

Rural residents prepare for compliance invasion

Residents asked to foot bill for Council's lack of planning records

Aslan Shand

Byron Shire residents are questioning why Byron Shire Council is cost shifting their responsibilities, after it emerged that Council staff are seeking to charge property owners up to \$180 per hour to confirm any developments on their property are authorised.

It comes as Council staff recently sent out 'robo' or 'show cause' letters to a significant number of ratepayers in Upper Main Arm, without councillors' knowledge. Staff claimed landowners have 'unauthorised development' on their property.

Plans to send out the same letters to the entire hinterland have been confirmed by Greens Mayor Simon Richardson and Director Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt.

Ms Burt justifies the aggressive approach by saying it gives landowners a 'heads up', and is based on the *Unauthorised Dwelling Policy 2020*.

Yet that policy is yet to go on public exhibition and hasn't been adopted by councillors. Many questions have been raised around how such a policy could be achieved,

given complex, historical issues of unauthorised dwellings in the Shire.

During a meeting called by Main Arm Residents Association (MARA) last Saturday, to discuss community concerns over the letters, it became clear that Council staff failed to check historical mapping, and their own rates history, to determine if the dwellings had been there prior to Council's planning records.

This led to numerous approved properties receiving the 'robo' letters.

One elderly property owner told *The Echo* they were told by staff that they will have to pay up to \$180 per hour for Council to search aerial photographs and their rates history, as well as further costs for inspections, to confirm their property is authorised.

The charges by Council are based on the *Unauthorised Dwelling Policy 2020* fact sheet, which is a result of the June resolution, led by Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye. That policy was buried as a sub-section in another resolution dealing with unauthorised dwellings in Skinners Shoot.

Like the 'robo' letters, councillors were unaware of these cost

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QLD/NSW bubble expanded from Oct 1

News that the QLD/NSW border will reopen to northern NSW from October 1 has been welcomed by NSW Business Chamber Regional Manager Northern Rivers, Jane Laverty.

She says, 'Thank you to every one of you for standing shoulder to shoulder (virtually of course) on

the QLD border closure issue, your contribution has been significant'.

She added, 'I am so pleased that the QLD government have listened and understood the impacts to businesses and workers in the Northern Rivers, and remembered that while we are two states, we are one community'.



Where fungi flourishes

Those saddened at the loss of the fig tree at the southern entrance into Mullum will be happy to know it has a new life. Martin Martini salvaged the limbs of the fig and is now producing fungi food on them. If you'd like to learn how to grow these edible giants, Martin and his buddy, Jason Lau, will be teaching one day workshops in Goonengerry on October 3 and 4. To get involved, email therealmartinmartini@gmail.com. Photo Eve Jeffery

Fate of former Byron Hospital up this week

Paul Bibby

Responsibility for the management of the old Byron Hospital site may well be handed over to an incorporated not-for-profit company this week, which will have the power to decide who will be part of the new community services hub being set up there.

In a move that is partly being conducted behind closed doors, owing to its 'commercially sensitive' nature, Byron Council will decide at this week's Council meeting whether or not to award a head lease to a company called Old

Byron Hospital Pty Ltd.

The vote itself is set to take place away from public view, and three of the four key documents in relation to project have been listed as confidential on Byron Council's website.

A Council spokesperson told *The Echo* that making the documents public, 'may jeopardise negotiations between the head lessee and eventual tenants of the site'.

However, *The Echo* has learned that Old Byron Hospital Pty Ltd is made up of the same group of community members who birthed the idea of returning the disused site to

the community in 2016.

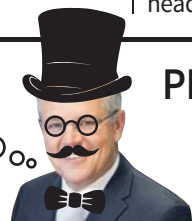
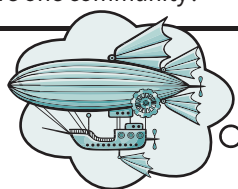
'It's same group of people that Council entrusted from the start', the Chair of the company, local realtor, Chris Hanley, said.

Should it be granted the head lease as expected, Old Byron Hospital Pty Ltd will have the power to decide which organisations are given leases to operate out of the Shirley Street site.

The Echo understands that they will come from the welfare, health, education and cultural sectors, and that Southern Cross University is among those tossing their hat into the ring.



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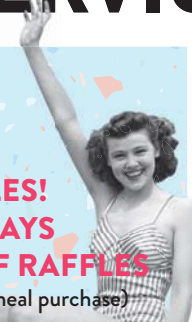
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Mayoral vote pushes beachside Belongil DA through

Paul Bibby

Plans to build nine houses on a stunning strip of land between Elements of Byron Resort and Belongil Beach are a step closer, after Byron Council agreed to move forward with rezoning the site to 'Environmental Living'.

In a vote which came down to the wire at last week's planning meeting, the Council gave the rezoning proposal the green light, meaning it will proceed to 'Gateway Determination' by the NSW Department of Planning.

Located at the northern end of Bayshore Drive, the privately owned area was used as a golf course in the 1980s and is currently used by the Byron Writers Festival.

It is also very popular with locals and tourists alike who use it for dog walking and to access the pristine northern end of Belongil Beach.

The owners, Ganra Pty Ltd, are Brian and Peggy Flannery, who also own the Elements of Byron Resort and run the solar train into the CBD. They have promised that beach access will be retained.

'I'd love to wave a wand and make this land into what I want,' Byron Mayor Simon Richardson (Greens) said in a speech supporting the rezoning.

'If I had my choice I'd give it to the community and plant it out with beautiful native species. But it's not my land – it's private land.'

'From an environmental point of view, short of doing nothing, which isn't going to happen; having nine residences with no ability to have any more, no ability for tourism, and with protections for the most environmentally sensitive areas, is the best outcome we're going to get.'

'I see no reason to stop this, other than that we want something to stay the way it is.'

Under the rezoning proposal 75 per cent of the 41ha site will fall under either an Environmental Conservation or Environmental Management zoning.

The remainder, where the houses are to be built, will be given an E4 Environmental Living zoning.

The purpose of an Environmental Living zone



Rezoning plans according to the DA.

is to 'provide for low-impact residential development in areas with special ecological, scientific or aesthetic values' and to 'ensure that residential development does not have an adverse affect on those values'.

But Cr Richardson's Greens colleague, Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, said she believed the site should retain its current tourism zoning as this would provide the best possible outcome for the community.

'Over the years this land has been fought over and protested about... the community has a strong attachment to it,' Cr Ndiaye

said. 'At least at the moment those who can't afford to stay at the resort can at least wander down to the beach.'

'These [residential] blocks will be costly, they won't be small houses – they'll want fences, they'll want pets.'

'We're being told that this [zoning proposal] is the best outcome we're going to get, and so we should just accept it, but I don't think it is the best outcome – I think we can do better.'

Concerns have also been expressed about the threat of coastal erosion on the site.

The applicant's coastal hazard assessment found

that the likely encroachment of the water line was significantly less than had previously been thought.

It placed the line 135m further seaward than that set down by the previous assessment. However, speaking during public access, local resident Sandra Heilpern questioned whether this report was reliable.

Experts paid for by proponent

'My experience is that it's a good idea to get independent expertise when the expert has been paid for by the proponent,' Ms Heilpern said.

'This piece of land and its adjoining lands – which could be next in line [for development] – are some of the most beautiful beach access points in the Shire.'

'It's a rare gift not to be squandered.'

With the councillor vote deadlocked at four to four at the end of debate, Mayor Richardson used his casting vote to get the proposal through.

Cr Richardson said his vote had reflected the wishes

of the one absent councillor, Labor's Jan Hackett.

'As is my policy in these situations, I'm using my casting vote to reflect the view of the absent councillor,' Cr Richardson said.

'In this case, she indicated that she strongly supports the proposal.'

Writers fest replies

When asked about any possible impacts on the Byron Writers Festival, its Chair, Adam van Kempen, told *The Echo*, 'In the ten years that Ganra have owned the site, they have been strong supporters of the festival, and have kept us informed of their plans.'

'Over the years, the festival location has changed a number of times within the Elements/Ganra land, and we have discussed with representatives of Ganra over the last couple of years how the festival site could change if a rezoning were approved there.'

He added, 'We are keen to continue holding the festival there and Ganra has always shown willingness to continue to support the festival.'

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- Villa World Byron submitted a revised and completely new DA to the court in August, which was put on exhibition for only 3 weeks.
- **Submissions close next Wednesday 30 September.**
- We have only days left to respond to this completely new DA (made up of 93 documents!)
- The court will determine the DA, not Council, so there will be no public meetings, no chance to speak and no opportunity to change the outcome.
- Any issues we have with this new development must be brought to the court's attention now via our submissions.

In their revised DA, Villa World has made a genuine attempt to address many of the community concerns.

They are halving the number of residential lots, setting the development back 30m from Ewingsdale Road, excluding the habitat of the wallum froglets from the development area and removing development from the eastern koala area.

These are significant improvements but they can't overcome the impacts that a development of this size will create.

- **BELONGIL AND CAPE BYRON MARINE PARK** – water flowing through the already polluted site combined with increased urban and acid-sulfate run off plus the additional load of sewerage effluent will put more strain on the already degraded Belongil Creek – a breeding ground for fish – and flow to into our precious Bay, part of Cape Byron Marine Park.
- **FLOOD IMPACTS** – the DA relies on Council's 2015 flood study, which only considers a maximum sea-level rise of 0.8m by the end of this century when a 1-2m rise is more likely. Is it appropriate to fill and build on a flood plain when the resulting houses are vulnerable to future risk?
- **NO MASTERPLAN OR COORDINATION OF THE WHOLE WEST BYRON URBAN RELEASE AREA** – the two landowner groups, Site R&D and Villa World Byron Bay, are not working in co-ordination. There is no connectivity across the site, and the cumulative impacts cannot be assessed.
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Raising awareness of the perils of MND

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Martin's wife Casey told *The Echo*, 'This all came about when Martin's father, Bruce, who taught him the traditional techniques of making



Bruce and Martin Johnston with the custom cabinet to be raffled. Photo Jeff Dawson

fine furniture, was recently diagnosed with MND.

'Bruce has lived in the Yelgun/Billinudgel region for almost 40 years, and has run

his cabinet making business out of Billinudgel for 26 years now.

'Our greatest hope is to draw funds and spread

awareness to help put a stop to this insidious disease'.

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Men charged over alleged Byron assaults

Police say two men have been charged over the stabbing of another man at Byron Bay.

About 12.30am on Sunday, September 20, police allege a 34-year-old man became involved in an

altercation with a group of men in Apex Park.

It is alleged two men assaulted the man before stabbing him multiple times. They fled, and emergency services were alerted.

The injured man was taken to Tweed Heads Hospital with wounds to his back, chest and neck.

Officers from Tweed/Byron Police District attended and arrested two

men at the scene.

The men – aged 25 and 24 – were taken to Byron Bay Police Station where they were both charged with affray, and wound with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Hospitality to receive 50 per cent outdoor dining fee reduction

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has granted restaurants and cafes across the Shire a 50 per cent reduction in their outdoor dining fees in a bid to help them weather the storm of COVID-19.

As small businesses across the region brace for the impact of changes to the JobSeeker program, the local hospitality industry is breathing slightly easier after the fee reduction was passed

unanimously at last week's Council meeting.

'How we've got through the past three months is about lowering costs and overheads – sending equipment back and cutting staff,' said Holly Ottignon, the co-owner of Brunswick Heads eatery, Cadeau.

'We're optimistic and confident but we're exhausted.

'Every penny counts, and we think the industry would benefit from having fees for outdoor dining waived.'

Cr Michael Lyon (independent) moved that the 50 per cent reduction be applied for the remainder of the current financial year – one of four options put forward by Council staff.

'We're in an interesting financial situation ourselves... but other councils are doing a lot more than this,' Cr Lyon said.

'This measure seems pretty reasonable when you consider that Tweed have waived all footpath dining

fees for 12 months, and Ballina and Lismore for 15 months.'

Meanwhile, the meeting heard that Council was still trying to balance its own books.

Council short \$3m

'We've had to find \$3 million in savings and we're still short about \$300,000,' Cr Lyon told the meeting.

'This measure is going to add about \$30k to that, but I think it's important.'

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structures being put in place as a result of Cr Ndiaye's resolution.

Both Crs Cate Coorey and Jeannette Martin (Greens), told *The Echo* that it was an unreasonable outcome for ratepayers and landowners.

'I understand why residents could have been upset by Council – it was [a] very formal [letter], using what I call "Council speak" and it can be intimidating,' Ms Martin told *The Echo*. 'I also understand why the idea of getting compliance up-to-date could be financially difficult for some. I will be pushing that planning staff be kind and reasonable in this process and deal on a case-by-case basis. I was disappointed, to put it politely, at the fees Council quoted of \$130-\$180 per hour – that is not reasonable!'

Greens mayoral candidate and president of MARA, Duncan Dey, told *The Echo* that, 'The methodology of this project is atrocious, the lack of forethought, the unwillingness of our councillor reps, and of staff, to talk to people first.'

'Council should have called Saturday's meeting [not residents]. And the June thought-bubble resolution that staff say justifies it all was never even shared in a Council agenda.'

Mr Dey added that Council have



Main Arm Residents Association's Matthew Lambourne, Cr Cate Coorey and Duncan Dey. To join Main Arm Rural Residents Association, they ask residents be sponsored by a current member. Communication with members is by email – marra2482@gmail.com. Photo Aslan Shand

confused the public by publishing a fact sheet online with the heading *Unauthorised Dwelling Policy 2020*.

'That would confuse anyone... The policy it refers to hasn't been adopted by Council. It hasn't even been on public exhibition yet.'

'Council is the holder of records. They should have searched those records (for free) before sending out robo-letters. Putting the onus on residents to prove their innocence is just plain wrong.'

At Saturday's Main Arm meeting, some attendees said they weren't against eventually becoming authorised and regularised, but they were concerned about the process, and

Council staff's aggressive approach.

Issues of Council targeting Main Arm, the potentially significant costs to meet current regulations, why it was done during a world wide pandemic, and the fact that Australia is heading into its first recession in 30 years, were also raised.

Staff not trusted

Various attendees cited existing and previous dealings with the Council's planning department, which appeared to support both preferential treatment for some residents/landowners and vexatious and antagonistic targeting of other residents/landowners by the

planning department.

Lack of transparency, failure to properly oversee and investigate DAs fairly, and obstructive behaviour were some of the issues cited.

However, while councillors appear to understand that the staff actions were less than ideal, they have defended the policy.

Councillor Sarah Ndiaye told *The Echo* that, 'Unauthorised dwellings have presented a challenge for decades, and last summer's fire season highlighted the dangers that some of these dwellings present and the liability Council potentially faces.'

Councillor Basil Cameron (independent) said, 'Council needs to better consider its approach to residents, especially as the intention is to provide some relief for those living in unapproved dwellings.'

'The purpose of the draft *Unauthorised Dwellings Policy 2020* is to expand opportunities for unapproved dwellings to be regularised,' he told *The Echo*.

'Importantly, the policy does not in any way change existing enforcement policy. The health and safety of residents and the environment will continue to be the highest priority for action.'

MARA has written to all the councillors asking that a mayoral minute be put to Thursday's Council meeting. It calls on Council

to 'cease hinterland action on perceived unauthorised dwellings' in Main Arm and 'that if Council ever resumes a program like this, it do so only after considering public submissions on its *Unauthorised Dwellings Policy*, after resolving to adopt such a policy, after resolving on the parameters for Council action under the policy (instead of leaving that up to staff) and after life normalises from COVID-19.'

However, Cr Lyon has said that he won't be supporting this motion.

'I understand that some people are concerned by the process; however, as I outlined last week, the moratorium is very much in place, and these letters are the initiation of conversations.'

'Fine-tuning the "how" of this policy, in terms of its implementation over the next year, once we get through this initial consultation phase, will be my priority in the drafting of the policy document to ensure that we cover all the bases on what is a complex and sensitive issue, particularly during COVID-19. However, I won't use COVID-19 as an excuse to not follow up on dwellings that are unsafe or unsanitary.'

Staff and all the other councillors were asked to respond to detailed questions on the issue, but nothing was received by deadline.

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Secret Mullum development report upsets residents

Paul Bibby

Byron Council has produced a 'secret' report on potential development sites in Mullumbimby, including Council-owned land near the Community Gardens, the Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) says.

In a letter to *The Echo*, the association's convenor, Sonia Laverty, said Council had formed a 'consortium' with a group of private landowners in the town with the intention of building more housing.

