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Sun is shining, weather is good yeah



Left front is Community Power Agency Director, Ella Rose Goninan, and right front is Community Power Agency Project Manager, Kim Mallee. Supporting the solar garden initiative are Mullumbimby community members. Photo Anna Meltzer

A solar garden project which aims to give Northern Rivers residents access to renewable energy for the first time is now on offer.

The joint project between Pingala, Community Power Agency and Komo Energy, claims to be an Australian first.

Haystacks Solar Garden co-organiser, Kim Mallee, says 'A solar garden is like a community garden, but instead of growing veggies, members get to make their own electricity'.

'A solar garden will be built on the edge of the regional town Grong Grong in the NSW Riverina area.

'Households who can't put solar on their own roof can purchase a "plot" in the solar garden and have the electricity generated from their

portion provided as a discount on their electricity bill.

'While Riverina locals will have first option to the solar garden plots, all NSW residents can participate', Kim says.

'Anyone who can't put solar on their own roof can finally join the renewables revolution and receive the benefits of solar energy'.

No installation needed

'As the solar panels are not on your home, it avoids the hassles of installation and maintenance, and if you move, the benefits move with you'.

She adds, 'With over one third of Australians locked out from the benefits of rooftop solar, because they rent, live in an apartment or

have an unsuitable roof, a solar garden is an innovative solution to ensure everyone can join in the clean energy revolution'.

The team behind this project say they have been developing solar gardens concepts since 2014, and 'are part of a broader effort across the community energy sector to make solar gardens a reality in Australia'.

Kim says, 'The project will become one of the first community-led solar gardens Australia, leading the way for future projects'.

The Haystacks Solar Garden is supported by a grant from the NSW government's Regional Community Energy Fund.

Register at www.haystacks.solargarden.org.au/updates.

How fire ready is local government?

With local fire season commenced from September 1, a last minute request for a staff report on the devastating fires late last year was unanimously supported at last Thursday's Council meeting.

The motion, by Greens councillor Sarah Ndiaye, asks staff for a report at the next ordinary meeting in relation to the 2019/20 bushfires.

It comes as the NSW Bushfire Inquiry recommendations were tabled last week.

Council staff have been asked how interagency communications can be improved, along with preparing a community communications plan for future fire events.

Information on Council's role in fire management and other relevant local agency responsibilities is sought, along with information and evaluation around evacuation centres. Consideration of future planning decisions around fire impacts is also part of the motion, along with assessing the impact of the fires on the Shire's residents and businesses.

Evaluation a priority

Former Greens mayor and NSW MLC, Jan Barham, thanked councillors, and particularly Cr Sarah Ndiaye for asking for the report.

She told *The Echo*, 'With no Council report, we aren't informed, and that reduces our ability to respond better next time.'

'What I'm hoping for is a well informed investigation into what happened, and a response that improves the quality of the preparedness. This represents another issue where I think the organisation failed

in their duty to inform Council and community. The elected councillors however, did recognise the importance and need to move quickly'.

Ms Barham asked staff at the June 2020 meeting if a fire report had been published. Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway, replied 'Not per se', but said staff 'provided regular updates to Council on the fire situation'.

Ms Barham said, 'I was shocked at the lack of the report; incident evaluation is something the organisation should have as a priority'.

'Council used to do it for NYE, for floods, coastal erosion etc... why not this? Many people were anxious and traumatised by the event.'

'The rural risk is high, especially with all the new tourism developments this Council supports.'

'Non-residents can't be expected to know what to do in an emergency; most would come from a city.'

'If Council approves tourism in those [rural] areas, then they also carry a responsibility for public safety, residents and visitors'.

She added, 'I don't think councillors are fully aware of their role when it comes to "duty of care" and if there was a death, they would learn quickly via a Coronial Inquest'.

Additionally, in 2017 Ms Barham asked Council staff the status of the Draft Emergency Communications Plan. She says it is unavailable and at the time, the Communications Committee determined it be reported to the October 2017 Council meeting and placed on public exhibition. *The Echo* has asked for this document, but is yet to receive a reply from staff.

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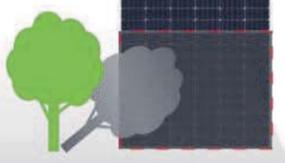
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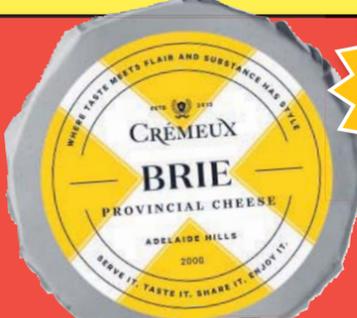
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Clothing sale aids homeless women

Aslan Shand

A sale of preloved and new clothing is taking place this Saturday September 5, and aims to fundraise for the SHIFT Project. SHIFT assists women who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Co-organiser Leslie Ford said, 'The government has pulled significant funding out of women's refuges and services. They don't get a lot of funding support, so we are happy to be able to do something.'

'We are hoping that we can make it an annual fundraising event.'

The fundraiser/sale is on Saturday between 8am and 1pm in the car park at the rear of Red Ginger and Bell & Ford in Jonson Street, Byron Bay, opposite Woollies and the cinemas.



Leslie Ford and Annette Campbell are helping out for this weekend's SHIFT fundraising sale. To donate preloved clothing, accessories or shoes, drop them off at Bell & Ford in Bangalow, or Byron Bay, during business hours. Photo Jeff 'Pre-Loved' Dawson

Lobbying underway for border easing

Paul Bibby

Local mayors and council general managers across the region have joined forces in a bid to convince the QLD government to ease its draconian border restrictions.

As thousands of north coast residents needing to cross the border for business, medical or family reasons continue to suffer, Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson, said the mayors were quietly lobbying the QLD and NSW governments on the issue.

They had also committed to writing a position paper on the issue.

'The position is that we

want the QLD government to consider reverting back to the border closure rules we had a few months ago,' Cr Richardson told last week's full Council meeting.

'I was communicating with someone yesterday who has a business in Robina with a \$4 million turnover, that he can't access.

'It provides building materials to the top 10 housing builders in the Northern Rivers that they now can't access.'

Cr Richardson said that the group of mayors and GMs had come up with other options for easing the restrictions, including that the so-called 'border bubble'

be extended to the northern border of Ballina.

It was also proposing intra-state travel restrictions to the border bubble areas from any NSW COVID-19 clusters, to protect rural and regional areas such as Byron Shire.

This would maintain the integrity of the border bubble and give confidence to QLD. The group was also calling on the NSW government to provide increased specialist medical services for northern NSW residents who couldn't receive medical support – including dental care – in QLD.

If certain medical services couldn't be provided, the government could assist

residents by providing financial support so they could quarantine in QLD if they had to cross the border for essential treatment.

'Basically, we want to write to all and sundry who have got potential positions of influence to get support for what we're looking to do, to advocate,' Cr Richardson said.

'It's not about creating any undue criticism. Governments of all persuasions are doing their best.

'If we can stay on good terms we've got a better chance of a good outcome.'

The efforts of the mayors and GMs received unanimous support from councillors.

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Bruns paid parking shelved; mayor 'staggered'

Paul Bibby

The attempt by a group of Byron councillors to put paid parking in Brunswick Heads back on Council's agenda has been thwarted by a dramatic backflip from Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye.

In a move which Greens Mayor Simon Richardson described as 'staggering,' Cr Ndiaye moved a last-minute amendment at last week's Council meeting to put off any consideration of paid parking until March 2022.

The motion passed by five votes to four, consigning the installation of parking meters in the town to a dusty bottom drawer that won't be opened until well into the next term of Council.

'I'm deeply uncomfortable with all of this and I'm especially uncomfortable with aligning myself with the arguments that have been put forward against paid parking,' Cr Ndiaye said, adding that those opposing paid parking had engaged in 'hysteria'.

'My favourite place to stop off and get a coffee [in Brunswick Heads] - I haven't been stopping off there

because I haven't been able to get a park...'

'[But] there have been 210 jobs lost in that town. JobKeeper will end in March. People's pockets won't have that extra bit of cash, and rather than put that huge stress on, I can see the benefit of just resting it on the table.'

'I don't see the benefit outweighing the risk right now.'

Earlier Cr Richardson had spoken strongly in support of reviving the paid parking plan.

Together with his Greens colleagues (including Cr Ndiaye), and Independent councillor Cate Coorey, he moved to rescind a motion from the last full meeting in June, which would have deferred debate on paid parking until October 2021.

This would have made paid parking a highly-politicised issue in the 2021 Council elections.

Having successfully rescinded that motion, Cr Richardson then moved an alternative motion to put the issue back on the agenda, with an eye to introducing parking meters in time for this Christmas.

News of the rescission

motion had caused great anger among members of the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce, who said that introducing parking meters in the town this summer would push some businesses 'over the edge'.

But the attempt to make paid parking a priority was scuttled when Cr Ndiaye suddenly switched from supporting that motion.

Cr Richardson said he was 'flummoxed' by his colleague's backflip.

'We heard [from Cr Ndiaye] that most of the arguments against paid parking were "hysteria", and we heard that she doesn't go there [to Brunswick Heads] because she can't get a park...' Cr Richardson said.

Hard to reconcile

'It's hard to reconcile the speech with what's occurring ... it's staggering.'

Earlier, the meeting was treated to a reprisal of the arguments for and against paid parking that have been chewed over by Council numerous times during the course of the past four years.

One refreshing contribution came in the form of a

speech against the proposal by the owner of the Happy Dolphin cafe, Garry Della.

Experienced disaster after disaster

'This past year we've experienced unprecedented disaster after disaster,' Mr Della said.

'We're scared and we're very tired and we're relying on JobKeeper to stay open.'

Cr Richardson acknowledged that the businesses of Brunswick Heads were opposed to paid parking, but said he was 'absolutely content that the wider community want it'.

'We all love and care for Brunswick Heads,' Cr Richardson said.

'We know that when traffic [to and from Queensland] is allowed down that highway again, Brunswick Heads is going to heave again.'

'We know that small coastal places will feel the pick-up quicker than everyone else, because that's where everyone wants to go.'

'This needs to happen, and if we defer it, all we're doing is kicking the can down the road for the next Council.'

West Byron update

Jim Beatson

Following many years of protests, countless public meetings, demonstrations, and around eight thousand individual written submissions from the community objecting to the proposed West Byron mega suburb, two large DAs continue to wind their way through the courts.

Owing to its size, Council are not the consent authority, and instead the DAs are being determined by the Northern Regional Planning Panel.

They have held two hearings so far, which both determined the West Byron urban development on Ewingsdale Road should be rejected on 21 counts.

If approved, the development would straddle a large portion of critical wetlands, just west of Byron's CBD.

Terry Agnew's Villaworld DA is at the northern end, while at the southern end of the proposal is the 'local owners,' Site R & D Pty Ltd.

At their last meeting, the authority Planning Panel determined that the two projects were so inter-connected that it was not possible for the project to go ahead with

two separate Development Applications. But that determination hasn't stopped the two developers from continuing to pursue their own separate proposals.

Byron Council recently selected seven local residents, including environmentalist Dailan Pugh, to make specific submissions to a local sitting of the Land and Environment Court.

Other submissions will be from Tim Hochgrebe, Tom Vidal and Cr Cate Coorey.

Dailan Pugh said that while Agnew is offering to reduce the number of units by half, the developer does not address other primary issues, particularly the water pollution flowing into the Belongil.

So when will the residents of Byron Shire get a final outcome? Council's legal counsel, Ralph James, says that any amended plans for the Villaworld DA will result in it being again considered by the Planning Panel and it being re-advertised.

And while there is a hearing for the DA in November, Mr James says he doesn't expect a decision on the day.

■ Jim Beatson is a reporter for BayFM.

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Young people saying YEP to the environment

Eve Jeffery

Organisers of the Young Environment Protectors (YEP) high school art competition say that their timing has been changed by the pandemic, but they are forging ahead.

Holley Somerville-Knott is the Patron of YEP, and says YEP offers an awesome chance to do something about the climate crisis, through the creative arts.

'It's an amazing thing to do something with your passions, and doing what you love to do. I got involved with YEP because I believe in supporting any initiative that supports our environment.'

'We are the future generations and we are going to inherit this planet someday.'

'And we don't want to inherit a sick and dying planet after the adults have finished having a party on it.'

Veteran actor Tony Barry, who is the founder and facilitator of YEP, says that for some time now, he has been listening to the concerns



Left: Actor and YEP founder Tony Barry. Photo Jeff Dawson. Right: Holley-Somerville-Knott. Photo savetheworldexpo.com.au



of young people about the environment that they're going to inherit.

'Three years ago, we put together an art competition - the Young Environmental Protectors Competition.'

