

## Mobile wildlife hospital launches



Tex Perkins, Luke Hemsworth, Dr Steven Van Mil, INXS drummer Jon Farriss, and model Elise Knowles at the launch of the mobile Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital. Photo Jeff 'Strucked By Stars' Dawson

### Aslan Shand

A star-studded cast of locals, from Tex Perkins to Luke Hemsworth, attended the launch of the mobile Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital last Thursday at the The Farm in Ewingsdale.

There was excitement in the air as everyone gathered around a purpose-built semi-trailer mobile hospital that aims to assist native animals in need of specialist care.

Lennox Head vet, Dr Steven Van Mil, who is CEO of the project, said that the project was conceived about two years ago before the devastating bushfire season.

Last year, the unprecedented Black Summer fires tore through the east coast of Australia, killing nearly three billion animals.

Following the fires, there were calls from environmental groups for more effective, on the ground, approaches to help animals affected by the fires and other impacts of climate change.

Dr Van Mil highlighted the fact that the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary was seeing around 4,000 animals a year, and that there was a 'critical need for a dedicated wildlife service' on the north coast.

At the launch, the project's founders spoke to their vision that this is only the beginning for the mobile wildlife hospital, with plans to create a more permanent space in the future. They said that this could serve a dual role as a hospital as well as an educational facility where locals and tourists can go to learn more about wildlife and their

conservation.

After the launch, the mobile wildlife hospital travelled to a site next to Island Quarry on Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay, where they have been given a penny lease by a local landholder, Adam Bennett-Smith.

### Site yet to be approved

However, concerns have been raised in relation to the current environmental protection zoning of the site. A Council spokesperson said that, 'Access to the land from Ewingsdale Road is dependent on the section 138 application now lodged being approved – this includes both Council and RMS/TfNSW approvals. A development application is to follow for the use of part of the land as [the home to] a mobile Wildlife Hospital'.

## Telstra ignores 5G opposition

### Paul Bibby

The controversial roll-out of Telstra's 5G network across the Shire has taken another step forward, with the announcement of a new proposed installation in the heart of Byron Bay.

As opposition to the upgrades continues to boil, the telco announced its intention to upgrade its existing mobile tower on the corner of Fletcher Street and Williams Lane in last week's advertisement in *The Echo*.

That announcement also invited the community to make written submissions in relation to the plan.

Yet the submission process has been criticised as a token gesture rather than genuine consultation, with Telstra yet to answer questions from *The Echo* regarding the degree to which community submissions are taken into account.

### 8 Acacia St site approved

5G opponents have expressed anger and dismay at the latest proposed installation, which is the eleventh proposed 5G upgrade in the Shire.

'Byron Bay PS is just 300 metres from this tower,' safe technology activist Rinat Strahlhofer said.

'Of all the 11 proposed 5G upgrades, five are within a 500m radius of a school or child care centre, which goes against Department of Education policy'.

The group that Ms Strahlhofer co-founded, Northern Rivers for Safe Technology, is also continuing its fight against the proposed

5G upgrade in the Byron A&I Estate, which is within 500 metres of a pre-school and childcare centre.

This is despite the fact that Telstra told the group on November 10 that it intends to go ahead with the upgrade, ignoring hundreds of letters of opposition.

Landowner of the tower site, Andrew Simmons, is yet to reply to *Echo* questions around community concerns. According to a land title search of 8 Acacia Street, Mr Simmons is co-owner with Peta Sarah Lloyd-Harris.

*The Echo* also asked to confirm whether the Simmons family are still part of Site R&D, which is the 'local' landowner consortium pushing to develop West Byron against considerable public opposition.

Meanwhile, Ms Strahlhofer said a movement was building among school communities who opposed upgrades that were in close proximity to educational institutions.

'Periwinkle [pre-school], Cape Byron, Busy Kids, Byron Public are now informing parents to help hold a vigil to ensure no technicians come to upgrade the towers to 5G,' she said.

'Telstra are in for a PR nightmare – if their technicians and equipment show up in Byron, a red alert will be sent out and concerned parents and concerned community members will take to the streets to prevent this upgrade.

'Protecting our children and community is more important than faster [internet] speeds.'

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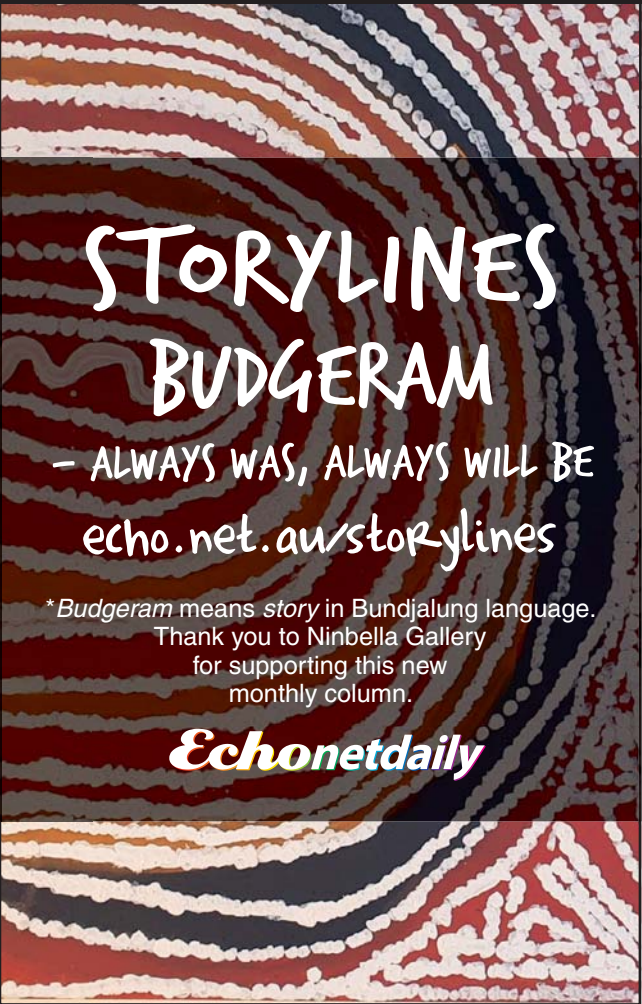
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# P&C concerned over losing sportsfields to TAFE

Paul Bibby

Parents at Byron High School are concerned that TAFE NSW may be considering building a learning centre on the school's playing fields if its plan to locate the facility in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate falls through.

The issue emerged at last week's Byron Council meeting when the Secretary of the school's P&C, Sarah Aldridge, spoke during public access.

'I believe you're aware that TAFE is looking at building a connective learning centre on the playing fields at Byron', Ms Aldridge said.

'The P&C are yet to find anyone who thinks this is a good idea.

'The school and P&C welcome a TAFE in the Shire, and the increase in use of facilities it brings. We do not believe, however, that it should be at the expense of the school's sporting facilities'.

It was more than a year ago when TAFE NSW first expressed an interest in building a Connected Learning Centre – a digitally-focused facility specifically

designed for those learning in regional areas.

Previous Council meetings have heard that TAFE's preferred location for the centre is a piece of Council-owned land in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate known as Lot 12.

It appears that this option remains firmly on the table, as evidenced by a motion in relation to Lot 12 passed by Council at last week's meeting.

That motion, which formally selected a company as the preferred option for management of Lot 12, made specific reference to TAFE as a future tenant on the site.

It made the deal with TAFE a priority in negotiations over the site, and requested a report from Council staff on the issue.

However, last Thursday's meeting heard that, in addition to its discussions with Council to build a facility on Lot 12, TAFE NSW has been quietly scouting out the Byron High School site.

This included flying a team up from Sydney, and a meeting between the head of TAFE and Byron High School's principal.

# Byron's alive with tunes



Renee Simone and Benhur.

Photo & story Jeff Dawson

November has been a joyous month for live music performers and spectators throughout NSW, thanks to the NSW government initiative Great Southern Nights.

Byron Theatre held a series of events and one that stood out was the sensational 'Buskers and performers of Byron' event, held last Wednesday.

Curated by entertainment company Byron Bay Experience, the calibre of the

artists and the realness of the stories brought a real charm and authenticity to the night.

The night was hosted by the endearing dynamic duo Renee Simone and Benhur, formerly of the band, Blackbirds.

'The soul of Byron Bay is back', said Renee, director of Byron Bay Experience.

'Byron is all about this exact vibe, the colourful characters, the collaborations, the stories, the journeys. The night really captured that magical Byron feeling'.

# 'Flawed DA' before Bangalow residents, again

A large DA for 'agricultural produce industries [brewery], garden centre, childcare centre, swimming pool and recreational facilities' is on public exhibition.

Located at 18 Pioneers Cres, Bangalow, the development is estimated at nearly

\$3m, down from \$10m in the original DA.

DA 10.2019.285.10 was refused by Council staff in November 2019. Developer Lewis Haigh has since commenced appeal proceedings in the Land and Environment Court against Council over

the DA refusal.

Originally the DA proposed a brewery and tourism venture, combined with a koala hospital. At the time, the plan drew the ire of local koala groups, who said they had not been consulted and did not support the plan.

childcare centre.

A letter of objection by Bangalow Koalas president Linda Sparrow outlines her concerns, including a 'grossly inadequate flora and fauna assessment'.

She writes, 'If Byron Council is serious about protecting our koalas and other threatened species, they should not allow something that belongs in an industrial estate to be located within a koala corridor, with koalas crossing the property'.

## Childcare/brewery

According to the revised DA, available on Council's website, the koala hospital component has been dropped and now includes a



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# Local team aims to build recycling centre

Khaled Al Khawaldeh

A group of local recycling enthusiasts received a much-needed boost to their efforts last Thursday, when they received \$17,500 at the Southern Cross Credit Union (SCCU) office in Mullumbimby.

The money was awarded to the Precious Plastics Northern Rivers initiative, as part of the annual Southern Cross Credit Union community grants.

The money will go towards purchasing the equipment necessary to shred, melt and remould certain plastics for a variety of uses. It's proposed that artisans will be able to use the materials.

## Financially viable

Tim Winton-Brown, a member of Precious Plastics Northern Rivers team, believes making this a 'financially viable solution, rather than just a charitable enterprise', is crucial in securing the future of the project and projects like it.

'We want to create something that doesn't just help the environment, but also something that truly gives back to the local community and can support itself'.

The team of locals originally met online through the Precious Plastics global network. The worldwide



Some of the Precious Plastics Northern Rivers team. Photo Jeff Dawson

not-for-profit organisation is where environmentalists, engineers and entrepreneurs can connect and access all the necessary blueprints and networks required to create localised recycling centres that produce high grade recyclable plastics.

Currently all kerbside recycling within the Byron Shire is delivered to the Lismore City Council Regional Materials Recovery Facility, where it's sorted and sold to international and local buyers. This can be expensive, time consuming and can often result

in many recyclable materials laying around for extended periods until an appropriate buyer is found.

The local Precious Plastics initiative hopes to skip over these issues by creating a more direct pathway between producers of waste and local creators, where prices and deals can be negotiated directly.

## Milk bottle focus

The team has already begun to focus their efforts on milk bottles, which they say are in abundance

in dumpsters behind the area's countless cafes and restaurants. Despite advances in automation, most sorting of recycled materials is still done by hand, requiring expensive labour which reduces its price competitiveness.

For now, the team are hoping that they can secure a location and get the facility up and running in a bid to inspire more Australians to take recycling into their own hands.

■ Khaled Al Khawaldeh is an Echo intern.

# Byron's natural burial ground moves closer

Paul Bibby

Land adjacent to the Brunswick Valley Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) just outside Mullumbimby will be investigated as a possible site for Byron's first sustainable burial ground.

The decision to explore the Vallances Road site for this purpose was passed at last week's full Council meeting, nearly a year after a group of community members made a passionate address to Council on the issue.

Natural burial is a sustainable way of committing those who have died back

to the earth without the negative environmental impacts of conventional burials, or cremation.

It typically involves the deceased person being buried in a biodegradable coffin, casket or shroud, without the use of any chemicals such as embalming fluid that might inhibit the ability of the soil to break down the body.

Small, flat, stone markers typically mark the area where a body is buried, thus minimising any changes to the existing ecology.

'For years, dying people have asked me when we're

going to have a sustainable burial ground', Zenith Virago from the Natural Death Care Centre told the meeting during public access.

'They and others want this option, because it's a continuation of living a sustainable life. This was, and always will be, the original form of burial'.

Under the motion, moved by councillor Michael Lyon at last Thursday's meeting, Council will identify areas within the Vallances Road site that are suitable for the burial ground.

It will also establish a committee of community members to oversee the process,

including consultation with the traditional owners of the land, and the potential layout of the grounds. While all councillors voted for the motion, a number noted that different uses for the site were already under consideration, including affordable housing.

## Plan of Management

The site is already subject to a Plan of Management process, and this will continue.

Di Hart, a local resident who has campaigned for the natural burial ground, told the meeting that it would provide the community with a choice.

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## Invaluable insights on bush medicine



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## Boat Club gets kudos for COVID-19 action

Ross Kendall

The Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club has been recognised for 'great practice' by Sport NSW, under its 'Play By The Rules' program for the way they excelled at adapting to the tough COVID-19 restrictions.

The Lennox Head-based club will be a case study as part of the Play by the Rules Awards initiative that

recognises efforts that make community sport safer, fairer and/or more inclusive, while coping with the impact of COVID-19.

The Rainbow Dragons' committee had identified the importance of maintaining club morale, camaraderie and members' paddling fitness levels during the pandemic.

They connected members via Zoom morning teas, coaches' home exercise

programs, social media and email, also when restrictions eased they organised small coffee sessions and boot camps.

### Positive results

Positive results included negligible membership attrition rates and members very keen to get back on the water as restrictions eased.

For more info visit [rainbowdragons.com.au](http://rainbowdragons.com.au).

## Former mayor hits back at developer claims

Former Greens mayor and NSW MLC Jan Barham has refuted comments by developer Brandon Saul around a 'fundamental error' that led to staff applying a zone label change to the Linnaeus Estate.

Last week's *Echo* report detailed how Council's planning staff changed the 'zone label' on a 111 ha parcel of pristine and rare littoral rainforest between Broken Head and Lennox Head.

Ms Barham maintains a label zone change to mix use benefits the landowner, given the community were not made aware of the change.

Ms Barham told *The Echo* that some of Mr Saul's comments last week 'misrepresent the history of the error and the current proposal'.

She said, 'Mr Saul states, "Neither Council, the original developers, or the current owners sought a rezoning".'

'Yet in February 2015, a report to Council indicated that it was the applicants who sought to rezone and seek Community Title (CT) rezoning. They also raised the zone label as a problem and sought rectification.'

'Council rejected the request for rezoning at the time, but agreed to rectify

the zoning label, which was Education, and according to them, prohibited.

'Mr Saul then goes on to say, "The proposal that is currently under consideration is a very modest eco/health retreat that would actually reduce the built form currently approved, and is not tied to either the zoning issues, or the CT process".'

'Yet the current tourism proposal is absolutely tied to the zone change. Prior to the Mixed Use Development label being applied, the zone only permitted education use.'

'In relation to the modest built form of the proposal, it's unrealistic to state that the new proposal would reduce the built form currently approved. The proposal seeks to transfer the development rights from 11 approved accommodation units, that were limited in size to deliver 33 cabins that sleep two people each, but the size, hasn't been stated. We all know from experience that developments grow over time. Start small and then expand has been the usual.'

'My complaint to Council also addressed other consent issues, including the fact that some cabins were built in the erosion zone, the size of

the buildings, whether the required conservation work had been undertaken, and the approval given by Council in 2013 to replace eight camping sites with five large accommodation units and the failure to construct the new on-site wastewater system'.

### New to site

Mr Saul replied to the claims, telling *The Echo*, 'I'm only new to this site, so I really can't talk with any authority as to what has and hasn't happened in the past'.

He said he was 'not without empathy for Jan's concerns', and that what 'happened in the past are quite likely well founded'.

'That said, my research shows the current owners actively sort an MO to CT conversion (in accordance with Council's rural land use strategy), but did not request the current Mixed Use zoning'. He also added that, 'I may be wrong, but I suspect even Jan will be pleasantly surprised when [The DA] is lodged'.

He added, 'It really is very modest in both scale, form and character, and will provide sympathetic long-term management of what I think we all agree is a very special site'.

## How prepared are you for fires, floods?

With bushfire season well underway, the Northern Rivers is also expected to have a storm season, with heavy rainfall starting from mid December, according to the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

Council is urging residents to plan ahead for evacuation this year, and have ready planned emergency accommodation during severe weather conditions.

Last year, evacuation centres for residents escaping bushfires were relatively

hassle free to set up, say Council staff, but with the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequent restrictions, Council is hoping the community will plan ahead, so to render community evacuation points unnecessary.

It's also hoped that the Northern Rivers will remain COVID-19 free, by avoiding large gatherings.

The Tweed Byron Local Emergency Management Committee says it has been working hard to implement arrangements that will keep

people safe from both natural disasters and deadly contagions. The committee's chair, and Tweed Shire Council's Local Emergency Management Officer, Doreen Harwood, says residents should 'Start the conversation today about where you, your family and those you care about, including your pets, would go during an emergency'.

If you need to evacuate during a disaster, register online at [www.register.redcross.org.au](http://www.register.redcross.org.au), or listen for the Evacuation Assistance

Hotline, which will be broadcast at times of crisis. COVID-19 screening precautions will take place.

To avoid being stuck in your car in the middle of a bushfire or tropical storm, and then in a centre that only provides for very basic needs, plan ahead and make arrangements for accommodation where your whole family, pets included, can stay together during a highly stressful and potentially dangerous situation, as well as staying COVID Safe.

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‘Winners of prizes are drawn on-air Monday December 7 at 5pm’. Mr Jeanes says, ‘It’s been a tough year for us all, but perhaps especially for community organisations and not-for-profits – service organisations doing the best they can for our local community. It’s also been



Wrapping up this year’s subscription drive is Bay FM announcer Matt Towner, with musos Pete Murray and Andrew Stockdale (Wolfmother). Photo Jeff ‘On Air And Other Compounds Since 1986’ Dawson

arguably a creative year, a year of unusual solutions. BayFM has suffered a massive loss to normal income in 2020 – so as a matter of survival we got extra inventive. ‘Creative, inventive and a little crazy bold, BayFM keeps on keeping on’.

Youth, experience reign at Mullum tennis comp

Mullumbimby tennis coach Steve Gort recently took out the 2020 Club Championship open men’s final against Teva Leibo, 6-0 6-3. Teva unleashed some blistering shots, but couldn’t match Gort’s experience, consistency and shot selection. Gort didn’t lose a set on the way to the singles final, and it was the same story

when he partnered with young star Onyx Cheung, to defeat another Mullum coach, Yantra Whitling, and Amadeus O’Connor in the final of the open men’s doubles. Meanwhile, it was a battle of youth in the open women’s, where Mullumbimby’s Marielou Baudoin defeated Bangalow’s Thea Blok 6-3 6-0. The pair have

a combined age of 26 but plenty of court experience. Other results include: open boys: Ariel Haslam beat Solomon Wolff 6-4 6-2; B-singles men: Mark Sebastian beat Harry Cobban 6-0 6-1. B-doubles men: Mark Sebastian/ Peter Brett beat Jim Preece/ Nick Brash 6-4 6-2. Division two boys: Niko Tausan beat Zephyr Duignan 7-5 6-4.

Parking meters set for upgrade

‘More reliable and easier to read’ parking meters will soon replace Byron Bay’s fleet of meters, say Council staff. From Monday November 30, newer models will be rolled out, replacing existing meters. Byron Shire Council’s Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway said, ‘We’re also introducing the COVID Safe option of touch-less payment via the PayStay app – and that will be available from December 14 when all the new meters have been installed’.

Parking permits

Council is also reminding Byron Shire residents to buy or renew annual parking permits ahead of the busy holiday period. Annual parking permits are \$55 per year and enable permit holders to park in any metered car space, without charge (parking time limits apply). Also, you need your car registration papers to purchase your permit. Visit [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) or drop in to Council’s Mullumbimby office for your permit.

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## Support available for isolated mums

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Being a new mum is not always what the ads for nappy wipes would have us believe.

Mostly, it's just not glamorous, particularly for brand new mums.

But a local service is helping by providing support to navigate early parenthood.

A free service called Support For New Mums is encouraging pregnant women and mothers with babies in the Byron and Tweed shires to reach out if they need emotional support.

The volunteer-led, not-for-profit is based in Murwillumbah, and was established in 2019 to complement existing community services. They provide free home visits to women in their third trimester, or with babies, who are experiencing isolation.

Support For New Mums founder Deb Hunt is hoping that mothers will reach out to the service.

'A lot of mothers find themselves feeling alone without a support system, which increases the pressures of parenting', says Deb.

'Asking for help can take courage, so we encourage women looking for emotional support to contact us and start the process – our



Co-ordinator for Support For New Mums, Deb Hunt

team are ready to help'.

'We try to relieve a bit of this pressure by visiting mum at home, affording her space to shower, care for herself, finish jobs around the house, and just relax'.

The organisation has 30 trained volunteers – all of whom are mums themselves. Currently they are visiting 20 mothers in the region, many of whom have partners that work away or live away from their family.

Support For New Mums recently re-launched their service, with a grant from the Northern Rivers Large Grants Program 2020, which invited Northern Rivers not-for-profits to apply for a share of \$100,000 to boost social and environmental projects in the region.

Run by the inGrained

Foundation, a not-for-profit founded by local independent brewery Stone & Wood, the six successful applicants were announced in July.

### inGrained grant

'With the grant from the inGrained Foundation we have been able to advertise the group in the Tweed and Byron communities, as well as train more volunteers who nurture and provide mums with the support they need to feel great within themselves and care for their baby'.

Pregnant women and mothers with new babies who are experiencing isolation or need emotional support are encouraged to contact Support For New Mums by calling Deb directly on 0490 409 039 or new-mums8@gmail.com.

## Car accident in Goonengerry results in serious injury

About 6.20pm last Thursday night police were called to Mafeking Road, Goonengerry after a silver Commodore station wagon left the roadway and hit trees.

Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe said the 42-year-old driver sustained significant injuries to his head and upper body. Police from Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, the NSW volunteer Rescue Association and the Rural Fire Service attended the scene.

'The driver was stabilised at the site and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter was called to take him from the scene,' said Detective Kehoe.

### Speed, drugs, booze

'Police are continuing to investigate the circumstances of the accident but believe that speed, drugs, and alcohol were all involved,' he said.

'If anyone has any dashcam footage in or

around Repentance Creek or Goonengerry from around 6.20pm Thursday November 26, please contact the Byron Bay police Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or [www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au).

'It is important to remind people that taking drugs and alcohol and driving are a bad combination,' said Detective Kehoe.

He added, 'Police will be out in force over this busy summer period.'

## Julian Assange's father on tour, Dec 11, 13

Dr John Jiggins

Julian Assange's father, John Shipton, has recently returned from his son's extradition hearing at the Old Bailey in London and is embarking on a tour to talk about his son's plight.

Assange exposed war crimes and human rights violation by the USA and its allies in their wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Because of this, he is currently the victim of British injustice in Belmarsh High Security prison, where the COVID-19 virus is currently running rampant.

He awaits extradition to the USA, where he may be sentenced to 175 years for some of the greatest pieces of journalism of the twenty-first century.

The implications for journalism everywhere are deeply disturbing.

*The Espionage Act charges*



John Shipton

that the USA is seeking extradition for are all about journalism: Assange's crime is, was and has always been his courageous journalism.

While 12 people were massacred in the collateral murder video, none of the perpetrators have been prosecuted.

Meanwhile, the whistleblower and her publisher have been relentlessly hounded for a decade: Chelsea Manning attempted suicide in prison, while Assange's family have been shocked by his deterioration.

Although Assange is an Australian, not a US citizen, the US has pressured its

client states into misusing their legal systems to corral Assange for ten tortuous years, asserting its imperial right to prosecute and punish any journalist who dares to reveal its war crimes.

### Failed to protect

Meanwhile, the compliant Australian government has failed to protect its citizen, Julian Assange.

The 'No Extradition! Bring Julian Home' tour will be at the Mullum Civic Hall on December 11 from 7.30pm, and at Byron Marvell Hall on December 13 from 4pm.

Both events are presented by BayFM and the Mullum event will be live streamed by North Coast Events.

A Nimbin event is planned for December 8.

Tickets are available at [www.turningpointtalks.com](http://www.turningpointtalks.com).

■ Dr John Jiggins is an author and journalist – [www.drjiggins.com](http://www.drjiggins.com).

## Draft media and communications policy unclear

Hans Lovejoy

A motion adopted by councillors at last week's meeting (Cr Cameron voted against) will soon see a draft *Communications & Social Media 2020 Policy* put before the public for comment.

Under '4.4. Legal proceedings' it reads: 'Council staff, the Mayor and councillors will not make any public comments on matters where Council is involved, or potentially could be involved, in legal proceedings'.

*The Echo* asked staff, 'How will refusing to comment on anything regarding legal proceedings benefit the community? For example, given West Byron is before the courts, why shouldn't the community be aware of how those proceedings are unfolding? If approved, won't

this limit the community's understanding of issues that directly impact on them?'

Also, regarding '4.2. Media Inquiries' the draft policy reads: 'Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Communications team and staff will co-ordinate the response in a timely manner'.

*The Echo* asked staff, 'What is the definition of "timely manner"?'.

### Staff yet to reply

Council staff are yet to reply to those questions.

Aspiring mayor for the 2021 local government election, Duncan Dey, told *The Echo*, 'I will be making a submission to the policy that a clause be added along the lines of: 'Now that Council no longer publishes public notices in print media, it continue to inform

the print-reading public in the local newspaper of exhibitions of draft documents such as LEP amendments, Council strategies, policies, budgets, management plans, reviews of environmental factors and EIS's.

### Plain English

He said, 'Such notices are to be in plain English, to use the traditional Notices blue colour and Council logo and to direct readers to the correct website where the form of and address for a submission is clearly shown'.

'I will also ask that the Policy Section 4.2 "Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Communications team and staff will coordinate the response in a timely manner" include a definition of timely (which is such an evasive term)'.



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# Christmas celebrations planned for Bruns

Cherie Heale

What a year it has been!  
This year, the Twilight Market was cancelled, so the Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Centre, Mullumbimby Rotary and Brunswick Marine Rescue are working together to put on a very simple and gentle community celebration for Christmas in Brunswick Heads.  
Twilight shopping will run until 8pm on December 3, 10 and 17 to encourage the community to shop local for Christmas.  
Mullumbimby Rotary are preparing a Christmas Window Dressing and mystery object competition in both Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. Shops from Tweed Street to the Terrace will be participating.  
The winning windows in each of the categories will be adorned with sashes.  
You can vote for your favourite Christmas window in People's Choice, run by the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre. People's Choice voting forms will be available at all participating businesses, or from the Visitor Centre on the main bus stop in Park Street.



Brunswick Heads Pharmacy window in 2019. Photo supplied

Prizes include river cruises with Byron Bay Eco Cruises and Kayaks, and Bruns gift vouchers to spend in any shop in Brunswick Heads.  
To give you a clue about the mystery object, participating businesses will have an object inside their shop that would be considered completely out of place! Imagine a coat hanger in a real estate agency. Can you find it?  
The deadline for shops to register in Brunswick Heads has been extended to Monday December 7.  
To register, email Nerida Dean on nerida.d@outlook.com, the co-ordinator of the Window Dressing Competition.

As a special treat on December 17, we have organised a very important visitor. Santa will be floating down Simpson's Creek, courtesy of Marine Rescue, between

5pm and 6pm!  
If you have missed seeing Santa this year, you can wave to him from the riverbanks in the parks and send him your wishes for Christmas.

## Santa up the creek

The family might also like to include the Brunswick Fairy Trail in their visit to Brunswick Heads for a few hours. The maps are also available at the Visitor Centre.  
Relax and enjoy a gentle evening in Bruns, under the stars with the family or catch up with friends and celebrate the end of a challenging 2020 and imagine a beautiful 2021.  
■ Cherie Heale is from the Brunswick Chamber.

## Water disruption for Shire's north

Council staff say major water supply problems have been fixed in Ocean Shores, South Golden Beach, New Brighton and Billinudgel areas.  
The problem, say staff, was a blockage in a new 450mm trunk main that was installed by contractors.  
'The trunk main is the main water supply line for the Ocean Shores area, and it was being replaced because


the old line was nearing the end of its useful life'.  
Phil Holloway, Director Infrastructure Services, said as a result, people may notice some discolouration in the water, which is not a health concern.  
'Residents who have discoloured water are asked to run their shower/tap until the colour returns to normal'.



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Le-Ba rules northern NSW Boardriders competition



Le-Ba surfer, James Wood. Photo Supplied

Ross Kendall

The Lennox Head/Ballina (Le-Ba) Boardriders won the nudie Australian Boardriders Battle northern NSW regional qualifier last Saturday, at Gal-lows Beach in Coffs Harbour. It was Le-Ba's third victory in the event in as many years. Le-Ba dominated the rounds of the competition, posting wins in each of their heats thanks to some stellar surfing from James Wood, Marcus Aboody, Rino

Lindsay, Mikey McDonagh and Nyxie Ryan. The efforts of the entire team solidified the hat-trick for Lennox Head, who claimed the final ahead of host club Coffs Harbour by a 1.36 margin. All up, nine boardrider clubs competed for the chance to qualify for the national final that will take place in 2021. 'It is a bit of a dream to win this event three times in a row,' said James Wood.

Healing hearts fundraiser at The Cove

Photo & story David Lowe

There are a few tickets left for a special fundraising lunch-  
eon this Sunday, December 6, to help victims of domestic violence in Ballina. The three course meal (\$50 per person) will be happening at The Cove, next door to the Ballina RSL on River Street, at 12 noon. There will also be live entertainment, an auction and raffles. Rotary Club President of Ballina-on-Richmond, Dave Harmon, is one of the organisers of the event. He said the money raised will go towards the Ballina women's and children's refuge, as well as care packs for people escaping domestic violence, and also to support the Love Bites education program, which aims to prevent DV before it starts. Mr Harmon is hoping the event will raise \$5,000 to



Danny Singh with Dave Harmon, Jodie Shelley and Col Lee from Ballina Rotary, outside The Cove.

help the cause. 'This is a long-term project of our club,' he said. 'We've been doing it for two-and-half years, and we're probably only halfway through where we want to be. 'This is also all about raising awareness of domestic violence in our town, and showing that Ballina has a heart, and cares.'

is testament to that, and Danny has been very sup-  
portive of both the homeless and women and children escaping domestic violence, and that's what this is all about,' said Mr Harmon. 'We're raising some funds to help, but also raising awareness, and Danny's a big part of that.' Danny Singh said, 'We were in a position to do this well, and we get so much help from the community too. To give something back is our privilege. 'During COVID-19 [lock-down], support agencies have told us they'd seen a definite spike; cases have risen,' said Dave Harmon. With only a few vacancies remaining for the big lunch on Sunday, people are invited to ring The Cove on (02) 6686 6594 and book directly. All money raised will go directly into dealing with domestic violence in Ballina.

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Lennox pooch owners to wait on beach access

David Lowe

The decision on how to manage dogs at the Lennox Head Surf Club Reserve have been deferred until the December Ballina Council meeting, following another briefing, and further consultation with the surf club. At last week's meeting, dog enthusiast Josh Brown supported new recommendations for dog management at the Reserve, and offered the services of dog owners to help with fundraising for the work, 'to make it a nice space for people with dogs on lead and for non-dog people further south.' Cr Keith Williams (Labor) spoke in support of the motion to enlarge the dog

exercise area near the surf club, which he said 'arose out of residents concerns about the "walk of shame" between the two fences to access the dog beach.' He said there was frustra-  
tion at the lack of facilities for people with dogs going to and from the dog beach, and currently nowhere to sit down and socialise with other people. 1,000 signature petition Cr Williams said a petition in favour of change had achieved 1,000 signatures in two weeks, showing significant support from the local community and local dog owners. The new plan would provide a wider permanent path, and make it easier for dog owners to comply with signage, as well as providing access to coffee for dog walkers. 'Separating people from coffee is never a good idea,' he said, 'especially early in the morning when the dog walkers are there. 'Let them access coffee, everyone is calmer then!' Cr Sharon Cadwallader requested a twelve month trial, which Cr Williams agreed to, but Cr Phillip Meehan objected to as a 'waste of operational time'. Cr Cadwallader said the reason for a trial was the controversy surrounding dogs near the surf club,

particularly since the closure of the old dog access path from further north. 'Statistics don't lie,' she said. 'We are above the state average on incidents with dogs'. 'This year we have had 76 dog attacks, 83 penalty infringement notices, and 178 dog collection requests, along with many other complaints. These are pretty high stats,' said Cr Cadwallader. 'I get it, people like to exercise dogs, come back and have a coffee. But we do get that conflict of space at the moment'. Following more debate, Mayor David Wright used his casting vote to delay a decision until the December meeting.

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Young family terrorised on Seven Mile Beach

Eve Jeffery

Police say they were called to Seven Mile Beach about 6.30pm last Friday, following reports of dangerous driving behaviour on the beach. A Ballina man said he witnessed the incident and told *The Echo*, 'There were four cars facing north like a drag race – there were maybe five or six people in them. They all lined up and charged – it was like a death squad. I said to my wife, "this can't possibly be happening", then they all took off at high speed. They started fishtailing and one car looked like it was going to roll'. The man said that wasn't the scary part, it was what happened next. 'There was a man walking and a woman was near the water holding a baby. The cars went in between them and either side of the man. One person stuck their finger out at the woman as they went past.' The witness approached the man, who said he was in shock. 'He asked us to call

the police. I told him I'd do more than call the police.' The witness said he approached the boys who had come to a stop inside the National Park. 'They were kids, all on P plates, and they were in their parents' cars.' The witness said, 'My concern also is that the children aren't being disciplined and losing their licence. These are local kids – not schoolies! A police spokesperson said police spoke with four drivers at the scene. They said no further action will be taken.



# Byron skatepark plans need your input

Preliminary plans for a new \$2.6m skatepark and recreation precinct at Sandhills, in Byron Bay are now on exhibition.

Council staff say the skatepark is planned for the area near the existing Byron Youth Activities Centre (YAC), the library and the Sandhills Childcare Centre.

Staff say, 'An initial concept of the skatepark was done in 2018, and now we are at the stage of developing detailed plans.

## Designers engaged

'CONVIC, regarded as one of the world's best skatepark designers, has been engaged to design the new Byron Bay skatepark'.

'Using those initial designs as a starting point we want to hear feedback



A concept plan for a Byron skatepark, available on [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au).

and ideas from everyone who is interested in seeing the area recreated as a safe and inclusive community

space for people of all ages.

'The project is being funded by the NSW Government's Road and

Infrastructure Election Commitment grant and Council'. To have your say, visit [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au).

# Ocean Shores Country Club correction

On November 11, *The Echo* published a story based on an extract from the Ocean Shores Country Club's 2020 Annual Report to members.

The Club's general manager has told *The Echo*,

'I would like to correct the statement made in your article claiming that the "Company's liabilities exceed its assets".'

'This statement is not correct. The correct

statement should read, "The company's assets exceed its liabilities by \$2,016,310 at June 30, 2020. In 2019, it was \$2,237,709".

'Similar to most sport-ing registered clubs and

hospitality in general, Ocean Shores Country Club continues to operate in challenging times and there is no glossing over the reality of difficult trading during the current pandemic'.

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# Let's talk pork!



Have you been put over a barrel? One full of pork?

Pork barrelling has emerged again in the news, this time in state politics.

And it is worth having a closer look, given it appeared to influence the 2019 federal election too.

Put simply, pork barrelling is where certain electorates are favoured by politicians with cash (grants, infrastructure projects etc) to curry favour.

It's nothing new – The Rudd/Gillard government had its Regional Development Australia Fund. The Howard Government had its Regional Partnerships Program. The Keating government had a Community, Cultural, Recreational and Sporting Facilities Program. The most brazen is of course the Morrison government's Community Sport Infrastructure Program.

According to *SMH* (Nine), NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian said last week that pork barrelling is 'not illegal', and 'part of the political process'.

Her comments came after it emerged the allocation of the \$250 million Stronger Communities Grants fund favoured Liberal and National Party electorates.

Despite being legal, it is embarrassing to be found out; her office shredded documents at the centre of the inquiry into the grants fund, which were later recovered by her office.

It's questionable though, how ethical the practice is, given it is essentially a bribe.

Are we being well governed if politicians buy the elections?

Yet electorates such as this – the Ballina electorate comprising Byron and Ballina shires – have benefitted from pork barrelling.

A very ambitious Nationals MLC seemed to have convinced his political masters in Sydney that showering us in funding promises would get him the job. It didn't at the last election, but that doesn't seem to have discouraged him.

Pork barrelling is a form of control that politicians shouldn't have over voters. The governing elite already have way too much power over everyone else.

And they will always want more, and MORE.

Fun fact: The NSW Nationals leader, John Barilaro, proudly calls himself 'Pork Barilaro'.

Let's go one further – the likes of Barilaro are PIGs – People In Government. You can tell a PIG because their skin is ham coloured. The complexion and weak bone structure of pork barrellers is a result of a lifetime in office spaces and meetings. And the only way to deal with porkers is to send them to the abattoir at election time.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

# Govt upsets largest trading partner

It may be a statement of the bleeding obvious, but a face off with the People's Republic of China would not be a good idea.

From any perspective – military, economic, political, simple weight of numbers – Australia cannot hope to compete on a level playing field with our dominant neighbour. And to pretend that somehow we should be seen as equal partners, as Scott Morrison is apparently urging, is a dangerous delusion.

At best, we can never be more than a client trader – keen to deal with whatever China is willing to buy from us, and what we are desperate to buy from it.

So when our Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack trots out the old line about 'China needs us as much as we need them', it is not only silly but provocative. Apart from being demonstrably untrue, (Chinese investment in Australia has fallen from \$16 billion to \$2.5 billion since 2016) it is a feeble attempt to give our most important customer the finger in particularly fraught times.

So it behoves us to tread with caution, and when Beijing warns us to back off, kiddies, it cannot be dismissed as just a bit of diplomatic chit chat, however much the backbench crazies might wish it to be.

Nor is it simply what Morrison calls a list of 14 grievances, more of the same old demands over things such as Huawei and a COVID inquiry. The complaints go deeper, to what is obviously seen as a conscious anti-China agenda on the part of the Australian government.

Ominously, China's foreign ministry is now using the word "enemy" in communiqués to and about Australia. But Morrison seems to think this is more of a challenge than a threat.

His response remains that we are a sovereign country, our standards cannot be compromised, and we can bluff it out.

But Beijing is not just unrepentant, but positively proud of its relentless imposition of totalitarian rule on its hapless citizens.

Detention without trial or charge, forced labour, strict censorship, repression of minorities and the politically incorrect, physical and mental torture are the norm. This cannot be condoned.

But, around most of the world, it can be and generally is ignored. And there are times when it is better to be tactfully silent than to shout futile defiance.

No one is suggesting we lower our standards, which may not be impeccable but are obviously far less abusive than those of the Chinese, the most tyrannous regime on the planet.

But our own record is hardly beyond reproach and the Chinese are not averse to pointing this out. They have already targeted Australia's failure to redress the inequalities across the Indigenous community, and now of course, they have extra ammunition with the highly convincing evidence of Australian war crimes in Afghanistan. This is not the best time to assume the high moral ground.

**Detention without trial or charge, forced labour, strict censorship, repression of minorities and the politically incorrect, physical and mental torture are the norm**  
Mungo MacCallum



That does not mean that we have to negotiate on our knees. But as we have been repeatedly told, the relationship has to be managed with care. Respect is essential, and an acknowledgement of the manifest power imbalance.

Last week, in Tokyo, Morrison tried to secure an alliance of resistance with the Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, and has been offered support for his stand by United States heavy hitters like Marco Rubio. Our departing emissary, Arthur B Culvahouse Jnr, has provided a farewell cheerio. But all this only underlines Australia's own impotence.

So when Morrison scrabbles for purchase, declaring that Australia's actions should not be interpreted through the lens of the strategic competition between China and the United States, Beijing hears another message: 'China noticed Prime Minister Morrison's positive comments on the global influence of China's economic growth and China's poverty alleviation efforts,' a Foreign Ministry spokesman noted approvingly.

Tribute received and accepted.

And this is precisely the dilemma; Beijing obviously thinks we do have a choice and we have got to make it. We are either with them or against them – sitting on the barbed wire fence is not an option.

There is a lot of history in this. The Jade Empire has had a couple of centuries of having sand kicked its face by the colonial bully-boys of Europe, but now, if it is not quite yet the toughest kid on the block, it is bloody close to it. Time to kick back.

And giving Australia a gob full is

entirely appropriate – even karmic. China's own resources – economic, innovative, even spiritual – have been ruthlessly exploited by invaders. With Australia depending on China to do the exploiting and pay the bills, there is no better time to turn the screws.

So the news comes through that some 80 Australian coal ships have been held up indefinitely at Chinese ports. Owing to 'environmental concerns', explains Beijing, in what is no explanation at all. And there may be an element of that, but no one in Canberra doubts that this is really all about ramping up the political pressure. And the same applies to the wine tariffs, imposed in retaliation for improbable allegations of dumping.

Morrison is looking for the old comforters: rules based trade, nuance and accommodation, latitude and room to move. But his pleas are becoming more frantic – methinks he doth protest too much.

'It's as if Australia does not have its own unique interests or its own views as an independent sovereign state,' he implored.

'This is just false. And worse, it needlessly deteriorates relationships.' Well, not to the Chinese it doesn't. That's just the kind of relationship they like – the one where they win.

And let's be honest, the relationship has seldom been entirely amiable. China has been seen as more of a threatening than a friendly neighbour. Long before it was rechristened during the cold war as The Red Menace, China loomed large over our future. There was always the fear that the teeming masses to the north would engulf us by the sheer force of gravity.

And the Chinese themselves? Mysterious, inscrutable – and therefore sinister – overtones of an undercover regime under the iron rule of the evil genius, Dr Fu Manchu.

Or perhaps his successors; the current suspicion of hordes of cyber-hackers hidden behind secret vaults, tirelessly sabotaging and subverting Australia and its diplomatic allies has gained considerable purchase.

Inherent racism? Almost certainly. And this will be just another problem for Morrison as he tries to reframe a confrontation that he may wish to end, but his antagonist is happy to pursue to its inevitable conclusion.

■ Mungo has told us that owing to ill health, this will unfortunately be his last column for *The Echo*.

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Doing over residents

Why do governments give precedence to a minority of investors and speculators, over the majority of residents, homeowners, and tenants, when it comes to Airbnb? Who profits?

Who loses? All those established motels and hotels and caravan parks who pay to be accommodation businesses for one.

Where are the fire and safety costs in an Airbnb? As well as payment of licences, regulatory charges, local government rates, adequate parking, and taxes?

If I buy next to a motel, my purchase price is reflected in the cost, and I know I'm next to an accommodation business with a manager on site to control unruly guests.

The Airbnb company was conceived after its founders rented out an air mattress in their living room, effectively turning their apartment into a bed and breakfast, to offset the high cost of rent in San Francisco. Someone was living there as a regulator who doesn't want an all-night party every night.

Airbnb is an American home rental platform based in San Francisco that lets people list, find, and rent short-term lodging in 65,000 cities and more than 191 countries across the globe... now valued at \$31 billion.

So, Airbnb Inc gets some money for me losing sleep.

An absentee owner pays off a mortgage, while I lose sleep. The local council only gets standard land value rates!

We know that for the past six years general wages have stagnated for the worker, while big business and the wealthy keep making money, even during COVID. And now their investments are taking away our community, lifestyle, and sleep – so they can pilfer even more wealth.

When will we see young families being able to access the home market again?

Certainly not until wages grow and wealth distribution become more reasonable. Then, young owner-buyers may get a chance to buy a home for their family.