Ms Laverty said part of this process involved writing a Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment (MLRA) exploring the development potential of a number of green field sites around the town.

This includes Lot 22, a Council-owned site adjacent to the Community Gardens, which has been the subject of significant debate within different sections of the Mullumbimby community.

'The work of this private/Council consortium has never been advertised,' Ms Laverty said.

'Its report, The Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment has not been made



Council-owned Lot 22 on Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, is proposed for affordable housing, yet it is also floodprone.

available for public viewing or comment.

'Nor have Council's cost sharing arrangements with the private consortium been made public.

'The apparent secrecy which surrounds this report is of concern and very different to the "openness" of the structure of the committee for the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMS&P).'

Ms Laverty said the report not been made public, despite requests to this effect from her association, and assurances from senior Council officers that it would

be released.

'MRA also understands that the MLRA report has never been presented, in any form, to the FRMS&P committee for endorsement of any kind.

Right to know

'We have a right to know what is in the report. As a first step the adoption of the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan should be deferred until the Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment has been released publicly.'

Independent Councillor Michael Lyon confirmed the existence of the MLRA.

'We desperately need new, affordable housing and this report assesses the suitability of Lot 22 in Mullumbimby and the surrounding properties for that purpose.'

'We needed a separate report, which is part-funded by the property owners and by Council, to evaluate the suitability of this land for housing.

Will be released eventually, says Cr

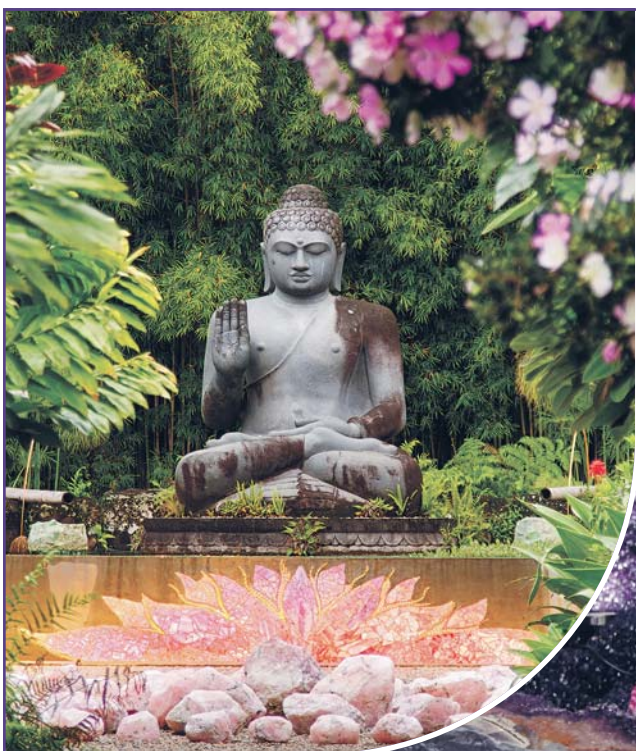
'The floodplain committee will get access to the report well before it gets debated by councillors and gets voted on.'

The use of the Lot 22 site for affordable housing has been the subject of debate within the community for around three years.

The Council sees the site as a vital opportunity to address the critical shortage of affordable housing in the town.

The MRA strongly opposes the use of the site for housing, on the grounds that it is prone to flooding, has insufficient road access, and is a vital area of open space that is much loved by the community.

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Q&A with Archibald finalist, Angus McDonald

David Lowe

Lennox Head artist and filmmaker Angus McDonald is officially a finalist in the 2020 Archibald Prize for his extraordinary portrait of Iranian refugee activist and author, Behrouz Boochani.

The Echo asked Mr McDonald how he originally got interested in human rights and refugee issues.

'I first got involved in 2016 after I travelled to Greece to witness the response of local

island communities to the massive numbers of asylum seeker arrivals who crossed the Mediterranean by boat in 2015-2016,' he said.

'One million people arrived into Greece in just fifteen months, most fleeing the Syrian conflict.

'I lived in Greece for the first six years out of art school and still had friendships there and they were passing on the stories to me.

'The island I'd lived on, Leros, was one of the places

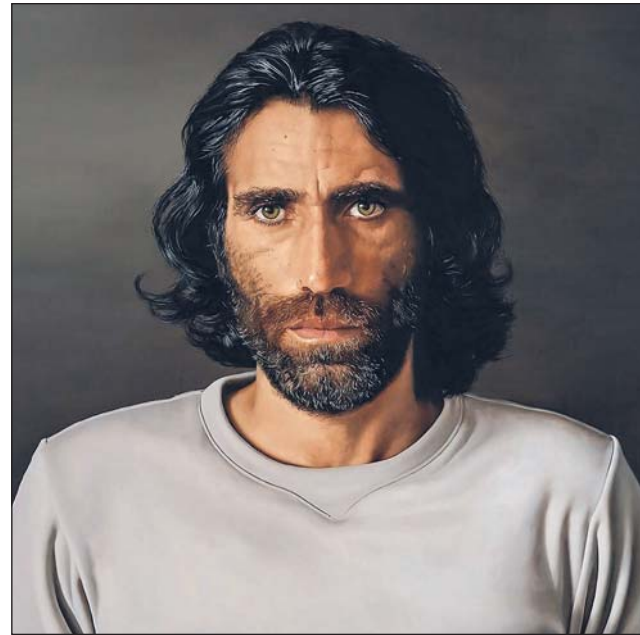
that experienced huge numbers of arrivals. So I went there first and travelled all over Greece to see the impact. After witnessing the compassion of local people, I decided to start creating film content as a way to highlight the conversely horrendous asylum seeker policy here that had been implemented in mid-2013.

'That policy was dealing with just 3,000 people, a ridiculously small number by comparison. The film content eventually led to making a documentary about Manus Island that won several awards and qualified for the Oscars last year.'

Why did you decide to paint Behrouz?

'I've known him since 2018, when he collaborated on that documentary I produced and directed about Manus,' said Mr McDonald.

'I had thought even then that I would like to paint his portrait at some stage, and he agreed to do it. However, it wasn't until I arrived in NZ that I had the opportunity



Angus McDonald's portrait of Behrouz Boochani

to go and visit him in person and get him to sit for me.

'My first attempt to visit him on Manus in 2019 failed when the authorities in Port Moresby seized my passport, questioned me and escorted me to the first plane back to Australia.

'But eventually we met, and spending time with him was wonderful.'

Mr McDonald said Mr Boochani was happy to do the portrait; 'he liked the idea'.

In terms of his artistic aims with the portrait, Mr McDonald said, 'I decided to show him looking out, engaging the viewer as a confident, peaceful man who had survived an ordeal and was now free.'

'Behrouz is not a victim. Through his work he struggled for years against the government's regime and their attempts to break and defeat him. They failed to defeat him. He is opening a new chapter now and looking forward as a free man.'

'I also hoped that the portrait could reveal him as an individual, as for many people, he is still considered a symbol of the activism against the policy, and as a brilliant writer, but few know who he is as a man.'

What do you hope this portrait will achieve?

'I hope it will continue to shine light on the importance of creating a more compassionate and humane approach in respect of how we treat those who arrive here fleeing persecution or conflict. I also hope that it creates some perspective around just how important the contribution is that Behrouz made through his art and work.'

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Byron/Suffolk Park cycleway works voted upon Thursday

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will this week vote on much-needed works to ensure that local school students using the Byron to Suffolk Park cycleway can complete the journey to class safely.

While the cycleway is nearly complete, there is a dangerous missing link at the route's northern end where Browning and Tennyson Streets intersect.

In a notice of motion to be considered at this week's full Council meeting, independent Councillor Cate Coorey said, 'Children riding the cycleway north towards

Byron Bay Public and Community schools have to cross a dangerous intersection at Browning Street'.

'This intersection has no pram ramp on the south side, no refuge for cyclists in the middle of Browning St, and no signage for motorists to watch for cyclists.

'About 70 metres north of this intersection there's a good off-road shared path on the western side of Tennyson that goes all the way to the public school.

'There's also a raised crossing across Tennyson Street that connects to the Community School'.

Cr Coorey and Mayor

Simon Richardson are proposing that Council develop an improved crossing at Browning St, and about 70 metres of path widening, in order for the two primary schools to be connected safely to the cycleway.

'In order to lower costs, minimise extra planning and design work and to avoid possible alternate route upgrade disruptions, we decided to end the planning scope of the cycleway at Browning St,' Cr Richardson said in a mayoral minute, which is also to be considered at this week's meeting.

'Now, it is worth revisiting what occurs townward of

the path, especially in order to support our younger residents accessing schools and the recreation grounds.'

In written comments accompanying Cr Coorey's motion, Council's Manager of Works and Infrastructure Services, Evan Elford said the works had already been identified by as a high priority in the Byron Shire Bike Plan.

'These works, which form a natural extension to works associated with the Suffolk Park to Byron Bay Cycleway, have not been included in that project and will require survey or design investigation to determine an estimate of cost'.

JobKeeper cuts to impact 33,000 local workers, says Labor MP

Local MP Justine Elliot has optimistically called on local National Party branch members to resign in disgust over the party's cuts to JobKeeper payments, and their 'chaotic NSW government infighting and koala killer agenda'.

JobKeeper payments will be cut from the end of September, and be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200 a fortnight.

They will continue until

March 2021. The ABC reports however that, 'Unemployed Australians and workers on the federal government's coronavirus wage subsidy program will continue to receive support beyond the planned JobSeeker and JobKeeper end date'.

Mrs Elliot says NSW Treasury figures obtained from Shadow Treasurer, Dr Jim Chalmers, show more than 33,000 local workers across

the Richmond electorate will be worse off, and more than \$30 million will be ripped out of the North Coast economy every fortnight with the federal government cuts to JobKeeper at the end of September.

The Echo sought comment from local NSW MLC Ben Franklin, but his office referred the issue to the office of federal MP for Page, Kevin Hogan (Nationals).

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Ballina Meal Centre returns, with new sponsor

Story & photo David Lowe

Beatrice Gray, the co-ordinator of the Ballina Hot Meal Centre Inc says she is 'over the moon' that the Centre is up and running again, thanks to a generous donation from Cherry Street Sports Club.

The new sponsorship came after an *Echonetdaily* story about the plight of the Centre, which was unable to continue operating after the St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish was forced to withdraw its support for this vital community service.

For over twenty years, the Hot Meal Centre has provided up to 300 meals, twice a week, for homeless and disadvantaged people, including many hot and frozen takeaways, operating out of the Ballina Masonic Centre in Cherry Street, but for months the doors have been closed.

Last week, the Cherry Street Sports Club pledged one year's support, with a plan for three years.

Col Lee, a champion of the Centre, thanked the board of the club and General Manager, Tere Sheehan, at a celebratory gathering for volunteers.

'We're just so thrilled that you could support this wonderful organisation,' he said.

In an emotional speech, Mr Sheehan said, 'Whenever I see anything that Col's attached to, I always pay attention. This guy puts his heart and soul into the community.'

He said the COVID-19 period had been 'a tough ride' for the club, 'but this is stuff we've always done



Ballina Hot Meal Centre co-ordinator Beatrice Gray in the kitchen.

before COVID, and we really want to continue to do.

'Our purpose, as long as I've been there, is to ensure that the community we live in gets benefit from our profits, and this is the second significant donation we've done under the Club's Grants Scheme,' he said.

'Last year we helped the Children's Hospital with some life saving equipment, and this year and the next three years, we'll be doing this.'

Vollies real heroes

Mr Sheehan said the volunteers are the real heroes. 'It's easy for us to throw money around to help our community, but money is not everything. It's the volunteers that keep things running. Our club wouldn't exist without volunteers.'

'On behalf of our board of directors, myself, my entire team, I'd like to

wholeheartedly thank you very much for what you do for our community, and we'll be on board hopefully for the next three years, so potentially [donating] \$75,000 to keep this important asset going for the community.'

Col Lee thanked the board of the Cherry Street Sports Club for their generosity, with 100 per cent support of the funding initiative.

Cherry Street Sports GM Tere Sheehan said, 'I didn't realise the significance of this place until I got in contact with Col and started to understand the concept of what they do, and they do an incredible service for our community.'

Speaking about the challenges faced by clubs and other businesses during COVID, Mr Sheehan said, 'We had a potential revenue loss of about two and a half million dollars while we were

closed for ten weeks. But we're a part of the community, and this is how we give back, through club grants, and other sponsorship deals that we do throughout the year.'

Co-ordinator Beatrice Gray said they are still on the lookout for more helpers, particularly younger people. 'Anyone else that wants to come and volunteer would be welcome. We've had high school kids come and train here too, just to give them a bit of a grounding.'

Tweed Councillors elect independent mayor

Aslan Shand

Tweed Shire has a new mayor and deputy mayor, after councillors elected Councillor Chris Cherry (Independent), and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Reece Byrne (Labor).

While Byron Shire voters elect their mayor, the Tweed mayor is elected periodically by Tweed councillors.

The position of mayor came down to a vote between Councillors Chris Cherry and Warren Polglase (National/Independent), and was won by five votes to two by Ms Cherry.

Mayor Cherry will remain in position until the 2021 local government election. NSW council terms were extended by a year as a result of COVID-19.

In her acceptance speech



Tweed independent councillor, Chris Cherry.

following the election, Mayor Cherry said, 'I would like to thank [Greens] Mayor Katie Milne for the last five years as mayor and for her support for me to take on this role.'

'Her dedication to the community and nature has made her a very popular mayor and I credit her with the stability our Shire has enjoyed this last term and

it is certainly a tough act to follow.

'I congratulate Deputy Reece Byrnes on his new role and look forward to working closely with him.'

'My vision as mayor is for our community to be proud of their Council, for the way we stand up for them, for the way we defend their rights and for the way we look after this land.'

'I'd like to thank Katie for her service of five years and she will continue to offer a lot as a councillor in her representation of the community. People and the community are always first in her heart.'

'My focus is going to be on the immediate path ahead of rebuilding and recovering following COVID-19; that is the role for all of Council for a while.'

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THE GREENS

Essence of Byron mega hotel rejected by govt panel

A massive proposal for a 146 room tourist hotel proposal at the old Byron Woolies site has been knocked back because it exceeded the floor space ratio (FSR) by 41.5 per cent.

Located next to the Mercato Shopping complex, DA 10.2018.650.1 attracted 423 public submissions against (none in favour), according to the staff report, which also recommended refusal.

The government appointed NSW Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) considered the Essence of Byron Hotel DA

on Wednesday afternoon via teleconference. *The Echo* understands the vote was unanimous.

The Byron Residents' Group (BRG) said in a statement, 'The panel chair said they were to decide on three things: 1. variation to height standard; 2. variation to Floor Space Ratio; and (subject to their decision on accepting 1 and 2) 3. consenting to the development'.

'Their finding was that: 1. they could accept a height variation; 2. they could not accept the FSR variation so,

therefore, 3. they did not then give consideration to consenting to the development. In short, the panel says "No!"

'Thanks to the Planning Panel and to our wonderful community members who spoke so well (in difficult circumstances as we were all in a phone conference). Thanks also to Council staff who stood up for the building controls that this community supports.

'Thanks to the 432 BRG supporters who took the time to make a submission. It

makes all the difference!'

Meanwhile, former Greens Mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham made a submission against, and told *The Echo*, 'No doubt [the developer] will come back again with another version, but for now, the scale and character of the town is a bit safer with the refusal of the exceedance of the LEP rules'.

She said the only argument in favour by the developer was that it reflects their Mercato Shopping complex, located next door. That building was built by the same developer, Robert Badalotti.

Residential dwellings approvals up

While voters might have been concerned that a 'Green-led' Council would be anti-development, the total number of residential dwellings approved in the last few years (i.e. of the Greens council) has been at a level not seen since 2001/2002.

232 approvals

According to economy.id.com.au, 232 houses were approved last year, up on 224 the year before. A larger than normal number of 'other dwelling approvals' occurred in the 2018/2019

year, which has fallen off a bit (to 57) in the year ended June 2020, but the total number of residential dwelling approvals is strong.

The value of residential buildings approvals was \$124m last year, only slightly down from \$129m the year before.

By comparison, non-residential building approvals have been valued at only around \$25m to \$30m in the last couple of years, well down on the \$117m of non-residential building approvals of 2014/15.