He says, 'It is held throughout the high schools of the Northern Rivers, to encourage young students to make their statements on their fears and concerns for the environment that they're going to inherit.'

Prizes on offer

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will receive a quality map of Australia displaying the 500 Clans and Nations of the original carers and protectors of Gondwanaland - the first three runners up will receive four environment documentaries courtesy of Andrew Pike of Ronin Films,' says Tony.

Holley said she sees so many people of her age who feel that they don't matter, or they aren't a part of anything.

'With YEP, you have a chance to do something that everyone will see; for your school, your environment, and your future.'

'You can make new

connections and team up with other people to do this, as YEP is something everybody can be a part of, and every entrant has the opportunity to write to the Minister of the Environment expressing their concerns. I really hope you decide to get involved. You won't regret it.'

The deadline for entries has been extended until the end of October, and is open for year 9 and/or year 10 high school students. It can be entered through a student's respective high school.

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Undesirable precedent claims from planning staff

Hans Lovejoy

An luxury multi-dwelling DA for 255 Coolamon Scenic Drive has been refused by Council's planning staff, based on creating an 'undesirable precedent'.

Council staff confirmed that the wealthy applicant, School of Audio Engineering founder Tom Misner, has taken Council to court over the refusal and the matter was listed for directions on August 10.

Estimated to be worth \$11m, the DA features a seven-bay car garage, a lift, cinema, gym, sauna,

massage room and butler's pantry. A separate music recording studio and accommodation is also proposed.

It comes just weeks after staff supported - and councillors contentiously approved - a DA for an exclusive restaurant on the scenic Scarabalottis lookout.

That Coolamon Scenic Drive property was subsequently listed for sale.

Mayor Simon Richardson was asked if the recommended refusal of Mr Misner's DA by staff was good decision making, given it appears similar to the Scarabalottis DA, and

whether he will be seeking to improve process?

There is yet to be a reply.

Justifications

Planning staff member Ivan Holland, wrote in a June 19 letter to Mr Misner's planning consultant, outlining a range of objections.

Mr Holland wrote that a recording studio was considered 'light industry,' which is prohibited in the zoning.

It was considered that the DA did not 'further the zone objectives relating to primary production and minimising land use conflict, and may result in an adverse

impact on scenic quality of the locality owing to the large scale and prominent location'.

Mr Holland concluded by stating that the DA is 'not in the public interest and would create an undesirable precedent... allowing excessive residential development of primary production land'.

Council's chief planner, Shannon Burt declined to explain how the refusal could be considered consistent and equitable, when the two DAs are compared.

She only replied 'the reasons for refusal are set out in the [June 19] letter'.

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The Kollektive PTY LTD will shortly submit a Development Application to Byron Shire Council for 'The Corso' – a proposed Neighbourhood Centre, located at 94 Kingsford Drive, Bayside, Brunswick Heads, NSW 2483.

Further information on the proposal can be found on the website www.thecorsobrunswick.net.au.

Prior to lodgement of the DA, a community consultation process will be held from Monday 7th September to Monday 21st September 2020 to enable the local community to have a full understanding of the proposal and to capture feedback, comments and suggestions from the community.

The proposal known as 'The Corso', is a mixed-use development including a cafe, grocer, co-working space, six shop top houses and a 'new generation' boarding house.

- **Cafe and grocer:** A cafe in the northeast of the development with an outdoor seating area facing the existing reserve and a grocery shop to the southeast of the cafe. The cafe and grocer are intended to service the existing Bayside community as well as The Corso residents.
- **Co-working space:** A co-working space at the heart of the development to service the increasing demand of people looking to live and work nearby or work from home.
- **6 Shop top dwellings:** Housing suitable for couples and young families living and working in the Byron Shire.
- **A 'New Generation' Boarding House:** Comprised of 48 self-contained rooms, a live-in onsite manager, vehicle parking, common laundry facilities; bicycle storage, and motorcycle parking.

On Monday 14th September, COVID-safe appointments with the team involved in the creation of the proposal will be available. At this time the proposal can be explained in further detail, questions answered and any concerns discussed and recorded.

Appointments will be available from 11am to 7pm on Monday 14th September 2020 at Brunswick Valley Community Centre, 42 South Beach Rd, Brunswick Heads NSW 2483. To make an appointment please email your contact details to: thecorsobrunswick@gmail.com.au.

Likewise, to request further information, provide comments, feedback, or a submission, or to make an appointment to speak with a representative outside of the above times, please also email: thecorsobrunswick@gmail.com.au.

Please note: To participate in the Community Consultation process for The Corso, your comments and suggestions MUST be received by the cut off time – 12 midday on Monday 21st September 2020.

NSW govt argues against adopting CSG recommendations

Hans Lovejoy

Many of the NSW Chief Scientist's recommendations on regulating the CSG industry will not be adopted, according to the government response.

Instead, the NSW Liberal and Nationals government claim the 'state's regulatory framework for resource projects and the reforms to date ensure NSW is well positioned to develop a safe and sustainable domestic gas industry.'

Of the 17 recommendations by the NSW Chief Scientist, only two are supported.

They are improving transparency of information, and reviewing all new findings in relation to health impacts, which would be included in any new CSG assessment.

The other recommendations are 'noted' or 'supported in principle' by the government.

In the reply, the government outlined what regulatory improvements had been made since the issue attracted 'community concern' in 2011.

The response concludes by saying that existing gas projects are winding down, and the only one 'in the pipeline' is the Santos Narrabri gasfield project, which is awaiting determination by the Independent Planning Commission (IPC).

No new areas for CSG exploration have been released, says the government report, 'And if [that did happen] in the future, it would take considerable time for any potential production projects to emerge.'

As such, the report argues that the Chief Scientist's

recommendations have been achieved.

Yet there was no mention of the gas expansion expected to occur under an agreement struck between the federal and NSW government. SMH (Nine) and other media reported in January that 'Nearly \$3 billion will be pumped into NSW to increase gas supplies.'

Local Nats MLC supports his govt

When asked whether he supported his government's response, local Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin repeated his government's justifications for not implementing all the recommendations, while accusing the committee oversight body of ignoring 'robust CSG-related regulatory controls delivered by the NSW government.'

He also declined to

comment on the planned gas expansion by his government and federal counterparts, and said the NSW CSG industry 'will remain relatively small for the foreseeable future, even if the Narrabri project was approved.'

Mr Franklin told *The Echo*, 'Contrary to the assertions made, the NSW government response highlights all of these key factors and maintains the government's position that it has delivered responses to 15 of the Chief Scientist's 16 recommendations.'

Govt failure: LTG

Meanwhile Lock the Gate Alliance said the NSW Berejiklian and Barilaro government 'has utterly failed to implement the recommendations that were meant to keep NSW residents and water resources safe from CSG – at least nine of the 16

recommendations are either incomplete, partially complete, inadequate, or have been abandoned entirely.'

LTGA NSW spokesperson Georgina Woods said, 'The response also ignores the 56,000 square kilometres of land in the northwest that is covered by "zombie licences" – CSG exploration licences that would likely be reactivated should the Santos Narrabri gasfield project go ahead.'

'The inquiry specifically recommended that triple-bottom-line Strategic Release Framework be applied to the expired zombie coal seam gas licences hanging over North West NSW, but the Berejiklian and Barilaro government has weaselled out and the message to North West farmers is that the threat they face isn't big enough to bother addressing.'



Ocean Shores Target got a new lick of light last Saturday and Sunday, with an installation called In-Side-Out. Arriana Bosi and Pete Castaldi utilised the space as a giant lightbox to project video art and silhouette performances, along with music. See the Facebook page @dashboardanimals for future events.

Photo Jeff 'Targeted Since 1986' Dawson

Brun surf club lease renewed

Plans to redevelop the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club are forging ahead, after councillors approved a new lease in confidential session at last Thursday's meeting.

It comes despite club management objecting to an annual rental hike to \$3,000.

Previously it was \$496. During public access, Club member Ray Linabury told councillors and staff, 'We were only told last week and we are certainly not keen about that.'

He said, 'The staff report put forward reasons as to why they want the rent to go up in confidential attachment 1.'

'I find it very hard to argue against a confidential attachment.'

Mr Linabury continued, 'For this [\$496 payment] our members put in 5,500 volunteer hours every year patrolling the waterways.'

'All of the money that comes into the club comes in via fundraising that we help to organise.'

'We do not understand why the Brunswick Heads club should be the only club in NSW paying such a high rental. That money could be far better spent on resources and training.'

Cr Paul Spooner was successful in gaining councillor support for a new lease for the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club so it could be redeveloped. As per staff recommendation, the five year lease will have a starting annual rental of \$3,000 pa, 'with conditions permitting works approved by development consent'. A subsidy of up to \$2,500 will be provided by Council to the club 'to cover any additional costs associated with the annual lease'.

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Large Lennox development approved

Story & photo David Lowe

The long DA process for the proposed residential subdivision at 20 North Creek Road, Lennox Head, ended at last week's Ballina Council meeting, with only Councillor Keith Williams voting against the project, on environmental grounds.



Reservoir Hill subdivision site, Lennox Head, looking north.

Ninety-nine residential lots and five super lots (subject to future development applications) have been proposed for the 15 hectare site, as well as new internal roads.

The development has had various names over the years, most recently Crest Lennox Head.

The applicant for DA 2018/51 is Ballina Island Developments, and their latest proposal is a revision of a larger, earlier plan.

Speaking in support of the development, Cr Ben Smith noted that the project had been 'going on for years', and the developer had addressed earlier concerns about environmental issues and drainage.

He said the size of the development had been scaled back since its inception, and it was 'consistent

with the rest of the urban environment in the area, the broader plan for the Shire and everything else that we're doing.'

Cr Smith acknowledged that there was lots of change in Lennox Head at the moment and 'people are rightly concerned, but I still think this is valid'.

Cr Sharon Cadwallader thanked Council staff for their thoroughness and work on the project and also gave 'thanks for all the submissions from people, which have led to changes in the development application.'

She noted that all the new homes would be connected to reticulated water and also have tanks.

Cr Cadwallader said the project had been in the

pipeline for a long time and that 'we could and should approve it today.'

Cr Phillip Meehan said he was a supporter of the development as long as the sound walls proposed around the reservoir side of the block were removed. Council staff said these were no longer a part of the proposal.

Speaking in opposition to the development, Cr Keith Williams spoke about his concerns for the freshwater wetland and endangered ecological community on the site.

Matt Wood, Manager of Strategic Planning at Ballina Council, said Council staff were not convinced initially that there wouldn't be impacts, but were satisfied that extra measures, which

had been added to the project since by the developer, would adequately protect these areas, with the applicant agreeing to 'significant mitigation'.

Cr Williams pressed staff on the question of the natural soak between the rainforest EEC and wetland being identified as an 'important hydrological function' for the wetland.

He asked why there were no measures to protect it?

Mr Wood replied the revised application included a design of basins with 'capacity to dial up or down' the amount of water that filters from the site through into the wetland, which meant volume and flow could be controlled and managed.

Community opponents' points about extra traffic and other concerns were not discussed, and the main environmental impacts of concern to most councillors seemed to be the proposed 5x2 metre advertising signage for the development along North Creek Road, which was rejected after some discussion.

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10.2020.375.1 – Myocum, 265 Tyagarah Road (LOT: 6 DP: 788256) Ms W Champagne, Use of Secondary Dwelling Converted to Dual Occupancy (Detached) and Change of Use of Shed to Studio

10.2020.380.1 – Byron Bay, 59 Massinger Street (LOT: 4 DP: 1115611) Archimages Architecture, Use of Alterations and Additions to Existing Dwelling House

10.2020.391.1 – Mullumbimby, 142 Main Arm Road (LOT: 2 DP: 845011) Ardill Payne & Partners, Use of Farm Building

10.2019.616.2 – Byron Bay, 137-139 Jonson Street & 3 Browning Street (LOT: 21 DP: 247289, LOT: 5 SEC: 51 DP: 758207, LOT: 60 DP: 125365) Mr M Scott, S4.55 to Modify Design of Basement Carpark and Various Conditions of Consent

EXHIBITION CLOSING 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

10.2020.399.1 – Byron Bay, 1/7 Centennial Circuit (LOT: 1 SP: 93330) McCourt Family Investments Pty Ltd, Use of Mezzanine Storage Area as Recreation Facility

10.2020.402.1 – Federal, 878 Binna Burra Road (LOT: 1 DP: 869145) Ardill Payne & Partners, Use of an Existing Building as a Studio

Unauthorised dwelling approval policy goes public

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's plan to provide the owners of unauthorised dwellings with an avenue to seek approval has proceeded to the next stage, with councillors dismissing a number of amendments requested by a community group.

However, the councillors did agree to seek public feedback prior to adopting the policy, rather than simply forging ahead as had been proposed.

