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'Overwhelming majority' object to Dunoon Dam proposal

Hans Lovejoy

With public submissions on Rous Council's proposed Dunoon Dam expected to be released Wednesday December 16, Ballina councillor and Rous chair Keith Williams told *The Echo* that submissions he has seen so far indicate strong opposition.

Plans by bureaucrats to build an additional dam for the area sparked community concern, owing to it likely wiping out Aboriginal cultural heritage and destroying an endangered ecological community of lowland rainforest.

While Mr Williams says he is yet to see the written report, he says staff presented the community feedback at a recent Councillor briefing.

Around 1,300 submissions were received, he said, 'consisting of approximately 350 online surveys and 950 emails/letters'.

'The majority of these were from residents in the Lismore (Channon/Dunoon) area, with a relatively small number of 100 from each of Byron Shire and Ballina Shire.

'An overwhelming majority of the written submissions oppose the Dunoon Dam, and requested that Council do more in water efficiency and purified recycled water. Councillors and staff have been focussed on these aspects'.

Mr Williams responded to claims by NSW Greens MP for Ballina, Tamara Smith, who said in her latest newsletter that she 'continues to be denied access to

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Holed up in COVID-19 isolation, Space Cowboy, aka Chayne Hultgren, has produced a huge body of new work, which will be part of his new shows on December 18 and 19. Tickets for the 18+ gig are available at www.thespacecowboygallery.com. Photo Jeff 'Steamed And Punked Since 1986' Dawson

Out-of-towners drive housing demand

Paul Bibby & Khaled Al Khawaldeh

Locals had expected the auction of the five-bedroom house in the hills outside Lennox Head to be a well-contested affair.

But the events that unfolded raised eyebrows among even the most experienced real estate watcher.

Straight out of the gate the

opening bid for 17 Fieldcrest Drive was a cool \$1.5 million – \$100,000 over the reserve.

That bid immediately knocked some of the 10 registered bidders out of the running.

But it didn't stop there.

When the hammer finally fell, the selling price was \$1.841 million – way over the reserve and far above the median price for that part of Lennox.

Dramatic though it may have been, the auction's outcome was far from an isolated event.

According to local real estate agents, and data from Regional Australia Insights, the Byron Shire and surrounds is experiencing an unprecedented spike in demand, sending prices soaring into the stratosphere and creating a desperate shortage of rental accommodation,

leaving a growing number of people without a home.

'I've been in this business for 30 years, and I've never seen anything like it', said semi-retired local real estate agent and developer Graham Dunn.

'COVID-19 has made people realise there's a lot more to life than making money in a big office and

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Late night shopping a first for Mullum

If you're running late on those Christmas presents this year don't worry – the team at the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce have organised the town's first late-night shopping event.

On Thursday December 17 a broad range of shops, restaurants and cafes are set to open till the late hours to give shoppers an opportunity to shop local, and bag last minute presents. There will even be a special visit from Santa for the kids.

Chamber president, Jenelle Stanford, says the night is an opportunity to promote and support local shopping in a time of need.

'COVID-19 really hit hospitality and retail harder than any other sector, and we just want to remind people to shop local and support all the businesses that make our town so special'.

'This is really about keeping our businesses open and thriving', she said.

Happy one hundredth, Joan!



Founding member and inauguration president of the Ocean Shores & District Garden Club Inc, Joan Mills, celebrated 100 years at the Billinudgel Hotel on Monday. Current president, Margaret Keating, said the club commenced at the Ocean Shores Country Club in 1978, 'and is still flourishing'. Ms Keating said Joan's secret to longevity, 'is a glass of bubbly with oysters as often as she can, and lots of gardening, golf and tennis'. Pictured are the current president, past president and a life member, who helped some of her family and other committee members in the celebration. Photo Jeff 'Not Long Till I'm 100 Too' Dawson

Soaring real estate pushes locals out of market

► Continued from page 1 living in a flash apartment in the city.'

'And because everyone's realised they can work from Zoom now, that's what they're doing.'

While the new owner of 17 Fieldcrest Drive is a long-term local, *The Echo* has received numerous reports of cashed-up buyers from Sydney and Melbourne taking a 'whatever it takes' attitude to buying properties in the Shire.

This includes making offers on properties on the basis of a quick video tour conducted by an agent with an iPhone.

'I've heard of 14 properties being sold, site unseen, to buyers via video-link,' Mr Dunn said. 'Talking to agents in Lennox, Ballina, Byron, they're all doing the virtual tour.'

Others are offering way over the asking price to secure a Northern Rivers home, leaving first home-buyers in the dust.

Further evidence of the interest in local real estate is the incredible popularity of online listings in towns such as Bangalow.

Once barely a blip on the national real estate radar, Bangalow's soaring popularity saw it become the most

in-demand regional town in the country in 2020.

On average, Bangalow's listings averaged 11,451 views each on a multitude of real estate websites this year.

The spike in demand from outside buyers, along with the arrival of peak Airbnb season, has sucked yet more properties out of the long-term rental market.

Some in the real estate industry have described the situation as 'desperate', with up to 60 people showing up for rental inspections in the Byron Shire, and up to 30 queuing to see homes in Lennox and Ballina.

'People can't get rentals

anywhere – not in Ballina, not in Alstonville, and definitely not in Byron,' local Greens MP Tamara Smith said.

'People who've bought houses from a video – they're not planning to move here for four or five years.'

'If the owner is rich enough, the house will probably stay empty until they're ready to move up, or they'll just put it on Airbnb.'

'We need real incentives to encourage long-term rentals, and we need to have the 90-day cap on Airbnb in Byron that we were promised, but which the state government has now reneged on'.

Rous chair claims info denied over climate change

► Continued from page 1 community feedback on Rous Council's proposed Dunoon Dam...'

Mr Williams said, 'Ms Smith wrote to me some weeks ago, seeking early release of this information at a time when the materials were still being collated, and had not been reported in any form'.

'I advised I was unable to meet her request at that time. Timelines for the delivery of services by consultants were impacted by the four week extension to the public exhibition period'.

He continued, 'I'd be curious to know why Ms Smith thinks it's appropriate to chastise Rous for conducting a transparent and open process over a 10 week submission period, but says nothing of a rushed and secretive process currently being conducted by the NSW state agency DPIE [Department of Planning and Environment]'.

'Why is it Rous County Council's responsibility to change its processes and timelines, rather than the MP requesting DPIE to extend its consultation period, just

as Rous did in response to public requests?

'This is the same department currently consulting the community on the regional water strategy, but withholding crucial data and modelling.'

'While our overall rainfall will only fall slightly, we are at greatly increased risk of facing multiple year droughts as a direct result of climate change. I've been told about it, but denied access to any written material. Why is the department not telling the community about this?'

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A different box this Christmas...

Adel Pheloung

Most Northern Rivers locals were devastated to watch the decimation of native wildlife during the Black Summer bushfires late last year.

A local organisation, Brunswick Valley Landcare (BVL), felt the same, and have begun the fight for rebuilding habitat through the installation of nesting boxes, made by Mullumbimby local, David Brook from Wildbnb.

303 different species of native Australian animals rely on tree hollows for nesting, which, even prior to the Black Summer fires were a rarity, as they take a minimum of 75 years to form, and the bushfires of last summer destroyed a huge percentage of the remaining critical habitat that had already been decimated by land clearing.

BVL decided they were going to step in. So in 2014, they started their Nestbox Project, and have since installed over 40 boxes on both public and private land across the Northern Rivers, but they are after more.



BVL president, Peter 'Rhino' Ryan and Rochelle Meredith with a nesting box inspection camera. Photo Jeff 'Kept In A Box Since 1986' Dawson

BVL president, Peter Ryan, said 'We have lost so many habitat trees, and we need a lot of boxes to replace that loss. We are hoping for lots of donations, to fund upwards of a hundred nesting boxes to be installed on both public and private land, so that the boxes can have a positive impact on wildlife'.

The nesting boxes are not currently funded by the government, and so BVL is

calling on landowners and community members to help turn around habitat loss and save our native animals.

The community can help out by donating towards the purchase and installation of a nest box on your property, planting suitable native trees and plants on your land or building your own nest box (www.wires.org.au have free instructions).

'If habitat is not replaced,

we lose biodiversity in the region, and if we lose that, I think we lose our soul. The loss isn't just to the environment, but economic as well; native wildlife is the best pest control out there, and losing them will have quite an impact on the agricultural industry.'

To help take the project to the next level, BVL teamed up with local artist Sam Wortlehook to decorate

a nesting box which was kindly donated by David Brook from Wildbnb, which was built larger than most nesting boxes to comfortably accommodate owls.

Raise awareness

Mr Ryan said, 'The aim of the painted boxes is to raise some awareness of the different species of wildlife that use the nesting boxes through usable art'.

Ms Wortlehook from Breakaway Art painted the box with a beautiful scene of three species of native owls found in the Byron region in the night time; the Rufous, Sooty and Barn.

BVL will install the box properly on the buyer's property, free of charge, to ensure it is put in a place that will be useful to wildlife.

To find out more about the project, head to www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au, or if you are interested in purchasing a box of your own, visit www.wildbnb.com.au.

■ Adel Pheloung is doing year 10 work experience with *The Echo*.

Motorcycle rider sustains minor injuries

A 19-year-old man from Ocean Shores received minor injuries after losing control of his motorcycle in Ocean Shores last Thursday afternoon, at around 4.30pm.

A resident told *The Echo* it was on the corner of Orana Road and Yengarie Way, and believed it was serious, as the rider lay unconscious for some time before help arrived.

But Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe told *The Echo* that 'The crash was treated as a P5 (minor) crash and details were taken but no police action was taken'.

Vintage surfboard auction Dec 11

A vintage longboard surfboard auction will be held at the Byron Bay Bowls Club from 5pm on Friday December 11, with proceeds going towards Legends Surf Museum.

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How has COVID-19 affected market stallholders?

Paul Bibby

Estelle Schmitt had been selling crystal-infused botanical perfume oils at the Byron Community Market for four years when the pandemic hit.

The French-born local's love of botanical perfumes developed into a business, and a popular market stall – Estelle's Haven – that she set up each month, early on a Sunday, at Byron's Main Beach foreshore.

But in March, COVID-19 changed everything. The Byron Community Market, which had been held (almost) every first Sunday of the month for over 30 years, shut down.

Estelle's business revolved around the markets, and it was a vital part of her life. 'When you buy at the market, you buy from your neighbour,' she says. 'You help them support their families, their dreams, and develop their craft and innovative ideas. Markets are the birthplace of a lot of creative enterprises.'

Market closure

Estelle moved her business online but it was a struggle financially. 'Having to put the markets on hold was absolutely heartbreaking for us and devastating for our stallholders,' says Byron Markets Manager Kate Hardman. 'Hundreds of families and households have been affected, some having to give up trading and find alternative income.' Over the time of closure, Byron



Estelle with her market stall. Photo Jeff 'Perfumed And Scented Since 1986' Dawson

Markets lost 35 per cent of its total annual revenue. No staff were laid off, but Ms Hardman says that without JobKeeper, they wouldn't have survived. 'Markets staff worked really hard to keep everything going. We came up with creative ideas to support stallholders and provided constant communication. There was a sense that we were all in this together'. In August, after four long months, the markets reopened. 'Being back was a joy for me,' says Ms Schmitt. 'I believe people were a bit confused when we first came back as to whether or not they could touch the products and how to approach the stalls'. 'But now, everybody has adapted to the changes and it has been going great'.

The markets are not only a space for local businesses to sell their products, but also a community of stallholders. For many people in the Northern Rivers, markets are a way of life. Despite the financial stress, for Estelle, the four-month break has enabled her to improve her business. She used the time to create new market signs and displays and completed online courses in website design and marketing. She also created a new perfume. 'I was able to focus on finishing the formulation for my new fragrance. Even though sourcing the fragrant materials was complicated owing to the restrictions and delays with the post office.' 'So the break had a silver lining, but I'm so happy to be back. I think we all are.'