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PROPOSED LICENCE

LOT 2005 DP 808461

Council is proposing to licence Lot 2005 DP808461, 125 Shara Boulevard Ocean Shores known as the Shara Community Gardens, for a period of five (5) years to the Shara Community Garden Incorporated for the purpose of a community garden.

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

Submissions must be made in writing by visiting www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Home under the Public Notice tab.

Submissions Open: 31 August 2020

Submissions Close: 28 September 2020

Enquiries: Julia Curry Sustainability and Emissions Reduction Officer 02 6626 7295

DRAFT UNAUTHORISED DWELLING POLICY

The Draft Unauthorised Dwelling Policy is on exhibition for a period of 28 days and is available on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au and www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au.

Submissions Close: 21 October 2020

Enquiries: Dylan Johnstone 02 6626 7150

To make a submission, use the online form at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au.

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

The following development applications (DAs) have been received by Council and require exhibition in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan 2019. DAs may be viewed online www.byron.nsw.gov.au/DAs_exhibition or by using the online kiosk at Council's Customer Service Centre during normal office hours.

Submissions

Once you have viewed the DA, you can use the online form in the 'Make a Submission' tab on the DA Tracker or go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au/dasubmission. Further information on making a submission is available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Make-a-submission-on-a-DA.

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Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.

EXHIBITION CLOSES 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

10.2020.425.1 – Suffolk Park, 1/22 Macgregor Street, 2/22 Macgregor Street (LOT: 1 SP: 16360, LOT: 2 SP: 16360) Planit Consulting Pty Ltd, Alterations and Additions to Unit 1 and Use of Alterations and Additions to Unit 2, Fence and Pergola

5.1994.282.2 – Byron Bay, 1/45 Childe Street (LOT: 1 SP: 51491, LOT: 4 DP: 815981, LOT: 0 SP: 51491) Mr G Vescio, S4.55 for Alterations and Additions to Existing Dual Occupancy (Attached)

10.2020.442.1 – Coorabell, 409 Coorabell Road (LOT: 8 DP: 1163687) Balanced Systems Planning Consultants, Additional Five (5) Dwelling Sites for Existing Rural Landsharing Community (Multiple Occupancy)

EXHIBITION CLOSES 7 OCTOBER 2020

10.2020.434.1 – Ewingsdale, 20 Taylors Lane (LOT: 5 DP: 853798, LOT: 4 DP: 1221424) Byron Bay Planning & Property Consultants – Subdivision Two (2) into Two (2) Lots

10.2020.445.1 – Mullumbimby, 105 Stuart Street (LOT: 2 DP: 602466) Punch & Daisy – Change of Use from Retail to Restaurant

10.2020.439.1 – Byron Bay, 13 Marvell Street (LOT: 2 DP: 844738) Planners North, Alterations and Additions to Existing Bed and Breakfast Establishment including First Floor Additions and Relocation of Car Parking

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

As part of the Land and Environment Court Appeal (Case No. 2019/00310612), the applicant has submitted amended plans. The amended plans may be viewed on Council's website via www.byron.nsw.gov.au/datracker, or at Council's Customer Service Centre using the electronic customer kiosk during normal office hours.

You can also access the application through the public notice page www.byron.nsw.gov.au/westbyronsubmission.

Development Application No:	10.2017.201.1
Northern Regional Planning Panel No:	2017NTH013
Property Address:	342, 364, 394 Ewingsdale Road BYRON BAY, 22A and 22B Melaleuca Drive BYRON BAY
Property Legal Description:	LOT: 1 DP: 542178, LOT: 227 DP: 755695, LOT: 9 DP: 111821, LOT: 1 DP: 1166535, LOT: 229 DP: 755695, LOT: 2 DP: 542178, LOT: 1 DP: 520063, LOT: 7020 DP: 1113431, LOT 5 DP 1222674, LOT 6 DP 1222674
Applicant:	Villa World Byron Pty Ltd
Description of development proposed by amended plans:	Amended Proposal: Subdivision of Six (6) Lots into One Hundred and Forty Nine (149) Lots consisting of One Hundred and Forty Five (145) Residential Lots, Four (4) Large Residential Lots and dedication of residual land to Council for Public or Drainage Reserves.

The proposed subdivision comprises the following key elements:

- The subdivision will be carried out in seven (7) stages;
- Construction of internal roads;
- Provision of essential services including water, stormwater, sewer, power and telephone;
- Upgrading and embellishment of the drainage channel within the site (Lot 7020 DP 1113431);
- Works on land shown on the Acid Sulfate Soils Map;
- Earthworks across the subject site including approximately 7,000 cubic metres of cut and the importation of approximately 215,000 cubic metres of fill; and
- Removal of approximately 2.9 hectares of native vegetation and environmental restoration works, habitat reconstruction and offset planting.

The amended application will be on exhibition for a period of three (3) weeks from 10 September 2020 to 30 September 2020.

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

For further information on making a submission please refer to information on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/developmentsubmissions.

There are also requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/politicaldonations.

Council's preferred option to receive submissions on this application is via the online form www.byron.nsw.gov.au/dasubmission.

Revised West Byron DA needs your input

Dailan Pugh

Villa World's West Byron development is back, and until September 30 you can make a submission to Byron Council.

It will then be up to the court to decide whether to approve it. This may be your last chance to have a say on one of the West Byron DAs. The other is owned by 'locals', Site R&D.

A lot has happened in the West Byron saga since Villa World's Development Application (DA) was rejected by the Northern Regional Planning Panel on April 8, 2019. First, the landowner, Tower Holdings, had to repay Villa World Ltd their \$10 million deposit for an interest in the development, as it was dependent upon a successful DA.

Then Tower Holdings purchased the subsidiary Villa World Byron Pty Ltd so that they could appeal the rejection in the Land and Environment Court.

In August, there was a court conciliation conference on the original DA, to which seven community members were allowed to submit short written statements.

Now, Villa World Byron have submitted a revised DA to the court, which is on public exhibition until Wednesday September 30.

There will be no extensions, and the court will determine the DA.

By halving the size of their development, setting their development back 30m from Ewingsdale Road, excluding the habitat of the wallum froglets and removing development from the eastern koala area, Villa World have made a genuine attempt to address many of the community concerns.

However, they can't overcome the problems of increasing congestion on Ewingsdale Road, further stressing an already degraded estuary, and the vulnerability of the site to rising seas owing to climate heating.

Villa World Byron have reduced the number of residential lots from 281 down to 145, with an additional 4 dwellings on large residual land parcels. Many of the original lots were intended for further subdivision and dual occupancies, giving an overall reduction in the maximum potential yield from 420 down to 179 primary dwellings.

Under both scenarios, all lots are allowed to have



The revised Villa World Byron DA reduces lots but still puts Byron's unique biodiversity at risk. Image from DA

secondary dwellings, significantly increasing the potential totals.

To ensure that there is no further development on the residual land parcels, Villa World have agreed to include perpetual legal restrictions over their use, and to work with Council to rezone them to a rural/environmental zone, though this needs an unequivocal commitment.

This time, they applied RTA guidelines to identify the traffic generation for 149 dwellings as 1,490 additional vehicle movements per day (vpd) on Ewingsdale Road, though with allowances for dual occupancies and secondary dwellings, over 2,000 extra vpd could be expected.

This is relative to an existing traffic volume of some 21,000 vpd, which will also be increased by the adjacent Site R&D development.

After vainly battling the Department of Planning and Byron Council, for years, to get a setback from Ewingsdale Road for aesthetic reasons, Villa World's replacement of the concrete wall with a landscaped 30m setback is welcomed.

Villa World's abandonment of the eastern part of their development is good for this vital koala corridor (and bushfire safety), though

this would be enhanced if revegetation was targeted around the core koala habitat in this vicinity (mostly on Site R&D land).

The removal of development from the western drainage line and wetland home of the vulnerable wallum sedgefrog is a relief, as the previous intent was to bury these under up to 3m of fill and houses.

However, there needs to be a bigger buffer to the wetland, and improvements to the drainage system, to increase their chances of surviving this DA.

Flood impacts still rely on Council's fundamentally flawed and inaccurate 2015 study. Most significantly, that study only considers a maximum sea level rise of 0.8m by the end of this century, with the real risk of a 1-2m rise ignored.

Unexplained increase in fill depth

While there is reduced development of floodprone land, there has been an unexplained increase in the depth of fill by over a metre in places, resulting in an increase in imported fill from 186,040m³ to 215,000m³.

An additional 2,900 truck loads is not trivial.

With secondary dwellings, this development can be expected to house over 500 people, consuming over 35 megalitres of water from Rocky Creek Dam each year.

What isn't evaporated ends up in coastal wetlands and the Cape Byron Marine Park as overland flow, groundwater seepage or discharge from the sewerage treatment plant, along with a large variety of added pollutants.

The drainage of acid sulfate soils and polluted groundwater will add sulphuric acid and a cocktail of iron, aluminium and heavy metals to the mix.

While we know the Belongil estuary is already badly polluted and in dire need of remediation, there has still been no attempt to assess the health of its waters and biota.

This is essential to identifying the additional impact of this development on an already severely stressed system.

The intent to undertake limited monitoring after it is developed is too little, too late.

The adjoining Site R&D DA is listed for a court hearing between November 9 and 13, 2020, though now that Villa World have abandoned the western roads that Site R&D depended upon, they will need to change their DA again.

Holistic assessments accounting for the impacts of both developments on traffic and the estuary are still needed.

■ Details for DA 10.2017.201.1, are on Council's website and notices on opposite page.



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School P&C calls for govt to 'turn the taps on'

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Education Department are refusing to explain why a new recycled grey water system at the Byron Bay Public School won't be authorised for use.

According to the school's P&C, the recycled water system is for garden and lawn use only.

Both the local NSW MP Tamara Smith (Greens) and the school's P&C president told *The Echo* there is an impasse between the Council and the Education Department, which has been going on for six months.

The Echo asked the Education Department, 'Why has this impasse happened, what is being done to rectify the issue and/or has this project been shelved completely?'

A spokesperson declined to answer and instead said they have 'decided against using recycled waste water owing to the potential health management risk'.

They added: 'The department supports the use of recycled waste water on school playgrounds when it can be delivered in a



Byron Bay Public School. Photo www.byron4kids.com.au

controlled and safe manner. 'The Department of Education's highest priority is the health and safety of the students, staff, and local community.

'Town water has been turned on and is available for use in the irrigation system at Byron Bay Public School.

Tamara Smith (Greens), told *The Echo*, 'I have been advocating on behalf of the school since last year with both Byron Shire Council and the Department of Education, but neither institution is willing to budge'.

'It's really sad, because the end goal will be an enormous source of pride for both institutions; the first public school in NSW to use recycled water to maintain

their grounds, and a first for Byron Shire Council in providing infrastructure for a school to recycle water!

Lawyer's picnic

'But sadly, the lawyers are running the show, and neither will take responsibility for the water's safety.

'Stuck in the middle is a wonderful school community, and a great outcome for the planet, and the teachers and students are even willing to test the water weekly to make sure it's safe'.

Byron Primary School P&C president, Paul Prior, told *The Echo*, 'It is 2020, and we have just gone through one of the worst droughts on record'.

'Council kindly connected recycled water to the school

for garden use only. A lawn has just been laid after spending millions of dollars on new classrooms.

'We have the opportunity to be the first public school in NSW to officially be able to utilise recycled water.

'650 students that deserve better'

'The P&C are at a loss as to why common sense does not prevail and the NSW Education Department and Council cannot work together to turn the tap on!

'We have contacted Tamara Smith in an effort to move the matter forward.

'There are 650 students that deserve better than a desert to play in over the next six months.

'As a volunteer body at the school, we believe hard earned funds from the P&C should be spent on students' education, rather than paying for water when recycled water is there.

'Please help us to turn on the tap'.

The Echo asked Council staff for comment, but no reply was received by deadline.

RePlanting at The Farm



Vicki Brooke and Justine Elliot MP at The Farm. Photo Eve Jeffery

On Friday, local federal MP Justine Elliot (Labor), came to The Farm at Ewingsdale to help with the Zero Emissions RePlant Byron community forest planting initiative.

The aim is to create a community forest, where the public can buy their own trees - with their names attached - and watch them grow.

The project received federal funding of \$10,000 which was delivered through the Richmond Community Environment Grants program.

And further to last week's story, the project is also benefiting from a \$5,500 grant from the Northern Rivers Community Foundation.

The community has also

raised over \$15,000 for the project, which has been matched by The Farm owners Tom and Emma Lane.

2,400 native trees

The funding has gone towards site preparation and purchase of approximately 2,400 native trees including figs, lilly pillies and red cedar.

Ms Elliot said the RePlant Byron community forest is a unique initiative.

'It will help improve land quality, restore biodiversity, help stabilise the water table, and provide a valuable community resource.'

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Lennox Head Trojans win rugby final

Ross Kendall

Far North Coast Rugby came to an end for 2020 on the weekend, with Lennox Head claiming the first-grade premiership with a dominating finals run that included a commanding 32-0 grand final victory over last year's champions, Alstonville Wollongbar (WAR), on Saturday.

The Lennox Trojans started strongly, and ran in four unanswered tries with former Wallaby, Barrick Barnes, converting three and adding two penalties, all before halftime.

The Trojans had eight straight wins going into the grand final with the only loss a 32-31 effort against WAR in the first round of the shortened season in July.

Lennox Head coach, Doc

Tredinnick, has attributed the strength of the Trojans' top side to the Club's ability to foster homegrown talent and bring them through to revitalise the senior sides.

WAR came into the game after a nail-biting win over Ballina last weekend, 40-36, which was decided on the bell in their favour, after a penalty try was awarded.

They have dominated the local competition, featuring in the last seven grand finals and winning most.

Lennox Head also played in the second-grade grand final but couldn't get past Ballina, who beat them 25-19.

In the President's cup Byron Bay Rugby capped off a rampaging season winning the grand final 42-0 over Evans Head.

Byron Rams reach grand final



Young defender Harry Barlow. Photo Dogwhistle

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Services Club Rams are into their fourth FFNC Premier League grand final, after defeating Alstonville FC 3-2 in the semi-final.

It was a knockout final, where the second-placed Rams took on third-placed Alstonville.

With Alstonville winning the only previous meeting between these teams with a 2-1 win in round two, Byron had a score to settle and started the match in good form. Uruguayan Diego Vasquez has arguably been the best player in the league this year, and it was fitting that he was the one to open the scoring.

Coming out of the sheds, Byron built on their dominance and had doubled their lead only five minutes into the second stanza as Oliver Stautner found himself in enough space to squeeze a shot between the keeper's legs.

Alstonville had a sniff of a comeback in the 60th minute when they scored a headed goal, but their chances of an

equaliser were significantly reduced just ten minutes later.

With Vasquez running in on goal, with no defenders between him and the keeper, an Alstonville defender took him down from behind and was sent off for denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

Vasquez rubbed salt in the wound as he put the resulting free kick into the top right of the goal to give Byron a commanding 3-1 lead.

While Alstonville quickly scored again after being awarded a penalty, they could not score an equaliser, with the match finishing 3-2 to Byron Bay.

Fourth grand final

It will be the fourth grand final in a row for Byron Bay, and their sixth in the past seven years.

The win was the perfect way to cap off an incredible weekend for Byron Bay FC, which saw every one of their six senior men's teams qualify for their respective grand finals, while the U16 team won the ANZAC Cup Final.

Special rate arrangements should continue: staff

Paul Bibby

At this Thursday's meeting, Byron councillors will vote upon extending special payment arrangements for ratepayers affected by COVID-19 to the end of the year.

In March and April this year, Council introduced a range of measures to ease the financial burden on local ratepayers, including offering interest-free rate payment plans.

However, these measures were due to end on September 30, and Council is beginning to receive enquiries from residents following the delivery of 2020-21 rate notices that have a first instalment due date of September 30.

In response to this, Council staff have recommended that the measures be extended to at least December 31.

'These are unprecedented times with many people experiencing financial difficulty owing to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions,' Council staff member James Brickley said, in his report to the meeting. The proposed recommendation, if approved, will further assist ratepayers in regard to payment of outstanding rates and charges and provide some flexibility.'

Mr Brickley also recommended that the special payment arrangements be extended to ratepayers who own multiple properties.

Currently a ratepayer can only make use of the arrangements for the property where they currently live.

Since the arrangements were first introduced, Council has received, and accepted, 570 requests for individual properties.



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While Council staff have always had powers to demolish homes they consider a risk, the new draft *Unauthorised Dwelling Policy 2020* gives greater focus to that pursuit.

