



'A pony is a childhood dream. A horse is an adulthood treasure.'
— Rebecca Carroll

While regular Mullum Showground activities are yet to return from COVID-19 restrictions, the Mullum Pony Club is resuming activities and are inviting new members. The club's Michelle Quaine said they want to raise awareness of the horses return because they might startle dogs and their walkers who also use the grounds. To get involved in the pony club, visit the club's Facebook page. Pictured are Misha and Michelle Quaine with Ember and Aroha. Photo Jeff 'All Hoarse Since 1986' Dawson

Scarrabelotti's restaurant DA for sale after being approved

Within weeks of a development application (DA) approval for an exclusive restaurant bordering Scarrabelotti's Lookout, owners Paschal vGrenquist and Yuuka Shibasaki have listed their 11 acre property for sale.

Apart from the yet-to-be-built restaurant, the land located at 784 Coolamon Scenic Drive comprises dual occupancy homes with 'resort style pool'.

Staff recommended – and a councillor majority supported – access for the 40-seat restaurant to be via the public lookout, despite concerns from neighbours over increased traffic and amenity impacts.

It also puts into question Council's policy of dual occupancies, which was to support affordable housing. The policy has increasingly been used instead to expand wealthy property portfolios.

Community use conflicts

During the DA exhibition, neighbours argued that using part of the lookout area for restaurant parking – which was contained in the first iteration of the plan – was inappropriate because this land was donated by the Scarrabelotti family for community use.

Greens Council candidate Duncan Dey was critical of the

agreed plans to 'embellish the lookout (which is located within the road reserve) as it provides access to the restaurant site'.

He said, 'In other words, the traveller will arrive, not knowing much about property boundaries, and probably get the impression the lookout belongs to the restaurant'.

'Assuming the restaurant is permissible in the "7(d) Scenic Escarpment" zoning of the property, access should have been arranged at its northern end instead of through the guts of the lookout, which was donated to us, the public, by Frank Scarrabelotti'.

West Byron saga before courts, again

Paul Bibby

The opposing sides in the battle over the West Byron mega housing development on Ewingsdale Road are flexing their legal muscles, with preliminary court proceedings set to commence next month.

Having had their development application for the controversial project refused by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) late last year, Villa World Byron Pty Ltd has appealed the decision in the Land and Environment Court (LEC).

There are two DAs for the proposal – the other is by Site R&D, who are a consortium of 'local' landowners. Their LEC battle is looming after their DA was refused by the NRPP, and they initiated court proceedings before the decision was even handed down.

Should Villa World successfully overturn the NRPP's decision, it would pave the way for the development to go ahead.

The first stage of the pivotal case will begin on August 20 when a compulsory conciliation conference is held on the site of the proposed development in Ewingsdale.

Closed to members of the public, the conciliation hearing is expected to see Villa World (which is owned by Tower Holdings) put forward a new proposal that is reduced in size and scale.

Facing Villa World in the hearing will be Sydney law firm Marsden's, who will be receiving their instructions from Byron Shire Council.

Those locals who submitted a formal objection to the proposal received letters last week inviting

them to apply to address the conference.

'Residents who objected may have the opportunity to inform the Court orally of their concerns in relation to the development,' the letter said.

'The presiding commissioner will have discretion as to whether the residents may speak.

Those allowed to speak will not be allowed to stick around at the conference because it is strictly a conciliation between the parties.

Council's policy regarding the number of speakers at such conferences is to 'provide for the just, quick, and cheap disposal of proceedings'.

It further states that the number of persons speaking on-site should be limited to a maximum of six, with preference given to those residents directly affected by a proposed development.

If there are contentions that extend beyond the immediate area of the site, such as impacts on the character of the area or wider traffic implications, then a representative person raising this contention should make a submission on-site.

Residents wishing to speak are asked to register their interest via email to Adriana Kleiss: akleiss@marsdens before August 6.

They will then be contacted about who is speaking.

The Villa World DA (No. 10.2017.201.1) seeks consent for a subdivision of the Ewingsdale site into 282 residential lots, construction of roads, acoustic barriers and retaining walls, and other associated infrastructure works. It also includes concept plans for the creation of a new road between Ewingsdale Rd and a new light industrial estate.

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Dunoon dam proposal meets resistance

David Lowe

Since Rous County Council put its Future Water Project 2060 on public display two weeks ago, the revival of the concept of a second dam on Rocky Creek, near Dunoon, has sparked debate across the Northern Rivers.

Rocky Creek supplies water to four surrounding Shires, including Byron. The exception is Mullumbimby, which is supplied from Council's Lavertys Gap Weir.

The recently formed Dunoon Dam Proposal Action Group already has almost 300 members on Facebook. Léandra Martiniello is an Arrernte woman and Dunoon local who is an organiser with the group and opposes the dam.

She contacted *The Echo* to address some of the points made by Rous County Council Chair Keith Williams in his recent interview.

Indigenous graves

Cr Williams told *The Echo* that he acknowledged there are concerns about Indigenous heritage issues and environmental impacts, and says he expects discussion.

In terms of the Indigenous heritage impacts, there are scar trees and graves in the area that would be affected by the new dam, and 18 sites have been identified so far.

Cr Williams said that attempts to reach out to the relevant people, including Mickey Ryan, have so far been unsuccessful, but Rous Water was serious about addressing these issues via its Reconciliation Action Group.

'We know this is one of



Proposed Dunoon Dam site. Image Google Earth

the key issues we need to resolve,' he said, 'and we have to resolve it directly with people. It's about being genuine in that process, and saying: "if this is the best solution for our community, for our long term water supply, will you allow us to do this?"'

Cr Williams said that with a background in environmental studies, he's 'not a big fan of dams' and doesn't think they're a solution for a lot of things, 'but in this circumstance, it makes sense'.

But Ms Martiniello said, 'if Rous is serious about reconciliation, they would not be continuing the destruction of living Wadjabal culture, implicating themselves in the war on sacred sites that is rampant across the continent'.

Ms Martiniello is also concerned about the risks to biodiversity.

'There are numerous threatened plant species in the flood area, which will not survive. These species should be protected under the EPBC Act (1999)'.

Yet Cr Williams said the dam proposal wasn't his first choice. 'I wanted recycled

water to come out on top, and I've been upfront with people. To me, that was a good long-term solution, but we can't actually include it in the Future Water Plan because not a single facility in NSW has been licenced for potable reuse, anywhere'.

Water re-use

On the issue of water re-use, Cr Williams says desalinated water's expense, energy consumption and brine problems rule it out as an option.

Yet Ms Martiniello suggested, 'We could be the first. If we are serious about planning for a dryer climate in the future, eventually we will have to look at implementing this infrastructure, in the long term. Is it not more efficient to front it now and do the job properly from the beginning?'

And while extra efficiency was acknowledged as 'helping a bit,' Cr Williams said the situation changed in October last year, when tanks ran dry and water carriers could not keep up with demand.

Meanwhile environmentalist, Dr Paul Recher,

is another critic of the proposed dam. He told *The Echo* that, 'Keith is misplaced when discussing environmental flow. Dunoon Dam, with enviro flow legislation – though twice the size of Rocky Creek Dam – will have only half the yield'.

Dr Recher would also like the underlying growth issue (which is driving the need for a second dam) to be addressed.

'As for potable [water], Rous is just accepting the squeamish non-scientific nonsense,' said Dr Recher.

'Science says recycled sewerage using membrane technology means it is first class drinking water. Get over it, people. Recycled sewerage or a \$250 million dollar dam?'

Retired Byron Greens councillor Richard Staples responded to Mr Williams' comments about the new dam by saying, 'When I was in the Chair at Rous, I pushed hard for more emphasis on demand management, rather than ham-fisted supply-side solutions.'

'A reticulated supply (say from Rocky Creek Dam) could, indefinitely into the future, be used more as a drought reserve than a mainstream supply, if most people collected their own water.'

'But there would be no big contracts – how boring!'

'The proposed Dunoon/Channon Dam would store some three times as much water as Rocky Creek Dam,' Mr Staples said.

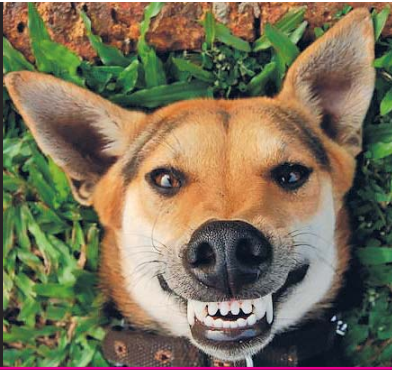
'This will allow – in fact require – massive urban development in the County District, to pay it off.'



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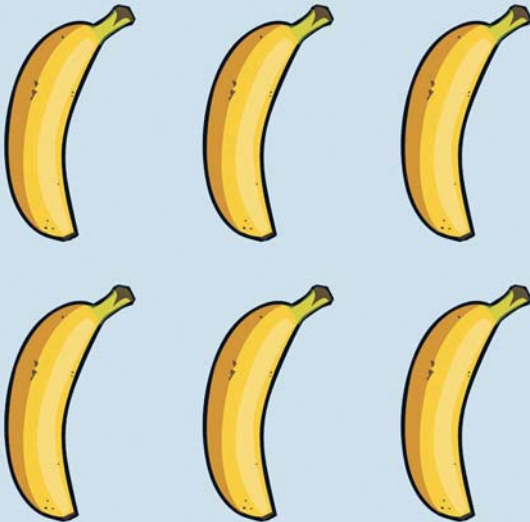
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Tallowood Ridge estate's change of plans prompt resident concern

Paul Bibby

Will the remaining old growth trees and vegetation in Mullumbimby's Tallowood housing estate be preserved, or are they destined for the mulch heap?

That's the question facing the rapidly expanding estate on the town's western fringe.

A group of concerned residents calling themselves the Friends of the Mooibal Spur (FOMS) – named after the informal walking track that climbs the Tallowood ridge – have sent an open letter to Byron Council imploring it to protect the remaining trees on the track and the other pockets of vegetation on the estate.

'The subdivision and development of the Tallowood Ridge housing estate were originally approved on the strict proviso that this walkway and its vegetation were left intact and in public hands', the letter states.

'Unfortunately, broken promises on the part of the developer, and less than rigorous public scrutiny by Council (partly as a result of continual personnel changes), have resulted in the boundaries of lots being drawn so as to encompass significant old growth trees, a number of which have since been felled by the private owners.'

They claim that Council and the developer failed to allow public access to the ridge walk in any of the subdivision stages that have been approved so far, and that the developer appears

to have actively sought to prevent this access.

The residents also fear for the future of the remaining forested areas on the estate.

They say that the developer, Eric Freeman, made a verbal commitment during a Byron Council meeting to place these areas in an E2 zoning to ensure their protection, but has so far failed to keep his promise.

They now want Council to make sure this promise is kept.

Developer responds

But the developer, Eric Freeman, strenuously denied the claims. He said the residents had not pointed to any specific examples of old growth trees being felled in the letter, and pointed out that in one recent case where an old tree was felled, the owner had obtained permission from the Council.

Regarding access to the ridge walk, Mr Freeman said that there had originally been a plan for a concrete bikeway along the ridgeline, but this had been cancelled by Council after its consultants found evidence of koalas living there.

'Nonetheless, there are numerous points in Tallowood Ridge where the public is able to access the ridgeline, and we have not made any effort to prevent walkers from accessing the ridgeline, which is a 20m wide unmade public road reserve in the care of Council', Mr Freeman said.

In relation to the E2 zones, Mr Freeman said that none of

the remaining forest on the estate met the Planning NSW standard for this zoning, which was reserved for rare and endangered species of trees.

'It has been my intention since commencing... that this forest be dedicated to Council as a nature reserve, but Council don't want it, owing to the costs of maintenance and legal obligations under the Rural Fire Service to maintain the forest in perpetuity.'

Council response

Byron Council staff said that each development application in relation to the estate had been considered on its merits in relation to the original masterplan, and other state and local planning rules.

It said that separate to this was an E-Zone review process that was still underway.

Land at Tallowood was to be included in Stage 3 of the process which was yet to be reported to Council for consideration.

'Staff are continuing to review and respond to feedback from affected landowners to be included in the Stage 3 proposal.'

Bluesfest drops big 2021 lineup

Bluesfest say they have released their largest ever first artists announcement.