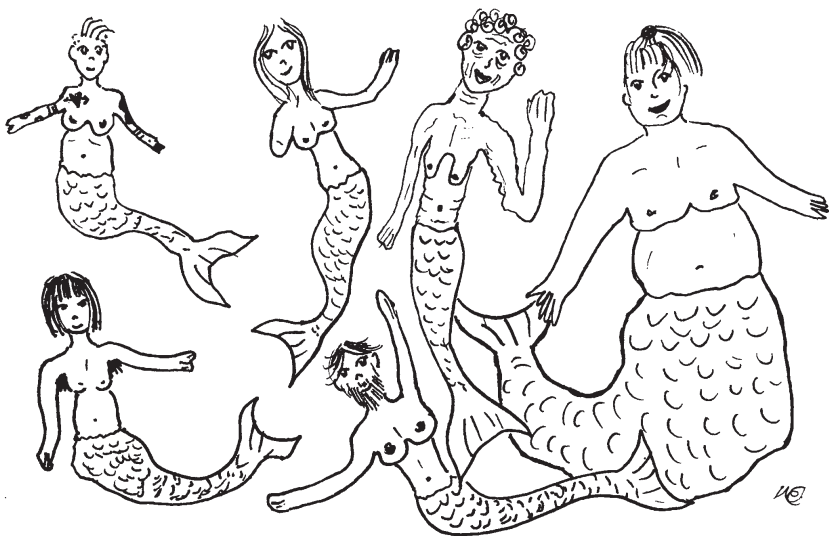
Stock markets are still growing, so why can't these property investors move their money into just more shares and give the average taxpayer a chance to have a home and a quiet community.

Richard White  
East Ballina

Overdevelopment on MOs and CTs?

Having worked as a planning consultant in Byron Shire for the past 40 years I am mystified why Council planning staff 'are pushing to prohibit dual occupancy and secondary dwellings on approved multiple occupancies (MO) and community titles (CT) in rural areas' (Echo 18 November).

The REAL Mermaids of Atlantis



Cartoon by Holly English www.hollyenglish.com

Over the last ten years Council has allowed dual occupancy or 'granny flats' in urban areas to allow increased population without additional land take in urban areas.

The dwelling density on MOs is controlled largely by the proven ability to demonstrate the responsible disposal of waste water, manage traffic, noise and bushfire planning.

Sixty plus years ago NSW planning law allowed for a greater residential dwelling density in rural areas. Prior to that NSW had adopted British planning laws of 'Urban' and 'Non-Urban'. That is, you were a farmer or you lived in town. The allowance of a greater residential density in rural areas has allowed for a 'living in nature' lifestyle that an increasing number of people in Byron and the adjoining shires enjoy.

I am mystified to understand on what basis Council planning staff would

move to limit the lifestyle options available to their constituents. The term 'overdevelopment' means what? Is this a state government directive or just a bunch of 'townies' dictating how we should live?

They profess to be a green council, which allows for a diversity of lifestyle in the way we interact with nature and community. Let's not be pushed around by bureaucratic influences from Sydney. As a council engineer/planner boss of mine said to me 40 years ago, 'We do things differently up here'. *Vive la difference.*

Boyd Warren  
Main Arm

A bow for koalas

What an outstanding effort by Liberal MLC Catherine Cusack, to stand up to the premier and a belligerent National Party to thwart what would have been a death sentence for what remains of the koala population in NSW.

Take a bow Catherine, you have done a great service for the koalas and your community that passionately support them.

John (Pork) Barilaro and Clarence MP Chris Galaptus claiming 'farmers deserve certainty' is farcical. Do the koalas deserve extinction? One has only to watch great programs like *Landline* on our poorly funded ABC to see that a growing number of farmers are actually replanting koala trees on their property in an effort to reintroduce these iconic marsupials.

If the NSW government was serious about koala conservation they should be paying all relevant landowners compensation for their conservation efforts.

The National Party is now in serious decline. They have become little more than an agent for the fossil fuel industry, and the irrigation industry, and with this latest effort, the property developers wanting to clear koala habitat. They continue

to pay the price at the ballot box and still they refuse to embrace modern environmental policies or to accept anthropogenic climate change as the existential threat to the very people they claim to represent.

Alan Veacock  
Cumbalum

Traffic mayhem

Tuesday, 24 November was a peak stuff-up for Byron Council. Roadworks at the town end of Shirley St had traffic banked up to the Arts and Industry Estate and back along Jonson St through to the Bay Grocer roundabout. I thought I'd avoid further delays by coming home via Bangalow Road only to encounter a film crew at work and a major detour via Coopers Shoot. My 30 minute trip took about two-and-a-half hours.

Council knew about both these activities well in advance, so the question is: why didn't it let us know about the inevitable delays? After all, it has the contact details of every local parking permit holder. Or, it could have placed a modest display ad in *The Echo*. But no, it told us nothing, and the resultant chaos leaves us wondering about its basic competence, particularly its willingness to communicate with the people it claims to represent.

Paul Rea  
Coorabell

Onya Mandy

There are so many wonderful, complementary, erudite and positive adjectives which can be easily used to describe you, wonderful Mandy Nolan.

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Letters to the Editor

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Equally, there are as many sad, angry at life, disgusting adjectives which could be used to describe the reaction of 'that' troll to your column.

Mandy, this loving, peaceful protective community most certainly has your back!

The *Echo* and its supporters and advertisers are also wholesomely supported by this wonderful community.

The 'troll' will hopefully be supported by some benevolent higher power to rid him of his sad rage.

Mandy, *Echo*, advertisers... please keep up your magnificent, independent, learned work and support of this unique community.

**Mark**

Ocean Shores

**Positive privilege...**

Richard Attenborough, yes... and Joe Biden. Bill Clinton. Jimmy Carter. Robert Redford. Terence McKenna. Jonas Salk. Bob Hope. George Burns. Gough Whitlam. Salman Rushdie. Walt Whitman. Benjamin Franklin. P. G. Wodehouse. Marlon Brando. Frank Lloyd Wright. Joseph Campbell. Pablo Picasso. Oskar Schindler. Thomas Keneally. Pope Francis. Winston Churchill. Harrison Ford. Michael Caine. Robert De Niro. David Crosby.

Mick Jagger. Albert Einstein. Barry Long. Pablo Casals. Robert Frost. William Yeats. Alexander Bell. Clair Patterson. Julian Assange. James Maxwell. Mikhail Gorbachev. John Altgeld. Kirk Douglas. Charles Darwin. Douglas MacArthur. John Cleese. Howard Carter. Bernie Sanders. Al Gore. Michael Moore. Harvey Weinstein.

OK, not Harvey Weinstein.

**Old White Man MacFarland**  
Ewingsdale

**War crimes**

Thoughts on Afghani war crimes committed by members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

1. If you train people to kill, and rob them of their individual moral decision making, it is no surprise that you end up with killers.

2. If you put the enlisted men on trial you should put the higher command before the courts. If the Afghans knew what the SAS was doing, why did the high command of the ADF not know, unless they wilfully turned a blind eye?

3. The ADF is a misnomer when our politicians have, since WWII, used our enlisted men and women as mercenaries to serve in the foreign adventures of a violent world power with the largest killing

machine in the world.

That world power is also the major exporter of arms.

If you put the enlisted soldiers on trial, then [you must also] put those that have sent them to fight these foreign wars under the false excuse that they are defending us on trial.

4. Everyone who has been in a war knows that war brutalises and dehumanises people and makes them do horrible things. So, if you build war memorials remember that their prime purpose is, besides honouring the dead, to be a warning that war is evil and should be only a very last resort.

There is more to this affair than 'a few rotten apples'.

**Carl Cleve**  
Byron Bay

■ Our soldiers are accused of war crimes, as they risked life and limb. We did not face an enemy honourably fighting on the frontlines, but rather, cowardly murders and maimings by bombs buried beneath roads.

This was not a mindless computer war game. Let's support and respect our soldiers, who protect us. And how good to leave the 'graveyard of empires'.

As magnificent Nobel Prize winning poet Rudyard

Kipling once wrote: 'When you're lying out wounded in Afghanistan's plains/ And the women come out to cut up what remains/ Roll over to your rifle and blow out your brains/ And go to your God like a soldier.'

**Vyvan Stott**  
Mullumbimby

**Pardon Assange**

It's the season for pardons as the Trump presidency nears its end. The American president enjoys at least two unconstrained prerogatives: making war, and pardoning the accused or convicted. The blameless Thanksgiving turkey traditionally receives the first ceremonial pardon, then the president favours any human 'turkeys' he likes. He can, and should, pardon Julian Assange.

During his election campaign, Trump professed his 'love' of Wikileaks for leaking Hillary Clinton's emails. Regardless of that, Assange deserves our support for the exposure of American war crimes. And Trump denounced America's 'stupid wars' and spoke the truth about the lies Bush used to 'justify' the destruction of Iraq and consequent destabilisation of the Middle East. Where there is truth there is hope.

The Democrats are likely

to press hard for Assange's extradition and effective death penalty – out of sheer vengeance. Trump has a great chance to dignify his exit and show a more compassionate side of America by pardoning Julian Assange. And incidentally to deliver a final snub to Biden – that should appeal.

Write to Trump by snail mail at: The White House / 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW / Washington, DC 20500 / USA or type 'Write or Call the White House' into your search bar. A contact page opens and there's a link to an email form to send email directly from the contact page. It might be Julian Assange's best hope for justice.

**Adrian Gattenhof**  
Mullumbimby

**DA ja vu**

Regarding the DA for the boarding house in Bayside Brunswick Heads. In 2012 a 27-room boarding house was proposed at the gym site in Teven Street, Brunswick Heads. The Byron Shire Council opposed the development and the owners appealed to the Land and Environment Court.

At that time, I was president of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association (BHPA)

and I spoke against the development at the tribunal. The Commissioner, Sue Harris, dismissed the appeal, stating, among other things, that the development was not compatible with the local area, which had been agreed by both parties as consisting largely of single houses with some medium density and commercial development.

Buzzwords like low cost, affordable, secure new age boarding house, urban consolidation, low to moderate cost accommodation, are used to woo the decision makers and councillors, all of whom would dearly love an easy answer to our shortage of housing. Only government owned or run social housing is genuinely affordable. Self-declared 'for profit' entities cannot be trusted to maintain security of tenure into the future.

The local community united in 2012 to save Bruns from totally inappropriate development, I urge Bayside Bruns and Brunswick Heads locals to lobby your councillors and local members of parliament to oppose this DA. Nothing has changed since 2012 in Bruns to make it a more suitable area for a boarding house.

**Jill Ball**  
Brunswick Heads



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Business and volunteer permits are also available for \$110, conditions apply.

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From 30 November, 2020, we're upgrading Parking meters across Byron Bay to provide:

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Managing Byron's beaches

■ In *The Echo* (11 November) I challenged the opinions by prominent environmental campaigner, Dailan Pugh, that long-term erosion plus global warming and rising sea levels are the primary cause of Byron Bay's current erosion problems.

An article on the Clarkes Beach event in *The Conversation* (<https://bit.ly/33vvV32>) last week corroborates this. The Griffith University scientists outline what they call the Headland Effect and its impact on our beaches.

No mystery here to the keen surfers who have tried to surf The Pass this year or to the longboarders getting wonderful surf off the Cape and Little Wategos. The Clarkes Beach dune blowout was most definitely not caused by climate change or long-term sea-level rise.

Byron Shire's beaches have now largely stabilised after the onslaught of the '60s and '70s but a strategy for their annual management is urgently required to meet short-term challenges which occur with regularity after each East Coast Low.

In 2006 and in 2016, our Council declined to adopt a beach nourishment program to protect our beaches. Fair enough, Council did not have to adopt the gold-plated sand bypass pumping option from Tallow Beach. I'm pleased it did not as, if we believe Professor Goodwin's recent assessments, the numbers relied on vastly overstated the amount of sand required.

But, there are other proactive options that are cheaper and more effective

in dunal management. These alternatives should have been pursued by Council and the state government.

There appears to be an obsession amongst some on Council that any efforts at preservation of our public beaches and the protection of public amenity for all must be resisted if some private party benefits. This ludicrous position stymies all attempts by the staff to fix the problems we face.

Dredgers have been working off the Tweed Coast and the lower Gold Coast beaches for years carrying out remedial, storage and dune forming works. The Tweed River Sand Bypass has been working successfully for two decades. There has been beach protection and nourishment at Kingscliff and Duranbah. The growing expertise in placing dredged sand has led to the support from beach users, with ongoing consultation a big part of the planning and operation.

If it's good enough for Tweed Shire under current NSW coastal legislation, there should be no impediment to the state government requiring a similar proactive response in Byron Shire.

So here is my plea to you, Dailan: When residents come to discuss problems on our beaches, please don't label those of us who do not agree with you as climate change deniers. I am happy to bow to you on all matters of forest conservation. But when it comes to the beach that I live on and which I observe daily, I prefer to follow the science.

I agree that if we have no action on climate change,

there may be a sea-level rise of one metre by 2100. But, there are close to 5,000 of my fellow Byron Bay residents who are not quite ready to pack up their bags and move to Casino just yet. To the toddlers being daily pushed in prams to the Lighthouse, that represents at least another 75 years of good surfing. I doubt somehow they are planning any retreat either.

Oliver Dunne  
Wategos Beach

■ Last week's letter from Dailan Pugh contains many provable inaccuracies concerning sea level rise that are based on computer modelling rather than facts.

Readers may be relieved to know that measurements of sea level rise in Sydney Harbour have been recorded since 1886 with the latest measurement showing a rise of 0.65mm since 1886.

Or 'about the height of a matchbox over a century' according to Dr Geoff Derrick in a report titled *Sea Level Rises in and Around Sydney Harbour 1886 to 2018*.

Dailan and other well-known *Echo* contributors regularly state that [predicted] catastrophic sea level rises are indisputable facts.

An indisputable fact in Byron Shire is that coastal erosion and flooding here is caused by poor engineering works or neglected silted waterways.

It is time to fix this disastrous engineering and accept the real blame for our indisputably man-made problems.

Jim Mangleson  
Ocean Shores

ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS



**Level One Terrace Sessions**  
**Free Live Entertainment**  
Friday & Saturday from 7pm  
Friday 4 December  
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Saturday 5 December  
Dan Hannaford



**Women Like Us**  
**Mandy Nolan & Ellen Briggs**  
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Wednesday 16 December  
2 course dinner and show  
Tickets \$49.50 - 18+  
Doors: 6:30pm Dinner: 7pm



**Christmas Gift Card Raffle**  
12 x \$350 Gift Card Christmas Gnomes to be won  
Tickets \$2 each available from Members Services  
Drawn Friday 18 December  
See club or website for details.



**\$2 Ham Raffles**  
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**New Christmas Toy Raffle**  
**One Only!**  
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Winners are not required on premises for draw  
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**12 Days of Christmas**  
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Extra Christmas Bin Collections



Byron Resource Recovery Centre  
Opening Hours

24 December - OPEN 8am - 4pm  
25 December, **Christmas Day** - CLOSED  
26 December, **Boxing Day** - CLOSED  
27 December - OPEN 8:30am - 11:30 am  
28 December, **Public Holiday** - CLOSED  
29-31 December - OPEN 8am - 4pm  
1 January 2021, **New Years Day** - CLOSED  
2 January 2021 - OPEN 8:30am - 11:30am

For more information contact the  
Resource Recovery Hotline on 1300 652 625

From **Monday 21 December** to **Friday 1 January**, you can place all bins at the kerbside for weekly collection. Put your bins out the **night before** your normal collection day. Collections occur as normal on all public holidays, including Christmas day.





## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

#### Together Party AGM

The Together Party are putting a team together to run in the next Byron Shire Council elections. Following their AGM on Thursday, 17 December via Zoom at 6pm they will be discussing the council ticket. Find out how to get involved at: [www.thetogetherparty.org.au](http://www.thetogetherparty.org.au).

#### Disabled surfers

The Disabled Surfers Association is having its Hands On Surfing Day at Byron Bay, Clarkes Beach on Saturday, 5 December. Volunteers with water experience fare needed to help us take members of our Disabled Community

for a safe and nurturing open water adventure! Volunteers preregister via email to [dsaasec@gmail.com](mailto:dsaasec@gmail.com) wing to COVID regulations. preregistration closes Thursday 3 December at 6pm.

#### BB Cancer Support

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for four years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect. For info contact Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025 or email [david@davidyoung.com.au](mailto:david@davidyoung.com.au) or [kenconnell46@gmail.com](mailto:kenconnell46@gmail.com).

#### Shaws Bay rehab

Dredging and foreshore works at Compton Drive, East Ballina are complete. Works started at Fenwick Drive Foreshore, Shaws Bay. For info: [ballina.nsw.gov.au/ShawsBay](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/ShawsBay).

#### CWA meeting

The next branch meeting is at 10am on Wednesday, 9 December and will be followed by our end of year Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Call 0427 847 282 for info.

#### Christmas fundraising

Christmas fundraising at the Uniting Church Op Shop corner of Whain and Dalley Streets Mullumbimby on Saturday, 5 December, 9am till 12.30pm. Plants, light summer clothing, children's clothing (only \$1), artwork and more. Home cooking stall on the day. We support Build

Hope, Education for Girls, Disability Support, Clean Water, and Seeds for Growing charities.

#### H2O – Ballina Heights

Your property's drinking water service will be temporarily unavailable from 9am to 3pm Thursday, 3 December, 2020. During this time no drinking water will be available via your internal or external water outlets. Recycled water will still be available. For more information visit [ballinawater.com.au](http://ballinawater.com.au).

#### Byron High raffle

Byron Bay High School P&C are having an online raffle with over 40 prizes to be won, totalling more than \$15,000 value! Raffle is drawn on Friday, 4 December. Tickets \$5, available online [www.rafflelink.com.au/bbhs2020](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/bbhs2020). Our goal is to raise \$10,000 to support student wellbeing.

#### Mullumbimby CWA

The Mullumbimby CWA rooms (on the corner of Tincogan and Gordon Streets) will be open for refreshments and stalls each Friday from 9am till noon. Call in for a cuppa and a bargain.

#### Bruns CWA market

Brunswick Heads Country Women's Associations (CWA) Christmas market, Saturday 12 December, 8am till 12pm outside CWA rooms on the corner of Booyun and Park Streets. Beautiful handicrafts for gifts, baked goodies and jams. Cash only.

#### Bruns CWA meeting

Brunswick Heads Country Women's Associations (CWA) monthly meetings are on the first Friday of the month at 9am and our 'crafty ladies' craft day is held on Fridays 10am–2pm. New members welcome. Contact Mary on 0431 908 063.

#### MBVF Club AGM

Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club will be holding its AGM starting at 4.30pm on Sunday, 6 December at the Pine Ave fields in Mullumbimby. Enquiries contact: [info@mbvfc.com.au](mailto:info@mbvfc.com.au).

#### BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will meet on Thursday, 10 December at 10.30am for luncheon at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Numbers are limited so please book with Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email [wjhunt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wjhunt@yahoo.com.au) no later than the Monday before. Info: president Margaret 0429 966 894.

#### Art in the Shed

The Art in the Shed artists are holding an exhibition in UKI at the Holy Trinity Church, 4–6 December.

## Regular As Clockwork

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

#### Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

MDNC services that are running include:  
**Community support/emergency relief:** Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills.  
**Listening Space:** free counselling.  
**Staying Home, Leaving Violence program. Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.**  
**Financial Counselling:** outreach available Thursdays & Fridays  
**Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. **Information,**

**referral and advocacy.** To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

#### Byron Community Centre

**Homeless Breakfast:** 7:30–9am Wednesday. **Homeless Showers:** Monday and Wednesday 10am–12pm (book in at breakfasts). **Women's Support and Counselling:** Friday 1–3pm, Community Cabin Carlyle St. **Free Phone Counselling:** Call 0415 322 064 10am–2pm. **Seniors Computer Club:** Friday 9am–11am, Community Cabin Carlyle St. **Seniors drumming, yoga, ukulele, art and**

**drama:** 66856807 for booking and time details. **Volunteer Hub referral service:** Call 66856807. **Byron Community Pantry:** free food box delivery to locals who are financially or physically unable to shop. Call/text your order to 0482 787 552. For more info call 66856807 or visit [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)

#### Low-cost or free food

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

#### Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available. Call 13 11 14 or go to: [www.standbysupport.com.au](http://www.standbysupport.com.au). For immediate support call 000.

#### Technology help 65+

Ballina Shire Meals on Wheels are running technology help sessions for over 65's on Tuesday mornings. A volunteer works one-on-one to assist seniors to learn how to better use their devices – mobile phones, tablets and laptops. These 25min sessions are free of charge, but we would appreciate any donations for the service provided. Bookings are essential. To make a booking, or for information contact Kristen on 0419 679 719. We follow COVID Safe practices.

#### Ex-service members

Byron Bay RSL Sub-Branch wish to collate the names of ex-service members who have served overseas in combat/peace keeping roles in conflicts including Korea and post Vietnam, including Somalia, Namibia, Timor Leste (East) Timor, Bougainville, Iraq & Afghanistan. Ex-service members and their families from the Byron Shire area who wish to be included in this list, and on a planned honour board, should send their details to Jim Rogers. Phone 0412679870 or email [jimrog48@gmail.com](mailto:jimrog48@gmail.com).

#### Mullum Magic Toastmasters

Practice public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment, at the Mullum Magic Toastmasters Club. New members and guests welcome. It is held every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday, from 7 till 9pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall, 55 Dalley Street Mullumbimby. Contact Ashni on 0439 843 657 for more information, or just turn up.

#### End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings at the Robina Community Centre. Attendees must be Exit members. More information on [www.exitinternational.net](http://www.exitinternational.net) or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

#### Croquet is on

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

Free lessons. Call Max for more information 0431 906 536. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** has resumed at The Black Rocks Sports Fields (end of Overall Drive) Pottsville. We commence play at 8.30am, Tuesday and Thursday. Please arrive 15 minutes before play starts. or information ring our Club Captains Pat on 0427976436 or Jean on 0431606376.