The policy is the latest attempt by the Council to address the fact that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of dwellings throughout the Shire that were built, or partially built, without approval from Council.

Since it was put forward earlier this year, Council has reportedly received multiple

enquiries about planning pathways available to specific developments on land.

'Several of these will now proceed to planning proposal and development application stage; several remain the subject of enforcement action and orders,' Council staff said in their report to Council.

Greens councillor Sarah Ndiaye told last week's meeting that the point of putting the plan forward was that Council wanted a share of the money these landowners were forking out in a bid to have their dwellings approved.

Three compliance pathways

The draft policy sets out three compliance pathways relating to different types of unauthorised dwellings.

Among the requirements that must be met, in order for accommodation to be approved, are the completion of a planning proposal or a development application.

Speaking during the public access section of last week's meeting, 2021 councillor hopeful, Duncan Dey, from Community Action Byron Shire, argued against a proposal from staff to shift the focus of the policy from 'residential accommodation' to 'dwellings'.

Staff had recommended this change on the basis that the term 'residential accommodation' doesn't include tourist and visitor accommodation or caravan parks and would create the potential for some landowners to argue that they were not bound by the policy.

Mr Dey said this change would rule out single rooms or extensions added to houses in the Shire's urban areas, because these

would not be considered 'dwellings'.

However, Cr Ndiaye said that 'dwellings' encompassed the Council's concerns much more thoroughly, and this definitional shift was endorsed as part of the policy.

Mr Dey also argued that the policy needed to be changed so that there was a financial incentive for those building accommodation in the future to follow the straight and narrow path rather than 'build first and ask forgiveness later'.

But Cr Ndiaye again countered, saying that there were no provisions under the law for Council to introduce such financial incentives.

The other councillors apparently agreed, endorsing the draft policy without any further amendments other than electing to 'endorse' the draft policy rather than to 'adopt' it as staff had recommended.

The policy will now go on public exhibition.

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- An understanding of and interest in Byron Bay
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Nominations close: Friday 25 September 2020

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry, Community Project Officer, 02 6626 7316 or jmcmurtry@byron.nsw.gov.au

Council remove Mullum fig tree

A large fig tree at the intersection of Dalley Street and Jubilee Street in Mullumbimby was to be removed on Wednesday September 2 because of the risk it posed to pedestrians and drivers.

Council staff say an arborist assessment again determined that it had deteriorated to the point where it was a risk and needed to be removed.

Open Space Technical Officer Andy Erskine said in recent months there had been a significant decline in the condition of the crown, and an increase in the decay

and fungal infection areas in the lower trunk.

He said, 'Council is very aware of the importance our community places on the natural environment, particularly trees, but the last thing we want is for this tree to drop limbs unexpectedly on vehicles or pedestrians.'

'Our priority always has to be the safety of our community,' Mr Erskine said.

'If suitable, the timber from the fig tree will be saved and incorporated into projects around the Byron Shire.'

'Another tree will also be planted to replace the fig'

Rugby's final four have been decided

Ross Kendall

Lennox Head has finished the regular season of the Far North Coast rugby union competition with a hard fought 35-18 win playing away against Bangalow last Saturday.

Going into the game, Bangalow was fifth placed and needed a win to try and force their way into the top four, and finals rugby in the 2020 season.

Despite strong scrummaging that gave them plenty of possession in the first half, Bangalow weren't able to transfer this into points, and went to the break down 14-11.

They got their noses in front early in the second half after they were awarded a

penalty try, after a string of scrum penalties against Lennox Head.

But the Lennox Trojans, the more complete team on the day, were able to build strong attacking platforms, and the backs were able to run-in three unanswered tries.

'We were beaten by a backline that had a lot of cohesion, and backed each other up. Our defence didn't adapt,' Bangalow coach Ross Larsson said.

The Bangalow side will miss the finals but there have been plenty of positives for the club this year, according to the coach.

'I'm proud of the boys, we had a good win ratio of games this year, and did a lot better than last year,' Ross said.

The Farm sells to local investors

The Farm, located on Ewingsdale Road near the Byron Central Hospital, has sold for an undisclosed price, according to owners Emma and Tom Lane.

A statement from the Lanes says they sold to local business and property owners Fraser and Allyson Short, 'who will take ownership of The Farm when the purchase settles later this year'.

The Farm is an internationally recognised agri-tourism enterprise where micro-businesses share the Lanes' ethos 'to grow, feed, educate and give back'.

In 2014 *AFR* reported that Mr Lane, who is heir to the Orotan empire, spent about \$6 million on the project.



The Lane family in 2015: George holding the chook, Charlie holding Matilda, Lu-Lu, Tom and Emma. Photo Jeff Dawson

The 80-acre property, features the Three Blue Ducks restaurant, The Garden Shed, Baylato and The Bread Social.

The Lanes' statement says, 'The seed for The Farm

was sown on the Lanes' previous family farm at Federal when, watching their young children immerse themselves in growing their own food, an idea was sparked. If they

could provide this opportunity for their own children – perhaps they could create a similar experience for the wider community?'

The couple say they are planning to spend time with their family on their other rural property The Range, 'where they will continue their focus on a regenerative way of life'.

'The Shorts are passionate about continuing the legacy that the Lanes have created', they say.

'It will be business as usual at The Farm with all tenants remaining on site and the Shorts rolling their sleeves up to carry on the Grow, Feed, Educate and Give back philosophy'.



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Northern Rivers brand launches, but what benefit to Byron?

Eve Jeffery

A new initiative, the Northern Rivers Brand, has been developed through a collaboration of business, industry and government representatives – collectively they are Northern Rivers Together.

CEO of the Northern Cooperative Meat Company

(NCMC) and interim chair, Simon Stahl, says more than 100 local businesses and community groups have already signed up.

Mr Stahl said that NCMC intended to use the brand to anchor their products to the region, famous for natural beauty and loving, caring, innovative people.

The Echo asked Mr Stahl what he thought the brand had to offer the Byron area, which already has 'Byron Bay' as a very strong brand.

'We see it both as a challenge and a great asset,' he said. 'There is no doubt that Byron Bay is in its own right an iconic Australian destination. This came up pretty

strongly in the focus groups conducted on the way to developing the new brand'.

However, the new Northern Rivers brand is not just about tourism; Mr Stahl says it will have a place in enterprise, the food and produce economy and among the locals themselves. For more info, visit www.ncmc-co.com.au.

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Ready for summer?

For the North Coast, fire season kicked off early on September 1, and if you are a rural dweller, it's worth considering what fire plan you have.

Joining the local brigade is a good way to get familiar with how to manage fire dangers, and can improve team and leadership skills. All info is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

The long awaited Bushfire Inquiry, released last week by the Liberal-Nationals NSW government, contains recommendations to improve and streamline its future responses.

It's available at www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects-and-initiatives/nsw-bushfire-inquiry.

One take home from the report was that numnut politicians and their media cheerleaders were – gasp – wrong about how the fires started. Liberal Senator, Eric Abetz, and Nationals MP, George Christensen, for example, bleated on that last season's disaster was, in part, a result of arson. The Bushfire Inquiry found no fire had been started by arson. Such terrible actors will say anything to distract the public from the effects of climate change.

Anyway, the report presents around 11 specific suggestions for rural/regional high fire risk Shires such as Byron.

One of the most important recommendations for this Shire is number 28. In association with the insurance sector, the Inquiry suggests creating 'a model framework and statutory basis for the establishment of an enforcement, compliance and education program which adopts a risk-based approach to routine inspection of local bushfire prone developments'.

This would 'ensure that every local development on bushfire prone land is prepared for future bushfire seasons in accordance with bushfire protection standards of the day, that account for worsening conditions.'

Other suggestions to improve government fire preparedness and response include re-committing 'to the current, regionally based approach to planning and co-ordinating hazard reduction'.

In other words, re-fund this essential service which the Liberal-Nationals happily defunded. They were never held accountable for that. Look over there – it's a non-existent arsonist!

A new NSW Bushfire Policy should be developed, says the Inquiry, similar to the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy.

This would 'accommodate changing climate conditions and the increasing likelihood of catastrophic bush fire conditions'.

The Inquiry's executive summary said of climate change that 'increased greenhouse gas emissions clearly played a role in the conditions that led up to the fires and in the unrelenting conditions that supported the fires to spread, but climate change does not explain everything that happened'.

It's a lot to take on for local government, especially with a council as small and under-resourced as Byron. That's why the NSW government needs to kick in funds, as the Inquiry suggests.

This stuff is literally about life and death. Here's hoping the 2020/21 fire season is without major incident.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Claiming the high ground with chaos cabinet

Readers of the *Melbourne Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* (Nine) and viewers of the Nine network will have been alerted to the self-destruction of the Victorian branch of the Liberal Party – the jewel in the crown, as the founder, Robert Menzies, once called it.

The conniptions and shenanigans are many and complex, but as usual they boil down to an unseemly bloodbath about who is running the rattletrap conveyance which is – or at least was – supposed to deliver them back to government.

The Lady Macbeth figure in the darkened room at the centre is one of the party's state vice-presidents, Karina Okotel, who has not yet managed to rinse the stains of her unsuccessful campaign against same-sex marriage from her incarnadined hands.

And the knife she supplied was largely wielded by Marcus Bastiaan, who was forced to resign from the party after revelations that he was already a seasoned branch stacker to recruit the religious with a promise of more to come.

He boasted that once he had achieved his goal to slip himself into the state upper house, he could use the time and money to continue his machinations full time.

He was clearly ready to burst into a chorus of "The working class can kiss my arse, I've got a bludger's job at last."

However, Bastiaan's real crime was not his cynical misuse of parliament and taxpayers money, but the fact that he inveigled his troops to infiltrate the lairs of two fellow fundamentalist parliamentary warlords Kevin Andrews and Michael Sukkar using their entitlements to indulge in what were obviously party political games.

These days Andrews hardly matters; he has been playing to the religious right – or people of faith, as the God-botherers prefer to describe themselves – for many years, and now he is so far past his use-by date that his career can only be recorded in hieroglyphics.

But Sukkar, a hugely ambitious junior minister, is a serious reactionary who sees as destiny as part of the back-to-the-future leadership when his time comes.

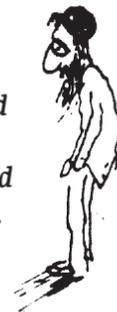
So one might have thought that he was an obvious target for Labor, and

particularly for Albert Albanese, whose own leadership is seen by many as a bit timorous when it comes to the rough and tumble of parliament.

But when the depleted parliament came back last week, Albanese was content to pass the clobbering to one of his own ambitious front benchers, Stephen Jones, who was only too keen to follow the great showman P T Barnum, who devised (almost) the slogan: "Never give a Sukkar an even break."

Both parties know that there is plenty more to be uncovered by a diligent media campaign, and would prefer that it wasn't.

Mungo MacCallum



And clearly his leader's silence was deliberate, because, let's face it, neither side of politics can claim the high ground, or indeed any firm ground at all, when it comes to the ethics of tactics devised by the organizational wings.

Sukkar shrugged off the attack, and his colleagues were keen to return to Labor's far from spotless reputation.

The Victorian party is still recovering from its own embarrassment over the branch stacking implosion run by Adem Somyurek, also no longer on the roll.

And both parties know that there is plenty more to be uncovered by a diligent media campaign, and would prefer that it wasn't. MAD – Mutually Assured Destruction – is a strategy best confined to the cold war.

However there is a key difference: Sukkar is not just another apparatchik, he is Morrison's own hand-picked assistant treasurer, seen as a coming man.

He intends to be around for a long time as he shimmies up the greasy totem pole and his parliamentary leader cannot pretend that it is purely a matter for the backroom boys.

Sukkar's is a scalp worth taking, and he will wear a target on his back from now on.

But there is another reason Albanese wants to leave Sukkar to simmer in his own soup for the moment.

He is certain that he has Scott

Morrison in deep trouble over aged care, and wants no distraction as he prods, pokes and teases out the issue while the Prime Minister exhausts his marketeering expertise in a futile attempt to defend the indefensible, to deny reality.

Continuing to maintain that he has the confidence of his minister, Richard Colbeck, after stripping him of the only part of his responsibility that actually matters, is surely absurd.

But ScoMo will not resile from his policy of never giving a nanometer to the opposition – any opposition.

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Adequate supplies of protective equipment are getting to the homes for both residents and carers.

And in any case, 97 percent of homes are okay. We are doing better than almost anyone else in the world.

Aged care is in the very best of hands – Colbeck's. or if that doesn't quite wash, then his own. After all, he was the one who set up the current royal commission. So nothing to see here – move on.

Some of this is patently false, although some may be construed by charitable commentators as at least partly true.

But this is not the point: it is simply irrelevant because the daily evidence is that the system has clearly failed.

And we are not talking about individual disasters, spectacular and appalling as many of them are.

