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A playspace of collaboration



The redesign of Byron's Railway Park has won the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects' National Award of Excellence for Play Spaces. The judges described the Railway Park play space as 'a sensitive and purposeful collaboration between the Council, the local community, and the region's Aboriginal community, the Arakwal People'. Dan Plummer, who designed the park, told *The Echo*, 'It's great that the project is getting recognised like that. We are really thrilled that the park is being used really well by the community'.

Photo of the park's official opening last year by Jeff Dawson

Local events invited back

Paul Bibby

Local event organisers can now submit applications to Byron Council for events that exceed the size and scale limits imposed by current COVID-19 rules.

Under an urgency motion passed unanimously at last week's meeting, all councillors agreed to process such applications so that they would be ready to go if, and

when, restrictions are eased in the coming months.

The cancellation of major festivals such as Bluesfest and Splendour in The Grass alone has cost this sector hundreds of millions in lost revenue, not to mention the thousands of smaller gigs, exhibitions and events that have also been cut from the calendar.

An 86 per cent loss (economic and jobs) is projected for 2020.

Meanwhile, organisers of Splendour in the Grass are calling on the federal government to release critically needed funds to assist the struggling arts sector.

On September 26, the government announced \$22.9 million to support cultural institutions during COVID-19. An additional \$800m was subsequently announced, yet it isn't expected to be made available until January 2021.

West Byron as an STP?

Aslan Shand

Turning the West Byron site into a wetland for excess effluent from the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is a possible solution to its increased output, says Greens MP Tamara Smith and Byron Shire councillor Cate Coorey.

Currently, the excess effluent flows from the wetland STP through farming land, making it useless to local farmers.

Those landowners had agreed prior to 2002 to carry a flow of one or two megalitres a day across their property, via farm drains and the Union Drain, to the Belongil. Yet it has been consistently higher than this.

Council staff predict that by 2025, demand will exceed the current licensed capacity of seven megalitres a day.

Responding to recent *Echo* articles by Byron STP designer David Pont, local Greens MP, Tamara Smith, says, 'Could Council purchase the West Byron lands and deliver on its commitment to expand the wetland area required to buffer the Sewerage Treatment Plant?'

'This could potentially be an amazing win-win for Byron Shire Council.

'This could take the West Byron mega-development off the table permanently; offset the environmental impacts of acid sulfate soils (ASS) and pollution on the Belongil Estuary and Cape Byron Marine Park, and expand the wetland area that supports the STP'.

In 2015, Council sought alternatives to running the excess water over local farmers' lands. It recently approved a new route, using storm-water drains in the Byron A&I Estate.

This route will operate in conjunction with the existing route

through the farms. However, Mr Pont points out that this will have negative impacts on the acid sulfate soils (ASS), the Belongil Estuary and is equivalent to an ocean outfall, a solution that was rejected by the community in the early 2000s.

A path to degradation

Councillor and long time activist against the West Byron development, Cate Coorey, also responded to Mr Pont's articles, telling *The Echo* that, 'It is evident in all the science and all the studies that this site [West Byron] was never suitable for intensive development'.

'The state government let us down by ignoring Council, the community and the many studies when they went ahead and rezoned the land [for housing].

'It would be great if we were able to use some of that land to enable the Belongil and its catchment to recuperate and function how it's supposed to, and to create resilience in our wetlands.

'We will especially need this, as our waterways are the frontline for climate impacts.

'Where we should be doing remediation and rehabilitations we are actually on a path to further degradation with so much development planned for this area'.

Ms Smith also said that Mr Pont and other experts in the field have demonstrated that, 'We need to act pretty quickly and expand the wetland area surrounding the [Byron STP] project with the expected growth in population and development already slated'.

'Our community, led by Byron Shire Council, has shown great innovation and forward planning with its investment in the Byron STP and recycling effluent'.

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Byron's new resilience team

Resilient Byron members, Dr Jean S Renouf, Ella Rose Goninan, Isabel Halse, Paul Sudmals, Giulia Ogaza, Matt Kendall, Michael Murray, Seb Berry, Melanie Bloor and Dr Claire McLisky. Photo Jeff 'Resilient Since Time Began In 1986' Dawson

A group of locals committed to regeneration and resilience to disasters and crises in Byron Shire has announced its volunteer leadership team.

Resilient Byron welcomes geographic group co-leaders, Melanie Bloor and Dr Claire McLisky. They join Seb Berry, Matt Kendall, Michael Murray, Giulia Ogaza, Isabel Halse, Paul Sudmals and Dr Richard Hil.

The roles include food

security, energy security, housing security, health and wellbeing, safety and emergency and research.

Resilient Byron founder is Dr Jean S Renouf, a Southern Cross University academic and local firefighter. Vice chair is Ella Rose Goninan.

Dr Renouf says, 'Along with the core team, Resilient Byron is supported by esteemed advisors and ambassadors, including author and filmmaker

Damon Gameau, author and internationally renowned dharma teacher Catherine Ingram, member of Sourdough Business Pathways and Sourdough Business Women, Jennifer Joiner, and Arakwal Bumberbin Bundjalung woman Delta Kay'.

'Resilient Byron acts as a facilitator, creating connections between stakeholders, but also as a community development organiser, supporting neighbourhoods in

building their resilience, as well as an educator, organising events and advocating for regenerative and resilient solutions in the Shire'.

The call for a volunteer food security co-leader and a water security leader is still open, as well as a paid part time grant writer position.

If you have experience and passion in these areas, Resilient Byron would love to hear from you. For more info visit www.resilientbyron.org.

Byron's 5G proposal sparks concern from Ed Dept

Paul Bibby

The NSW Education Department has formally objected to installation of 5G technology in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate, owing to its close proximity to a childcare centre and preschool.

School Infrastructure NSW – part of the Education Department – has this week sent a letter to Telstra's private contractor Downer Group, stating its opposition to the controversial upgrade.

It is understood the letter states the department's

policy of 'prudent avoidance' when it comes to installing infrastructure near educational facilities.

This includes its preference for such infrastructure to be located at least 500 metres from the boundary of such a facility.

The proposed 5G upgrade at 8 Acacia Street lies within 500 metres of the Busy Kids childcare centre and Periwinkle Preschool.

A Departmental spokesperson confirmed that the letter of objection had been sent.

Meanwhile, a 546-signature petition opposing the installation has been handed to Council, along with a demand that it 'get off the fence' on the issue.

'100 per cent of the businesses surveyed in the Industrial Estate don't want a 5G upgrade, nor do the childcare centres and local preschool nearby,' Tashi Lhamo from Northern Rivers for Safe Technology told last week's Council meeting.

Councillors are divided over the question of whether or not to oppose

5G, and voted for a compromise on October 8, in which they noted that the 5G installation in Byron 'complied with current government regulation', while in the same breath indicating that fibre optic cable is its preferred method of digital communication.

Submissions around the tower upgrade have been extended until October 28, according to Telstra.

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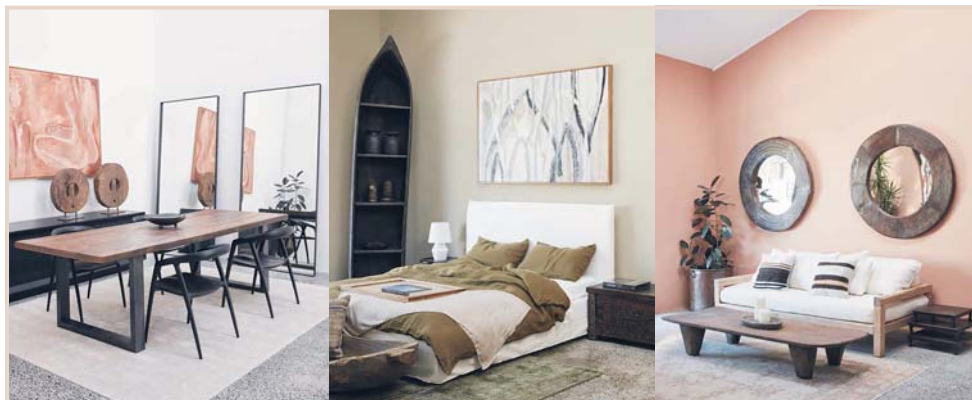
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Mullum's gateway opens



Richard Mordaunt, pictured with politicians, and supporters of the new gateway. Photo Jeff 'Gateway To Mullum Paved With Good Intentions' Dawson

The burying of a time capsule was part of a full day of celebrations for the official opening of the Mullum Gateway on Saturday.

The new totem pole, carved by world-renowned environmental artist, Tonu Shanewas, was donated by Uplift festival.

The refurbished rotunda features an eight-metre panorama of the region, painted by Daniel Hend.

Local Arakwal artists Delta

Kay, Nickolla Clark and Belle Arnold also contributed.

Early colonial history of Mullumbimby, sponsored by the Brunswick Valley Historical Society, is also featured.

Richard Mordaunt from the Mullumbimby Gateway Association, along with the project management team of Richard Hughes, Sunita Bailey, Greg Aitken and Maggie Brown, worked with well-known Indigenous artists, Richard Clarke and the late Digby

Moran, on painting the new 15m Uplift totem pole.

Mr Mordaunt said, 'This is a project made by many – skilled engineers, artists and volunteers'.

Elected officials also attended, including Mayor Simon Richardson, Greens MP Tamara Smith and Nationals MLC Ben Franklin. The project was sponsored by the Northern Rivers Community Foundation and funded by the NSW government.

Future development of Mullumbimby edges along Council's conveyor belt

An anticipated report into flood impacts around Mullumbimby will be tabled at the upcoming October 29 meeting of the Byron Shire Floodplain Risk Management Committee.

It is available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

As part of the draft *Residential Strategy*, flood and stormwater management were among priorities to be addressed.

Additionally, Byron Shire landowners were invited by Council to submit affordable housing proposals 'to be considered as part of an early implementation initiative'.

The report says, 'This resulted in five potentially suitable sites being identified; four of which are located along the southern fringe of Mullumbimby'.

New City Road flooding tabled

One of the many flood prone areas of Mullumbimby is located south east of New City Road, east of the CBD.

It was one of many areas that were hit by the devastating March 2017 floods. The cause of flooding around the area, according to consultants WMAwater, was

'blockages to the waterway downstream' including the channel at its discharge point into Kings Creek.

The report authors say a possible solution is to remove the blockages, upgrade the existing culverts and incorporate flap gates at the channel discharge point into Kings Creek.

The report reads, 'Solutions developed [so far] only result in minor water level improvements...'. Staff say in the report, 'stormwater management options will be presented and discussed during the presentation at [the] committee meeting'.

Comedic baton handed over at college

Byron Community College recently acknowledged Mandy Nolan, one of the college's longest standing tutors, for an incredible twenty-two years of teaching comedy at the College.

Director, Richard Vyncomb said, 'Thanks for sacrificing four thousand virgins. Thanks for making this community a funnier place. Thanks for pricking all the

social consciences. Thanks for two vocational outcomes. Thanks for being such a great friend and support of adult learning. Thanks for believing in a better world... and saying it in so many ways'.

Alison Pearl, Byron Community College's president, originally approached Mandy to teach comedy, to which Mandy responded... 'You can't teach comedy', but thankfully

Mandy went away and worked out a few exercises and agreed to try. Turns out you can teach comedy after all!

As Mandy takes a break from teaching, she passes the baton on to fellow comedian, colleague and friend Greg Sullivan, who will be teaching the next Stand Up Comedy class at Byron Community College from November 4.

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Bob Stewart found guilty of killing neighbour's pet dog

Photo & story David Lowe

Bob Stewart sat impassively as Magistrate Karen Stafford read out the guilty verdict in Ballina Court House last week, after two days of testimony relating to the bow-shooting death of his neighbour's pet dog, Bucket, on December 6, 2019.

Despite neighbours saying that Mr Stewart acted without remorse and was belligerent and aggressive after the shooting, the defendant pleaded not guilty to two serious animal cruelty charges under section 530 (1A) and Section 6 (1), including recklessness and torture.

Mr Stewart, 60, is a builder and commercial landowner of multiple properties in Byron Shire.

The much-delayed case, which was mainly held in Byron Bay Court House, related to an incident that took place in Canowindra Court, South Golden Beach.

The owner of the deceased ten-month-old Wolfhound-Malamute cross, Bucket, Kris Thompson, joined a number of other neighbours, who appeared both as witnesses and offended parties. Multiple Apprehended Violence Orders (AVO) from neighbours against Mr Stewart were sought, and agreed to, by Magistrate Stafford.

Upon finding Mr Stewart guilty, Magistrate Stafford agreed to consider two previous offences from Mr Stewart, as well as character references. Sentence will be handed down on December 8 and imprisonment and fines are both possible outcomes.

Prosecutor Sergeant Alix Thom described the 'voluminous amount' of material and witnesses she would present in the case.

Not in dispute was the fact that Bucket was on the defendant's property at the time of the incident, or that Mr Stewart shot the dog, or that the dog had to be euthanised by a vet as a result of his injuries.

Sergeant Thom alleged the incident stemmed from Mr Stewart's intense dislike of neighbourhood dogs and dog-owners, which had a documented history.

She presented police body-cam evidence from December 6, showing distraught neighbours and the initial police interview with a shirtless, sarong-clad Mr Stewart at his



Robert Stewart, with his lawyer John Weller, outside court last week.

house, which culminated with his arrest and being loaded into the back of a police paddy wagon.

Mr Stewart was represented by John Weller, who said that Mr Stewart was acting to protect his chickens, whose coop was being attacked by an 'erratic vicious dog'.

Having fired two arrows near the dog to little effect (one hit the ground and one hit the metal in the chicken coop, making a noise), he alleged the third arrow glanced off a palm tree and hit the dog in the back.

He said Bucket's death was an unfortunate accident.

Acting in defence of property

Mr Weller said that on December 6, Mr Stewart was acting in legitimate defence of his property, including a number of specially bred chickens and a rooster.

In his initial interview with police, Mr Stewart denied shooting the dog deliberately.

'I've got to live here,' he said. 'Do you think I would have done this on purpose? I just wanted to scare the f-king thing.'

He acknowledged he didn't yell or try to throw something before firing the arrows, claiming he had to act quickly.

In the video, when they arrest Mr Stewart, the police take as evidence a large compound bow (almost as tall as the constable) and a number of steel-tipped arrows.

The court heard that Bucket had escaped from his fenced yard through a garage door that was left ajar momentarily while neighbour, Sally Williams, was attending to her grandchild, together with her daughter Holly Ceglinski.

After finding the dog crying in agony, dragging his legs, she confronted Mr Stewart, who said, 'I've done him in, I've broken his back.'

Another former neighbour, Luke Young, confirmed Mr Stewart's callous initial response to the 'horrific' sight of the dog's condition after being shot, with a 'fair bit of blood' coming from the back wound.

'He said "He's f-ked. Whose dog is it anyway?" I said you know whose it is, it's the neighbour's dog.'

Returning to the stand, Sally Williams said Mr Stewart did nothing to help Bucket after he was shot, and this task was left to her daughter and another neighbour, Ashley Gould.

'Did Mr Stewart seem shocked or apologetic or remorseful?' asked the prosecutor.

'No, just belligerent and aggressive,' said Ms Williams.

Neighbour Ashley Gould, who has a young child and a dog, took the stand and recounted another of Mr Stewart's public threats, describing him as 'extremely aggressive and incoherent'.

Mr Gould described Bucket as a 'lovely dog'.

Mr Stewart on the dock

When Mr Stewart took the stand, he talked about problems developing after July 2019, when a series of unpleasant incidents with neighbourhood dogs took place, including being 'rushed', having dogs appear in his yard, and being nipped on one of his knee pads, which he wore much of the time 'because I get down on my knees and do things'.