#### Probus club

All Probus club activities have been suspended owing to COVID-19. Hopefully meetings will resume in February 2021. We will notify you through The Echo when meetings are to resume again. Enquires, ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

#### BV Scrabble Club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club is resumed play on Tuesday 10 November from 1 till 4pm at the Ocean Shores Tavern. Contact Barbara: 0479 183 183.

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

## THE BYRON SHIRE EMERGENCY DASHBOARD



For information on floods, fires, storms, weather and how to prepare for an emergency go to the Byron Shire Emergency Dashboard  
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Learn more about the dashboard at one of our information sessions.

#### South Golden Beach

2 December 2020 | 4pm – 5:30 pm  
South Golden Beach Hall

#### Billinudgel

3 December 2020 | 4pm – 6pm  
Billinudgel Hotel

#### Byron Bay

7 December 2020 | 4pm – 6pm  
Byron Bay SLSC

#### Brunswick Heads

8 December 2020 | 4pm – 6pm  
Brunswick Valley Community Centre

#### Mullumbimby

9 December 2020 | 4pm – 6pm  
Byron Shire Council Chambers

The Emergency Dashboard has links to the SES, RFS, BOM, Essential Energy, road conditions, rainfall, flooding and information about Council services.

Check it out now and be prepared.

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# Storylines: Advance Australia where?

*Budgeram – always was, always will be*

Eli Cook

Australia, as a nation, is at a crossroads. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed our many frailties and brought them to the front of our consciousness. But rather than view these vulnerabilities as an existential weakness, we should be looking more broadly towards how we can adapt. For too long, we have been stuck inside our comfort zones. The pandemic and subsequent recession have dragged us, kicking and screaming, toward a distinct inevitability: Change.

Indigenous Australians are no different. We too, must welcome change for the betterment of our people. Too often we are distracted by political grandstanding and media indifference towards our very existence. Our treatment is Australia's greatest shame and until Aboriginal people can advance economically, socially, and culturally, Australia as a nation will never become whole.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have always been able to adapt. For more than 60,000 years we have seen off enormous challenges: like climate change, rising sea levels, and colonisation. Throughout all this, we have managed to maintain our culture and connection to our homelands. This has been made possible through the overarching connection we have to each other.

## Future challenge

As one elder once told me; 'Australia is like one big spider web. Our stories and our histories are all connected. We are all one people'. Indigenous and



Are we heading in the right direction?

non-Indigenous Australians alike must acknowledge this interconnectedness as we forge a shared history into the future.

But what is the way forward for Indigenous Australians? Is it through changing the lyrics of the national anthem? Or hanging our flags in parliament house during NAIDOC week? Whilst these would be nice gestures, they will not change who we are or where we have come from. Sometimes, when you look too hard for a solution, you miss the answer sitting right under your nose.

The solution is us. Our customs and our languages that our old people fought so hard to preserve. The longest continuing culture that can be found on planet Earth. So unique, so powerful. These factors have been the very essence of our survival. It is now time to consider how we can transition from simply surviving invasion, to thriving once more.

It is easy to see our disadvantages. Unfortunately, for many of our people, we lack

the economic foundation required to step out of this disadvantage. This has been brought about by many factors directly attributable to our past treatment: Stolen land, stolen wages, stolen children, suppressed languages, suppressed cultures. We have had everything taken from us. However, if we can only identify the problems, how do we generate solutions? We cannot continue to look backwards as a means of moving forward.

## A future grounded in history

History is important and I am in no way diminishing the significance of Australia healing through truth sharing and recognising the wrongs of the past. In fact, I welcome such initiatives and wholeheartedly support the efforts being made in these areas. What I am saying is that modern problems require modern solutions.

Indigenous Australians need industry. This is something that we have lacked in modern times. Our people

have forever been hardworking and innovative, but this has been stifled. Industry not only generates income, but purpose. A reason to endure and take risks. A reason to move forward and find opportunities. The foundation of such industry must be our culture.

This is evidenced in places like North Stradbroke Island where the Quandamooka people have managed to achieve something incredible. Through tourism and innovation, they are not only making advancements economically, but also through strengthening and valuing language and custom. Traditions that lay dormant for decades are once again reappearing from the ashes of colonisation.

Indigenous Australians are not going to disappear. Whilst, to some, we remain an inconvenience, we continue to adapt and survive in a changing environment. It is time for us to take the next step in our adaptation by crossing cultural barriers and finding a foothold through our own industries.

Our greatest asset is ourselves. We must take heed of our ancestors and their willingness to preserve their own existence. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will play a critical role in the economic recovery of this nation. It is time for this nation to invest in our knowledge, and together we will indeed advance Australia.

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# Litter threatens bird nesting area – Byron

Khaled Al Khawaldeh

No stranger to piles of emptied beer bottles gracefully lining its sandy shores, the tourism hot spot of Byron Bay once again welcomes its latest addition to the family.

This picture sent in by a Byron Bay local, of the pile of rubbish found in a threatened shorebird nesting area near the Elements Resort beach access. This delightful image marks another chapter in the Shires ongoing

battle with rubbish.

The curators of the pile are unknown but as with many they appear to be great fans of beers and cruisers.

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# Seed savers are getting together for a local seed saving and exchange

Hilary Bain

Ever since March of this year, with the COVID-19 pandemic response of lockdowns and the fear it has elicited, there's been a run on seeds at seed companies.

It seems everyone went mad around toilet paper, dogs and seeds!

It's a new take on Leonard Cohen's amazing lyrics:

*Everybody knows that the boat is leaking,  
everybody knows that the captain lied.  
Everybody's got this broken feeling,  
like their father or their dog just died.*

We in the West are just two generations from living on the land, so some deep, primal knowing and recognition must have been at play, that seeds are one of the most important ways we can help ourselves survive in an uncertain future. And gardens have sprung up everywhere, one of the upsides to this latest calamity.

Dogs were snatched up for companionship and comfort. Toilet paper too – I think the media had something to do with that.

One of the downsides, besides the growing death rate of, mostly, people over the age of eighty, and loneliness and isolation for the others, is the relentless and continuing centralisation of practically everything, and we're all being pushed into the internet portal, one of the tools of surveillance, where once again the biggest corporations make trillions stealing business from all the small



Seed saving organisations and groups are active throughout the world.

businesses around the world, forced to shut down owing to the pandemic.

Once again prophetic words from Leonard Cohen:

*Everybody knows the dice are loaded,  
Everybody rolls with their fingers crossed.  
Everybody knows the war is over,  
Everybody knows that the good guys lost.  
Everybody knows the fight was fixed,  
the poor stay poor and the rich get rich.  
That's how it goes... everybody knows.*

After WWII, there was an agenda to get people off the land and into cities, and a relentless takeover of land and resources by giant corporations, aided and abetted by the governments in the West, which made these agribusiness corporations even bigger and more powerful.

Now, what's being stolen from the people are all the seeds; through the science of genetic engineering. Corporations claim they are improving crops – engineering them to yield more, to be more drought tolerant, pesticide and herbicide resistant etc. This, so corporations like Bayer-Monsanto et al can patent the seeds so they become their property, and farmers can no longer save seed but have to buy it, year after year.

### Freedom to save seeds

What's really happening is theft of the human commons by giant agri-chemical corporations, who now own seventy-five per cent of all seed companies worldwide.

And as Vandana Shiva says, 'If farmers don't have the freedom to save their own seeds, how will the rest of us have that freedom?'

By putting seeds in the soil, with water and some nutrient in a certain climate, the growing plant will automatically, naturally adapt and, generation by generation become drought tolerant all by itself. Organic, heirloom seeds are the best seeds to use, to produce strong, resilient plants. This is what humans have done for the past ten thousand years, and an enormous quantity and diversity of seeds have been cultivated and passed down through the generations in every country. This is part of the power of de-centralisation, otherwise known as localisation. This gives us all the freedom to grow our own food, and have real food security and practise sustainability. This is one of the most basic freedoms we have, and multinational agribusinesses are trying to take it from us.

Byron Hinterland Seed Savers (BHSS) and Byron Seed Share are planning to have a seed saving event at the Mullum Farmers Market on Friday 11 December, 8–10.30am.

Byron Seed Share ([byronseedshare.org](http://byronseedshare.org)) is a website offering at least forty perennial food plants, that local people have cultivated and are willing to share with those who sign up to be members.

Paul Crebar will be in attendance and will talk about the benefits of being a member of Byron Seed Share.

Rasa Dover, founder of BSS, will be on hand to help people identify seeds, and will be sharing the seeds she has.

I will also be there to share knowledge of how to save seeds with anyone who wants to know. See you there!

# Call to halt new logging in bushfire impacted areas of NSW

Aslan Shand

More than 60 per cent of North Coast forests and 80 per cent of South Coast forests were burnt in the 2019–20 Black Summer fires. Since that point issues around the management and logging of these and other forests have been highlighted and 'the Guardian has revealed that

the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) will likely be engaged to conduct a review to "consider the standards that should be in place for forestry operations after bushfires," said Independent NSW MLC Justin Field.

Mr Field has called on the NSW government to give an undertaking to NSW coastal communities that

new approvals for logging in the state's badly burnt public state forests will not be approved until a review by the state's Independent NRC is completed.

'It's one year to the week since the devastating Currowan fire took hold on the South Coast. The community always understood business as usual wasn't possible after

the fires but the politics has been slow to move and a lot of damage has been done,' said Mr Field.

'This review is a political fix to try to find a circuit breaker in what has been an escalating public conflict between John Barilaro's department and the NSW EPA (Environmental Protection Authority). The NRC

are effectively being asked to be the arbiter in this disagreement.

### Logging breaches

'In part this review is in response to numerous EPA stop-work orders and investigations into breaches by Forestry Corporation under the burnt forest logging rules.

'I am seeking an undertaking from the government that new approvals for logging in bushfire affected forests will not be granted until we've seen the outcome of the review,' Mr Field said.

'The review comes after a public dispute between Deputy Premier John Barilaro's Department of Regional NSW and the NSW EPA over the "site specific operating conditions" the EPA had put in place to minimise environmental damage of burnt forest logging,' says Mr Field.

'The dispute had led to the EPA warning Forestry Corporation that plans to move back to logging under pre-fire conditions would likely breach the NSW Forestry Act which requires ecologically sustainable forest management practices.'

Local Greens Member for

Ballina, Tamara Smith, told *The Echo* that, 'The Greens oppose logging in native forests on a good day, let alone after catastrophic bushfires and the subsequent destruction of wildlife and biodiversity on an unprecedented scale in NSW last summer.

'I and thousands of environmentalists begged the government to send in ecologists after the fires last summer, not loggers, but they did anyway.

### Death of species

'The idea that with 1.7 degrees of global warming already locked in that logging of native forests is even on the table is the kind of environmental vandalism that future generations will study as pivotal to sealing a fate of extinction for koalas and platypus and countless other species,' said Ms Smith.

'I hope this review reignites the conversation about a transition away from public native forestry. We can reimagine a much more positive future for our public forests as critical ecological and recreational reserves and create a transition plan for the timber sector,' Mr Field said.

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# All water options on the table for Ballina?

David Lowe

The Dunoon Dam wasn't officially on the agenda at last Thursday's Ballina Council meeting, but that didn't stop a heated discussion breaking out on the subject in a motion about water efficiency.

In a personal deposition, Bianca Urbina from Water Northern Rivers Alliance said she supported extra water efficiency as an essential part of a resilient system, that does not depend on rainfall, unlike the proposed Dunoon Dam. She said the dam idea was shelved in 2012 because of the threat to endangered species, rainforest and cultural heritage, and nothing had changed since.

'Please take an active role in taking the decisions,' she said. 'Stand next to 92 per cent of the community across the region who refused the dam.'

Ms Urbina urged councillors to look at the All Options on the Table report from Water Services Australia, and said it was difficult to make her case with no one in the room making eye contact.

## What to do about lost water?

When the related motion came up for discussion, all the councillors agreed that too much water was being lost, with a need for more



Bianca Urbina from Water Northern Rivers. Photo David Lowe

smart meters and fewer leaks.

Cr Cadwallader said there was a need to identify and replace ageing meters and displayed a graph which showed water losses in the Ballina region of 18.5 per cent, equating to \$1.2 million in Rous County Council (RCC) water charges.

She said a strategic plan was needed, especially because most of Ballina was built on sand, making leaks hard to detect.

Cr Jeff Johnson said he supported the proposal of a plan to improve the performance of the water supply network before returning to the Dunoon Dam proposal, which he described as an expensive waste of money, designed to cater for an unsustainable increase in population.

## RCC Concerns

Cr Nathan Willis said he was happy to support the efficiency motion, but had

'real concerns' about the structures in place around Rous County Council.

He said that in regard to the Dunoon Dam, it was clear that Rous had become highly politicised and that he would like to see a move away from the water structure set in the 1960s with Rous and look to the best interests of Ballina.

Cr Keith Williams, who is also the Chair of Rous Water, said every councillor would have received the All Options On The Table report via Water Northern Rivers.

'The serious risk we face is a changing climate which is going to result in extended and unprecedented periods of drought,' he said.

'We do need all options on the table, more efficiency, how to save every drop.'

## Dangerous fantasy?

Cr Williams said that the current Rocky Creek Dam represents just over one year's water with no rain,

with 10 per cent being used each month at the height of the last drought.

'The idea that we're going to suddenly find lots more water is fantasy. Dangerous fantasy.'

## Former councillors oppose dam

Late last week, there was another twist in the Dunoon Dam saga with four former Rous councillors writing to RCC to 'pause its pursuit of the dam at Dunoon.'

The letter said, 'Between us we have 29 years of experience on the County Council (Simon Clough 4 years; Duncan Dey 4 years; Ros Irwin 8 years, 2 as chair; Richard Staples 13 years).

'We are writing because we believe that Rous is moving in the wrong direction to provide water security by pursuing the Dunoon Dam option. If Rous were to go ahead with this dam, we believe this would be a failure of governance by not ensuring a resilient water system in a hotter, drier climate.'

'As former councillors we know that committing to a \$2-3,000,000 Environmental Impact Statement is tantamount to approving the dam project.'

► **Full story on *Echonetdaily*:** [www.echo.net.au/all-water-options-on-the-table](http://www.echo.net.au/all-water-options-on-the-table)

# Lake Ainsworth vandalism

After ongoing vandalism problems at Lake Ainsworth the use of hidden surveillance cameras to catch offenders was discussed at last week's Ballina Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, said Friends of Lake Ainsworth have continually cleaned up broken glass and dealt with the residue of burnt Koppers logs around the reserve for the last six months.

She explained that the logs contain chromated copper arsenic, and 'a tiny bit of ash can kill adults, harm animals and poison water.'

Cr Cadwallader said volunteers shouldn't be left to clear this material up on a regular basis, which is often done early in the morning, with the wider community unaware of the magnitude of the problem.

Cr Nathan Willis said he was concerned about surveillance and Council purchasing additional equipment.

'The best way to handle this issue is to have volunteers and police working on it,' he said. 'How does it help for Council to do a report?'

The initial motion in the business papers included the idea of hidden surveillance cameras to catch offenders, but this was watered down in the final motion, to instead

call for a report on management issues and investigate the use of a special vacuum machine to remove broken glass in park areas.

Cr Phillip Meehan asked if people are picking up broken glass virtually every day, does that mean people are burning and smashing things at the lake every day?

Council staff responded by saying the Lake Ainsworth area was not unique in its problems, but there were many complaints about glass around the BBQs in the northern section of the reserve, and people not always taking their waste with them (there are no bins there, or truck access, since the removal of the road).

Mayor David Wright said, 'What we've got is a fantastic area. I wouldn't take the BBQ away from that end just because there's some damage.'

'We need to enforce the no alcohol rule or if we do have some, we need to have no bottles,' said Mayor Wright.

Cr Keith Williams, who seconded the motion, said, 'This is being brought to me on at least a weekly basis, I'm getting phone calls about glass down at the lake.'

► **Read the full story online in *Echonetdaily*:** [www.echo.net.au/lake-ainsworth-vandalism-under-spotlight](http://www.echo.net.au/lake-ainsworth-vandalism-under-spotlight)

# Vital Alsar remembered at Las Balsas anniversary in Ballina

David Lowe

Exactly 47 years after three balsa rafts arrived in Ballina from Ecuador, there was a gathering by the Richmond River on the weekend to mark the voyage and remember its captain, Vital Alsar.

The Las Balsas voyage was the longest raft voyage in human history, and was completed without any loss of life, sailing under a white flag of peace. Captain Vital died in September, but family and friends of the crew attended via livestream, and Las Balsas ambassador and former crew-member Fernand Robichaud was there in person.

Ballina's Deputy Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, told *The Echo*, 'It was such a big thing for the history of Ballina, how important it was.'

Mayor David Wright remembers the rafts arriving in Ballina and said, although 'it was thrust upon us' and not planned (the rafts were supposed to go to Mooloolaba, but got stuck in a southerly current), 'I'm just so pleased they came here. It's iconic.'

He said the people of Ballina were very proud of the surviving

balsa raft, and the specially built structure at the Ballina Maritime Museum which protects it.

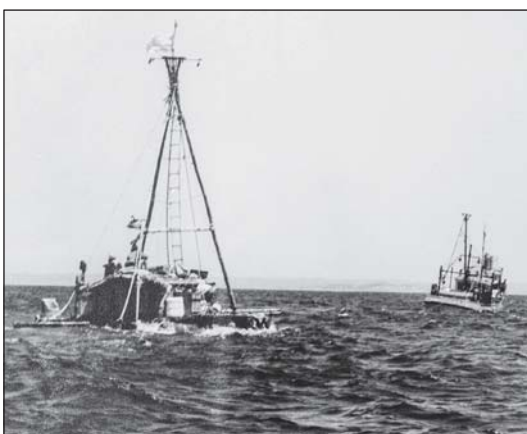
Tony Gilding from the Macadamia Castle read a statement from former 60 Minutes journalist Ian Leslie, who took a rubber ducky out to meet the rafts when they first entered Australian waters.

Mr Leslie remembered Vital Alsar as a great adventurer and explorer. 'He takes his place beside the giants of human adventure, Magellan and Columbus, Armstrong and Amundsen. They challenged our notions of the time, our understanding of the nature of the planet Earth,' said Mr Leslie.

'Vital's spirit of adventure, his warmth, and refusal to submit against nature's forces was a powerful lesson to take with me forever.'

## Unique offering

Fellow Las Balsas fan, Cr Jeff Johnson, said 'I believe the Las Balsas raft is Ballina's unique offering to the world.'



Rafts under tow just off the coast of Australia. Photo David Harrison

He read the words of former crew-member Mike Fitzgibbons, who remembered, 'Vital burst into our world, a ball of pure energy with bright eyes and a huge smile.'

'His name sums him up - Vital Alsar. Vital meaning important, and Alsar, to rise.'

'As I look back on our voyage, I do not see the danger, the fear, the loneliness, nor the adventure as perceived by most people. I see the smiles of my captain Vital, Mark, Jorge, and Gabriel. I see the smiles of my crewmates.'

## Words from Spain

Event organiser Kelly Morton read the words of Vital's sister, Marina.

'My brother, you fell in love with the sea. She was your great love, all your life, even as far back as your childhood. You used to say that we shouldn't fear the sea. We have to love her and respect her as we do our mothers. And you loved her so much that you shared your life and your dreams with her.'

## Healthy and triumphant

The closing words were from Denise Alsar, Vital's beloved wife, read by Kelly Morton.

'On the 15th of September we lost a king, my partner, the father of my two daughters, a man of great strength, both physical and spiritual, a man with an unnerving faith in that superior power.'

After the words, there was wonderful live music from Los Canarios, a newly formed duo consisting of Bella Viola and William Keyte, who

performed a song in Spanish which the crew used to sing on their voyage.

Las Balsas ambassador Fern Robichaud, originally from Canada, told *The Echo* that thinking back to his arrival on the raft in 1973, he said his biggest memory was how green everything was.

Looking back on the record-breaking voyage, he said, 'In a way it's probably a bit of a dream, you think oh, did I actually do this?'

Was the idea of crossing the Pacific on a raft terrifying, when he first stopped and thought about it? 'I probably didn't stop and think enough about that!' said Fern.

■ For information on the film, or to help it reach completion, contact Kelly Morton: [Kelly@kel-lymorton.com.au](mailto:Kelly@kel-lymorton.com.au). You can also visit the balsa raft at the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum on Regatta Avenue, and learn more from the guides.

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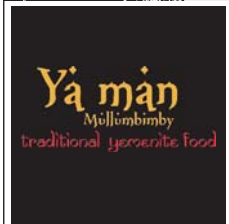
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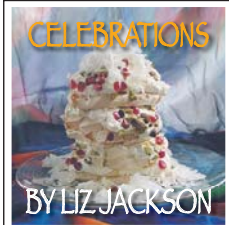
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## The Good Life



## Dear food makers

The only thing worse than a vegan is an annoying vegan. And I would know because I am one – I'm very annoying.

What I love though, is how vegan is the new black, and restaurants and cafes right across the Northern Rivers are making a very concerted effort to make sure that there is something on the menu for everyone including vegans. And really, they are going above and beyond.

These days it's not just 'something' vegan. You are more likely than not to get something equally as delicious as anything else on the menu at most eateries these days.

As an annoying vegan it's such a pleasure now to go out to eat and know that in pretty much any reasonably sized town I will find something delicious. For many years that wasn't the case – you were either stuck with chips and salad at the local pub or having disgruntled chefs come out of the kitchen and smile at you before serving you a meal that cost three times as much as everybody else's, being half the size, and including a small serve of leek and broccoli and

pumpkin with a bit of salad and a few chips on the side.

So now I have put my money where my mouth is. Well, actually I've put my opinions where my tastebuds are; I've had little cards printed up just so I can show people how much I appreciate them going out of their way to make sure I get well fed.

I think it's time vegans got together to show their appreciation for eateries who actually do care about all their customers. So – head out into the wild blue yonder vegan hordes! Find something yummy you can eat at your local restaurant or cafe, thank them, and tell them the Queen of the Annoying Vegans sent you.

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# The Good Life

## Georgia taking care of our health and tastebuds at Santos

Story Eve Jeffery

Santos Organics is an iconic Byron brand with a strong heritage, founded in 1978 when the original owners Santi and Osborne traveled around Main Arm with a Holden ute delivering whole foods out of sacks to the many healthy and environmentally conscious homes in the area.