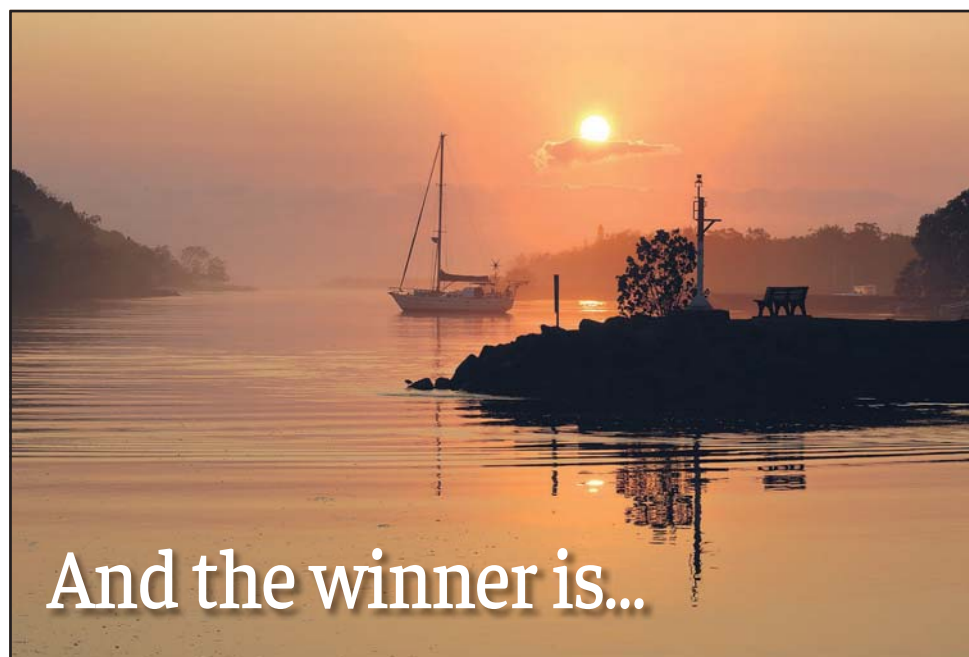
The total of 50 artists include some that were booked for the (cancelled) 2020 event, including Kool and the Gang, George Benson and Patti Smith and her band. New additions include Bon Iver, Jimmy Barnes, Michael Franti &

Spearhead, The Teskey Brothers, The Black Sorrows, Melbourne Ska Orchestra, and an exclusive performance by Weddings Parties Anything.

Director Peter Noble OAM said, 'We want to present another great event, one that is safe and with best-practice protocols implemented on every level.'

'We need it, the music industry needs it, and the greater community needs it. Together we will find the most prudent pathway to revive the live music industry; an industry that is aching to get back to work ASAP'.

All ticket types and add-ons are on-sale via www.bluesfest.com.au.



The annual Simple Pleasures Photo Competition for Brunswick Heads was run a little differently this year, with all entries being sent in electronically. Organisers say there were well over 200 entries for the theme 'Wish You Were Here'. Veteran Simple Pleasures photo comp adjudicators, *The Echo's* Eve Jeffery, and Paul Begg, who has won the competition several times, were unanimous in their decision – the winner is Dexter Jou, whose beautiful photo of the Brunswick River (pictured) made everyone wish they were there. For more info, visit the Brunswick Heads Simple Pleasure website www.brunswickheads.org.au.

Major upgrades for Ocean Shores Community Centre

The Ocean Shores Community Centre is slated for refurbishment, say Byron Council staff.

Plans for improvements to the centre include 'significant upgrades to hire spaces, meeting and office rooms, a brand new entrance facing onto Rajah Road, more storage, a new cover of the existing deck, a new roof, and painting of the exterior of the building. The upgrades will also include disability access

to the centre and designated parking'.

Project funding is from Council (\$300,000), while the NSW government's Stronger Country Communities Fund (Round 3) has contributed \$141,000. A further \$60,000 to replace the Centre's roof comes from the NSW government's Bushfire Community Resilience and Economic Recovery Fund. The works are expected to take nine months to complete.

Govt intervention needed to boost youth jobs: Biz NSW

The state's peak business organisation, Business NSW, says that immediate government intervention is needed to rescue work opportunities for more than 50,000 young people.

30% decline

Quoting findings from a recent Business NSW report into apprenticeships during COVID-19, regional manager Jane Laverty said,

'Our findings show that the number of apprentices commencing in 2020 will be more than 30 per cent fewer than in 2019.'

She says, 'Without significant intervention, the number of apprentices in training in 2021 will fall to levels not seen since 1998, and are unlikely to recover until 2025, even if the economy is on the path to recovery'.

Splendour announces 2021 lineup

Splendour in The Grass festival is scheduled for July 2021, and organisers have announced a first artists lineup for their 20th anniversary: Gorillaz, Tyler, The Creator, and The Strokes are headliners.

Tickets are available now, and all 2020 tickets will be valid for Splendour 2021.

For more info, visit www.splendourinthegrass.com.

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Survey closes: 29 July 2020

Patches Beach entrance closed, police crackdown

David Lowe

The Patches Beach 4WD entrance in South Ballina is now blocked, but continuing bad behaviour from some beach visitors further south has led to a police crackdown on 4WDs.

Twenty infringements have been issued for dog offences and for driving in dune areas, by Richmond Valley Council Rangers.

Police have conducted over 30 random breath tests and licence checks, and issued infringements for negligent driving. Two drivers were also caught fishtailing and driving at high speeds near children on the beach.

Stephen Totterman from Coastal Defenders Network at Empire Vale said in a letter to Ballina Shire Council that closing the Patches track is not enough, as 4WD vehicles will still access the beach from north and south.

Local resident Megan Ward said, 'It is no longer acceptable in our community and beyond to have one of Ballina's greatest natural assets, South Ballina Beach, destroyed owing to the



A wrecked 4WD on Patches Beach. Photo Garry Fenton

excessive and dangerous 4WDs and other destructive human activities, such as illegal camping and roaming off-leash dogs.

Endangered Pied Oystercatchers

Ms Ward has launched a petition to protect the local Pied Oystercatcher population and other endangered species that nest and live on South Ballina Beach.

The petition calls for 4WDs to be banned from the beach and an in-depth ecological study to be conducted.

Ballina Shire Councillor Keith Williams told *The Echo* he was pleased to see the

4WD entrance to Patches Beach closed, and said it's taken a 'bit of work' to get Council to unanimously agree.

Cr Williams said he's more optimistic about the future of the Pied Oystercatchers now, but there are still major challenges for the threatened species while the damage continues.

'The decline has been substantial already, and that's what you worry about.

'We're down to probably 10 per cent of what was nesting there previously,' he said.

'There's a caravan park that advertises itself as "Come bring your dog here", even though it's surrounded

by National Park. 'The fact that the state government agencies control most of what's been going on down there, that's been the most frustrating thing. You just can't get them to act. So it's been taking a long time.' Ms Ward is urging others who are concerned about South Ballina Beach to email her at piedoysterplan@gmail.com and follow her campaign on Facebook.

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While the annual Back to Bruns Hot Rod meet was downgraded owing to COVID-19, a smaller group of vintage vehicle enthusiasts gathered in Bruns and Bangalow last weekend to remember event photographer John ‘Holty’ Holt. Photos Cristina Sharratt

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Govt to develop walking hinterland trails, camping

Plans for ‘World class recreational facilities’ in the Tweed, Byron and Lismore region to boost both the NSW visitor economy and community wellbeing are rolling ahead, say NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

National Parks are developing the Tweed Byron Hinterland trails, which ‘will create high quality nature-based visitor experiences focusing on a signature walk from near the village of Uki to Minyon Falls in the far north NSW hinterland’.

According to www.environment.nsw.gov.au, ‘The project will see new sustainable visitor infrastructure in the Wollumbin, Mount Jerusalem and Nightcap national parks and Whian Whian State Conservation Area’.

A multi-day walking track is proposed, to link Tweed Shire, via Mount Jerusalem National Park, to the visitor area at Minyon Falls in Nightcap National Park.

A campground near Unicorn Falls, located approximately 15 kilometres south-east of Uki, is also proposed.

The \$7.35 million project is expected to be delivered in stages, over a four-year period, with final completion expected in 2022.

Additionally, plans of management (PoM) for local reserves have recently been adopted by the NSW planning minister.

They include the 875 hectare Tyagarah Nature Reserve, the 10.5 hectare Ti Tree Lake Aboriginal Area (between Suffolk Park and Broken Head) and the 110 hectare Broken Head Nature Reserve. The Inner Pocket Nature Reserve PoM has also been adopted, and covers approximately 220 hectares in the Brunswick River catchment, 10 kilometres west of Brunswick Heads.

MAYOR’S COLUMN
By Byron Shire Deputy Mayor Cr Sarah Ndiaye

I want to thank our community for their adaptability and resilience as we’ve moved from some quiet times in our Shire during the pandemic, to busier times during the school holidays, as visitors have come to have a break and enjoy our safely distanced hospitality and beautiful region.

The constant change makes for some really challenging times and the reality is that there may be more to come – thank you everyone for your decency and kindness during these times.

I’m so pleased to see all our roadworks and bridge works are still in overdrive and I’ve been enjoying the improvements on Ewingsdale Road and on Main Arm Road which are looking amazing. This week we’re doing asphalt overlays in Bruns and we’re off to Mullumbimby next.

I’ve been checking out Byron Shire’s skateparks this week and if you haven’t seen it yet, the Mullum skatepark has been impressively upgraded by skate legends Convic and it’s totally awesome! Bruns skatepark was finished a few weeks ago and is a winner for the kids and the Federal skatepark improvements are also getting a total workout by local families.

You might have noticed that our halls have been getting lots of love too. The recently announced \$500,000 upgrade of the Ocean Shores Community Centre includes \$300,000 from Council and it is going to really transform that space, turn it into a really practical area for the whole community to enjoy and make room for a much needed youth hub as well. Works on the Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall were recently finished, restoring the beautiful features of the old hall to its former glory and a brand new commercial kitchen will be a great benefit for events in the future.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Sarah Ndiaye

Support for natural burial grounds sought

Zenith Virago from the NSW Charity, The Natural Death Care Centre, is seeking support from those wishing to be buried in a Byron natural burial ground.

Ms Virago says, ‘A diverse and committed group of people came together last year to explore the possibility of creating a natural burial ground in the Byron Shire.’

‘A notice of motion was passed by Council last November, and they are committed to fulfilling the communities’ wishes in establishing a natural burial ground for the Byron Shire’.

Doing death well

Ms Virago says, ‘As a community, the Byron Shire is a trailblazer in doing death well, and reclaiming our legal rights, and our social rites to create ceremony and body disposal methods that are part of our lives.’

‘Did you know you can build your own coffin, and keep the person at home for up to five days after they die on a cold plate, and then bury them on private land, if it meets Council’s policy?’

‘These are a return to the old ways of doing things, a global movement, a place where people could be buried in a simple or cardboard coffin, or in a shroud.’

‘There are hundreds of natural burial grounds all over the world, and with our minds and hearts on the global climate crisis, this is a much more sustainable way to go’.

For more information and to show support, email info@naturaldeathcarecentre.org.

Public Exhibition
Draft North Byron Shire Floodplain Risk Management Plan

Residents in the north of the Shire are encouraged to look at the draft North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Plan and get in touch with staff for more information or to ask questions.

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FlyPelican start direct flights to Canberra



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Bruns chamber rejects mayor's paid parking rhetoric

Further to last week's story on the possible introduction of paid parking in Brunswick Heads, the town's Chamber treasurer, Kim Rosen, clarified that she is not the president.

Further, Mrs Rosen said workshops were only held between the consultants and Council, 'certainly not with stakeholders'.

She also refuted the Mayor Simon Richardson's 'sweeping statements' that Council has done everything the Brunswick Heads Chamber asked for.

She said, 'Yes, the Chamber had every right to ask Council to undertake an economic assessment.

'Especially as the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) required Council to consider any impacts of paid parking on businesses and visitors, and residents also'.

'94.4 per cent of businesses in the CBD are

worried that paid parking will impact their business. They have very good reason. One current Brunswick Heads business owner lost his previous job when paid parking came to Byron Bay.

'Another Brunswick Heads business owner saw a 35 per cent downturn in trade for his Byron Bay business.

'Data elsewhere backs up these impacts. Loss of trade equals loss of jobs for locals.

The community has a right to consistent methodology and accurate data. This is not what we have had.

Data up to scrutiny?

'At the February 27 Council meeting, Cr Cameron said, "Get the data and make sure you analyse it properly. Make sure that data stands up to scrutiny".

'We couldn't agree more'.

According to the No Paid Parking Group, the data

provided in the EthosUrban Economic Assessment doesn't stand up to scrutiny. 'We can cite many examples of inaccuracies, omissions and opinions that were passed off as data', said Mrs Rosen.

'Council asked the Economic Assessment to provide details of the number of visitors versus locals.

'They didn't.

Time for compassion

'It's a time for compassion, not for delivering yet another blow to our small business sector and our community who are very nervous about the future.

'No-one knows with any certainty what the next year will bring'.

Mayor Simon Richardson says he will be pushing for paid parking – apart from his fellow Greens councillors, he has the support of independent Cr Cate Coorey.

Mud Trail art this weekend



Sasa Scheiner hand building ceramics in her studio. Photo supplied

As the COVID-19 restrictions begin to cautiously lift, the annual North Coast Mud Trail is on again on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August.