Mr Stewart said he photographed off-leash dogs and their owners after being urged to do so by Council.

In relation to the incident with Bucket, he said he was woken by the dog terrifying his chooks early that morning (from outside the coop), and picked up his bow and arrows because he had to act quickly. He said he hadn't intended to shoot the 'frenzied' dog, but 'fired instinctively'.

In cross-examination, Mr Stewart said he was a 'competent' but not highly skilled archer, having been a member of two archery clubs and with targets in his backyard.

Magistrate unconvinced

In summing up on the final day, Magistrate Stafford said she found the evidence of the neighbours to be trustworthy and reliable, and accusations that they were lying unfounded. The evidence of Mr Stewart, by contrast, she found 'reconstructed and inconsistent'.

She found the allegations of animal cruelty, recklessness and torture proved beyond reasonable doubt, but the suggestion of self-defence on Mr Stewart's part unproved, although she conceded that the dog could have been scaring the chickens.

'I find that it was a deliberate shooting at Bucket', she said.

Mr Stewart did not visibly react when he was found guilty as charged.

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Mullum Residents Assoc backs calls to cease compliance action

The Mullumbimby Residents Association has joined Main Arm Rural Residents Association in rejecting Council's Draft Unauthorised Dwellings policy.

The policy, which is very light on detail and closes for submissions on October 28, has caused great angst among Main Arm residents after they were targeted by compliance staff with 'roboletters'.

Convenor Dr Sonia Laverty wrote to General Manager Mark Arnold on October 24 requested that staff, 'cease action on perceived unauthorised dwellings in the hinterland'.

She suggests, 'A follow-up, with a letter to each property owner previously written to, advising them that the original letter is withdrawn'.

'The apparent urgency with which this draft policy

was prepared, by Council, may be the reason for some of the problems associated with it. In particular a carefully constructed "Introduction" could have set the tone of conciliation, while at the same time identifying processes for achieving desired outcomes'.

For information on how to put in a submission, visit MARRA's website at www.marra2482.org.

Byron brands invest in climate positive projects



Ed and Will Brook. Photo Jeff 'Served Delicious Foods On Camera Since 1986' Dawson

Founders of three well known Byron Bay brands have launched a new environmental initiative to produce carbon neutral products, with the principal purpose of investing in climate positive projects.

'We, the many' founders are Brookfarm, Cape Byron Distillery and two of the co-founders of Stone & Wood.

The aim is to invest 50 per cent of profits into climate positive solutions, 'including regenerative agriculture, wind and solar farms, recycling technology and forest regeneration'.

Brookfarm's Will Brook says, 'While all three companies have strong environmental ethics and credentials, we wanted to create a movement

where climate change is a key business driver rather than an afterthought'.

Following initial seed funding to get the project off the ground, the group launched an Indiegogo campaign to help underwrite its first range of carbon neutral products, which are six nutrient-dense breakfast cereals. For more info visit www.bit.ly/3jrGvvh.

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Thank you Cr Wannabe!

BY FAST BUCK\$

I'd like to thank Cr Wannabee, AKA Michael Lyon, for his letter last week in which he breached confidentiality.* By openly discussing the outcome of my recent Code of Conduct complaints against the Greens and the GM, Michael has thrust the matter into the public domain and has given me the opportunity to expose his Trumpian disregard for the facts.

Cr Wannabe asserts that the findings come from "independent consultants".

Really? Or was it just a case of the cops investigating the cops?

Originally I was told in a letter signed by Vanessa Adams, who is in charge of the council's organisational matters, that she would be the one to conduct the assessment, which she would then pass on to said consultant for review. However, if you read the documents you soon learn that Ms Adams merely "endorsed" a document written by someone who is not named. In other words, we have a chain of at least three people who all totally agree with one another about what the findings should be. What a coincidence! Given that the consultant was chosen by the staff and paid for by staff (out of ratepayers' funds), one may contest the tag "independent".

I don't have space here to analyse the "findings" but I will say that they are based on the evasion, misdirection and distortion I've come to expect from this council; no surprises involved. Michael says that the findings were that "there were no code of conduct breaches". Not quite true Michael; the report avoided discussion of my allegations by concluding that none of my complaints even meet the definition of a Code of Conduct complaint! In other words, there was no case to answer. What that means, Michael, is that my allegations have not even been tested; you were simply let off on an alleged technicality.

Not a single one of my complaints was about councillors not listening to what I had to say, which I've grown very used to over the years. My complaint was that The Greens deliberately spoke amongst themselves while I was addressing council, which was their way of "punishing" me for an Echo ad that used the Mayor's own words to show him up for what he is. The Greens were unable to respond constructively to that criticism so instead they resorted to blatant schoolyard bullying and ostracism, in effect ganging up on me. In all my years of involvement with council meetings this was the most disgraceful and self-indulgent performance I've experienced.

Whether Michael denies this accusation I don't know; I haven't seen his defence.

Michael wraps up his right-wing credentials by accusing me of "self-aggrandisement". This is a standard tactic: draw attention away from the issues at hand and instead focus on motive. But Michael, why do I need to aggrandise myself when I'm already quite grand? You're the one with the credibility deficit, you're the one with the relentless ambition – which is why I call you Wannabe.

Michael, I fully understand. You wish to be mayor in order to make yourself more attractive to women, right?

The careless mistakes in your letter and the fact that you failed to notice the word "confidential" written on every page of the conduct report tells me one thing: you never even read it. Am I right in suspecting that for your letter you relied on a distorted summary written by a staff member, with a bit of self-righteous bombast thrown in by the Mayor?

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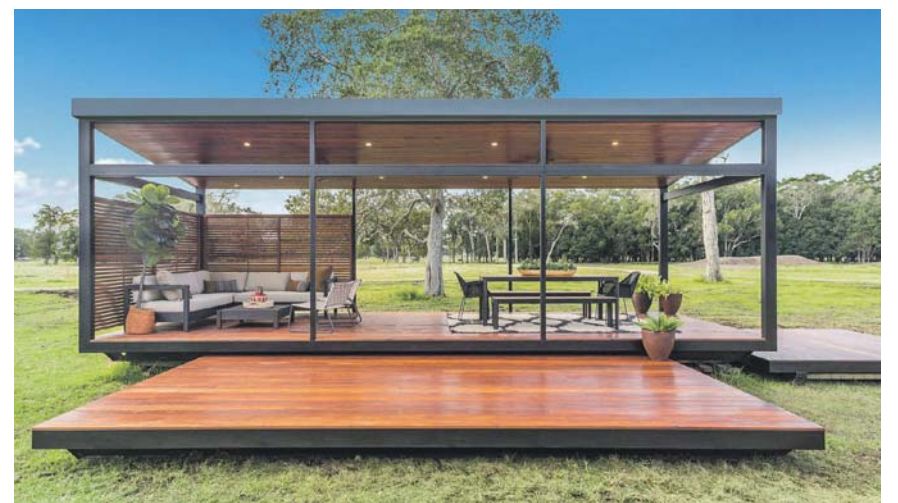
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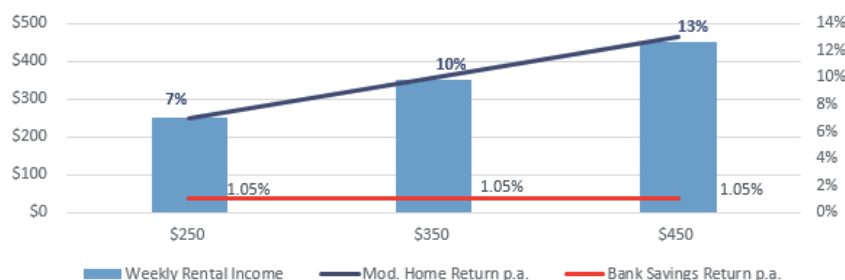
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Biodiversity strategy wins LG award

Council have won the Local Government NSW's Environment Awards in the 'Innovation in Planning, Policies and Decision Making' section, for its Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2020-2030.

According to www.lgnsw.org.au, 'The Biodiversity Conservation Strategy was developed with extensive engagement with the community, stakeholders and local ecologists, to reflect local knowledge of the environment, and the needs and capacity of the community to help protect it'.

The strategy includes a plan of 90 measurable actions to support conservation.



Film fest kicks off

The Byron Bay International Film Festival launched its special 2020 hybrid festival on Friday. It continues till November 1, with screenings of features, documentaries, shorts, surf and local films. Venue capacities are limited so book early to avoid missing out on your preferred session. For more info, visit www.bbff.com.au. Pictured is fest director, Jaimee Skippon-Volke, with screen legend Jack Thompson. Photo Jeff 'On Film Since 1986' Dawson

New penalties for offensive slogans, images on vehicles

Sexist and offensive slogans on vehicles, such as Wicked Campers, have now been outlawed after the *Road Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020* was adopted by parliament on October 21. Local MP Tamara Smith (Greens) said it was a 'great win'. Within her speech on the bill, she said, 'People in the Ballina electorate who have advocated on this issue consider it a very positive

change in the law'. 'Di Campbell, former president of the Bangalow Country Women's Association, wrote to me and said, "There is no place for slogans which promote sexism, racism and violence against women. Driving behind them with children, [it] must be extremely difficult for parents to explain. Many have slogans which are ever so sexist and thoroughly demeaning to women"'.

Rail corridor section clearing gets support

Councillors voted last Thursday to prioritise the 'section of rail corridor between Bayshore Drive and Tyagarah for investigation into the alternatives, including multi use'.

It comes after a similar motion, tabled by Cr Alan Hunter, was defeated.

Greens Mayor Simon Richardson's amendment also seeks, 'community and local Land Care support to carry out environmental works on the rail corridor section...'

Funding for the vegetation clearing on the line will be sought, according to the motion.

Additionally, Council will, 'when funding is available, commission a structural assessment and cost estimate of a sample of the timber bridges suitable for facilitating movement up to a weight that can support light rail and very light rail options...'

All were in favour except Cr Paul Spooner (Labor).

Councillors object to govt's 'koala killing' bill

Paul Bibby

Upper House MP and former Nationals candidate for the seat of Ballina, Ben Franklin, is sticking to his party's stance on a controversial 'koala-killing' bill before parliament.

Currently awaiting a final vote in the NSW Upper House, the bill represents a major reversal of the government's previous support for koala protection - a backflip motivated by internal conflicts within the Liberal-National Coalition.

In an urgency motion passed unanimously at last

Thursday's meeting, all councillors noted their 'strong objection' to the *Local Land Services Amendment (Miscellaneous) bill 2020*, which allows for large-scale clearing of bushland by farmers and industry.

Councillor Michael Lyon (Independent), who moved the motion said, 'What you're going to see is a removal of protections for koala habitat, and a continuation of the destructive activities you've seen before'.

'It is inconsistent with the findings of the NSW audit office and the Upper House

inquiry into koala populations and habitat'.

But locally based Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin, said he would be voting for the bill.

Mr Franklin told *The Echo* the *Local Land Services Act* (the *LLS Act*) and associated codes already contained 'robust protections for koalas... The *LLS Act* and the land management framework totally prevents harm to threatened species habitat. It acts as a complete stop point.

'This included the fact that all activities under the *LLS Act* were subject to penalty offences under the *Biodiversity Act*.

'Division 1 (2.4) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* makes it clear that harming the habitat of a threatened species subjects that person to either a \$1.65 million fine, or imprisonment for two years, or both,' Mr Franklin said.

'This includes any activity by farmers. These protections are arguably much higher than any protection for koalas

afforded by the planning system, which only aims to mitigate habitat destruction'.

Yet the *Biodiversity Conservation Act* and *LLS Act*, when introduced in 2016, attracted considerable opposition from a large number of environmental groups.

Professor Hugh Possingham, a leading author of the 2014 report whose recommendations the government claims it implemented, resigned in disgust.

And in July, *The Guardian* reported that 'Land-clearing in NSW has risen nearly 60 per cent since the state relaxed its native vegetation laws in 2017, new government data shows'.

Cr Lyon added that the bill 'had particular consequences for the Byron Shire, because it undermined the protections offered by E-zones - an environmental zoning that forms a key part of the Shire's ecological protection policy framework. It allows certain acts within E-zones... and freezes koala habitat plans of management in time'.

5MW solar farm to go to DA stage

Council's controversial plans for a 5MW solar farm on public land on Dingo Lane, Myocum, will progress, after councillors voted last Thursday to authorise the General Manager to submit a Development Application on behalf of Council.

It highlights how governments can act as both a consent authority and developer.

The project has sparked opposition from neighbours.

The motion, put forward by Mayor Simon Richardson, delays 'consideration of the go/no go around the outcomes of the business case, feasibility investigation, and commercial delivery options', until a staff report is presented in February, 2021.

Council staff yet to reply over claims of maladministration

Former mayor and NSW MLC, Jan Barham, is sticking to claims of Council staff maladministration over an inexplicable large rezoning of the 111ha Broken Head land parcel, known as the Linnaeus Estate.

She told *The Echo* the planning process was 'unreasonable and discriminatory'.

'Myself and others were denied the right to be informed to enable comment and contribution, this came about by both inaction - the failure to report, and action - the changing of a document without notification'.

The Echo asked staff if the claims in her ad last week were correct, and if so, 'can staff explain how staff changing the Linnaeus section of the planning proposal without advising councillors or the community is due process?'

No reply was given by deadline.

Mayor Simon Richardson replied to the issue on social media: 'Of course, if every word in the article [sic] was true and accurate it would be worrying. I am trying to get the legal advice mentioned released as it may bring some perspective'.

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Unanswered questions, poor process surrounds contentious DA

Hans Lovejoy

Council planner, Chris Larkin, is yet to reply to whether he will assess 'assertions' made by Greens mayoral hopeful and water engineer, Duncan Dey, regarding the lack of legal road access for an advertised DA in Coopers Lane West in Main Arm.

The *Echo* asked Council staff, 'Given Mr Dey's claim (supported by a letter to Council some months ago) that there is no evidence of a right of carriageway to the property, will Mr Larkin be now 'exploring' whether legal access exists or not?'

'And if no evidence of legal access is found to be correct, will the DA be refused?'

There are ongoing disputes between residents around the right of carriageway, along

with doubt over whether the access track can ever comply with bushfire regulations.

In April 2020, councillors contentiously approved a secondary dwelling DA on the lot adjoining the current DA in Coopers Lane West.

A deferred commencement depends on rectifying access on a long, steep and winding road on adjacent private land, which passes Mr Dey's home.

The owners of that land say they don't want a 'super-highway to a thriving suburb through their farm'.

Incomplete DAs put before public by staff

The issue raises the question of DA procedures, whereby staff publicly exhibit DAs that are incomplete, contain errors or are

non-compliant.

RFS guidelines (Planning for Bushfire Protection) say legal compliant access must exist before the DA is lodged.

Duncan Dey said, 'By exhibiting DAs as lodged (prior to staff scrutinising them), the public are prevented from viewing the proposal that will eventually be assessed by staff, after they've negotiated with the proponent'.

'Perhaps it's corporate laziness: the public do the

first round of scrutinising (it's cheap labour). Or it could be worse: if there are no objections, there is no scrutiny. When a DA is lodged with errors, objectors should have a second round of viewing.

'In the case of DA 496, key issues weren't even raised: legal access wasn't presented; physical access is too steep for bushfire protection.

'I can raise these issues in a submission, but I'll never know how they were handled.'

Staff replied, 'Development applications are assessed and determined in accordance with relevant legislation, the principle of which is the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*'.

'Council's Code of Conduct specifically provides that staff must take all relevant facts known, or that they should be reasonably aware of, into consideration and have regard to the merits of each case.

'It is not therefore possible

to comment on a particular application.