Since then Santos has grown to now have three organic health food stores across the Byron Shire – a Mullumbimby flagship store, one in Byron town centre and a warehouse/shop in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate – as well as having an online shop featuring their non-perishable offerings, which has recently launched free shipping to a range of postcodes in the Northern Rivers.

And Santos now has an amazing addition. A zero-waste food specialist and amazing vegetarian chef, Georgia Badyk heads up Santos Organics' kitchen and cafes at their Byron and Mullum outlets. Santos' Nourishing & Enrichment Manager, Georgia has already brought in some amazing new recipes and dishes to the cafes and has some exciting plans for the future too.

All three Santos stores offer freshly made food and drinks via their 100 per cent organic cafes. Georgia's commerce/business degree with sustainability as major and her vast experience in farm-to-table and zero waste businesses in America and Canada are regarded as a huge asset within the Santos family.

Georgia has already put



Zero-waste food specialist and vegetarian chef, Georgia Badyk heads up Santos Organics' kitchen and cafes. Photo Tree Faerie

into practice what she has learned about being more resourceful with food, farming impacts on the

environment, compost solutions, and utilising 100 per cent of all ingredients – such as creating pumpkin

skin chips and making stock from leftovers. COVID brought Georgia back to Australia and Santos are

very grateful to have her on the team – her strong passion for zero waste cooking and education will guide the direction for their cafes, and they are excited about all the new recipes with rich flavours and the regenerative vibe she has already set in place.

And letting you in on a secret: next in the pipeline is the development of a BYO container deli.

Beyond stocking the most sustainable organic products, looking after the health of the community and the planet has always been a core value for Santos Organics. They became a not-for-profit environmental organisation four years ago, setting them apart from many other health food stores as a portion of their profits are donated to social and environmental projects.

## The Church Farm General Store's backyard bliss

Story & photo Melissa Butters

Musician Andrew Morris and naturopath Amanda Cullen, co-founders of Church Farm General Store have cultivated a growing business and a blossoming family.

Proud parents of Banjo, Percy and twins Herb and Reggie, and fully embracing their ethos 'Eat Well, Wash Well, Live Well' they share insights into how they juggle their business and a tribe of little boys, and how it all came about...

The couple have lived in the Shire for over 10 years and since 2013 have called a renovated timber church

in Billinudgel home. They grow the ingredients of their culinary products from scratch; making pastes, pickles and passatas from the produce of their own backyard. They also make beautiful soaps.

Amanda and Andrew hold health and wellness high in their organic approach. Control of the ingredients in their products is super important – they believe that what we put on our skin and how we spend our days all contribute to wellness and quality of life as much as what we eat. 'There is so much junk in our food system, chemicals in soaps and stressors in

these modern lives we are all living. So making daily choices to eat, wash and live well is what we try to do as a family,' says Amanda.

As in any busy household, practicality and accessibility is key. 'It's really awesome having a pantry full of pastes, sauces and passatas for easy meals – and a shed full of soap for messy little boys.'

They have a pact not to talk about work at home, and the boys have taught them a valuable lesson on how to find time for gardening with so much going on, 'The only way to do it is to get them involved, which is a win-win for everyone – most of the time!'

The boys love to plant seeds, collect eggs and forage for jaboticaba and mulberries at home. When they find time to get to the markets, the boys love



The Church Farm General Store's Andrew and Amanda, with their tribe of lads.

helping out, playing shop assistant and then taking money from the stall to go buy a yummy iced elderflower drink.

Andrew and Amanda

have all hands on deck for the Christmas season, with rumours of something tasty and new just around the corner. 'We have a few things up our sleeve,' says

Amanda. 'Stay tuned!'

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# ENTERTAINMENT SEVEN 7

## FUNNY MEN KEEPING IT REAL

FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS COMEDIANS MANDY NOLAN AND ELLEN BRIGGS HAVE TOURED THEIR SUCCESSFUL *WOMEN LIKE US* SHOW TO FESTIVALS AND VENUES AROUND THE COUNTRY. THEY HAVE PERFORMED IN EXCESS OF 150 SHOWS, TO WELL OVER 40 000 PEOPLE. WHAT PEOPLE CONTINUE TO LOVE ABOUT THEIR SHOW IS THE WAY THEY DELIVER EVERYDAY RELATABLE THEMES IN A ROLL-ON-THE-FLOOR LAUGHING KIND OF WAY. IT OCCURRED TO NOLAN AND BRIGGS THAT MAYBE THE AUDIENCES THAT LOVE THEIR FEMALE TAKE ON LIFE WOULD LOVE A MAN'S TAKE ON IT TOO – BUT THOSE MEN HAVE TO COME FROM THE SAME FRAME AS THE *WOMEN LIKE US* SHOW.

SO, *MEN LIKE US* WAS BORN – A COMEDY SHOW THAT FEATURES THE COMEDIC MUSINGS OF THE VERY AUSSIE LINDSAY WEBB, AND UK COMEDIAN DAN WILLIS.

SEVEN SPOKE WITH THEM ABOUT JUST WHAT MAKES THEM TICK...



### What is the trickiest thing about being a bloke?

**Linds:** Dealing with the stigma left over from misogynist men from the past and trying to help/teach men with old attitudes to evolve.

**Dan:** Wearing mismatched socks. All my socks are black, thus I'm the only person that knows – but that just makes it better.

### Greatest fashion fuck up?

**Linds:** I am not very fashionable at the best of times, but probably my button up woollen grey cardigan vest from 1998. Worn often with a black skivvy. It is gone now.

**Dan:** Deciding not to get ankle deep into leg warmers in 1986... I could have been the fluorescent king, aged 13-and-a-half.

### What do you do that annoys your wife?

**Linds:** Snore, overthink, drink beer!

**Dan:** Every so often I breathe out twice when I've only breathed in once. The lawyer bills are killing us.

### Most romantic gesture you have ever initiated?

**Linds:** For my wife's 40th I booked us into the Emporium in Brisbane. We went out for the evening. I organised the bar to be reopened for when we came back, and invited 20 of our friends for cocktails and hilarity!

**Dan:** I have remembered our wedding anniversary six times out of seven, which puts me in the top two per cent of all romantic men.

### If you were a detective duo – who would you be?

**Linds:** Scooby Doo & Shaggy Rogers (I am Shaggy).

**Dan:** Hong Kong Phooey and Spot the Dog... I'd be Spot the Dog, he's a genius.

### Where's your happy place?

**Linds:** On holidays with wife and children

**Dan:** I'm currently watching Happy Place on Netflix, which has just revealed that \*\*\*\*\* thus I don't trust happy places anymore.

### How do you survive domestic chaos?

**Linds:** Survive? Do I? One day at a time. Make a list. Start early in the day. I am home alone during the day, so washing, cleaning etc is all mine. *Mine I tell you!*

**Dan:** By creating more chaos, it's easier than you'd think...

### Did you think this is how your life would end up? Married, domesticated – kids?

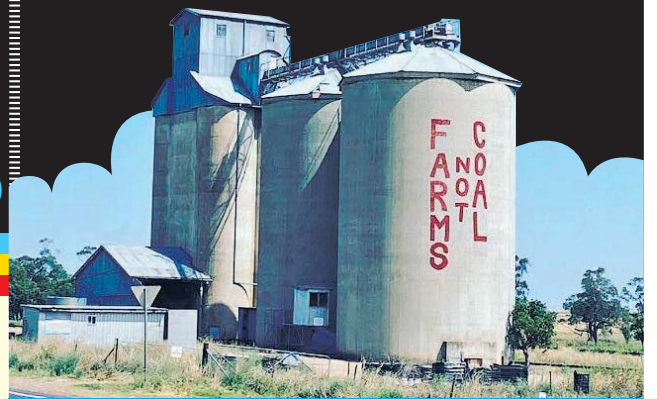
**Linds:** I grew up a chubby poor boy on an isolated sheep and cattle station. My life now is a fairytale compared to my childhood dreams!

**Dan:** It was either this or following my dream of being a pop star astronaut footballer. I think I made the correct choice for me, the music industry and football, but strangely enough not for NASA, they're still a bit hurt by the rejection.

**Lindsay Webb and Dan Willis perform *Men Like Us* on Saturday 12 December at Mullumbimby Ex-Services at 8pm. Tix \$35 on womenlikeus.com.au**



## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



[www.echo.net.au/soap-box](http://www.echo.net.au/soap-box)

## ARE FARMERS THE NEW HIPPIES?

The face of the environmental movement is changing. For years those of us who stepped forward against big business or government were discredited by being called 'hippies' or 'tree huggers' or 'professional protesters'. Pre the climate crisis conversation, pre raging fires and crippling drought, a love for nature and a drive to protect and respect her positioned you as an enemy of the State; as someone who was taking jobs from working families. You were positioned as someone whose ludicrous beliefs were so at odds with the corporate machine and the drive into development that rather than being, by literal definition a 'true conservative', you were just a filthy anti-establishment fantasist. A radical.

Last week I travelled into Western NSW where I saw the evidence of a whole new breed of radicals. They're called *farmers*.

Driving through the agricultural lands outside of Gunnedah I was struck by the abundance of protest signage. This was jarring. I could feel the narrative changing as quickly as the countryside I drove through. It is one thing to hold an anti-mining sign in a city street, it is quite another to see FARMS NOT COAL on grain silos. The only structure on the horizon emblazoned with a very clear message from our farming community to our government. And this was not the only sign. On the drive into Gunnedah they became more prevalent – farmers of the region using their paddocks as a place to protest. I guess it's all you have left when your submissions to the NSW Independent Planning Commission go ignored and you are about to see your farming community transformed into a mining service centre.

In this region, two major coal and gas projects have been approved – despite a massive outcry by local farmers: The Whitehaven Vickery coal extension in Gunnedah (that will increase disturbance to the area by 20 per cent) and the Narrabri Gas Project. When your federal government has declared that our nation's post-COVID economic strategy involves the endangering of our country's food bowl in the great gas recovery, it's no surprise that 22,000 plus submissions are going to go unheard. When submissions to regulatory bodies fail, all that is left are the paddocks of your farm. I've travelled the country as an MC for Stop Adani protests, I've attended rallies, I've made my own submissions around our outdated energy policy, but it seems energy 'security' and big corporate interests win out over food security every time.

It seems our government is prepared to sacrifice sustainable farming systems, well-managed natural resources, and any pretence at policies that enhance farming productivity rather than reducing it. Yes, mining in our farmlands *reduces* productivity. It empties our food bowl, rather than filling it. What is the point of having secure energy when our bowls are empty? What are we heating? The LNP warchest?

The relationship between the land and our life is coming to the fore. In these farming communities recently stricken with drought, who see more drought on the horizon, the one resource that will determine their survival or demise is water. It's the damage to ground water supply that they are most concerned about, and the fact that they will be left short of water. Many remarked that even before the drought, ground water supplies were disappearing. Mining and farming do not mix. A Boggabri farmer reflected that when farmers were hit hard during the drought, and when it came to conserving water supply, at no time did the local coal mine consider producing less coal.

I grew up in a farming community. They're not usually anti-authoritarian. But now, they are finally speaking up, and it's time our government, and urban Australians listened. We need to back their fight. Our farmers might just be the new hippies of the environmental movement. They are the voice we have been waiting for. Support them. Be a true 'conservative'.





## SOLSTICE SISTERS

This December, Solstice marks one whole year of witching by musician Áine Tyrrell and comedian Mandy Nolan, who came together on a whim last year to create the Country Witches Association. The two come from very different sides of the yard, with Nolan a tit flashing irreverent blaspheming banshee, and Tyrrell an articulate deep thinking politically charged powerhouse of rock. What bound them was their shared politics, their sense that, as women, things just aren't as rosy as we're sold, and a shared passion to give voice to the rising dissent they feel in their audiences.

Country Witches Association isn't a show for cake bakers, it's a show for troublemakers. Although the two are quick to acknowledge the real CWA. 'We don't send them up' says Nolan, 'we just take the format and bend it a little to make it fit. The real CWA are staunch. They bake it and we shake it!'

What surprised these newbie witches was how many women – and men – wanted to join. They wanted to belong to an aberrant dis-organisation... with an anthem, their own queen and a secret handshake! One of the commitments the women had was to reclaim the more meaningful pagan days on the calendar with celebration and gathering. 'At a time where we are distanced, it feels important to be coming together [politically] now more than ever before.' Last month the Country Witches hosted their Bealtaine shows. There was so much power in the room, and the full moon added to the potency – with everyone loving aligning the witch within with the witchy calendar. So they couldn't let the summer solstice pass by without more 'serious' witching.

The *actual* summer solstice falls at 9:02pm on Monday 21 December, but there will be plenty of vibe around the entire weekend to let broomsticks fly on the solstice wind. Expect the unexpected, and all that you have expected from your co-founding witches thus far; with five cranking hot shows of humour and heart, challenge and change.

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**FRIDAY 18 Dec – The Studio, Lismore City Hall 8pm**

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**SUNDAY 20 Dec – Bangalow Bowlo 5pm**

**MONDAY 21 Dec – Mullum Civic Hall 8pm**

**TUESDAY 22 Dec – Kyogle Bowlo 8pm**



Áine Tyrrell and Mandy Nolan launch their summer solstice tour.

## HO HO AND STRUM

Looks like 2020 is shaping up to have a great Christmas season, and the Mullum Uke Crew will be leading the charge. Bring your ukulele, or just your singing voice, on Wednesday 9 December for a 7pm start for some not-so-traditional Christmas songs lead by Stukulele and the Mullum Uke Club. Guest vocalists are Ash Bell, Sara Tindley and Clelia Adams.

**Entry is \$20 per adult, Youth \$10 and it's free for kids under 15 years. Wednesday 9 December, Mullum Ex-Services Club.**

## CAROLS AND SHOW

Headliners Community Christmas is on! Join the Headliners for a dinner and show to celebrate the joy of the festive season. This will be a COVID Safe event and features 'live' singing, trivia and lots of 'festive' fun... plus an amazing two-course meal. It will be an evening to remember. The main menu offers roast chicken with greens and Paris mash, or slow roast lamb with greens. For dessert, there is Pavlova with berries and cream.

**At the Ballina RSL on Wednesday 9 December a 6.30pm. Tix \$29.90 from [ballinarsl.com.au](http://ballinarsl.com.au)**

## BYRON BALLET PRESENTS PETER AND THE WOLF

About a decade ago I was asked to narrate the Byron Ballet production of *Peter and The Wolf*. It's such an iconic piece and the perfect introduction to a classic; it's short – but intense!

This Saturday and Sunday the Byron Ballet bring *Peter and the Wolf* and the iconic Ravel's *Bolero* to the Byron Theatre.

'Peter is an adventurous boy who befriends the animals of the forest, despite the wishes of his fearful grandfather. He protects the wolf from the hunters and together they find a new home for the wolf. This ballet is a wonderful introduction to storytelling through classical music and dance and involves a surprise addition with a wolf pack and circus scene.'

'With sublime music by the master composer Prokofiev, this is a ballet for the whole family to enjoy,' says director, Yvonne Hall.

'Ravel's famous *Bolero* is an original contemporary work that celebrates the beauty and power of the feminine. It will be a hypnotic and sensual delight for all with intoxicating music by Maurice Ravel' she says.

Special guests, Micheal Braun and Liam Strickland will thrill audiences with their grace and athleticism.

**Seats are limited owing to COVID Safe restrictions, so book early to avoid disappointment: [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)**

## NAKISHA'S WEAVING

Nakisha Jamieson is a young local artist, who studies at the National Art School Sydney. With her first solo exhibition at Gallery 3 Byron Bay, she connects the traditional practices of weaving with digital threads of modern society. Weaving new stories with found materials she forges a conversation about Australian identity.

**Her show is at Gallery 3 Byron Bay, from 27 Nov till 11 Dec, 3/1 Kendall St, Byron Bay. [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)**



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A band of accomplished and powerful musicians will fire up the Picture House stage to help raise vital funds for the Shire's own and only community radio station.

Indoor Seats / Garden Seats with Screen and Marquee

[brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://brunswickpicturehouse.com)

## WHAT'S ON

THE BYRON THEATRE
DECEMBER

**PETER AND THE WOLF & RAVEL'S BOLERO**  
**BYRON BALLET DOUBLE BILL**  
Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 December  
Adult \$36 | Child U16 \$28 | Family of 4 \$100

**KISS THE GROUND: FILM & DISCUSSION**  
**PRESENTED BY REPLANT BYRON**  
Monday 7 December, 7pm  
FREE - Booking essential

**THE PALACE LETTERS: JENNY HOCKING**  
**IN CONVERSATION WITH KERRY O'BRIEN - BWF**  
Tuesday 8 December, 6pm  
BWF Member \$28.80 | General \$33.80

**MORE WORLD'S WIVES**  
**PRESENTED BY THEATRE OF LIFE**  
Wednesday 9 December, 7pm  
\$30 | Ages 13+

**A NIGHT AT THE LOUVRE: LEONARDO DA VINCI**  
**ART ON SCREEN**  
Sunday 13 December, 3pm  
Full \$22 | Conc \$20 | Student U18 \$15

**Arrive early and enjoy a drink at the Theatre Bar**

Byron Theatre & Community Centre  
69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay  
[byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au) @byrontheatre

## STARS BY LILITH

## SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER

WITH MESSENGER MERCURY JOINING THE SUN IN CHATTY SAGITTARIUS, MAKE SOME OCCASIONAL SPACE THIS WEEK FOR THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE...



- ♊ **ARIES:** Mercury's in its foot-in-mouth transit, where expressing your thoughts and feelings could mean something you say is taken the wrong way this week. So it's definitely worth editing before uttering, and looking before leaping in with an offer or promise. Think it through; details are easy to overlook in your enthusiasm.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Mercury loves discussion, so if you need to iron out the finer points and seal a deal, or put a proposal forward, don't wait – negotiate. And when the weekend's Venus/Neptune tango adds a splash of romance to intimate partnerships and a dash of magic to social gatherings, is it time to summon the tribe?
- ♊ **GEMINI:** With your mentor planet Mercury firing off opinions and ideas like shooting stars, stimulating conversation about everything from the state of the nation to personal particulars, it's worth taking the occasional break from talking to practice the other love languages: deep listening, being of service, giving a gift or a hug.
- ♋ **CANCER:** Don't let determined Mars and organising Mercury's endless schedules divert you from the social pleasures and intimate enjoyments available during late week Cancer moonlight, followed by a weekend [ITAL] pas de deux [ITAL] between the planets of imagination and romance, empathy and friendliness. Smell the flowers, hang with friends, revel in the spring weather.
- ♌ **LEO:** When Mercury joining the Sun and Mars in fellow fire signs aligns with this weekend's Leo moon, conditions could get positively pyrotechnic, so do yourself a favour majesties and keep the heat user-friendly. Radiate that trademark playful charm. Dropping your guard and being vulnerable will win the most hearts.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Your primo planet Mercury could have you thinking family celebrations and invitations to holiday festivities during this week, which is an excellent transit for planning entertainments, especially over the weekend. But don't let industrious Mars push you into over-busy-ness – put critical feedback on hold and factor in the balance of quiet time, relaxing and reflecting...
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Love planet Venus, and Neptune the enchanter extend an invitation to intimacy this weekend, which could be anything from up close with nearest and dearest to simple chilling with your besties. Celestial counsel for solo Librans (are there any?) is to give yourself a damn good pampering with some primo luxury indulgences.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Executive Mercury and your sign's co-ruler Mars have you flat chat balancing this week's books and ticking off the to-do list, while Venus in Scorpio might be looking at the face in the mirror thinking: Hmm, quite desirable... Which will certainly be the case when Venus is romanced by Neptune, planet of sweet surrender, this weekend.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Eloquent Mercury joining the Sun in your celebratory sign declares the season of unreason officially open and turns this week into a series of networking events. With the general populace in a lead-up-to-the-holidays mood, you could make some valuable contacts, especially during the current boundary-dissolving weekend.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week's planetary pattern's are saying something like; Give your mind some respite from the grind. Let go of ancient history. Keep an open heart. Slip on some rose-colored glasses this weekend. Enjoy ephemeral connections. Revive your faith in cyclic renewal. Go with whatever flow attracts you most and have fun.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** With the Sun and Mercury's solar and mercurial energies in your sector of teamwork and technology, the gregarious Aquarian mind is likely to be working at warp speed this week, which is ideal for hitting the party circuit and doing the rounds. Expect to connect with soon-to-be new collaborators and colleagues.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Get business attended to and routine details out of the way during the week, so you can leave the mean streets of the collective psyche and take advantage of this weekend's tantalising transit; a dreamy Venus/Neptune flood of optimistic, feel-good energy that could have you resisting everything except temptation.



### SHOWING WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Celebrate International Day of People with Disability (Dec 3) with Sprung!! Integrated Dance Theatre.

Sprung!! Integrated Dance Theatre's latest stage work *O, How I Dreamt of Things Impossible*, created in association with NORPA, enjoyed a sell-out premiere in Lismore in October.

*O, How I Dreamt of Things Impossible* is a physically dynamic and robustly hopeful show. It asks the question: In a world that's not built for you, can you dare to dream of life, love and a rightful place within it all? *O, How I Dreamt of Things Impossible* beautifully reframes our perspective to show that 'impossible' can be transformed into 'I'm Possible'.

The work explores the experiences of its dancers with disability. Through the lens of seven young, imaginative, and curious minds, we rediscover the power of dreams alongside the optimism and strength that must be summoned to overcome the doubts we all share about life.

To celebrate International Day of People with Disability on 3 December, the full length production, and an insightful Q&A session with the dancers (Auslan interpreted and captioned), is available online via the Sprung!! Facebook and YouTube channel pages:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJOn7fgVoVE8MWmXB6YnbNQ/>

**Please note, the full length film is available now and will remain online until Monday 7 December 2020.**



### SAE VIRTUAL INFO NIGHT

Find your true calling with the leading global specialist in creative media education. If you're considering studying creative media (Animation, Audio, Creative Industries, Design, Film or Games or Web & Mobile) join us online at Virtual Info Night and hear from our industry-experienced lecturers; learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

Join us at this live online event and get access to exclusive behind the scenes tours, course presentations, student showreels, live Q&A, and explore SAE360° – an interactive campus experience!