The event sees artists open their studios, providing visitors with the rare opportunity to visit working artists in their spaces. Spokesperson Catherine Lane says, 'Twenty studios are open, over two days, where all ages can experience

life as a ceramics artist. For the public, it's a chance to listen to, learn from and talk with each artist in their inspiring creative workspaces'.

Catherine added, 'Rest assured our artists will provide a warm welcome and social distancing measures will be in place'. For all the info, including maps to the studios, visit www.north-coastmudtrail.com.au.

Lennox Dog Show moves online

Paul Bibby

When the Love Lennox Festival was cancelled owing to COVID-19, Brooke Ellis decided that at least one part of the show had to go on.

The local business owner took it upon herself to move the Lennox Dog Show online so that the town's canines could still strut their stuff.

The event, a fundraiser for WIRES wildlife rescue, invites dog owners to submit videos of their pooch to Ms Ellis's website – dogly.com.au – where they will be available for viewing by the judges, and anyone else who wants to take a peek. Brooke said, 'No contestant is too old to enter, and video compilations of all contestants will be available for voting online from August 9'. Registrations close Sunday August 2.



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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

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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.

Submissions Close: 4.00pm on Thursday, 23 July 2020

Enquiries: Heather Sills 02 6626 7171

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

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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

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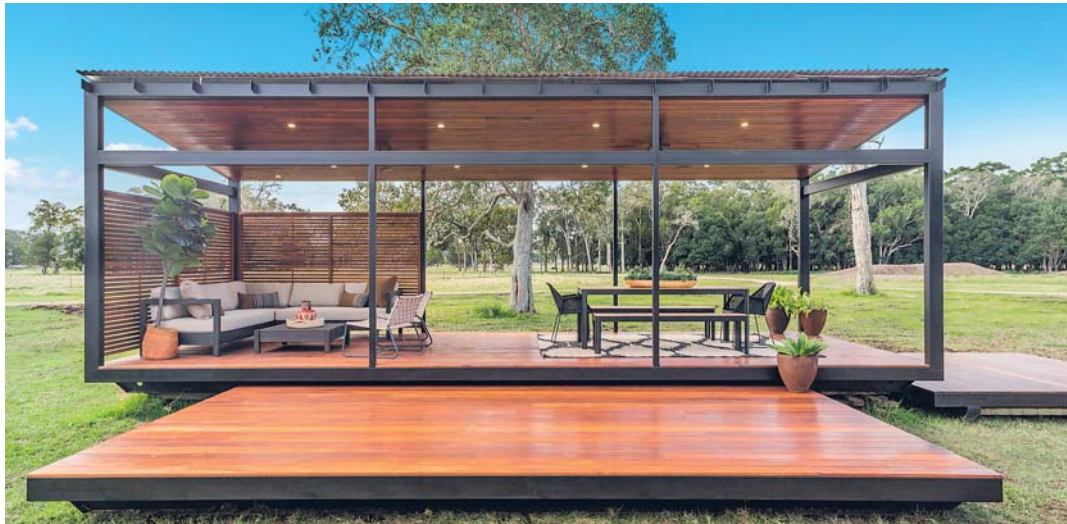
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10.2020.277.1 – Suffolk Park, Alcorn Street (Lot 6 SEC 7 DP 11632) Geolink Consulting Engineers, Demolition of Existing Toilet Block and Construction of New Toilet Block

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Tales of business trading in COVID-19 times

Eve Jeffery

While Byron Bay clearly had extra people on the streets last week, there were other areas of the Shire that also swelled in numbers because of the school holidays.

The Bangalow Chamber of Commerce reported that there were plenty more people in town and the businesses were prepared.

'It was a cautiously optimistic vibe that we were happy to see,' said James from the Chamber.

'While business is coming back to usual, there remains an unequal distribution compared to pre-COVID-19 times.'

It was a mixed bag in Brunswick Heads, being different from business to business, from day to day, and from morning to afternoon. 'One cafe is even different from another, and one retail business is different from another,' said Brunswick Chamber treasurer Kim Rosen.

'I have been out and about in Bruns every day this week,' she said. 'It looks

like its quite busy in the CBD block from 10am till 2pm, but by 3pm, the town has gone dead. That's because most businesses seem to be trading with reduced hours, presumably to cut down on staff costs. One retailer was telling me today that people are not buying up big.'

Peter Winter from Bruns News said there are definitely more people about in these school holidays, but they are only buying trinkets.

'They are just not spending. But it doesn't surprise me. Unfortunately, theft has skyrocketed in the last fortnight. I can't see us making a profit this side of Christmas.'

Meanwhile Gary Deller from the Happy Dolphin Cafe said it's been busier than he thought it would be for the July school holidays. 'But it's still not enough to be sustainable without JobKeeper. Without it, I'd be closed. I just don't know what will happen.'

Michelle Beggs from Print Rescue, also in Bruns, said last week they were flat out printing border passes.

'I was especially busy on Friday; however, that on its own will not pay the bills. The federal government help has been a business saver, and while we are busier now than April or June, I worry for the unknown from October once the help ceases. The town has been very busy, there have been a lot of grey nomads waiting for the border to open, as well as school holiday visitors.'

Ms Beggs said, a thing to remember is that while you may see people queuing, it's because the cafes and restaurants are not seating people to capacity. 'Inside the bakery there are only three people allowed at a time – so I would question whether they are making the huge profits it would appear.'

Lennox Head appears busy too, with Chamber president Zain Peart saying there appeared to be a lot more people in town.

Over in Byron Bay, Chamber of Commerce president, Todd Sotheren, said Byron definitely has been looking a

lot more like its old self over the past couple of weeks.

'It'd definitely up on what would normally be our "off-season" in winter. Understandably, people from further south – particularly Sydney, who have been cooped up in lockdown for months now – have flocked here, with restrictions easing.'

Mr Sotheren said Byron is particularly attractive given that most people are travelling by road, rather than air at the moment. 'Byron is about as far north as you can go, before running into the closed QLD border.'

Jenelle Stanford from the Mullum Newsagency is also the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce president.

Jenelle said the recent \$80 million lotto win had helped increase the numbers at her business, but there were also a lot of holiday makers. 'It's sort of back to normal. There are no parking places. We're all doing the social distancing, and abiding by the amount of people you can have in the shop.'

Hotels fined over giving free booze to gamblers

David Lowe

Woolworths-owned Australian Leisure and Hospitality Group (ALH), the third biggest poker machine operator in Australia, has been ordered to pay \$172,000 after they were found to be illegally providing free alcohol to gamblers.

Two of its hotels on the Northern Rivers – Westover Tavern in Ballina and South

Tweed Tavern – have been banned from operating their pokies, for two weeks, by Liquor and Gaming NSW.

While it's welcome news for Ballina pokies survivor and Kickin' the Punt founder Ben Hamilton, he says it's a 'drop in the ocean and completely disproportionate to their bottom line'.

He told *The Echo*, 'The industry is predatory, and they encourage their venues

all across NSW to prey on our vulnerable people in the communities.'

'ALH has clearly made the area manager a scapegoat.'

'The owners and senior management of Westover should be ashamed. The staff need to speak out and take a stand against this kind of behaviour.'

'No amount of money is worth someone's life.'

Kickin' the Punt's first

petition, to limit pokie numbers on the Northern Rivers, particularly in Ballina, has now received over 1,000 signatures. It is available at www.change.org/p/less-pokies-more-life-reduce-gambling-harm-now.

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No easy path with this virulent pathogen

While New Zealand declares itself COVID-19 free this week, Australia, particularly Victoria and now NSW residents, are bracing themselves for fresh cases of the virus. If there are to be local cluster outbreaks owing to asymptomatic or symptomatic visitors, it will presumably start to emerge shortly.

New Zealand's strict eradication regime – which even included locking down the construction industry – appears at this stage a better outcome than Australia's containment plan.

Yet eradication on a smaller island with fewer people was going to be more achievable.

The example no one wants to follow of course is the US, where states such as Arizona and Florida continue to buckle under sharp increases in the number of cases.

And Sweden's experiment of allowing the virus to run its course 'has become the world's cautionary tale', according to the *New York Times*.

Any pretence of this pandemic vanishing anytime soon quickly evaporates the more scientists understand about the virus.

Long term immunity after infection could be lost in months, a King's College London study has recently suggested.

According to www.health.gov.au, 'COVID-19 is a new disease, so there is no existing immunity in our community'.

Yet infectious disease expert and Professor of Medicine at the University of Virginia, William Petri, wrote in academic website *The Conversation* that in a 'tiny percentage of cases – maybe 1 in 100 – the immune system naturally eliminates SARS-CoV-2 from the body [SARS-CoV-2 is the virus; COVID-19 is the disease]. This is very encouraging for vaccine development'.

A vaccine of course, could be years away.

And because it's all still unfolding, the accuracy of clinical study results may well change over time.

For example, there are early indications that blood types may have a role in the contagion. The risk for individuals for Type O blood appear to be significantly lower than other types, says Columbia University. It's a similar outcome to a previous Chinese study.

Former New Zealand prime minister Helen Clark is the co-chair of the World Health Organisation's Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response. She told Dr Norman Swan on the ABC's *Health Report* this week that another pandemic could be around the corner. Another coronavirus 'may not be as far away as one would think', she said.

So if you prefer science over punditry, you would be suspicious of Murdoch's media mules, who campaign for complacency.

It's worth asking whether Australia wants to be like America at this time? Murdoch's media mules have much more influence in the US than they do here. Every bit of misinformation and seeding of doubt slows down the collective effort to get a handle on this one-in-a-100-year disease.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Ambitious vision needed for second virus wave

If this isn't the dreaded second wave of COVID-19, it will do until the real thing comes along.

Which leads immediately to the question: are we ready for the second wave of economic stimulus we will need to ameliorate it?

And the answer is, unfortunately, almost certainly not. For weeks, months, Scott Morrison and Josh Frydenberg have been assuring us that JobKeeper, the boost to JobSeeker, and all the rest of them, are one-off programs, strictly limited and temporary.

But this thinking was predicated on the idea that coronavirus was also a one-off, a limited and temporary infection that could be contained and shut down within a maximum of six months.

As we have seen, not only in Victoria, but around the world, this was far too optimistic. COVID-19 is roaring back in all its former ugliness – perhaps even worse.

In recent days, ScoMo and Josh have been making conciliatory noises about tweaking some of the more vocal claimants for assistance – notably in tourism – for a bit longer than they anticipated.

But with virtually an entire state in lock down and the smashing of revenue that will entail, something considerably more ambitious will be required.

And if the second wave spreads across the borders of the cabbage patch state, a likelihood that only the incorrigibly sanguine think can be avoided, our resident miracle-worker ScoMo will need to find a few handy rabbits to produce from what his trusty assistant Josh has shown to be an absolutely empty hat.

Frydenberg, as ever, is reassuring. Promising full economic support for his home state; whatever that means.

But encouraging words will not be enough, and it is clear that he, in common with just about everyone else, has been caught short by the speed and virulence of the new outbreak.

Premier Daniel Andrews acted decisively and drastically, locking down nine housing commission blocks and their 3000 victims, but the infection rate continued to accelerate.

Almost immediately he upped the ante to more than five million across the Melbourne metropolitan area and beyond.

But his initial reaction smacked of unprepared panic. As deputy chief health officer Paul Kelly (the one who

does science, not music or pomposity) pointed out, the towers were like vertical cruise ships – sealed environments in which close contact was inevitable; petri dishes in which the virus could flourish.

So it did, and Andrews was stuck with the problem of what to do with the mounting toll when the first lockdowns of five days (nowhere near the incubation period for the disease) had elapsed.

Gladys Berejiklian appeared almost paranoid, switching from staunch opposition to the border closing to draconian implementation where Victoria was concerned.
Mungo MacCallum



But the problem solved itself.

The internees in one tower remained in solitary, but the others were allowed to join their fellow inmates in limited detention, under the less onerous restrictions.

Meanwhile the rest of the country was similarly bemused. All the other states and territories reacted with various degrees of alarm, and all took steps to effectively isolate Victoria.

In NSW, Gladys Berejiklian appeared almost paranoid, switching from staunch opposition to the border closing to draconian implementation where Victoria was concerned.

She had her reasons; between them, the two big states cover well above half the total economy of Australia.

If the second wave crosses the Murray, and similar shutdowns need to be imposed, the consequences will be horrendous.

And for Morrison, after days of muted self-congratulation over the country's relative success in suppressing the pandemic, the back down will be at least equally embarrassing.

The September cut off of government aid must now be considered inoperable, but the alternatives are hard to come by.

Morrison, always the marketeer, is talking about the old standby of tax cuts, bringing forward the measures already legislated.

But this knee jerk reaction, if it evenuates, will be far too little and too late. The cuts Morrison is pondering involve just a dollar a week for low incomes, and would not start until July next year.