'Council staff are bound by the provisions of Council's Code of Conduct.

'The Code of Conduct provides that Council staff must act lawfully and honestly.

'For information relating to the exhibition of development applications go to <https://bit.ly/2J6BWfa>.

'Information about DA requirements can be found at <https://bit.ly/37MpMCB>'.

Politics in the Pub presents activist Ellen Brown, Nov 3

Public banking and the destructive privatised banking cartels will be discussed, over beers, at the upcoming Politics in the Pub event, to be held at the Courthouse Pub on November 3 from 7pm.

Turning Point Talks co-organiser, Dr Liz Elliott, says Ellen Brown is one of the most important activists in the USA.

Liz says, 'She has written over 14 books including the bestseller *Web of Debt*, also the name of her website. She is a lawyer and natural medicine advocate.'

'She writes and speaks with clarity, and cuts through obscure financial blather to

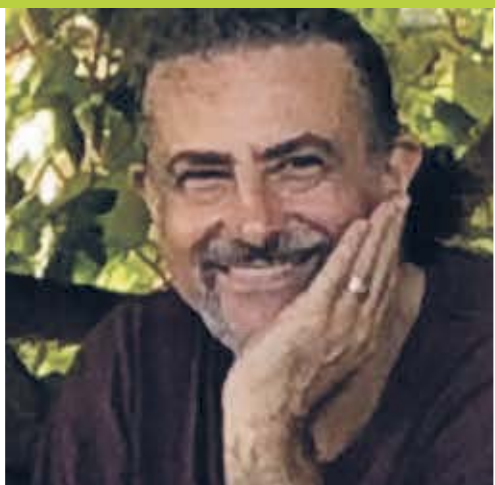
enlighten ordinary people. Complex ideas become crystal clear. After listening to Ellen, people suddenly realise what causes so much inequality and ecological damage: money.

'More importantly, we can then see what to do about rescuing our democracy and our environment!'

The presentation will be partly via video, but Dr Liz says those wanting to ask questions directly can contact liz@turningpoint-talks.com.

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Clinging onto biodiversity

In case anyone missed the memo, there's almost no housing, let alone affordable housing, available in Byron Shire.

With so many people escaping the cities, Byron Shire is under enormous pressure with its infrastructure, which includes roads and sewerage etc.

And one of the reasons everyone is flocking here of course, is because it is such a special and unique area.

A Council press release from October 23 points this out: 'With 23,300 hectares of high ecological value vegetation the Byron Shire is one of the most biologically diverse regions in Australia.'

It reads, 'It is home to more than 600 native animals and 1,500 native plants, including 305 threatened animal and plant species.'

The most obvious way to preserve such a special place is, of course, through regulation.

While it's perhaps an unrealistic expectation that the public can keep up with complex planning laws that will inevitably affect them, here's another: Council are now exhibiting a new Development Control Plan (DCP), tailored for biodiversity.

As part of the toolkit for planning, DCPs sit below state planning laws such as the *EP&A Act 1979* and Council's two LEPs.

And as we have seen with the West Byron residential proposal, for example, DCPs carry less weight and are less effective than the laws that sit above them.

Anyway, Shannon Burt, Director of Sustainable Economy and the Environment, said this new DCP specifically looks at minimising the impact of new development on the ecological values of the Shire.

She writes, 'With the Byron Shire attracting more and more tourists, as well as people who want to live here, there is no doubt that our natural environment is under pressure and Council's challenge is to make sure it is retained, preserved and protected for future generations.'

'This DCP for Biodiversity is an important planning control as it defines, and spells out, how to avoid and minimise the impacts of development on important vegetation and wildlife habitats.'

Unlike Council's sparse and ambiguous *Unauthorised Dwelling Policy 2020*, the 49 page draft DCP biodiversity chapter has a lot of detail.

It includes koala habitat mapping, ecological setbacks and statutory considerations for DA applications, just for starters.

Within the introduction, it states, 'Byron Shire comprises 43 per cent High Environmental Value vegetation (including National Parks and Reserves), hosting 145 threatened plants, 160 threatened animals and 1750ha of fragmented coastal koala habitat. However, two federal reports (2019; 2020) state that Australia is ranked second in the world for extinction and on-going biodiversity loss, and further, that our federal legislation, the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (currently under review) has failed and is ineffective.'

'Recent changes to NSW legislation, such as the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and the *Local Land Services Act 2013*, have likewise failed to halt the decline of threatened species, their habitat and ecological communities, where koalas are now predicted to be extinct before 2050.'

Creating clarity with such documents, or 'instruments', is key so that the community can feel confident that the laws are applied equitably and without favour. As we have seen over recent years, Council have not entirely met that mark.

It remains to be seen how this policy will work, given it's within the DNA of the Liberals and Nationals to decimate the environment and fast track development without Council approval.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Scandal ridden govt delays fed ICAC

In the far-off innocent days before the spin doctors decreed that backbenchers should cease thinking for themselves and instead parrot the talking points devised to avoid saying anything meaningful at all, a few brave souls were prepared to respond to questions more or less spontaneously.

One such was an amiable but undistinguished South Australian Liberal, Geoffrey O'Halloran Giles, who, when chided by a journalist about a delay over a matter of some urgency over a cabinet decision, replied with devastating candour and utter sincerity: 'The government, in due course, acted promptly.'

The line became a standing joke, an all-purpose excuse for procrastination, dithering and general duck-shoving, it became a slogan for leaving difficult matters on the backburner, in the hope that if a thing were ignored for long enough it would simply disappear.

The slogan has now been resurrected – in all seriousness – by Scott Morrison and his Attorney-General Christian Porter, in their determination to make sure that any worthwhile version of a national integrity bill is never allowed to pass the Australian parliament.

Of course they claim they are both fully committed to action – but not yet.

There are more important priorities; they have been working, for every second of every minute of every hour of every day, in the battle against the coronavirus pandemic.

Well, most of the time, anyway; they have had to leave a bit of room for electioneering in Queensland and for denigrating Daniel Andrews in Victoria, with a touch of bashing unions, universities and the ABC on the side. But that doesn't count, that's just routine, like cleaning your teeth and combing your hair, if there's any left of either.

And it stands to reason that if the politicians are a bit preoccupied, the public service must be as well – it had bloody well better be if it knows what's good for it.

This is a whole-of-government exercise, which means that we're all in this together – which side are you on?

And it's not as if nothing has happened in the years since the integrity bill first emerged as a major announcement. Indeed, Porter tells us proudly that a document has actually been drafted – in fact it was drafted almost a year ago,

inconveniently before COVID-19 became an issue.

But the time for consultation about it – meaning the extent to which any teeth it may have possessed can be pulled before enactment – will have to wait until the virus is beaten or, more probably, the parliament is prorogued in time for the next election. We don't want any unnecessary distractions.

Turn on the TV, pick up a newspaper, or just glance at social media – the news is all about fresh shenanigans, dodgy deals, shonks and spivs inside government.

Mungo MacCallum



But unfortunately reality keeps intruding. Turn on the TV, pick up a newspaper, or just glance at social media – the news is all about fresh shenanigans, dodgy deals, shonks and spivs inside government – or on the fringes of it – corruption hard, soft, or just a little flexible.

As Labor's Tony Burke pointed out last week, in a parliamentary question that was instantly ruled out of order, it was harder to find the absence of scandal in Morrison's government than to pin it down.

There are royal commissions, police investigations, parliamentary inquiries and numerous other bodies probing allegations of malfeasance at all levels. But Morrison and Porter and their colleagues continue to pretend that it really isn't their problem, that all the relevant authorities are dealing with it, and that verdicts and sentences will be delivered without fear or favour, don't you worry about that.

Well they may be delivered, but they are unlikely to be enforced if they do not follow the less stringent rules determined by the prime minister and his mates.

When Alan Tudge, acting as Immigration Minister, was ordered to release an asylum seeker by the Administrative Review Tribunal, he refused, because he just didn't like the result.

Geoffrey Flick, a federal court judge, said this amounted to criminal conduct

on Tudge's part, but the minister was unabashed, as was Porter.

'It's not the first time that in the robust environment of the law surrounding visa approvals that there's been strong words said about what is in effect government undertaking its duties through the minister,' opined the first law officer of the commonwealth.

This may well be true, but it is hardly encouraging. The ideals of the supremacy of the law, equality for all, the separation of powers, are, we like to think, neither controversial nor negotiable. But in ScoMoland, things are seldom what they seem. If a rule can be bent, then it will be. And if it can't be bent, it will just have to be broken.

The corruption at the heart of the federal government does not usually take the form of brown paper bags full of small unmarked notes – this is the purview of state governments, or more blatantly still, local governments.

It is more about securing access, making certain that self-interest will not be ignored when the big decisions are being made.

Of course it involves money, but mainly through donations to the parties rather than directly into the wallets of individuals. This is somehow seen as less heinous than the slipping of the occasional backhand, but in fact it is far more insidious, not to mention profitable, for the malefactors.

Thus the horror story of last week was the revelation that Christine Holgate, the obscenely overpaid CEO of Australia Post, had given four of her top executives free Cartier watches. And ScoMo was apoplectic – he was appalled and shocked, Holgate was to be stood down forthwith, inquiries would be undertaken, heads would roll!

This was from the leader of the government in which honesty is for wimps and losers and obedience to the law is an optional extra, where the numbers are everything and ethics are forgotten. But a bonus of just under \$20,000 is regarded as outrageous and unacceptable.

Well, you have to draw the line somewhere. But not too firmly or consistently, because there are other priorities. And of course we will get around to an integrity commission, if we can find someone to redefine the word to mean 'whatever it takes.' And that will be a firm promise of a definite maybe – well, in due course.

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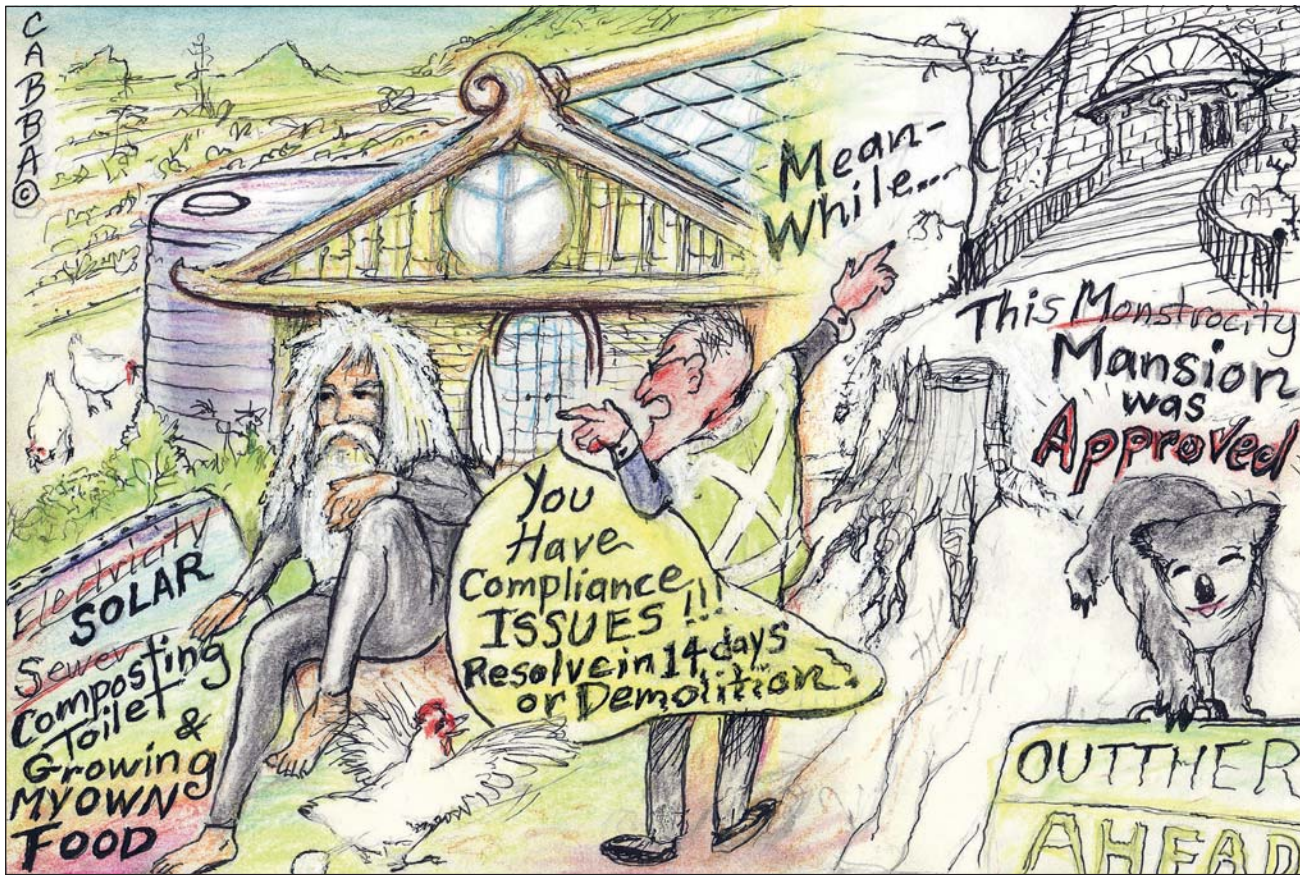
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Gold Coast coming
There has been a lot of talk about 'The Greens' political party bringing the Gold Coast into Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, and Mullumbimby. The takeover of the creek-front of Belongil Estuary and transition of that waterway into a Gold Coast canal began last year and looks set to continue.

DA 10.2020.489.1 for 12 Giaour Street, Belongil seeks to follow on from the approved development at 6 Giaour Street, eliminating all vegetation and building a glass-and-steel box virtually down to the waterfront, with a pool placed one fat fart from the water itself.

This wasn't supposed to happen under The Greens. But then again, it was The Greens who voted to get rid of backyards and turn them into holiday units for multinational property managers. It was The Greens who turned green laneways into asphalt.

The Greens mayor did a deal, allowing a property developer to exceed floor area and height limits on Jonson Street. A previous Greens mayor did a deal with the same property developer to eliminate the Belongil village centre and replace five shops, a cinema, restaurants, nursery, village green, parking, an art gallery, offices, and restaurant, plus film studio facilities and a yoga studio, with a housing estate. So much for 'walkable neighbourhoods'.

The Greens allowed 6

Giaour Street to be turned into a monster, exceeding limits, and they'll probably do it at 12 Giaour Street too.
Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

Eroding Byron
How can it be that 42 years after the problem was identified that there can be a panic when the coastal dunes start eroding at Clarkes Beach?

We are in a mess with coastal erosion, despite a 1978 Public Works Department Study identifying the cause as a net sand deficit, with less sand entering the bay than is being carted out of it by northwards littoral drift. After considering the full gambit of options, Council adopted the policy of planned retreat in 1986.

Since then the problem of rising sea levels and intensifying storms, owing to climate heating, have become apparent, with seas likely to rise by over a metre by the end of this century.

For each metre rise in sea levels, sandy coasts need to retreat 50-150m inland to maintain equilibrium. This has compounded the existing problem.

Since 1978 millions have been spent on coastal studies, and years spent preparing failed coastal plans, and we are still resorting to knee jerk reactions and spending fortunes undertaking temporary works. The simple truth is that if we pay a fortune putting in protection works to stop the dunes eroding, then the beach will erode in

front, so we end up with just walls and no beach. In fact, the refraction of waves off the walls increases beach erosion, and the erosive force is transferred to the end of the walls (as can be seen at Belongil).

If we want beaches in the future (and Byron's are worth millions in tourism revenue) we either have to allow the coast to retreat inland over time, or use sand replacement to maintain an artificial beach in front of them.

