEL PG 123 MIN	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:10 PM	2:10 PM
LOVE SARAH M 98 MIN	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM	12:30 PM
RED SHOES AND THE SEVEN DWARFS G 92 MIN	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG PG 99 MIN	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM	10:10 AM 1:40 PM
SPIES IN DISGUISE PG 101 MIN	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM
STAR WARS: EPISODE VII - THE FORCE AWAKENS M 136 MIN		3:35 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM			
THE CURRENT WAR M 102 MIN	4:45 PM	4:45 PM	4:45 PM	4:45 PM	4:45 PM	4:45 PM	4:45 PM
THE INVISIBLE MAN MA15+ 124 MIN	3:35 PM	6:10 PM	6:10 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM	3:35 PM
THE JUNGLE BOOK PG 108 MIN	12:05 PM	12:05 PM	12:05 PM	12:05 PM	12:05 PM	12:05 PM	12:05 PM
THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD PG 119 MIN	10:20 AM 2:30 PM	10:20 AM 2:30 PM	10:20 AM 2:30 PM	10:20 AM 2:30 PM	2:30 PM	10:20 AM 2:30 PM	10:20 AM 2:30 PM
THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW M 100 MIN		6:50 PM	6:50 PM				

**All Tickets \$10**

*"War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength."*

— George Orwell, 1984

## PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 9 Jul - Wed 15 Jul

<b>RETRO SCREENINGS</b>	<b>A SON</b> 96 min (M) Daily except Wed: 4:30PM Wed: 10:50AM	<b>SONIC THE HEDGEHOG</b> 99 min (PG) Daily except Wed: 12:00, 3:45PM Wed: 10:45AM, 3:45PM
<b>GOODFELLAS</b> 143 min (R18+) Mon: 6:45PM Wed: 10:50AM	<b>BELLBIRD</b> 96 min (M) NFT Daily: 1:30PM	<b>THE BOOKSELLERS</b> 95 min (PG) NFT Daily except Wed: 4:30, 6:50PM Wed: 4:30PM
<b>PREDATOR</b> 105 min (M) Fri: 6:45PM	<b>DARK WATERS</b> 127 min (M) Daily: 3:30, 6:20PM	<b>THE CURRENT WAR</b> 102 min (M) Daily: 4:10, 6:30PM
<b>SHIRLEY</b> 107 min (M) NFT Daily except Wed: 1:50, 4:20, 7:00PM Wed: 11:20AM, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00PM	<b>LOVE SARAH</b> 98 min (M) Daily: 1:15, 6:10PM	<b>THE INVISIBLE MAN</b> 124 min (MA15+) Daily except Wed: 4:20PM Wed: 10:45AM
<b>THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF DAVID COPPERFIELD</b> 119 min (PG) NFT Daily: 1:10, 4:00, 6:40PM	<b>MASTER CHENG</b> 113 min (PG) Daily except Wed: 1:45PM Wed: 10:40AM	<b>THE TAVERNA</b> 86 min (MA15+) NFT Daily: 1:20PM
<b>A WHITE, WHITE DAY</b> 109 min (M) NFT Thu, Sat, Sun: 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 7:00PM Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed: 1:00, 3:30, 6:00PM	<b>ROMANTIC ROAD</b> 80 min (PG) Daily except Wed: 2:20, 7:10 Wed: 11:00AM, 7:10PM	

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## HAMMER & HAND - COVID-19 RELOCATION

After 12 wonderful years creating, teaching and marketing from their premises in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate, **Hammer and Hand** has relocated to the **Art Precinct at 10 Station Street Bangalow**, with a planned **grand opening in July**.

Leading up to the temporary closure of many businesses owing to COVID restrictions and the lockdown, and in the light of the changing demographic of the Byron Arts and Industry Estate, the members decided it was time to look for new premises, to downsize, and to find a more central and convenient location more accessible to their many loyal followers. Also, the large industrial workshop was no longer needed, as members have their own established studios and can continue to conduct jewellery making workshops from home. By chance, an opportunity to become part of the dynamic artistic community of Bangalow presented itself.