If genuine help for consumers is to be tried, a big hit, like that devised by Kevin Rudd and Ken Henry, the one that kept us out of recession over the Global Financial Crisis, would be needed.

But Morrison can't afford one, and in any case it goes against his instincts – he has always been more interested in boosting the supply side.

So perhaps more company tax cuts will be on the table?

But that too would involve considerable lead-time to be even marginally effective, and time is what Morrison – and the rest of us – have not got much of.

Tax cuts, if they are on, will presumably not be announced officially until the October budget, although it is a safe bet they will be strategically leaked well before then.

But in any case, the real action will have to be on July 23, when the big reset is due, and Frydenberg has promised a review of how we are going so far. The spin, of course, is that we are right on course, the economy is looking a picture, that business will be humming back before you know it.

The truth, however, is likely to be more than somewhat less rosy.

Frydenberg is resigned to preserving some form of assistance – cautious, targeted, and of course temporary.

But sooner or later he will have to face the crunch. Whether COVID-19 persists or not, either the stimulus must continue indefinitely, and to hell with debt and deficit, or it will cut off; risking closures, bankruptcies, unemployment and prolonged recession.

Even *The Australian* is gloomy at the prospect. Drawing breath (through a mask, we hope) from the constant lambasting of Victoria in general, and premier Daniel Andrews in particular, the national daily unleashed its editor at large, Paul Kelly (the one who does pomposity, not science or music) to offer a different diatribe.

Under the heading 'Recriminations splitting our unity when we most need it' Kelly chided that divisions were a threat to economic recovery.

Presumably Kelly does not read his own paper. Well, who can blame him?



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The ink isn't even dry on the development application approval and the fine dining restaurant development at Scarrabellottis Lookout is up for sale. Surprise surprise... 'A once in a lifetime opportunity with multiple development options' according to the glossy brochure and video which was likely prepared before the final approval was given by Council.

It's on the public record that this development presents lots of issues for the local community. The irony is, those that negotiated with Council will not be around to be held to account for issues they will have created – like inadequate provisions for onsite parking. They have made their development money and now scamper off into the sunset (viewed across towards Mt Chincogan according to the brochure) with the local community and Council left to deal with the mess that will surely ensue, including road safety issues.

Anthony Stante
Coorabell

Asking for trouble

Anyone picking a fight with Dailan Pugh is asking for unnecessary trouble. For those readers of *The Echo* who have not had the pleasure of dealing with Mr Pugh, I can assure you he is very well-informed, meticulous, dedicated, highly intelligent, and capable.

Having been on the wrong side of his opinions in the past, I also found he was willing to provide detailed and accurate information, even when you've earned his opprobrium.

That the Greens political party finds itself in conflict with one of the best environmental guardians in our area is an indictment of a group of politicians who have arrogated to themselves the goodwill of very many people. Nothing can penetrate the mind nor modify the behaviour of the



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbeij

mayor. Is there any hope his fellow party members can do any better?

Matthew Hartley
Byron Bay

Refugees

July 19 marks seven years since Kevin Rudd's fateful announcement that, from that date, any people seeking asylum who arrived by boat in Australian waters would never be settled here as refugees.

Since then, these already traumatised people have been detained indefinitely under successive coalition governments. This is tantamount to torture. They continue to suffer human rights abuses at the behest of Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton.

Currently there are more than 1,400 men, women and children detained in Australia with more than 400 detained offshore. Some have been incarcerated for up to ten years. This includes more

than 200 refugees brought to Australia for urgent medical care under Medevac, and now detained in cramped conditions in hotel prisons in Melbourne and Brisbane – because detention centres are filled to capacity.

This madness must stop. Help make a difference. Support the #7yearstoolong campaign.

Meg Pickup
Ballina

Doof party

The idiots who organised the doof party at Wilson's Creek, and the idiots who attended, should be totally ashamed of themselves... but they won't be. They'll just line up for medical care if their lack of social distancing and personal responsibility results in the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

It's a pity police resources would not permit fines for everyone involved... or a 14-day quarantine on the doof party property. Just

imagine the squeals from the idiots if those penalties could have been imposed.

Graeme Wilkins
Alstonville

CSG crunch time

The Pilliga State Forest is the largest temperate woodland west of the Great Dividing Range, covering more than 500,000ha. It is one of the most bio-diverse areas of Australia, and home to many vulnerable species of fauna and flora. It was recognised as one of Australia's biodiversity hotspots in the early 2000's owing to its mixture of coastal and inland species.

Very importantly, the Pilliga Forest also lies in the southern recharge zone of the Great Artesian Basin.

Gas company Santos has plans to sink up to 850 unconventional gas wells in the forest. The very real concern is that this is only the beginning, and that surrounding farmland will

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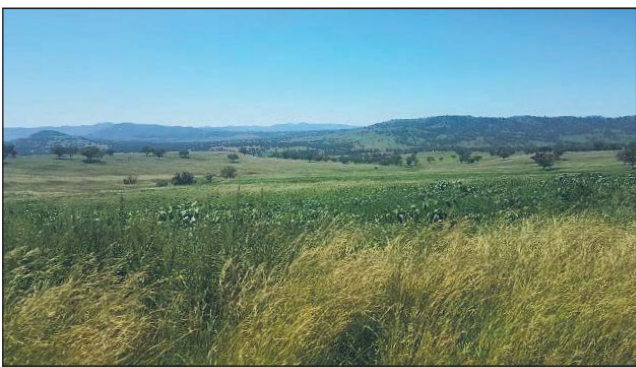
Santos’ Narrabri Gas Project seeks approval for 850 CSG wells in northwest NSW

Antoinette Tombrook

Gas is in the air again. The northwest of NSW is preparing for the unfolding of a giant gas field, from the far Queensland border to Dubbo. The first of seven

stages will be the Narrabri Gas Project, with 850 wells in the Pilliga State Forest. With excessive emissions, pollution of rivers and aquifers, the annihilation of green belts, of flora and fauna, and the degradation of farmland

these giant gas explorations will affect the health of entire communities. With the Narrabri Gas Project comes the push for the 830 kilometre Hunter Gas Pipeline from Roma to Newcastle. The pipeline is conditional on the development of the Narrabri project. Together, these projects will cost about \$3 billion.



Top: Part of Australia’s food bowl near Gunnedah. Bottom: The Bohena 4/4L kill zone where a (pre-2013) chemical spill from an exploration well killed everything in the location. Photo Tree Faerie, April 2017

to the wells, and children are disproportionately affected by neurological problems and cancer. Iconic natural areas are under threat. Development in the Pilliga forest threatens extinction for the vulnerable Pilliga mouse, and other locally threatened species, such as koalas, wallabies and the wedge-tailed eagle.

Bentley worked
This issue is so life-threatening that every concerned citizen feels the injustice of flawed decisions by politicians, which are a slap in the face for their constituents. Wherever you look, community groups have sprung up in response to the CSG risk, actively defending their livelihoods, homes and families.

In spite of all this, the NSW Planning Department has recommended, and approved Santos’ application for the Narrabri Gas Project. The proposal has been referred to the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) for final approval. Submissions close 31 July. For help and information see: www.csfgreenorthwest.org.au or www.lockthegate.org.au.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

When chess went into an enforced lockdown in March, World Champion Magnus Carlsen and his commercial partners set up a lucrative series of online tournaments qualifying players for an August final. In last week’s Chessable Masters quarterfinal Carlsen took apart his 2018 world title challenger and world #2 Fabiano Caruana and he was equally efficient in the semifinal against #3 Ding Liren. That match included a notable piece of sportsmanship by Carlsen, who won the first game when Ding’s internet connection dropped out in a drawn position. In the second game, Carlsen resigned after only four moves, leaving the scores all square. Carlsen nonetheless won the match easily. By winning the final against the Netherlands’ Anish Giri, Carlsen received \$US45,000 and a second position in the Carlsen Tour Grand Final and, with one Tour event yet to come, he could still qualify for three of the four places. The Tour has a convoluted formula for qualifications to the final, which currently favours Ding over Giri and the USA’s Hikaru Nakamura over both of them.

(Nakamura is the only player to beat Carlsen in this format to date.) Giri’s big chance to emulate Nakamura came in this game. Chessable Masters Online 2020
White: A Giri
Black: M Carlsen
Opening: Grünfeld Defence
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2? Bg7 6.e4 Nxc3 7.Bxc3 Giri’s trendy sideline neutralises Black’s g7 bishop. **7...0-0 8.Qd2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.Bc4 Bxc3 11.bxc3 exd5 12.Bxd5 Nd7 13.Nf3 Nb6!?** 13...Nf6 is much safer. **14.0-0 Be6?** (See diagram) 14...Bg4 was necessary and satisfactory. **15.Bxe6?** After 15.Qh6! Qf6 (15...Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Ng5 is also disastrous.) 16.Ng5 Qg7 17.Qxg7+ Kxg7 18.Bxe6 wins material and the game. **15...Qxd2! 16.Bxf7+ Rxf7 17.Nxd2 Rd8** Suddenly Carlsen has more than enough compensation for the lost pawn. **18.Nb3 c4 19.Nc5 Re8 20.a4 Rc7 21.a5 Nc8 22.Na4 Rxe4** and the game ended as a draw 22 moves later.

Giri, White, to move and win

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Paid parking – should it be in Mullumbimby and Brunswick too?

■ How can Council be trusted when every time paid parking (PP) in Brunswick Heads is discussed we are faced with a different set of guidelines? We started with full time metered parking, and when that was proven to be unnecessary it became periodic PP in December, January and Easter. Now it seems to be weekends and public holidays.

Imagine the confusing signage we will have to contend with. It's just a pretext to get those meters in, so that eventually they will be in use all year round, as that's the only way they will be financially viable.

This is despite the fact the TPS report from two years ago stated that parking in Mullumbimby is a far bigger

problem, and suggested that a review of parking meters in Bruns be put on hold for five years. The Ethos Urban report was based on questionable figures, and acknowledged the harm meters could do to local jobs, which Council have chosen to ignore.

This is not a Council who cares about thousands of signatures from petitions [against PP], or our village atmosphere. It's purely a money grab.

R Goodchild
Brunswick Heads

■ Has anyone studied the effects of paid parking on businesses in Byron? How was turnover affected in the short term, after 12 months, or two years?

If my experience is typical, businesses could do better after paid parking than before. Living in Mullum I rarely shopped in Byron before paid parking because it was too hard to find a park.

Since paid parking came in I shop more frequently in Byron because I can usually find parking near the shops I want to visit.

If others, like me, are shopping in Byron more often than before, maybe paid parking has increased takings or, at least, not adversely affected them.

The same thing happens in Mullumbimby. I regularly end up shopping in Woolworths after driving around town looking for parking only to give up and go where

I always find a spot; Woollies' car park. Shops in town benefitted more than usually from my shopping during the COVID-19 lockdown because parking was much easier to find (but now we're back to doing circuits).

Reliable information about the effects of paid parking on Byron Bay businesses would be useful for making informed decisions about paid parking in other parts of the Shire. Does anyone have the data?

Warren Kennedy
Mullumbimby

■ Cr Simon Richardson took a day off for 'personal' reasons on the day paid parking in Brunswick Heads was on the Council agenda (25 June). Councillors on the

day voted unanimously to postpone discussions about paid parking to after the next financial year. It was a compassionate response to a plea on behalf of Bruns' businesses during this pandemic.

Cr Richardson then swoops in, a few days later, with a rescission motion to bring the discussion back to the table in August. This is politics at its ugly best. The councillors who agreed unanimously are going to look like they are playing 'Simon Says' if they back-track on this.

Even the few who believe that paid parking is good for the Shire, would have to agree that these tactics from our elected mayor are not acceptable. Is he just acting the 'sore loser' because he

hasn't been able to get his own way before he leaves?

During the last few months some businesses have lost up to 100 per cent of their trade, and at least 110 jobs have been lost in Bruns alone, including within my own family. Adding paid parking to the mix at this time is just plain wrong.

This is a money grab, pure and simple. Brunswick Heads has four streets in the CBD and the rest of the metres will spread out across residential streets. Those looking to avoid the meters will park in front of residences every day. It is ugly, unnecessary and definitely not a simple pleasure.

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Occasionally during a Council debate the Mayor will deliver a little homily to illustrate his profundity. It's as if he believes that once you see the logic behind his wisdom you will agree that the development under consideration must go ahead – just as his mates on the staff have recommended.

Underneath the surface flim-flam what Simon is really doing is shoring up his resolve, and that of his three trained monkeys, by justifying in advance his intention to yet again let down the local residents who voted for him. The National Party love him and can't believe their luck. From the Mayor's point of view it doesn't matter where the adulation comes from, as long as there's plenty of it. A hug from a grateful bulldozer driver is still a hug.

Simon's mental gymnastics have left little pockets of pissed-off neighbours all over the shire such that 'Greens' has become almost a dirty word. It's true that individual objectors can be simplistic, uninformed, hostile and resistant to change but that's not an excuse to dismiss them wholesale and to substitute platitudes that serve only to further Simon's amazing self-belief.