Mullum water restrictions edge closer

While there is an expected wet season this summer, Council staff are asking Mullumbimby residents to be vigilant with their water use, 'as the local water supply at Lavertys Gap Weir is close to triggering Level 1 water restrictions'. Byron Shire Council's Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway, said the stream flow from Wilsons Creek into Lavertys Gap Weir, which supplies Mullumbimby's water, has been steadily declining over the past month, and currently is close to zero flows. 'This time last year, Mullumbimby was already on Level 1 water restrictions and we saw restrictions escalate

quickly to Level 3 and 4'. Meanwhile, a Wilsons Creek resident told *The Echo* they and their neighbours are alarmed, 'that no water is flowing downstream past the weir on Wilsons Creek'. **Environmental flow** 'Our understanding is there should always be an "environmental flow" to maintain the health and viability of the local ecosystem. 'This isn't happening, and enquires to Council have not been acted on. 'We're concerned for the platypus, fish and other wildlife in the creek'. *The Echo* asked Council

staff, 'Have Council staff been monitoring the environmental flows around this weir? Is there a risk of losing wildlife here owing to a lack of rain, and or water usage from increased human and agricultural usage?' Council staff replied, 'Council's licence for the Lavertys Gap Weir and water supply does not have any requirements for environmental flows'. 'Naturally any drop in water levels in creeks and waterways, and the impact on the environment as a result of dry weather, is concerning, but Council cannot control the weather'. **► See letters page 13**

Schoolies going well, say police

Schoolies has been progressing well, according to Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe. He told *The Echo* the police operation runs from Monday 23/11/20 through to Monday 14/12/20. **Tough year** 'Large numbers of Schoolies have travelled to Byron Bay to celebrate after a very

tough year for them'. 'Tweed Byron Police, along with extra resources from the Public Order and Riot Squad, Northern OSG, Mounties, Police Transport Command, Youth Command and resources across North Region continue have a high visibility presence to ensure a safe COVID-19 environment, and an enjoyable experience for those attending. *Byron Shire Echo* archives

'Police have generally been happy with the behaviour of those attending this year's Schoolies at Byron Bay. 'The message is, this year's Schoolies at Byron Bay will be very different from previous years. 'If you come here please respect the community and the environment, look after your mates and stay COVID-19 Safe'.

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Cr Ndiaye pushes for Tallowood Ridge Reserve to be in public hands

Paul Bibby

A precious slice of bushland adjoining Mullumbimby's Tallowood housing estate would be put in public hands under a motion to be voted on at next week's Byron Council meeting.

A group of ecologically-minded residents living in and around the estate have long called for the Tallowood Ridge Reserve to be taken over by the Council to ensure the old growth trees and their many native

inhabitants are protected. The move would also guarantee local access to the area, rather than the current plan, that risks seeing them being locked out.

In a notice of motion contained in the agenda to the December 17 meeting, Greens Councillor Sarah Ndiaye has proposed that Council formally become custodians of the five-acre site.

'Currently the land is scheduled to be allocated to seven [private] landholders that do not adjoin the land,'

Cr Ndiaye says in the motion. 'I, and many others believe it will be best protected by having broader community support, and Council, as custodians of the area.

'Otherwise, in private ownership and so far away from the dwellings of the Community Title, we fear it will become overrun with weeds, as has occurred in neighbouring properties around Brushbox Drive [in the Tallowood estate].'

Adding to the argument for Council to take over the site is the fact that the developer of the Tallowood estate, Eric Freeman, has publicly stated that he is willing to hand it over free of charge.

There is also a group of around 30 locals, the Tallowood Ridge Landcare group, that has received a grant to maintain the site and indicated its willingness to continue doing so into the future.

Protected in perpetuity

'Our key concern is for the vegetation and wildlife of this precious site to be protected in perpetuity,' said



Spokesperson Nicolette Jackson with the Tallowood Trail group, on the ridge above Tallowood Estate in Mullum. Photo Jeff 'Part Of Nature Since 1986' Dawson

Nicolette Jackson, a member of the Landcare group.

'We've seen what can happen when areas like this are placed in private hands, even when they're subject to legal protections, and we don't want to see that happen again.'

However, a potential stumbling block facing the motion is that of apparent opposition

by Byron Council staff.

In a short report accompanying the notice of motion, Development Planning Officer, Christopher Soulsby, said that in the long-term the reserve was to be managed by a 'community association'.

This appears to be a small group of private landowners.

'Such an arrangement ensures the protection and

management of the vegetation without the financial burden of bringing the land into public ownership,' Mr Soulsby said in his report.

'To date, Council has resisted effort by developers to dedicate land that has no development potential.

'This has occurred at the West Byron development and here at Tallowood.'




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Fundraiser buys new equipment for Ballina Hospital

Story & photo David Lowe

Funds raised from Ballina Rotary's recent John Huegill Memorial Charity Barefoot Bowls Day have resulted in new pain relief technology for Ballina Hospital's Emergency Department.

The new gadget is called an Entonox delivery system, which delivers a 50/50 mixture of nitrous oxide (laughing gas) and oxygen, on patient demand.

Wayne Smith, Nursing Manager for the Ballina emergency department, said that the specialised equipment can be used by patients who are able to hold the device and self-administer the gas mixture for fast pain relief.

'It works really quickly and it wears off really quickly,' he explained.

He said the timing of the donation was perfect, as the device it replaced was on its last legs.

'The new machine has already been used with patients.

'For us in the emergency department, if you're doing stitching, or even finger dislocations and things like that, it gives you a quick, fast-acting anaesthetic/pain relief agent,' said Mr Smith.

'If you're doing something more significant you can give them some of this while you're putting the local in, because there's a lot of

people who don't like the local more than the stitches, for example.

'This works really well, gives them the giggles.

'For kids it works a treat', he said.

Wayne Smith said the new machine had been on the hospital's wish list for a while - 'It's one we've always wanted, it's the latest model.'

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(L-R) Ballina Rotary's Col Lee and Dave Harmon try out the new Entonox delivery system with Ballina Hospital's Wayne Smith and Peter Jeffree, Rotary's Jodie Shelley and Fiona Siviour, the HR and Functions Manager at Cherry Street Sports Club.

Vinnies opens Mary's Place for homeless in Ballina



Opening the Mary's Place homeless service in Ballina recently were Father Peter Padsungay from St Francis Xavier Parish Ballina; Beverley Kerr, Vice President, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW, Gail Gaudron and Niamh Mannion. Photo supplied

The doors are open at St Vincent de Paul Society's new drop-in centre in Ballina, servicing a population with one of the highest homelessness rates in regional NSW.

Named Mary's Place, in honour of Aileen Mary Delaney who made a generous bequest to Vinnies, the service is located on the corner of Treelands Crescent and Moon Street, Ballina.

Mary's Place is set up to provide light refreshments, showering facilities, outdoor space for socialising, computer access, medical and nursing care, Centrelink engagement service, legal and housing support, and psychological and counselling services.

Outreach service

The free service will be open on weekdays between 8.30am and 12.30pm, with outreach services also operating each afternoon to help those who drop by, providing more in-depth casework.

Adjacent to Mary's Place, but independently accessed, is Harmony House, a three-bedroom service providing accommodation for residents transitioning back into community living after facing

major challenges that may have included homelessness. Harmony House retains its original name but has been fully refurbished and upgraded.

Niamh Mannion, Executive Director Vinnies Services, said 'Research shows that Ballina experiences significant levels of disadvantage compared to NSW generally in terms of income, education and employment opportunities.

'The latest census revealed more than 500 people in the Ballina LGA were either homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

'Mary's Place is the first and only such service in this fast growing and generally affluent coastal town, and we are proud to have the strong support of the community,' she said.

'Ballina Shire Council has been behind the project from the start, as has Ballina MP Tamara Smith, and local service clubs and businesses'.

Team Leader Bryan Jamison [not pictured] said Mary's Place has volunteering opportunities for suitable local people and invites anyone interested to contact him on 0457 896 407.



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to protect the headland at
Jonson Street.Unsurprisingly, those
groynes are also eroding with
the passage of time.Seven proposals for pro-
tection works are now before
the public, with submissions
ending December 9.Council staff say that the
'Coastal protection structure
[groyne] between the First
Sun Holiday Park and the
Byron Bay Surf Life Saving
Club, was designed in the
1960s to protect the town
centre from the threat of
coastal erosion. The struc-
ture is degraded and needs
improvement'.The designs on exhibi-
tion would produce very
different outcomes and
trade-offs, from diminished
or enhanced beaches.As such, they would
impact on surfing conditions
and visitor and local amenity.So – what are the impli-
cations of tinkering with
Byron's shorelines?The seven options are
a combination of groyne
removal and retention, a
sloping rock seawall (berm
rock revetment), an artificial
headland with sand bypass-
ing, and moving protective
structures landward (retreat).The more expensive
options, according to the
November 2020 report
by consultant engineers
Bluecoast, is an artificial
headland (better for waves
and surfing), while the
cheapest is maintaining the
current alignment.The report says on page 31,
'The groynes are perceived to
have a positive influence on
the surf amenity value of the
area. Removing the groynes
was raised as a key concern by**Despite seven foreshore designs presented to the community by consultants Bluecoast and Council staff, the report underpinning the designs give Council's Coastal Management Program and Byron Bay Town Centre Master Plan scant mention.**

Image from Byron Bay Town Centre Master Plan, page 104

the local surfing community
following the completion of
WorleyParsons (2014) recom-
mended concept design'.**Best surfing option?**The report's authors
believe that option four pro-
vides 'potentially enhanced
surf amenity' (page 38).This option replaces
the central groyne with an
artificial rounded headland,
and would offer, 'more public
space, protection, enhanced
foreshore amenity'.'This option would be
combined with a small-scale
sand by-pass system built into
the headland to increase sand
movement from east to west'.Offshore structures,
artificial submerged reefs,
and beach nourishment
programs are also explored,
albeit not in great detail,
within the report. The report
authors say, 'Given the intent
of providing terminal protec-
tion against beach erosion,
seawalls or rock revet-
ments are given primary
consideration'.**Enhancing the beach**If enhancing the beach
space is preferred, then option
six suggests looking at the
'bigger picture of offering
maximum protection to Byron
Bay town centre, while achiev-
ing the best result in terms of
maximising beach space'.This would require remov-
ing all groynes, 'with full
realignment of the structure
landward and creates an
uninterrupted shoreline and
wider beach'.The report reads, 'The
removal of the spur groynes
would be expected to
increase the supply of littoral

sand to downdrift areas'.

Option seven 'retains
the existing structure and
groynes repairing it to a
contemporary standard.
This approach is based on
maintaining the status quo'.Along with this project,
Council is currently in the pro-
cess of developing a Coastal
Management Program (CMP).There is little mention of
how this large-scale infrastruc-
ture project, with its massive
implication – aligns with this
yet-to-be adopted Coastal
Management Program.Longtime Council watch-
ers would recall that the plan
has been ongoing for many
years in different guises,
and for various reasons, has
failed to materialise.Another consideration
with this plan is a 2016 court
settlement against Council's
insurers, which was brought
by very wealthy Belongil
beachfront landowners.Those landowners
claimed their land had
diminished in value, owing
to historical Jonson Street
protection works.As part of that court
resolution, Council agreed to
allow the property owners to
'retain any existing protective
[beach] works in their cur-
rent form' but, if they want
to 'maintain, upgrade or
replace' them, they will have
to seek Council approval.As Council was repre-
sented by its insurers in
court, the case never went
to full trial and was settled
in confidence. As such, the
claims by the very wealthy
Belongil beachfront land-
owners were never tested in
an open court.

There is no mention of

the court case within these
reports supplied by Council.And under the previous
Council (2012–2016), council-
lors agreed to a rockwall
that very wealthy Belongil
beachfront landowners
would pay for.At the time, *The Echo*
reported, 'Both the NSW office
of environment and heritage
(OEH) and Council have yet to
explain how the five rock wall
DAs, which cover both public
and private lands, will not
result in beach [sand] loss'.**Masterplan**How does the Byron Bay
Town Centre Masterplan fit
into all of this?The Bluecoast report
briefly mentions the town's
Masterplan on page 3, 13, 25,
38, 44, 51 and 52.The Masterplan is not
mentioned in Council's
accompanying fact sheet for
the foreshore project.Plans for the foreshore-
within the Masterplan (page
60) are for a 'Foreshore Com-
munity & Cultural Precinct',
which indicates the removal
of the car park.On page 104 of the
Masterplan, there is a
detailed illustration of 'Long
Term Priorities 2022 – 2035'
(pictured above).The Masterplan reads,
'The long-term potential for
Main Beach is to establish
a natural extension to the
foreshore park, hybrid coast
protection works and pedes-
trian boardwalk towards the
North Coast Railway, secur-
ing a seamless east to west
foreshore experience'.All info can be found at
www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/mbasp.**Julian Assange's father to speak in Byron Shire****Mia Armitage**The father of detained
WikiLeaks founder and
Australian journalist Julian
Assange is touring the North-
ern Rivers this week.Mr Shipton recently
returned from Europe,where he has spent the
year campaigning for his
son's freedom. Mr Shipton
and democracy advocate
Ciaran O'Reilly are due to
speak at a Bay FM presented
forum at the Mullumbimby
Civic Hall this Friday night
from 7.30pm. Former NSWmagistrate David Heilpern
will join the panel. A smaller
event is planned Sunday
afternoon from 4pm at Byron
Bay's Marvel Hall.Tickets are strictly limited
owing to public health
orders, and are available via
www.turningpointtalks.com.