The new gallery, open seven days per week, will give many more people the opportunity to get to know the members and their hand-crafted works.

The new Bangalow Hammer and Hand is managed by **Bruce Pringle**, who founded the original collective twenty-six years ago in the Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart. Bruce has been a full-time practicing blacksmith, jewellery designer and sculptor since 1972.

[www.hammerandhand.com.au/contact](http://www.hammerandhand.com.au/contact)  
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## JUGAN DANDII - WEAVING CIRCLE III

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Over the two-day session, students will learn weaving techniques and craft with 'random weave' using local Bangalow palm fibre to create baskets, light shades and sculptural objects.

This two-day weekend workshop will be held on **Saturday 1 August and Sunday 2 August from 9.30am-12.30pm daily**. Owing to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, places are limited to a maximum of 10 participants only. The workshop is open to all adults (ages 15+).

All materials are provided and bookings are essential to secure a place. Book in early as places in these workshops sell out fast. Ignite Studios is located adjacent to the Gallery in the former Ballina Fire Station at **60 Crane Street Ballina**.

To book your place visit the **NRCG website at [www.nrcgballina.com.au](http://www.nrcgballina.com.au)** or phone the Gallery on 6681 0530.



## THE RAILS IS BACK ON TRACK

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On **Tuesday 7 July** is **Ooz**, and on **Wednesday** is **Jason Delphin**. **Thursday** brings us **Fintan**, with **Jordan McRobbie** on **Friday**. The weekend sees **Devils Kiosk** on **Saturday** and **Matty Armitage** on **Sunday**. Get on down and support the return of live music.

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### When the time comes

It is always interesting when a property comes on the market that hasn't been on the market for many years. Selling is a big decision at any time, let alone after 28 years in the one home. That, however, is the point that Terry and Margaret of 35 Cowper Street have come to.

They have both been very involved with the community; Margaret was a long time presenter at BayFM, and Terry was a physio at Byron Bay Hospital. Their home, an original 1946 workers' cottage has had two rounds of renovations in their time.

'Our favourite room is the lounge room with the views to the private garden. The winter sun floods the house, and in summer the louver windows are shaded by a lush mature grape vine' says Margaret.

Terry and Margaret are downsizing, but staying in the area. 'We'll stay in Byron, it's too nice to leave' Margaret says.



Above: Winter sun and summer shade from a beautiful established grape vine contribute greatly to the light-filled living space. Left: Terry and Margaret, not long after they bought 35 Cowper Street, 28 years ago.

■ The property is scheduled for auction, 19 July, 11am onsite. Contact Karin Heller of Parkinson Property 0409 177 659.

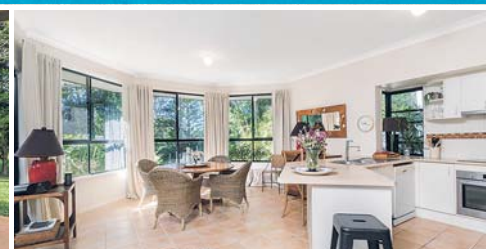
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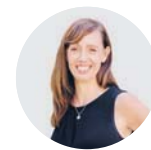
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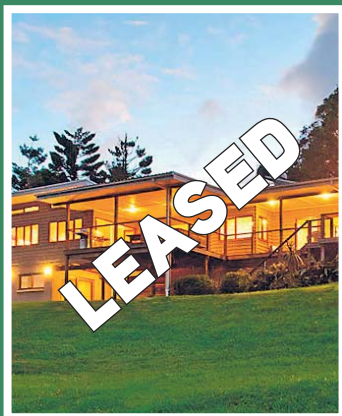
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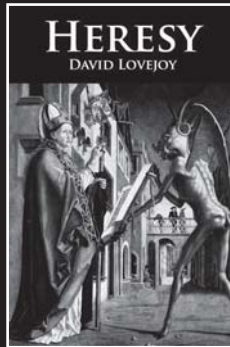
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## DEATH NOTICES

### DAVID ALAN HERRING

04/02/1955–26/06/2020

Loved son of Josie and Fred (dec). Father of Jody and Jordan. Grandfather of Eleanor. David passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer. Our thanks to all the doctors and nurses at Byron Bay Hospital and Opal Aged Care who cared for David during his illness.