We are talking about thousands of infections, hundreds of deaths, despite numerous warnings.

This is a breakdown from top to bottom, and the root cause is underfunding and short staffing, which cannot, despite Morrison's determined blame shifting, be shoved aside. It is an undeniable federal responsibility, and he has to wear it.

And the more he ducks and weaves, obfuscates and blusters, the more threadbare his defences are revealed.

Albanese may not yet be on a winner, but Morrison's embarrassment is far more satisfying than sniping at Michael Sukkar, however tempting that worthy aim must appear. Sukkar can keep, as long as Morrison suffers.

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Border struggles

The hard closure of the Queensland border is causing heartache and distress for the residents of the Northern Rivers. There is distressing news of people unable to get a pass to cross the border – until the media gets involved.

I feel compassion for QLD Health staff who are just carrying out their premier's orders. But why is this so?

There are no active cases of COVID-19 in the Byron Shire. All cases are in Sydney, a nine hour drive away.

Because I am outside the bubble I cannot be a support for my daughter who is about to have a baby in the next couple of days. I can't make an appointment to see my eye specialist in Coolangatta.

This border closure also affects Queensland medical staff, tradies, and other workers who, if they cross into NSW and go beyond the border zone, cannot get back into Queensland without a stay in hotel quarantine. People who live in NSW are unable to get into Queensland for medical care and work.

People and businesses in both states have a symbiotic relationship. Both states are heading for economic

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Cartoon by PK Violet

disaster. Please let common sense prevail, put ego and electioneering aside. Please re-open and expand the border bubble to include more of Northern NSW.

Gail Rundle
Mullumbimby

Institutional forgetting

Council's plan to shorten the route of excess treated effluent to the Belongil carries serious implications. Let's dig down by looking at the Byron Bay Effluent Management Strategy – the guiding legal and, importantly, moral framework for the current system.

The strategy states that the goal is to 'ensure there is no negative impact upon the Belongil Creek due to effluent discharge'. This means quantity of 'foreign' water as

well as quality.

Bypassing the longer, slower route in the west of the catchment means there is a potential need to open the entrance more often, with implications for fish kills, among other impacts.

The strategy states 'community surveys, petitions, and committees consistently support the elimination of sewage effluent discharge to waterways... in May 2000, the Byron Bay Wastewater Steering Committee established the Belongil Rehabilitation Working Group'.

'Faced with acid sulfate soils, catchment degradation, loss of critical habitat, and annual fish kills, the Working Group developed a fully integrated major regeneration project.'

The first of these

environmental reuse projects was kicked off with a \$250,000 Commonwealth grant obtained by the Working Group. Why have successive councils fallen prey to 'institutional forgetting' and failed to honour the vision and opportunities offered by all the people – community, scientists, and government, who contributed?

David Pont
Indonesia

Who needs reality TV

What costs more than the Olympics, is more insidious than the novel coronavirus and more exciting than Game of Thrones?

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Andrew Hall
Ocean Shores

Ghetto tax

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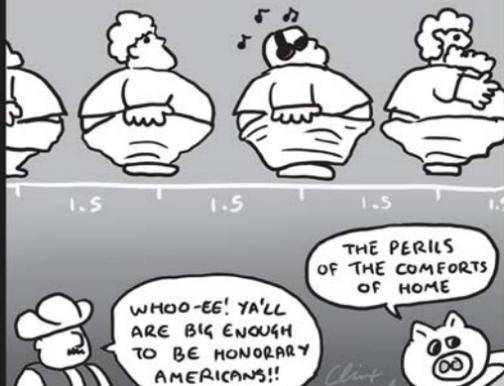
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Pandemic or Plandemic – what is the value of a vaccine?

Ewan Willis

Given that vaccines are among the best methods that medicine has for controlling viral disease it might seem surprising that so many are opposed to their use on a fundamental level. Especially surprising in the midst of a global pandemic.

For those who are polarised by this issue there seems to be a huge gulf of mistrust between the camps.

Those who are against vaccination are skeptical of the claims and methods of the establishment but let's not forget that skepticism is a cornerstone of science.

Grim calculation

If we accept that existing vaccines are at least partially effective then we must also acknowledge that deaths and life changing harms have resulted from vaccination. We cannot shy away from this fact. There is

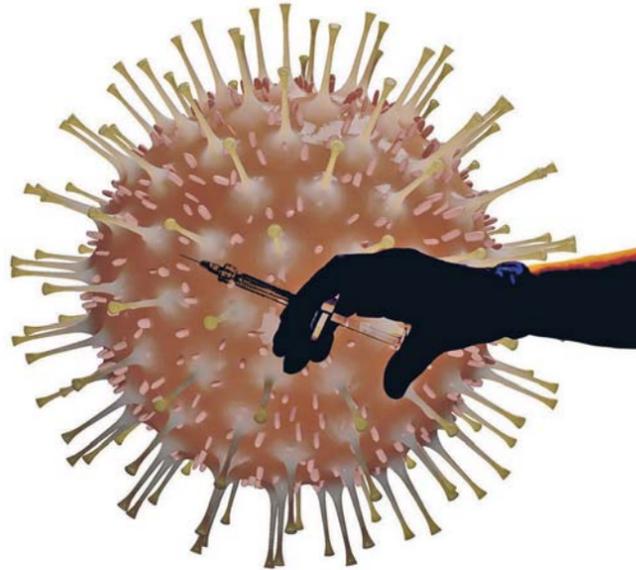
a grim calculation here that says if a disease would kill, say, a thousand people, then it may be acceptable if the cure only kills ten and saves 9,990.

Whether or not you agree with this form of utilitarianism we should all acknowledge that pressure from anti-vaccination groups on health agencies has been a driving force in improvements to vaccine safety. We must also acknowledge that we live longer and healthier lives as a direct result of medical science, including vaccination.

Protection of life

There are reasons to be fearful on both sides of the divide, and yet we are united by the intention to protect life and reduce harm, irrespective of whether we are for or against vaccination.

If you can't imagine why increased surveillance, mandatory injections and restrictions of freedom are



threatening, then maybe you should read a dystopian novel or two.

If you don't think COVID-19 is scary, then try this thought experiment: imagine an airline 'Coronavirus Air' that started operating in March. Since then, a plane carrying 180 people has crashed every single hour of every single day – that is the global burden of death that

COVID-19 caused in the same period. Now ask yourself 'would I buy a ticket to Honolulu with Coronavirus Air?'

Confirmation bias

Rather than demonising each other for wearing face-masks or being concerned about vaccine safety, we should work to understand each other. By standing in opposite corners we

only make a difficult 2020 worse, and run the risk of disappearing into our own confirmation biases. Ridicule and fear are our worst enemies when it comes to understanding the hearts and minds of others. What we need is mutual respect and appreciation – and the courage to change our own minds, at least a little bit.

We can hope that safe and efficacious vaccines will be developed, but in the words of bioethicist Alison Bateman-House 'The success of any medical intervention rests on the trust which people ascribe to it. No one has ever had a 100 per cent perfect vaccine but even if we came up with one it may not be used in the volumes to have the needed public result if people don't trust it.'

Medical science may put the tools into our hands but it is we, as a society, who must decide how and if they are used.

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▶ Continued from page 11 in property values has led to a small part of the increase, and a new approach to sewer billing accounts to the rest, leading to lower water rates in the future, so not so bad. However, I also noticed that the ordinary residential rate is calculated by multiplying your land value by a multiplier (0.001967). But if the result of that calculation is less than \$928, then your bill is automatically raised to \$928. So if your land value is less than \$471,784 (the case for many people in less affluent areas in the Shire)

you are actually subsidising those with more valuable property! I thought this was a regressive tax, but Wikipedia says a regressive tax applies to everyone equally. This is, apparently, a ghetto tax. It penalises the less wealthy more than the wealthy. While I am very fortunate to be in the position to partly own a home, with a bank, in this Shire, it still seems 'off' to be subsidising wealthy property owners. This sort of pricing structure affects renters too as it pushes up the running costs of less

expensive housing, which are passed on via increased rents. In a shire that cares about affordable housing and those lower down the economic ladder I would have thought that the multiplier would be slightly higher, with no minimum amount to pay on the general rate. This would mean that people with less valuable property would pay less than \$928 and wealthier home owners would pay a bit more. I reckon it's time for a change.

David Froggatt
Ocean Shores

Little white dots
The temporary roundabout at Butler Street Byron Bay appears to be working very well, proving that 'just' a painted circle on the road, as often used in parts of Europe, will suffice!
Think of all the money that can be saved if this was the standard where space is limited! No more roundabouts that look as though they've been built to stop armoured vehicle access. Too much to hope for I suppose?

Roger Fuller
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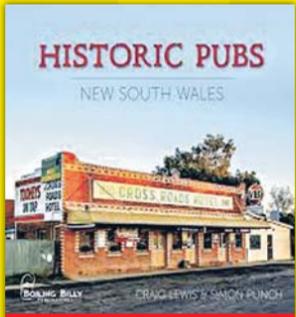
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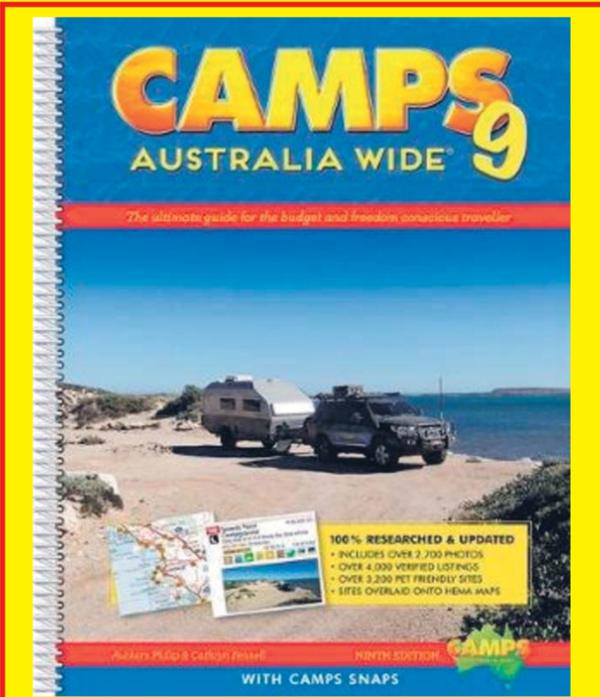
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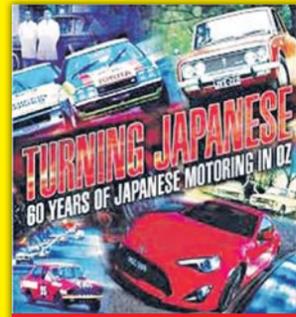
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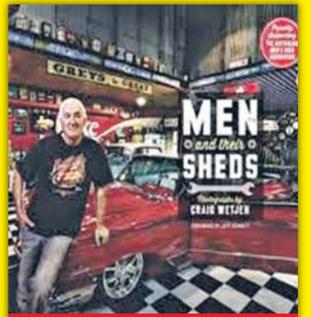
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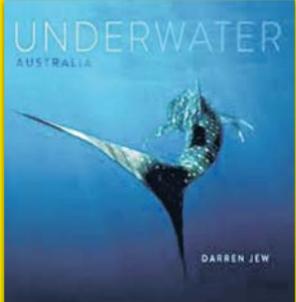
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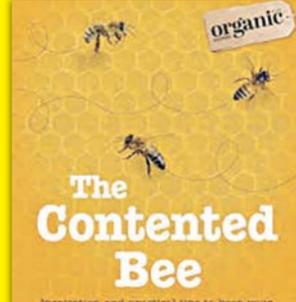
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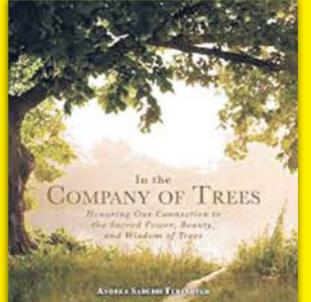
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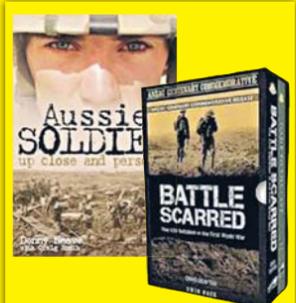
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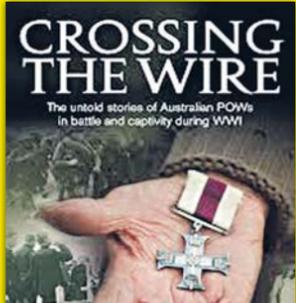
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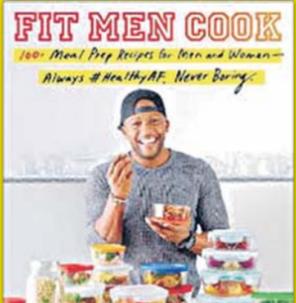
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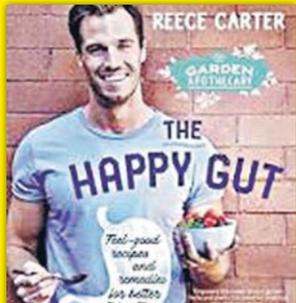
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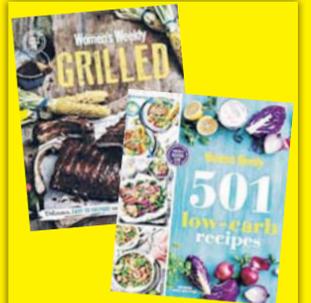
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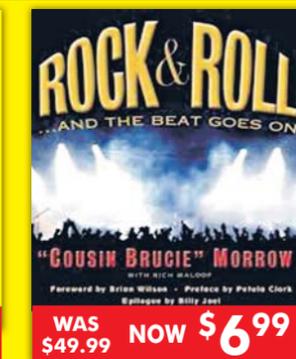