This is no mean feat in an era of rising sea-levels, given that if we want to raise the beach by a metre we have to raise the sea-bed by the same amount out to the limit of wave, storm, and current influences on sand movement.

Two sand replacement proposals have been advanced: A 2006 study identified that an initial volume of 2.85 million m³ could be dredged from a sand lobe in front of Cape Byron, barged to the coast and spread with bulldozers on beaches, in 2006 dollars costing \$18 million and taking five months (7 days a week, 24 hours a day). They estimated this may, at best, last 25 years before having to be topped up, though it could be lost in a single cyclone.

In 2016 the proposal was to suck 50-80,000 m³ of sand per annum from Cosy Corner and pump it over to Clarkes Beach, at a cost of over \$11 million for 20 years. This would rob Wategos and The
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Submissions on the Byron Shire Council's Draft Unauthorised Dwelling Policy close this week.
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The ongoing war between Azerbaijan and Armenia – two of the strongest chess countries in the world – over the disputed territory of Nagorno Karabakh has elicited some remarkable personal stories from leading players.

World #7 Shakhriyar Mamedyarov recently revealed that he was a victim of ethnic cleansing. 'My family and I were born in Zangilan [Nagorno-Karabakh], the region occupied by Armenian military forces more than 30 years ago,' wrote Mamedyarov. 'I lived there until the age of seven. I very well remember the time when we were driven out of our homes by Armenian military forces. Since then I never saw my village, except in photos. I miss my village, I miss my childhood memories and live with the dream to return and smell the air of my homeland.'

Mamedyarov's friend and world #9 Levon Aronian is an Armenian hero who also feels a strong connection to the same area. He explained, 'When I was little my grandfather told me that my family's ancestry comes from Karabakh. I won my

first strong tournament in the wonderful city of Stepanakert.' (Stepanakert, heavily bombed in the past month, is the capital of what Armenians call the independent republic of Artsakh, aka Nagorno Karabakh.)

Aronian admitted to being unable to sleep for worry since the war began – and went further: 'My country is under assault by Turkey and Azerbaijan. I will do everything I can to help my country overcome this trouble. If it is necessary for me to be in the army I will do that.'

While Aronian, 38 and a national treasure, is unlikely to see battle, the spectre of chessplayers facing off against each other recalls the Yugoslav wars of the '90s, when friends found themselves liable to be conscripted.

In the '80s young Yugoslav players Dragan Barlov and Ognjen Cvitan – one Serb, one Croat – were inseparable. Later, when both feared military call-up, Barlov was asked what he would do if he saw Cvitan across a river and was ordered to shoot. Barlov shrugged and said, 'I guess I'd have to shoot,' but his demeanour indicated clearly that he would make sure to miss.

Planning approval granted for Lennox Rise

David Lowe

Lennox Head's explosive population growth shows no sign of slowing down. At Ballina Shire Council's last meeting, the proposal for Lennox Rise was approved.

This is the development previously known as 'The Outlook'. Before that, it was the Henderson farm. It covers the land west and north of the playing fields at Epiq, plus another parcel adjoining Byron Bay Road further north.

The latest modification to the proposed arrangement of lot layouts and roads protects a heritage drystone wall, to be retained within Council managed land.

Cr Sharon Cadwallader moved the motion to approve the proposal with the support of Cr Eoin Johnston.

Matt Wood from Ballina Council's planning and environmental health division said that since the previous version the number of standard residential lots had been reduced from 159 to 138, but with a further 11 superlots to be further broken up, 'there might be more than 138 lots at the end.'

The motion to accept the modified plan was carried unanimously.

Minimum lot size

This discussion was followed immediately by another motion relating to Lennox Rise, this time to apply a minimum 450m² lot size to parts of the development,

Speaking in support, Cr Cadwallader said, 'Unfortunately, large lots are a thing of the past. Clever designs are putting more on smaller

blocks. With our population that is what we need.'

'This is a much improved design which preserves the heritage aspect of the site,' she said.

Cr Keith Williams spoke against lot sizes smaller than 600m², suggesting that an integrated development approach was superior, rather than it being Council's responsibility.

He also noted that 'green space can suffer' by allowing developers to subdivide to 450m².

'We need to understand – and this is the argument I've had in this place for many years – that planning proposals are entirely at our discretion,' said Cr Williams.

'There is no weight of government bearing down on us to say you must approve this. This is not a DA. They do not have the right to do this

unless we give it to them.

'What we do by giving it to them, essentially, allows them to create wealth out of that land development process.'

'What we should not do, is end up with the risk of badly designed, non-integrated developments that are done piecemeal, which is what 450m² lots mean to me.'

He invited his fellow councillors to pause a decision and have a longer discussion about the issue, but none of them took him up on it. In the end, the motion to allow the smaller blocks was carried, with only Crs Keith Williams and Jeff Johnson voting against.

► Read a longer version online in *Echonetdaily*: www.echo.net.au/planning-approval-granted-for-lennox-rise.

Ballina Council paddles into rough water over surf schools

Story & photo David Lowe

Last week's Ballina Shire Council saw a long and tempestuous debate about the surf school tender process in the region.

A motion to call for new tenders for the next three years opened a can of worms about COVID-19, shark risks, surf schools taking over public areas, and financial strains on local businesses.

Sean Riley, the owner of Soul Surf School, spoke in opposition to the motion. He said it was financially onerous to demand new tenders from local operators just as JobKeeper was winding up, and businesses were facing losses of 70 per cent or more owing to COVID-19.

Shark capital

Accredited surf coach, David Rutter, who is seeking a surf school licence, spoke



in favour, describing Ballina as the 'shark capital of the world'.

He said emergency first aid for shark bites needed to be a part of new standards for surf schools, as well as COVID-19 risk assessments.

Mr Rutter also said that unused licences should be removed and new operators should have a chance to tender, claiming it would be 'unconstitutional and negligent' to renew existing licences without people going through the tender process.

Cr Sharon Cadwallader argued it would be 'remiss of this Council not to go to tender.'

Cr Eoin Johnston spoke about local concerns of Byron-based surf school operators coming to Ballina, particularly the river beach at Missingham Bridge. The GM explained that there was no way to stop businesses from outside coming into the Shire.

Missingham Bridge only for locals?

The mayor returned debate to the original motion, noting the large number of sharks in the area recently, and the problem of surf schools continuing to operate at Missingham Bridge when other beaches have been closed.

Cr Meehan agreed with the mayor, and also spoke about the competition between surf schools and local residents at Missingham Bridge.

'If the swell is getting in through the river it's a popular spot for families to go and kids to learn to surf,' he said. 'When surf schools add another twenty people at busy periods, the amenity for

local residents with young children is wrecked.'

Debate on this issue was put off until after the main motion was put.

The vote to call for surf school tenders and adopt new fees was carried, with only Cr Jeff Johnson dissenting.

Returning to the Missingham Bridge debate, Sharon Cadwallader said it was hypocritical to call for people to visit the Shire and then restrict what they could do.

'People have discovered our Shire, they love it, whether we like it or not,' she said.

Cr Williams said, 'I find myself in the uncomfortable position of straddling a fence on this one.'

While saying he understood the points about crowded beaches and lack of parking, 'There's something logically inconsistent about having surf school licences and removing the best place for learning surfing.'

'They like Missingham because it can be the only place that's suitable for learning to surf, the outer breaks are too rough,' he said.

When Mayor Wright put the motion to stop surf schools from using Missingham Bridge all year round, it was lost on the casting vote of the mayor.

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 Pass of sand and could alter the surf breaks. Both these options were objected to by the community and rightly rejected by Council.

So with no source of sand, in 2016 Council proposed to the government that they be allowed to build walls at Belongil, and just watch as the beach eroded from in front of them. The NSW government rejected this option.

So here we are, 42 years after the problem was identified, with no plan in sight. Rest assured that with climate heating gaining momentum and sea levels rising faster – the erosion will worsen.

Do we allow the beach to retreat inland as seas rise, or do we block it off and watch our beaches disappear, knowing that it is only a matter of time before expensive coastal protection works are overwhelmed?

Dailan Pugh
 Byron Bay

Priorities for Mullum

We are all looking forward to the Talking Street Project in the main street of Mullumbimby. However, there are two really important projects that are needed in conjunction with this.

The first project is the

urgent need for a large long-term car park in town. The ideal location for this is the Railway land in Prince Street on the right hand side as you come into town, opposite Carsburg Motors. This would allow parking before entering the town. Another area that needs to be set aside for parking is the Railway land around and to the south of the railway station. This will be needed for 'park and ride' when the light rail is operating.

The second project that is needed is the upgrade or rebuild of the public toilets in the CBD behind the NAB bank. These toilets are presently below any acceptable standard. Let's hope Council will do these projects along with the development of the Talking Street.

Len Bates
 Mullumbimby

Ewingsdale gnomes

There is a cave below the Ewingsdale traffic interchange where gnomes are preparing a spaghetti of roads, Escheresque circles to permanently park slow moving cars coming off the freeway.

In the 1890s depression our government built the North Coast railway, in the 1930s bridges across rivers,

including the Brunswick River bridge. Now faced with a depression we plan roads to nowhere for the small sum of \$78,000,000. When Ewingsdale Road being a two or three person transit road [no single occupancy cars] for four hours a day would probably solve the same problem.

With \$78m within a proper strategic transport plan, a fully revamped and functional multimodal transport corridor along the railway line from Yelgun to Bangalow could be created. This would include car parks and community facilities in the north and south of the Shire. You could also include new safe eco-villages along the line of subsidised housing for our young people, old people, artists, and weirdos.

Or a better waste of money, replicate the hospital, that causes the problem – but maybe somewhere accessible to the community this time?

But let's just follow the implications of the proposed spaghetti, and more traffic onto Ewingsdale Road, creating the need far sooner for a dual carriageway all the way to Byron Bay, at maybe \$200,000,000, and then maybe the need for more

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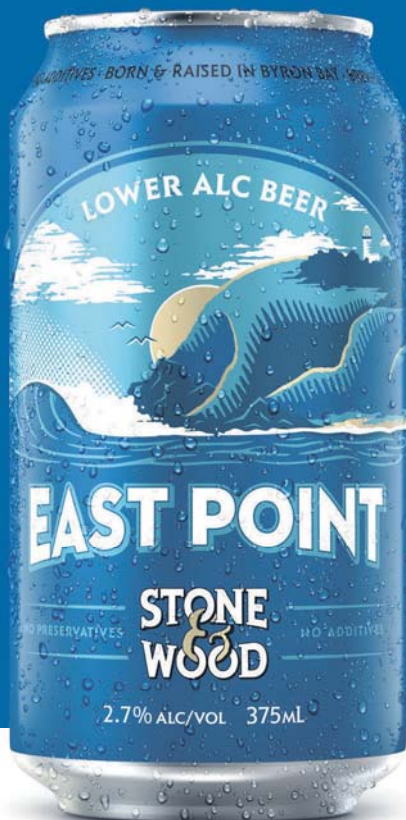
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Car-free delight or rail trail of woe

Wonderful news that the NSW Upper House has passed the legislation to keep the rail corridor in public hands allowing the development of a community pathway.

Anyone who has walked or ridden on the new, extended pathway to Pat Morton Lookout at Lennox Head will appreciate what a boon this is.

Soon Casino and Murwillumbah residents will be able to go for walks and rides, away from traffic, enjoying the safety and tranquillity of our beautiful region. Many sections will be wheelchair accessible.

Now we need to get further government funding to extend the total path from Casino through Byron to Murwillumbah.

The wonderful rolling plains around Casino and Bentley, the river views, the subtropical Eltham to Bangalow section, and then the majestic seascape of Byron Bay, climaxing by travelling through Burringbar past Mt Warning to Murwillumbah – truly a first class, world attraction here in our home.

Once built, I'm sure any previous dissenters will come to recognise it as a great transformation to be enjoyed by all.

Richard White
East Ballina

I can't begin to tell you how much I would like to see a rail trail. I ride an electric bike and our roads are not designed for bikes. Having a car-free transport corridor running through the middle of our Shire would be ideal, and I'm sure the upsurge in electric bikes etc for local transport would be huge, not to mention the massive tourism potential.

That said, I'm not a fan of ripping out the rails. That

would end the possibility of trains. We can certainly have both trains and trail but we don't have to do it all at once.

Instead, the rails could be used to facilitate the trail until they're needed for trains. A filler between the rails could be a relatively simple, readily removable solution and only needed where there isn't room beside the track for a trail, e.g. bridges. If and when we get trains back, the trail will have proved itself enough to get its own bridges etc.

A rail and trail transport corridor through the middle of our Shire is a huge opportunity.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

Our derelict rail corridor gives a massive sigh of relief after 16 years of disuse, because a growing section of our community has fought to see it be truly loved again.

Yes, the Casino to Murwillumbah rail line has a magnificent history of spearheading real progress in our region's earlier times. Its single, narrow track can now offer us a modern and achievable rail trail.

It has been very disappointing to observe the persistent and false claims by the pro-rail groups, that the rail trail visionaries, are 'land grabbers' and 'elite cyclists'! These are patently untrue slurs.

The NRRT (Northern Rivers Rail Trail) group has been a voluntary, dedicated bunch of people from diverse backgrounds with the simple goal of getting our corridor back into social use, for all to enjoy. Their aim is to achieve this whilst helping to provide an economic boost to our region.

It becomes clear to anyone who has walked many parts of the corridor, that 'putting the trail beside

the track' is utter nonsense for the majority of its length. This is for the many reasons including the many steep cuttings, steeply raised formations, narrow bridges, tunnels, complex high rainfall drainage systems, flood plains, etc.

The NSW lower and upper houses have both seen the truths and have voted for the Rail Trail to proceed in two short lengths at both ends of the corridor. This will also ensure they will remain firmly in public ownership and be available in the future, for any public transport use.

As Ben Franklin MLC, stated during the legislation debate, 'If a train [service] ever was to come back on that corridor, the infrastructure would have to be updated.'

The NSW government vote is a win for the corridor, both for rail trails and for future public transport.

Tim Shanasy
Byron Bay

A Bill to close sections of the Casino to Murwillumbah railway line for a rail trail has passed – a huge loss to the Northern Rivers.

We have been told for years that we don't have the population to cover the cost to repair and run our railway line. It is unfair to expect people to live in rural areas without the same access to services as the city.

In future we need to vote against politicians who want to take away our services. The parliament has closed the Casino to Bentley section and the Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek section. Now it's up to Richmond Valley and Tweed councils to decide whether to rip up the railway tracks or put the trail beside the track.

Beth Shelley
Booerie Creek

Articles [in *The Echo*], whether opinion pieces or so-called reportage, have consistently opposed the idea of a rail trail. They're always strongly slanted towards 'returning' trains to the tracks. You're entitled to whatever position you choose. But it's also important to examine your assumptions.

A key assumption is that a rail-trail deprives us of public transport. I won't delve into how absurd it is that this 'green' paper is so anti-bicycle.

Last week's front page took a swipe at 'NSW Labor, who took the trains off the tracks in 2004'. What this statement fails to appreciate, and what train zealots frequently ignore, is that shutting the Murwillumbah-Casino branch line was a modal change which deprived no-one of public transport. Replacing the service with a bus enhanced the connection by including places like Bruns, Ocean Shores and many others not previously serviced.

Let's be clear: public transport improved in 2004 when the line was shuttered. It's just that you and other train fiends objected to the type of transport offered.

I'm a train lover too. But I don't allow the pursuit of policy perfection to cloud my judgement. Whenever I need to go to Sydney and don't feel like riding my bike, I present myself at Mullumbimby train station and board a bus for Casino. The link is seamless, and I enjoy the thrill and romance of the train journey [from Casino] to Sydney.