**Thursday 10 December 6pm–8pm**  
**More info, phone 1800 723 338**  
**Contact email: [byronbay@sae.edu](mailto:byronbay@sae.edu)**  
**Info online: [sae.edu.au](http://sae.edu.au)**

### FANCY A LITTLE COMEDY?

Tommy Little is Australia's premier dickhead. Which is lucky for everyone else, as dickhead decisions make for big laughs! Tommy had planned his biggest tour ever across Australia with his new hour of stand up, *I'll See Myself Out*, in 2020 but we all know what happened next: 2020 in the bin.

But live stand up comedy is back this summer and Tommy is hitting the road across Queensland and New South Wales! Nothing is off limits at a Tommy Little live show – his real-life antics and setbacks are foolish, funny as hell, and definitely all his own fault. He brings his tales to life with effortless charisma, high energy and a cheeky, yet intimate, connection with his audiences.

**He is at Lismore City Hall on Thursday 10 December at 7.30pm.**

### ABANDON PROCEEDINGS: BYRON SCHOOL OF ART GRADUATE EXHIBITION 2020



Byron School of Art Class of 2020

Byron School of Art and their third year students would like to welcome the community to view their graduate exhibition, *Abandon Proceedings*, at the BSA Project Space from 5–17 December.

This event is the culmination of three years of dedicated study in the Visual Arts and exhibits a very high standard of work from all involved. BSA Director and teacher, Emma Walker, states, 'The title of this show, *Abandon Proceedings*, was chosen by the students and is a play on the title of their 2019 group show, *Proceed with Abandon*. Through this difficult year, our third year students have cemented deep friendships, worked tirelessly, and ultimately found ways of engendering a sense of optimism and hope.'

The exhibition includes painting, drawing, sculpture, video, photography and textiles, and showcases work by Cedar Jeffs, Josephine Ehlers, Justin Telfer, Di Kelly, Andrea Portela Moreno, Zen Staff, Julia Stockhausen, Meg Walters, Aly Russell, Gabe O'Neill and Belle Raine. Owing to covid, the opening night will be a private event, however the students are extending the gallery's opening hours to include Sunday, for the opportunity to meet them and talk to them about their work. They will also be minding the show on Fridays and Saturdays if you would like to catch up with them in person.

**Exhibition runs 5–17 December, 10–3pm, Monday–Saturday (plus Sunday 6 December).**

**BSA Project Space, 112 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.**

### RUBY FIELDS AT THE NORTHERN

Following the release of arguably her most swiftly embraced single to date, *Pretty Grim*, and a string of sold out, once in a lifetime, intimate wedding-themed shows at Wombarra Bowling Club, Ruby Fields has just announced two New Year's Eve warm-up shows at The Northern in Byron Bay.

*Pretty Grim* was Ruby's first single in over 18 months, and after premiering on triple J it was also added to a range of Spotify playlists, including New Music Friday AU & NZ, Local Noise, Indie Arrivals, All New Rock and Front Left.

The song brought in rave reviews from the likes of *Rolling Stone Australia*, *Tone Deaf* and *New Musical Express*, and is an exciting preview of what's to come for Ruby's highly anticipated debut album in 2021.

Ruby will be supported by rising Darwin-based quartet, King Stingray.

'We thought we'd do exactly what we bloody did last year and put on some gigs 'round New Year at the Northern! Wanna put on some real sick shows for yas and finish our year with some love and music. Come be a part of it!' says the enigmatic Ruby Fields.

**Tickets to catch Ruby Fields' New Year's Eve gigs on sale now at [www.rubyfields.com](http://www.rubyfields.com)**

**Wed 30 December at the Hotel Great Northern – two shows.**

**DAVID HELFGOTT**  
**IN RECITAL**

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Byron Theatre | Sunday February 21st | 3pm  
 Bookings Essential [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)



Rooftop Revival at the Brunswick Picture House this Saturday and Sunday

### SMOKEY ROOFTOPS

In January 1969 a humble rooftop in London played host to the band of the century. It all started in 1957 when Paul McCartney met a fellow Liverpoolian musician called John Lennon. Between their first meeting and their last performance together on 'that' rooftop in 1969, the songwriting duo single-handedly took over the world and changed the face of popular music.

Last year Smokey Fields performed to a sell-out crowd at the Picture House with his *Woodstock Reimagined* show. He comes back with local musician, Josh Laws to celebrate the songwriting of Lennon and McCartney... embarking on a journey from the rooftop in 1969 to 1957, and back.

'We're going to start the night where it all ended for fans on the rooftop in 1969 and take the audience back in time, one song at a time to the beginning' says Smokey Fields, the alter ego of Chris Mallory.

Smokey Fields has been a fan of The Beatles since his early 20s after being given a mix tape of their hits from 1965, and so began his own Beatles revolution.

'During lockdown this year, I started listening to full albums of the Beatles. For some reason, I did it in reverse order and the early stuff stands up to the latest material. Josh and I want to take our audience on a similar backward journey; from the rooftop back to the early 60s, focusing on the songwriting and harmonies in a bare boned homage to the songs of Lennon and McCartney.'

'We want to remind Beatles fans just how good the songwriting of Lennon and McCartney was by presenting them in a different way' said Josh.

Join them for a very special evening.

**Rooftop Revival – Celebrating the Songs of the Beatles; Saturday and Sunday at the Brunswick Picture House. [www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.au](http://www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.au)**

### WIRED

NAKISHA JAMIESON

27 NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 11, 2020

### Gallery 3

THE COLLECTIVE  
 3/1 KENDALL ST BYRON BAY  
 OPEN WED TO SUN 2PM TO 6PM

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**OPEN STUDIOS**

**Ballina, Byron & Beyond**

**28th & 29th NOVEMBER AND 5th & 6th DECEMBER**  
**10.00AM TO 4.00PM**

Over two weekends, 34 local artists are opening their studios for a chance for you to discover and experience the diversity of their craft. The studios are located all around the Northern Rivers area and include a fascinating spectrum of arts.

For more information contact Paul Button on **0418 909 203 / [paul@activelifematters.com](mailto:paul@activelifematters.com)**

**f** Open Studios – Ballina, Byron & Beyond or visit our website: **[www.os-bbb.com](http://www.os-bbb.com)**

**PETER AND THE WOLF**

**byron ballet**  
**double bill**  
**Dec 5th & 6th**  
**BOLERO**  
 Tickets: [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au)



Left: Sculpture by Paul Button  
Right: Sigrid Patterson in situ.

## OPEN STUDIOS

Okay, if you missed it last weekend, you have one more chance to have a little peek inside the studios of some of our regions most talented artists. This Saturday and Sunday all studios are registering as COVID Safe with the NSW Government. Cape Byron Distillery has generously provided Brookie's hand sanitiser for each studio. Please only come if you are feeling well and have no COVID-19 symptoms! Discover studios in hideaway locations you would never normally be able to visit. It's a great day out which can last for four days.

See [www.os-bbb.com](http://www.os-bbb.com) for all the details.

## HABITAT COURTYARD COOK OUT

It's time to celebrate the end of a pretty weird year with some good old fashioned festive joy. Habitat's first Courtyard Cook Out is a festive food-focused event featuring a special outdoor barbeque by Barrio, with a vegan dessert station by Vagabond cafe, cocktails by Brookies, free face-painting for the kiddies, and everyone's favourite local fake Russian choir, Dustyesky! Their first live gig since they became everyone's favourite old boy band on Australian Story. And all this is just the warm-up for the lighting of The Giving Tree in the courtyard, where people are encouraged to make donations to help the homeless in Byron. There'll also be a huge raffle on the evening to raise even more money for those who need it most.

**This Friday at Habitat. Free entry. Family friendly, 4-8pm.**



## WEDNESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**, 8PM **CHELSEA SKY EATER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 10PM **DJ BILLYTHEKID**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **DAVE BARRY**

## THURSDAY 3

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **CROCODYLUS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SWAMPS CATS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **TWO MOONS**, 8PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 9PM **DJ REIFLEX**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB, 6.30PM **TRIVIA**

## FRIDAY 4

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM, **TYNE-JAMES ORGAN NOT READY FOR LOVE TOUR**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ADAM HOLE BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KARUAH**, 6PM **BEN WALSH**, 9PM **JESSE MORRIS TRIO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 12.30AM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**, 10PM **DJ QUENDO**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 9.30PM **DJ BILLYTHEKID**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **BARRY FERRIER**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8.30PM **DREAMS FLEETWOOD MAC & STEVIE NICKS SHOW**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 10AM **DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION - SWING INTO CHRISTMAS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ANDREW TAYLOR**, 9.30PM **STEVEN GREEN**

## SATURDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **TIM STOKES**, 4PM **SUNDAY LEMONADE**, 6.30PM **JOE CONROY**, 9PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **BYRON BALLET - PETER AND THE WOLF & RAVEL'S BOLERO**, 7PM **BYRON BALLET - PETER AND THE WOLF & RAVEL'S BOLERO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **DR HUBBLE'S BUBBLES**, 7PM **ROOFTOP REVIVAL - SONGS OF THE BEATLES**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **ART & BAO TALKS FEATURING VULUA.LA**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 9.30PM **DJ BILLYTHEKID**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 10PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LUSTRA**, 6.15PM **DJ RAHEL**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 6PM **BROOKE LAMBERT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **NIKKI MC GOWAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BIGGY P**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 3PM **JESSE MORRIS DUO**
- VARIOUS VENUES, FAR NORTH COAST, 10AM **OPEN STUDIOS - BALLINA, BYRON & BEYOND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **MICK EVANS**, 9.30PM **LOCKY**

## SUNDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **MATTY ROGERS**, 4.30PM **RAGGA JUMP**, 8PM **THE BAY COLLECTIVE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **BYRON BALLET - PETER AND THE WOLF & RAVEL'S BOLERO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **ROOFTOP REVIVAL - SONGS OF THE BEATLES**
- CREATURE YOGA, BYRON BAY, 2PM **ART & BAO TALKS FEATURING JULIA DVORAK**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SWEET LIPP**, 10PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- VARIOUS VENUES, FAR NORTH COAST, 10AM **OPEN STUDIOS - BALLINA, BYRON & BEYOND**
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 4PM **LUKE MORRIS DUO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 2PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **CHEYNNIE MURPHY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **AGENT 77**

## MONDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CARLY & ROO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **KISS THE GROUND - SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION PRESENTED BY REPLANT BYRON**

## TUESDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JASPER O'MALEY**, 8PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **THE PALACE LETTERS: JENNY HOCKING IN CONVERSATION WITH KERRY O'BRIEN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 10PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **KHAN JOHNSON**
- NIMBIN TOWN HALL 7PM **NO EXTRADITION! BRING JULIAN HOME**

## WEDNESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MANOA**, 8PM **JORDAN MAC**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **MORE WORLD'S WIVES PRESENTED BY THEATRE OF LIFE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON BAY, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **CHRISTMAS UKE NIGHT**

# CINEMA!

## XMAS PARTIES AT THE PALACE!

Palace Byron Bay are now taking bookings for cinema hires for Christmas staff parties. For just \$300, you can hire out a private cinema for up to 20 people (per screen), making this the ultimate staff night or family gathering.

They'll also throw in a current film of your choice and free popcorn for each guest at no additional cost. All you need to do is pick a time, date and movie.

Enquire at [byronbay@palacecinemas.com.au](mailto:byronbay@palacecinemas.com.au)



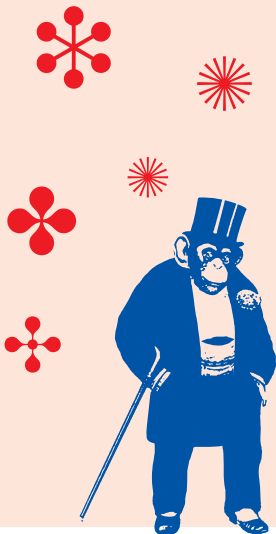
## HOW TO BE A GOOD WIFE!

Palace Cinemas is delighted to invite you to their special Christmas Prosecco Previews of the charming Boxing Day highlight *How to Be a Good Wife* at 2pm on Sunday.

Get there at 1.45pm for a complimentary glass of Prosecco and some chocolate before the screening. Plus, all guests will also receive a complimentary ticket offer to see *Monsieur Lazhar* director Philippe Falardeau's eagerly anticipated new film *My Salinger Year*, starring Sigourney Weaver and Margaret Qualley, coming to cinemas 14 Jan 2021! These passes will be issued on the day.



Book now: [www.palacecinemas.com.au/events/how-to-be-a-good-wife-christmas-prosecco-previews/](http://www.palacecinemas.com.au/events/how-to-be-a-good-wife-christmas-prosecco-previews/)



## PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 3 Dec - Wed 9 Dec

NFT = No Free Tickets

**PALACE RETRO SCREENINGS**  
**THE CRAFT (M15+)** Fri: 6:45PM  
**DO THE RIGHT THING (R18+)**  
Mon: 6:45PM  
**STUDIO GHILLI: FROM UP ON POPPY HILL (G)**  
Thu: 6:30 Sat: 2:00, 11:35PM

**SPECIAL SCREENINGS**  
**HOW TO BE A GOOD WIFE (M)**  
Xmas screening Sun: 2:00PM  
**THE WITCHES (M)** Adv screening  
Fri, Sun: 5:00PM Sat: 5:15PM  
**WORDS ON BATHROOM WALLS (CTC)** Adv screening  
Fri, Sat, Sun: 2:30PM  
**ROYAL OPERA: MACBETH (CTC)**  
Sun: 1:00PM Wed: 11:00AM

**FAMILY FILMS**  
**A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM BOB (PG)** NFT  
Thu-Sun: 12:00, 2:20, 6:30PM  
Mon-Wed: 12:00, 2:45, 4:40, 6:40  
**THE SECRET GARDEN (PG)**  
Thu: 12:00, 5:00 Fri: 12:00PM  
Sat, Sun: 10:00AM  
Mon-Wed: 12:30, 5:00PM

**LASSIE COME HOME (PG)** NFT  
Thu, Fri: 11:40AM, 1:45, 4:10  
Sat: 10:15AM, 12:10, 4:10PM  
Sun: 10:15AM, 12:10PM  
Mon-Wed: 12:15, 2:30, 4:30PM  
**THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG)** NFT  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:30, 2:00, 4:40, 6:45PM  
Sat, Sun: 11:30AM, 4:40, 6:45  
**TROLLS WORLD TOUR (G)**  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:15PM  
Sat, Sun: 10:15AM

**THE BEE GEES: HOW CAN YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART (M)** NFT  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:40, 7:15  
Sat: 1:30, 7:15PM  
Sun: 2:15, 7:15PM  
**OLIVER SACKS: HIS OWN LIFE (M)** NFT  
Daily except Sat: 4:15, 7:15PM  
Sat: 5:10, 7:30PM  
**THE GODFATHER CODA: THE DEATH OF MICHAEL CORLEONE (M15+)** NFT  
Thu-Sun: 3:50, 7:00PM

**DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICAN UTOPIA (M)** NFT  
Thu, Fri: 12:15PM  
Sat, Wed: 7:00PM Sun: 7:15PM  
Mon, Tue: 12:15, 7:00PM  
**HAPPIEST SEASON (M)**  
Thu: 5:00, 7:00PM  
Fri, Mon-Wed: 11:40, 5:00, 7:15  
Sat, Sun: 10:50AM, 5:00, 7:30  
**IN THE NAME OF THE LAND (M)**  
Daily: 12:15, 5:00, 7:00PM  
**LET HIM GO (M)**  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:30PM  
Sat: 1:20PM Sun: 4:15PM  
**MISBEHAVIOUR (M)**  
Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 11:40AM, 4:30, 7:15PM  
Sat: 3:40, 7:15 Sun: 4:50, 7:15  
Wed: 11:40AM, 4:50, 7:15PM  
**PINOCCHIO (M)**  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:00PM  
**RAMS (PG)** Thu, Mon-Wed: 2:30  
**THE COMEBACK TRAIL (M)**  
Thu, Fri, Mon: 2:15PM  
Sat, Sun: 12:15PM  
Tue: 2:15, 7:00PM  
Wed: 2:40PM

108 Jonson St, Byron Bay Book online now at [PalaceCinemas.com.au](http://PalaceCinemas.com.au)

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

Wednesday  
All tickets  
\$10

## BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

Thursday December 3 to Wednesday December 9

Tel: (02) 6686 9600  
[ballinafaircinemas.com.au](http://ballinafaircinemas.com.au)

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## Bangalow real estate specialists join Ray White

BANGALOW real estate agent Greg Price knows every fence line from the Bay to Dunoon after more than four decades working in the sought-after north coast region of NSW.

Together with his wife and office principal, Ahlam Price (pictured above), the pair bring a wealth of real estate experience to the Ray White Rural network with the opening of their new business: Ray White Rural Bangalow.

The duo will focus on new developments and rural lifestyle properties that dot the Northern Rivers hinterland. Mr Price said his passion has always been rural property and he has both owned and sold several acreage lots in his life including a macadamia farm.

‘Having bought, sold and lived on these farms for the last four decades, I have so

much experience to offer both buyers and sellers,’ Mr Price said.

‘I can offer second-to-none advice on how to present farms and get them ready for market. From a buyer’s point of view, I can give them a real background or grounding for what will fit them and what to look out for in the acreage they want to buy.

‘Our goal for the office is to grow the team, but we want to keep it very local so we don’t lose that organic, community feel that makes us stand apart from the rest, while also being able to tap into the national capabilities of Australasia’s largest real estate group, Ray White.’

Bangalow and its surrounds are well known for green, rolling hills, pockets of rainforest and postcard perfect vistas of deep, crystal clear creek waters.



Greg and Ahlam Price

Mr Price said this has made it increasingly popular with lifestyle buyers escaping the pressures of the big metropolitan centres.

‘They call this region the golden triangle and it is a very

finite area of the East Coast. Over the past 40 odd years, the quality of the country has allowed for subdivision into numerous hobby farms and lifestyle acreage properties’ he said.

‘The area also lends itself well to more horticultural pursuits with its high rainfall, good soil types and sloped land. Macadamia crops are quite viable and very profitable at the moment

[owing] to increasing demand.’

The area has also become popular with celebrities wanting a stunningly beautiful backdrop to establish their new hinterland getaway. With a main street brimming with boutique shops, art galleries and farm-to-table restaurants offering gourmet fare, Bangalow has become one of rural New South Wales’ best kept secrets.’

Ray White Rural Managing Director, Stephen Nell, welcomed Greg and Ahlam Price to the family owned and led group.

‘We are delighted that Greg and Ahlam have chosen to partner with Ray White Rural and have no doubt they will be an asset to the group,’ Mr Nell said.

‘We look forward to supporting them and celebrating their success.’



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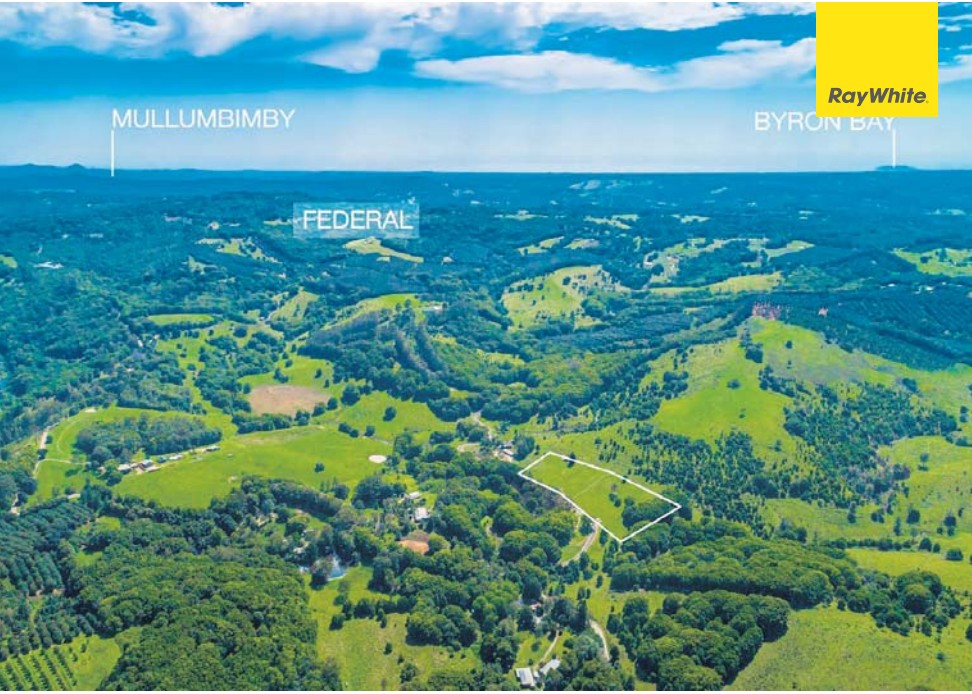
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This beautifully renovated home on almost an acre combines peace and quiet with all the convenience of living near town. Tropical gardens surround the home, studio & pool which will be a must for summer. A popular place to socialise and cool off and enjoy the sunsets.

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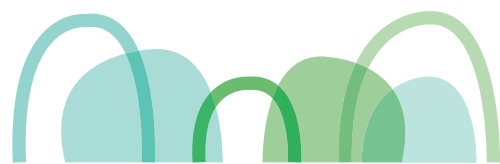
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30 The Byron Shire Echo December 2, 2020

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## Magnetic Mur'bah

The influx of people to Murwillumbah as people move to and holiday in the area has been giving the town a well deserved boost. This has been in conjunction with its flourishing arts scene accompanied by a number of new shops opening.

'With the border closures people have been coming to the area and accommodation providers and gift stores saying they are having record months,' Murwillumbah District Business Chamber president, Nick Moran, told *The Echo*.

'There have been a number of new shops opening through the pandemic and we have some amazing shops, gifts, and local produce available. We also have some new galleries opening and the M|Arts (Murwillumbah arts precinct).