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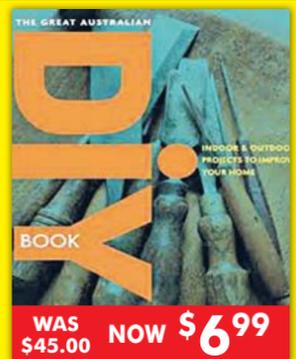
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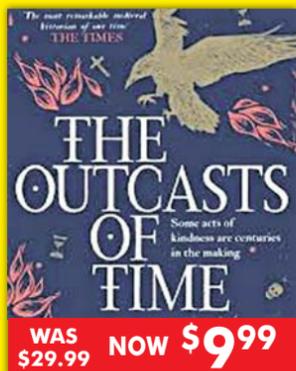
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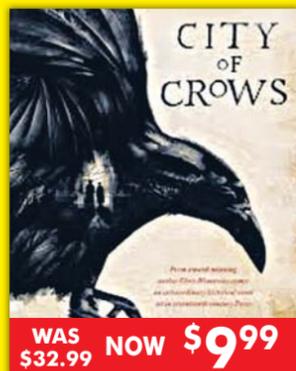
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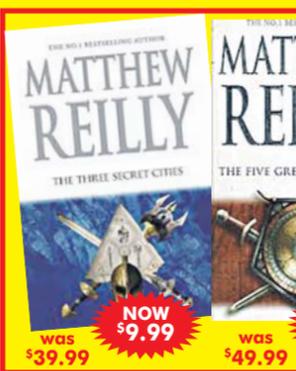
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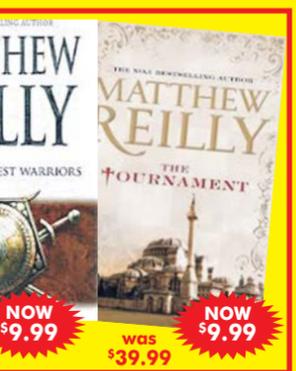
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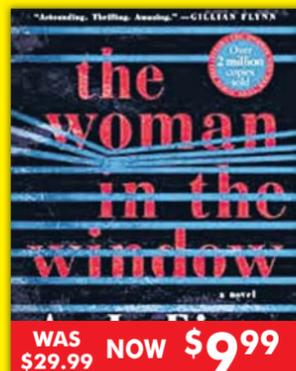
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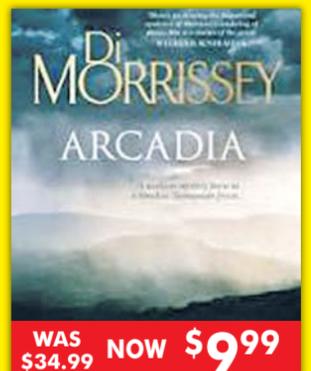
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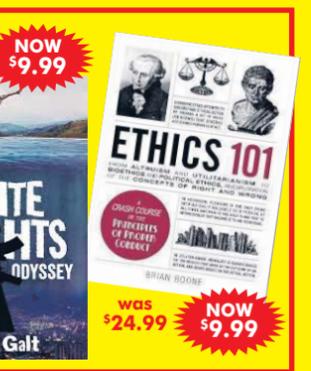
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Wolfgang Uhlmann, who died in Dresden this week at 85 after a fall, was one of the world's best players from the 1950s to the 1970s but his career was regularly blighted by Cold War politics.

When in his teens Uhlmann's chess talent became evident the East German government began paying him a wage as a full-time chessplayer and his progress was rapid. He later explained, "Talent is part of it but you have to work hard. I had to work out all of my openings myself as [in the 1950s] there were hardly any chess books, few coaches, and no computers at all." Uhlmann became the world expert in the French Defence, and with it he defeated many of the very best, including Bobby Fischer.

In 1960 Uhlmann, by then already three times the East German Champion, had his entry to the Netherlands to compete in a World Championship Zonal refused by the Dutch authorities. In solidarity with Uhlmann, players from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia were withdrawn and a second Zonal was held the follow-

ing year, from which Uhlmann qualified for the Interzonal.

Throughout the 1960s Uhlmann won major events in Sarajevo, Havana, Zagreb, Berlin and Hastings) but World Championship success remained elusive. Finally, in 1970, he qualified for the Candidates matches, the final eight of the World Championship, only to run into Denmark's Bent Larsen in the quarterfinals. The great Dane, who had recently been ranked as world #1, ended Uhlmann's world title ambitions.

By the time the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 and Germany was reunified, Uhlmann was content to play in the Bundesliga and not travel much further than Austria for tournaments.

He then turned his attention to the senior circuit, tying for first place in the 1988 World Senior Ch. but missing out on the title on tiebreak.

When Uhlmann last played in the Bundesliga, in 2016 aged 81, he became the oldest player ever to do so, but by then his health was fading. His last competitive games were in the Austrian League in March 2019 after which he definitively retired.

Environment?

The front page article on the Byron bypass last week and the alleged failure of Byron Shire Council (BSC) to consider and present the environmental impacts of the bypass would come as no surprise to anyone who has worked for BSC – particularly in Water and Recycling (W&R).

As a former, long-term employee in W&R, there was a complete about-face by W&R on environmental concerns from 2002 onward. To any staffer who cared, this was made extremely obvious by what happened to process monitoring procedures.

In 2006 a Council owned laboratory in the Byron Industrial estate was closed. You would think someone must have asked what effect would this have on the ability of BSC to assess, and process monitor, sewerage treatment plants, rivers, estuaries, and on the mitigation of acid sulphate soil levels as a result of the substantial numbers of melaleucas planted in the West Byron wetlands etc.

Alas, no one even noticed. This laboratory had also been NATA (National Authority of Testing Authorisation) registered, which should have made it an asset to BSC.

The BSC mayor is fond of saying he only takes the advice of experts. Unfortunately, the mayor did not practise what he preaches.

When a wetlands expert, Mr David Pont, was paid to come to a Water, Waste & Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting in 2019 he stated that the West Byron STP wetlands, which he was involved in designing, were in a state of total neglect. Mr Pont also stated that BSC needed

to employ some people who actually knew how to maintain environmental infrastructure. Mr Pont's comments were neither minuted nor responded to at the meeting.

Byron Shire, at present, has four unmanned sewerage treatment works, this is a sign of complete apathy by W&R. I doubt very much if even one councillor is aware of this.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Our train

The article published in *Echonetdaily* 'TOOT still fighting to save the rails' (www.echo.net.au) about the ongoing efforts of a small dedicated band of people who are still working towards reinstating our railway, was fantastic.

Unfortunately their artistic banner showing a train at a new station at Tyagarah was only up at Santos for a day so I didn't see it. Perhaps it can be hung again?

These folk have a vision for the future, a workable and affordable plan that has been accurately costed.

Of course a rail and a walking/bicycle track can co-exist, we all want the same thing – to be able to move around the area in a sustainable, enjoyable way without always having to drive.

I know that ongoing discussions have taken place; and that now would be a good time to hop on the infrastructure bandwagon.

Think of the employment possibilities for locals, and improved travel options for locals and tourists with a sustainable rail link between our wonderful small towns and the big festivals.

I can imagine a train

between (initially) Mullumbimby, via a station at Tyagarah to Byron and onwards to Bangalow, and then in the future connecting Lismore to Murwillumbah.

How good would that be for us all?

Carole Gamble
Mullumbimby Creek

Assange's extradition

Australian citizen journalist/publisher Julian Assange's full hearing for extradition to the US is scheduled to start on Monday, 7 September at The Old Bailey in London.

Extradition hearings, and all of the preliminary hearings so far, have been held in a magistrate's court.

The fact that the hearing is being held in the Central Criminal Court of England and Wales raises certain questions in itself, and is a cause for concern as to what is being prepared against Julian.

It comes after long delays owing not only to the pandemic, but also the (possibly deliberate) slow turning wheels of the English judicial system.

Since April 2019, he has been incarcerated in Her Majesty's Belmarsh high security prison in London.

Despite the fact that there are no charges against him in the UK he has been held on remand ever since. He is suffering from compromised health in a prison system racked with COVID-19.

He has been denied reasonable visits, from his family and legal team.

Adding further complication, the US prosecution has been allowed to present another layer of charges, which are in fact almost the same as the original 18.

This can be seen as both hostility towards Assange, and a delaying tactic.

These violations of his basic right to due process have raised concern among the international legal fraternity with 14 legal associations and 150 individual lawyers and legal experts having presented a petition to the UK government demanding that they '...act in accordance with national and international law, human rights, and the rule of law by bringing an end to the ongoing extradition proceedings and granting Mr Assange his long overdue freedom – freedom from torture, arbitrary detention, and deprivation of liberty and political persecution'.

We can only hope that the British government shared the letter with Canberra.

Roy Drew
Mullumbimby

Hopeless Council

How truly hopeless this elected council is. I'm starting to think seriously about lobbying for an administrator to take over for 12 months till the next election, or to sack the councillors and put in an expert.

The major problem is that our mayor seems to have this almost religious faith in the permanent staff, believing them to be 'good people' who are incapable of bad faith.

The related major problem is that none of the other councillors has the self-confidence to stand up to him by criticising the staff. Crs Coorey, Cameron, and Hackett do issue the occasional dissent, but they let a dozen sins pass for every one they prevent. Nor do they have a strategy for a return to common sense and the rule of law.

Last week I demonstrated a case in point: I established that the minutes for the previous meeting had been fiddled to protect the mayor from embarrassment. The minutes claim that general manager made a statement that was significantly different from what was actually said.

I made the councillors aware of the fiddle by email and by direct submission. However, when it came to adopt the minutes, all councillors voted in favour! Without a single question or comment.

I cannot claim to be surprised; I've been observing such crass denial for years, basically cowardice.

Nor is it merely a fear of being in breach of the Code of Conduct, a document they completely misunderstand. The mayor gives the impression that any criticism of staff should happen only in newspapers. If it occurs during a Council meeting then it constitutes an 'insult' or a 'personal reflection' ie a breach of the Code According to Simon. It goes without saying that this version of the rules is written by the staff and, seemingly uncritically, accepted by Simon.

The other side of the coin is that when confronted, the staff act as though butter wouldn't melt in their mouths. Nothing to see here, it's just Buck\$ being his eccentric self. They know perfectly well what our elected heroes are made of, so there is no need for fear or nervousness. As long as things are going their way inside Council meetings, then who cares what the rabble outside think?

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The Good Life

A great kombucha with a little something extra

Three blokes, who have all spent their careers in the beverage industry, have teamed up with Stone & Wood to make delicious drinks.

Paul Tansley, Cam MacFarlane, and James Mackinnon took over the old Stone & Wood facility when they moved to their new location and created Bucha of Byron.

Paul grew up in the area, attending primary school in Byron and high school in Mullum. 'It's always been home, even though I've lived, worked and travelled in different places for many years', he says.

The trio created Bucha of Byron not only as a healthy low sugar kombucha option, but they also developed an alcoholic kombucha line; the Dirty Bucha of Byron, which is kombucha blended with premium spirits from Brookies Gin.

Paul says that in the industry you get to work with so many great people all doing interesting things and having a go at something. 'For me it's always energising to create things, but also to have fun and work with people who want to do the same. Having spent my career in the drinks industry, it's nice to now do something for myself rather than working for corporates, and also be able to produce something that offers a healthier alternative.

'A lot of people comment on our fresh and unique taste, and importantly they love that we are made using locally sourced ingredients.'

Paul says he, Cam and James decided to take the time during lockdown to re-set. 'Rather than try and chase our tails and panic, we looked at what we'd been wanting to do for a while, so we now have a whole fresh new look for the Bucha of Byron. We also developed a new flavour; coming out this



Two-thirds of the Bucha of Byron team, Paul Tansley and Cam MacFarlane.

week is our Acai Berry – a first in Australia.