The rail trail is only 'controversial' because you and your cohort of train zealots perseverate about the train that was supposedly stolen sixteen years ago.

Dave Lisle
Goonengerry

GLOSS OF BYRON SHIRE

Everybody is looking forward to *The Echo's* new publication: 'Gloss of Byron Shire'.

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Councillor Cameron should be supported on this – this is egregious.

Is it surprising gnomes in a cave have so little vision?

Malcolm Price
Main Arm

Bang for your buck

Well I'll be, 'Our Glad' up to her eyeballs in a sex and corruption scandal. No reasonable person would criticise Gladys for being in a personal relationship, but for a public figure to keep a relationship with a disgraced former MP (Maguire) – who was already under investigation for corruption – secret, by failing to declare it, is going to take some explaining.

'Our Glad' has never been a shrinking violet, she is a very shrewd political operator, one had only to watch her demeanour at a press conference where she kept parroting that she 'had done nothing wrong', and instead blamed ICAC, the media, the Labor opposition, Maguire, and anybody else who dared to question her 'stuff-up'.

Gladys has been wounded, the public will not tolerate any hint of



Cartoon by Nic Cobcroft

corruption from public figures, and playing the sympathy card can be problematic. As for Maguire, he has to be looking at spending some quality time with fellow disgraced MP Eddie Obeid at government expense.

It seems he has been misusing his access to important people in the immigration department, and the NSW Premier, to scam money from wannabe immigrants, by fast-tracking visas. Talk about getting bang for your buck, (excuse the pun).

Keith Duncan
Pimlico

Postal extravagance

It is nice to see the PM actually show some passion about something... anything. He has emerged

from behind his hail fellow well met veil to attack the Post Office about its normal (in the business world) approach to executive remuneration.

It is such a small amount, but hopefully his reaction is a foretaste of the storm of rage about someone in his ministry doing nothing about a thirty million dollar fraudulent/incompetent purchase of a three million dollar piece of land?

Given the huge difference between the two samples of financial incompetence one would expect a proportionate response would see him explode on the floor of the House over the land deal.

When he gets around to considering the breathtaking incompetence involved in

the hundreds of deaths in nursing homes, which are a specific Commonwealth responsibility, we can expect blood and hair to litter the Cabinet room.

One is tempted to set up a telescope to more closely observe the legions of porcine aviators about to obscure the sun.

Vince Kean
Murwillumbah

Ardern's amazing

Every now and then great moments in history occur. One such event just happened in New Zealand, where Jacinda Ardern's Labour government was re-elected with a record-breaking majority.

Well done Jacinda Ardern, her compassionate and efficient handlings of the Christchurch terrorist attack and now the COVID-19 pandemic should be a template for governments all around the world.

It was a crushing win for the Labour Party, pulverising the Nationals. New Zealanders can now look forward to more great governance, especially on strong economic policy, and on climate change action. It's a massive difference to the prehistoric fossil-fuelled government Australians remain burdened with.

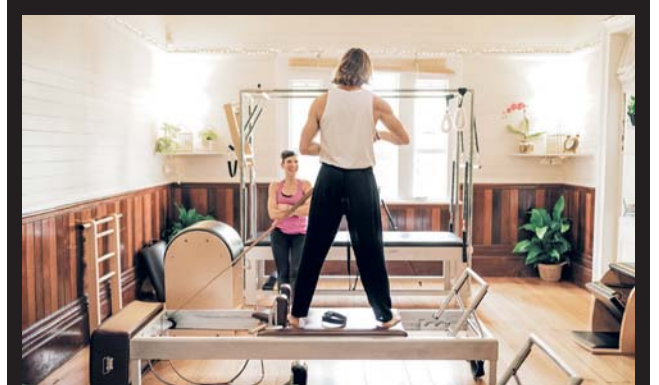
It's really amazing to see such a humble and devoted female leader like Jacinda Ardern leading a modern successful country like New Zealand, without any of the hysterical and misogynistic attacks our first female PM, Julia Gillard, graciously endured from the psychopathic elements of the conservative right during her prime ministership.

The New Zealand election

result prove just how well democracies can function when their governments govern honestly for the betterment of their countries and peoples, without the deceitful misinformation campaigns and marketing spin Australians are being constantly fed by this Morrison coalition government.

Nev Kelly
Ballina

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On The Horizon

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Prostate Cancer

The Northern Rivers Evening Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet on Wednesday 4 November, 7pm till 9pm at Lismore Workers Club, Keen Street, Lismore. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their partners or carers, are most welcome to attend. Enquiries, Bob Johnson 6622 5792.

Yoga and meditation

A free yoga and meditation day, for volunteers in the Byron Shire, is offered on Thursday 29 October, at Byron Community Centre, 9am till 4pm.

Recreation walk closed

A section of the Coastal Recreational Walk, south of Boulder Beach, Skennars Head will be temporarily closed to pedestrians until the end of

November. It has been closed for the upgrade of a 200 metre section. For project updates visit ballina.nsw.gov.au/CoastalRecreationalWalk

Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare working bee will be at Saltwater Creek, on Saturday, 31 October, 8am till 12pm. To find us, walk through the Mullumbimby Community Garden gate and follow the main path, looking for us on the north side of the path, along the Creek.

Mullum CWA

Thank you to everyone for your support of our Charity Garage Sale. The raffle winner was Jenny Barlow. Next branch meeting is at 10am, 11 November. New members are welcome. International Day, with a

focus on Ecuador, is on 14 November. Info: 0427 847 282.

Share the Dignity

CWA Bangalow is collecting donations of sanitary and personal care goods (e.g. dental and hair care, hand sanitiser, insect repellent) for Share the Dignity. This program supports girls and women in difficult or vulnerable situations. Donations can be left 12-27 October at the Byron Library, Bangalow Newsagent and CWA rooms in Bangalow, in boxes clearly marked 'Share the Dignity'. CWA makes up bags of these goods for distribution through local neighbourhood and community centres.

Tax Help

Tax Help is now running at the Byron Community Centre every Friday from 1pm. Please phone through to reception on 6685 6807 with your contact details to make an appointment.

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

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My conspiracy with Abbie Hoffman

Phillip Frazer

Our covid days have pushed the limits of what we'll watch on Netflix. Maybe you caught the series on the Chicago conspiracy trial of 1969, starring Yippie defendant Abbie Hoffman? This story is about my conspiracy with Abbie:

One sunny afternoon in the Go-Set building in Drummond Street, a cop wearing jeans and a black leather jacket walks in and pulls a chair up across the desk from me.

'G'day Phillip,' he says, 'I'm Detective Sgt. Jeff Coote, and I've been told to talk to you about an article you printed in Go-Set dated February 13, 1971.' He produces a page from the pop music paper I edit, and reads: 'Here are suggestions from Abbie Hoffman on how to live on nothing.'

'Okay,' I say, 'and...?'
 'Well, you see mate,' says DS Jeff, scratching his slightly roguish beard, 'I'm in charge of robberies in central Melbourne, and someone higher up told me I have to serve you with this summons,' waving another document, 'for printing Mr Hoffman's suggestions which include going into a supermarket that sells record albums and sliding two LPs into a frozen pizza packet so when you get to the cash register you only pay for the pizza. Remember this article?' he says.

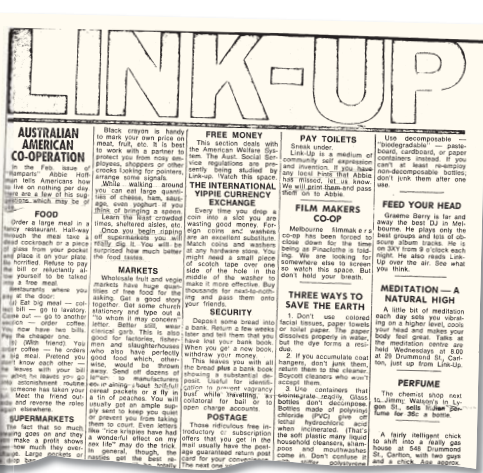
'Yes' I say, eyeballing the summons. 'So what I'm charged with, according to this, is "inciting diverse persons unknown to commit larceny at supermarkets" for printing an excerpt from his book, ironically titled *Steal This Book?*'

I raise my eyes to look directly at DS Jeff, and we exchange tiny smiles.

'For printing some cheeky tips by Abbie Hoffman who protested the war on Vietnam at the Democratic Party Convention, along with twenty thousand other diverse persons unknown?'

Jeff wriggles in his seat, looks at his Cuban heel boots, then leans forward to tell me a secret.

'Just between you and me, this might have something to do with the fact that Mr Rupert Hamer,' I nod - I know Hamer is Victoria's Chief Secretary, the minister of police - 'well, Rupert has two teenage daughters, and they read *Go-Set*, and daddy was not pleased that his kids are reading



The issue of the Go-Set dated 13 Feb 1971 in which the offending article appeared.

Abbie Hoffman, in between the Johnny Farnham pinup and Molly's gossip column - know what I'm saying?'

Seven months later, in a courtroom in Russell Street opposite police headquarters, DS Jeff reads from his record of our interview: Frazer, age 25, is editor of *Go-Set* which sells 50,000 copies a week, lives at etc. Next, my lawyer Peter Heerey asks Coote how this issue of *Go-Set* came to his notice and Coote says it came from the Chief Secretary's department. Then Heerey asks if there's been a rash of stealing from supermarkets over the 12 months since this issue went on sale, and Coote says he wouldn't know about that, though you'd think he should.

Then Heerey points out that this section of *Go-Set* called Link-Up is designed for kids living on their wits, and they would get it that Abbie Hoffman 'is writing in a sardonically humorous style', which the police prosecutor (I'll call him PP) reckons is also something DS Coote wouldn't know.

I take the witness stand and say that Hoffman was provoking us, through sardonic humour, to consider the relative moralities and legalities of corporations, as in the paragraph after Supermarkets, called Pay Toilets, where Abbie's advice is: 'Sneak under.'

When court decorum returns, I point out that Link-Up mostly gives serious advice, for example, a section called Ways To Save The Earth says 'never use dyed dunny paper, and always use biodegradable containers.'

I continue, seriously: 'Abbie's provoking people to rethink their concepts of who's thieving what from whom,

and nobody would take his hints like revelations,' to which the PP asks 'Why not?' and I say 'because even though our readers are, on average, 17-and-a-half years old, they already know that our society runs, in part, on legalised robbery.'

The PP pounces: 'Your magazine sells for twenty cents right? It's full of advertisements and sells 50,000 copies an issue? So you make a very good profit out of it?'

Me: 'No. Our costs, over the five years since startup, have been enormous, and we are an independent company with paid up capital of exactly three dollars.'

PP: 'It's still going isn't it?'

Me: 'Since this article came out, *Go-Set* has been taken over by our printers, as compensation for the debt we owe them.'

This appears to have exhausted the PP, but he gives it one last shot: 'Why didn't you explain in the first paragraph that you did not endorse any of the ideas of the author, that you put them out as a matter of interest on how the head of the Yippies thinks?'

I reply 'What we said was "these words could be of some use to you, the reader. It may be that the only use you find for them is to wrap rubbish in... it's your choice".'

The magistrate committed me to trial, but it never happened. Hamer became Premier of Victoria, and maybe his daughters told him to grow up, and Whitlam became PM. The times were a'changin'.

Phillip Frazer isolates cheerfully at coorabellridge.com.

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Letters



Joining the dots

A quick quiz question – what is the connection between Council's robo-letter to Main Arm residents based on their pathetic Unauthorised Dwelling Policy, and the current detailed survey works along Main Arm Road at Upper Main Arm?

Obviously the latter are intended to plan a significant upgrade of the road. And this while National Parks' plans for an up-market walking track, camping ground, and picnic area at Unicorn Falls, as advertised earlier this year, with the stated intention to attract tourist traffic away from Wollumbin and Byron Bay.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

Correction

Jim Mangleson is wrong in his letter to the editor, in last week's *Echo* (21 October).

The Executive Works and Services Engineer, Keith Disher, called me to his office in the old Byron Council offices and asked me to move from South Byron STP to West Byron to sort out the ammonia problems as the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) was going to start fining Byron Shire Council (BSC) for ammonia breaches.

South Byron sewage treatment plant (STP) was an anaerobic process, West Byron STP was an aerobic process.

BSC built the first West Byron with Brian Mackney as water and sewerage manager with the council's own money. The plant was failing from day one through lack of aeration caused by inefficient surface aerators that were part of the design concept bought by Mackney.

The wetlands saved the

More letters online
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plant from breaching its EPA ammonia licence for ten years by the effluent having to pass through it but, eventually, the ammonia levels reached the EPA site 7 monitoring point and consistent breaches occurred.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Donald's Trump card

People are making a fuss about Donald Trump's Twittering to the world the stunning accuracy of America's spy satellite imagery. A stupid thing to do perhaps – what else can we expect from Trump? But

I knew about that accuracy years ago and I'm nobody special. It's not new, and not secret. And so, not so stupid.

His enemies might have to wait until he Twitters to the Chinese the codes for America's nuclear arsenal and claims world domination, under threat of Mutual Assured Destruction, in order to avoid an election he might lose. That will get more attention and maybe feed his ego to bursting point, and so solve the Trump problem through a little explosion in his head. And no doubt, as we see in the movies, the CIA have

assassins on hand for this kind of situation if all else fails.

Meanwhile, God bless Trump and his devotees for being so wrong for so long. A big lesson for us all. May they rest in peace.

John Jennings
Numinbah

the beginning, and it surely at least, will throw the cat amongst the pigeons.

Thanks to all involved including ourselves for making this happen. Here's to a nuclear weapons free future.

Deb & Mick Stacey
Ballina

Nuclear weapons ban

It's a good news week. Over the weekend, we received the great news from ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), that we now have the 50 ratifications supporting the UN Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons.

On January 22, 2021, this will become written into International Law, making it illegal to possess, manufacture, probagate or threaten the use of nuclear weapons.

It is not the end, it is only

Run, bubble, run

Wonderful revelation in the news several nights ago. I was lifted out of my ignorance about the anatomy of bubbles!

The newsreader told me that the trans-Tasman travel bubble was 'up and running'.

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Eve Jeffery

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And Veet can teach you to have a kitchen that smells and tastes like hers.

Apart from Veet's wonderful three day vegan foundation courses, which will resume in January 2021, and her vegan chef training that will go ahead in April to June, she is also launching her first online cooking course next month.

Veet says she loved creating the content for the online course. 'I put so many gems in the course that will make cooking vegan food at home really easy, and above all else incredibly delicious. Filming the online course was a new experience for me, and I loved showing what I do well and that is creating delicious vegan food and teaching people how to do it!'

Veet says the course shows you how real it gets in the kitchen. 'It's a down-to-earth online cooking course. There are so many cooking tips to make life easier in the kitchen and also more delicious. Everything tastes amazing and I show you how to adjust flavouring for your own taste buds. The course has everything – complex meals, easy meals, meals with a few components that come together sensationally, fridge and pantry staples for those times you need a quick feed.' And the vegan cream on the top, is she has three wonderful sweet treats, one of which – many who've tried it are saying – is worth buying the



Cooking up a slice of heaven, Veet in her happy place. Photo Tree Faerie.

whole course just to learn how to make it.

If you are new to vegan cooking, or to cooking at all, what you will learn in this course could give you a menu plan of wonderful meals, snacks and sweet treats to keep you going for months.

Always pushing further ahead with her understanding of food, Veet is studying a post graduate degree in nutrition, bringing even more to each and every course she facilitates.

With vegan being the new culinary black, what is exciting about Veet's online course is how she showcases how wonderfully creative vegan food can be. 'You can put simple whole food ingredients together to make food that you just want to create over and over again. I also love sharing tips that help bring out people's creativity in the kitchen.'