A celebration of his life will be held at 22 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby at 10.30am on 10 July.

## PETS

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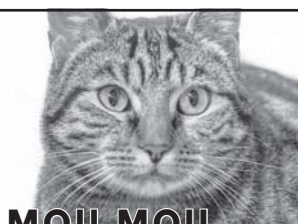


Mia is a 4 year old desexed female purebred German Rottweiler. She is a good natured, active girl, has some basic obedience training and would benefit from ongoing training. She will be fine with larger dogs but not keen on the little ones. Microchip No 900006000244014. If you can give Mia a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on 0421 017 461.



**Mia**

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Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
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KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

○ Full moon	5 July	2.44pm
● Third quarter	13 July	9.28am
● New moon	21 July	3.32am
○ First quarter	27 July	10.32pm

### JULY 2020 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	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
2 T	0639	1700	1423	0315	0530 1.34; 1830 1.77	1130 0.28
3 F	0639	1701	1511	0421	0629 1.30; 1921 1.85	0050 0.45; 1217 0.26
4 S	0639	1701	1603	0526	0722 1.27; 2008 1.90	0145 0.39; 1303 0.25
5 S	0639	1701	1700	0627	0812 1.25; 2053 1.90	0236 0.35; 1348 0.26
6 M	0639	1702	1800	0723	0858 1.23; 2135 1.87	0322 0.34; 1431 0.29
7 T	0639	1702	1900	0813	0942 1.21; 2215 1.81	0405 0.35; 1513 0.33
8 W	0639	1703	1958	0857	1024 1.20; 2252 1.73	0446 0.38; 1554 0.39
9 T	0638	1703	2055	0935	1105 1.18; 2329 1.64	0526 0.42; 1636 0.47
10 F	0638	1704	2149	1009	1149 1.18	0603 0.45; 1720 0.55
11 S	0638	1704	2242	1040	0005 1.55; 1240 1.18	0643 0.47; 1811 0.63
12 S	0638	1705	2333	1110	0045 1.45; 1339 1.20	0725 0.49; 1912 0.71
13 M	0638	1705		1140	0130 1.35; 1445 1.24	0812 0.49; 2025 0.75
14 T	0637	1706	0025	1210	0226 1.27; 1549 1.32	0900 0.48; 2147 0.75
15 W	0637	1706	0118	1242	0329 1.20; 1645 1.41	0949 0.46; 2302 0.70
16 T	0637	1707	0212	1318	0430 1.17; 1735 1.52	1035 0.43
17 F	0636	1707	0308	1357	0526 1.16; 1821 1.62	0002 0.63; 1120 0.39
18 S	0636	1708	0406	1443	0617 1.17; 1905 1.71	0051 0.55; 1202 0.35
19 S	0636	1708	0505	1535	0705 1.19; 1947 1.79	0134 0.47; 1245 0.30
20 M	0635	1709	0602	1633	0751 1.21; 2030 1.85	0215 0.40; 1329 0.25
21 T	0635	1709	0655	1735	0836 1.24; 2113 1.89	0257 0.35; 1413 0.22
22 W	0634	1710	0745	1840	0922 1.27; 2156 1.89	0339 0.31; 1458 0.22
23 T	0634	1710	0830	1946	1010 1.29; 2239 1.86	0422 0.28; 1545 0.24
24 F	0633	1711	0911	2051	1100 1.31; 2322 1.79	0505 0.28; 1635 0.30
25 S	0633	1711	0949	2155	1152 1.33	0551 0.29; 1730 0.38
26 S	0632	1712	1025	2259	0008 1.68; 1250 1.35	0638 0.31; 1833 0.48
27 M	0632	1713	1102		0058 1.54; 1357 1.39	0727 0.33; 1947 0.57
28 T	0631	1713	1140	0002	0154 1.40; 1509 1.45	0819 0.35; 2113 0.61
29 W	0631	1714	1221	0107	0259 1.28; 1619 1.54	0915 0.36; 2239 0.58
30 T	0630	1714	1306	0211	0410 1.20; 1723 1.64	1013 0.35; 2353 0.51
31 F	0629	1715	1356	0315	0521 1.16; 1819 1.72	1110 0.33