'We also spent the time to develop a whole new alcoholic range, of beer and kombucha blended, which will be released in the next month – the Sneaky Bucha of Byron.' Paul says they are really grateful to so many local businesses who have supported them for nearly five years. 'We're hoping in these

tough times people will keep supporting us and help keep us operating throughout the COVID-19 restrictions.'

Paul says coming into spring and summer is a really busy time. 'We're really excited about launching the Sneaky Bucha of Byron with a lager, an extra pale ale and a summer ale – so keep an eye out for that in local venues from October.'

■ For more information about Bucha of Byron, visit their website: <https://www.buchaofbyron.com.au/>

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Husk – great rums and gins, from the paddock to bottle

A writer and an exploration geologist with a PhD in earth science have found that they have what it takes to make great rums and gins.

Founded by husband and wife team, Paul Messenger and Mandy Perkins, Husk Farm Distillery in Tumbulgum boasts paddock-to-bottle spirits and unique flavours.

The couple purchased Husk Farm in 2012 to make rum – the Tweed was the perfect place, as it's a sugar cane growing region, and just 10 minutes from the beach. Mandy could have her farm animals and Paul could have his surf beaches! 'Our farm is a 100-year-old farm, previously a dairy farm and small crop farm. Now it operates as a working farm distillery,' say Paul and Mandy.

They both feel that work is a really exciting place to be – they have a fantastic team. 'We are pioneering Australian Virgin Cane Rum and we hope to change people's perception of rum through sharing our innovative spirits, so there is lots of room for creativity.'

Paul and Mandy say that what many people love most about Husk is their Ink Gin. 'People seem to love that stuff!' they say, laughing. 'I think people also engage with the story and the journey we've been on over the last eight years,' adds Paul.

Like every hospitality business, Husk's cellar door was affected by the lockdown. 'We pivoted to sanitise and redeployed our cellar door team to the bottling line in the early days of the lockdown, but now we're plugging along as normally as we possibly can – while wearing masks!'

'We're also getting creative with some value-added products using spent gin and rum botanicals, and native plants from around our property. We also used the quiet time to build several kitchen and cocktail gardens, so a lot of our food and garnishes from the cellar door are now coming from our own farm,' explains Mandy.



Paul Messenger and Mandy Perkins – Husk is a family business, including the fur baby, Tilly.

Husk has just released their 100th batch of Ink Gin, and they've marked the occasion with a special label – they are running a digital cocktail competition to celebrate. First prize is \$1000 and 100 gin cocktails. Head to www.inkgin.com for more information and to enter.

They also have several new and exciting products in the pipeline for the next two years.

The Husk cellar door is open from Wednesday to Sunday and they have sunset sessions on Friday and Saturday nights.

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Delicious Dorper lamb

Story & photo Kate O'Neill

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Like Wagyu beef, the Dorper (an easy-care breed that sheds its fleece naturally) has a natural marbling in the meat, and this extra fat makes it more tender, juicy and flavoursome.

'A lot of farmers will put their animals into feedlots to get the marbling in. Dorper have it genetically, so you don't have to do that. Our animals are only grass fed,' said Warren.

Warren and wife Marina established their farm in



Local Dorper Sheep farmer, Warren Wiggins, of Dorper Lamb

2012, and sell their lamb at both the New Brighton and Mullumbimby Farmers Markets.

They also supply to restaurants, including Elements of Byron and The Byron at Byron.

Warren and Marina say Dorper has a uniform flavour and tenderness – so you don't necessarily have to seek out the cutlets, for example, because the leg chops are just as nice.

At their market stalls they sell all cuts, including: loin chops, cutlets, backstop, fillet, rump, legs, shoulders, ribs and shanks, as well as cuts to order. They also make preservative free sausages, rissoles, mince, and dog treats.

Farming sustainably is a top priority, says Warren, and he employs regenerative agricultural practices such as rotational grazing.

He also uses fermented seaweed to improve the health of the animals and the pasture. Warren says that when the microbe-rich seaweed is fed to the sheep, it acts like a big shot of probiotic. It then makes its way into the soil via the sheep manure and that improves the health of the grass as well.

Good Taste

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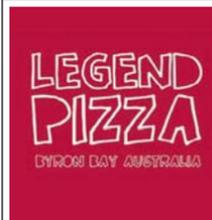


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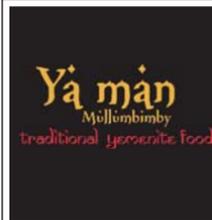


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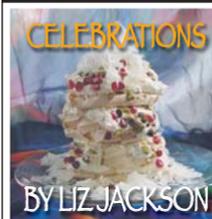
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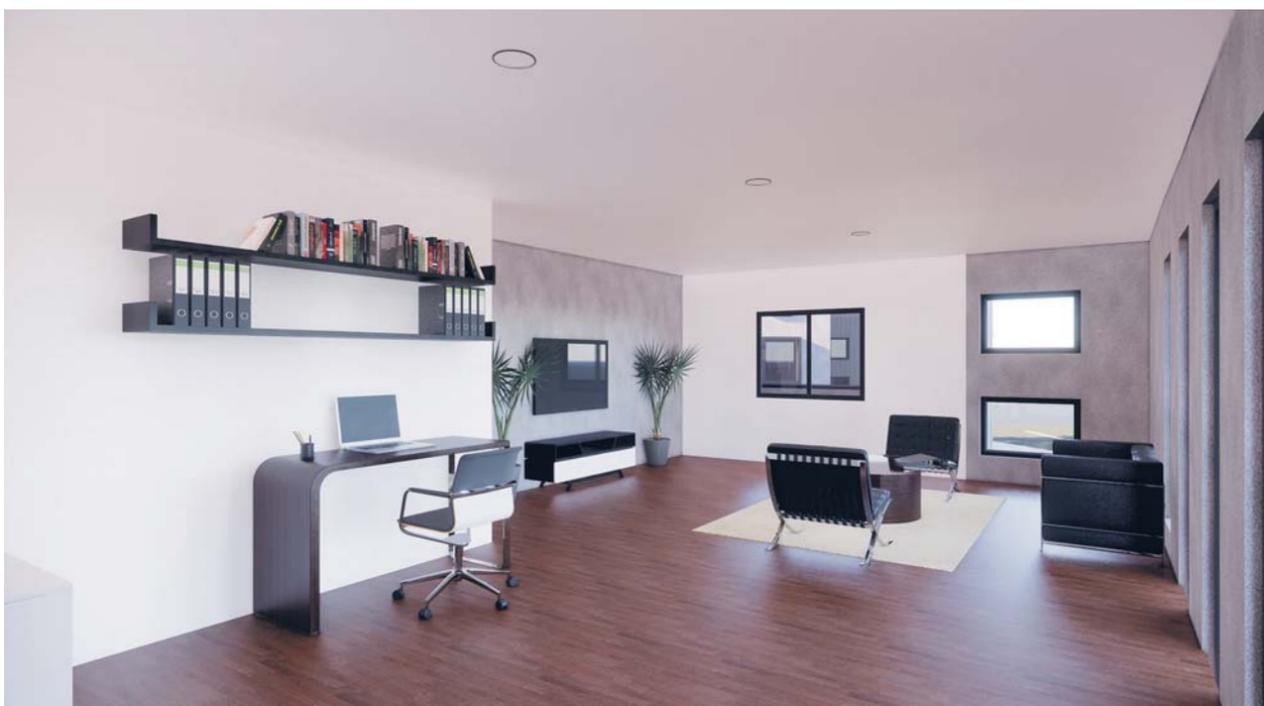
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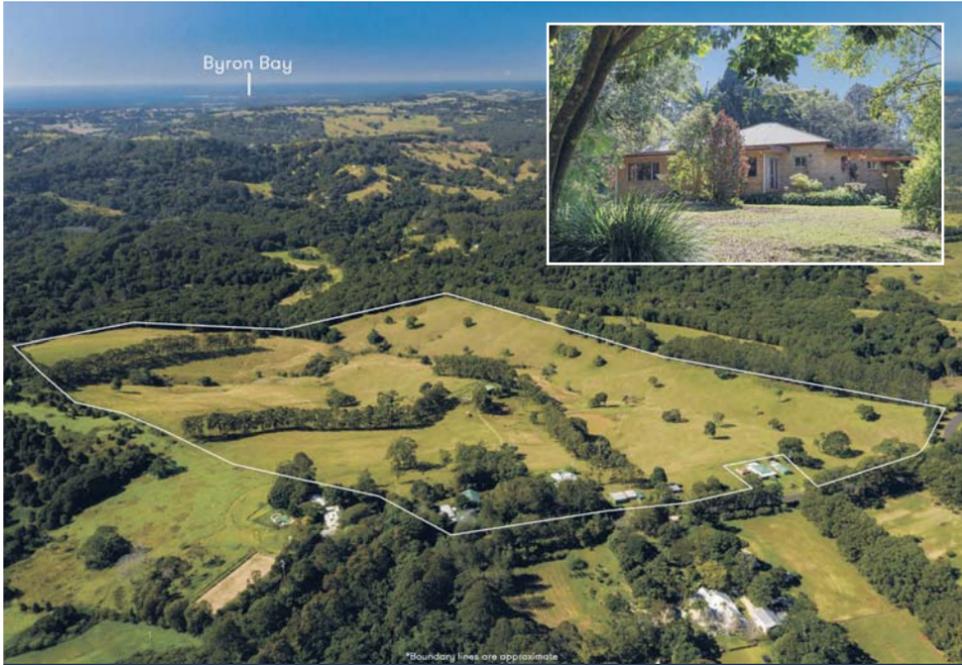


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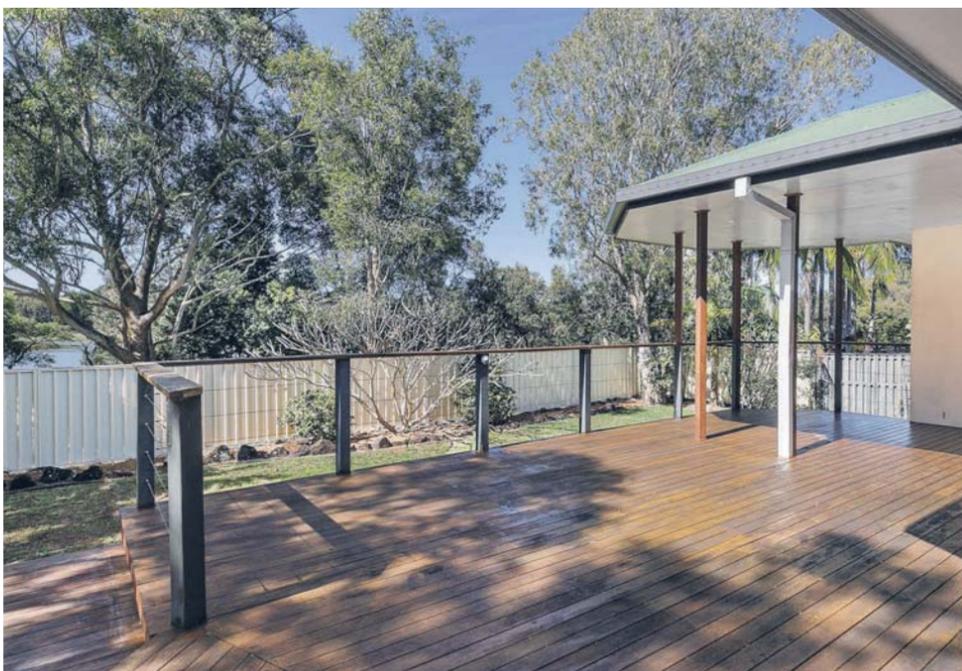