The Upper Main Arm community, behind Mullum, was the first to be targeted by Council with unsubstantiated claims of unauthorised dwellings and a 'show cause' letter.

Unless councillors decide this Thursday to reconsider their aggressive approach, and direct executive staff to stand down, then it's fairly likely public trust in this Council will plummet dramatically.

Council staff plan to send the same 'show cause' phishing letter to thousands of other rural residences in coming weeks.

Those areas are Goonengerry, Upper Coopers Creek, Coopers Creek, Palmwoods, Federal, Huonbrook, Coorabell, Wanganui, Wilsons Creek, Possum Creek and Koonyum Range.

The origins of the policy is a shambles – it was a thought bubble that changed direction on the chamber floor and became buried inside another motion.

Additionally, this unadopted planning proposal (not the policy) has already been sent to the NSW government and 'gateway issued', according to staff.

Yay to this leadership!

Compounding this poor governance is an unreasonable demand by Council staff made to those who own/live in houses that Council have no records of. Council lost their records in fires and floods in the 1980s, and instead of embarking on a trust exercise to fill in those gaps, they are demanding up to \$180 per hour for staff to come and inspect the property!

Does Council's compliance team have the numbers to embark on this folly? Unlikely. But with enough revenue from charging ratepayers \$180ph for a friendly visit with a tape measure and clipboard, more compliance staff could be hired. It's part of how bureaucracy works.

From outside the Council tent, it appears staff are openly goading councillors over this issue.

Will they stand up for the community that voted for them?

It leads to the question of how power sharing (authority) is distributed between councillors and executive staff.

In simple terms, councillors vote for the general manger and executive staff. The conduct of all staff is managed by the general manger. Councillors adopt policy, and then staff creatively and lovingly set about enacting that policy. Pulling rogue staff behaviour in line is the remit of GM Mark Arnold. But councillors – despite what they claim – are not entirely powerless.

Regardless of how poorly Council handle their policy making and PR disasters, a good outcome from this would be that rural residents living in high fire danger zones become proactive (without Council) in reducing potential fire hazards on their property.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

PM gaslights nation over solar, wind

If Scott Morrison ever went back to his old job of promoting tourism and needed to ramp up the travel industry, he would put his money on blimps.

True, the gas-filled balloons have their drawbacks; the explosion of the Hindenburg was a bit of a setback.

But surely they would be cheaper and more reliable than those new-fangled heavier-than-air machines.

Some of his colleagues would find even zeppelins a step too far and would prefer to stick to good old coal fired steamships. So Morrison would find room for them too. But those so-called aeroplanes would have to rise or fall without government assistance.

And of course it helps that, by pure coincidence, blimps are the preference of many of his hand-picked backers on his COVID Commission who have a financial interest in the industry. So gas is obviously the go. A sensible middle course, obviously the best option, even if it is the wrong one,

And the same applies to Morrison's most recent attempt to devise an energy policy that he can trundle towards the next election. A gas-led recovery may not make sense to the scientists and economists, who regard gas as having become obsolete even before ScoMo's latest thought bubble, but what would they know?

And industry has made its own position clear by refusing to invest in gas, ready to transition straight from coal to wind and solar, which it sees as the real future, on the cusp of overcoming the final problems of storage which would provide the base load the country needs

And confusingly, Morrison boasts that renewables are now commercially viable, so there is no longer a need for taxpayers to continue to subsidise them, And to prove the point, Mike Cannon-Brookes has offered to build a renewable plant to fill any gaps which appear when the worn-out Liddell coal fired station is finally closes – if in fact there are any gaps, which many doubt there will be.

But apparently gas and coal still need propping up, hence last week announcement that the new package of handouts to the lucky winners will include yet more government aid for the chimera of clean coal carbon capture, and the promise that if the private sector won't

stump up for a new gas-powered plant, the public sector will.

This outstanding example of free enterprise in action is more than just another tweak in another flawed policy. It is a declaration that the line has been crossed: science, engineering and logic cannot get in the way of politics and self interest.

The opposition is unhappy, although it is not clear how hard the invariably cautious leadership of Albanese will push back

Mungo MacCallum



Even words are to lose their meaning if they get in the way of the coalition's agenda. Thus ARENA, the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, is to bring the clearly non-renewable resources of gas and coal into its arena Similarly the CEFC, the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, will not necessarily finance clean projects.

There will be resistance: legislation will be needed for the changes. The opposition is unhappy, although it is not clear how hard the invariably cautious leadership of Anthony Albanese will push back, And the crossbench, as always, will dither and dicker. Like coal and gas, the Morrison plan may become a stranded asset.

But as announceables go, it has been generally well received by the mainstream media and the business community is willing to give it a tick, if only because it gets them off the hook. After all, if Morrison is really so eager to pickup the tab, it will save them a lot of time and money.

And while private industry may not be prepared to do the heavy lifting – the funding, building and running of the contentious planned new gas and/or coal fired power stations – it can see a role in developing the infrastructure which will be required, whether the electricity comes from fossil fuels or renewables. So what's not to like?

Well, mainly the planet. As mentioned last week, gas is not an emission-free fuel – it may be even dirtier than coal. It is certainly not the saviour, the

fig-leaf Morrison can hide behind when he eventually has to confront the reality of his promises to honour the Paris agreement on climate change and the tougher goals that will inevitably follow.

The more sensible conservatives realize that even if gas can be brought on line it will take a while and will be a public cost – and it will probably result in higher charges to consumers as the greedy industry will set the benchmark against international price to raise it on the local market.

And given that Morrison is now quite open that this is all about driving down prices – reducing emissions is barely an afterthought – it is at best a short term fix and more likely little more than another distraction. Many more battles will be fought before a final solution to the long-running dilemma will be resolved, if it ever is.

So even the Colonel Blimps within the government will be looking for more and better announcements before, during and after the forthcoming budget. The party room is mollified – well, most of it. But the majority are still suspending judgment.

Any enthusiasm has come from the reactionary fringe, also known as the Murdoch press. Its propagandists have dropped any pretence of serious debate – the current line is to dismiss the very idea of putting wind and solar above gas and coal. Fossils are the past, present and future – at least for the moment.

The Energy Minister, Angus Taylor, says that renewables are booming anyway – and they are. But the increase is coming overwhelmingly from the domestic market. The large scale investment needed for industry has stalled, principally because the government cannot provide certainty about its long term policies.

But apparently determined to display his commitment to the environment, Morrison was photographed molesting a reluctant wombat. He did not actually extinguish the marsupial, but it was obvious that it was apprehensive – as we all should be.

However Morrison was unfazed as he climbed back behind the wheel of his chosen Leyland P76 automobile to hurry home and review the footage on his video cassette recorder. It need hardly be said that he selected Beta over VHS.

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West Byron again

Although Villa World's Byron development application for its half of the West Byron subdivision was rejected by the planning panel and the Byron Shire community, another DA has been dropped on us this week for the same site (see p.9).

Villa World has reworked the details of its proposal and is taking it to the Land and Environment Court. So after three years of research and debate on the original version, community members now have seven days (till 30 September) to investigate, assess, discuss, and make recommendations, on a very different proposed development.

Not only is this a ludicrously short time frame, but also the community consultation on the latest version by Villa World has been non-existent, other than an admission in the DA documents that criticism by the community has led to the alterations, such as a reduction in the number of lots and fill, and retention of most of the frog habitat.

Without proper assessment of the new DA by knowledgeable community members, we cannot be reassured that these changes will make any difference to the risks to the environment caused by the Villa World project. Byron Shire Council is 'interested in hearing your views on the amended plans'.

We thought the game was over when the planning panel announced its refusal. However, Villa World has moved the goal posts, and we have discovered we were playing the wrong game.

Jennifer Gray
Myocum



Worry about the shit

The concerns around Council's plan to short-circuit effluent to the Belongil estuary centre on assessment process and impacts on the estuary.

Council ran a lesser Part 5 assessment, submitted a licence application to the EPA on 2 September and received a licence on 3 September. Almost a same-day service. Done and dusted. Why then should any of us worry?

I live overseas, but why am I moved to express concern? First, in recent years we've had the beautiful writings of Dr Mary Gardner in *The Echo* about the deep ecology of these coastal waterways and how they work, raising spiritual values as well as environmental ones. This reminds us that we won't be healthy as a people while our waterways are in their present state, with constant fish kills.

Second, I grew up around

the estuary. As a teenager my friends and I chased flathead in it, explored its quiet reaches watching ospreys swooping on mullet, and surfed the sandbanks at its entrance. I'd like to see it healthy for future generations - an entirely practical goal.

Third, the Belongil estuary is one of the most important waterways in Australia, partly because of its iconic Byron location as an example for others; but mainly because so much of its catchment was wetland, at least a third. It means that wetland drainage has had an outsize effect, but as well, when it is rehabilitated, it will deliver huge benefits. Pouring more effluent into it when proven alternatives are available is loading up a truckful of problems for the community and future councils.

This Council project is in effect a Clayton's ocean outfall to take a planned development increase of 43

per cent, but the volumes of effluent are likely to severely damage the estuary on their way out. The situation has eerie parallels to what happened in the 1990s: Council of that day attempted to run a big increase in STP capacity with an uncertain destination for the effluent, the community said 'No'. A Planning Commissioner was called in and ruled the existing assessment was insufficient. The result: a nine-year development moratorium.

David Pont
Indonesia

Cleaning up hippies

Council's attack on Main Arm residents has all the hallmarks of 'ethnic cleansing': an attempt to drive out the poor people ('hippies') to make the area 'safe and attractive' to the new wave of millionaires.

The policy used (yet to be adopted by Council) sets out the ways to comply with Council requirements. Presumably the same standards that apply to new dwellings, but many of the 'unauthorised dwellings' in rural areas of the Shire were owner-built decades ago.

Many of the owners of these houses, where they have lived and raised families quite safely, are now pensioners in their 70s and 80s. They cannot afford to meet these Council requirements, even if their homes could be physically brought up to the standard that Council would like.

If Council wants to be taken seriously, they need to come up with a policy that deals with these issues, and addresses any real safety concerns in a way that is

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The return to tournament chess in Spain has turned into far more of a disaster than had previously been acknowledged.

In the 'COVID-safe' Spanish Championship, a last round loss by veteran Alexey Shirov cost him the title, with David Anton the eventual victor.

However, of the 135 starters, only 104 remained for the final round. It turned out that 21 withdrew after the second round, when details were becoming clear about the true COVID risk.

Immediately prior to the Spanish Championship, the 2nd Division of the Spanish Teams Championship had been held in Linares using the same venue and hotel. The players were regularly checked for temperature and symptoms, the games distanced and the famed Hotel Anibal bar closed to avoid socialising. Many played in the Spanish Championships afterwards.

Yet within a few days of the Teams Championship ending, COVID cases were cropping up continuously. ChessTech reported that four complete teams were required to go into

isolation in their home city, with one team having all but one player register positive.

Of the 21 withdrawals before the third round of the championship, it was revealed that 12 had to isolate and withdraw. More were to follow; so many that those confined to their rooms started their own online tournament called the Confinados Cup!

How could this happen? The blame has fallen on *bottellon*.

It turns out that every evening during the Teams Championship, teammates would gather in a hotel room to analyse games, play blitz and party while consuming alcohol purchased from local supermarkets - aka *bottellon*.

The chief of the Spanish Chess Federation said that the tournament conditions were safe, but 'FEDA decides nothing about the private life of the players.'

Chess, like many smaller sports, cannot afford the sort of 'bubble' set up for players by the AFL and NRL. Even FIDE's attempt to bring eight of Magnus Carlsen's potential challengers together in November to Ekaterinburg for the second half of the Candidates tournament seems unlikely to succeed.

The Kollektive impact on Byron Shire

■ Here in Bayside Brunswick Heads, we have The Kollektive developers pushing to develop a parcel of land. The Kollektive have in the past, and continue to, use a scheme under the Affordable Housing SEPP.

The Kollektive wish to have community consultation, during COVID-19; the flyer I received stated that we are to email or to make an appointment, but there was no phone contact or email provided. Bayside also has a significant number of retirees, some of whom are computer illiterate.

The development proposes a grocery store, cafe, a 48 room boarding house with six shop fronts with units on top. This is nothing

less than massive compared to what is here now. Now we have some homes with granny flats, young families, and many retirees living together in a tree surrounded quiet community.

The leaflets distributed have caused so much anxiety. I am very concerned about the health impacts on the elderly and the young families who have invested in living in this quiet community. Does that concern developers? No, it's just business as usual. This business as usual often seems to mean putting forward to the community an unacceptable plan of development - then they pull back the plan, supposedly appeasing the demographic, and coming to

a so-called resolution.

This is at a time in history where things are not so hot, we are all facing a very uncertain future, COVID-19 has turned our world upside down, causing angst - supposedly this is ok. Well not from this end - we are saying goodbye quiet community, because The Kollektive needs to do what they do, under the pretext of supplying affordable housing for those who want to live and work here. But where are these jobs? Where are the facilities?

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

■ Residents of Brunswick Heads can visit Sunrise Beach Estate to see a visible

negative effect of The Kollektive's developments on our neighbourhoods - our streets are now cluttered with parked cars.

This developer exploits the unrealistic, and woefully inadequate, '0.5 car spaces per dwelling' criterion of the State Planning Department Affordable Rental Housing legislation. It will allow The Kollektive's 'The Corso' to provide only 24 car spaces for 48 dwellings. So, at the very least, there will be 24 cars parked on the single road frontage.

This new proposed development is especially dangerous, being immediately next door to a preschool.

Jeff Harrison
Byron Bay

▶ Continued from page 13 practical and affordable, and doesn't include threats of demolition of people's long-term homes.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

Koala death divide

The changes to the SEPP in NSW will not save koalas. The minor changes are a deliberate distraction from the neglect of public parklands by the present state and federal governments. The continual 'efficiency dividends' targeting state and national parks, and the consequent lack of sufficient park management, have contributed to the massive recent bushfires and the destruction of koalas and their habitat.

Regulations have existed for a long time that can stop private developments that threaten koala habitat. It simply takes government agencies to properly exercise these regulations. The plain truth is that existing national and state parks offer a much greater koala survival chance than a SEPP affecting much smaller parcels of private land proposing development. Obviously the government does not want to put back the money taken from parkland. They want people to think that the recent changes to the SEPP is the government working to save koalas.

All residents need to contribute to saving koalas via more tax dollars to parklands and through deliberate efforts to create, grow, and protect koala colonies. SEPP changes are a furphy! Placing the onus on farmers to save koalas is not equitable, nor will it be effective. It is divisive and distractive. We

should expect more, much more from our governing politicians!

Paul Gannon
Coopers Shoot

Byron bashing

Our family have lived in Byron Bay for 18 years and are considered newcomers, not locals, and we're fine with that. Why? Because we chose to live here for the eclectic environment, energy of the youth, festivals, freedom of movement, perfect beaches and lack of judgement.

I have never been upset or annoyed with anything in the town (excluding potholes) however, the continued Byron Bashing by journalists is very tiring. The latest being Angela Mollard from the *Daily Telegraph*. Well, Angela, I say to you if you don't like our town and believe it is full of A-listers that we resent being here - don't come. That also goes for Hughesy and Ed.

It is about time the newcomers and locals who live here rose up and pushed back on the negative press.

When we first arrived in Byron, a local Frenchman from Le Petit Snail explained to us the essence of Byron: 'Byron is a place one chooses to live in!'

Residents are not here by the necessity of employment. People who reside here have made a conscious journey to set up home. This creates a town of mixed views and passions with each person fighting for the reason they chose Byron.

So to all you passionate people of Byron Bay, push back. Make our A-listers and any others who have 'chosen' Byron Bay as their home welcomed. There is no

need to do anything other than continue smiling, say hello and 'Slow down, Chill out, Cheer up'. This will beat the naysayers and, sadly, probably bring the town more bad press.

Sue Lennox
Byron Bay

COVID thoughts

I've been reflecting on recent news reports about some people's negative reactions to COVID-19 lockdowns and border closures.

I do feel that some people act as if everything is known about COVID by those in charge, i.e. the Chief Health Officers, epidemiology advisers and the state premiers, and that they are using this opportunity as a means of state control. Yet almost every day new data emerges about previously unknown aspects of COVID. There are still large gaps in our medical knowledge.