Pocket forests for Byron High School

Michael Scharka, Vincent Lycenko, Abbi Hart, Lana Godward, Louis Trisley & Rex Coppin

A group of year 10 students at Byron Bay High School have begun a Native Australian Planting project in response to the devastation that land clearing, habitat loss, and increasing temperatures are currently having on now depleted ecosystems globally.

The aim of this project is to create and nurture a native garden that will support the beautiful Australian wildlife that has recently been struggling owing to human caused extreme environmental changes.

There has been extensive research and planning into the species of native flora to be planted that will benefit the ecosystems in Byron Bay.

Inspired by David Attenborough

The project was inspired by Sir David Attenborough's most recent environmental documentary, *A Life on Our Planet*, which is a witness statement, following the many journeys of his career.

His narration recounts his life travelling to untouched wilderness areas of the planet, highlighting the changes experienced within his lifetime.

This documentary has opened the eyes of students to the detrimental effects the human race has had on



Some of the Byron High School students involved with the native pocket forest plantings within the school grounds. Photo supplied

the planet, the effects that Attenborough has dubbed; 'Mankind's greatest mistake'.

However, the students at BBHS are passionate and determined to change their lifestyles in order to reverse these mistakes.

David Attenborough has been an inspiration, and has shown that there is hope if the decision to act now is made.

Sustainable grant

The school applied for, and was awarded, 'The Sustainable Schools Grant', a \$10 million dollar program that gives schools the opportunity to develop innovative hands-on projects that help students learn about environmentally sustainable practices and take real steps to enhance the sustainability of the school environment.

The grant is going to be

used to create 'pocket forests' within the school grounds, to not only support the local species threatened by climate conditions, but also to reduce the carbon footprint of Byron Bay High School.

Creating this garden in the school will help to sequester carbon from the atmosphere, and will also contribute to creating a more holistic school environment by increasing biodiversity and restoring native bushland.

This planting will also help, albeit on a small scale, to restore some of the 5.3 million hectares lost in the 2019-2020 bushfires.

Indigenous land use management

A recent environmental talk by Arakwal representatives, Delta Kay and Nickolla Clark, provided students

with knowledge on the importance of Byron Bay's native flora and fauna.

Their sacred knowledge has given students a greater understanding of Indigenous land use management, and the species that will most benefit the school environment.

It is vital that the school community embraces the intergenerational knowledge that the local Arakwal people can share surrounding the species of flora and fauna native to the Northern Rivers.

David Attenborough stated that to restore the planet's biodiversity, 'We require more than intelligence, we require wisdom', something that local Indigenous custodians are happy to share.

■ The authors are all Byron High School students.

Former Council staffer promotes holiday letting industry

A former Council staffer who worked on the Sustainable Visitation Strategy (SVS) is now employed by a short-term rental company, A Perfect Stay, and is actively advocating against Council's policy on holiday letting.

Part of Council's holiday letting planning proposal to the NSW government identifies areas where short-term rentals would operate for 90 days per year, instead of the current 365.

The policy is partly based on the Sustainable Visitation Strategy (SVS), which is currently on public exhibition. Submissions close this Friday December 11, and is available to view at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/svs.

Emails obtained by *The Echo* show organised opposition from short term rental company A Perfect Stay.

Former tourism officer at Council, Sarah Workman, writes, 'Collectively, we aim to have an impact and maintain 365 days of short-term rental accommodation in Byron Shire. This will ensure all our businesses and our staff continue to thrive'.

A search for Byron Bay properties on www.aperfectstay.com.au yielded 163 properties.

Ms Workman told *The Echo* that while she had worked on the Sustainable Visitation Strategy, she had never worked on the planning proposal that Council would be submitting to the state government, and therefore had no privileged information on the topic.

When contacted, Council staff replied that they do not comment on former employees.

Bob Stewart imprisoned for killing neighbour's puppy

David Lowe

On Tuesday, Bob Stewart was sentenced in the Byron Bay Courthouse to nine months imprisonment, with a minimum non-parole period of five months, for the bow-shooting attack that led to the death of his neighbour's pet dog, Bucket.

Mr Stewart was found guilty of cruelty offences after a two-day trial in October, after the bow-shooting attack on a young wolfhound-malamute cross at South Golden Beach in December 2019.

Magistrate Karen Stafford said she could have given the defendant two years, but took into account several late-arriving references, as well as the fact that Mr Stewart had got rid of his archery equipment, and was the

primary carer of his sister. While emphasising the seriousness and cruelty of his offence, Magistrate Stafford noted Mr Stewart had been of good character over the last twelve months, and said his earlier offences were relatively minor and took place many years ago.

Multiple AVOs

The magistrate also noted that Mr Stewart had obeyed multiple AVOs, which had been taken out by his neighbours since the bow-shooting incident.

Bucket's owner, Kris Thompson, asked for additional compensation of \$637.20 for vet bills relating to the death of his dog, which was also ordered.

Mr Stewart was escorted from the courthouse by four sheriffs of the court.



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Christian Pazzaglia, Lyn McCarthy and Ben Alcock. Photo Jeff ‘Cactus For The Trees Since 1986’ Dawson

A trio of Bangalow locals have banded together to bring the hinterland village its very own film festival early next year.

From January 14 till 23, 2021, the Bangalow Film Festival will light up the Bangalow Showgrounds and the A&I Hall to showcase an exclusive line-up of world-renowned classics and new, critically acclaimed films from around the world.

Organisers say, ‘The opening night promises to be a

glamorous affair. Film lovers, fashionistas and anyone looking for a fun night out won’t want to miss seeing the beautifully restored version of Federico Fellini’s masterpiece *La Dolce Vita*’.

The trio who are busy getting everything in place are Christian Pazzaglia, Ben Alcock and Lyn McCarthy, who all have experience in mounting film events.

Organisers say, ‘As well as *La Dolce Vita*, patrons can look

forward to the Northern Rivers premiere of *High Ground*, starring Jack Thompson and Simon Baker; the winner of Best Documentary at the Sydney Film Festival, *Descent*; the NSW premiere of *The Truffle Hunters* (an outdoor event where you can bring your dog); and an inspired blend of classics, new releases, film concerts and fabulous events for families’.

Mr Alcock says, ‘With our local agricultural shows,

Christmas carnivals, music festivals and other major events being cancelled this year, we’re looking forward to bringing the community together, attracting visitors to town to support local business, and showcasing some wonderful cinema’.

Full program and ticket sales are available from December 14 at www.bangalowfilmfestival.com.au.

► See more in *Seven* on page 61.

Wallabies continue to be lost to dogs, cars

Aslan Shand

Last Saturday, a wallaby had to be put down after being hit by a vehicle on Seven Mile Beach. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident, with WIRES Northern Rivers secretary Susan Ulyatt telling *The Echo* that this is the second incident in the last month where a wallaby has been hit by a car and had to be euthanised.

‘With the increase in the traffic and dogs on the beach, the wildlife are losing the battle’, explained Ms Ulyatt.

‘The wildlife in the area are in trouble – when you have a lot of people, and wildlife, the two don’t mix particularly well. Especially at this time of the year, when new visitors aren’t familiar with the area and they don’t know to reduce their speed and be wildlife aware, both on beaches and on the roads’.

The impact of dogs, both local and visiting, is also a major threat to local wildlife, as they often chase wallabies. And even if they don’t catch them, the wallabies often die.

‘The problems for macropods (wallabies, pademelons, and kangaroos) is that they just don’t handle stress’, said Ms Ulyatt.

Killed by stress

‘High levels of stress, particularly from being chased or attacked by dogs, causes myopathy, which is the disintegration of the muscle fibres of the animal.’

‘From within 24 hours, up to a few weeks after the incident, the wallaby will show stiffness and paralysis, mainly in the hindquarters, progressing to complete paralysis. Death will occur within two to fourteen days after the stressful incident’.

WIRES NR are currently caring for a young joey (called Mille), following its mother’s death last month.

‘This little swamp wallaby joey was just five months old, and should have been safely contained within mum’s pouch. She came into care in early November, after being found by a local resident on the pedestrian track at Seven

Mile Beach’, Ms Ulyatt told *The Echo*.

Mille will remain in WIRES care until June 2021, when she will be released back to the wild.

‘If all dogs could be on a

leash when on the beach or in [bush] areas, that would be a good start’, said Ms Ulyatt.

WIRES NR has a 24-hour hotline: 6628 1898.

Online, go to www.wiresnr.org.

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Mungo puts down his pen



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For over 31 years, Mungo MacCallum has written a column of political commentary for this newspaper, for the most part on this page, opposite this space.

Allowing for the occasional holiday and rare indisposition, that's still well over 1,500 articles. It's probably a record that will never be surpassed, and last week, Mungo decided that his precarious health would not permit further extension of this phenomenal journalistic effort.

But of course it's not just the length of Mungo's tenure of the op-ed space that's been amazing: it's the quality of his writing and political judgement that has informed and entertained readers week after week since 1989.

Our general manager, Simon Haslam, has been at the paper over 25 years and says, 'In that time, hardly a week has gone by without a reader mentioning Mungo's column to me. It's become emblematic of the paper, especially for those people who haven't read *The Echo* before, or who aren't familiar with local issues, it has provided a very engaging point of entry. It was one of the first things I noticed about the paper when I came to the area. Even those who don't agree with the content generally admire his writing, and of course he's very funny.'

'Ironically, among the thousands of scathing criticisms of politicians, I think the comment that caused us the most grief was the one that referred to Mother Theresa as a "crazed Albanian" – we received quite a few calls about that.'

Perceptive, witty and iconoclastic, Mungo has always held public figures to their own professed standards, and where they fail, his demolition of them has been exquisite.

Or sometimes just whimsical. To the note that informed us of his retirement from the column, he added:

'Christmas is coming and Australia is flat

'Kindly tell us ScoMo, where the bloody hell we're at?

'And when we're certain you know that you haven't got a clue

'Then join in our Yuletide chorus as we sing: FUCK YOU!'

However, Mungo has not yet departed our pages for good. The crossword remains, and he has currently built up a reserve of 200 puzzles, which, he says, will give four more years of aggravation for *Echo* readers!

– David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder

2020 politics heading to the finish line

David Lowe

In the week when Australia's greatest political observer Mungo MacCallum put down his pen, it would have been nice if the nation's politicians had given up their shenanigans momentarily, out of respect. Alas, it was not to be.

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian discovered the rumours were true and there was more to NSW than Sydney and Wagga Wagga when she went to Nyngan for a photo opportunity at the Big Bogan, followed by having her face painted at Cobar and 'handing back' 15,000 hectares to Aboriginal owners to form the new Mt Grenfell National Park. Welcome news, apart from the fact that her government is right behind PM Scott Morrison's ludicrous 'gas-fired recovery', no matter how many sacred sites and aquifers have to be destroyed along the way, starting with the Pilliga Forest near Narrabri.

Gomeroid traditional owners took their fight directly to Parliament House in Canberra, loudly saying 'Gamil Means No', but the Prime Minister was busy with his ongoing personal marketing campaign, constructing a series of stage-managed photographs from quarantine, including everyone's favourite, top half by Armani, bottom half by Big W. He emerged just in time to see 1,000 new police officers being sworn in at the SCG, then made it home to be photographed with an inflatable Santa riding an inflatable shark. How good is Christmas?

Also good was the investiture with the Victoria Cross, 78 years after his death on HMAS Armidale of the heroic Teddy Sheean. Of course it was only a coincidence that the timing was perfect to take the focus off war crimes in Afghanistan by Australian soldiers.

As the war of words with China worsened, lobsters died, wine stopped moving and coal ships continued to bank up outside Chinese ports. The absence of anyone with serious diplomatic credentials in the Morrison government is becoming dangerously clear, with our Spinner-in-Chief being out-manoeuvred by people who have been doing this sort of thing much longer than he has.