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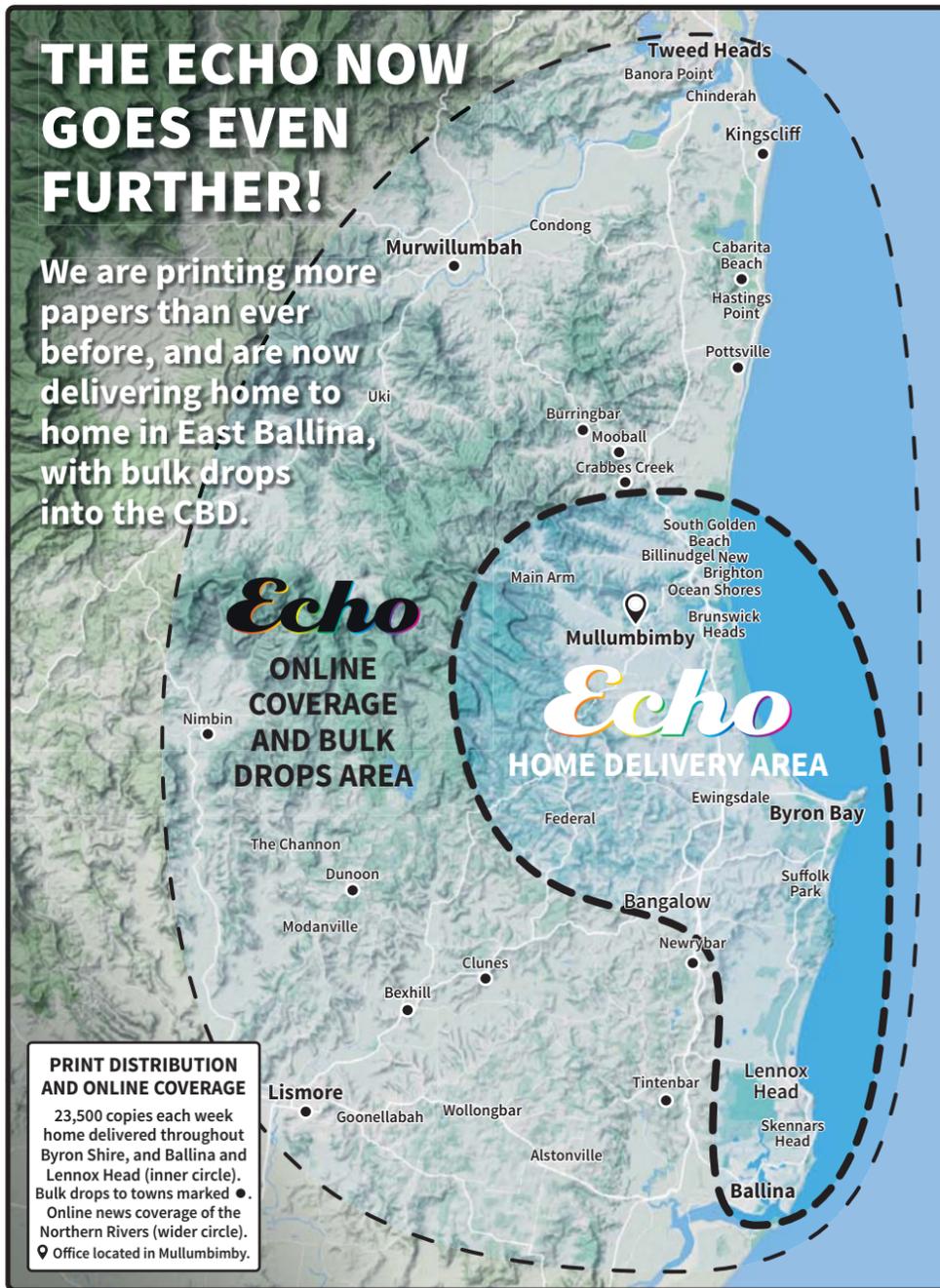
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- 36 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 1 Lychee Drive, Rosebank. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 1/9 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 38 William Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 10-10.30am
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THE 7 STAGES OF LOSING YOUR IPHONE

I lost my phone. It's been 9 hours and 32 minutes. It's the digital detox I never meant to have. I feel weird. Like someone stole my kidney. Well that wouldn't be so bad. At least I have two. I'm cycling through the Kubler Ross stages of grief. Denial - it has to be in my handbag. So I tip it out 12 times and sift through the rubble. It has to be here. It's a fruitless autopsy. When it becomes clear the phone is officially missing, I start with blame. Fucking Bill Gates. He made this happen. It's 5G. It must have infiltrated my brain and made me drop it in the Uber. It's chemtrails. The illuminati. Them.

I transition immediately to rage. I want to yell at someone. I think that's why Uber don't have a contact phone number. Caps lock just isn't doing it for me. I am furious. If I could find my phone I'd throw it. I think about it smashing on the bitumen below. Actually that's stupid. I have hundreds of photos I never bothered backing up on the iCloud. Gone. I feel sad. I start to cry. At 3am, I'm in an Airbnb in Marrickville. I think about calling someone for help, but I realise I don't have a phone, and I don't know anyone's number. Oh God. I'm so vulnerable. And bored. What if I need Uber eats, or to measure my steps? I'm phone-less. I'm left to my own devices. Oh god, I don't have any devices.

Then I'm at the airport. How do you even check in without an electronic boarding pass on your phone? I have to go speak to the girl at the check in - show my licence and get a boarding pass, which feels a bit non COVID Safe.

Here at the airport I am a phoneless loser just left to sit. I don't have anything to do except be. It's weird. I haven't had to sit and 'be' in public for ages. I actually forgot how to do it. Generally I am scrolling through my emails and my Facebook feed. It's what we do now to allay the discomfort of sitting in public. People used to read the paper or *New Idea*. Or talk to each other. Shit, what if someone wants to talk to me? I move on to bargaining. I promise I'll always put my phone back in my bag. I won't fall asleep in the Uber. I'll use a taxi next time. I'll be home by midnight. I won't drink so much wine.

I watch other people fingering their phones and I think 'Look at you, all dependent on your phones! You can't just 'be' like me'. I'm jealous. When I get on the plane I can't use the in-flight entertainment. I just have to sit and look at the food tray that won't have any food on it because COVID took away our in-flight snacks.

It's been two days now. I am home. I've discovered you can live without a mobile. I think I reach for it every ten minutes to do something, like pay a bill, or text the kids, or check my emails. I hadn't realised till now just how dependent I had become. I always have a go at young people for being too technology dependent, but I'm probably worse.

Just when I've made peace with my loss I get a message from Uber. They have my phone. Ahmed was sleeping all day so he hadn't answered my cries for help on the Uber app. So in just 24 hours my iPhone and I will be re-united. Wow, I had almost reached acceptance.

Instead, I have to accept something harder. That I, like many people have formed an unhealthy dependence on technology. I have been thinking lately about writing on the harms of AI, but I realised it's too late - I'm already indoctrinated.

I've just installed a new app, it's called Find my Life.

CINEMATIC

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THE MYSTERY OF HENRI PICK M 101 MIN French With English Subtitles						10:25 AM	
THE NEW MUTANTS M 94 MIN	12:05 PM 3:15 PM 5:05 PM	12:05 PM 3:15 PM 5:05 PM 7:00 PM	12:25 PM 5:05 PM 7:00 PM	12:25 PM 5:05 PM	12:05 PM 3:15 PM 5:05 PM	12:05 PM 3:15 PM 5:05 PM	12:05 PM 3:15 PM 5:05 PM 7:00 PM
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MUSICAL & LIVE



Left: Bobby All at the Beach Hotel on Sat.
Right: Sara Tindley with Lucy Thorne at Lismore City Hall on Sat.

THE TREE FAERIE HAS BEEN SNEAKING AN EARLY LOOK at the gigs this week and she is pleased to say that the Kingscliff Beach Hotel is back on deck again hosting some great shows including **Benny D Williams** on Friday, and **Matt Buggy** on Saturday.

Other shows in the region this week include **Ben Wilson** at Lismore City Hall on Friday, **Agent 77** at the Coolangatta Hotel on Sunday, **Ooz** at Club Lennox on Sunday and **Lucie Thorne & Sara Tindley** back at Lismore City Hall on Saturday.

In the Shire she plans on catching the **Sarah Grant Duo** at the Rails on Thursday after the **Trivia Night** at the Ocean Shores Country Club. She's heading to the Beach Hotel for **Matty Rogers** on Friday, **Bobby Alu** on Saturday and **Harry Nichols** on Sunday, before heading down to the Rails for **David Debrecen** on Monday and **Tim Stokes** on Tuesday. She'll be back there again on Wednesday for the **Sunshine Duo**.

New kids on the block Wandana Brewing Co. in Mullumbimby have some cool vibes for the weekend lined up with **DJ Sut** spinning an awesome mix on Saturday and **Craig Atkins** live on Sunday.

In her spare time she plans to relax at home and watch *Vincent van Gogh - A New Way of Seeing* and *Painting the Modern Garden - Monet to Matisse* (all those colours!) from the live 24/7 accessible Byron Theatre collection.

It's going to be a busy week - luckily she has wings!

GIG GUIDE

WEDNESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ORIGINAL WEDNESDAYS**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE (online: www.byroncentre.com.au)

THURSDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **TWO MOONS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **TRIVIA NIGHT**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE

FRIDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **MANOA**, 5.30PM **JORDAN MAC**, 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- LISMORE CITY HALL, 7.30PM **BEN WILSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 7PM **BENNY D WILLIAMS**
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SATURDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SYLK TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**, 4.30PM **BOBBY ALU**, 8PM **MAJESTIC NIGHTS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUT**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LUCIE THORNE & SARA TINDLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **MATT BUGGY**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE

SUNDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SIMON MEOLA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**, 4.30PM **FOGGON TRIO**, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **CRAIG ATKINS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 3PM **AGENT 77**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **OZZ**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE

MONDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAVID DEBRECEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **FINTAN CALLAGHAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS, 12PM **DAVE BARRY**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE

TUESDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- STREAM FROM HOME** WITH BYRON THEATRE

WEDNESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUNSHINE DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
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STARS BY LILITH

VIRGO THE VIRGIN

Spring has sprung, wattle's in bloom and Venus in Leo sashays down the astral catwalk for the seasonal return of radiance...



♈ ARIES: This week kicking off with a full moon of surrender and release suggests you just let something go, and focus on receiving. Mercury's well situated during the next three weeks for having The Talk about what's bothering you, while Venus recommends a flamboyant, spirit-lifting style fluff-up - to shake off winter doldrums.

♉ TAURUS: Venus, your planetary muse, squaring off with Mars this week could fire up domestic interactions in ways both spicy and not so nicey. But Mercury's message from the sign of peace-keeping and personal beautifying is clear; pay special attention to what goes into your mouth, and what comes out of it.

♊ GEMINI: With Mercury your mentor planet in the sign of The Scales, this week's balancing act is telling inconvenient truths diplomatically and tactfully. Best achieved by speaking from the heart, and never underestimating the power of a sincerely expressed compliment. Or lending a hand to someone who's struggling.

♋ CANCER: While Pisces' full moon waters your soul garden, Mars and Venus both in fire signs make for a flammable combination, which can cause interpersonal turbulence and sudden squalls. What to do? Try spoiling this week's Venus side with some luxury treats, and giving cranky people plenty of reassurance to soothe their troubled waters.

♌ LEO: Astrostylita Venus sashaying into Leo is your majesty's annual signal to launch a seasonal revamp and makeover of your personal presentation. And while Mercury has you eloquent and articulate, to pitch ideas - being sure to let people know what's in it for them, and how getting on board can advance their interests.

♍ VIRGO: If finding out something you weren't aware of causes a shakeup this week, it will give you insight into how to make future moves. There's strength in numbers, so ask around, talk to people about money, openings, leads. Cast a wide net and you might be pleasantly surprised at what you catch.

♎ LIBRA: Your planetary tour guide Venus in Leo can be a bit of a diva, but she does fill up the cup of life again with socialising, group activities and community fun. With Mercury moving into Libra, if you've been holding something in, this week's likely to see you speaking your mind.

♏ SCORPIO: With Mars and Venus squaring off this week, even a casual comment could spark a harsh argument. So what can you do to keep the peace? Don't log into controversial conversations. Already too late for that? Then hear people out without feeling compelled to respond, while silently working on empathy deficits.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Present transits can ratchet up tension, so take the time to focus on what's really being communicated, apart from what's being said. Perhaps understanding is all that's being asked for...? With Mercury in the sign of beauty, harmony and clever compromise, it's the perfect week to do something especially lovely for your immediate surroundings.

♑ CAPRICORN: With Venus in a steamy mood it's worth scheduling private time with your nearest and dearest, or otherwise prioritising pleasurable pursuits. Mercury has you in tell-it-like-it-is mode so you won't be pulling any punches, but do it with tact and finesse. And how about sharing that interesting idea you've been cooking?

♒ AQUARIUS: With Venus checking into your partnership zone, both personal and professional, it's time break out all the love languages: give someone a hug, a call, a bunch of flowers, the gift of your time by cooking a meal, or anything else they might appreciate. And finish off by giving yourself a damn good pampering.

♓ PISCES: Full moon in Pisces is your time to acknowledge how much you've managed to do this year in the midst of difficulties. Then spread yourself around, as much as you're able, like business cards at a networking event. Arrange meetings. Cultivate connections. Let people know you're available - you can't sell a secret.