But that doesn't stop some people, with minimal or no training in medical science, but empowered by a Facebook feed, from putting their own 'authoritative' views. Yet the same people would want to use hospitals if injured or ill... and for the hospitals not to be overwhelmed by COVID patients as they were in NY State.

Yes, recent measures like some border closures and aspects of lockdown need to be scrutinised and better honed as the danger of infection waxes and wanes. But recently some of the more inflammatory journalism or politicians' comments have tended to feed dissent and encourage irresponsible street protests.

It is important to be able to your express one's views

about social issues such as Black Lives Matter, climate change (especially with the wildfires on the west coast of the US), even your constitutional right to protest itself. But there is a time and a place for street protest. At the moment it is not now in locked-down areas.

Frank Lynch
Wilsons Creek

Speak up, Julia

I remember in 2012 cheering when Julia Gillard rose in parliament to tell her opposite number 'I will not be lectured about sexism and misogyny by this man'.

She's less well remembered for throwing Australian citizen and journalist, Julian Assange, under the bus for, in her words, 'the placement of... information on the WikiLeaks website - it's a grossly irresponsible thing to do and an illegal thing to do', and then for being unable to say how those actions were illegal.

Subsequent prime ministers have adopted a similar stance, confirming that the human rights of citizens are of selective interest only; even when Australians are victims of torture, and suffering mental health problems, including risk of suicide. It certainly puts the true value of Australian citizenship in context.

Curiously, Julia Gillard is the Chair of Beyond Blue, a charity concerned with anxiety, depression and suicide. What credibility will Beyond Blue and Ms Gillard have if the worst-case scenario comes to pass? Time to speak up before it's too late, Julia.

Martin Bail
Federal

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Planet Watch: Are humans the disease?

David Lowe

Humans have told each other a lot of stories about how awesome we are, but there's one emerging hypothesis that casts our species in a very anti-heroic light. In terms of the planet – are we behaving like a disease?

With the human world currently reeling under the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and other species getting a slight breather because of our lockdowns, this is a great opportunity to take a step back and look at the havoc we've been causing, with the above question in mind.

The big C

Consider the way cancer works. Its defining characteristics are unrestrained rapid growth, the destruction of other tissues, distant metastasis (new cancers spreading far from the source), the production of toxic metabolites, and dedifferentiation (the reversion of specialised cells or tissues to unspecialised, primitive forms).

In terms of growth, world wars and pandemics notwithstanding, the human population has grown from 1 billion in 1800, to almost 8 billion in 2020.

This kind of exponential curve is very familiar to any oncologist.

The environmental destruction associated with our population growth can be seen in the conversion of vast areas of the planet to serve human needs ('destruction of other tissues' – species/eco-systems), with highways, powerlines and pipelines behaving similarly to the blood vessels that feed malignant tumours.

The 'toxic metabolites' in this analogy can be seen everywhere from the Alberta tar sands to the oceanic microplastics, from massive oil spills to the mountains of waste generated daily, and of course there is also the climate-changing CO₂ and methane being pumped into the air.

Greed

Every night on the news, experts discuss whether the economy is growing enough. Like cancer cells, we seem unable to think beyond the short term, or face the awkward fact that infinite growth is impossible on a finite planet.

Human economic interests and the accompanying exploitation and waste cycles



A human world? Photo Gerd Altmann/Pixabay

have reached our tallest mountains and our deepest oceans. We have touched every corner of the globe, every molecule of the atmosphere, and every drop of the ocean.

Instead of treating those who have profited most from this destruction as the dangerous and criminally insane individuals they are, we continue to make them richer.

Now, the wealthiest of these people are devoting a significant share of their profits to literally reach past planetary limits, attempting to metastasise beyond the damaged 'body' of the Earth. This behaviour is starting to look less like cancer and more like a virus.

The accompanying collapse of democracy and the rise of ever more extreme forms of greed and wealth inequity (to the cost of higher human achievements like arts and science) mirrors the rise of 'unspecialised, primitive forms' (dedifferentiation).

Around the world, there are clear political parallels illustrating this transition.

Gaia

Named after the Greek Mother Earth goddess, Gaia Theory is not very fashionable these days in the scientific and ecological community, particularly since the man behind it, James Lovelock, started spruiking nuclear power.

But from the moment we first saw our planet from space for what it is – a life-sustaining blue speck in a deeply unfriendly universe – it's been hard for many of us to go back to seeing our world simply as a place plonked down for humans to plunder.

Whether the planet is conscious, or a living entity apart from the numerous other living entities that constitute the biosphere, there is some evidence that the whole system is self-regulating, if

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it's allowed to be.

Ocean salinity, for example, has been constant at 3.5 per cent for a very long time, despite the ongoing addition of salts from land.

Some have suggested that the Mediterranean Sea is acting like Gaia's kidney. Organic processes certainly seem to be involved in some way, although the exact details are still mysterious.

Another example is the regulation of oxygen in the atmosphere, with Lovelock and others arguing that higher oxygen levels in the past led to more fires, which led to less oxygen, which led to regained equilibrium, with the assistance of nitrogen producing bacteria.

In the case of CO₂, plants and simple animals play a vital role in regulating how much of it is in the atmosphere and how much is in the soil, having literally created the conditions for human (and most other animal life) to come into being.

Unfortunately, like spoiled children, most of us behave as though we're entirely ungrateful.

Natural and unnatural selection

Whether 'Gaia' exists or not, the rules of natural selection dictate that any organism that becomes too out of step with its environment will become extinct. Self-damage to the environment is no different. The system is self-correcting. Which brings us back to COVID.

The most likely cause of this disease is not Bill Gates, but humans pushing into new habitat, stressing and eating the animals there, and encountering a novel disease as a result.

This is a process that has happened numerous times before; particularly since we made the transition from

being hunter-gatherers to farmers, and began spending a lot more time with animals.

Famous diseases which made the jump to humans as a result include measles, swine flu, SARS 1, influenza A, mad cow disease (BSE), Dengue, Ebola, yellow fever, equine encephalitis and HIV.

You don't need to believe in karma, Gaia, or divine intervention to see that exploitation and lack of respect for animals and plants sooner or later leads to human suffering as well.

Are there similarities between the way this current pandemic is behaving towards humans, and the way the immune system of an individual behaves when facing a threat to their life? I would argue the answer is, 'Yes'.

Will one of these diseases eventually 'cure' the human disease afflicting the planet? Possibly.

Stark choices ahead

In spite of all the bumper stickers, we're not going to kill the Earth – it has survived worse things than us – but we do have the capability to take a very large number of species with us (an estimated 150 species per day by current estimates) if we choose the road to extinction.

Crises can be a good thing, if they don't come too late. If you get your cancer or diabetes diagnosis in time, you have a better chance of curing it.

The various movements that have sprung up to embrace climate science, and correct the major inequalities and inequities driving our biggest problems, show that it's not over yet for our human experiment.

Hopefully COVID-19 will give us the necessary wake-up call as a species, and then we can finally live up to our self-given brag name of homo sapiens (wise man'). If not, we have the next exciting instalment of the climate emergency to look forward to.

One way or another, like everything else living on this planet, we will either evolve or become extinct. Either we learn to live with our fellow species in a sustainable way, or we will become an unfortunate and short-lived episode of natural history.

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Where the law fails

Thank you, Mandy, (Soapbox, 16 September) for shining a light on an all-too-common issue that affects every community around the world.

As the parents of two young children who were abused locally in all-too-common circumstances (by the partner of a dear family friend who helped care for our children) we feel the heavy weight of trauma,

sadness, and secrecy around child sexual abuse.

We are the quiet keepers of our children's stories, so many of our friends in the community do not know. We fiercely protect our children's privacy, as stigmas abound around the impact of abuse. It will be their story to tell, if and when they choose to. Our family's trauma is ongoing, deeply private – and at times, still very painful. But

our children are thankfully safe, happy and thriving – and we are so very lucky to have such strong personal and professional support.

As the Royal Commission highlighted, current laws regarding child sexual abuse investigation are also woeful. After enduring the agonising process of reporting to police, we were advised that very little could be done, as the man (of course) refuted our child's disclosure. Without forensic evidence, priors, a witness, or a confession, a conviction is nigh impossible.

The investigating officer believed our child, told us what we were going through was unimaginably painful, but any further action would be stymied by a staggeringly insufficient legal process – which probably wouldn't have led to any meaningful rehabilitation, anyway.

Over a year after my eldest child's initial disclosures, both of our children continue to reveal further heartbreaking details to us in their own time. We keep these recorded in the unlikely event someone else comes forward about this man, or he decides to make a confession.

The traumatic impact of this man's monstrous

actions on our family has been profound. His deeds, and the denial from both him (and his partner), are unforgivable. Yet we do not think of him as a monster. Like all offenders, he needs help, and the current support services for people at risk of offending are limited and not widely known. And because such people are deemed inhuman 'monsters', it's also very unlikely that those experiencing these impulses will seek the help they need, and their deep shame can then further drive their harmful behaviour.

We agree that it's time to shine a light into one of humanity's darkest corners.

We extend our love, support and solidarity to those who are also steering their own ships through such silent grief and healing.

Name withheld

Weaponising health

Who could have believed it would ever happen? But it has – the weaponisation of health to try to win an election! I for one can't imagine a lower form of heartless, immoral bastardry.

Let's hope it's an unsuccessful ploy, because if it is successful, then it's open slather for other boofhead creeps to do it.

Could you or any of your readers imagine being the one to set such a miserable, hateful precedent, and then having to cop the judgement of decent, civilised people?

J Rose
Mullumbimby

On saving koalas

The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) have submitted the best analysis on the state of koalas and their habitat (www.edo.org.au/analysis-the-truth-about-the-nsw-koala-sepp/).

Jo Faith
Newtown

Free speech or liable?

When you attend a Council meeting there is a sign attached to the entry door, which warns the public that they may be personally liable for any defamatory remarks they make inside.

When the meeting starts the chair provides a slightly more detailed warning: 'For those addressing the meeting today the *Code of Meeting Practice* requires that you refrain from disorderly conduct such as making any insult, defamatory comment or personal reflection against any person, present or not at the meeting, during the course of your address to Council and any answers

Flooding report secrecy

We have a right to know. It is well known that the committee for the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (FRMS&P) has been hard at work for several months. The final report will be tabled at Council's meeting on Thursday, 24 September. The Plan, and related reports, are available on Council's website.

It is less well known, however, that a second report has also been carried out concerned with potential development sites in Mullumbimby, including Lot 22. While the remainder of the areas included in this study are privately owned, Lot 22 is Council owned and thus community owned. The work of this private/Council consortium has never been advertised. Its report, The Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment (MLRA) has not been made available for public viewing or comment. Nor have Council's cost sharing arrangements with the private consortium been made public.

The apparent secrecy which surrounds this report is of concern and very different to the 'openness' of the structure of the committee for the FRMS&P, which includes three resident representatives from the north of the Shire.

Instead no opportunity has been provided, by Council, for public viewing of the MLRA report. This is despite the fact that MRA requested that this report be made available to the public – as far back as last June 2020 – with assurances given by the then Acting General Manager that the MLRA report would be released publicly.

MRA also understands that the MLRA report has never been presented to the FRMS&P committee for endorsement of any kind; yet a number of references are included in the final report of the FRMS&P on the agenda for adoption (of the MLRA) at the next Council meeting.

We have a right to know what is in the Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment (MLRA). As a first step, the adoption of the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan should be deferred until the Mullumbimby Land Release Assessment has been released publicly.

Sonia Laverty
Convener, MRA

that may be given in response to questions from Councillors.'

This is stated to be a summary of the *Code of Meeting Practice* but it actually contains elements from the *Code of Conduct*. The latter is explicitly limited to elected councillors and permanent staff and does not apply to members of the public. This limitation does not, however, in practice prevent either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor from applying it to whoever offends them or with whom they simply disagree. One may make a mild criticism of a member of staff's performance, only to see Simon Richardson jump up angrily and throw the whole question on a submission into the rubbish bin.

There are two terms in the mayor's little warning that particularly rile me: 'personal reflection' and 'insult', neither of which are listed in the *Code of Meeting Practice* as prohibited for members of the public. The mayor's thinking appears to be this: if you criticise a staff member's performance then you are insulting him/her and making a personal reflection, and therefore you must be silenced.

It seems to me that Simon truly believes that his major function is to protect the

morale of the staff.

One could resolve these issues of free speech by taking a challenge to the Supreme Court. Just because a particular code says this or that doesn't mean said conduct is constitutionally or otherwise valid, and the liberal-democrat tradition and common law tend to put the onus of proof on those who want restrictions. But why should I incur the cost and inconvenience of a court challenge? If the mayor believes that he has, or should have, particular powers to shut people up, then let him obtain legal clarification that he is able to do so.

Fast Buck\$
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STARS BY LILITH LIBRA THE SCALES

With the Sun in the sign of balance, and the spring equinox having just delivered equal measures of light and dark, from here on days grow longer and new possibilities stronger...



♈ **ARIES:** These are taxing times and if your energy isn't at its usual this week, don't be afraid to say you aren't feeling up to something. No need to put on a brave face, and if you're not 100% certain, just say so. Others who can, will understand and offer support.

♉ **TAURUS:** Sun and Mercury in the sign of the scales might have you wavering between reining it in and letting it rip. Your astral tip? Unless you're prepared to take what you dish out, don't go there. Compromise is the name of this week's game. Next week when Saturn's out of retrograde, it gets easier.

♊ **GEMINI:** This affable week's appealing on the surface, but don't be too quick to team up or take on extra commitments. Sure something might look inviting, but ask a few questions first. Akrasia is the Greek word for acting against your better judgment, something we've all been known to do, and isn't that crazy?

♋ **CANCER:** What makes you think you have to work harder and faster? This week says find the median line between doing too much and too little, between saying something awkwardly and saying nothing at all. It's about balance: of practicality and compassion, efficiency and empathy, common sense and taking an intuitive risk.

♌ **LEO:** Venus in your sign wants you off the comfort couch and out for a prow, Pussycat Majesty. And while you're doing that, what to trust this week? Your own ability to make a decent choice. And when you make a mistake – we all do – to learn from it, so there's no need to repeat it.

♍ **VIRGO:** Who says you're supposed to know all the answers? Letting people see your less-than-perfect self makes them more inclined to offer assistance. If finances need addressing this week, and whose don't, a scarcity mindset won't serve, so put that practical intelligence to work investigating new methods of savvy money management.

♎ **LIBRA:** With troublemaker Mars retrograde in your partnership zone, you could be getting mixed messages. Or is it you sending out stop/go, yes/no signals? If you just can't get on the same page with someone, then agree to disagree till next week when the airwaves won't have so much static.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Doing a good turn will earn major karmic flybys this week, plus a considerable glow of personal radiance. And while we're all up for a windfall round about now, if something seems too good to be true, look under the hood before you buy. Is it really worth it, just for a change of pace?

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Another question-everything week, especially so-called facts from trusted sources. And most importantly, your own biases. Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting anyone's deliberately trying to fool you. Or are they? Do your own research with an open mind, and beware of right/wrong conclusions. A flexible mind can tolerate paradox, contradictions and inconsistency.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** If this week's interactions start getting feisty, keep your cool and an even keel, Caps. This isn't the time for a hard core approach to negotiating. People will respond to authentic leadership that engages their participation, but they're likely to arc up at anything that comes across as bossyboots or authoritarian.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** This week strongly advocates engaging the art of gracious conversation. If you have a load of info, be sure others are on the same page before sharing. Accept input and feedback pleasantly. And opinions? While it might be considered a touch old-fashioned, it's usually courteous to wait until asked..

♓ **PISCES:** Getting any kind of consensus could be like herding cats this week. If agreement is difficult to reach, it may take every skerrick of your energy to broker some kind of equitable deal or win/win outcome, but be assured with the Sun and Mercury giving you extra planetary grunt, yes, you can do it.