For the last month, the former Australian finance minister Mathias Cormann has been on a personal campaign to become the next boss of the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development). In spite of the Terminator-like powers of persuasion



David Lowe is originally from Canberra and is an award-winning filmmaker, writer and photographer with particular interests in the environment and technology. He's known for his work with Cloudcatcher Media as a campaigner against unconventional gas and coal. David has also written about Australian history. Many years ago, he did work experience in Parliament House with Mungo MacCallum. David has lived off-grid in the Northern Rivers since 2008.

he would undoubtedly bring to the job, it seems he needs a personal jet costing \$4,300 an hour, plus eight full-time staff, to make the right impression; all of them flying round the world to help talk up his case. No Zoom meetings for Mathias, despite the claim in his job application that 'undertaking global action on climate change is a must, and we must get to zero net emissions as soon as possible'.

The ALP is right behind Cormann's candidacy, apparently convinced that this man with a record of deep climate skepticism is a perfect fit for the OECD.

Speaking of the environmentally unsustainable, Adani, or whatever they're called this week, received a \$26,000 slap on the wrist for forgetting to do any surveys before destroying more of the fast-dwindling bushland of central Queensland.

Photographer Dean Sewell captured the moment two gutsy activists interrupted the cricket test between India and Australia to urge the State Bank of India not to approve a \$1 billion loan to Adani for their Australian mine. This action was viewed by millions of people around the world, including on the sub-continent.

In other environmental news, the Great Forest Case was heard this week in the Federal Court, brought on by the Bob Brown Foundation to challenge the 'rush to extinction' caused by destruction of Australia's forests and woodlands. If this case is successful, it will have major repercussions in Tasmania and nationally.

Victoria's first Indigenous representative to the Senate, Lydia Thorpe, used her maiden speech in the national parliament to discuss the destruction of sacred trees in Djab Wurrung country and Rio Tinto's demolition of 46,000 year old heritage in Western Australia. 'We have watched in real time the full horror

of the climate crisis and what happens when you stop caring for country,' she said. 'We can't separate climate justice from First Nations justice.'

Unfortunately the chamber was mostly empty, apart from her supporters.

In a week when Rupert Murdoch's editors got nastier in response to former Prime Ministers Rudd and Turnbull's attempts to hold their overlord to account, it was revealed that taxpayers shelled out \$5,000 for the current PM and his treasurer to attend Lachlan Murdoch's Christmas Party last year, in the midst of the bushfire crisis.

Sadly, this pales in comparison to the many millions spent incarcerating the Murugappan family on Christmas Island, who this week notched up 1,000 days of being incarcerated after being taken, in a dawn raid, from their home in Biloela.

Justice fans did have one reason to celebrate this week, with victory for the National Justice Project at the High Court. This comes after twelve months of expensive obstruction from the Minister for Home Affairs and Giving Potatoes a Bad Name, Peter Dutton. The way is now open for fifty people seeking asylum to take legal action against the federal government.

Finally, after the New Zealand government officially declared a climate emergency a few days ago, an attempt by the Australian Greens to do something similar in our federal parliament failed, with the ALP, Nationals and Liberals finding themselves unable to acknowledge scientific reality in the Senate, even though Labor supported the idea initially in the House of Reps. Perhaps they thought it might hurt the prospects of Joel Fitzgibbon's new gig at the *Daily Telegraph*.

Meanwhile, fires have engulfed half of Fraser Island. Welcome to summer.



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Water for life

I have serious concerns about the health of our waterways in general and in particular of Wilsons Creek on which I live.

I know we have been in drought and have experienced lower than average rainfall for a number of years. I know there is a press release indicating the imminent need to impose level one water restrictions on Mullumbimby.

My concern is that this is not enough, or soon enough. No water coming out of the dam to feed the river. The river needs to be a healthy ecosystem with at least some flow. There are platypus and other wildlife in the river.

It seems the trigger point for water restriction to the town must be way too high if they have not yet been imposed and the river is drying up. The trigger point seems to be about the level of water in the dam to feed the town, and not about the health of the river.

What are Council's, and the communities' obligations to care for our river systems and wildlife? Surely restrictions need to be in place long before we reach this point?

The health of the ecosystem on which we, and the flora and fauna, depend



Cartoon by Jon Summers – YouTube Anotherfridayonthemoon

needs to have a higher priority.

I'm also concerned that more and more development is being approved in Mullumbimby and surrounds and I want to know where the water for this is going to come from? Each house will have flush toilets and showers, and we clearly do not have enough water now.

Many of, if not most of,

the inhabitants of our Shire are living here because they value the natural world around them, and sadly we are not doing enough to care for it. In some towns I have heard that it is mandatory for new homes and housing developments to have compost toilets and water tanks installed. This is worthy of consideration.

I hope we can raise

awareness and commit to action before it's too late – especially for our platypus.

Janine Taranto
Wilsons Creek

■ See story on page 5 – Ed

The time is now

Many of us are deeply concerned, thoroughly informed citizens, unwilling to commit to retrograde projects. Now is the time, the only time remaining, for us to put our shoulders to the common and desperate need of humanity. We must, with full urgency, take control of the gaseous thermostat of our common home.

One year ago my home was under threat of monstrous fires, which we all know will soon enough return, with even greater ferocity.

Most of us are fully aware of the overarching threat of carbon dioxide and subsequent thermal threat of methane release.

Our lives and the lives of our children are in political hands. The political calling to this decade is undoubtedly the highest demand in human history. Politicians must show us their metal

and stature. There is no time to waste to secure the Climate Act.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

Culture clash

A family walks on Seven Mile Beach possibly admiring the birdlife. Four-wheel-drive joyriders rip up the beach dangerously close and give the finger in passing – all in the NO VEHICLE zone north

of the Byron Shire border.

Police are called and they issue a warning. Really! Car power first, pedestrian families and wildlife last? Why must senseless slaughter of our wildlife continue unabated. It's locals [causing the damage] as well as visitors. Further, it is becoming more dangerous to intervene.

The whole coastline needs greater protection

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Oh, how we will miss Mungo's column!

■ I was sad to read in last week's *Echo* that it contained Mungo's last ever column.

I moved to this region in 1996 and have been a keen reader of his column every week since. His skill at analysing and informing readers of political goings on, both past and present, has kept me well informed and often entertained at the same time.

I'll miss your column, Mungo, and am sad to know your health has finally dictated your retirement. However, I'm astonished and gratified that you kept at it for so long. Your last column was as sharp as ever – I'm sad to know that the rigor involved in writing so well has taken its toll.

Wednesdays won't be the same up here in the hills of Goonengerry.

Kate Ramsay
Goonengerry

■ A brief note appended to Mungo's column last week advised that he was too ill to continue working. His swansong was, as always, sharp, insightful and humorous. On the *Pearls and Irritations* blog, a final,



Mungo MacCallum and Jenny Garrett together in 2013.
Photo Tree Faerie

poignant missive explained: 'I am rapidly winding down'. Go well Mungo, we'll miss you.

Dave Lisle
Goonengerry

■ One of the unexpected joys of moving to Mullumbimby fifteen years ago was to discover the treasures in our midst. Certainly to have Mungo MacCallum living and

working here was a gift.

In my opinion, he is one of Australia's most learned, erudite, incisive political writers of our time, and writing each week in our own local independent newspaper! Woohoo!

Of course, even if your political persuasion was not in line with his, you absolutely had to admire his writing, didn't you?

To see the footnote in last week's edition that it was probably to be the last of his insightful, often hilarious commentary on our world and the state we are all in, was very sad.

We all know that Mungo's health has looked a bit precarious for a few years, and following life saving surgery he lost his wonderful, resonating voice – but not his intellect or penmanship.

Now I wish that I had saved all his articles that really resonated (I did cut out several) but of course we have his books, which in themselves provide great insight into the era when Mungo was mostly working in Canberra.

Perhaps he will find the time and strength to continue producing his diabolical crosswords? How did he manage to roll these out every week?

So Mungo, all the best for whatever lies ahead and best wishes too, to Jenny, his devoted wife and partner in all things.

We will miss your wonderful column, Mungo.

Carole Gamble
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Though the oldest preserved chess puzzles date back a thousand years, it is often assumed that truly sophisticated chess ideas are recent.

When Dutch IM Gerard Welling defeated Ukrainian GM Vereslav Eingorn in 2006, the complex end-game trick he used went around the world.

In the position given in diagram 1, Eingorn, playing Black, believed he was close to winning and played 45...g5, only to be shocked by the reply 44.g4!! After thinking for 10 minutes, Eingorn extended his hand in resignation.

Welling later admitted that he had seen the winning theme on one of the most fascinating chess sites of the time: Chess Curiosities, run by

famed Dutch author Tim Krabbé (*The Vanishing, Delayed*).

Krabbé had traced the first game with the theme back to 1975 and there the matter stood until last month, when Welling found diagram 2 in a 19th century chess magazine, *Nordisk Skaktidende*. It was from a game Knoff – Bjornwall.

Knoff played 31.b4!! and the game concluded 31...axb4 32.a5 c5 33.a6! c4+ 34.Kc2 Kc6 35.d5+! and Black resigned. The magazine also noted the key variation 32...Kd6 33.Kc2 Kc7 34.Kb3 Kb7 35.Kxb4 Ka6 36.Kc5! Kxa5 37.Kxc6 b4 38.d5 b3 39.d6 b2 40.d7 b1(Q) 41.b8(Q) – with check! – after which White exchanges queens and wins.

As Krabbé says, this moves the first practical example of the trick back by almost a century.



Diagram 1 Black to play



Diagram 2 White to play

► Continued from page 13
– from South Ballina to the northern border of Byron Shire prohibit 4WDs from our beaches unless in possession of a Disability Pass or launching a boat. In Byron Shire the adequate rules simply need corresponding enforcement from police, NPWS and Byron Council.

Please take down licence plates and report offenders to the police. Don't give up when there is a no show. We are in for a season of hell for our natural, special areas. And link up with like-minded people. Don't doof while Byron burns!

Ian Cohen
Broken Head

Dream for sale

Right here in our little Shire a lot of money can be made by conjuring up the mirage of a quaint seaside or tree-change lifestyle. Selling is a dream in the Bay! Take Ewingsdale, for example, which is meant to be tranquil, as described in a real estate ad in last week's *Echo*.

Yes kind of true, unless the wind carries the highway noise into your abode, or you try to get into Byron, or elsewhere. Or what about Goonengerry, from where – according to another ad – it is 'an easy 20 minutes scenic drive to Byron Bay'. Via helicopter, maybe? Or check out a property advertised as located in the 'golden grid'?

Where the heck is that, you may ask? Well if you are not in the know, you might just not be rich enough!

It is time to move out and over, you hippies, musicians, artists, and barefoot gardeners of the Shire, and let the big end of town enjoy what you've created! But come



Cartoon by Jon Summers – YouTube Anotherfridayonthemoon

back every day via the traffic jam to clean, wait, and cook. And don't complain about the gig economy! How else can the big end of town get bigger?

It is sad to see such a beautiful place being loved to death and choked by car fumes. As a long-time resident who moved out of Byron in 2003, I can only watch in desperation and awe.

Gisela Stieglitz
Wooyung

Housing bites

The shocking lack of housing options for people who live and work in our shire continues to unfold. The crisis is now bleeding into areas and towns where people on modest incomes, once retreated to find homes they could afford to rent or buy.

It saddens me greatly to see this unfold, the logical end result can only be a region stripped of its diversity and ability to accommodate people from all socio economic groups.

Many instances around the globe should act as a cautionary tale to our shire. Think Venice where local artisans and residents can no longer afford to live in the city.

It seems state governments have all but given up on providing accessible public housing, so perhaps it's time for radical demands.

So what to do in the midst of this preposterous situation? We should be appealing to the social conscious of wealthy individuals purchasing multi-million dollar properties in our shire. I dare say that if you can cough up \$22 million for a home, you could likely buy an additional 'entry level' (probably about \$900k) property somewhere in the shire and dedicate it to being a permanent and affordable rental.

Perhaps such an act of generosity might be a way to ameliorate the social disadvantage and dislocation that confronts us. Who knows it might even dampen

some of the rage felt by those most effected by their town becoming an elite and exclusive enclave.

Katherine Tranberg
South Golden Beach

Something rotten...

My mum used Gladwrap when it first came out to stop strong smells going through-out the fridge.

I think today, our Glad, is doing something similar: 1. Her boyfriend (?) Maguire was forced out of the Liberal Party, and politics, by his secret girlfriend, the premier, following his involvement in a separate corruption enquiry in 2018. That enquiry heard evidence of Maguire's use of his public office for private gain and he continued this behaviour as well as their relationship

2. The secret \$53m Sydney land deal that left NSW taxpayers with an even bigger clean-up bill. The NSW government paid three times the \$15.5m the Valuer-General said the land was worth. Remediation at the site could be as high as \$200m. The lucky property company, Billbergia, made \$15mill in seven months for owners, John and Bill Kinsella.