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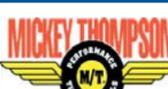
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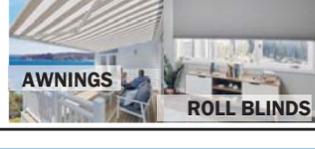
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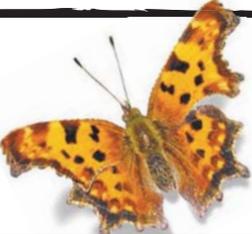
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Clunes produce swap

Clunes Park Sat 12 September, 9am till 12noon. Bring along anything garden related - excess fruit and veggies, flower and vegetable seedlings, seeds, herbs, bulbs, pots, garden tools, bunches of flowers etc and swap with others for something you could use. Even if you have nothing to swap, just come along, have a chat, and go home with some booty! No money changes hands - everything is free.

Cookery contest

Do you cook banana bread, sponge cake, or carrot and ginger loaf? These are just three of the sections in Mullumbimby CWA's annual Land Cookery contest on 9 September.

There are 22 sections, including jams and chutneys, and decorated cakes. There are also two sections for juniors. Entries should be brought to the Mullumbimby CWA Rooms 8.30-9am on 9 September. Recipes can be found on the CWA website: www.cwaofnsw.org.au or call Sue Constable on 0409 841 675. Cherry Blush Cake is a special section this year, celebrating 70 years of The Land's collaboration with the CWA of NSW. The Land cookery contest is conducted by the CWA of NSW but is not restricted to its members. It is open to any person residing in NSW and the ACT. The winning entries at branch level are eligible to compete in the Far North Coast Group of CWA contest, with the chance of going on to the State competition.

Regular As Clockwork

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

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veggies, 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 District Neighbourhood Centre

Current MDNC services include: **Community support/emergency relief:** Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Free counselling** and financial counselling. **Integrated Domestic & Family Violence** program. Information, referral and advocacy. Call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

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 go up at Byron Community Centre on days when WWS open, with instructions. **Free Phone Counselling** for Byron Residents: Call 0415 322 064, 10am-2pm weekdays to make an appointment. **Emergency Food Delivery:** Locals who are physically or financially unable to shop can now phone 0482 787 552 to request a free food box delivery. **Women's Counselling:** For women needing extra support, leave a message for community worker on 6685 6807.

☉ Full moon	2 Sep	3.22pm
☾ Third quarter	10 Sep	7.25pm
☾ New moon	17 Sep	9.00pm
☽ First quarter	24 Sep	11.54am

SEPTEMBER 2020 Astronomical data and tides						
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	T	0600	1731	1635	0530	0745 1.24; 2011 1.70 0157 0.29; 1325 0.26
2	W	0559	1732	1731	0606	0821 1.28; 2045 1.67 0229 0.27; 1402 0.25
3	T	0557	1732	1825	0640	0856 1.32; 2115 1.63 0259 0.26; 1438 0.27
4	F	0556	1733	1918	0711	0929 1.34; 2145 1.56 0327 0.27; 1514 0.30
5	S	0555	1733	2010	0740	1002 1.36; 2214 1.48 0355 0.28; 1549 0.36
6	S	0554	1734	2101	0810	1038 1.36; 2244 1.38 0424 0.30; 1627 0.43
7	M	0553	1734	2154	0840	1116 1.36; 2316 1.27 0454 0.34; 1709 0.50
8	T	0552	1735	2248	0912	1200 1.34; 2353 1.16 0527 0.38; 1759 0.59
9	W	0550	1735	2342	0947	1250 1.32 0604 0.44; 1902 0.65
10	T	0549	1736		1027	0042 1.05; 1354 1.31 0651 0.49; 2029 0.67
11	F	0548	1736	0039	1112	0152 0.97; 1510 1.34 0755 0.52; 2203 0.63
12	S	0547	1737	0135	1202	0323 0.96; 1621 1.42 0909 0.50; 2312 0.54
13	S	0546	1737	0230	1300	0440 1.01; 1720 1.53 1017 0.44
14	M	0545	1738	0322	1402	0539 1.10; 1812 1.65 0000 0.42; 1117 0.34
15	T	0543	1738	0411	1507	0630 1.21; 1900 1.75 0043 0.31; 1210 0.24
16	W	0542	1739	0456	1615	0717 1.32; 1944 1.82 0122 0.21; 1300 0.14
17	T	0541	1739	0538	1723	0803 1.42; 2027 1.84 0200 0.13; 1347 0.08
18	F	0540	1740	0618	1830	0849 1.51; 2109 1.80 0238 0.08; 1436 0.06
19	S	0539	1740	0656	1938	0935 1.58; 2151 1.69 0317 0.06; 1526 0.10
20	S	0537	1741	0735	2046	1022 1.61; 2234 1.54 0356 0.08; 1618 0.19
21	M	0536	1741	0816	2154	1112 1.61; 2319 1.36 0436 0.14; 1717 0.30
22	T	0535	1742	0900	2301	1205 1.58 0518 0.23; 1827 0.42
23	W	0534	1742	0948		0010 1.18; 1309 1.53 0605 0.33; 1948 0.50
24	T	0533	1743	1040	0005	0115 1.03; 1423 1.49 0704 0.42; 2116 0.51
25	F	0531	1743	1135	0105	0245 0.96; 1541 1.48 0820 0.48; 2234 0.47
26	S	0530	1744	1233	0200	0412 0.99; 1648 1.51 0942 0.48; 2332 0.40
27	S	0529	1744	1332	0248	0516 1.07; 1742 1.54 1051 0.44
28	M	0528	1745	1429	0330	0606 1.16; 1827 1.56 0015 0.34; 1146 0.38
29	T	0527	1745	1525	0408	0647 1.24; 1906 1.57 0051 0.29; 1231 0.33
30	W	0525	1746	1619	0442	0724 1.31; 1940 1.57 0122 0.26; 1311 0.30

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.



Donations please

The Global Ripple op shop are looking for donations of furniture, home wares, electrical goods, manchester, and clothing. Donations can be dropped to the op shop at 17 Grevilla Street, in the Arts and Industry Estate, Byron Bay between 9.30am and 4.30pm, seven days a week. If you need someone to collect your donations call 0457 192 225 to arrange.

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 9am Thursday. Please arrive 15 minutes before play starts. Call Jenny on 0413 335 941.

AGM Liberation Larder

Liberation Larder 2020 Annual General Meeting to be held at Fletcher St Kitchen, Byron Community Centre on 24 September from 2pm. All financial members are invited to attend. Nominations for vacant board of management positions are welcome and must be received by 17 September.

Respite Service

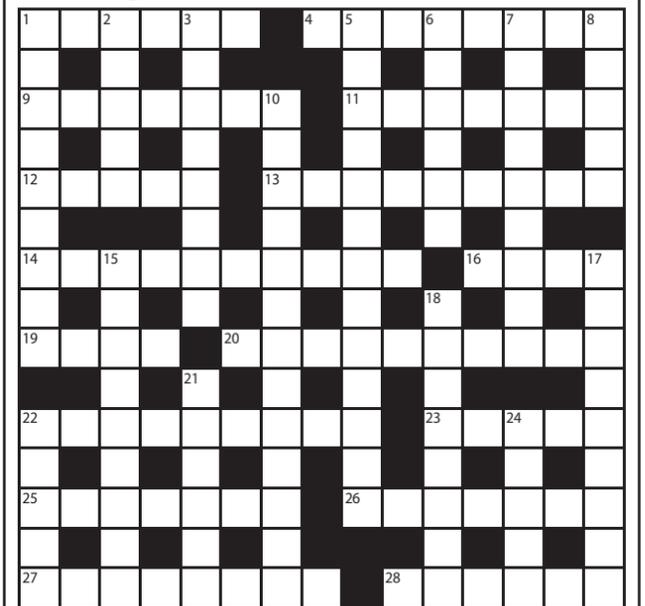
Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

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 www.aa.org.au.

Mungo's Crossword

N350



Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
- Deserter returns to brown Scottish cloth (6)
 - Attributes, like cheat directions (8)
 - Soft drink score, becoming a place to secure loans (3,4)
 - Nervier sort of scale (7)
 - Passage? I say I will (5)
 - Raced back sculling, getting closer (9)
 - Place for donations - any rich bit received (7,3)
 - Princess's hot meal (4)
 - Lore, located in part (4)
 - Unimportant person, bankrupt, right - but he runs 9! (10)
 - Italian food, thrown at the pigs (9)
 - Put a lid over young bird (5)
 - Belgian, confused with the man from Calcutta (7)
 - Fish having a nap? (7)
 - Keeping greens, roughly sealing with a note (8)
 - Hair? Leave it on the beach! (6)
- DOWN**
- Cad parent collapses on stage - she's a hooper! (3,6)
 - Comic operas lose Australian ties (5)
 - Late itch develops into affinity to sport (8)
 - Gamble after old coin - but it could put the nation's economy in peril! (9,4)
 - Sombrero often found inside? Put on new tiles! (6)
 - On top of the stumps, one fuse in one person's area of operations (9)
 - Brush off quiet carpet (5)
 - Old coin, distant object of an old method of transport (5-8)
 - Last slain, wild day after Halloween (3,6)
 - Difficult, smelt intransigent (4-5)
 - Two drugs for a nutcase (8)
 - Slave of time - a short hour for everyone (6)
 - Small, competent and black (5)
 - Pastry, thanks to Michelangelo's masterpiece (5)

Quick Clues

- ACROSS**
- Cloth devised for Scottish clan group (6)
 - Attributes is writing (8)
 - Pawn broker's establishment (3,4)
 - Passageway (5)
 - Becoming less wide, tapering (9)
 - Receptacle for donations outside op shop (7,3)
 - Plate (4)
 - Part in a play or film (4)
 - Proprietor of 9 across (10)
 - Long thin pasta (9)
 - Castrated rooster (5)
 - Native of north-west India (7)
 - Smoked herrings (7)
 - Storing and fermenting greens (8)
 - Maroon, abandon (6)
- DOWN**
- Performer such as Fred Astaire (3,6)
 - Thick cords (5)
 - Devoted to sport (8)
 - Danger of losing control over nation's finances (9,4)
 - Put a new top on the building (6)
 - Exclusive area of activity (9)
 - Push aside, throw off (5)
 - Old fashioned bicycle with one big and one small wheel (5-8)
 - Todos Santos, festival following Halloween (3,6)
 - Uncompromising, realistic (4-5)
 - Nutter, lunatic (8)
 - Servant, dependent (6)
 - Black (heraldic) (5)
 - Michelangelo's statue in St Peters basilica (5)

Last week's solution N349



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Want to feel old? US child actor Macaulay Culkin just turned 40. You're welcome.

Byron is among 21 local government areas who commenced their Bushfire Danger Period from September 1. There are around 11 recommendations from the recently published NSW Bushfire Inquiry that apply to Councils, and hopefully they will be carefully considered by councillors and staff. See page 1 story, editorial page 10.

Saturday's Freedom March in Byron Bay, promoted on social media, does not have the support of Bundjalung woman Delta Kay. She told Bay FM's Community Newsroom that traditional custodians of Bundjalung lands object to the event's promotion, particularly the usage of the Aboriginal colours on their poster, along with the term 'freedom'. She says it is a 'really big word for black people who have been fighting oppression for many, many years'.

Tweed Shire will soon benefit from a new \$1 million offshore artificial reef, which according to the government press release, 'will create a stunning habitat for local fish and aquatic organisms to call home'. It will be located 'between Cook Island and Kingscliff and approximately 2.5 kilometres off the coast of Wommin Bay at a depth of 25 metres'. When asked, Byron Council staff said they had not applied for similar projects to the NSW government.

The end of Emma Alberici's ABC TV career as a top journalist - at the height of her career - is not just her loss, it's a loss to us all. Her departure, along



Mullumbimby Farmers Market is a finalist in the nation-wide 2020 Delicious Produce Awards - for the second year running - in the Outstanding Farmers Market category. Pictured from left: front row Sue Mangan (farmer), Allie Godfrey (manager), David Hall (customer), Middle Row: Donna Rayner (customer), Leone McRae (customer), Wally Waldron (customer) and Rebecca Barnes, and in the back row: Derek Spice (customer) and Rod Bruin (farmer). Photo supplied

with many other fine ABC journalists, is because thin skinned tyrants, like former PM Turnbull and current bozo Morrison, are afraid of hard questions. And smart women? Last week federal Aged Care Minister, Richard Colbeck (Liberal Party buffoon) walked out of the parliament chambers to avoid questions around his failures to protect those in aged care from dying of COVID-19.

It's rare to see politicians doing the right thing but here we go - truth in political advertising laws have just passed in the ACT Legislative Assembly, and The Australia Institute think tank is calling for a national debate on federal legislation that could mirror the ACT's law. The institute says it is modelled on SA legislation, 'which has been in place since the 1980s'.

Council's Thursday meeting was so full of eager customers (oops sorry, citizens)

wanting to put their views across to councillors, that public access was extended 45 minutes. Yet it wasn't

enough for everyone to have a say. Yay for this corporatocracy masquerading as a quasi-democracy!

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