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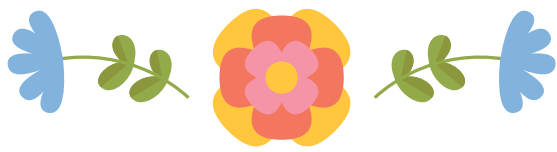
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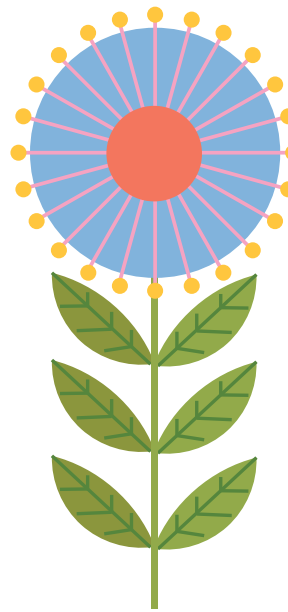
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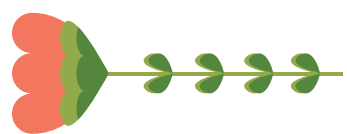
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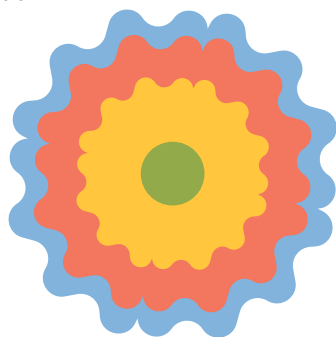
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The taste of the Mediterranean in Byron Bay

Story and photo Eve Jeffery

Antoine Quezel's range of olives, sweet pickled garlic, antipasti, tapenades and cheeses at the Byron Bay Olive Co, brings the taste of France to the Northern Rivers, using as many local and organic ingredients as they can.

Produced in their kitchen in the Byron Industrial Estate, the inspiration for the recipes comes from Antoine's family's authentic traditions back in Sanary-Sur-Mer, a beautiful village in the South of France.

'Since 1989 my parents have had a daily market stall where they sell a variety of olives, garlic and spices at the Sanary Farmers Market.

'I grew up in my parents' stall working for them when I could. My first job at the market was to scoop the spices for customers when I was just five years old.'

Antoine says he first arrived in Byron Bay in 2014. 'It was one of those perfect days where the water glistened and the surf was pumping. I visited the markets in the area and noticed that none really offered olives or Mediterranean flavours. I opened our first market stall at Bangalow in June 2015. We sold out all of our stock and realised how much the local area desired quality olives and other Mediterranean products.

'From there we grew the number of market stalls, and in 2018 we opened La Cuisine, our deli shop, out the front of our kitchen.'

Antoine says his customers love Byron Bay Olive Co products. 'The support from the local community as we've grown as a business has been great. We are extremely grateful for the relationship we have built with our customers - the result of our hard work throughout the years.'

Antoine says that Australians have introduced many Mediterranean recipes into their diet for health reasons. 'Our customers value the quality of our products because they



Antoine Quezel of Byron Bay Olive Co.

know we select them carefully to create amazing recipes.

'We have customers who visit us every week. Some of our customers have bought from us for years, and are always willing to try new flavours.'

Antoine says that the Byron Bay Olive Co is registered as a COVID Safe business and they have taken the necessary measures to provide quality service to their customers and a safe environment for their staff.

Antoine says he is not alone anymore and is very grateful for his staff. 'I want to acknowledge and give thanks to the support of my amazing team. We will keep trading at our markets in the region, offering our products and sandwiches at our deli shop, online and to various retail shops.

'We are also looking forward to soon releasing our 100% organic, NSW-made Extra-Virgin Olive Oil.'

And Antoine's best seller? 'The sweet marinated garlic. It doesn't give you bad breath or an after-effect and has an amazing flavour. It's great as a snack, sliced up in a salad, on top of pizzas or pasta, or on some sourdough bread with some of our tapenade. We know your taste buds will love it, and it's healthy too!'

■ You can find the Byron Bay Olive Co and La Cuisine Deli Shop at 2/29 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay and online at: byronbayoliveco.com.



Live music at The Rails

A fine four-legs-on-the-floor and dance-by-the-seat-of-your-pants night was had last Saturday at the Rails, when Mullum favourites the Swampcats (John Foggon, Peter Read, Cliff Fletcher, Sharon Van Urk, Patrick Gardiner, and John Hillman) played to an appreciative crowd. Go the local artists! The consistently great food and service at The Rails kept the good vibes going all night; my friend loved the crispy calamari and spring rolls, and the linguine special was sensational. So good to see and hear live music again! Even if we had to stay seated.



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Janella Purcell says her life's purpose is to teach and help.

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Janella has been in the Byron area for 12 years, servicing her clinics and facilitating one-on-one retreats helping people achieve better health, by finding the root cause of the issue; be it a physical, emotional, chemical or invisible stressor, or a combination of all.

Janella says that a lot of the feedback she gets is that her clients know she really cares about them. 'I make this confusing business of how to achieve good health and happiness easier and more achievable – and sustainable. I don't do what I do for any other reason than to teach and help – it's my life's purpose. I guess that's what also keeps me writing. My own health struggles put me on this path, and my curiosity keeps me wanting to go deeper and learning as much as I possibly can about how to get out of the mess we're in. On every level.'

COVID-19 wasn't a huge issue for Janella. 'I had decided to slow things down a bit this year anyway. A bit of a sabbatical I guess, as I wanted to focus on organising larger women's retreats and a women's festival for the area.'

Janella's latest book *Your 40 Day transformation (Y40DT)* is her sixth book and has just become another best seller. 'I'm thrilled that so many people are resonating with it. It's part memoir, covering my own healing period after a miscarriage pushed me over the edge into adrenal collapse for a few years. Y40DT does not promote or suggest dieting nor feeling deprived or hangry. It's more about gathering the information you need on the gut/brain connection and how this affects the health of our body/mind.'

Janella is in the process of preparing for WITH fest – Women In The Hinterland. This three-day retreat is happening 8–11 October in The Pocket. 'This event is going to be just spectacular. I have gathered eight incredibly talented women who are experts at what they do, and who love to share their knowledge. We'll start with a sound healing session on Thursday night after the opening ceremony, and finish with an outdoor vision 'questlette' on Sunday morning before the closing ceremony.'

'There'll be a drumming session under the stars on Saturday night and a guided cosmic journey after. I'll be facilitating two of the sessions. One of which will be about the four stages/rites of passage of a woman's life – from maiden to crone. We have divine, organic vegan food by Organic Passion catering, and all of this is taking place on an organic retreat centre in The Pocket.'

■ The full program, from October 8–11, is on her webpage www.janellapurcell.com.

The sweet and savoury flavours of Indonesia at the Mullum Farmers Market

Story & photo Kate O'Neill

It may not be possible to travel to Indonesia right now, but on Friday mornings at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market your tastebuds can take a trip there.

Each week Rini Martinings and her partner Iwan

serve up a flavour-packed selection of Indonesian street food at Warung Sedap, (roughly translated to 'cafe with delicious food').

The popular stall, formerly known as the Indonesian Kitchen, has been a part of the market since

the very early days and has a huge following of regular customers.

Inspired by the food of East Java, where Rini was born, the menu features a range of quick tasty snacks like chicken kebabs with satay sauce, mie goreng (fried noodle), nasi goreng (fried rice), spring rolls, veggie or fresh corn fritters and samosas, all served with home-made sweet chilli sauce or sambal.

For something more substantial, there's Rini's famous traditional beef rendang curry, created with an authentic home-made curry paste.

There's also the hearty Indonesian brekkie – an omelette stuffed with veggies, and served with fried rice and fresh salad, which Rini and Iwan introduced to the menu earlier this year.

'It's something we'd make in Indonesia if we

were going to be working in the rice fields,' said Iwan, 'It will fill you up all day.'

For the sweet tooth, there are lepet (a delicious gluten-free Indonesian sweet made with sticky rice, local lady finger bananas, sugar, shredded coconut and coconut cream, and then wrapped in an organic banana leaf), or onde-onde (a fried sesame ball filled with sweet mung bean paste).

Almost everything is made from scratch, and veggies are sourced fresh from the market. Iwan says he and Rini often exchange their food for fresh produce from the farmers at the market.

'They come and get some food from us and then they give us veggies in return,' said Iwan.

'That's what we do in the market.'



Rini and Iwan of Indonesian food stall, Warung Sedap.

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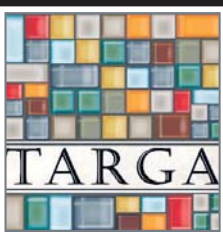
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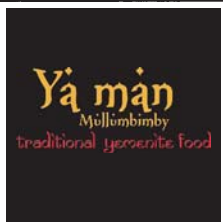


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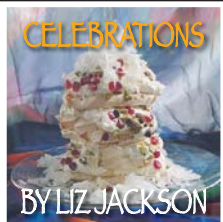
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Online hate is poisoning our brains. Online hate can have real physical consequences. Constant exposure can send your body into survival mode; causing anxiety, insomnia and depression. Hate is making us sick.

So, why have we become so hateful? Pre the era of social media it was hard work to hate people. If you wanted to say something vile you had to really commit. It was awkward and a bit terrifying. You had to stop a person in the street, or shout abuse at them in the street from your car. Sometimes you had to ride your bike around to their house with eggs. Sometimes you had to get their address so you could send a letter that said 'Go back to where you came from' or 'You look like a man you femmo bitch' or 'Fuck off!' It was so much effort – most people didn't bother. It was a waste of a stamp and your lick.

Some people expressed their hate by putting dogshit in a brown paper bag and setting it on fire on your front doorstep. Think about this; you had to put shit in a bag. You had to get a bag and pick up a dog shit. Then you had to travel with said bag to the destination. And wait in the bushes with bagged shit. That's visceral.

Someone once graffitied the front door of *The Echo* with 'F*CK YOU MANDY ASSHOLE C*NT'. I was touched. They had gone to the trouble of buying paint, finding out where I work and turning up at night to do the hate installation. Nowadays when someone wants to abuse me they just write a comment on a post. It's so boring. Old hate was much more creative. If you were going to bother, you needed to show a little flair!

Now with Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and Messenger and WhatsApp and email and everything 'e' we can deliver hate instantly. We can hurt people, and not even leave the house. We can start fights and never go into the street. We can be abusive and bullying without ever having the courage to stand in our humanness and watch how those words land. We can feel powerful in front of our screens. We can rage. We can accuse. We can torment. We can belittle. We can judge. We can vilify.

It's ugly and clearly it's addictive. People get off on it. And you know why? Because the part of the brain that lights up when we hate is the same part that lights up when we love. Hating is a primitive human thrill. We hate because we fear the other. We fear ideas that challenge us. Instead of taking on the idea or engaging in a rational argument, we choose to demolish the person who delivers the idea. Social media has created tribes of people who share the same penchant for what they hate. They congregate in chat rooms and community groups for a pile on. You create a hate community – allegiances with others who share your hate. This is the bizarre bonding of bullies. Sad lonely little people quietly holding hands with their hate mates.

Clinical psychologists believe that what we hate about others are things we fear in ourselves. We engage in what Freud termed 'projection'. This is our need to be good which causes us to project badness outward and attack it. This is why we hate and judge others.

People who hate regularly should be aware of how transparent they actually are. We can see your shame. We can see your lack of self-compassion and how you use hate to distract from your deep feelings of helplessness and inadequacy.

It's sad. They're so close to using that part of the brain for what it is best designed for: love. But they fucked it. Our poor haters need hater lovers.

So, next time someone says something vile on your thread – send them love. They might be hurting you, but they are the saddest people of all. Imagine having to be them.

I would hate that.

PLAYING IT SAFE WITH SIMON & GYAN

It's been 30 years since musician Gyan released her debut self-titled studio album *Gyan* that saw her take out the ARIA that year for best new talent. In this interview she talks to Mandy Nolan, with her partner in life and on the stage, Simon Greaves, about the creative process, finding mentors, and how they navigate their place in the industry. Like for most artists COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on their year.

Gyan says 'It wasn't what was planned – I was going to do an anniversary gig celebrating three decades since my first album came out – why not do that and do them in a different way? There was quite a lot of interest, and a lot of travel, so I guess it's just looking at the calendar and going "that didn't happen"'

Artists are now assessing how they go back to work. How do they reach their audiences in a way that is accessible and viable?

'I don't think anything is going back to normal quickly. We are working in a different realm' says Gyan. Reflecting back on her 30 year career that saw her living and recording in Woodstock, in the Abbey Road Studios in the late '90s, she notes that on an industry level, not that much has changed.

'Now is different to then, but strangely it's not. Nothing much has changed in the interim – we are still fighting the gender battle in the industry. I am closely aligned to some young women artists out in the world and they are still butting up against the same things I did.

'You are quite alone, and because of what we were plotting and planning I dug out some old footage from the recording in America. The producer bought me a camera, but I was more behind it – being a woman, and often being the only woman in the room – it was an ongoing onslaught of bumping up against people – fighting for everything, be it a word in a song, or a guitarist I

wanted, to be on a level with the guys you were working with was a challenge. I found I had too many battles. It ends up more battle than it does music. One side you are a warrior, one side you are an artist. Trying to balance those things.'

Simon agrees. 'My personal battle is that I think everyone is on the same page as me and working towards a great outcome. In the business you have to learn that a lot more will go out, than [what] comes back in. But at the end of it, you gain so much – I have worked with some incredible artists and feel like everyone has contributed to my repertoire.'

This year has seen Simon return to uni to do his PhD.

'I enrolled in my Masters 20 years ago when I got the loan to build the studio. It was non stop for 20 years.'

Gyan laughs: 'That was a Real Life degree.' So for these artists, who mentor emerging artists like Merryn Jean, who was the person in the industry who did the same for them? They both agreed; Desmond Child.

'He was a musician called Desmond Child and Rouge – a disco outfit in the '70s,' says Gyan. 'Then he became a songwriter – he is a collaborator – his first hit was *I was Meant for Loving You* for KISS. He went on to work with Ricky Martin and Steve Tyler.'

Simon appreciated his honesty. 'It was one of the things; if he was any sort of mentor, [he'd find] that next level of honest expression that you can peel off [to get to]



Safe Sets at Byron Services Club

another coat to get to the core.'

'You only need one person to catch the spark to make your fire fan – if you can just connect,' says Gyan. 'I get off on trying to explore areas I haven't explored.'

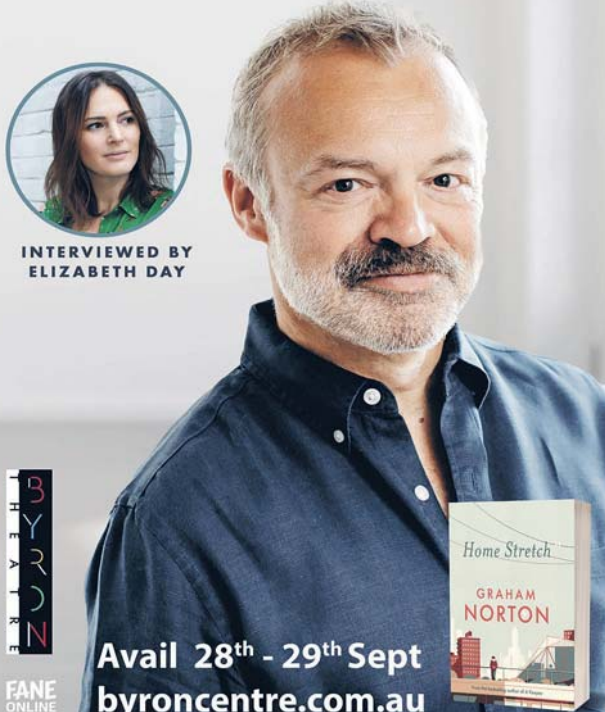
This long-time couple are fabulous together, onstage and off.

'We are a good combination,' says Simon. 'Gyan has made a pact with the critic on the stage. So Gyan can be totally herself – off the stage it possibly doesn't hold so well. Off the stage my pact with the critic is here in the studio, not on the stage. I can go, I can meet Gyan on the stage, and I have to make that pact with my critic to hold the space. It's easier as an accompanist, because all I have to do is hold space for Gyan being on stage – it's like having a microscope on your soul and your thoughts.'


Gyan laughs 'It's as much therapy-on-stage, people want honesty.'

Simon Greaves and Gyan have two upcoming socially distanced sit down concerts, a.k.a 'Safe Sets' hosted by Mandy at the Byron Services Club on Friday 2 October and the Mullumbimby Ex-Services on 3 October. Tix are \$35 on mandynolan.com.au and requests for the first set of covers should go to email: museagency@gmail.com.