Times are Eastern Standard Daylight Savings Time.  
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data from Bureau of Meteorology.



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**SKIP**

### Morris, Joyce Irene.

11.10.1933 ~ 02.07.2020  
Passed away peacefully. Loved wife of Dave Morris (dec). Much Loved mother and mother-in-law of Sue & Mal, Ron (dec) & Wendy, Allan & Nina and Lyn & Jeff (dec). Loved by her six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Loved sister and sister-in-law. Joyce will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service to be held at Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery on MONDAY (July 13, 2020) commencing at 11am.

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## On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### On-call firefighters

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) in Bangalow are currently recruiting for three on-call firefighters. The position is a paid, on-call position with all personal protective equipment (PPE), training and calls paid for by FRNSW. For more information go to the official FRNSW website. Online applications close 12 July. Call Captain Andrew Hill for more information 0407 224 724.

### Free fun

Scouts are home delivering free fun. Aimed at kids aged 5-11, and their families, the program will offer, via email, a series of monthly fun indoor and outdoor activities and challenges. While some will be fully 'kid ready', others will enable parents and children to undertake tasks together. Register your interest online: <https://freefun.com.au>.

### Seniors program

The Byron Community Centre Seniors Programs will start again on 7 July. These include: Tuesdays Seniors Drumming with Gareth Jones at 10.30am in the Byron Theatre, Seniors Chair Yoga at 12.00noon; Wednesdays Choir and Ukulele; and Thursdays Studio 55 Drama for Seniors. For more information visit [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au).

### Chemical free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare's next working bee will be at Saltwater Creek, 9am till 1pm, Saturday 11 July, to attend to the 500 trees planted there last January. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Gardens (MCG) car park. Walk through the MCG gate and follow the main path. We will be on the left, just past the main office building. For more information see: [byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org](http://byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org)

### Dog trainers

Brunswick Area Responsible Canine Owners (BARCO) need 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).

### 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.

### Mullum tennis

The Tuesday Ladies Group of the Riverside Tennis Club is back in full swing at the courts next to Heritage Park, Mullumbimby. New players welcome. Contact Barbara on 6684 8058.

### Op shop

The Uniting Church op shop on the corner of 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 we look forward to welcoming you back. Featuring good quality winter coats, plus much more!

### CWA Bangalow

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

### 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

### 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.

### 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>.

### Calling poets

Ballina Region for Refugees (BR4R) invites submissions to the 2020 Seeking Asylum Poetry Prize. The prize celebrates the positive contributions refugees make to our communities, and acknowledges the circumstances that forced them flee their homelands and request refuge in Australia. The prize is open to all Australian residents. This year's competition theme is 'holding patterns'. We welcome poems of up to 50 lines that consider the

variety of roles that holding patterns occupy in refugee and asylum seeker experiences. Cash prizes will be awarded to first (\$300), second (\$150), and third (\$50) place winners. Winning entries will be published in Verity La. For further details, and to enter, follow the link to <https://br4r.org.au/poetry-comp>.

### OS Garden Club

The Ocean Shores and District Garden Club have been enjoying sharing photos of their home gardens and also inspirational gardens. Every day they share photos, sometimes with a theme such as a favourite coffee spot in their garden, and sometimes something more random such as what members love about their garden. We would love new members to join us in the coming months and welcome a phone call to our president Margaret Keating on 0412 246 310 for more information on meeting and how to get involved.