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My blue heaven on a shrub at Tallogum

Eve Jeffery

There are not many things more delicious than crushing a fresh blueberry between your teeth and getting that sweet and tangy burst of flavour – it's something you never get tired of. Even while visiting Natalie Bell on her farm in Lindendale, we were chatting and Natalie, who has pretty much grown up on blueberries, was plucking the perfectly ripe fruit from the shrub on which it grows and snacking – we both were! This fruit is irresistible.

I am visiting Tallogum, a blueberry farm owned and run by Natalie and her husband Paul Lloyd. This is a huge operation that grows several varieties of berries and employs more than 50 people.

'Paul and I both come from horticulture backgrounds,' says Natalie. 'Paul has been working in the industry for the past 30 years, including running farms and managing the supply chain for produce into Australian supermarkets.'

'My background is in all things blueberries – my father, Ridley Bell, is considered a pioneer in the blueberry industry.'

Ridley Bell is recognised for his involvement in introducing blueberries into Australia, but more recently his work in blueberry breeding and the licensing of blueberry varieties globally.

'I spent ten years working for my family business, learning every part of the business; from farming to marketing and accounting. And in 2014 Paul and I purchased a run down blueberry farm next to my family's blueberry farm in Lindendale. The farm was growing old, poorly producing blueberries. Our goal was to establish a sustainable farm that focused on supplying a premium product locally. We turned a portion of the farm into protected



Tallogum sales manager, Simon Gava, and farmer, Natalie Bell. Photo Tree Faerie.

cropping raspberries, which we still grow today. We also began replacing the orchard with new blueberry varieties under more sustainable practices, including protected cropping and growing in substrate bags. Today we are one third through the redevelopment of the farm.

Natalie says she loves providing customers in the region with an amazing local blueberry. Her customers are happy to support a local family farm supplying locals with premium blueberries.

Natalie says, in recent months, health restrictions have made them even more aware of their local customers. 'We have always been involved in local farmers' markets, but we have become more aware of the importance of our local customers and thinking outside the square on how we can reach these customers.'

Natalie says she and Paul plan to continue rejuvenating the orchard to grow new improved blueberries with an aim to supply blueberries locally for as many months of year as possible.

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The Good Life

Pinning her luck on farming

Walking down the main street of Bangalow, Mary Pinzone saw a petition to start a local farmers market – the first in the Byron region. Having recently moved to the area, she decided the time was ripe to make a career change as well – trading in a desk job for working the land. So she did.

Twenty years later, Mary is still growing strong and one of the original founding members of the Byron Farmers Market.

'I do love it,' says Mary. 'When you're growing fresh produce, not everything always goes to plan. It was a huge learning curve, but I still get such joy from simply growing things and watching what comes of it – like a beautiful silverbeet leaf, or almost perfect bulbs of garlic.'

Mary and her husband, Peter, have a citrus orchard and mixed veggie garden on 2.5 acres in South Ballina. It's small but very productive. They grow a range of leafy greens, seasonal herbs, chillies, cucumbers, snake beans and garlic, and much of the harvest is used to make Mary's famous 'Pinny's Products', including chilli jam, harissa, sambal, relishes and her famous bread and butter cucumbers, which she sells exclusively at Byron Farmers Market.

Mary says she still clearly remembers the very first farmers market, at Butler Street Reserve in Byron Bay, in December 2002. 'It wasn't very easy to get the farmers' market started. There was some resistance, and it took



Mary Pinzone at Byron Farmers Market. Photo Elize Strydom

us nearly a year to get it up and running.

'Back then there were no other farmers' markets around and we were besieged by customers. It didn't matter what type or amount of produce you brought, the demand far outstripped the supply. The locals just loved it.'

What started as half a dozen stalls has today grown to more than 75 and become very much a part of the fabric of the Byron Bay community.

For Mary, every Thursday morning signals a chance to catch up with other farmers and her loyal customers – a ritual she still cherishes. 'The farmers market really is a special place. I love the fact that customers appreciate that you grew it yourself – and their feedback each week is lovely. They'll tell you if they enjoyed something. It sounds silly, but they are like friends. Even after all these years I still enjoy Thursdays. It's my play day.'

■ Byron Farmers Market is held every Thursday 7am–11am at the Cavanbah Centre, and Bangalow Farmers Market is every Saturday morning 7–11am behind the Bangalow Pub.

Swapping inner city life for the rainforest

If you want to taste some of the incredible array of foods native to the Northern Rivers, a visit to Rainforest Foods at the Mullum and New Brighton Farmers Market is a must.

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Tuckombil farmer, Anthony Hotson started Rainforest Foods more than 20 years ago after swapping his inner-city lifestyle and career in the arts for a 'real' job growing food.

His passion for native foods is matched only by his passion for restoring and protecting the natural environment.

The business grew from a desire to conserve and regenerate a remnant of the Big Scrub (the rainforest that once covered much of the Northern Rivers) that was on the Hotson family property.

He and the family planted out native rainforest species like macadamias, finger limes and Davidson plums and eventually began to value add and market their produce.

Part of the mission of the business is to educate people about the value of native foods – their flavours and powerful nutritional properties, but also their importance in the ecosystem.

The Northern Rivers' most famous nut, the macadamia, is



Rainforest Foods stall assistant John Cottrell at the New Brighton Farmers Market

the star of the Rainforest Foods stall, and they're available in all delicious iterations; there are dry-roasted, honey-roasted and milk and dark chocolate coated whole nuts, however it's the plain and simple natural, raw macadamia that remains Rainforest Foods' best seller.

The natural macadamia spread – made with 100 per cent raw macadamias, is another favourite. It's a versatile, healthy product that can be used as a non-dairy alternative to butter, but has a whole host of other uses – including in satay sauces, as a dip with crackers, in dressings and marinades, in smoothies for extra protein, or in baking.

Anthony says macadamias are high in monounsaturated fats and the ratios of different sorts of fats are perfect for us. 'So it's very, very healthy – an amazing nut.'

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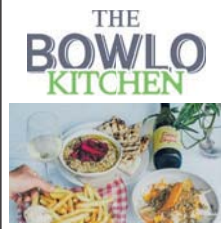
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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



HOW I STOPPED WORRYING AND LEARNED TO LOVE THE C BOMB

How do you feel about the C word? Frankly I hate that I can't say 'can't' here. Like it's too hideous to be said out loud. For some people, even saying 'the C word' without saying the actual C word is as risky as they get. They'll say 'I can tolerate anything except the C word' because apparently it's too offensive. I find that offensive. Although you have to admire a word with that kind of power, it's taboo. It never goes unnoticed. It packs a punch. It's a lot more impactful than 'dick' or 'cock' – they barely raise an eyebrow.

The magic C has lost none of her fierceness. She can start a fight. She can close a party. She can have you thrown off stage. She can even have you thrown off Facebook – Mr Zuckerberg doesn't like it. Facebook is like some uptight school principal who suspends you for use of the C bomb as an offence against public decency. Meanwhile, you can post images of violence, sexist memes, and right wing conspiratorial propaganda – but no, not the C.

I reclaim it. Although I'm not quite saying it out loud here. Because I can't say can't. I like it as a word for my anatomy. It's short, and not up itself. In fact, it has a stinging brutality that I like. It's not as silly as 'twat'. I don't have a twat. A twat doesn't convey the majesty. A twat is something you have at bingo, or when you're selling raffle tickets; 'Watch it Beryl! You just hit me in the twat with the meat tray.' A twat is friendly. A twat does a lot of volunteering. Twats are people pleasers. Women called Joyce have twats.

And as for 'vagina' – I always feel weird saying vagina. It's too proper and creepy. Someone once asked me 'Can I touch your vagina?' I instantly said 'No' because it was Santa, and we were in a shopping centre. A vagina is something you show the doctor, even if they don't ask. It's medical. I can't imagine going to the doctor and saying 'I'm just here for you to check my C'. I'd like to. Just to see them squirm. Vagina isn't even the right word, I think vulva is probably more accurate, but it just makes me cringe. Vulva is the creepiest of all. I bet a man made up the word vulva. He said, 'How can I make women ashamed of their C's? Let's call it a vulva'. But I can say vulva and not get banned on social media. I could wear a T-shirt that said 'You stupid vulva' and I'd be able to sit in the front row at church.

Then there's 'yoni'. I couldn't use that word with a straight face. It sounds like a singer. I've written about the yoni before – it's far too spiritual for me. A yoni would complain a lot I reckon. Never satisfied.

And 'pussy' – pussy is the most ridiculous word I've heard for a C! It's strictly for porn. And it's something hetero men say. I always find it weird when I hear women talk about 'my pussy' like it's something they are comfortable with. I couldn't say to my young daughter 'I hope you've washed your pussy'. Too Epstein. When you give an animal human features it's called anthropomorphising. When you do the reverse, it's called zoomorphism. Stop zoomorphising my C! It's not a pussy, or a beaver.

I once did a drawing of the Virgin Mary – I realised the kneeling figure and all the folds looked a lot like the holy mother – and I'm talking about the one between our legs. It occurred to me that the space of our fertility, that which has caused centuries of fear and suspicion and oppression has always had a kind of mysticism; the place of pleasure, and pain, and the miracle of life. So I called the drawing of the kneeling virgin the 'Insatiable C'. C is a word that disrupts – it still makes people uncomfortable. Colloquial terms for genitalia have always been used as derision – and while I avoid using the C word because of an element of what I find sacred, I wonder, when the time comes that all these words have the same benign level of offence if we will have truly achieved gender equity? I guess I'll just sit on my can't and wait.

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ENTERTAINMENT SEVEN



COUNTRY WITCHES BRING IN BELTANE

Join the **Country Witches Association** to celebrate Bealtaine, (Beltane) the real pagan festival that should be celebrated in the Southern Hemisphere on **31 October** instead of Halloween! Bealtaine is a fire and fertility festival that marks the transition of seasons and the arrival of summer and the riches that season brings. This is when the veil is thinnest between the spirit and human worlds and hence the perfect date for witches in all hemispheres to gather and mark their intentions for the coming year. Fires are lit as a way of clearing the air, recharging the Earth and planting hope for a fruitful season ahead. With 2020 being the year the world was in the grip of a pandemic we have never needed a more hopeful reason to gather than Bealtaine, and plant some potent hope – together!

Singer-songwriter, and founding witch, **Áine Tyrrell** grew up sitting around Bealtaine bonfires on the West Coast of Ireland and she is looking forward to sharing her witchy Irish traditions with the Southern Hemisphere witches! Mandy Nolan joins forces with Áine as the two present their hugely popular Country Witches show for the first time at the gorgeous Regent Theatre, in Murwillumbah. Drawing down on the themes and traditions of Bealtaine, these two bring a very different version of the CWA, mixing genres to bring dangerous dialogues and uncomfortable collaborations to the boil! Áine and Mandy stir the political pot, spin a yarn, tell a joke and have a damn good time.

The witches ask you to mark the moment by wearing your sassiest and most fertile black!

While the Saturday night is sold out there are still tickets for Sunday at 11am! Tix \$40 on trybooking.com/BLUFR. Or aine Tyrrell.com

ALOHA! IT'S CLELIA

Mullumbimby's own country music queen, **Clelia Adams** teams up with **Aloha Baby** to explore the origins of the steel guitar and its migration from the Hawaiian Islands to become a mainstay sound of Country and Western music. Clelia and **Paul Agar**, steel guitarist from local Hawaiian music trio Aloha Baby, will share their knowledge of the history of these two musical genres in a one hour musicological concert full of fascinating stories, beautiful instrumentals and country songs we all know and love.

Book your seat now for a one-hour-plus show of engaging entertainment with humour and musical panache, this Sunday morning. Tickets are \$15 per person. Available from <https://www.mullumexservices.com.au/what-s-on>. Limited capacity. 11am at the Mullum Ex-Services Club.



GIVIN A BUCKLEYS!

After their stunning debut live performance, *Daydream with the Buckleys Live from Byron Bay* was broadcast globally, their *World Virtual Tour* with Live Nation, reached over 4.5 million peeps. Now you can experience the skyrocketing brilliance of The Buckleys when they perform live in concert as part of the Great Southern Nights Initiative.

Sarah Buckley speaks of the show; 'We can't wait to bring our live show to our home region and to start rebuilding the strong, resilient, and ever so important live music industry that provides us all with these memory making, spirit lifting concerts: the crews, venues, musicians, and all the behind-the-scenes workers in all parts of the industry [who] have had it extremely tough this year.'

Country, Pop, Americana and Indie, *Daydream* is a sun-kissed collection of music that embodies the personalities and spirit of the Buckley siblings – Sarah (20), Molly (17) and Lachlan (19). Becoming a formidable force in the US recently, The Buckleys have been establishing themselves as a young, dynamic act to watch.

Friday 6 Nov at The Byron Theatre, Saturday 14 Nov at the Australian Hotel in Ballina, and Saturday 21 Nov at the Byron YAC.

BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH TRENT DALTON



Byron Writers Festival has announced a series of three live events, starting at **Byron Theatre** on **Tuesday 17 November**, with **Trent Dalton**, the award-winning, bestselling author of *Boy Swallows Universe*, who returns with one of the most anticipated novels of 2020.

All Our Shimmering Skies is an epic odyssey of true love and grave danger, of darkness and light, of bones and blue skies. It is a love letter to Australia and an ode to the art of looking up.

Trent Dalton will be in conversation with local author, **Zacharey Jane**. The event will also include a short performance from local musician **Bobby Alu**. Tickets are on sale now via byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on. For those unable to make it to the live event, it will be streamed on-demand for a limited time the following day.

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SEVEN



CLOSING BYRON FILM FESTIVAL!

While film festivals around the world have been forced to create virtual editions for 2020, the team at the Byron Bay International Film Festival have stepped up to the challenge and created a unique COVID response – developing a hybrid experience of a star-studded film competition, giving you the opportunity to experience a screening at Byron's iconic lighthouse, and a selection of entertaining and provocative features, documentaries and short films, all to be viewed, as they were meant to be, on the big screen.

Closing the BBFF20 is the highly anticipated, new Australian feature *Moon Rock for Monday*, produced by Ballina local **Jim Robinson**, and written and directed by **Kurt Martin**.

'*Moon Rock For Monday* really sings; while its technical achievements are all top-notch, it's the emotion that really kicks. Sad, funny, heartbreaking and true, *Moon Rock For Monday* won't release you from its grip for days' says Erin Free.

On Sunday, 1 November at 7pm, (Palace Cinemas Byron Bay), with the filmmakers in attendance *Inside the film: Moon Rock For Monday* screens at the Byron Bay International Film Festival. Limited tickets available from <http://bbff.com.au>

BBFF2020 is running all week, so until Sunday go to the website to check out what is on offer!

GIRLS LIGHT UP

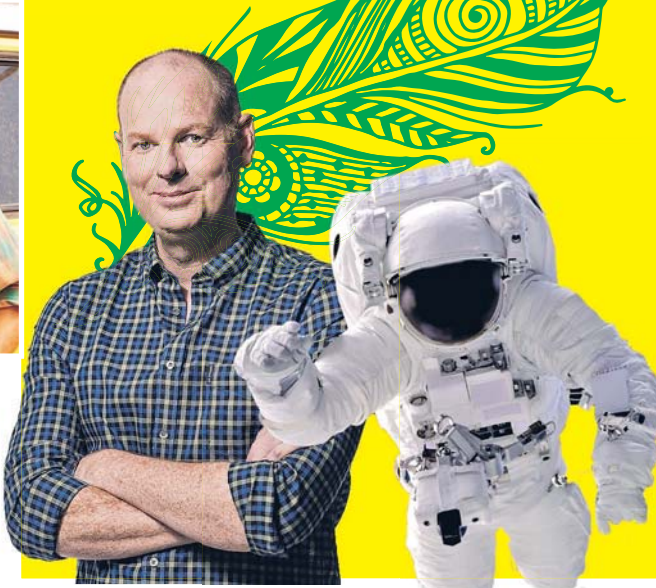
This Sunday, the girls light up for **Bay FM** when **Lucie Thorne and Sara Tindley** perform together in one gorgeous shared show!