The subject of the particular debate quoted from below was the proposal on March 28, 2020 to build a restaurant in Coorabell and to use Scarrabellotis road reserve next door for parking and access. I won't here go into specifics except to say that the staff report on which councillors rely for information was on this occasion the most sub-standard I've experienced.

Simon:

"I'm not close-minded, I'm not close minded because when you are closed minded, you stop thinking and you stop being open to a new idea. So, bring some new ideas, let's see."

"As soon as you start saying it's this or that, life's black or white, you start looking like a fool, because there's grey and as soon as you're a little bit wrong, you're totally wrong. When you start putting things into one box or two boxes. Life isn't quite as simple as that. Especially certainly when you have kids, you know life's not quite as simple as what we think... therefore, let's play in the grey, let's acknowledge there is some grey here and see what can come of it and jump into our own little colour pot if we need to but at least we can say we sought and tried to find a reasonable outcome. I've got no idea what that's going to look like but I'm open to the conversation."

Obviously, according to Simon, every development proposal is a matter of compromise and negotiation; planning law is all but irrelevant. And when a proposal is "grey", one is obliged, apparently, to vote in favour of it.

There seems to be no glimmer in Simon's mind that planning law itself is the product of very lengthy "conversations" and many compromises, and is itself full of grey areas where individual outcomes may quite legitimately differ from case to case. To further dilute those laws is not within Council's legal power except by changing the LEP.



Simon's views as expressed are quite insulting and disrespectful to those who disagree with him. Far from being closed-minded, most councillors weigh up a variety of factors and considerations before deciding which way to go. There is no "grey" button, only "Yay" or "Nay". The decision-making world is digital, not analogue. The rejected developer can always come up with a better proposal.

To imply that councillors who are opposed to a particular development take that position because of some intellectual or emotional deficiency is presumptuous. It's good to be open-minded; but it's a problem when you can hear the wind howling through the empty canyons.

* * * * *

Having absorbed Simon's approach as revealed above, I wondered how it fits in with:

- a) Greens policy at a state and federal level
- b) Simon's own election promises last time round

I put my question at the 21 May meeting. Though it was recorded in the minutes, Simon used a flimsy pretext

to avoid providing an answer. However Jan Barham as a fellow Green, thought an answer was required, so Simon came up with the following gem:

"As I represent the whole community of Byron Shire it is the whole community's needs and the needs of future residents that guide my decisions. State and Federal political party policies have no binding power over my decision making and do not influence my decisions on local matters. I am first and foremost a Byron Shire local, making local decisions with the local impact in mind."

"As a Greens member, I hold the four principles dear..."

"Representing the whole community" is straight out of the Textbook of Excuses & Copouts.

Note that no answer has been provided regarding consistency with Simon's election promises.

Simon doesn't say what the four guiding principles actually are, but extrapolating from Council's performance under his leadership I'd take the following punt:

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also be turned into gasfields. 97 per cent of the local community said 'No' to this project and they need our help to prevent this from going ahead.

The decision on this proposal has been referred to the state's Independent Planning Commission (IPC), which is holding a public hearing into the project on 20-24 July and is accepting submissions until 31 July.

Back in 2014 we fought hard to keep Metgasco out of the Northern Rivers. Let's support the people of north-western NSW to keep their area gasfield free.

Gabriela Mueller
Cumbalum

■ Ed note: Article on p14.

Where the shit flows

Mr Dey's letter (8 July) on the proposed new flow path for treated effluent leaving West Byron STP (WBSTP) raises some very serious issues.

Why was this proposal not put before the Water Waste and Sewer Advisory Committee (WW&SAC) for discussion?

As a former member of the WW&SAC, the committee was informed by a Water & Recycling (W&R) representative that effluent being used

from the plants would need four hours standing time before coming into human contact – yet it is okay to run this same effluent through an open stormwater drain, in close proximity to the public?

Finally, why has W&R called for tenders when the Environmental Protection Authority has not granted permission for this second flow path to be put in place?

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Artistic debate

Ron Curran raised concerns about the state of public art in the Byron Shire (Letters, 8 July). He raised two questions regarding Arts Northern Rivers' (ANR).

I currently sit on the Byron Shire Art Panel (BSAP) as a representative of ANR with seven other members. They contribute their time, talent, and expertise voluntarily.

Regarding ANRs' 'effectiveness as a consulting body', they provide: Regular consultation with all tiers of government to advocate for regional arts development. Our most recent advocacy has facilitated a \$10 million dollar boost to the Regional Arts Fund; Fundraising to provide \$15,000 in small grants to support local creatives affected by the

pandemic; Securing an additional \$65,000 funding for our Aboriginal arts program; A \$90,000 grant for a creative recovery project with the Rappville community devastated by recent bushfires; Last week we secured funding to support emerging and early career musicians as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

These are just a few examples. I would be happy to have a longer conversation with Ron on what we offer.

Regarding BSAP – the tenure of community representative roles on the panel match the cycle of local government elections. Following Council elections, expressions of interest are called to fill these roles.

Ron, given the passion you feel about the state of public art in the Shire and your deep concern for the arts and cultural sector, I suggest you consider submitting an expression of interest (EOI) to join the panel.

Peter Wood
Arts Northern Rivers

Respect our choice

At the last state election Tamara Smith was elected to the seat of Ballina. How is it that Ben Franklin is distributing grant money to the community on behalf of Gladys Berejiklian?

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► The Premier shows no respect for this community or for Ms Smith. It is obvious Ms Berejiklian is promoting her protege for the next election. This government is acting divisively, unethically, and dishonestly and needs to honour the elected member and the work she does for the community.

Rhonda Ansiewicz
Federal

Where's Wally?

It is getting a little harder to find Wally now as the crowds increase.

Magee K
Ocean Shores

Pedestrian path safer

There is no footpath on Paterson Street between Bangalow Road and Massinger Street. This street is used by pedestrians and joggers heading to and from Clarkes Beach and the lighthouse.

With more multi-residential developments in Paterson Street (and more to come), together with drivers taking this as a short cut to reach the beach and the other side of Byron centre, there has been a significant increase in the amount and speed of traffic. There is also increased parking on both sides of the street. Pedestrians are forced to walk on an uneven verge, particularly difficult with a pram, small children on bikes or for the elderly.

Paterson Street has a signpost stating 'Local Traffic Only', which is a nonsense with the volume of traffic using the street. I suspect it has become one of the busiest thoroughfares in Byron.

Our town supports a healthy lifestyle and therefore encourages walking and jogging, however, this cannot take place in an unsafe environment like this.

Council, if you monitor traffic, parked cars, and look at the state of the verge it will confirm the need for a pedestrian footpath.

Nerida Clarke
Byron Bay

Hope for a Sunrise?

Sunrise Estate residents concerned about increasing development infill and resultant street parking issues, should approve of Byron Shire Council's proposed amendments to 'Character Narratives DCP 2014 Locality Chapters'.

The amendments recognise Sunrise's 'leafy streetscapes with wide grassy nature strips... contributing to the streetscape and habitats for koalas and other native fauna'. Also: 'It is important that future infill

development complements the low scale character...'

The amendments re-categorise Sunrise from a 'Transitional' to 'Subtle' area. The difference seems important. Transitional areas are earmarked for change, with medium density development. But 'Subtle' areas should expect development 'complementing the existing form - likely to be incremental with many of the existing elements remaining'.

Those preferring the latter Sunrise development submit your approval of the amendments via the BSC website before 24 July.

Jeff Harrison
Byron Bay

Ngara closing

The decision of the Ngara Institute to close has distressed thousands of followers. So a group is being set up to carry on the good work of Ngara under a different name.

Particularly, we will be looking to create understanding of alternative social and economic models to our current unsustainable trajectory. If you are interested please contact lizshaktiel-liott@hotmail.com.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers.

Liz Elliott
Mullumbimby

Not just Mullum pool

No it wasn't Byron Council's budget cuts that put the \$50,000 upgrade of Mullum pool on ice. The money that could have been used was spent on the \$2.1m redevelopment of Railway Park, Byron Bay.

The mayor publicly informed the community that the \$2.1m came from unallocated paid parking money. But it didn't. After going through council's budgets, and three emails with Council, I got the actual source of the \$2.1m spent on Railway Park. It came from existing allocated council funds, held by Council, that were allocated to be spent on the Byron and Suffolk catchment, and on Shire-wide community facilities.

Railway Park's redevelopment used (in part) Council funds of \$442,000 held for Shire-wide community facilities, \$35,000 held for Shire-wide disability access ramps, and \$170,000 held for civic improvements, including Shire-wide disabled access facilities.

The \$50,000 to initiate solar heating for all-year-round opening of the Mullum Pool, a new children's pool, a rehab pool, and pool

access for all abilities, could have come from those funds. I believe the \$50,000 funds for the Mullum Pool upgrade (and the remaining \$2,050,000 that could have been spent on other community infrastructure and facilities) have all been sacrificed to spend on dolling-up Railway Park and to further progress rolling out the development changes in Byron Bay's Masterplan.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

Funding choices

'The ABC is [officially] on the endangered list' - so began, with dramatic exaggeration, a recent *Soapbox* in *The Echo* (1 July) - a wonderful revelation of the capacity for the use of loaded language.

The ABC is given (not, be it noted, earns) over \$1 billion per year. It is thus a pensioner (some pension, eh!), not a wage earner. Like all pensions, it should cut its suit to match its cloth.

The ABC is not suffering 'cuts', or even a 'freeze'; it is receiving more money each year (not as much as it had hoped for). No money has been taken from what it had. A cut is a reduction in what one has, such that one is left with less than one had before. This is defiantly not the case with the ABC.

Consider some figures: in 2018/19 the ABC was given (did not earn) 1,046 million taxpayers dollars; in 2019/20 the ABC was given (did not earn) 1,062m taxpayer dollars (an extra \$16m). This financial year the ABC will be given (not earn) \$1,065m taxpayers dollars (an extra \$3m); in the next financial year it will be given (not earn) an extra five million taxpayer dollars, a total of 1,070m.

When I started school, admittedly over 75 years ago, such figures would have mandated that I consider using the word 'increase'.

The problem at the ABC could be seen as a result of the spending of other people's money on something else, where value and cost becomes a matter of 'who cares?'.

In any case, as is evident by the figures above, anyone who uses the word 'cut' is either wilfully ignorant, shamefully dishonest, or confoundedly stupid.

Jim Rose
Mullumbimby

■ Ed note: The Australian Defence Force was given (did not earn) \$38.7 billion of taxpayers dollars in 2019/20.

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Austen Tayshus and Mandy Nolan Comedy

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THE ENTITLED GENERATION

We love calling this generation of young people 'entitled'. It's the go to insult from baby boomers and Generation X when they dismiss millennials – a generation they perceive as privileged and self-involved. When it comes to repatriating the serious issues now affecting the future of the young, using the word 'entitled' allows us to distance ourselves from any sort of blame or responsibility. It distances us from admitting we could have done better.

We were the tenants from hell. While other generations trod lightly, we partied like there was no tomorrow. And guess what? There may not be! God will not be giving us our bond back. We're even planning to go into space to fuck up other planets! We do not like to be held accountable. It was not our fault. We didn't do it. This broken world was not ours to fix. We didn't fuck it... well, maybe a little. Maybe we had shares in BHP. Maybe we bought clothing made by children in sweatshops in the developing world. Maybe we used airplanes like taxis. Maybe we just coasted on the path of least resistance, instead of veering off onto paths less travelled.

It was too hard. We were too busy. We were having fun. It's such a shame. We really could have been spectacular. We really should have done a lot better than this. With all those brilliant minds, this is where we have arrived. On a rock, in space, that is running out of time. If our generation had a report card it would read 'Great potential, but easily distracted.' We got distracted. That's the real problem. Oh yes, we sang about change, and peace. We marched, we tied ourselves to trees, but then we went home, had a family, started watching *Sex in the City*, and forgot. Too many shiny baubles to reach for.

So yes, I think it is our fault. Because if not us, then who? Who exactly is responsible? Don't we vote? Aren't we able to divest? To change direction? That obnoxious bumper sticker: *We're blowing the kid's inheritance* isn't funny. It's true. It's not just on the back of an expensive RV, we've stuck it on the planet. Perhaps the entitled generation isn't the millennials at all, it's us. According to the economic and health stats, we've had it better than any other generation. We've had access to free education, we have travelled the world, we've bought and sold properties, we really lived it up through the 80s ffs; the decade of cocaine, big hair and legwarmers. We had our cake and we ate it too. Then we ate our kids' cake, and our grandkids'. No wonder we all have diabetes.