3. The NSW government has been accused of short-changing Western Sydney, selling off land to developers but not putting enough money back in. New figures reveal thousands of government-owned properties worth \$4 billion have been sold in just five years.

4. Keeping isolated while waiting two hours for COVID test results – NOT!

5. Conceding \$140m was pork barrelling but wait, it's apparently not illegal!

No matter how much she wriggles and lets the mud slide off her Gladwrapped figure, no matter whether it is not 'illegal,' it leaves her, a 'leader' displaying absolutely no ethics nor morals. Bring on the next election!

Richard White
East Ballina

Consider the future

Many researchers and activists have contributed remarkable research to *The Echo* since the debate surrounding the health of the Belongil Estuary commenced. This effort creates the conditions for future planning and the integrity of ecological systems in the Byron Shire.

The research of David Pont, reminding us of the dangers of 'institutional forgetting', and the recent research of Dailan Pugh, Duncan Dey and others extends our view to address research on climate change and the fate of our changing water systems in the Shire.

Byron Shire Council needs to create the conditions whereby this research can be incorporated into a Working Draft strategy with the input of local First Nations people. Council needs to address the fate of the Belongil, water dispersment, and look towards future healing and climate change issues.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Well done Catherine

An excellent letter from Allan Veacock (2 December) praising Liberal MLC Catherine Cusack for her principled stand against Nationals bully-boy John Barilaro and his cohorts for once again trying to trash NSW's land clearing laws protecting prime koala habitat.

Thank you, Catherine Cusack you have gained the respect of all North Coast environmentalists regardless of politics. Local Nationals MP's Ben Franklin and Chris Gulaptus should be tarred and feathered for their support of this legislation designed to aid developers.

The Nationals are notorious environmental vandals, and for Gladys Berejiklian to cave in so easily to bullies like John (Pork) Barilaro shows just how weak she is. Is it any wonder she saw or heard no evil (or so she claims) in the years she was intimately involved with corrupt former MP Daryl Maguire?

The Nationals now struggle to hold their once safe regional seats. National MP for Port Macquarie, Leslie Williams, defected to the Liberals over koala policy. In our area they lost Ballina to the Greens and Lismore to Labor. In western NSW they've lost three once safe seats to the Shooters, Fishers, and Farmers Party. To say the Nationals are in decline is a massive understatement.

Keith Duncan
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Concerns raised over site of new mobile Byron Wildlife Hospital

Aslan Shand

The new mobile Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital was launched at The Farm on Thursday, 26 November. Following the launch the purpose-equipped trailer headed to a site on Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay to start operations the following day. The mobile hospital aims to support local wildlife groups in treating injured wildlife, as well as heading out to areas where wildlife need on-the-ground treatment following natural and human-made disasters that impact wildlife, like the Black Summer fires. Both important and much needed roles in the area and around Australia.

DA to be submitted

However, like any project in Byron it's not without its objectors. The project has been two years in the making, according to Byron Wildlife Hospital CEO Dr Stephen Van Mil, who operates as a vet from Lennox Head.

Council has confirmed that they don't currently have approved access or a development application (DA) approved for the site.

Dr Van Mil has assured *The Echo* that they have permission to use the site even though its current zoning is environmentally protected 7(b) Coastal Habitat under Byron LEP 1988 which prohibits development without consent.

Following a meeting with Byron Shire Council staff on Friday, 27 November, the day the facility started operation, Dr Van Mil supplied *The Echo* with a copy of a letter from Council in which Council staff state that, 'A pad was constructed as exempt



The new mobile Byron Bay Wildlife Hospital has started operation at a site next to Ewingsdale Road.

development for the vehicle to park upon'.

The Echo sought clarification from Council regarding under which specific legislation the pad was exempt. A Council spokesperson responded saying, 'There are provisions that exempt hard stand spaces in the Code's SEPP which will be considered as part of the application assessment process. The vehicle is legally parked so no permission is required to park a vehicle in that location.'

A Council spokesperson said that while the site is 'Currently 7(b) Coastal Habitat under Byron LEP 1988 [the] subject area adjacent to the Island Quarry is to be rezoned to RU2 as part of the Stage 2 E Zoning review.'

Site access

During the launch of the Wildlife Hospital the project's founders spoke to their vision that this is only the beginning for the wildlife hospital. The founders said that they see a future space as serving 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.

Access to the site where the mobile unit is located is via the already congested Ewingsdale Road, and the impact of potential future development of this site for education and tourism has been questioned.

'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,' said a Byron Shire Council spokesperson.

'A development application is to follow for the use of part of the land as a mobile Wildlife Hospital. A DA has been lodged in the NSW Planning Portal but [is] yet to be registered by Council.

'Council's understanding is that the mobile Wildlife Hospital will be parked on the land in between its travels to areas of need. When parked, local wildlife carers will be the primary users for wildlife drop off for emergency and or specialist care. It will not be accessed by the general public.

'When registered, the DA will be exhibited. With Christmas approaching this is likely to be in January.'

Vegetation removal

Additional concerns raised over the removal of some vegetation at the site have also been investigated by Council who told *The Echo* that, 'Staff inspected the site yesterday (25 November) and confirmed they had not removed any more trees/vegetation from [those] that were felled previously and were putting the trees through the wood chipper.

'These trees/vegetation were on land under the remit of Local Land Services (LLS) who have visited the site and provided separate advice.'

According to a LLS spokesperson, 'Under the Local Land Services Act 2013, landowners on rural land have access to certain allowable activities that permit them to undertake routine agricultural maintenance such as vegetation management for fencelines.'

The maximum clearing area along fencelines has recently been increased to 25m under bushfire regulations.

'It is understood that regeneration/replanting of this area is to follow,'

said Byron Council's spokesperson.

'Staff will discuss the status of the above section 138, timing for DA and any unresolved complaints lodged by community.

'All complaints logged with Council and substantiated with appropriate

evidence will be dealt with as per Council's Enforcement Policy.'

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment said they are unable to comment on the activity at the site as it 'is currently an active investigation'.

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North Coast residents have been reminded of the dangers of touching injured and dead flying foxes as the summer season approaches.

The Byron Shire is home to multiple colonies of endangered Grey-headed Flying Foxes, but caring for the bats should be left to professionals. Bats can carry a large number of viruses including Australian Bat Lyssavirus, which can be extremely dangerous to humans if bitten or scratched by a flying fox carrying it.

North Coast Public Health Unit Director Paul Corben urged residents to not handle

the animals, even if they find them injured and distressed.

'You may put yourself at risk, and also cause more harm to the bat. So, call your local authorised wildlife rehabilitation group or a local veterinarian,' he said.

Vital pollinators

The abundance of flowering trees in urban areas may provide an explanation into their recent move to urban areas explains Peter Boyde, Biodiversity Officer, at Byron Shire Council.

'We think the bats may be migrating to these urban areas because of how quick and easy they're able to get

food from all of the garden fruit and flower trees.'

Council is attempting to reduce the conflict between humans and bat colonies by creating areas of better vegetation nearby that may attract the bats away from the food in urban areas.

'Bats are a vital part of our ecosystem here, they act as our primary pollinators for trees that act as food for koalas,' Mr Boyd said.

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Clarkes Beach and the impact of climate change and rising sea levels

■ Oliver Dunne (Letters, 2 December) writes a lengthy letter attacking local environmental expert Dailan Pugh and claiming, 'The Clarkes Beach dune blowout was most definitely not caused by climate change or long-term sea level rise'.

Dunne cites an article that appeared in *The Conversation* (<https://bit.ly/33vvV32>) to support his statement. But *The Conversation* article doesn't argue this at all. In fact, it says the opposite, making several references to 'climate drivers' and other potential climate impacts on the scale of the Headline Effect.

Either Dunne did not read *The Conversation* article, or did not understand it. Or perhaps his letter to the editor was a deliberate attempt to mislead.

As editor of *RenewEconomy* for the past nine years, I witness the actions of climate deniers on a daily basis. This is one of their favourite ruses – cite an article, claim it says something different, and hope that everyone is too lazy or too busy to check.

The matters before us at Byron, and elsewhere in the

world, are too important for such reckless claims. This is no time to deny the science, we must respect the experts.

So Mr Dunne, please enjoy your privileged views, but try and open your eyes next time.

Giles Parkinson
Montecollum

■ Oliver Dunne's insistence that the current erosion at Clarkes Beach has nothing to do with rising sea levels is both right and wrong. In the short-term, it is a result of a lack of sand supply around Cape Byron – variations in this supply cause Clarkes and Main beaches to build up and erode on a timescale of months.

Similarly, major storms such as those in the late '60s and early '70s caused erosion that may be followed by recovery of the beach on a timescale of years.

Underlying these variations are the long-term sand supply deficit and rising sea levels, working on a timescale of centuries and causing a slow but steady loss of beach sand, a loss which is hard to see in the short term as it is much less than the short-term variations.

The beaches may have

stabilised since the storms of the '60s/'70s, but they haven't recovered to former pre-storm condition, just as the northern end of the Belongil spit has never recovered from the storms of the late nineteenth century.

One way to address this long-term trend, and help manage the short-term variations, would be to get sand from the sand lobe off Cape Byron; but this was costed at \$38 million in 2006 – I suspect it would cost twice that to do it now.

Oliver suggests that there are other cheaper options, but doesn't detail these, other than perhaps pumping sand from Cosy Corner.

Dailan Pugh says we need a plan, but doesn't suggest what that plan might be.

I don't know what the answer is, but I do know that addressing the short-term variations in sand supply but ignoring the long-term erosion trend and rising sea levels will not produce an effective solution. Of course, we could take the advice of another letter writer and put our trust in Trumpian fairy tales and conspiracy theories.

Matthew Lambourne
Mullumbimby

■ I have been contributing to the discussion over the issue of Byron beach erosion to encourage consideration of the long-term impacts of rising sea-levels owing to global heating, though for my efforts I have been attacked by Oliver Dunne, Matt Hartley, Jim Mangelson and others.

After years of research and observation I think I have a good knowledge of the studies, reports, and history of this issue, as well as the coastal processes involved.

I represented BEACON on Council's Coastline Management Committee from 2002–07 and Byron Residents' Group on the Coastal Zone Management Byron Bay Embayment Plan Project Reference Group in 2015–16.

I am fully aware that there are numerous short-term processes affecting the volume and location of sand on our beaches at any point in time as sand comes and goes, though the overall trend is that over the past 70 years there has been an average sand loss of some 50,000m³ per annum from the Byron embayment.

Oliver Dunne's claims that

I am advocating that Byron Bay residents pack their bags and move to Casino, or trying to stop toddlers being pushed in prams to the lighthouse, or stopping surfing are all ludicrous hyperbole.

Byron Council clearly identified those zones vulnerable to coastal erosion over the next 100 years back in 1986 when they adopted planned retreat, and required new buildings in those zones to be demountable so they can be moved back from the coast as it erodes.

I don't see what the problem is with moving holiday cabins in Reflections Holiday Park, or the Byron Bay Beach Cafe, back from the brink to leave room for the beach.

When I moved to Byron Bay I intentionally bought a property outside the coastal erosion zones, and just considering coastal recession my house will be okay for the next 100 years, as will the mothers pushing prams up to the lighthouse, and surfers (provided engineers don't mess with their breaks).

It is those people who bought in the mapped coastal erosion zones who

may have problems with coastal recession. Though anything they built since then had to be capable of being moved out of harm's way.

When it comes to a choice between building a rock wall to protect movable buildings or retaining a public beach by allowing it to move inland, my preference is for the beach.

While Jim Mangelson apparently agrees with Dr Derrick's claims that climate change and sea-level rise are a hoax, sadly, they aren't.

Like it or not, sea-levels are rising in response to global heating and this is already contributing to Byron's erosion problems and will greatly exacerbate them into the future, which will become most apparent when we get our next period of cyclonic erosion.

Byron needs a plan to adapt to the climate changes already locked in, while our State and Federal governments need to take urgent action to curb and sequester our carbon emissions to limit the magnitude of future sea-level rises.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

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Come and explore Leisurescapes this Christmas.