Locally-based Taswegian, Lucie, is no stranger here. She's been a much-loved performer at many Mullum Music Festivals as well as other events over the past decade.

Sara has a wonderful gift for writing funny, true and tender songs, and a voice that sings straight to the heart. With four critically acclaimed albums, her songs have travelled around the country via radio, film and television.

A storyteller of the highest order, Sara combines the emotional honesty of country music with the unadorned melodies and musicality of Australian roots and folk. These are modern songs with a country lilt.

At the Brunswick Picture House on Sunday.
Tix on brunswickpicturehouse.com



THE GLEESON CLUB

Tom Gleeson's *Lighten Up Tour* is back on! The last show he did was back in March, in Adelaide, where he won the Fringe Award for best show. He's been in lockdown ever since... so grab a ticket to see the *Hard Quiz* host and Gold Logie winner, the master of comedy, perform his finest hour.

Monday 9 Nov–Friday 13 Nov at the Brunswick Picture House. Tix on brunswickpicturehouse.com

THE PAT DAVERN AND PHIL JAMIESON EXPERIENCE

The collaborations of this duo were born in 1995 in Lismore. They have been writing and performing music together for the last 25 years. Now on stage for the first time ever as a pair, we welcome **Spaceman Pat Davern** to the **Ballina RSL**, alongside his creative foil – his left-hand man – **Phil Jamieson**. Songs will be sung, instruments will be played, jokes will be told, laughs may or may not be had.

Guest support is the enigmatic singer songwriter, **Sophie Ozard**, also hailing from the Northern Rivers of NSW.

It's going to be a really special night in Ballina, presented by Destination NSW 'Great Southern Nights' initiative supporting NSW live music performances throughout November. Tickets are extremely limited so be sure to book early. Pat Davern and Phil Jamieson, with Sophie Ozard, at Ballina RSL on Thursday 5 November.

TEX PERKINS + FRIENDS PLAY BAYFM BENEFIT



Long time local and all round good guy, Tex Perkins is donating his time to put on a Benefit Gig for BayFM. And his band features Tasmanian songstress Lucie Thorne, local musicians Christian Pyle and Jez Mead. The show delivers a range of songs from the Cruel Sea, Beasts of Bourbon, Dark Horses and Tex, Don & Charlie.

ONE SHOW ONLY!

Friday 20 November 8pm at the Byron Theatre
Tickets byroncentre.com.au



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GIG GUIDE

WEDNESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JAY FRANCIS**, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **DAN SULTAN**
- CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020**

THURSDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **SOUL FISH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **AL & CASS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHRISTINA GIORGIO: HEART ON MY SLEEVE**
- CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **DENNIS WILSON**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT WITH MANDY NOLAN**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**

FRIDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ALIVAN BLU**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**, 5.30PM **JESSE MORRIS**, 8PM **NATHAN KAYE DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020 – SURF FILM SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MARK TREVORROW**
- CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **KIT BRAY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEVEN GREEN**, 9.30PM **ANDREW TAYLOR**

SATURDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **TIM CONLON**, 4.30PM **ALIVAN BLU**, 8PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BYRON THEATRE, 1PM **LIVE SCREENING OF PRESENT LAUGHTER BY NOEL COWARD**, 7PM **DREAMSOUND FILMS AND ONE VISION PRODUCTIONS, THE POWER OF SOUND EGYPT**
- WEMOVE STUDIO, 8.30PM **AUNTYRAE SAYS BOO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MARK TREVORROW**
- CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**, 6.15PM **DJ MILK**
- SLIPWAY TAVERN, BALLINA, 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **PINK ZINC DUO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **CHAD AGENT 77 SOLO**, 9.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**
- MEMORIAL INSTITUTE HALL, KYOGLE, 8PM **SHE-RATED CABARET**

SUNDAY 1

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **SCOTT DAVY**, 4.30PM **TROPICALE**, 8PM **SKY EATER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM CONLON**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **LUCIE THORNE & SARA TINDLEY – GIRLS LIGHT UP**
- CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2020**
- BYRON BEACHSIDE MARKET 9AM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- CLUB MULLUM, MULLUMBIMBY, 11AM **HAWAII MEETS COUNTRY, CLELIA ADAMS & ALOHA BABY**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **CROAKER & THE HONEYBEE**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 11AM **COUNTRY WITCHES ASSOCIATION WITH MANDY NOLAN AND AINE TYRELL – BEALTAINE SHOW**

MONDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NEIL MCCANN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 8PM **FERNANDO ARAGONES**

TUESDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **ALIVAN BLU**, 5.30PM **INO PIO**, 8PM **JORDAN MAC**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STONED WAVES**

WEDNESDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**

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WHAT'S ON

BBFF 2020 - SURF FILM SESSION LIVE CINEMA EVENT
Friday 30 October, 7.30pm
\$21.90

PRESENT LAUGHTER BY NOËL COWARD NT LIVE SCREENING
Saturday 31 October, 1pm
Full \$25 | Conc \$23 | U18 \$15 | Group of 6–10 \$20

THE POWER OF SOUND EGYPT LIVE CINEMA EVENT
Saturday 31 October, 7pm
\$22

MULLUMBIMBY'S MAGIC: PART 3 – THE ARTS LIVE CINEMA EVENT
Thursday 5 November, 7pm
\$20 | Ages 13+

THE BUCKLEYS – GREAT SOUTHERN NIGHTS LIVE MUSIC EVENT
Friday 6 November, 7.30pm
\$28.80

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EGYPT ON SCREEN

After the international success of the first *Power of Sound – AFRICA*, local producers **Mark Robertson** and **Chris Liddell** now bring their epic journey into the mysteries and peoples of ancient Egypt to the screen at **The Byron Theatre** this **Saturday**.

Deep-diving past the veneers of translation and interpretation, *The Power of Sound – EGYPT* offers insight and revelation direct from the wisdom-keepers and indigenous peoples of the Giza Plateau, Nile Valley and Nubian lands, along with Khemetian researchers, Sufi mystic musicians, Egyptologists and sound healing practitioners.

Saturday at The Byron Theatre. Tix from the box office or www.byroncentre.com.au. All enquiries to producers@powerofsoundseries.com or Mark Robertson



PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 29 Oct - Wed 4 Nov NFT = No Free Tickets

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RAN (M) Mon: 6:45PM

STUDIO GHIBLI: THE CAT RETURNS (G)

Thu: 6:30PM Sat: 2:00PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

BRAZEN HUSSIES (M)

Adv Screenings Fri, Sun: 4:40PM Sat: 2:30PM

OPERA DE PARIS: MANON (CTC)

Sun: 1:00PM Wed: 11:00AM

RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW (CTC)

Sat: 4:00PM

STEELERS: THE WORLD'S FIRST GAY RUGBY CLUB (CTC)

Wed: 6:30PM

STEVIE NICKS 24 KARAT GOLD THE CONCERT (G)

By Popular Demand Tue: 7:00PM

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Daily: 11:50AM, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00

RAMS (PG) NFT

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Sat: 11:00AM, 1:50, 4:15, 7:15

BABY DONE (M)

Thu, Mon: 11:40AM, 4:15PM

Fri: 11:40AM, 2:00PM

Sat: 11:45AM, 7:00PM

Sun: 11:40AM, 5:30PM

Tue, Wed: 11:40AM, 4:15, 6:30

CITY OF LIES (MA15+)

Thu, Fri, Sat: 11:30AM

Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed: 1:50PM

DIRT MUSIC (M)

Thu, Fri, Sun: 11:20AM

Sat: 11:30AM

Mon, Tue, Wed: 11:20AM, 4:00

HONEST THIEF (M)

Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun: 5:15, 7:30PM

Mon, Tue: 11:20AM, 5:15, 7:30

Wed: 11:30AM, 5:15, 7:30PM

HOPE GAP (M) Thu, Fri: 11:45AM

Mon, Tue, Wed: 11:45AM, 1:45

NEVER TOO LATE (M)

Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:00PM

Sat, Sun: 11:30AM

ON THE ROCKS (M)

Thu, Sun: 2:00, 4:15PM

Fri, Mon, Tue, Wed:

2:00, 4:15, 6:45PM

Sat: 5:00, 6:45PM

TENET (M)

Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:15PM

Sun: 12:00PM

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Sun: 11:00AM, 3:00, 7:30PM

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Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue:

11:30AM, 1:50PM

Sat: 1:50PM Sun: 1:10, 3:15PM

TROLLS WORLD TOUR (G)

Daily except Sun:

11:20AM, 5:30PM

Sun: 11:00AM

IMMERSE YOURSELF!

Over the last six weeks, **Dashboard Animals** have given life to an empty space in the Ocean Village car park with their pop-up **InSideOut Lightbox** (beside Target). The latest collaboration is a full sensory immersion with **Monsieur Diop**, with multi-channel video projection and cameras, art installation and a live outside street-space. **Seven** spoke with the good Monsieur Diop to drill down on who he is and what he's doing.

As a creative how would you describe yourself and the work you do?

I am intuitive, I try not to overthink or conceptualise too much. At first, there are feelings, energies, and emotions. I work in a repetitive flow of action, which puts me in a meditative state and allows me to act intuitively. After a session of work, I take a step back, I observe and realise my intentions. These reflections will set the plan for my next working session.

As a content creator, what drives you to want to alter people's perceptions of reality?

I do collage work (some of my work is being shown at the Concetta Antico Gallery in Bangalow), installation work, and I am also a very active DJ around the Byron Shire.

At all times my aim is to grab people's attention in a gentle and harmonious way.

I'm trying to take them out of their comfort zone on a trip they would not expect to be able to take.

On my own path through life, I've found myself in thousands of different situations, experiencing different levels of society in different parts of the world, experiencing different realities.

I believe that questioning our perceptions, understanding other realities, is a very important step towards tolerance and acceptance.

What process do you use to work up your content?

The first part of the process is accumulating material.

I use what is available around me; society's leftovers and nature's leftovers. One old lightbulb socket is boring, but once you have thousands of them you can do fantastic things. I find material at the tip, I also collaborate with different businesses who create 'interesting rubbish' for me.

It is very satisfying to realise that I am transforming rejected objects into art!

What do you love about the transient nature of pop-ups? How does this complement your art?

Pop-ups are creating a memory. Once they are physically gone, there is nothing left of the structure, just the experience, only the memory remains. Just like a circus in the old days. There

is a feeling left of wanting some more, wishing we could have more time to understand, to watch again.

My installation stays alive in people's minds – it is now part of their reality forever.

How do you deal with the absence of control?

I love it! I believe in education, awareness, understanding, and respect. Not so much in rules and control.

In France, we say rules are only made to be broken. Which is why our grammar is so complicated!

Control stops people from thinking for themselves, it is the enemy of tolerance.

This is why I have decided to become an artist. In the art field possibilities are endless, there is no control, everything can be done in the name of art.

What do you have planned for the Ocean Village Installation?

This installation is a collaboration with Arianna Bossi and her project the Lightbox. She is transforming commercial spaces into cultural spaces, bringing art and culture directly to the people.

The room is next to Target in Ocean Shores, it used to be a gym. It has a massive window that she uses as a screen. Our installation divides itself into three parts.

The outdoor car park is the space for people to meet and watch. The giant screen is giving hints of what is happening inside the space, and is supposed to trigger the curiosity for the people to step inside.

I have created a three-hour sound journey and we are giving people wireless headphones.

On the Inside, people first step into a space that works as a transition.

It is an empty room full of colours, fog and light. With their shadow, through the screen, they can communicate with the other people outside in the car park.

As they make their way through, they find a five metre geodesic dome, the core of this installation. Set as a voodoo nest to rebirth. The dome is full of tangled eclectic objects, organic and plastic, a bizarre saturation of society's leftovers.

Yet we are not entering a junkyard – but a rather mystic space.

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 of November 7–10pm. Bookings are not necessary, but warmly recommended. The show runs continuously. OUTSIDE and INSIDE sessions are 20–30mins. The price for OUTSIDE only are \$10 (includes headsets). For OUTSIDE and INSIDE: \$30 (includes headsets). Saturday 7 Nov, 5–7pm Monsieur Diop will auction his artworks.

All the deets are on Facebook: Monsieur Diop.

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Show of strength for Lismore market

In a show of strength for the Lismore market, a delightful Federation home sold for a record house price of over a million last month.

Located in the premium dress circle pocket of Girards Hill, selling agent, Brett McDonald from Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah sold the magnificent property at 39 James St, for famed artist Christine James and her husband, Geoff James.

Mrs James' work, which is inspired by the Bundjalung National Park and the BRDwater National Park, are included in the public collections of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlement, Artbank and Parliament House Canberra.

Known as the 'Queen of the Hill', the architectural jewel, was sold to a private buyer from the region,

according to Mr McDonald. 'There is plenty of commentary about buyers from our capital cities fleeing to regional hubs such as Lismore to escape COVID-19 lockdowns.'

'But that is only a small part of the story, with most of our buyers moving to Lismore from the local Northern Rivers and Tweed Coast regions, including the buyer of this wonderful property. People are moving to Lismore because it's

such a great town with cultural diversity. This diversity includes a bRd mix of galleries, performing arts studios, a music conservatorium, and a university.

'Lismore also has a genuine sense of community, which is a quality you can't put a price on. The locals support one another and

welcome newcomers.

'This diversity and bonhomie are all within five minutes of this magnificent Federation home, which was the best house our buyers could find in this region.'

The interiors of Queen of the Hill are beautifully appointed, providing a perfect balance of living and entertaining areas with a coherent

theme throughout, with an emphasis on natural light and a sense of

spaciousness. Excellent utilisation of space allows for a variety of uses including separate generous entry, separate living/dining and large contemporary kitchen which opens to a stone-paved terrace, as well as to a paved garden room at the rear.

The famed Australian artist also

Lismore also has a genuine sense of community, which is a quality you can't put a price on



39 James St, Girrards Hill



Brett McDonald
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says there are other aspects of the magnificent Federation house she will miss. 'The beauty of the architectural features for a start. Never before had I seen Silver Ash floorboards.'