They say that this coronavirus only impacts the immune compromised and the elderly. But I'd suggest that it will have a much longer lasting and serious impact on the mental health of our young. Sure, other generations have faced war, and poverty and illness. But this generation faces the actual end of days. The latest climate science says that in the next five years there is a 20 per cent chance there will be at least a 1.5 per cent increase in temperature. A two degree celcius increase is the accepted limit of temperature growth. Anything after that is potentially catastrophic. And if climate change wasn't enough, with the global implications of a pandemic, our kids are facing a serious doomsday malady.

The world seems a bit hopeless right now. For those who were going travelling, or doing their HSC, or doing their first year at uni, or leaving home for the first time – it's all come to a grinding halt. How do you plan your future when it doesn't feel like the world has one?

So, yes, this generation is entitled. They are entitled to a future. Entitled to a planet that hasn't been quarried, squandered, polluted, deforested and fucked over by us. They're entitled to expect us to actually do something about it. We are still the captains of industry, we are still the world leaders. They are entitled to the change we still need to create.

We could start by planting a billion trees.

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WOMEN LIKE US: MUMS OF MULLUM

After months of cleaning cupboards, knitting beanies and making sourdough, **Women Like Us**, Ellen Briggs and Mandy Nolan have had enough. With their families unable to provide the thrill of a real live audience, even in what had been described as a 'hostage' situation, the two comedians are chomping at the bit to get back in front of their home crowd. Yes! They are back on stage, bold as brass and giving sass at the **Mullumbimby Ex-Services 24 and 25 July**.

With lockdown regulations easing in NSW, people are returning to clubs and pubs, but entertainment is a little slower. In the 'no dancing, no standing' world, comedy is one of the first industries that can go back – as their audiences are seated anyway. Although Mandy admits that her life will be complete when someone dances to one of her jokes.

The two performed their first two out-of-iso shows at the Byron RSL a few weeks ago to enraptured audiences. After months on Zoom, being in a real comedy room was exhilarating!



Women Like Us has presented 152 shows. That's pretty extraordinary for the two comedians who had an idea four years ago that they should team up to create a show about their experiences as mothers and wives. *Women Like Us* has become one of the most in-demand touring comedy shows on the regional circuit – with the girls heading out west again later this year for more shows.

There is nothing Mandy and Ellen love more than a home show. And Ellen is especially happy, as being a germ freak, it's like a dream to be back with audiences who have hand-sanitised!

'We can bust out our local gear here' says Mandy. 'Stuff you can't do anywhere else because people just don't get it. But here in Mullum, we can make jokes about Mullum. About our 5G protests, our infamous hugs, our love of turmeric. It all goes in the melting pot!'

So, find out how the COVID lockdown was for *Women Like Us*. Laughter, as they say, is the best way to survive anything – and heck – after what we've all been through, we sure need a laugh!

Women Like Us – at the Mullum Ex-Services on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 July, 8pm. Social distancing is observed, so numbers are limited. Get your tickets now to avoid disappointment! \$35 online purchase only at womenlikeus.com.au

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Austentayshus performs with Mandy Nolan and John Peacock at the Byron Services Club on Friday and Saturday at 8pm – tix are \$35 from mandynolan.com.au. He is also performing with Mandy at the Ballina RSL on Wednesday 22 July at 7.30pm, \$30. ballinarl.com.au

THE DIRTY CHANNEL

Adam Brown, in *The Dirty Channel*, captivates audiences with his unique vocal style and expressive guitar sounds. Widely hailed as one of Australia's best Dobro slide guitarists, Brown's gigs and recordings leave listeners feeling energised and musically sated. Brown has honed his craft at venues across Australia – from festivals to pubs and clubs, to private functions. With a depth to his repertoire that demonstrates versatility and an impressive stylistic range, Brown has attracted a strong and loyal following sure to grow in coming years.

You can catch *The Dirty Channel* at the Beach Hotel on Saturday.

ONLINE GIGS

Whilst some of the venues are opening for music, musicians and artists are also getting creative online, so check out the mini gig guide for their offerings and if you are an artist/entertainer who wants the shire to know about your show, let us know at gigs@echo.net.au.

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STARS BY LILITH

The trinity of Sun, Mercury and a rare second consecutive new moon in Cancer on 21 July renegotiate our ties with the past so we can move forward – ready or not...

♈ **ARIES:** This week's focus is likely to be on your home. The new moon in your domestic zone opens up a six-month window of opportunity to manifest some exciting changes and realise a dream, so if you've been pining for a reset, go for it – the astral force is with you.

♉ **TAURUS:** If family dynamics have pressured you lately to take a deeper look at your interactions with others and the world, that's a good thing. Because this week's second new moon in your communications sector is tailor-made for brainstorming, discussing, and pitching ideas that focus on fresh ways of operating.

♊ **GEMINI:** This week's double dose of new moon in your economic sector is a second notice to do in-depth reality checks on your financial future. If you have to readjust life in aspects related to money, don't be naïve or over-trusting; do be patient, cautious and especially attentive to contractual fine print.

♋ **CANCER:** Cancerians are the zodiac's lunar beings, so what does the unusual phenomenon of a new moon in your sign two months running mean in everyday-speak? It means endings and new beginnings, which can both be intense and challenging, but also exciting; it means possible forgiveness-work with family members or close colleagues. Closure. Mature judgement. Adaptability.

♌ **LEO:** A second new moon in your house of healing and higher perspectives suggests tuning in to your own inner wisdom for the kind of guidance that doesn't come from your busy logical mind. Being honest about what patterns and habits in yourself need to change, and forgiving your mistakes majesties – you're only human.

♍ **VIRGO:** As economic contractions bring tough lessons on planet Terra, this week's lunar boost helps Team Virgo's group endeavors bounce back from disappointments or delays. Though be advised, this may involve letting go of certain expectations or ideas about the way things ought to be if they just aren't presenting that way.

♎ **LIBRA:** The second in a back-to-back pair of new moons in your professional sector could see you considering a different trajectory for your work in the world. Let this play out organically, don't push yourself – or others, if they're not ready to get on board yet. Avoid any kind of coercive power dynamics.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Scorpios probably won't mind this not being a light 'n breezy, easy-peasy week. You'll just want to share your brilliant ideas with the world. But if others aren't able to hear them, or aren't even interested in listening, accept that they're on a different segment of the existential wheel. Resist getting dragged into draining disagreements.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Take close note of the structures and patterns altering and reforming during this week's continuing depth dive into the global transformation taking place. Give your own feelings the personal attention they deserve and require. And if a joint venture or a long term financial plan seems like a kismet connect, keep paying attention...

♑ **CAPRICORN:** New moon shining for the second time on your zone of committed partnerships – personal, professional, creative and social – offers a chance to review, revise and adjust interactive dance steps according to this week's rhythms. Enter new connective ventures with eyes wide open, perhaps starting out with a test run to assess performance and compatibility.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** With this week's repeat new moon boosting your organisation, health and efficiency sector, you get a second crack at updating current systems and new habit patterns which may not have quite caught-on last month. Small incremental steps each day have a better chance of succeeding than giant leaps.

♓ **PISCES:** A second helping of new moon in your romance and creativity zone couldn't be better for revitalising tired daily routines. This is a glamour transit for Pisces, so dress to impress, and expect success. Take the lead. The only caution; if someone's playing drama queen, don't let it be you.

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WEDNESDAY 15

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **INO PIO**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**

THURSDAY 16

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **JUKE JOINT WAY**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **BENNY WHISKEY DUO**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB, 7PM **TRIVIA NIGHT**
- BYRON THEATRE ONLINE EVENT (SEE VENUE'S WEBSITE FOR DETAILS), **LEONARDO** FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY, LONDON. **MANET** FROM THE ROYAL ACADEMY, **MUNCH** FROM THE MUNCH MUSEUM AND NATIONAL GALLERY OSLO, **VERMEER AND MUSIC**

FRIDAY 17

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE TRIO**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **SYLK TRIO**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB, 8PM **AUSTENTAYSHUS, MANDY NOLAN, JOHN PEACOCK**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, 7PM **DJ IAIN YES** (HIPHOP, FUNK, AFROBEAT)
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 7PM **MATTY ROGERS**

SATURDAY 18

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 4.30PM **ROB RHODES**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB, 8PM **AUSTENTAYSHUS, MANDY NOLAN, JOHN PEACOCK**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 7PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- **ASH GRUNWALD**, LIVE STREAM, 8PM (SEE ARTIST WEBSITE)
- INDUZZIE MARKET FAIR, 2 ACACIA ST, BYRON BAY. 10AM–4PM, MUSIC TIL 6PM. **WALKING FRANCIS, PABLO LAVERDE**

SUNDAY 19

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **LUKE YEAMAN**, 4.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS TRIO**, 8PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **SARAH GRANT**
- LIVE STREAM **PELU MUSIC** 2–3PM (SEE ARTIST FB PAGE)

MONDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

TUESDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **SALI BRACEWELL**

WEDNESDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **BEN WALSH**
- THE RAILS, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **AUSTENTAYSHUS AND MANDY NOLAN**



TEX IN THE COUNTRY: ON WITH THE SHOW!

For a lot of musicians the COVID-19 lockdown has been devastating. With their live gigs cancelled many were looking down the barrel of a year with very little certainty. **Tex Perkins** was about to head off on a European tour with The Beasts of Bourbon, and he had a new album with Matt Walker to tour but that had to get put on hold. But Perko has been making magic in them there hills, with the creation of a unique live show, called *The Show*, shot in a rustic shed on the family property. What he and his crew have created is an intimate, yet rowdy evening of music, with a special guest each month, familiar faces, and new discoveries. While everyone was going on Zoom streaming from the couch, Tex was making good TV.

‘When it all shut down everyone went “Ooh...”, and then 24 hours later I thought: “I know what I’ll do, I’ll go online!” I find it difficult to do facetime calls, so that was never going to happen.’

Tex credits his partner Kyrstina with the concept for *The Show*. ‘She is the driving force. We had the hall where we shot it. It was built as somewhere we could play music and show movies – somewhere we could have people over without having them in the house.’

So the venue was already built, just waiting for a project.

‘We had all that infrastructure, the lights, the stage, the PA, and the space. Not only that, we had our neighbours – Anthony and Kynan Malone – Kynan is a budding sound engineer and their dad has been our technical adviser. Everyone

on our property had cameras and they were musicians. If they weren’t filming, then they were playing. Everything in *The Show* was in arms reach, like Headland and Jez Mead.

‘I loved seeing my close friends, neighbours and family transform themselves into a multi-faceted creative unit.’

One of the bonuses of *The Show* for Tex has been introducing his audience to some of his favourite musicians.

‘All the musicians I have on *The Show* have been around for years. They are incredibly talented, but they don’t have a huge profile. It’s been a pleasure introducing them to my audience who are really embracing them.’

In *The Show*, Tex steps up as host, something he admits is ‘the toughest part.’

‘I am getting away with it... when we started out, we had the music and the chat separate. I had the couch set up, a bit like Parkinson. We worked out we could chat with the musicians in the context of playing a song. It seemed to be the most natural way to do it.’

Sometimes what really makes a show like *The Show* so interesting are the mistakes – or watching someone as competent and in charge as Tex Perkins take on something that he finds a bit challenging. He’s even leaving in some of his mistakes!

‘In episode one, when I was interviewing Murray, I got stuck on the word “contemplative”. My brain kept saying, that’s wrong, the

word is “contemplate”. I got stuck for nearly a minute... I could have cut it out, but I thought, let’s leave it in.’

The Show is understated, and stylishly shot. It’s like this rare opportunity to sit and watch what amazing musicians do when they hang out together. It has a relaxed natural feel, but the music is incredible, and the vision is pretty bloody good too.

‘Our underlying philosophy was that we wanted to show something easy on the eye – we had two smoke machines – the whole show is glued together with smoke and reverb!’ laughs Tex.

So far Tex and his crew have made three episodes of *The Show*, with the fourth one going to air at the end of the month. This month’s guest is **Lucie Thorne**.

‘She’s a total one woman troubadour’ says Tex. ‘It’s just her and her electric guitar and her stories. We got her to play by herself after she played on a bunch of my songs. She fit with me perfectly – I want to do more stuff with her. It’s not what you would expect out of a female harmony with me.’

The fourth *The Show* airs on **26 July**. For **\$15** you get the link, which, after it goes to air you can keep and watch as many times as you like. I’d recommend getting the previous three links, watch them, and then cosy up on the 26 July and watch this one when it goes to air... it will be a great night in!

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Hot Air Balloons have returned to the Byron hinterland skies! Private VIP flights and group bookings are now available. Ballooning is a great outdoor, active and fresh air activity to help emerge from the COVID cocoon.

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NORMAL,
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TO CONSIDER
WHICH PARTS
OF NORMAL
ARE WORTH
RUSHING
BACK TO.

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Linen House Mullumbimby boasts a playful collection of bed linen and homewares for kids and bubs, with discounts to boot.