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FRIDAY 25

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM MATT BUGGY, 5.30PM JESSE MORRIS, 8PM SCOTT DAY VEE
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- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE, 7PM EMILY LUBITZ
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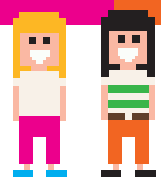
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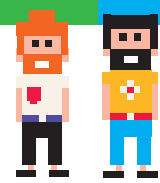
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM SLIM PICKENS
- LISMORE CITY HALL, 6PM DARK SCIENCE – INTO THE SPACE BETWEEN: TALK
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 7PM, 7.30PM, 8PM, 8.30PM DARK SCIENCE – INTO THE SPACE BETWEEN: STAR GAZING
- STREAM FROM HOME WITH BYRON THEATRE - A LIVE STREAM WITH GRAHAM NORTON

WEDNESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHIN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TIM STOKES



SEVEN



THE LIGHTS ARE ON AT BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE!

With their DA finally approved, the Brunswick Picture House have decided to delay starting the renovations and to open their doors for some upcoming shows! Yes, the lights are back on in Bruns! In line with COVID Safe regulations the venue has a capacity of 50 seats inside, and a special release of 50 garden seats.

Join one of Australia's favourite contemporary songsmiths, William Crighton, as he launches his new single *Your Country*. In this song he gives furious voice to a country under siege with gripping feeling and conviction. It was recorded at Christian Pyle's celebrated Byron Bay hinterland studio, along with long-term collaborator and producer Matt Sherrod. The result is immediate and electrifying energy that pulses from the song's heart, replicating the exhilarating dynamism of his live show. He plays the Brunswick Picture House this Sunday at 7pm.

The beloved Paul Capsis, known as the Goddess of Cabaret, will be performing a songlist spanning Joni Mitchell to Lou Reed, Amy Winehouse to Hedwig and the Angry Inch, and accompanied by the exceptional pianist, Jeremy Brennan. Eccentric and fabulous, this is the perfect remedy for the lockdown blues. Don't miss this exclusive performance by the Helpmann Award-winning star.

He performs 2-3 October at 7pm. Emily Lubitz performs this Friday and Saturday at 7pm, and Cheeky Cabaret is making a welcome comeback 9-10 October.

All tickets on www.brunswickpicturehouse.com

Paul Capsis at the Brunswick Picture House, 2-3 October.



RICKETTS ON POINT

Turning Point Talks present SCU Law and Justice Department lecturer, author and activist, Aidan Ricketts, at the Courthouse Hotel, in Mullumbimby on 7 October.

Aidan's passionate commitment to the Australian environment is reflected in his tireless work to coordinate non-violent protests against CSG, coal mining and deforestation, here and in Vanuatu.

He is also concerned that conspiracy theories distract us from the true causes of the impoverishment of society and the environment. Operating in plain sight, corporate, military and financial agendas have replaced democracy and sustainability. Understanding these processes allows us to build an alternative, happier society, which can turn around climate change and much of our emotional distress. Entry by donation. COVID Safe restrictions in place so the audience is limited to 87 – book a place on www.turningpointtalks.com



“THE ENERGY OF LIVE THEATRE IS INDESCRIBABLE. YOU ARE JUST IN THE MOMENT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.”

— Adrienne Palicki

YOUR TRIP TO ITALY IS NEARLY HERE!

Lovers of foreign films are in for a treat when the Italian Film Festival comes to Byron's Palace Theatre; opening with a new live action version of the classic tale *Pinochio*. From the director of *Gomorra* and *Dogman*, Matteo Garrone's seven-time Nastro d'Argento Award-winner is an enthralling gothic fantasy starring Roberto Benigni as the woodcutter, Geppetto. To celebrate the 20th anniversary – and in honour of the late great Ennio Morricone, one of the world's greatest film composers – the Festival will close with Giuseppe Tornatore's *Malèna*, starring Monica Bellucci. The centrepiece selection for the 2020 programme is Marco Bellocchio's multi award-winning crime drama *The Traitor (Il traditore)*, which was the big winner at Italy's 65th David di Donatello Awards – the country's equivalent of the Oscars. The absorbing film sees Pierfrancesco Favino deliver a powerhouse performance as Tommaso Buscetta, a Sicilian mafia boss turned police informer. There will also be two special presentations this year: Ferzan Ozpetek's award-winning new film *The Goddess of Fortune* featuring an all-star cast, including Stefano Accorsi, Edoardo Leo and Jasmine Trinca.

The second special presentation screening is *Martin Eden* by acclaimed writer and director Pietro Marcello. The award-winning drama provocatively transports Jack London's 1909 novel, about a self-taught and outspoken writer, to a pivotal moment in Italy's pre-war history.

This year the Festival is also launching the ST. ALI Italian Film Festival eTicket Bundle. Escape to Italy with five eTickets for \$55 or 10 eTickets for \$100. The ticket bundle is only available to buy online from now until 30 September and is valid for the duration of the 2020 Italian Film Festival. This is a Movie Club exclusive offer.

2-14 October at the Palace Byron Bay. ALL TICKETS NOW ON SALE. For more information visit: www.italianfilmfestival.com.au

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PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 24 Sep - Wed 30 Sep NFT = No Free Tickets

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108 Jonson St, Byron Bay
Book online now at PalaceCinemas.com.au

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Thursday September 24 to Wednesday September 30

Admission Prices:
Adults: \$14
Stud/Conc: \$12
Senior: \$11
Child: \$10
Wednesday All tickets \$10

Tel: (02) 6686 9600
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Beachfront Family Home

22 River Street, New Brighton

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\$2,950,000



Ultimate beachfront position and quality build, a property this special rarely comes to market. This stunning architect home has been designed for the whole family to enjoy and has beautiful natural light throughout. Extensive use of spotted gum inside and out, blackbutt timber floors and impressive high ceilings. View the surf from your bed and throughout the home. Quality fittings and fixtures throughout. Control the climate with large sliding doors, louvre windows, ceilings fans and A/C. The kitchen features a large gas/electric stove, dishwasher, breakfast bar and walk-in pantry. Entertain on the large north and east facing decks, or relax in a hammock under the pandanus tree. Level residential block with private beach access. 18,000L water tank plus town water. After a surf enjoy a warm shower outdoors on the lower deck before coming inside. Great community lifestyle. Walk to the river, park, shop, cafe and farmers market every Tuesday.



Contact: Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122
Katrina Beohm Real Estate

Stunning view circa 1917

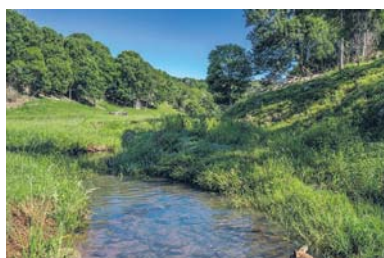
200 Dorrroughby, Corndale

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Auction



'Hiawatha'. Properties like this are often sought but rarely found, including larger acreage (95 acres) with massive 270 degree views, creek and a separate spring combined with a weatherboard home.



The home is reached by a long easy access driveway to a large level area where the homestead proudly sits enjoying a perfect North East aspect and expansive views. It is protected from the West by 4 huge 90 year old majestic fig trees. With beautiful polished timber floors and timber lined walls and ceilings this is a character home yet to reach its full potential but is currently extremely well presented. Old dairy bales ready for the renovator to convert to accommodation (STCA) Currently used for cattle this lovely acreage has large open useable paddocks around the home and a separate area (26 acres) on a lower level with established native trees, grazing areas plus a pretty permanent creek. Only 12mins to Clunes Village.

Open: Saturdays 11.00-11.30am
Auction: On Site 10am, 17 October
Contact: Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412
Elders Bangalow

Suffolk townhouse walk to beach

8/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park

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\$850,000 to \$900,000



This modern three bedroom townhouse is situated in sought after beachside Suffolk Park. The perfect offering for empty nesters, first homeowners, young families or investors. Downstairs consists of an open plan kitchen and dining area with a lounge/family room off to one side that leads to a lovely paved courtyard with stone-walled garden beds and surrounded by beautiful established trees providing shade and privacy. Upstairs the 3 bedrooms are sun-filled and spacious and have lovely green views through the treetops. Just a 200m stroll to Tallows Beach and a 5 minute walk from the Suffolk Park village make this great home the best in beachside living.



Open: Saturday 26 September 9.00 - 9.30am
Contact: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698
First National Byron Bay



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coastal & hinterland sales



Byron Bay
6 Grevillea Street
\$4.95M

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Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122 or Christopher Plim 0467 000 222

+ Large industrial block plus sheds, shops & a unit
+ Caretaker unit plus plans for additional warehouse
+ 1463sqm of existing buildings including 3 shops
+ Ewingsdale Road exposure. Easy motorway access



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Brand new Industrial development in the heart of Byron Bay
Don't miss out on your chance to secure one of eight exclusive self-storage warehouses in Byron's Arts & Industrial Estate.

The development will comprise of 8 strata-titled warehouses in a boutique complex which will include landscaped gardens, CCTV security cameras & fully fenced with electric gate.

Enjoy the ultimate work & lifestyle location, 200m from Stone & Wood Brewery, 3km from the Pacific Motorway & Byron Bay beach only minutes down the road.

- Each unit ranging from 115m² to 169m² is complete with
- 4m x 3-4m wide electric roller door
- Full width mezzanine floors
- Air conditioning
- Kitchenettes
- Bathroom complete with shower & toilet

Contact: Bryce Cameron
Cape Byron Property - 0412 057 672

Architecturally designed home

31 Fox Valley Way, Lennox Head



\$1.120m – \$1.2m



This brand new architecturally designed contemporary home on a large 700m² block features fantastic outdoor living spaces with pool, plus a 2 bedroom fully approved secondary dwelling offering potential for an additional income stream.



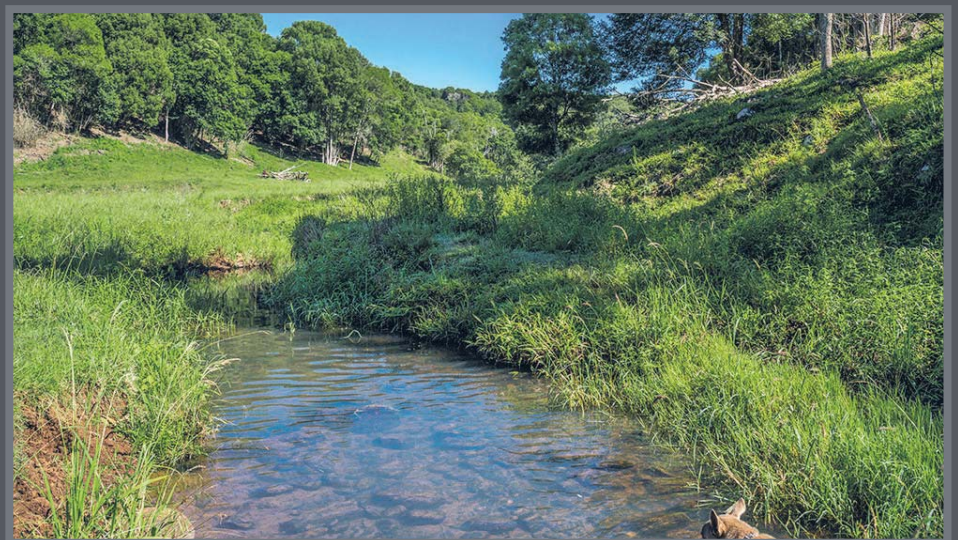
There are 3 generous bedrooms, all with built-ins with the master featuring a large walk in robe and ensuite. The bathrooms are stylish with quality fixtures and fittings. Directly in front of the main house is a lovely decked pool area surrounded by a low maintenance garden. Additional decking leads to an undercover carport at the entrance to the property. The studio has 2 bedrooms, a bathroom, an eat-in kitchen/living area plus an undercover deck. Within walking distance to shops and the school buses at the end of the street, the location is ideal. It's also just 2kms from dog friendly beach, cafes, restaurants and the great surf spots of Lennox Head.

Open: Saturday 26 September 10.00 – 10.30am
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Oliver Aldridge 0421 171 499
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'Hiawatha' Quintessential Country Living, Circa 1917 Homestead

AUCTION



Stunning Views, 95 Acres with Creek plus Spring

200 Dorrroughby Road, Corndale

- Often sought but rarely found!
- Elevated position with amazing 270-degree views
- Character timber homestead sitting proudly on a knoll
- Large cleared clean acreage ideal for cattle
- Micks Creek meandering through the property
- Spring with power and pump connected
- An easy 12 minute drive to Clunes Village, 20 minutes to Bangalow & Lismore

Inspect: Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
Auction: Onsite at 10am, 17th October



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AUCTION

OPEN SAT 11AM



AUCTION

OPEN SAT 1PM



STUDIO



8 Short Street, Brunswick Heads

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This tastefully presented house has what everyone seems to want in today's market. A home plus income potential. There is a separate approved studio with rear lane access, plus an office/garage with approval for conversion to a 60m2 granny flat.

Inspect
Saturday 26th Sept. 11-11.30am
Auction - If not sold prior
Saturday 3rd October 11am
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421



140 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby

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Built in 1908 this beautiful example of Edwardian architecture steeped in local history is one of the most stunning period homes in the region. There's Art Nouveau leadlight, 4 fireplaces, 11-ft pressed metal ceilings, separate maid's quarters and many other original features.

Inspect
Saturday 26th Sept. 1-1.30pm
Auction - If not sold prior
Saturday 10th October 11am
Todd Buckland 0408 966 421
Agent declares interest

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7/19 TEAK ROAD FEDERAL
PRICE \$650,000

Perfect north east aspect with hinterland views



Land 3,916m2 + Council approved plans

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Sought after Beachside Suffolk Townhouse – Walk to Beach

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- Modern three bedroom townhouse
- Located in sleepy beachside Suffolk Park
- Open plan living area
- Private paved courtyard surrounded by established trees
- 3 sun-filled spacious bedrooms
- 200m stroll to Tallows Beach and a 5 minute walk from the Suffolk Park village

Address: **8/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park**
 Price: \$850,000 to \$900,000
 Open: Saturday, 26th September 9.00 – 9.30am
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Exceptional Land Awaits Architectural Masterpiece

46.2 HA

- 114 acres of both level and ridgeline topography
- Approval for a superb architecturally designed residence
- Sweeping panoramic views from the Lighthouse to the mountains
- Conveniently located close to Byron, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby
- Fully fenced, this low-maintenance acreage perfect for equestrian pursuits
- Driveways in place to elevated build pad with north-west aspect
- Detailed architect's plans are available on request

Address: **48 Myocum Ridge Road, Myocum**
 Price: Expressions of Interest
 Open: Wednesday, 23rd September 4.00 – 4.30pm
 Saturday, 26th September 11.30am – 12.00pm
 Enquiries: Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Private and Spacious Villa

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- Private and elevated unit with timber wrap-around balcony
- Well maintained shared facilities including heated indoor pool
- Beautiful established gardens
- Plenty of natural light and lovely treed outlook
- Air conditioner in the living/dining area; fans in living room and master bedroom
- Lock up garage plus lower level store room
- Walking distance to Byron Bay Centre and Tallows beach

Address: **40/11-19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay**
 Price: \$650,000 to \$675,000
 Open: By Appointment
 Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



Well Maintained Gem with Parklike Grounds

3 1 2 1892M²

- Solid brick family home on large block with easy stroll to Federal Village
- Large multi purpose room with floor to ceiling glass
- Fabulous established parklike gardens
- Raised veggie beds with plenty of room for more
- Plenty of scope for updates
- Reverse cycle aircon, 2 x 22,000 tanks, 7kw of solar
- 30 minutes to Byron Bay and fabulous beaches

Address: **7 Coachwood Court, Federal**
 Price: \$775,000 to \$825,000
 Open: Thursday, 24th September 12.00 – 12.30pm
 Saturday, 26th September 11.30am – 12.00pm
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049



Spectacular Hinterland Parcel

- Over 52 Hectares (approx 130 acres) of gently sloping hinterland country
- Over two kilometres of stunning frontage to the Wilson River.
- Numerous babbling rapids folding into postcard swimming holes.
- Happy balance of open pastures and dense rainforest pockets.
- Choice of several elevated homesites with forested valley panoramas.
- An amazing "network" of walking and riding trails for your enjoyment.
- Just 19 minutes to Byron centre, 8 minutes to Mullum's amenities, shops & cafes
- DA approval PENDING for 6 homesites with individual aspects and atmosphere