Lot 2, Grevillea Street, A&I Estate, Byron Bay

6685 6990

www.leisurescapes.com.au

@leisurescapesbyronbay

Bruns News post COVID sale

Bruns News is ready for Christmas with big discounts on everything – including artwork, jewellery and ceramics. Many small gift items representing Brunswick Heads are at hot prices, and are ideally suited as presents for people in the area and those that would like to be. These include budget postcards, gift cards, rings, earrings, bangles and bracelets, stickers and patches and much more. You will be amazed at how much can fit into such a small shop. Let's make this Christmas a celebration of surviving 2020 and charge on into 2021.

Park Street, Brunswick Heads (next to the Bakery)



Brunswick Heads Newsagents

Everything discounted for the month of December.

More than just a Newsagent.

Up to 70% off selected items.

In Park Street:
Next to the bakery.

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The Wellbeing Store

Byron Bay’s premium gifting store, The Wellbeing Store is now open. Perfect for the gift giving season, The Wellbeing Store’s range of unique thoughtful gifts means there is something for everyone. The wellbeing collection includes carefully curated kits from Me Time, to Press Pause and Byron Bay Good Vibes or you are invited to curate your own in store with founder and Wellbeing Expert, Fleur Marks. All kits are hand-wrapped with beautiful bespoke, sustainable packaging, ready to pop under the Christmas tree. Plus check out their range of gorgeous greeting cards. Give the gift of wellbeing this season.

The Wellbeing Store is more than just a bricks and mortar space. This store will be a space where wellbeing changes lives. Where the joy of giving is realised. A place that feels like a big hug. A place where many memories are made.

Come and visit in store or online.

28 Parkes Avenue, Byron Bay
0404 676 750
www.thewellbeingstore.com.au

What is The Avatar course?

Living Deliberately: The Discovery and Development of Avatar by Harry Palmer (Paperback – 1994)

Many people are trapped in mind-numbing routines. Their lives carom through a changing landscape of directions, rules, wins, and losses.

THEN, occasionally, someone wakes up and realises, “Hey, I am alive.” This is an extraordinary moment. When it is examined, a seeker is born: “Life! What’s this all about?”

Living Deliberately is the story of the birth of a seeker, Harry Palmer. Wake up. Read this book.

Available at AvatarOceania.com/shop for \$20, this is a gift that will open the doors of curiosity and offers a step in the direction of the ReSurfacing Workshop and The Avatar Course. Now available online.

Local Byron Bay Avatar Master Moni Jowsey is available on 0411643935 for free introductory sessions.



Now Open

A beautiful collection of wellbeing products.
Perfect for the gift giving season.


Come visit us at
**The Habitat, 28 Fullerton Lane,
Byron Bay**

*Live life as if it is rigged
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- Rumi

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ReSurfacing®


‘ReSurfacing® is an expedition into consciousness that you personalise according to your own needs. How far you go is a matter for you to determine, and the truth you discover will be your truth....

Prepare to experience your creation of consciousness and the physical universe in all its wonder.’

– Harry Palmer, author of the Avatar® Materials

The ReSurfacing Workshop is available online for \$330.

Explore, enjoy, and experience Avatar books and courses with Moni Jowsey in Byron Bay.



0411 643 935 moniquej@avataroceania.com

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Red Ginger

Walking through the doors of the Red Ginger stores in Byron Bay and Bangalow is a delight to all your senses. Like walking the lanes of a Chinese market surrounded by the sights, smells and flavours of Asia.

The steamed dumplings are famous, and it's a treat to sit in the store or on the lovely veranda in Bangalow to eat with free green tea, or take them home for an Asian treat.

Red Ginger is your one stop Asian grocery and homewares shop, including locally sourced products, fresh organic Asian produce from Boon Luck Farm and locally foraged seaweeds. For anyone who is cooking Asian food, they have the best brands.

Teas, teapots, Japanese ceramics and many beautiful Asian-inspired furniture items, homewares and gifts fill the store.

111 Jonson Street, Byron Bay.

6680 9779

38 Station Street, Bangalow. 6687 2808

Summer has arrived at Bell & Ford!

The Byron Bay and Bangalow stores are fully stocked for the new season with their favourite labels, from Australia and around the world, thoughtfully selected to suit our relaxed, beachside lifestyle.

Bell & Ford specialises in a carefully curated collection of soft, natural fabrics such as cotton, silk, and linen in wearable shapes, styles, colours, and prints. The clothing is complemented by a beautiful selection of accessories, from jewellery and scarves to leather goods, and they have a strong focus on ethically and sustainably sourced and produced products.

Visit them at 3/111 Jonson Street, Byron Bay and 44 Byron Street, Bangalow. They're open seven days a week.

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Devine Quality Meats

Vince Devine and his friendly team in Mullumbimby are here to help with all your festive feasting needs. They have delicious hams that are smoked in house, as well as a range of turkeys, ducks, chickens and turduckins. All meats are locally sourced, antibiotic and hormone free and their award-winning sausages are a must try. Also stocking quality deli and small goods – they have a great range!

Order now for Christmas by dropping in to the store
64 Stuart St, Mullumbimby
or calling 6684 2015.



Mullumbimby optometry colleen Reilly and Greg Litchfield

Come and meet the highly qualified optometrists and dispensers at Mullumbimby Optometry to get the best advice you need on eye care. Optometry is about the early detection of eye disease eg macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataracts. Comprehensive testing includes: Retinal photography, visual field testing and retinal scanning, for all spectacle and contact lens prescriptions.

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6 LOVE EVENTS

Planning your next social outing, Christmas party or celebration? Let the games begin with 6 Love Events.

Enjoy an afternoon in blissful Bangalow with exclusive access to tennis courts, tennis tournaments & games, tasty food, stylish shaded seating set up, tunes, lots of extras and great company.

With packages to suit small or large groups of all skill sets, 6 Love is sure to be the soir  e that your crew talks about for years to come.

Get the crew together, choose your date, get your tennis outfits ready, dust off your racquet, get down to the Bangalow Tennis Court – and the rest is up to them! Perfect for families, friends and corporate groups.

For more detail find them at @6loveevents

Please contact 6loveevents@gmail.com for bookings.

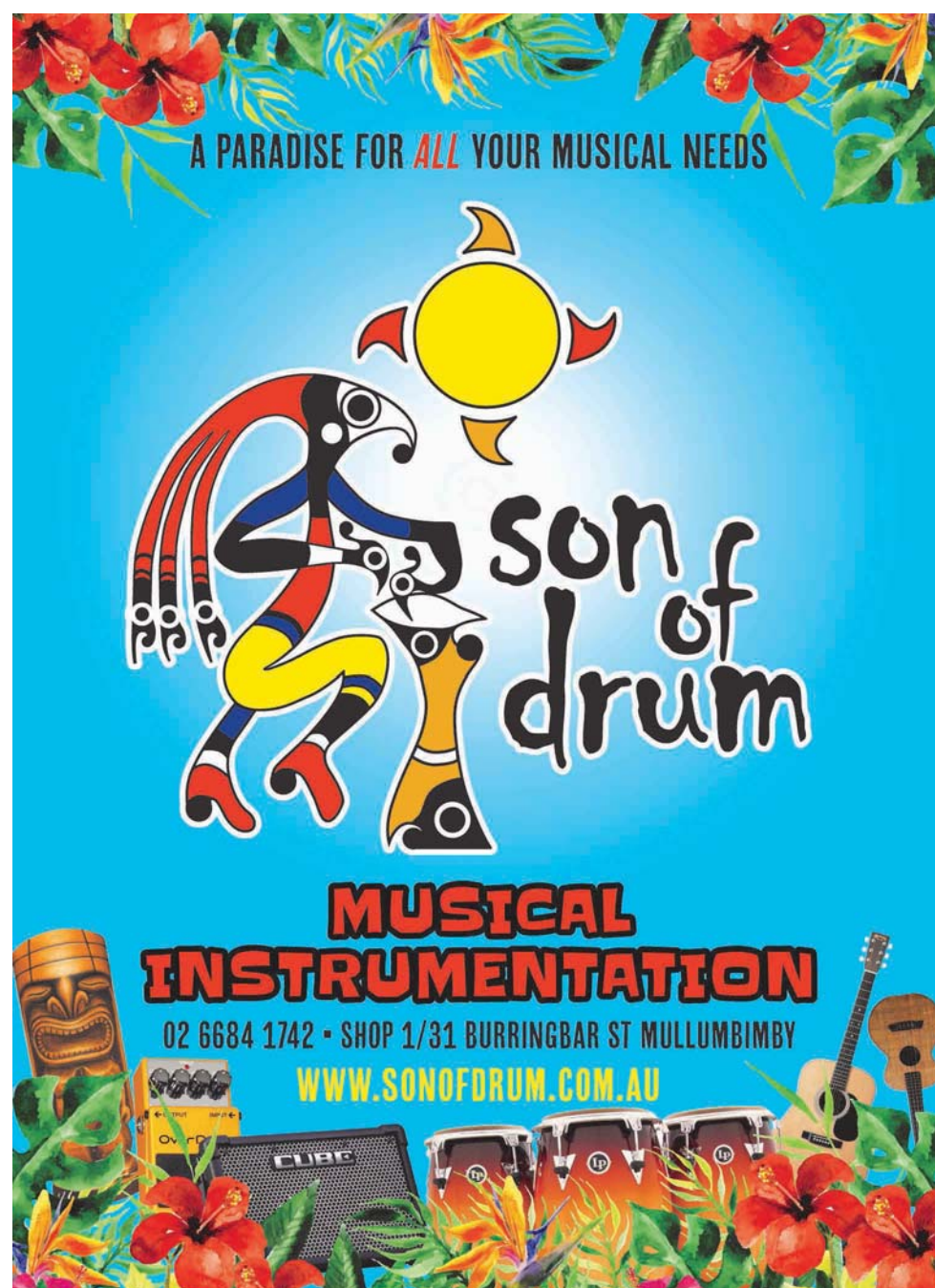
Dispensing musical medicine

Son of Drum is a candy store for adults – alive with the sounds of musical instruments you can try out and taste with your ears! They have musical instruments and accessories for all ages and skill levels to suit any budget. Their range is constantly evolving and improving, so it's always worth swinging by regularly to keep up to date with what's new. They also carry out instrument repairs and arrange tuition. They pride themselves on their helpful and intimate local knowledge. Oh yeah, and their prices are pretty competitive too! Drop in and see what they can do for you before you buy anywhere else, including online. You may be pleasantly surprised! They're fully stocked for Xmas.

Shop 1 / 31 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby

6684 1742

www.sonofdrum.com.au





Christmas Message from Justine Elliot MP

Christmas is a special time of year when families, friends, neighbours, and communities come together to celebrate the festive season.

This year Christmas is even more special as 2020 has been a tough year for so many in our community.

Throughout these challenges we've seen such generosity from locals who've reached out to help each other, and that's what makes the north coast such a great place to live. It's a privilege and an honour to serve the people of Richmond in our Federal Parliament and I'm so proud of how much we've achieved by working together.

My husband Craig, our children Alexandra and Joe, and I all wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a happy and exciting New Year.

Justine Elliot

Federal Member for Richmond

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Byron Bay Pork

It's that very merry time of year again and the butchers at Byron Bay Pork are preparing the finest cuts of Christmas meats and selections for customers.

Your local family-owned business in Mullumbimby, they source premium quality pork, beef, lamb and goat from their family farms. All meats are antibiotic and hormone free.

They have locally sourced and smoked leg hams along with free range chickens, ducks and turkeys. Their specialty sausage range includes a gluten-free variety, salami and they stock a range of locally produced smallgoods, sauces, spices and products.

Come in and see the friendly staff or place an order on the phone, for all your festive season needs.

Open Monday to Saturday.

70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby

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This Christmas, I'm asking you to

SHOP LOCALLY

Local businesses have been
doing it tough this year.

If you can, please join me in
supporting local businesses when
you do your Christmas shopping this
year - and every year!

Wishing you and your family a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Justine
Elliot MP
Your local Labor MP



Labor



Authorised by Justine Elliot, ALP
107 Minjungbal Dr Tweed Heads South



A Rewarding Career in Childcare

Looking for an exciting and rewarding career in Childcare in 2020? Love children and want to work as an Early Childhood Educator Assistant, Family Day Care Educator or Nanny? Byron Community College's nationally recognised CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care will help you achieve that.

Be guided by their highly skilled and industry current tutors to start your career in this rewarding industry.

The course includes work placement, enabling you to practise and hone your skills and knowledge in the early childhood education and care industries, giving you invaluable opportunities to develop relationships with local facilities.

Enrolments are now open. NSW Government subsidised fees and free-free funding is available for eligible applicants. For more information visit www.byroncollege.org.au or call 6684 3374.