'The art scene has always been here but it's become more visible. I think having someone like Stephen Webb who invested in M|Arts has given other people confidence to invest in the town. These ideas were always here – it has just taken a bit of confidence to move things forward.'



### Murwillumbah Twilight Shopping Friday 18 Dec

Celebrating Christmas, Murwillumbah cafes and restaurants, retail outlets and galleries will all be staying open late and a kids movie will be showing at the cinema on 18 December.

'We are encouraging all businesses to get on board for the late night market so that locals and visitors can come and have a really fun night and do their Christmas shopping,' said Mr Moran.

## Cracklepoint Games

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Cracklepoint Games is a retail board game and tabletop gaming shop established in Murwillumbah in 2018 by a local passionate gamer! Time spent gaming has revolutionised 'happy' and 'connection' for so many people of all ages. Cracklepoint Games has hundreds of games for sale and also hundreds of games to play in store (in air-conditioned comfort). They also supply Dungeons & Dragons adventurers with dice, core books, minis, and adventure modules; and host a vibrant Magic the Gathering TCG community with regular games.

Please follow on Insta or Facebook for upcoming events and gaming news.

Pop by Cracklepoint Games and #playmore.

M|Arts Precinct, 1b Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah  
0488 661 127

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## Planes, Trains and Bubble'O Bills – on exhibition until 14 March 2021

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Melbourne-based artist Kenny Pittock focuses on ideas around being stuck in one place, and the ways we keep ourselves mentally active when we're unable to be physically active. In previous years this meant finding ways to pass the time during our daily commuting; such as drawing while on the train. More recently this has extended into our homes, in ways such as getting a sourdough starter, looking for missing puzzle pieces, and cutting our own fringe. If we can't get on an actual plane, at least we still have Aeroplane Jelly!

With travel plans on hold, ideas around staying safe and happy are playfully explored through a large series of drawings and fun ceramic sculpture, in an optimistic exhibition that aims to bring some smiles to all who experience it.

Tweed Regional Gallery  
& Margaret Olley Art Centre  
02 6670 2790

[www.artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

2 Mistral Road (cnr Tweed Valley Way), Murwillumbah South



Image: Artist Kenny Pittock with his work  
*Life is like a box of crayons.*

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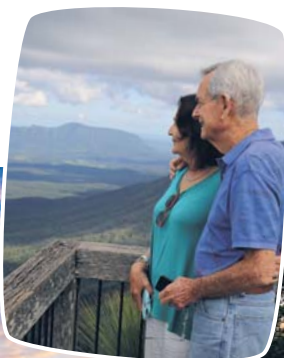
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## The Regent: a true Art Deco theatre experience

The Regent offers a genuine movie-house and theatre experience with a socially distanced, yet intimate atmosphere. This authentic 1947 Art Deco theatre, part of the progressive M|Arts Precinct, provides a modern take on the timeless majesty of show-time!

The Regent Cinema, with the latest digital projection and surround-sound, specialises in screening international and independent art-house films, together with a stunning selection of the latest new releases. Enjoy a spectacular program of special events and live performance by local and touring artists – theatre, comedy, music and much more.

The Regent, under motivated new management, welcomes you to their covered outdoor balcony, licensed bar and cafe.

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# FEATURE

## Magic Murwillumbah

### Aura Gardens Nursery

Mark, a qualified horticulturist with 30 years of experience in retail and wholesale nurseries, has the greenest thumb!

Anthony has a creative business background with a passion for great customer service.

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32-36 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah

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### Mayberry Meldrum Anderson

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2020 has been a year of disruption and unpredictability and the team at Mayberry Meldrum Anderson have worked closely with their clients through some difficult times, whether that be accessing government assistance, planning for recovery, or pivoting to new business opportunities. While the year has been difficult, it is heartening to see so many clients and businesses in the region, and in particular in the town of Murwillumbah, thriving despite the setbacks.

Now, more than ever, they believe their trusted business advisory services can really add value to local businesses. By working in partnership with business owners, their advisors seek a deep understanding of a business in order to unlock potential and maximise performance. They invite you to contact the team if you are curious to find out more.

They wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to working with new and existing clients in 2021.

02 6672 4044

315 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah

www.mmaacc.com



### Pulp Fiction

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Pulp Fiction is a little gem of a shop that has a wonderful, eclectic mix of offerings. Their unique secondhand store is home to an abundance of funky clothes and fiction, perfect for the unique individual! Whether you're a complete bookworm or a fearless fashionista, you're bound to find something to enjoy at Pulp Fiction & Fashion.

You can get lost for hours in this treasure trove of a shop. The entry room is lined with Australian and local authors; the sitting room is filled from floor to ceiling with general fiction. A fan of literature? You can meander into the worlds of music and art, philosophy, history, autobiographies, crime, science, and a host of other genres.

Fossick further to explore rooms full of eclectic fashion items – nostalgic fabrics and styles from bygone eras in Pulp Fiction & Fashion's extensive collection of vintage and secondhand clothing and accessories.

Visit them for extreme literary fiction, non-fiction, and eclectic funky fashions.

309 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah

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## Discover Murwillumbah



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# Magic Murwillumbah



## Kombucha Café

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100% vegan, 100% gluten-free

This lovely cafe features creative and fresh menu items that incorporate the fermented products that are manufactured for wholesale/retail right there on site.

Scoby burgers, scoby snacks, vegan jerky and an array of sauerkraut and cultured vegetables and kombucha can be purchased for takeaway.

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The toasties and wraps are quick and delicious for those of you wanting a healthy meal on the run.

115 Murwillumbah Street

Open Tuesday-Friday 8am-3pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-2pm

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## Mavis's Kitchen & Cabins

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Nestled at the base of Mt Warning is Mavis's Kitchen & Cabins. The 25-acre former dairy farm is home to a modern country restaurant, a bountiful organic kitchen garden, eco-friendly B&B accommodation and a highly sought-after weddings and events venue.

Surrounded by World Heritage rainforest and the lush Tweed Valley, the focus is all about sustainability.

Mavis's Kitchen core values: food grown organically (from their garden where possible), sourced locally, picked seasonally. Mavis's is more than that! Take the time to savour the flavours, to relax into the breathtaking beauty that surrounds you and to enjoy those magical Mavis's moments.

64 Mount Warning Road, Mount Warning

[www.maviseskitchen.com.au](http://www.maviseskitchen.com.au)

02 6679 5664



## Cliffords Metal Recycling

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This year has been a huge year of growth and Cliffords Metal Recycling are getting many visitors via word of mouth and referrals. Recycling materials is their main focus and they put everything together on site. Come up with an idea for a piece and talk to their friendly staff. They love a new challenge to make a bespoke item for you or that special someone at a very reasonable price. Shopping for Christmas and Christmas holidays are upon us, so pop in for a visit, you won't be disappointed.

60-64 Quarry Road, South Murwillumbah

0411 507 885

[www.cliffordsmetalrecycling.com.au](http://www.cliffordsmetalrecycling.com.au)

Instagram: [upcycled\\_steampunk\\_interiors](#)



## Join in a community Christmas shopping event!

Take care of all of your last minute Christmas shopping needs and be in with a chance of winning a Mur'bah spending spree!

As well as late night shopping there will be music, food, a visit by Father Christmas, gift wrapping, Christmas carols and buskers. Proceeds to It Takes a Town. Event organised by the Murwillumbah Chamber of Commerce.

## Murwillumbah Wreckers

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Established in the early '70s, Murwillumbah Wreckers has been serving the local community under the current owner for over 20 years.

They have a courier network that can transport your much needed car part to all corners of Australia. For local customers they have fast and reliable couriers servicing the Northern Rivers.

They dismantle all makes and models, specialising in post-2005 model vehicles. They can source and supply any part through their network of over 250 members Australia wide.

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## The Murwillumbah Citadel

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The Murwillumbah Citadel is a 100-year-old ex-Salvation Army building which has been renovated over several years to become an intimate venue for all genres of performance. The wooden floors and stage,

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Get on The Citadel's mailing list to keep updated. Jazz Sundays, classical music, singer/songwriters, theatre. All are welcome here.

[www.thecitadel.com.au](http://www.thecitadel.com.au)

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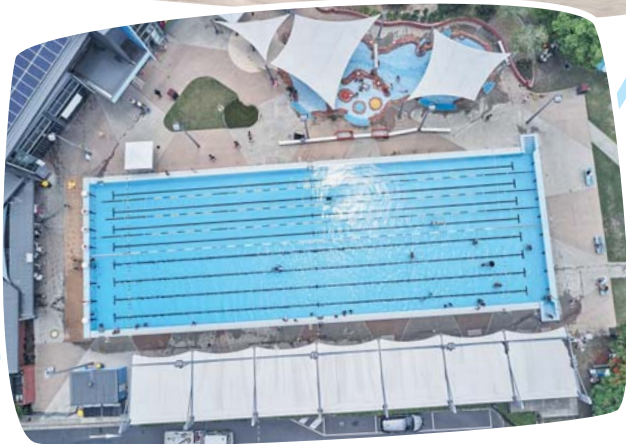
## Come play!

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centres are open for your leisure.

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Murwillumbah with plenty of open space, a fun kid's leisure pool and the giant hill slide.

Check the website and Facebook for all current COVID-19 restrictions.

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trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au  
facebook.com/  
TweedRegionalAquaticCentre  
For more information email  
trac@tweed.nsw.gov.au



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## Ventura Brewing

Ventura Brewing is a new, local craft brewery creating artisanal hard kombucha. A refreshing alternative to sweet cider, lighter than beer and easier to understand than wine. Three years in the making using traditional techniques and modern equipment, their pilot batch has just been released online in time for summer.

Craft brewed in limited, small batches with a focus on premium grade, all natural ingredients that are grown in the earth and under the Sun, and infused with fresh organic herbs and botanicals for a flavour that's smooth, aromatic and refreshing.

It has a delicate body, light spritz, delicious fragrant flavour – minus the excess acidity and sweetness, plus a refreshing finish, it's a perfectly balanced boozy booch that hits you exactly where you didn't know you needed it! Paired with good company it's easy, enjoyable drinking.

Available now online in three flavours: Original, Elderflower & Cucumber, Hibiscus & Rosemary.

10/141 Lundberg Drive, Murwillumbah South  
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Instagram: @ventura\_brewing



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## The Yellow Brick Studio

The Yellow Brick Studio is an awesome art supply store run by artists, for artists, and they're incredibly passionate about what they do.

It's their mission to bring the best tools, surfaces and materials they can source to the fabulous creative community in the Northern Rivers

You can find them at the uber-cool creative heart of Murwillumbah in M|Arts Precinct.

Come in and have a look around and they'd love to have a chat about how they can support your practice.

They're open 9.30am-4pm weekdays and 9.30am-1pm Saturdays.

hello@theyellowbrickstudio.com  
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105 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah



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## Same experts, new agency

People are drawn to Murwillumbah for its enviable lifestyle. The beaches are close, as are the spectacular national parks, mountain ranges and rainforests. Its booming art scene is the town's beating heart and its fresh produce is some of the best you'll find. If you already live here, you don't need an explanation about why Murwillumbah and its surrounding villages are so special.

Locals, Adrianna Jenkins and Paul Stobbie, are two of the region's stalwart real estate specialists. With more than 20 years combined selling property for thousands of locals in the Tweed Valley and beyond, Paul and Adrianna are now spearheading the local market under the new name – Northern Rivers Property Group.

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2A / 114 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah



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## Christmas gifting – for the entire family

What a year! The Foundry Murwillumbah is packed to the brim with gifting options for your entire family. Be inspired this Christmas – select from a carefully curated range of luxurious, versatile and everyday giftware.

Give as a secret Santa, from the heart, or to enhance your loved one's hobby or interest – there's so much to choose from, and so many products that will have you enjoying Christmas together – indoors and out. The product range is extensive and includes quality toys, baby and nursery necessities, puzzles, games, books, magazines, fashion stationery and journals, automobilia, confectionery, men's accessories, totes and bags, leather goods, home fragrances, gardening accessories and much more.

Join The Foundry and other local retailers for a night of Twilight shopping and festivities, Friday 18 December 2020, open until 8.00pm.

The Foundry Murwillumbah – News, Lifestyle & Gift Emporium  
90 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah  
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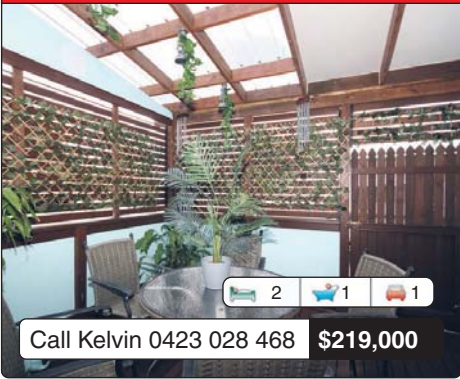
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OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 10.00AM - 10.30AM

A unit, perfectly positioned at the end of a small complex in a peaceful and established part of Bangalow

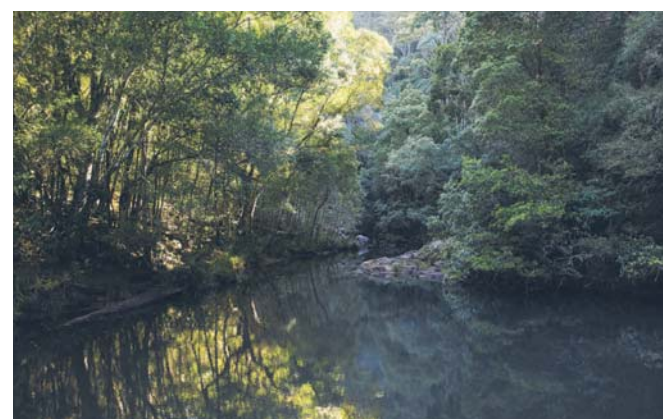
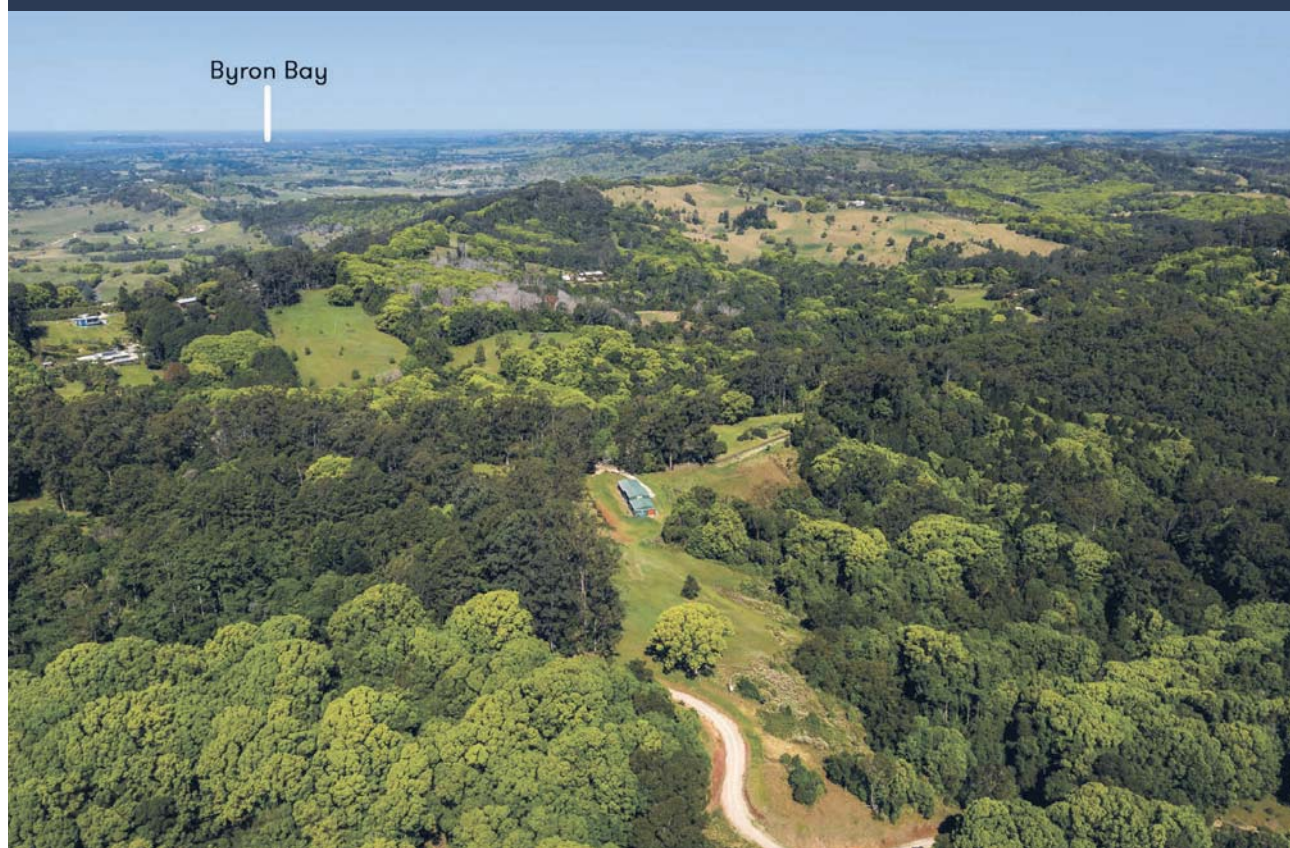


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 **3**  **1**  **2**  **576M<sup>2</sup>**

- 3 Bedrooms plus an updated bathroom and covered deck
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Address: **54 New City Road, Mullumbimby**

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### Stunning Modern Home, Studio and Villa

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- Just outside the centre of Byron Bay town with views to the hinterland
- Seamless flow between indoors and outdoor with a perfect north-eastern aspect
- Main level consists of an open living space with a newly renovated kitchen, hardwood floors and a luxurious urban feel
- First floor has large open living area, high raked ceilings and office space
- Bathrooms are exquisite with travertine marble floor to ceiling
- At the rear of the main level is a separate and private, sun drenched studio

Address: **45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay**

Price: \$2.6m – \$2.7m

Open: By Appointment

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### Idyllic Country Oasis Close to Coast

 4
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  6
  3.2 HA

- Single storey family home on immaculate, professionally landscaped land
- Elevated northerly aspect and wide rural vistas
- Fantastic indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces
- Stylish, modern kitchen with stone benches, quality appliances & butlers pantry
- Beautiful lagoon style pool
- Four light-filled bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and the spacious master

Address: **20 Lovegroves Lane, Uralba**

Price: \$1.695m – \$1.795m

Open: Saturday, 5th December 10.00am – 10.30am

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### Large Family Home with Beautiful Rural Outlook and Creek

 4
  2
  2
  29.14 HA

- Undulating, sloping and level land with ridgelines, gullies, plateaus and open grassy paddocks
- Stunning 76-acre (29.14 hectare) parcel offering peace and privacy
- Brick and tile house with a gorgeous rural outlook
- Multiple access points to a large outdoor patio via the living areas and master
- Elevated position provides gentle breezes and an abundance of natural light
- Flanked by Koonyum Range, Goonengerry National Park and Laverty's Gap

Address: **167 Sheaffes Road, Goonengerry**

Price: Forthcoming Auction

Open: Saturday, 5th December 11.00am – 11.30am

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### 5 Acres – Minutes to Byron Bay

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  5 ACRES

- Pretty and clean 2ha (5 acre) block with a well loved original family home
- The land is level and perfect for horses, agriculture or horticultural pursuits
- Plenty of water from both catchment and natural springs (bore)
- 13m salt water pool positioned to look across the pretty rural view
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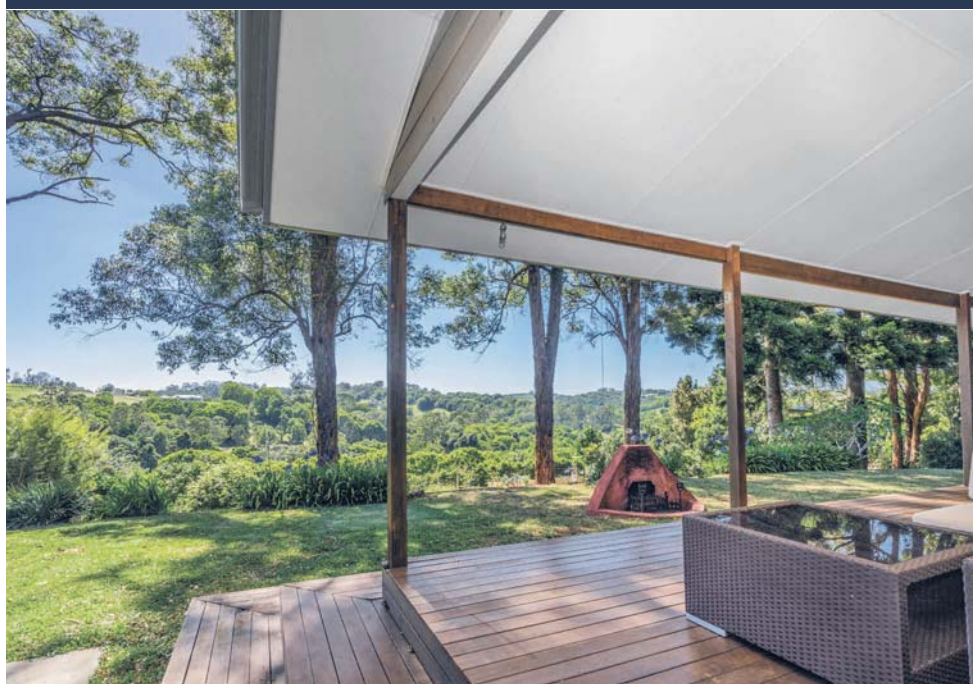
Address: **92 Woodford Lane, Ewingsdale**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 5th December 11.30am – 12.00pm

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### Ideal Country Retreat – Stunning Views

 4
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  3229M<sup>2</sup>

- End of a quiet country lane, set on 3/4 acre (3229m<sup>2</sup>) of ideal rural land
- Set on an elevated northerly block with breathtaking sweeping views
- Master has a walk-in robe, ensuite and opens directly to the veranda
- Kitchen features stone bench tops, quality appliances and a butler's pantry
- Superb outdoor living room complete with pizza oven, outdoor kitchen and fireplace
- Set in an environmentally aware community, just minutes to Bangalow and Byron