52 HA

Address: **Lot 20 DP 1045761, 506 Goonengerry Road, Montecollum**

Auction: Saturday, 24th October at 11.30am onsite – Unless Sold Prior

Open: By Appointment

Enquiries: Greg Price 0412 871 500



High Set Home with Stunning Views and So Much Potential

5 2 2 2.15 HA

- High on a ridge overlooking Coopers Creek Valley
- High set 3 bedroom home of red cedar and brick on 2.15 HA
- Spectacular scenery from state forest to Lismore's outskirts
- Frost free, red soil paddocks - level to gently sloping
- Family pool in sunny picturesque position
- Cabin plus double garage/shed
- 20 minutes to Lismore, 45 minutes to Byron Bay

Address: **119 Hunters Hill Rd, Corndale**

Auction: Saturday, 10th October at 3.00pm onsite – Unless Sold Prior

Open: Wednesday, 23rd September 3.00 – 3.30pm
Saturday, 26th September 10.00 – 10.30am

Enquiries: Greg Price 0412 871 500



Orchard House – Perfect for Modern Country Living

4 2 2 33.5 ACRES

- Privately positioned in the hills between Byron Bay and Lismore
- New modern home with large open plan living, huge deck with amazing views
- Modern kitchen with butler's pantry
- Parents retreat with private office/nursery
- The 33 acres with macadamia trees in production
- Bird life, platypus, wallabies and fish all at your doorstep
- Quiet country lane position with calming outlook

Address: **1 Lychee Drive, Rosebank**

Auction: Saturday, 10th October at 1.30pm onsite – Unless Sold Prior

Open: Wednesday, 23rd September 2.00 – 2.30pm
Saturday, 26th September 11.00 – 11.30am

Enquiries: Greg Price 0412 871 500



14 GILBA AVENUE, OCEAN SHORES

SOLD

Freshly Renovated, Elevated, Open Plan Family Home

SOLD - \$980,000 4 3 2



245 FRIDAY HUT ROAD, TINTENBAR

SOLD

Great Location with DA Approval for Dual Occupancy

SOLD - \$1.41M 3 1 3



804 MAIN ARM ROAD, MAIN ARM

SOLD

50 acre Sanctuary with Beautiful Established Gardens

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1107 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, MONTECOLLUM

SOLD

Architectural Home with Exceptional Views of Byron Bay & Hinterland

SOLD - CONTACT AGENT 6 4 4

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6/1 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay

Contemporary Loft-Style Lock and Leave

Great modern loft-style townhouse in idyllic location just a short distance from the centre of town. Beautifully renovated and meticulously maintained

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UNDER OFFER

Open: Thursday, 24th September 1.00 - 1.30pm
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7/99 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park

Penultimate Lock & Leave Luxury in Byron Bay

Sympathetically designed and surrounded by sub-tropical rainforest, enjoy total privacy and security whilst being minutes from Byron Bay's town centre.

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Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment

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124 - 128 Station Street Mullumbimby

Rare Opportunity on Huge Block in Central Mullumbimby

Immaculate single level, large family home with pool and spa on 1 acre in central Mullumbimby. Amazing opportunity!

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Forthcoming Auction

Open: Saturday, 26th September 11.00 - 11.30am

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Helene Adams - SALES

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Vanessa's warmth and understanding of our views on selling our property and professionalism to our sale was brilliant. Communication was amazing thru out the process. Highly recommend Vanessa.

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LARGE FAMILY HOME WTH POOL IN QUIET LOCATION

6 2 2 716 M²

- Quiet convenient location with just a short stroll to cafe and South Golden Beach
- Generous open plan living area plus additional lounge room
- Master bedroom features large walk in robe and ensuite
- Undercover patio area with plenty of space for alfresco dining
- 20 minutes to Byron Bay

Address: **9 Natan Court, Ocean Shores**
 Price: \$900,000 to \$950,000
 Open: Saturday, 26th September 12.00 – 12.30pm
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Sally Green 0488 030 116



PRIVATE & SPACIOUS WITH EASY WALK TO BEACH & SHOPS

2 1 2

- 2 bedroom north facing townhouse with views to natural bushland
- Wooden patio and paved courtyard with plenty of established plants and trees
- Great entry level home in top location
- Quiet complex with shared pool, easy flat walk to beach, short bike ride to town
- Perfect for first homeowners, young families, down-sizers or investors

Address: **2/1 Belongil Cres, Byron Bay**
 Price: \$850,000 to \$880,000
 Open: Saturday, 26th September 1.00 – 1.30pm
 Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635

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Open for Inspection

GNF Bangalow

- 41 North St, Bexhill Village Estate. Sat 10–11am

Belle Property

- 2/17 Marina Place, Ballina. Sat 9–9.30am
- 3 Seabreeze Place, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 20A Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 10.30–11am
- 1/12 Megan Crescent, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 254 Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2 Bannister Court, Bangalow. Sat 1–1.30pm

Byron & Beyond Real Estate

- 2 Strand Ave, New Brighton. Sat 10–10.30am
- 15 O'Rourke Street, Cumbalum. Sat 12–12.30pm

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 2A Narrogal Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 3B Whitton Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 8 Short Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11–11.30am
- 29 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 6B Burra Burra Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 75 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 140 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm

Byron Bay First National Real Estate

- 1 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Wed 2–2.30pm
- 119 Hunters Hill Rd, Corndale. Wed 3–3.30pm
- 48 Myocum Ridge Road, Myocum. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 7 Coachwood Court, Federal. Thu 12–12.30pm
- 6/1 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Thu 1–1.30pm
- 78 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 8/11 Korau Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 6/1 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30–10am
- 119 Hunters Hill Rd, Corndale. Sat 10–10.30am
- 37 Beech Lane, Wilsons Creek. Sat 10–10.30am
- 31 Fox Valley Way, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1 Lychee Drive, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4 Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 42 Waterford Parade, Skennars Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 4 Kooronga Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2E Pacific Vista Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 124–128 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 7 Coachwood Court, Federal. Sat 11.30am–12pm
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		New moon	17 Sep	9,00pm			
		First quarter	24 Sep	11,54am			
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
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10	T	0549	1736		1027	0042 1.05; 1354 1.31	0651 0.49; 2029 0.67
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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
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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
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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
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		Full moon	2 Oct	7,05am	OCTOBER 2020		
		Third quarter	10 Oct	11,39am	Astronomical data and tides		
		New moon	17 Oct	6,31am			
		First quarter	24 Oct	12,22am			
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	T	0524	1746	1712	0513	0758 1.37; 2012 1.54	0150 0.23; 1346 0.28
2	F	0523	1747	1804	0542	0830 1.42; 2042 1.50	0217 0.22; 1422 0.28
3	S	0522	1747	1856	0611	0902 1.46; 2111 1.43	0245 0.21; 1457 0.31
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4	S	0621	1848	2048	0741	1036 1.48; 2241 1.35	0411 0.23; 1633 0.34
5	M	0619	1848	2142	0812	1110 1.49; 2312 1.26	0438 0.25; 1712 0.40
6	T	0618	1849	2236	0846	1146 1.47; 2345 1.16	0506 0.30; 1753 0.46
7	W	0617	1849	2331	0924	1227 1.44	0537 0.36; 1842 0.52
8	T	0616	1850		1006	0023 1.06; 1314 1.41	0613 0.42; 1943 0.57
9	F	0615	1851	0026	1053	0114 0.98; 1411 1.37	0700 0.49; 2101 0.59
10	S	0614	1851	0121	1147	0228 0.92; 1523 1.37	0807 0.53; 2226 0.55
11	S	0613	1852	0213	1245	0402 0.94; 1638 1.43	0932 0.53; 2332 0.46
12	M	0612	1852	0302	1347	0519 1.03; 1742 1.52	1050 0.47
13	T	0611	1853	0347	1452	0618 1.15; 1838 1.61	0023 0.35; 1155 0.36
14	W	0609	1853	0429	1559	0709 1.30; 1928 1.69	0106 0.23; 1251 0.25
15	T	0608	1854	0509	1706	0757 1.44; 2014 1.72	0145 0.13; 1344 0.16
16	F	0607	1855	0547	1814	0844 1.57; 2059 1.70	0224 0.06; 1435 0.10
17	S	0606	1855	0626	1923	0930 1.67; 2143 1.62	0302 0.02; 1527 0.09
18	S	0605	1856	0707	2033	1016 1.74; 2227 1.50	0341 0.02; 1619 0.12
19	M	0604	1857	0750	2143	1103 1.77; 2312 1.35	0420 0.06; 1715 0.19
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23	F	0600	1859	1126	0055	0207 0.96; 1453 1.50	0734 0.47; 2154 0.45
24	S	0559	1900	1225	0146	0336 0.94; 1604 1.45	0856 0.54; 2300 0.43
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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group will be held on Tuesday 29 September, 10am till 12noon at Alstonville Bowling Club, Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Note the change of week, day, and date on this occasion. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their partners or carers are welcome. These meetings are a good opportunity to share, and learn. Phonr Bob Corney 6628 1527.

Kids holiday activities

Visit Byron Bay Library to collect a Take and Make experience to do at home between September 28-October 29.

We have weaving, create a comic book, and bee happy gardens kits available; one per person, first come, first served. Also in the library - become informed through our bee museum display!

Black Summer volunteers

Feedback from emergency services volunteers, staff, and their families involved in the Black Summer fires is being sought. Two forums will be held online. 17 September: Emergency services volunteers and staff who were part of the 2019-2020 bushfire response are needed to help develop support services to improve the mental fitness and wellbeing

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Low-cost or free food

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

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AGM for Richmond-Tweed Family History

The AGM for the Richmond-Tweed Family History Society is on 3 October at the Players Theatre, Ballina at 2pm. To meet COVID-19 rules those attending must notify Secretary Kerrie at either 6628 1324 or secretaryrftfs1@yahoo.com.au.

Ride for Palestine

Byron friends of Palestine members Gareth Smith (78) and Maxine Caron (79) will ride 40kms from Byron Bay to Mullumbimby and return on Sunday, September 20. The Big Ride for Palestine is an annual international

event which raises funds for Palestinians suffering from the Israeli apartheid occupation. Donations can be made at: <https://bigrideaus2020.raisely.com/>.

Fire ready?

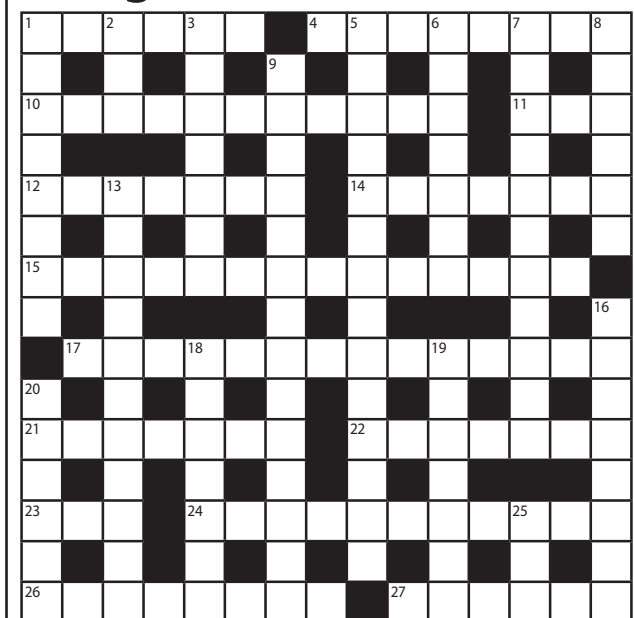
The Rural Fire Service's (RFS) Get Ready Weekend for bushfires is next weekend. Everyone is encouraged to use the Get Ready Weekend to prepare for bushfire season and start a broader conversation about being aware of and prepared for all hazards. For more information check out the RFS website: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>.

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.

Mungo's Crossword

N353



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Classical stripper - a few surround a line! (6)
- Performed around very loud English camp (8)
- Indecent exposure - like a hated deserter beside an Olympic medal canine. Showy, but morally dubious. (5,2,1,3,4,1,4,5)
- X trap returns (3)
- River ignited 99 - shrewd (7)
- Individual, new, glued clumsily - make allowances (7)
- See 10
- Sewing implements found in Green Island den (7,7)
- Stage attraction a joke (3,4)
- Continues to study, and to employ logic around daughter (5,2)
- Time in charge? Twitch! (3)
- Rip into drastic pet increase (4,2,5)
- Ingratiating nature, but individual devoured by savage lioness (8)
- Complain around the Italian switching faith (6)

DOWN

- Small, frequently swarming wasps - like animals that tread very quietly! (4,4)
- The French surround English meadow (3)
- Mummy grabs an item of headgear - a great soul! (7)
- Did turf bonfire consume Eve's apple? (9,5)
- Spanish stadium is French - goodbye Spanish (7)
- Sneaks tell state at random (11)
- Peril ranged wantonly (6)
- Physical says no way - Freud's innovation (14)
- Permit a rich lag to wander? Lazy! (11)
- An inkling about a smell, perhaps - connecting! (1,5,2)
- New, new, new route to subatomic particle (7)
- Old, adequate model (7)
- Bloody big Bismarck - drunk! (6)
- First class about large Baba (3)

Quick Clues

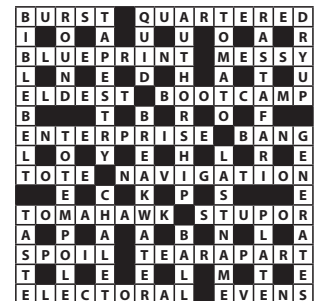
ACROSS

- King Herod's dancing daughter (6)
- Made an impression (8)
- Showy and boastful - Aussie slang (5,2,1,3,4,1,4,5)
- Decad (3)
- Tactful, appropriate (7)
- Yield to temptation (7)
- See 10
- Sewing implements used for repairs (7,7)
- Prank, jape (3,4)
- Continues to peruse writing (5,2)
- Twitch, spasm (3)
- Traditional epitaph (4,2,5)
- Greasiness, sycophancy (8)
- Faith, confidence (6)

DOWN

- Gentle feet, desired by diligent farmers and pet owners (4,4)
- Meadow (3)
- Gandhi's title - literally 'great soul' (7)
- Taboo, like the apple in Eden (9,5)
- Spanish arena, stadium (7)
- Gossipers, tellers of secrets (11)
- Peril, risk (6)
- Examination of mental states (14)
- Apathetic, lazy (11)
- An instinct for something (1,5,2)
- Uncharged subatomic particle (7)
- Instance, model (7)
- Pissed (6)
- Boxer Mohammed (3)

Last week's solution N352



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Are Council fixing the three Upper Main Arm bridges so they can carry the weight of the bulldozers that will be needed to demolish homes of longtime elderly residents suspected of unauthorised dwellings? There is a lot at stake for every rural resident at this Thursday's Council meeting – see page 1. Councillors have an opportunity to back off from heavy-handed compliance threats and instead engage reasonably and in good faith. And they are trying this on in COVID-19 times!

Mandy Nolan is self-publishing *The Full Mandy*, the best 100 Soapbox opinion pieces that have appeared in *The Echo* over the past 20 years. She says the time-producing blessings of COVID-19 provided the opportunity for her to trawl through around 1,000 articles. For more visit www.gofundme.com.

Those with West Byron fatigue may be heartend to hear that one of the two DAs, by wealthy developer Terry Agnew, will face its final leg soon and be decided in the courts. While the dwelling numbers have been reduced, the looming ecological disaster remains. Environmentalist Dailan Pugh explains what's at stake, on page 9.

Crony capitalism, noun (derogatory). According to *Collins Dictionary*, it is 'an economic system characterised by mutually beneficial relationships between politicians and business owners'. Take last week's federal gas policy announcement, for example, where Scotty from The Rapture is rewarding his major political donors, Santos



The Byron Bay Magpies AFL senior team have won their fifth premiership in a row, after defeating the Tweed Coast Tigers 18.15-123 to 12.8-80. It was another strong season for the team, who went through the season undefeated, but also for the club who featured in all three senior grand finals. Photo supplied

and Origin Energy, at the expense of a cleaner future, sustainable jobs and basic sanity. See Mungo page 12.

RMIT Corona Check is full of useful info. Last week they clarified the legality around enforcing mandatory vaccination. Melbourne Law School's Paula O'Brien told *Corona Check*, 'No current law contains a population-wide mandate for, enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine'. According to Dr O'Brien, the fact that states had so far been unwilling to mandate COVID-19 testing in hotel quarantine meant it was highly unlikely they would use executive powers to enforce something as intrusive as mandatory vaccination.

ICYMI – Heavy traffic delays are expected this Thursday and Friday in the Byron Bay town centre.



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