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The Good Life

From cookies to chocolate – life is sweet for Kathy

Working in retail as a Buyer in Chicago and Cape Town, Kathy Quinn was looking for something else to do when she came up with a random idea to start a cookie business.

‘Liking to bake cookies was my only qualification,’ said Kathy. ‘I quit my job and started baking cookies from my kitchen – in no time at all we had a full-on operation from my house with local women helping. We sold to shops all over Cape Town.’

After her son was born in 2000, she and partner Darren sold the cookie business and headed to NZ where they spent ten years.

The next stop was Mullum where Kathy taught yoga, until buying The Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop three years ago – and she’s loving it.

Kathy says the shop is an experience for the customers. ‘They have so many memories! They love how it reminds them of when they were younger and used to go to the corner store to buy lollies for 5 cents. They love the Lolly and Chocolate Bar and how you get to choose lollies,

just like in the old days. The red and white stripy bags are still a big hit too – I think for many people it brings back a bit of nostalgia.’

To be on the safe side, Kathy closed the shop during the isolation period because of the sheer number of people, in particular children, that come into the shop at one time. ‘It’s so great being back open.’

There are lots of yummy things at the shop apart from lollies. Kathy has added a lot of new products to the assortment that caters to a really wide variety of tastes. ‘Although we have traditionally been known as “The Lolly Shop” which I love, we have got a lot of chocolate, with an entire wall dedicated just to chocolate. It includes quality bulk chocolate covered fruits and nuts, liquorice, along with chocolate bars and blocks, truffles and fudge.

‘We also carry a large range of Dutch and traditional liquorices. We also have one of the largest assortments of vegan lollies and chocolates in the area, along with gluten-free, sugar-free and organic too.’

Kathy says she is about to launch an online shop, and she has recently added soft-serve yogurt to her stock. ‘We have vanilla and double chocolate that is both dairy and



Photo: Jeff ‘Sweet Tooth’ Dawson.

gluten-free, and you can choose from over 100 toppings from our lolly and chocolate bar.’

Kathy says there is so many things to love about her work. ‘I love that it allows me to be creative, I am constantly thinking of new ways to improve the shop to make it more fun, or a new product to try. I love meeting all the different people that come from all over, as well as interacting with all the kids that come into the shop after school. It’s probably the best job I’ve ever had!’



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Still brewing up the good stuff in Byron Bay

Although things have changed at the Byron Bay Brewery, rest assured that they are still busily brewing the beer you love.

Like so many live music and hospitality venues, the past few months have been extremely tough on the Byron Bay Brewery community. Recently they made the

difficult decision that they won't be re-opening their bar or music venue after its closure owing to COVID-19.

‘We will continue to brew our beer at the brewery, keeping the safety of our brewers and supply of our



beer as our top priorities. In the meantime, we're also on the hunt for another venue that will give us a better space to support the local community

The brewers at the Byron Bay Brewery are making the stuff you love.

for years to come.

This is a tough time for many of our staff and customers, and we want to say a huge thank you for your support over the years. We're looking forward to sharing a cold beer and a big group hug at some point in the future!

Cheers, from the Byron Bay Brewery team.'

■ To keep up to date with what's happening at the Byron Bay Brewery, visit their website: www.byronbaybrewery.com.au.

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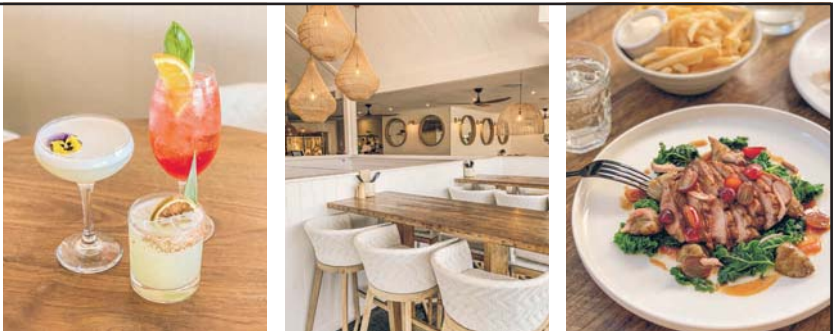
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Evan lands on his feet at the New Brighton Farmers Market

Story & photo by Kate O'Neill

New Brighton Farmers Market was one of the first places Evan Anderson visited when he came to the Byron Shire as a traveller in his early 20s.

‘Within the first few days of arriving I somehow landed here,’ he said.

On that day he met stallholder Amir Zikhron, founder of Baraka Foods, who gave him his first local job, selling dips at the market.

Nine years later, Evan, originally from California, is back. This time with his own certified organic produce stall, Kennedys Lane Farm.

Since those early days selling dips, the plant ecology graduate has been busy getting his hands dirty in a whole host of local share-farming ventures, as well as helping to educate others about ecologically-sound farming practices via local group Hungry Earth Agroecology.

Now, he’s part of a new share-farming arrangement with Myocum organic farm, Kennedy’s Lane Farm, where he and his small team are growing a variety of seasonal certified organic produce for the farmers markets, including garlic, ginger, root vegetables, herbs, leafy greens and certified organic eggs from free range hens on the farm.

Evan, and partner Bethanie, who also works on the farm, are at the stall each Tuesday selling their produce direct to the public.

Healthy soil is paramount at Kennedy Lane Farm, says Evan, and they use practices such as cover



Evan Anderson and Bethanie Jolly at the Kennedys Lane Farm stall.

intensive companion planting that involves planting a diversity of crops close together in the same bed.

‘We’re able to maximise space and time, we can grow a lot more food in that space and reduce tillage on the soil.’

Evan says seeing the success of this method has been incredibly rewarding, and feeding people with this sustainably grown produce even more so.

cropping and composting to feed the soil. They’re also trialling a method of

‘The biggest thing for me is just getting food to the community.’

Good Taste

Eateries Guide

BALLINA

Wharf Bar & Restaurant

Ballina

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It is important to us that we support the community as best we can, and do our best to uplift spirits with delicious seafood and welcoming customer service. As part of our reopening, we have also launched a new restaurant and takeaway menu! Book now while tables are still available

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Success Thai

Mon-Fri lunch & dinner
closed Sundays
Lunch 12 noon–3pm
Dinner from 5–8.30pm
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All your favourites every lunch and dinner
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Welcome for lunch, dinner and takeaway.

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Barrio’s canteen takes its inspiration from locally sourced produce with Moorish cuisine. Offering daily bakes, breakfast cakes, classic sandwiches, vibrant salads, smoked fish, grilled meats. Aperitif Hours Friday 5–7pm: \$10 plates + drinks Private Dining: Now taking private party enquiries for lunch and dinner with your closest friends: **gather@barriobyronbay.com.au**

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\$745,000



Location! Location! Location!
Elevated Mevlana site for sale!
House – total 156m², land 1.5 acres, faces east. Plus approved DA 57m² studio.
Rates/body corp fees are \$0pa (zero) as the community has income. No mortgage is possible, for cash buyers only.
Mevlana – 400 acre multiple occupancy community centrally placed in Byron Shire, 7 min to Mullum, 10 min to Bruns, 15 min to Byron, and outside of the Telstra 5G reception area.
Contact: Delicia Bone 0438 845 235 deliciabone888@gmail.com
See online: mevlanasitesale.wordpress.com

Elevated house, great views which won't be built out! Enjoy sunrises/sunsets. Moon rises/moon sets. Great breezes year round. Very quite. Very private. Surrounded by stunning nature and bird life, yet still so centrally located! Open plan house and large covered verandah faces east. Under cover parking for one car plus off street parking for many. Polished wood floors throughout, 1.5kW solar, cosy fireplace, reverse cycle air-con for heating/cooling. Beautiful vege garden/fruit trees.

One or both must be sold!

Lot 1 and Lot 2, 81B Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

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Auction Saturday 8th August



These townhouses are one of the best buys in Ocean Shores.

- Elevated position with views to Julian Rocks and the lighthouse
- 2.55m – 4.9m high ceilings, spacious living area plus media room
- Brand new, quality 249m² home built over three levels
- Stunning easterly aspect and perfect privacy
- Stone benchtops, butler's pantry, gas cooking and two ovens for the chef in the family

Inspect: Saturday 18th July 12–12.30pm

Contact: Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237 and Todd Buckland 0408 966 421, Byron Shire Real Estate

- Generous 33m² entertainer's balcony with built-in BBQ enjoys sea breezes and big views!
 - Set 100m back and above the road, just a short stroll to the beach, shops and cafes
 - 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study nook and oversized double garage
 - 392m² block with very low maintenance gardens
 - 20mins from Byron and 35mins from the airport
- The size, huge views, quality, location, and aspect make these homes a must-see! Call to arrange a viewing!

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- Rare retreat in central Byron Bay with excellent development potential
- Elevated level site is situated within an easy walk to Byron's Beaches and CBD
- Existing character home with versatile layout
- Presently suited to dual living and multiple rental options
- The existing home is well placed on the block to allow further development
- Properties of this land size in this location are very rare

Price: \$2.35m
Open: By Appointment
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21B GORDON STREET, BYRON BAY

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- Spacious 2 bedrooms designed to provide private guest accommodation
- Luxurious ensuites with custom cabinetry, marble tiles plus outdoor bathrooms
- Open plan living with heated floors and opening to the north facing courtyards
- Heated pool and spa surrounded by private deck and courtyard
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VIEW:
SATURDAY
2.00 – 2.30PM

11 BALEMO DRIVE, OCEAN SHORES

5 BED | 2 BATH | 3 CAR

ROOM TO MOVE PLUS LARGE POOL

Exceptional value for money, large family home, huge 968sqm level block bordering nature reserve. Comprises 9m x 4m salt water in-ground swimming pool, ducted air conditioning + solar electricity. Generous floor plan, insulated, north facing alfresco area as well as large level yard for your kids and pets to run around and enjoy the sunshine.

- Double remote lock up garage with internal access
- Fully fenced yard with gated access to securely park boat, camper or caravan
- 5 minutes to surf beaches, 10 minutes to Mullumbimby via picturesque Coolamon Scenic Drive

PRICED TO SELL \$798,000



VIEW:
THURSDAY
2.00 – 2.30PM
& SATURDAY
1.00 – 1.30PM

3/88 RAJAH ROAD, OCEAN SHORES

2 BED | 1 BATH | 1 CAR

COASTAL UNIT - WALK TO THE BEACH

Refurbished and ready for the owner to move in or lease out, this chic coastal unit is looking good, freshly painted and just perfect for first home buyers and investors.

- Stylish new carpet + new vinyl tiling
- Bright kitchen with 2pack cabinetry + new oven
- Single lock up garage + plenty of storage on ground floor
- New controls for fans, new lights + new bathroom fixtures
- Built-in robes in master bedroom, balcony, breakfast bar
- Rental appraisal \$380 – \$420 p/week
- Walk to beach, shopping village, tavern + golf club

JUST LISTED



VIEW:
SATURDAY
10.30 – 11.00AM

6/3 NEWBERRY PARADE, BRUNSWICK HEADS

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AUCTION SAT 10AM
VIEW FROM 9.30AM

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- Brand new, over 240m² under roof
- Set back 100m from the street

Inspect

Sat 18th July 12 -12.30pm

Auction

Saturday 8th August 10am

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6/41 REDGUM PLACE, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Premium Location – perfect North views over Byron Bay Golf Course
- Low maintenance, ready to go, perfect for avid golfer or investor
- Light filled townhouse with multiple covered outdoor areas
- Open plan living space with choice of entertaining areas
- Private master on the upper level with ensuite and walk-in robe
- Enormous double lock up garage with remote control + extra storage space

Price: \$790,000 to \$850,000

Open: Saturday, 18 July 9.00 – 9.30am

Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660
Luke Elwin 0421 375 635


9 WRIGHT PLACE, BYRON BAY

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  630M²

- Updated 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in great location
- Easy walk to town and beaches, set on a sunny north facing 630m2 block
- Open plan split level living area, large undercover patio area
- Well maintained back yard, established trees, level lawn, room for a vege patch
- Stylish converted garage space with loft area and external access
- Perfect for the owner occupier, young family or savvy investor

Price: \$1.1m to \$1.2m

Open: Saturday, 18 July 10.00 – 10.30am

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698


2E PACIFIC VISTA DRIVE, BYRON BAY

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  884M²

- Newly renovated, stunning, spacious architectural home
- Minutes walk to Tallow Beach and 20min walk to Byron CBD
- Views to Tallow Beach and Broken Head plus Hinterland to the west
- Master suite, private balcony, ensuite breathtaking views
- Separate luxurious studio
- Sunrise and sunset views in premier, peaceful location

Price: \$2.25m to \$2.45m

Open: Saturday, 18 July 2.00 – 2.30pm

Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660
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56 BUTLER STREET, BYRON BAY

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  487M²

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

Price: \$1.85m

Open: Saturday, 18 July 11.00 – 11.30am

Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



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TARA TORKKOLA - 0423 519 698