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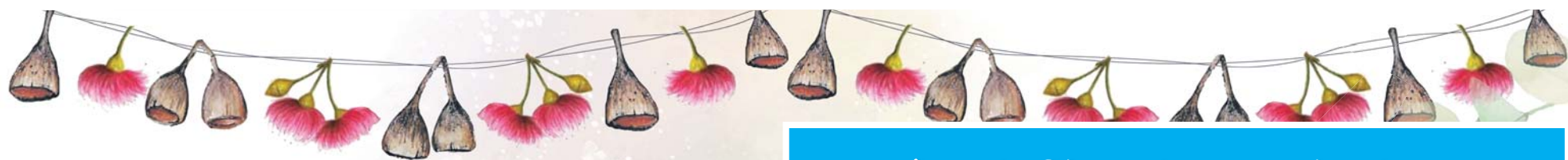
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Byron Beach Santa

Celebrate life on the coast with a stunning Christmas portrait taken on your favourite beach. These are the best photos to end the crazy year.

COVID Safe, socially distanced on the beach photoshoots are running until 20 December. Bookings are essential.

Photos are by Byron landscape photographer, Sera J Write, in partnership with Byron Beach Santa.

This is Byron Beach Santa's fifth year visiting the beaches of Byron Shire and each year hundreds of families fall in love with these gorgeous natural light photos.

Byron Beach Santa is produced by Jane Saunders

Byronbeachsanta.com

Peek Gallery

Peek Gallery currently showcases a collection of landscape paintings, figurative and abstract works by local artist and owner Gabrielle Pool, as well as Bill Undery and Davide Uliana.

Not only can you view a variety of artworks from small inks on paper through to major oils on canvas, there is also the option of Residential and Commercial Commissions. This broad range of work will suit all art lovers, from first time buyers to established collectors, and the gallery is able to offer the independent services of fine art valuer Brenda Colahan of BCFA.

Whether you need an affordable print or you're in the market for investment art to add to your collection, they can accommodate you.

7/8 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

0488 646 464

www.peekgallery.com

The best Christmas photos are with Byron Santa on the Beach!

Don't miss out!

SANTA ON THE BEACH
Covid safe set: bookings essential

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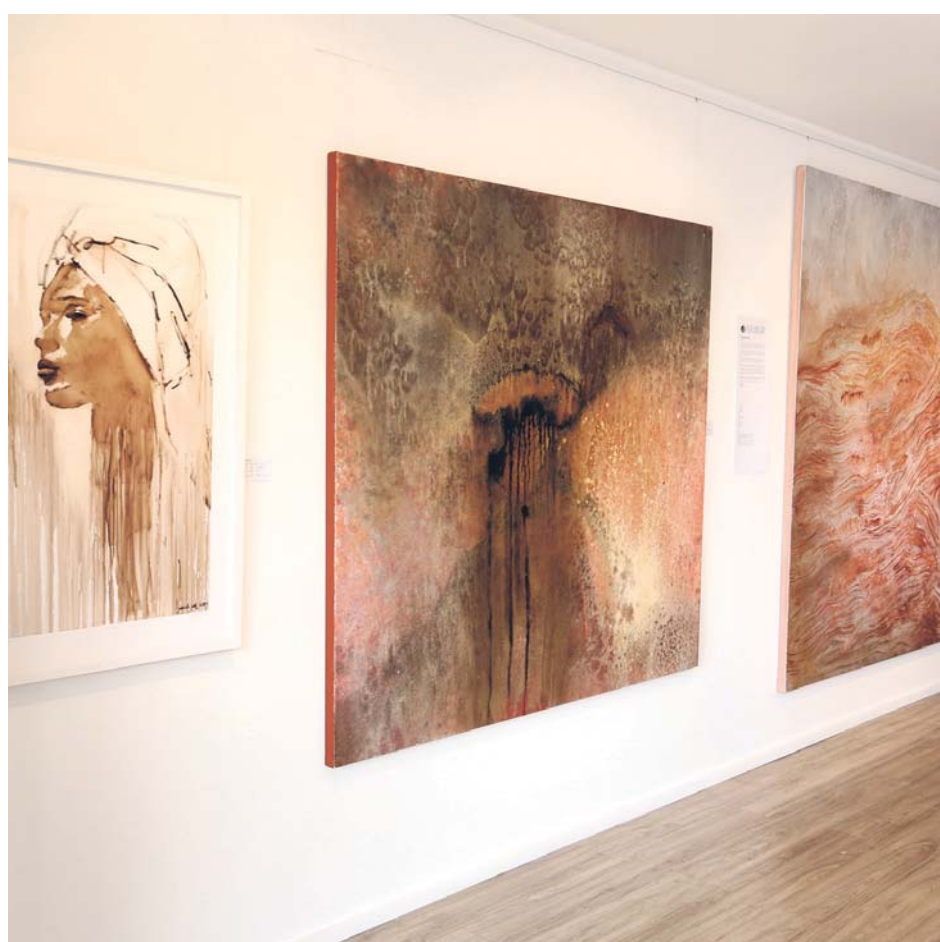
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Dance Dynamics

Dance Dynamics is Byron’s premier and longest running dance school with a great team of teachers to provide the highest quality and personalised care in dance education.

Director, Kate Histon, says ‘We are a school that was built on strong values, developing students from the inside and out, promoting self-esteem, inclusiveness, dedication, commitment, self-belief, friendship and kindness. These values are what have kept our school going for so long as well as fresh ideas and creativity and a great team.’

Dance Dynamics has a beautiful home-base-studio, a professional bespoke centre in the Arts and Industry Estate. Comprised of two dance studios, both with intricate sprung flooring and fully airconditioned.

Dance Dynamics offers quality training for dance in all styles. For the recreational dancer to aspiring professional, 3 years to adults. Dance Dynamics is a welcoming fun place to be.

Enrol online today www.byrondancedynamics.com.au (Click “Enrol Here”) or Phone 66807250. Instagram @byrondancedynamics

Summer Dance School

Dance Dynamics is excited to announce its 2021 Summer Dance School workshop dates 11–13 January.

This is a great opportunity to check out the school and have a great time in airconditioned studios. A mix of styles to enjoy with some special guest teachers and in-house teachers.

Dance Dynamics offers quality training for dance in all styles. For the recreational dancer to aspiring professional, 3 years to adults. Dance Dynamics is a welcoming fun place to be.

To book your spot, please follow this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BLXAA> (First in best dressed) This is an exciting workshop not to be missed! Cost \$160



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Everfresh Fruit & Veg at Ballina Fair

Everfresh Fruit & Veg is the place to go for locally sourced fresh fruit, vegetables and specialty goods for your Christmas feast. Stocking in-season trays of mangoes, boxes of cherries, all your salad needs and much more.

To help with COVID19 restrictions Everfresh are asking that we are all a little bit organised this year as retailers are limited to how many people can be in store at any one time. Call to place your order and they will then pick and pack ready for collection, saving you time and long queues. Once your order is picked and packed they will send you a text letting you know it's ready for collection at your earliest convenience.

Ballina Fair Shopping Centre
84 Kerr St, Ballina
6681 6981

BonBon by Belle Vie

Your bespoke keto/paleo and plant based Ayurvedic caterer, BonBon by Belle Vie specialises in keto/paleo raw sweets, treats, biscuits, cakes, desserts, meals, meal prep platters, grazing boxes and gift boxes.

Don't live life stressing about dietary requirements. They can cover most dietary requirements, including Fodmap, ketogenic, and even vegan ketogenic.

Order through a local environmentally conscious business that uses Australian grown produce, most of which is grown in our beautiful region. Most of which is also organic, or at least spray free, and all of which is fresh, delicious and healthy. Ask about their festive season treats and desserts: trifle, white xmas, rum balls, fruit mince pies, custard, ginger cookies, and Christmas puddings.

BonBon by Belle Vie are also offering full service picnics.

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Email enquiries to bonbonbybelle@gmail.com
BonBon by Belle Vie – Beautiful Life Candy.



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Bodhi Living

Bodhi Living is a conceptual furniture store that strives to bring home the magic of rich and vibrant cultures, looking for character, beauty and quality in everything they source. Bodhi showcases unique, antique pieces from around the world, combined with a range of contemporary furniture, rugs, lighting, décor and art.

They also offer a unique and personalised design experience with the support of their knowledgeable team. They can help guide their clients through residential, commercial and contract projects with in-house design consultation, planning and execution.

At Bodhi they believe a home is an extension of one's self and they work with their clients to draw on your personal style, creating considered spaces that enrich the soul and are imbued with character and meaning.

Shop 1-2/18 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay

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@bodhi.living

Ballina Fair Shopping Centre

Enjoy everything in the one location, your Christmas shopping made easy and COVID Safe at Ballina Fair. With free car parking it's easy to shop for all of your Christmas needs under one roof. Offering a great range of retail stores for gifts, food, alcohol and essentials.

Santa will be at the Fair daily. With instant on-the-spot photo printing available have the kids enjoy a special moment and capture it for a keepsake.

For Christmas trading hours and information about what's happening, see the website www.ballinafair.com.au and follow them on Facebook & Instagram.

84 Kerr Street, Ballina

6686 8555

www.ballinafair.com.au

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Enjoy the convenience of having everything in the one location. Ballina Fair, it's your local, with over 55 specialty retailers including Woolworths, Target, Best & Less, The Reject Shop, Cotton On Mega, Ballina Fair Cinemas and Kaisercraft.

It's all here under the one roof, plus free parking.

SANTA PHOTOS

Enjoy a magic moment with Santa, with photos printed instantly.

DATES AND TIMES:

Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th Dec: 10AM-2PM
Monday 14th to Saturday 19th Dec: 10AM-4PM
Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th Dec: 9AM-5PM

LOCATION: outside Target

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Have your gifts beautifully wrapped for a gold coin donation.

DATES AND TIMES:

Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th Dec: 10am to 3pm
Sunday 20th to Thursday 24th Dec: 9am - 4pm

LOCATION: outside Target



BALLINAFAIR.COM.AU


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SHOPPING CENTRE



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Love Byron Bay crêperie and chocolate boutique

Fa la la la, la ooh la la!

Delight everyone with the taste of artisan chocolate and French fruit flans this Christmas.

Festive fruit flans and gourmet chocolate hampers take centre stage on the table and under the tree.

Gourmet chocolate hampers overflowing with a connoisseur selection of artisan chocolate, rocky road, confectionary, nougat, marzipan and praline and truffle gift boxes. They also have gift boxes suitable for any dietary preference including vegan and GF.

Delight every member of the family.

Festive fruit flans from L'Ultime are 'naughty and nice'. Think Shortbread base covered in dark couverture chocolate, topped with French vanilla custard and covered in an abundance of seasonal fruit. Delicious!

Made to order, so place your order by 17 December for collection just prior to Christmas Day.

3 Lawson St (next to Spar Supermarket).

Open 7 days, 10am-10pm

6685 7974

www.love-byronbay.com

FB and Inst: @lovebyronbaycch



Linen House

If there's one thing to know, it's that Linen House Mullumbimby is your gift destination this Christmas!

2020 has seen us through challenging times – it's time to go all-out on gifting your loved ones.

Give that someone special a sense of reinvigoration, whether with new quilt cover sets, sheets, towels, pillows and decorative vases and ceramics or even super-comfy loungewear in pure linen to keep those hot days at bay.

Summer means alfresco dining – everyone adores a stylish dining theme in refreshing hues and textures. Think placemats, table runners, napkins and of course, tablecloths for that enviable hosting style.

Stay tuned for weekly promotions held in-store – Grab yourself some goodies at 33 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby 02 6684 6452.

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crêperie and chocolate boutique

FESTIVE FRUIT FLANS
TAKE CENTRE STAGE

Looks Superb, Tastes Divine!

Celebrate your Christmas with the ultimate
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Place your order prior **17 December**
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Delicious and fresh, combining
a layer of decadent dark
chocolate over shortbread
base and topped with vanilla
French custard and a show-
stopping array of local
seasonal fruits and berries.

3 Lawson St (next to Spar).
Open 7 days, 10am-10pm

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33 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby
Ph: 6684 6452 | @linenhouse_outlets

It's on again!

Mullum Shop Local this Christmas!

Shop Local & Win!

GET YOUR ENTRIES AND WIN! Spend \$20 or more at a participating store during the Mullum Shop Local campaign for your chance to win one of 20 \$100 shopping vouchers*

WEEK 2 WINNERS! and where they shopped

Margig Meberich
IGA Mullumbimby

Alzie Bambach
Santos

Alistair Larmour
Stewart's Menswear

Anya Gerashenko
Mullum Instyle Living

Andy
Mitre 10

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MARCH 31, 2021.