### Repair Café Mullum

Got something that needs fixing? The Repair Cafe Mullumbimby is back. They are opening their doors on Saturday, 6 June from 9am till 12noon. The Cafe is located at the Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street. For more information head to the Cafe, their Facebook page, or email: [jonathanhartland@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanhartland@gmail.com).

### Re-opening history

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Museum will be reopening this Friday, 12 June, 10am till 12pm. The museum, at the corner of Myokum and Stuart Streets, Mullumbimby, will be open each Tuesday and Friday morning. Every precaution has been taken to ensure the Health and Safety of our visitors and volunteers. New volunteers very welcome. Come and find out about your local history.

## Regular As Clockwork

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

### 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 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.

### Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email [fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au](mailto:fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au), website: [www.byronrespite.com.au](http://www.byronrespite.com.au).

### Community transport

The Tweed Byron and Ballina Community Transport (TBBCT) is still operating through the COVID-19 pandemic. TBBCT clients can still call to book a trip, if their transport needs are essential eg, medical appointments that can't be undertaken by Telehealth. Trips into Queensland can take place for medical appointments. TBBCT is unable to provide transport for people with flu-like symptoms, or who suspect they may have contracted COVID-19. Call your GP for advice. TBBCT is still taking on new clients and accepting referrals through My Aged Care. They can also assist callers with CHSP and community transport inquiries. TBBCT offices are not accessible to visitors at the moment, but calls are welcome, during office hours 8.30am-4.40pm, Monday to Friday on 1300 875 895.

### Support after suicide

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

### Cancer transport

Cancer Council NSW's Transport to Treatment (T2T) is made up of a volunteer driving force. Many of those drivers were over 60, and T2T had to stand down 91 per cent of their drivers as COVID-19 struck. Putting a call out across the Northern Rivers for drivers that are not in a risk category they have been able to train 19 new drivers, and keep their service going. 'Cancer never stops, not even for a global pandemic. We needed drivers desperately, or put simply; some cancer patients would not be able to access their life-saving treatment,' said Northern NSW Community Lead, Caitlyn Feldmann. 'We still have a need for three to five drivers in Ballina/Lismore, and five drivers in Tamworth, so if you're in these areas, under the age of 60 and have some spare time you'd like to spend helping people in need, please reach out to your local Cancer Council office.' If you would like to volunteer for, or donate to, Cancer Council NSW go to their website: [cancercouncil.com.au](http://cancercouncil.com.au).

### Alcoholics Anonymous

All AA meetings are now available online, via a Zoom or Skype platform. For more information call 0401 945 671, 1800 423 431, or 1300 222 222. Find out more from Lonnie at [ww.aa.org.au](http://ww.aa.org.au).

### Quota Club

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

### CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. A womens only meeting is held every For more information visit [www.codependentsanonymous.org.au](http://www.codependentsanonymous.org.au) or phone 9281 3330.

### Lions Club

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

### Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit [www.slaa.org.au](http://www.slaa.org.au).

### Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critical soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap for recycling to Kim at Raine & Home Byron Bay 39 Fletcher Street 0499 839 566. Small and large quantities welcome. <https://soapaid.org>.

### Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at <http://emerge.org.au/>.

### End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options. More information on [www.exitinternational.net](http://www.exitinternational.net) or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

### Volunteer Hub

The **Byron Community Centre Volunteer Hub** is open weekdays at the Byron Community Centre. If you would like to volunteer in the local area fill out a volunteer application form on our website [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) or, contact us by phone 6685 6807 or email [volunteers@byroncentre.com.au](mailto:volunteers@byroncentre.com.au) Volunteers sought for **Northern Rivers Volunteering**, representing more than 100 community organisations. Information: 6621 7397.

### Timebanking

Timebanking can help you build a network of support within your community through sharing skills. For more: Northern Rivers Community Gateway 6621 7397.