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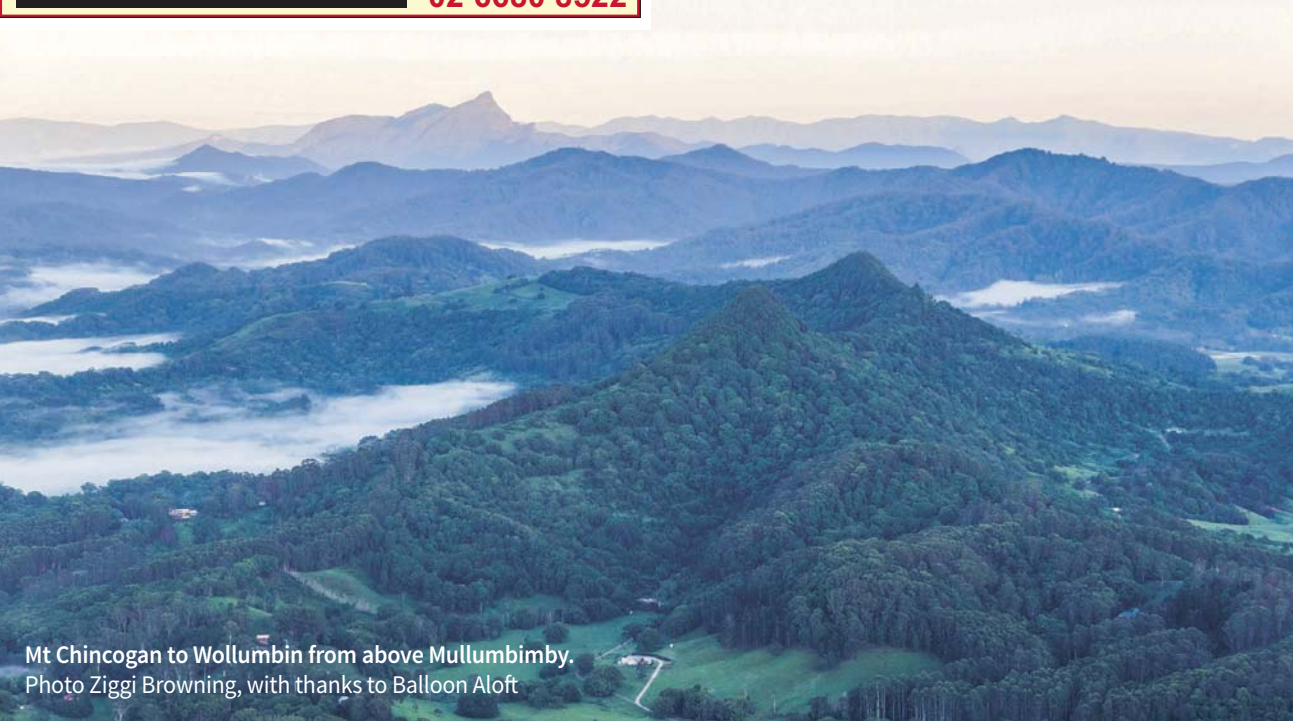


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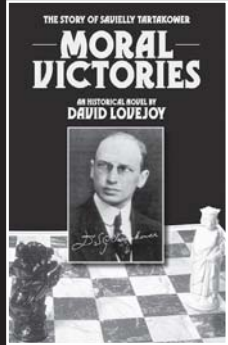
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Pointed remark; English prompt plug for a hot topic (8,7)
- Leaves abruptly at bed time (6,3)
- Side raised help... (3,2)
- ...owing to popular daughter with lost bet (2,4)
- Tries to lease those who live in apartments (8)
- Chaotic – confused tech in charge (6)
- Unfair, like a Möbius strip (3-5)
- Make beer, they say? Repeated laughter – it's turmoil (8)
- Without purpose – or damn silly (6)
- Bill Shorten's election centerpiece: mere acid ingredients! (8)
- 15, perhaps – one like in the cot (6)
- Lear, one involved in Shakespeare's spirit! (5)
- Do countries want handouts? (9)
- Monoplane 13, devised for Malcolm Turnbull's election strategy – it was supposed to be a 1 across! (3,8,4)

DOWN

- Rising stocks. A bit like English John! (7)
- Manipulate identity? Stiff! (5)
- Set up English bash – list what is needed (9)
- Italian river in one French elevated position (4)
- Colonising and calming (8)
- Throw in the towel, little bird! (6)
- Stubborn P! (9)
- Leftover attitude – lay down (7)
- Stupidly led nuncio to a state of bliss (5,4)
- Still around islands time – they say it compares with a lie and a damn lie! (9)
- Bedding *The Australian's* foreign editor (8)
- Drop explosives on a roadway? An empty boast (7)
- Crazy, one boy's avenue for advertising (7)
- Pass 99 for a tummy upset (5)
- Damage loot (5)
- Inside bijou number the Americans find in pluribus (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Attention-grabber. Something to pause the party (8,7)
- Praises over fulsomely (8)
- Furiously busy, frantic (6)
- Biased, partial (3-5)
- Turmoil, kerfuffle (8)
- Without direction, scattered (6)
- Basis of Australia's public health system (8)
- Try 15 (6)
- Prospero's fairy helper in *The Tempest* (5)
- Gifts, voluntary contributions (9)
- Fiscal and monetary roadmap for the government (3,8,4)

DOWN

- Increasing, of the stock market (7)
- Unyielding, inelastic (5)
- Institute, set up (9)
- On top of (4)
- Relaxing, sitting down (8)
- Baby nocturnal bird (6)
- Stubbhorn, intransigent (9)
- Sat again for the portrait (7)
- Euphoria, state of bliss (5,4)
- Numerical measure used in surveys and polling (9)
- Playwright Richard Brinsley ... (8)
- Bragging, bluster (7)
- New York avenue known for advertising (7)
- Stomach complaint (5)
- Damage, impair (5)
- One (Latin) (4)

Last week's solution N342

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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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Passed away peacefully in the loving care of Patrick Bugden VC Gardens, Suffolk Park. Formerly of Brunswick Heads. Dearly loved wife of Russell (dec) for 55 years. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Gwenda and Rodney Halpin; Lesley Knight; John and Elizabeth Knight. Adoring grandma and proud great grandma. Norma will be dearly missed by her extended family and friends.

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Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) is currently inviting exhibition applications across all art forms from artists, artist groups and curators for the 2021 exhibition program. The NRCG welcomes proposals across all art forms including, but not limited to: visual arts, sculpture, craft, design, digital media, performance, installation/site specific works and cultural heritage that display innovative ideas and approaches to contemporary arts practice. Complete your application online, or for further information visit our website. Go to Apply to Exhibit www.nrcgballina.com.au. Applications close Sunday, 30 August.

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!

Computers for seniors

Byron Bay Community Centre will be running a computer club for seniors at the Community Cabin in Carlyle St on Fridays, 8.30 till 10.30am, from 24 July. Over 50s are welcome to bring their laptops, tablets and phones to the Computer Club to explore their potential. They can also bring any questions or issues they have regarding their devices and get learning support from tutors. In addition, seniors who want to try out a device at home can borrow an iPad, Tablet or Laptop from the Community Centre for up to one

month. A tutor can provide learning support by telephone, online, or face-to-face. Anyone interested in coming to the Computer Club, borrowing a device, or having support from a digital tutor, please contact the Byron Community Centre on 02 6685 6807, email: beconnected@byroncentre.com.au or go to <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au>.

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. 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.

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.

Croquet is on

Byron Bay Croquet Club has resumed play with COVID-19 awareness. Play days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, or by arrangement. Enquiries from new players welcome.

Free lessons. Call Max for more information 0431 906 536. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** has resumed at The Black Rocks Sports Fields (end of Overall Drive) Pottsville. We commence play at 9.30am, Tuesday and Thursday. Please arrive 15 minutes before play starts. Call Jenny on 0413 335 941.

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.

AGM – Pottsville croquet

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

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

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.

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: www.freefun.com.au.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Low-cost or free food

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

Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre services are operational

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

before’, says the MDNC. ‘We are doing everything we can to 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.

Re-opening history

Brunswick Valley Historical Society’s Mullumbimby Museum is open Tuesday and Friday mornings 10am till 12noon. The museum and machinery shed are situated on the corner of Myokum and Stuart Sts in Mullumbimby. All precautions have been taken to keep visitors and volunteers COVID-19 safe. Come and visit. There are plenty of ways you can participate and help develop our local history. Volunteers very welcome.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

Respite Service

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

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.

Community transport

The Tweed Byron and Ballina Community Transport (TBBCT) is still operating for medical appointments. Trips into Queensland can take place for medical appointments. Call 8.30am–4.40pm, Monday to Friday on 1300 875 895.

Sport is getting back on track

Ross Kendall

The Bangalow Rugby Club is just one of many clubs across the Shire eager to get back on the field this weekend as team sports are set for their return following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

‘The last few months have definitely highlighted how important local sports are for the local community. We’re keen to do our part in bringing weekend sport back to life in Bangalow,’ club president Neil Moran said.

COVID-19 precautions

The NSW government announced that junior and senior community sport can recommence, as long as social distancing and personal hygiene are maintained.

‘It’s going to be an exciting season, as I think all teams are chomping at the bit to get out there and play. Our new captain, Darcy Hilton, definitely has the boys fired up for a big year.

‘The junior boys and girls are also really excited to get back on the field, and I’m sure many of their parents are keen to see them burn a bit of energy too,’ Moran said. The Bangalow Rebels will field a senior first grade team this Saturday 18 July, playing



After training under COVID-19 protocols Bangalow are ready to re-start the season. Photo supplied

against Casino at home in Bangalow at 3.15pm. The Rebels juniors (boys and girls) start on Friday 24 July, fielding teams in the 8s, 9s, 11s and 13s age groups. The Mullumbimby Moonshiners will be playing in the second grade, with a home game at Alby Lofts Oval, Brunswick Heads. Byron Bay Rugby is fielding a team in the Presidents Cup for 2020. The Northern Rivers Rugby League also kicks off this weekend with the Byron Red Devils hosting three games across three grades against the Cudgen Hornets on Sunday, 19 July. ‘The Red Devils first-grade side will again be coached by Todd Carney who has added a lot more depth to the side with some quality and experienced players vying for positions,’ said Red Devils

spokesperson, Dave Garseed. ‘The mix should set up a very competitive side for the shortened season of eleven games leading into the finals.’

Football

Football will also get going across the Byron Shire on the following weekend, starting Friday 24 July. The Byron Bay FC premiers team have their first game on 26 July, playing away against the South Lismore Thistles. ‘This is wonderful news. It has been a difficult few months for everyone, however our member zones, community club volunteers and players have been stalwarts in getting football off the ground,’ Northern New South Wales Football, chief executive officer, David Eland said.



Have your say

The introduction of the Greyhound Racing Act 2017 led to significant changes in the greyhound racing industry.

Three years on, the NSW Government is reviewing the Act to make sure it continues to:

- uphold high standards of animal welfare; and
- support the greyhound racing industry and its governing bodies.

The review doesn’t include consideration of a greyhound racing ban.

To have your say on the Act, or for more information:

- go to nsw.gov.au/greyhound-racing-act-review
- email racing.admin@racing.nsw.gov.au
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When Utku Ayhan, left, set up Foxy Luu's, he wanted to bring tasty, great value Asian food to Byron and to create a welcoming space filled with artworks. He has achieved his goal, and until the end of August, you can see the artworks of Gyom, aka Monsieur Diop, on the walls of Foxy Luu's.

Photo Jeff 'Foxy Foto' Dawson

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It's not that Scott Morrison is having another holiday during another crisis that signals his lack of leadership. It's that he'll be back from holidays at some point. Meanwhile, New Zealand is now virus free, so its government says, after a strict eradication program. Read more on page 10.

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A mobile COVID-19 testing clinic will be at Ocean Shores Community Centre until July 17. Staffed by two nurses and a GP, it will be open from 10am till 3pm and will be a free service for people who have flu-like symptoms. Call 1800 856 325 or visiting www.hotdoc.com.au to book. Free testing is also available, seven days a week, at the Byron Central Hospital from 9am till 5pm.

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Got land for bee hives? Manuka honey-maker, Gather By, is new to the area and is looking to partner with farmers to produce the renowned honey, which is used for wound care, bacterial infection, burns, gastric ulcers, gut health, oral health, and sore throats. Visit www.gatherby.org for more info.

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US oil and gas companies are going bankrupt owing to COVID-19, reports the *New York Times*. As such, abandoned or left-untended gas wells could potentially leak large amounts of methane into the atmosphere. The clean up cost will presumably be borne by the US taxpayer, too. Will Australia face a similar situation?

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7-Eleven in Australia has launched facial recognition technology across all of its 700 Australian stores, prompting condemnation from the NSW Council for Civil Liberties. The watchdog said, 'This kind of information gathering should be against the law. It's certainly against good privacy practice and principles'.



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