'The garden is planted with many natives and with that comes diverse birdsong. There is a koala corridor

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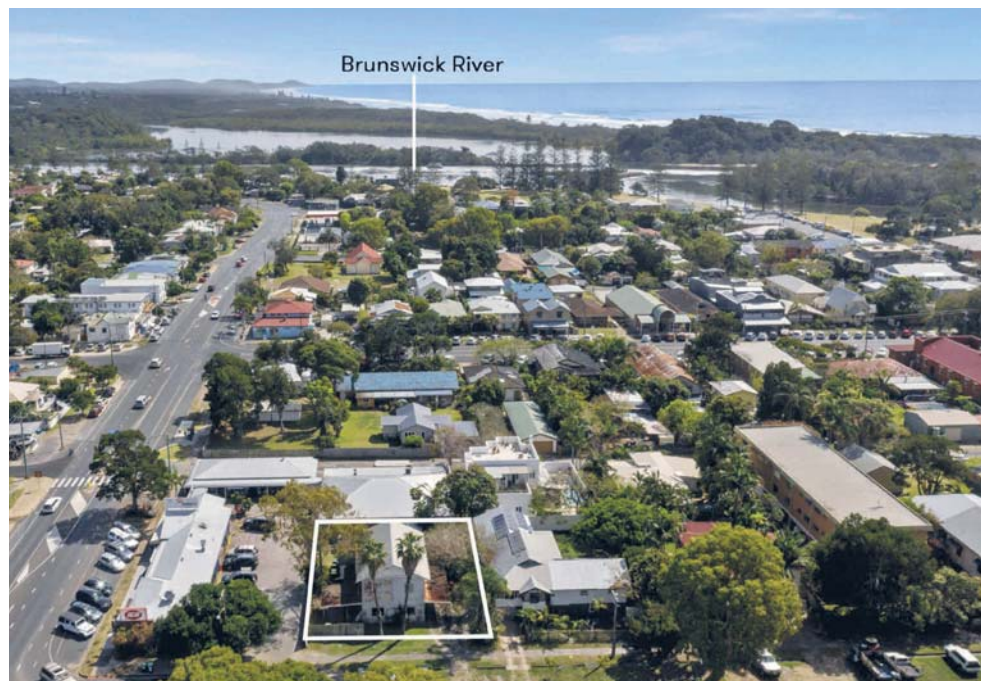


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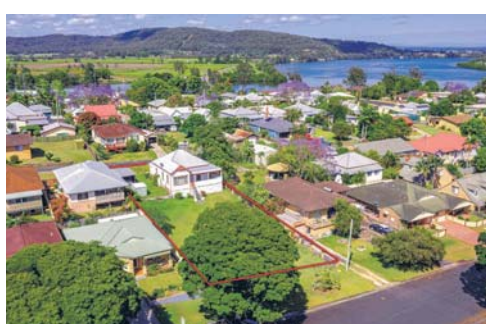
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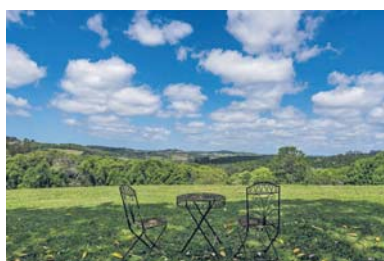
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This lovely character home is at the end of a long driveway on 16 picturesque acres in the Byron hinterland. The home is beautifully maintained and has an upstairs loft that can be used as a second living area or bedroom. High vaulted ceilings provide the main living and dining area with an airy spaciousness and doors opening to a wraparound verandah give the bedrooms and living space a connection to the outdoors. A generous-sized kitchen, beautifully presented bathrooms and bedrooms, a combustion fireplace, ceiling fans and screened doors all add to the home's comfort and appeal.



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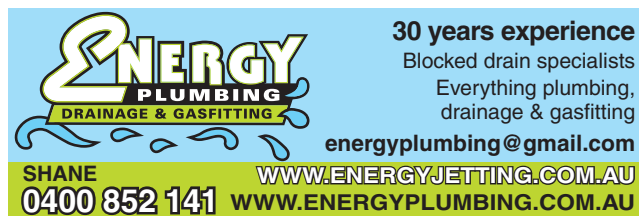
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☉ Full moon	1 Nov	1.49am
☾ Third quarter	9 Nov	12.46am
☽ New moon	15 Nov	4.07pm
☽ First quarter	22 Nov	3.45pm
☽ Full moon	30 Nov	8.29pm

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 S	0553	1906	1937	0614	0938 1.57; 2140 1.30	0302 0.19; 1545 0.34
2 M	0552	1906	2031	0647	1012 1.60; 2213 1.23	0330 0.20; 1623 0.35
3 T	0551	1907	2126	0723	1047 1.60; 2246 1.16	0359 0.24; 1702 0.38
4 W	0550	1908	2222	0804	1124 1.58; 2323 1.09	0429 0.28; 1745 0.42
5 T	0550	1909	2316	0850	1204 1.55	0501 0.34; 1833 0.46
6 F	0549	1909	0940	0940	0005 1.02; 1249 1.51	0541 0.41; 1930 0.49
7 S	0548	1910	0008	1036	0059 0.96; 1343 1.47	0630 0.47; 2037 0.50
8 S	0548	1911	0057	1135	0212 0.94; 1446 1.45	0738 0.52; 2146 0.46
9 M	0547	1912	0142	1237	0339 0.98; 1555 1.47	0901 0.53; 2248 0.39
10 T	0546	1912	0224	1341	0453 1.09; 1700 1.51	1021 0.49; 2341 0.29
11 W	0546	1913	0303	1445	0553 1.24; 1759 1.55	1130 0.41
12 T	0545	1914	0340	1551	0645 1.40; 1852 1.58	0026 0.19; 1232 0.32
13 F	0545	1915	0418	1658	0736 1.56; 1943 1.56	0108 0.11; 1330 0.24
14 S	0544	1916	0456	1807	0824 1.70; 2031 1.51	0148 0.05; 1426 0.18
15 S	0544	1916	0538	1917	0912 1.80; 2118 1.43	0228 0.02; 1521 0.16
16 M	0543	1917	0624	2028	1000 1.86; 2206 1.32	0308 0.03; 1616 0.17
17 T	0543	1918	0715	2137	1047 1.87; 2254 1.21	0349 0.08; 1714 0.21
18 W	0542	1919	0811	2241	1136 1.83; 2345 1.10	0431 0.16; 1812 0.27
19 T	0542	1920	0911	2338	1227 1.74	0516 0.26; 1911 0.33
20 F	0542	1920	1013		0040 1.02; 1319 1.63	0607 0.38; 2012 0.39
21 S	0541	1921	1114	0027	0145 0.97; 1415 1.53	0706 0.48; 2112 0.42
22 S	0541	1922	1212	0109	0302 0.98; 1515 1.43	0818 0.57; 2210 0.42
23 M	0541	1923	1309	0146	0417 1.03; 1615 1.37	0937 0.61; 2301 0.40
24 T	0541	1924	1402	0218	0520 1.13; 1711 1.33	1051 0.60; 2345 0.36
25 W	0540	1924	1455	0249	0610 1.23; 1801 1.31	1154 0.57
26 T	0540	1925	1546	0318	0652 1.34; 1845 1.30	0023 0.32; 1247 0.53
27 F	0540	1926	1638	0347	0730 1.44; 1925 1.29	0057 0.27; 1334 0.48
28 S	0540	1927	1731	0416	0806 1.53; 2002 1.26	0128 0.24; 1416 0.43
29 S	0540	1928	1825	0448	0841 1.60; 2039 1.23	0157 0.22; 1457 0.40
30 M	0540	1928	1920	0523	0916 1.65; 2115 1.20	0227 0.21; 1536 0.38

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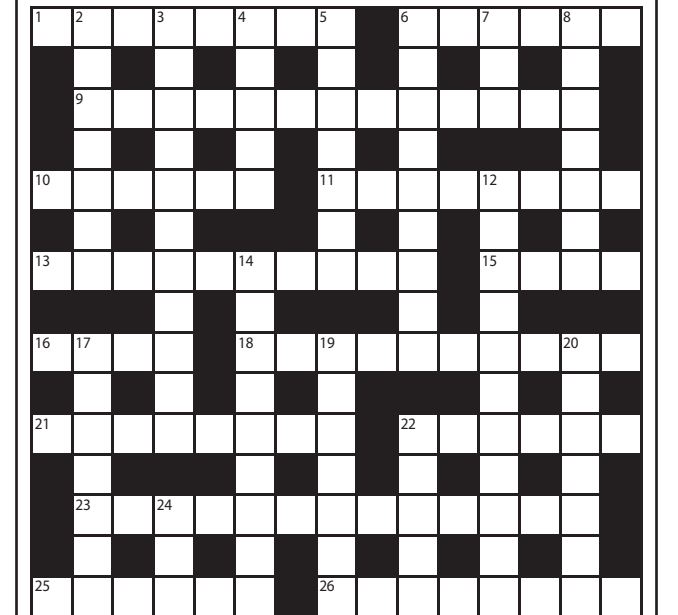
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- No image - a fraud! Narcissism! (8)
- Smarts needed for police tactics (6)
- Political leader appears in one anal push (7,6)
- Pay off debts for bench (6)
- I trade with top Utopian (8)
- Great idea, Rabin! (10)
- Wary America on board (4)
- Amend poor diet (4)
- Scan noises - could be take-offs (10)
- Light running in fat - cruel satires! (8)
- Take for granted like tally with English (6)
- 3 asks, sex appeal line available? (6,7)
- Traps for reckless Nasser (6)
- Number of assorted cardinals? Rubbish! (8)

DOWN

- Pay rage explodes between school and university (3,4)
- Summit M (8,3)
- Smell around individual - a din (5)
- Orient, a location for an erotic Italian poet (7)
- American politician? (9)
- Conditions strong in islands (3)
- The beginning is over in the units of inheritance (7)
- Social spent wastefully for a sci-fi soap opera (4,2,5)
- Ocean shores disturbed by fish (9)
- Showing no emotion and late - criticise severely! (7)
- Cold islands bird in reservoir (7)
- Designations for new Australian dynasties (7)
- Tree-like writer? (5)
- Lug decapitated ursine (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Excessive self-regard (8)
- Smarts, hurts (6)
- Founder of One Nation (7,6)
- Colonise, immigrate (6)
- Utopian, perfectionist (8)
- Sudden inspiration (10)
- Dodgy (slang) (4)
- Emend writing (4)
- Rises, elevations (10)
- Parodies, satires (8)
- Take as correct (6)
- Famous interpolation from 9 across (6,7)
- Traps, nets (6)
- Gobbledygook, rubbish (8)

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Devoted and dearly loved Mother of Garry, Julie and Francene.
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Finally at peace. Privately cremated. Will be sadly missed.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT McLEAN

21/11/1923-27/10/2011
You are my dad.
You are Pop to Cheryl and John. You are Poppy to Alison, Mya, Tayla, Sammy, Lachlan and Freyiah. You are and always will be so special to all of us, and that is why it is so hard every day facing life without you. Thank you for all the beautiful memories. We will never forget you, and we miss you so much. Lyn, Cheryl, John and families.



Trevor Sleep

August 1951-October 2018
Another year passes and thoughts of you are always near. Never to be forgotten, dear Trev.
♥♥♥ Jeana ♥♥♥

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STARS BY LILITH



This week's good news? Venus sashaying into Libra. Mercury retrograding there, not so much. Best recipe for weekend Taurus full moon? Do something beautiful...

♈ **ARIES:** Venus, aka mighty Aphrodite, is making her annual visit to brighten and balance Aries relationships. But not too fast, say retrogrades. Take it one step at a time. Tread carefully, and choose your battles. Don't make assumptions or take anything for granted. Forget ultimatums, just speak from the heart.

♉ **TAURUS:** Venus in Libra's your cue for a personal makeover, so prise yourself off the devices and consider fitness, self-care, a new look, new hair. The weekend's only Taurus full moon this year says acknowledge yourself for the work you've done over the past six months, the progress you've made in the face of adverse circumstances.

♊ **GEMINI:** This week Venus is flirtatious, but Mercury's a mischief-maker. Weekend full moon in your house of fantasy and illusion's great for creative or romantic pursuits, also for recognising the end of a cycle. But before acting on that, wait till next week when Mercury moves forward with more clarity. Timing's everything right now.

♋ **CANCER:** Venus kicks off its home-beautiful transit for Cancerians this week, so why not tame domestic chaos and feng shui your living space with a freshen-up and reset? Should the full moon highlight issues concerning community groups or teamwork, showing that enabling's been happening, then it's time to find another way.

♌ **LEO:** With Venus sweetening communications in your social sector, it's worth getting out and about - especially since the weekend full moon might engineer a job prospect. At home, an obstinate standoff could intensify. Are you being excessively rigid or stubborn? Best not, as there are things you aren't aware of going on behind the scenes.

♍ **VIRGO:** This week, affectionate Venus revels in the pleasures of the senses, and full moon could bring some visionary realisations and ideas. The downside? Mercury reversing into Libra delivers a double whammy of mistakes and misunderstandings, especially concerning work and money, so take the time to check, explain and follow up.

♎ **LIBRA:** With Venus in your sign and at one of her favorite playstations for almost a month, your personal superpowers are peaking. The celestial force is with Librans for asking, pitching or otherwise going after what you want - on the proviso that you plan and strategise this week, and take action next week when Mercury moves forward.

♏ **SCORPIO:** The annual transit of the love planet through your introspective zone invites you to turn inward and inspect your deepest feelings around partnerships. Whether you're happily attached, single, or it's complicated, you'll get the answers you want by quieting your mind and listening to your inner voice, especially during this weekend's full moon.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Mercury's stirring up trouble in your tech sector, but the silver lining of Venus being there as well means that when things go wrong there'll be plenty of help. Limit the need for damage control by questioning and confirming what you pass on. Conduct your own research to ensure the information you have is accurate.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Mixing and mingling at social events could be good for business this week, which comes with a word of warning; with Venus highly style conscious and inclined to be a bit judgy at the moment, don't be too quick to dismiss what might be a diamond in the rough because of appearances.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Venus in delightfully adventurous mode lightens up recent existential heaviness as you start moving about more. Just be advised there's an emotional intensity alert this week; not your favorite modality, as Aquarians prefer the rational route. But in these lable times, we're all called to deal with intense feelings.

♓ **PISCES:** Venus could have you feeling frisky for the next few weeks; good news for the partners of Pisceans, you're welcome. If you're flying solo, then focus your love on the face in the mirror, and watch yourself blossom. A deep and meaningful discussion during weekend full moon is likely to reap rewarding results.



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Council notices, as readers may be aware, are no longer printed in *The Echo*. Residents wanting to know if a large, inappropriate DA is being lodged next to them will need to go to Council's website, or visit their Mullumbimby HQ to view the printed notices. It's unclear how this assists the elderly with limited mobility and internet access, and those who find it hard to come to Mullum. Another good way of being alerted of nearby DAs is to sign up to www.planningalerts.org.au. Abolishing the requirement for Councils to advertise their notices in local newspapers was made in April by NSW minister for local government, Liberal MP Shelley Hancock.

Vale James Randi, magician, author and skeptic who died last week at 92. He investigated paranormal, occult, and supernatural claims, which he collectively called 'woo-woo'. One memorable quote is: 'Everyone who believes in telekinesis, raise my hand'.

A petition at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au is calling for the government to hold local government elections sooner than September next year. The electoral bedsheets should have been changed last September, but a global pandemic got in the way. The petition draws to the attention of politicians the 'democratic principles and unpopular consequences arising from the decision to postpone the 2020 local government elections for 12 months'. To sign the petition, visit <https://bit.ly/3e0B1rV>.

Have you been affected by a Kollektive development? Bayside residents in Bruns



When Natasha Foxx got out of hospital two months ago, she figured she should wear a mask. But when she went into Mullumbimby, she was given a hard time by someone who felt her mask encroached on their freedom. With her new mask, Natasha has brought smiles to many, including those who need to respect others who have health issues. On a different, but similar note, this year's Bruns School Halloween is cancelled owing to a mysterious global virus. Photo Jeff 'Masked And Muzzled Since 1986' Dawson

are seeking others in the Shire who have faced 'inappropriate DAs' under the guise of Kollektive's 'affordable housing' projects. The Bayside Connected group can be contacted via baysidebruns@gmail.com. A large DA for a boarding house/retail shops is expected soon for 94 Kingsford Drive.

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Here's a curly question from ABC reporter Elysse Morgan to James Shipton, chairman of national corporate regulator, ASIC: 'When petty criminals commit crime, they go to jail, no negotiation. When financial institutions steal millions off customers, they get to negotiate their penalty. Why?' It comes as Michelle

Grattan reports Shipton has stood aside as 'Treasury

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