## Mungo's Crossword N342

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Sailor turns old sailor - hard and dense! (6)
- Security devices for foot hair? (8)
- Not on: horse struggling in deep water (8)
- Irishman Chinese man, Afghan tribesman (6)
- Reason, zilch: it's where the bomb goes off! (6,4)
- One mother of a preacher (4)
- Send for overtime (4)
- Approach a time with a worker - very close (4,2,4)
- South American mammal found in dim auction (10)
- Lines in islands for ailments (4)
- Mark of small vehicle (4)
- Diagnose grim sad cow - abracadabra, or perhaps \$?%#! (5,5)
- Sturdy - or turn broken (6)
- Last word, competent and friendly (8)
- Riding over England - they say it's a very small place! (3,5)
- The missing link - call dad back! (6)

#### DOWN

- Reckless, amoral oaf in flash car (4,5)
- Bash up a sailor, they say (7)
- Soldiers circle an Easter philosophy (3)
- Make fretful exercise at sundown (5)
- Pickpocket follows bloke, a current drunkard (11)
- Very big time wealthy bird (7)
- Knock out in the style of an animal (5)
- Explosive moment ready - it demonstrates power! (11)
- Advertising removed from small crustacean's beard (3)
- Daniel let loose north of Cairo (4,5)
- Reportedly tossed over (7)
- Press time - but it's a very long time ago (4,3)
- Bird over North Head (5)
- Serious accent (5)
- Eastern god from a long time (3)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Hard volcanic stone (6)
- Security devices (8)
- Away from the land (8)
- Afghan tribesman (6)
- Point of impact (military) (6,4)
- Muslim preacher (4)
- Send, exude (4)
- Adjacent, very close and convenient (4,2,4)
- Small omnivorous South American animal (10)
- Evils, ailments (4)
- Remnant of a wound (4)
- Incantations, spells (5,5)
- Powerful, sturdy (6)
- Congenial, friendly (8)
- Designation of a very small town (3,5)
- So called missing link (6)

#### DOWN

- Luxury Italian car (4,5)
- Attack, batter (7)
- Chinese belief system (3)
- Annoy, irritate (5)
- Compulsive drinker (11)
- Large flightless bird (7)
- Native Australian mammal (5)
- Device for measuring power (11)
- Small beard (3)
- River mouth north of Cairo (4,5)
- Past, finished (7)
- Era around 1000 BC (4,3)
- Royal headgear (5)
- Tomb, burial place (5)
- A long time measure of an age (3)

### Last week's solution N341

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Because it's 2020, another illiterate celebrity bozo looks set to run for US president. Good luck, Kanye West! And because it's 2020, a potentially fatal flesh eating ulcer caused by Mycobacterium ulcerans bacteria is on the rise in Victoria – just like COVID-19 – and it has infectious disease experts concerned.

Ghislaine Maxwell was allegedly a close friend of murdered alleged sex trafficker to the stars, Jeffery Epstein. She has just been arrested for grooming underage victims for sexual abuse. Here's some future news musings: Ms Maxwell's unexplained and quickly hushed-up death may, or may not, be related to her services to the one per cent. Also in other future news, Mattias Cormann is excited to be taking on a new job with the fossil fuel industry, after exiting from the role of federal finance minister last week. He will be remembered for knifing a sitting PM and instead voting for Peter Dutton in the 2018 leadership spill and smoking cigars with Joe Hockey after releasing possibly the nation's worst ever budget.

Sweden's herd immunity experiment – which is not to contain COVID-19 and instead let it run its course through its population, appears not to be working, says news service Bloomberg. 'More infections and loss of life are on the way'

Morrison is spending \$270,000,000,000 of taxpayer money to threaten Australia's largest trading partner, China, with long-range missiles. Instead of entering an insane arms race, imagine \$2.7b being spent on the ABC, arts and education? That's how you enhance a nation's future security.

NSW has closed its borders to Victoria, mainly owing to Victoria's COVID-19 cases being transmitted from within the community, instead of overseas travellers. Buckle in, peeps.

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