Address: **10/231 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 5th December 10.00am – 10.30am

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### Modern Home with Magic Rural Views

 4
  2
  2
  3.23 HA

- Garry Scotcher built home sits perfectly on 8 beautiful acres of gentle rolling land
- Versatile open plan design ensures an abundance of natural light
- Outdoor living areas are perfect for entertaining while soaking up the views
- 4 bedrooms all with built-ins and direct access to outdoor patios
- Local Clunes shops, Rosebank Primary School and natural attractions all closeby

Address: **514 Rosebank Road, Rosebank**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 5th December 10.00am – 10.30am

Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



### 'Lakeside' Townhouse Moments from Tallows Beach

 3
  2
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- This stylish townhouse is located in the popular "Lakeside" complex
- For those seeking a secure, low-maintenance home within walking distance to the vibrant town centre of Byron Bay
- Open plan kitchen, living and dining is full of natural light
- Secluded tropical courtyard; perfect for entertaining and relaxing
- Internal access from the automated, double garage with good-sized laundry
- Short stroll to the white sand and crystal-clear water of Tallow Beach

Address: **9/5-7 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay**

Price: \$770,000 – \$830,000

Open: Wednesday, 9th December 1.00pm-1.30pm

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



### Elevated Cottage in Vibrant Bangalow

 3
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- Elevated, private, single storey family home
- Covered front verandah that boasts a wonderful outlook
- Light filled open plan kitchen, dining and lounge leads out to the covered deck
- Master bedroom opens onto the back paved courtyard with built-in robe and a renovated ensuite
- Just 10 minutes' walk into the vibrant hub of Bangalow village

Address: **6 Gumtree Place, Bangalow**

Price: \$1m to \$1.1m

Open: Saturday, 5th December 10.00am – 10.30am

Enquiries: Oliver Aldridge 0421 171 499





**Prime Beachside Location**

 4  2  2  840 M<sup>2</sup>

- Elevated, north-east facing, double brick home
- Short stroll (300m) to the white sand and crystal-clear water of Tallow Beach
- Kitchen/dining room, opens to an internal courtyard; perfect for outdoor dining
- 4 bedrooms, all with built-in robes and the master with ensuite
- Floorplan allows flexibility and can be modified to suit any family (STCA)
- Fantastic opportunity to live in one of the most sort after locations in the Byron

Address: **8 Seastar Court, Byron Bay**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 5th December 9.00am – 9.30am

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**Escape to 'Kurum Estate' in Tranquil Ewingsdale**

 8  7  6  1.8 HA

- This is a special 4.45-acre estate (1.8 HA) with a rich community history
- Ideally located in a private and peaceful garden setting only 10 minutes from town
- The estate comprises: Main Residence, Summer House, Granny Flat, Machinery utility Shed and Studio
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- 3 bedrooms that feature their own ensuite and private deck

Address: **20 Taylors Lane, Ewingsdale**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment

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- 34 Helen St, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Walgoan Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 1 Tongarra Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 36 Pine Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 2.30-3pm

### First National Byron Bay

- 12 Green Frog Ln, Bangalow. Wed 10-10.30am
- 9/5-7 Old Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay. Wed 1-1.30pm
- 1019A Wilsons Creek Rd, Wilsons Creek. Wed 2-2.30pm
- 54 Paterson St, Byron Bay. Thu 12-12.30pm
- 11 Gloria St, South Golden Beach. Thu 6-6.30pm
- 6/231 Fowlers Ln, Bangalow. Fri 10-10.30am
- 22 Mill St, Mullumbimby. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 8 Seastar Ct, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 17 Pacific St, New Brighton. Sat 9-9.30am
- 20 Lovegroves Ln, Uralba. Sat 10-10.30am

- 6 Gumtree Place, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 6/231 Fowlers Ln, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10/231 Fowlers Ln, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 48 Myocum Ridge Rd, Myocum. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4/231 Fowlers Ln, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 514 Rosebank Rd, Rosebank. Sat 10-10.30am
- Lot 21, 510 Goonengerry Rd, Montecol-lum. Sat 11-11.30am
- 167 Sheaffes Rd, Goonengerry. Sat 11-11.30am
- 10 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 92 Woodford Ln, Ewingsdale. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 22 Mill St, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 11 Gloria St, South Golden Beach. Sat 1-1.30pm

### Harcourts Norther Rivers

- 57 Lismore Rd, Alstonville. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Moylans Ln, Empire Vale. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6/3-7 Henderson St, East Ballina. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 10 Grevillea Ave, Mullumbimby. Fri 11–11.30am
- 2/3 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am
- 10 Grevillea Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 25 Peter St, South Golden Beach. Sat 11–11.30am
- 17 Tweed St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 32 Tongarra Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 85 Montecollum Rd, Wilsons Creek. Sat 5–5.30pm

#### McGrath Byron Bay

- 37 Browning St, Byron Bay. Fri 4–4.30pm
- 53 Tristania St, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 1/86–88 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 10.45–11.15am
- 16 Cockatoo Crescent, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30am–12pm

#### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- 13 Yungarup Place, Ocean Shores. Wed 5–5.30pm; Sat 2–2.45pm
- 47 Andrew Ave, Pottsville. Sat 9.30–10am
- 4 Namoi Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–11am
- 37 Warwick Park Rd, Sleepy Hollow. Sat 10–11am

#### Tim Miller Real Estate

- 3/3 Rosewood Ave, Bangalow. Wed 12–12.30pm
- 2 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Wed 1–1.30pm; Sat 11–11.30am
- 3/3 Rosewood Ave, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 41 Kings Rd, Federal. Sat 12.30–1pm

### New Listings

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- 1 Walgoan Way, Ocean Shores

#### First National Byron Bay

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- 4 Namoi Glen, Ocean Shores
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- 88 River St, South Murwillumbah

### Auction

#### Byron Shire Real Estate

- 10/20 Booyun St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 5 Dec, 10am
- 1 Tongarra Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 5 Dec, 1.30pm

#### First National Byron Bay

- 10 Cooper St, Byron Bay. Sat 5 Dec, 12pm
- 22 Mill St, Mullumbimby. Sat 19 Dec, 2.30pm
- Lot 21, 510 Goonengerry Rd, Montecollum

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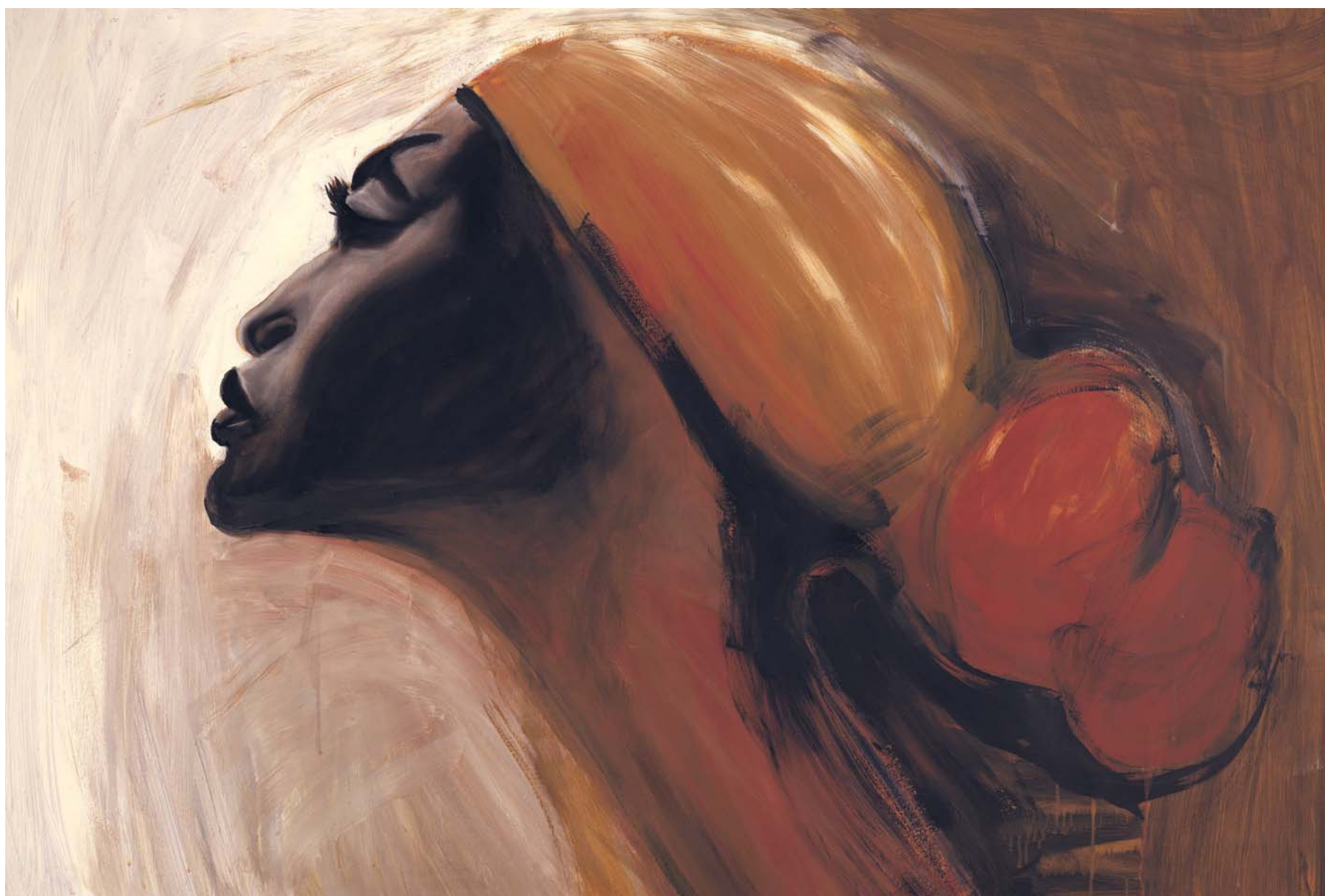
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## David Lane's annual painting exhibition and studio sale 2020

Many local art enthusiasts will be familiar with David Lane's exuberant paintings. David's annual painting exhibition and studio sale is open each Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at his home in Tintenbar until Sunday December. This year's exhibition will provide a memorable experience for everyone who visits.

David is best known for his vibrant and colourful seascapes, however his love of all things in nature is also reflected in his charming still lifes and landscapes. Providing much of his subject matter, David's garden also offers a relaxing experience for visitors to his exhibition. The exhibition is for the enjoyment of all, however, this year the exhibition will be COVID-Safe. You can visit David's website [www.davidlane.com.au](http://www.davidlane.com.au) for more detailed information.

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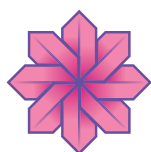
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## Bangalow Flea Markets

Are you looking for somewhere different to explore in the Byron Shire? New to the market scene, Bangalow Flea Markets offer a collection of stalls from small businesses, local designers and families selling their pre-loved items – garage sale style. With a focus on vintage and retro goods, it's easy to find that perfect pair of secondhand jeans or antique rug that'll make your home look extra cosy.

Every month they have new sellers, so you'll always be able to find something different every time you visit. Bring your family and friends along for a fun and relaxing day out, filled with treasures, food and music.

Visit [bangalowfleamarkets.com](http://bangalowfleamarkets.com) for more details.

## Zest Boutique

Zest Boutique is looking forward to welcoming you to our Pre-Christmas Mega Sale!

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Kerry Armstrong is an acclaimed Australian actress renown for her natural looks & eternal beauty. Kirsty is Kerry's chosen HiFu facialist and loves the results of her HiFu treatments so much so that she has become Ozone Beauty & Medi Spa's celebrity advocate for the natural anti-ageing techniques Kirsty offers.

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## No Bones Restaurant

No Bones is tucked away in a peaceful nook on Fletcher Street and has been open for two-and-a-half-years now, quickly becoming a local favourite. They are always striving for environmentally friendly excellence, and 2021 is set to be a year of frequent charity nights, working closely with local businesses to help build a stronger community awareness. They are teaming up with the conscious crew at Cape Byron Distillery (Brookies) for their first charity night. The chefs will be serving up a delicious multi-course feast paired with Brookies cocktails. The first series of charity nights will focus on local biodiversity and regeneration. No Bones is aiming to get the community involved and educated on the importance of local rainforest species, so we can plant more of them and enjoy their many benefits. Join them on their mission to save the Earth, one Brussel sprout at a time.

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The Wellbeing Store founder and wellbeing expert, Fleur Marks also conducts a series of practical how-to workshops in store, focusing on mastering key aspects of wellbeing. Workshops cover areas of focus from Be Your Own Bestie through to Get Your Sh\*t Together. To register for a workshop or more information on The Wellbeing Store please visit [www.thewellbeingstore.com.au](http://www.thewellbeingstore.com.au).

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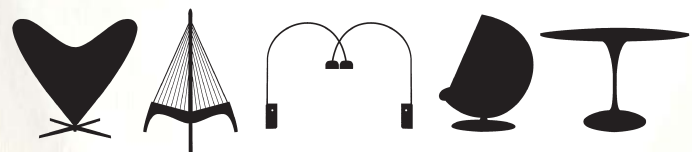
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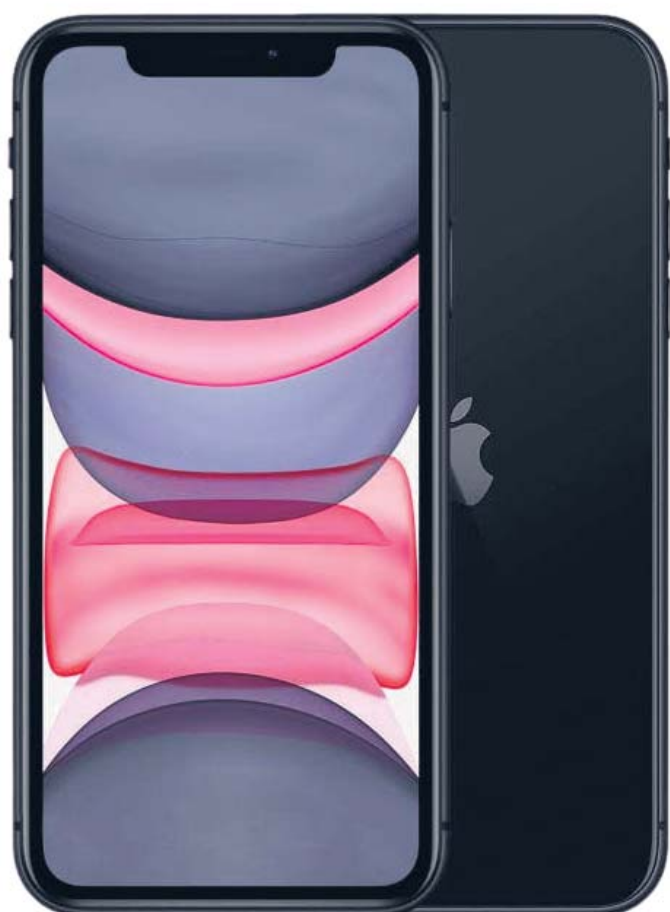
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The popular Monster Toy Raffle this year will be Sunday 6 December. Tickets are on sale from 3pm, raffle drawn from 5pm. There are thirty prizes, over \$2500 worth of toys to be won. PS4, Nintendo Switch, four bikes, a scooter, and toys from all your favourite brands such as LEGO, Barbie, Trolls, Frozen 2, Spider-Man, Nerf, Barbie, plus loads more.

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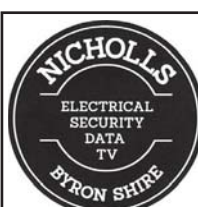
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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Prepare to ride! Well trained mounts provided (6,6)
- Ham above Canberra? (7)
- Shrinks about twists (7)
- Fiendish daughter – income shattered (7)
- Ironc or lecherous – like a goat! (7)
- Black stuff, books – a pack of oracles (5)
- A is for agent (9)
- Additional run for past cast (9)
- Support a pair (5)
- Paddles with hesitation they say – but it's wonderful (7)
- Young Gary with a model – a fast and graceful beast! (7)
- Pierce Patterson where the horses are kept (7)
- Complex lace toy for the disciple (7)
- Eliot's masterpiece – composition wasn't the deal (3,5,4)

#### DOWN

- Ship's cooker (7)
- Ted rang, organised a massive police operation (7)
- Tardy visitor – more crippled around the eviscerated business (9)
- Rosemary and Elliott? (5)
- Individual in anal, intimate performance (7)
- Clever saying: English hog press! (7)
- Put in proper state, like around fifty – if and whether (12)
- Support the Spanish – not odd, the reserve team (6,6)
- Demote blue form (9)
- I say, the French with quiet facial fringe... (7)
- ...also small depression. Overly sluggish (3,4)
- Gun menagerie in black – also known as ... (7)
- Unknown in major reference work after everyone mixed metals (7)
- Turn quarter, and quarter again around Australian – and relaxes (5)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Mounts trained for recreational riding (6,6)
- Ham it up on stage (7)
- Springs back (7)
- Diabolical, fiendish (7)
- Intended as parody (7)
- Fortune telling cards (5)
- Go between, mediator (9)
- Defeat, surpass (9)
- A pair, especially of game birds (5)
- Wondrous, amazing (7)
- Graceful deer (7)
- Shelters for horses (7)
- Disciple, follower (7)
- Major poem by T S Eliot (3,5,4)

#### DOWN

- Large conventionally powered ship (7)
- Police operation to contain offenders (7)
- One who arrives after the appointed time (9)
- Plants used for flavouring (5)
- Musical performance by an individual (7)
- Witty saying (7)
- Words such as whether and if (12)
- Reserve cricket team (6,6)
- Demote, reduce status (9)
- Hairs above the eye (7)
- Not fast enough (3,4)
- Small cannon held by hand (7)
- Mixed, usually of metals (7)
- Relaxes, makes simpler (5)

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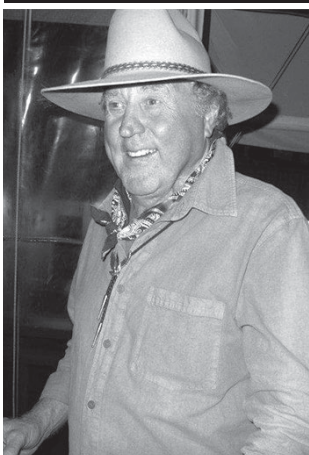
We love you CriCri. Your spirit is with us always and forever.

**Christian Jacques Herbulot**  
 06/05/1965 - 22/11/2020



Christian passed away unexpectedly in a car accident with his much loved dog Grace.

## FUNERAL NOTICES



Our darling father, **Peter Charles Steenholdt 'Oldie'**, passed away on 26/09/2020. We extend an invitation to Peter's community and all those that loved him to join us in honouring his life. This commemoration will take place in Byron Bay on Saturday 12 December. For details please contact rebeccasteenholdt@gmail.com

## IN MEMORIAM



Friends of the late **JOHN (KARL) WALKER** of Billinudgel are invited to a gathering for the scattering of his ashes on the Brunswick River opp. New Brighton cafe. Noon, Wed 2 December. Flowers welcome. Enq. ph Di 0431122950

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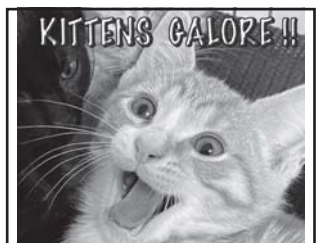


**Possum** is a beautiful dark tortie girl. She is a sweet and sassy cat that would benefit from being the only cat in the household as she's a little bit bossy. **Possum** is quite chatty and likes affection on her terms, but in a more relaxed atmosphere we're sure she'll end up a complete fuss pot. To say g'day to **Possum**, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.  
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Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
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Onya Telstra! The comms giant apparently doesn't care for accountability around its approval process. Because of its close ties to both Labor and the Coalition parties, it can thumb its nose at anyone who asks reasonable questions, such as, 'Have objections ever led to a decision that is not in Telstra's commercial interest?'

Welcome to the neighbourhood Brian! Rip Curl co-founder Brian Singer is the new owner of a modest shack on Wategos Beach. According to www.domain.com.au, it's set a new record at \$22m. 'The last time the 664-square-metre property traded in 1994 it set a Byron Bay record of \$1.24m'.

A massive Santos gas project has been approved in the Pilliga forest, located in western NSW. Despite the clear warnings from scientists that carbon polluting industries contribute to a less stable climate, federal (anti) environment minister Sussan Ley thinks she knows better and gave it the tick. Nature Conservation chief executive Chris Gambian said, 'It has virtually no public support and we will not rest until it is stopped'.

Unlike mainstream media, Julian Assange speaks truth directly to power. Or he did, until he was locked up for doing so. His father, John Shipton, will be speaking locally (December 11, 13) as a reminder that freedom of press and speech is an illusion. See page 6.

Scrote stopped the boats! About 60 coal ships are in limbo off the Chinese coast,



A new elegant design emporium has opened in Mooball, showcasing local artists in a beautiful heritage-listed building in the heart of the village. Pictured are Quilla Design Emporium marketing director Deon Demouche, with creative director Amanda Bennet, at the grand opening last Friday. Photo Jeff 'Invited To All The Openings That Matter' Dawson

while wine and barley exports are being used as political pawns because the PM is not very good at diplomacy.

Backlash is sad to report that after 19 years, the Mullum House Chinese restaurant has closed. Thanks to the husband and wife team of Warren and Susan – and staff – who kept one of the few places open in Mullum at night. Warren told Backlash, 'Thank you to my customers, for supporting my family. I appreciate, and will miss all of you'.

On November 5, at 5.22pm, a brazen thief took off with a prized cactus in Mullum. It was out the front of The Loft 2482, located at 1/121 Dalley Street. Owners told Backlash, 'We will offer a free hair cut reward for any information that leads to the culprit fronting up to apologise. If he politely asked, we would have happily given him a cutting'.

Sadly Mungo has told us that owing to ill health, this week

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