Margig Meberich, collecting their
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- 3 Main Arm Mechanical
- 4 Mullumbimby Tyres
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the scoop

Byron Community College

Byron Community College's Term 4 program is winding up with a couple of courses still to go – *Improve Your Gut Health* and *Vegan Banquet*.

Enrolments for the Term 1 program running from January to April 2021 are now open. Book into a class or workshop before 24 December and receive 15 per cent off using the code **EARLYBIRD** at checkout.

Look out for some exciting new courses such as *Working With The Media*, *Web Design With Wordpress*, *Bring In The Clowns*, and *Bicycle Repair and Maintenance* to name a few. The ever popular art, sustainability and craft courses will all be returning in Term 1 again.

Enrolments are now open. For more info and enrolments visit www.byroncollege.org.au, or call 02 6684 3374.



Shackpalace Rituals

Artisan collectables for your home at Shackpalace Rituals.

Stepping into the Shackpalace Rituals concept store you may experience an overwhelming sense of calm. This local, family run business has a passion for thinking differently about the way we live in our homes.

Designing and sourcing luxurious, handmade, artisan homewares and products Shackpalace Rituals help us stay a little more mindful everyday.

In their Byron Bay and online stores you will find an exquisite collection of organic botanical and traditional teas, and unique tea and coffee wares, as well as an extensive selection of linen, items for your bathing ritual, botanical skincare, unique kitchenware pieces, small furniture items and much more. Gift selection is a speciality for the team at Shackpalace and they offer complimentary gift wrapping in store.

**Shop 8, 1 Porter Street, Byron Bay
(in the Habitat precinct)**

Follow @shackpalace | www.shackpalace.com



Byron Bay Traders

Let's face it. Christmas 2020, a chain store gift card just isn't going to cut it. Think locally made, or ethically sourced. Think unique and sustainability. Located in the Arts & Industry Estate, Byron Bay Traders is a collective showroom and retail space for local designers, makers and small business.

It's a shopping oasis free of trolleys and Christmas music. Tasteful and inviting, the space is a collective of great local brands and gives you the opportunity to consciously support small local businesses.

Whether you are looking for exotic inspiration from a hand-woven Turkish towel or special jewellery pieces, the unmistakable smell of a quality leather bag, beautiful unique ceramics, organic botanicals or an individual art piece, Byron Bay Traders can help you find the perfect gift.

**17 Banksia Drive, open Mon-Sat
0434 368 522 | hello.byronbaytraders@gmail.com**

Mr Mac: Serving the Byron Shire since 2001

Dave Carnovale is 'Mr Mac': Byron Shire's go-to Mac support service.

Specialising in Apple computer related issues, Mr Mac offers upgrades, fine-tuning and system optimisation. Often the solution involves software updates, application upgrades or iCloud activation and setup.

For certain models, enhancements such as extra RAM or storage can improve your computing experience. He can also offer advice on system upgrades that best suit your needs.

Items needing physical repair or attention can be dropped off at the Mr Mac lab in Brunswick Heads for system recovery, upgrades, software installation and specific repairs. Items thoroughly cleaned on arrival and prior to pickup.

**Go to www.mrmacintosh.com.au,
Fb (Mr Macintosh), Instagram (@mrmacbyronbay)
or text 0418 408 869 for bookings.**



Introducing Mick from Farm Care

After attending Mullum High, Mick embarked on a career working on sheep and cattle stations all over remote Australia as well as working in the mining and feedlot sectors. He has recently started with Farm Care in Mullum to look after pumps and irrigation services. Farm Care's new services in water reticulation and pumping solutions include: After hours emergency service, pressure pump repairs, water filtration and sterilisation, automated garden watering, solar bore pump solutions, automation and remote start technology, off grid options, and fire suppression.

Farm Care can offer tailored solutions to suit any application. Drop in and say g'day to see how they can help you today.

**101-105 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby
6684 2022 | www.farmcare.com.au**

Trident Water

Trident Water was established during last year's drought and fire season.

It was uber dry. The fires were bearing down on communities. Those living in Upper Main Arm just could not get any water, as access was difficult for a car, let alone a truckload of water.

Trident Water – Remote Access Delivery was born out of this necessity. To get water to people who previously had no possibility of doing so.

Utilising their 4wd Unimog Truck with a 5000 litre tank, they're able to service households, farms, businesses and schools throughout the region. During the off season they are able to move and deliver just about anything else.

They would like to thank the Northern Rivers community for their support last season and look forward to helping you when the need arises.

0412 580 564 | FB: @TridentWtr



My Geek Mate

Give the ultimate gift this Christmas, the gift of knowledge (there are probably better gifts but not many). If you know anyone that is struggling with their technology then buy them a gift card to see Mark the Chief Geek at My Geek Mate in Ballina. He helps people become comfortable with the use of their technology, whether it is a smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, computer or Christmas Elf running on artificial intelligence.

You could just gift yourself... anyway you get the gist, just go and see him in Ballina where the parking is still free and the potholes are fixed. Have a cup of tea and enjoy your new digital prowess.

Whatever you do have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

**1/53 Tamar Street, Ballina
0431 122 057
www.mygeekmate.com.au.**





Your local fishing & camping experts

Byron Bay Camping & Fishing can provide all the advice and gear you need for your next fishing or camping trip. They stock rods, reels, bait, tackle, nets, lures, plus of course all the usual camping gear such as tents, sleeping bags, mats, chairs, tables, lighting, camp stoves, gas, tools, and knives. They also have you sorted for all your summer beach needs, with beach shelters, beach chairs, umbrellas, and more.

They stock reputable brands like Black Wolf, OzTrail, Opinel, Outdoor Connection, Okuma, Saga Tackle, Neptune Tackle, Berkley, Osprey, and Yo-Zuri.

Visit them instore or check them out online.

Shop 16, Byron Plaza

90-96 Jonson St (next to the old Woolworths Building)

6685 8085

byron-camping.com.au

Plantgasm Platters from Alive and Wild Plant-based Cuisine

Want something delicious and nutritious to ground and nurture your group as you traverse the path of self-discovery? Need to feed a group for a special occasion, dinner, soiree, party or canapés? Would you like a professionally prepared dessert or plant-based addition to your festive fare?

Their all original recipes are gluten, wheat and dairy free and will awaken a jaded palate and satisfy the hangry.

They will work with you to meet your needs, be it for a small gathering or something larger, creating something unique to honour and support your event.

Platters for pick up / local delivery include: all organic fermented nut cheese, activated crackers, buckwheat wraps and savoury sensations, raw cacao treats, and fresh produce.

www.alivandwild.com

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The advertisement for Byron Bay Camping & Disposals features a logo at the top with a tent and a lighthouse icon, followed by the text "BYRON BAY CAMPING & DISPOSALS". Below the logo is a row of icons representing various camping and outdoor activities: a compass, a tent, a sleeping bag, a campfire, binoculars, a fishing rod, an umbrella, and a knife. The main visual is a large photograph of a tent pitched on a sandy beach at sunset. Below this are several smaller images showing people enjoying outdoor activities: a woman in a red jacket jumping in a field, a couple sitting in chairs next to a car, a person looking at a map, a person fishing, and a woman wearing a headband and sunglasses. At the bottom, the contact information is listed: "90 JONSON ST BYRON BAY T: 6685 8085", "THETEAM@BYRON-CAMPING.COM.AU", "WWW.BYRON-CAMPING.COM.AU", and "ALL YOUR SUMMER BEACH NEEDS".

The advertisement for Alive and Wild Plantgasm Platters features a collage of images showing various plant-based dishes, including a round cake decorated with flowers, a platter of assorted snacks like crackers, nuts, and fruits, and a box of wraps and salads. The logo "ALIVE AND WILD" is prominently displayed in the center, with "AND" inside a heart shape. Below the logo is the website "WWW.ALIVEANDWILD.COM/PLATTERS-AND-PICNICS.COM" and the text "PLANTGASM PLATTERS". At the bottom, there are more images of food, including a box of wraps and a chocolate treat decorated with flowers.



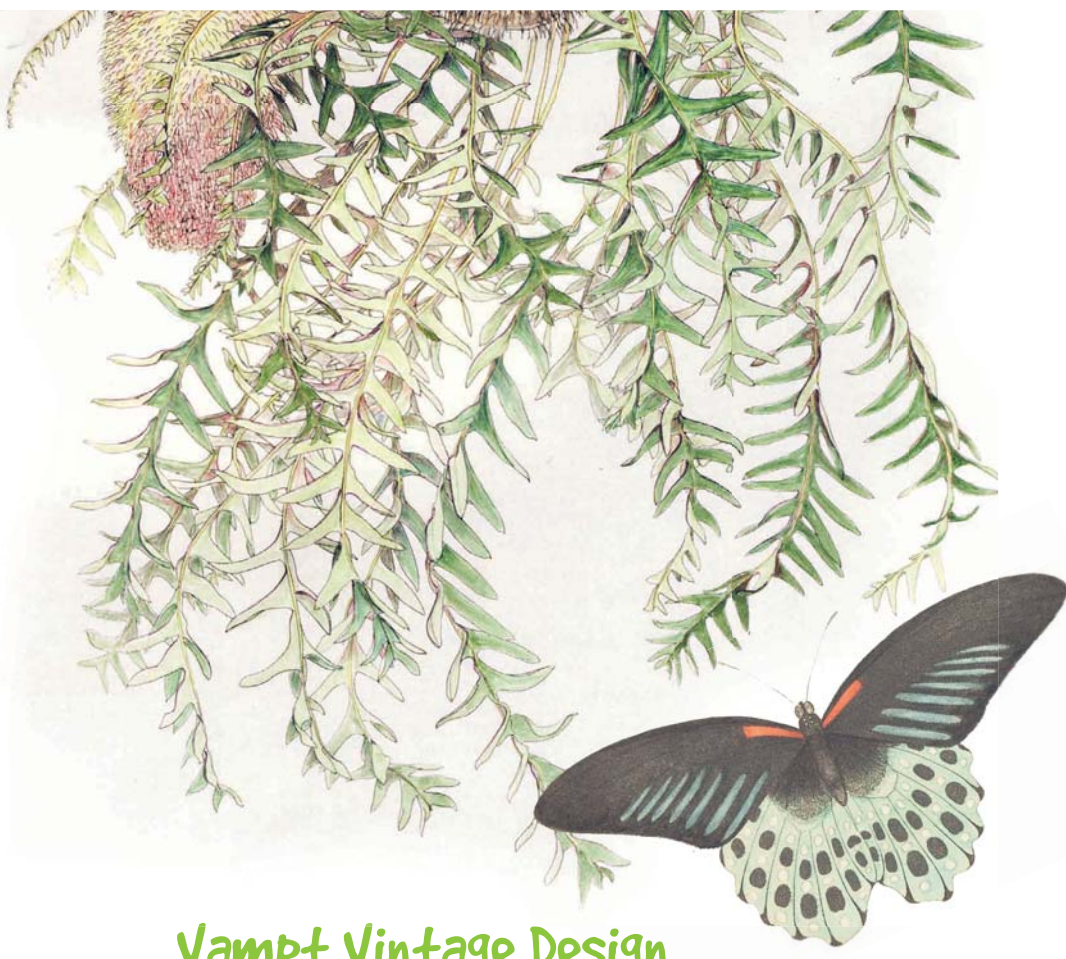
The Bucha of Byron

Born in Byron Bay using the finest locally sourced ingredients, the Kombucha Brewing Co. is fermented in friendship with Stone & Wood Brewing Co to produce a range of premium quality kombucha beverages. The Bucha of Byron (non-alcoholic) is a sparkling fermented tea full of tummy-loving probiotics and enzymes, available in five fresh natural flavours. The Dirty Bucha is a range of low-sugar cocktail blends (premium spirits and kombucha) and Sneaky Bucha's their delicious beer and kombucha blend.

People have enjoyed kombucha for centuries, believing it to improve gut health, aid digestion or simply alleviate a guilty conscience.

www.buchaofbyron.com.au

@thebuchaofbyron



Vampt Vintage Design

Scandinavian design meets Brazilian mid-century modern.

Vampt's focus is on Scandinavian mid-century, which is the basis to a modern stylish setting, allowing for feature pieces such as a unique Brazilian sofa to wow the space.

Having a stand out piece, such as the Percival Lafer sofa, creates contrast to your Danish furniture, or any for that matter – the low slung, clean lined sofa made of Brazilian rosewood really brings a richness to your interior. Ask Vampt to help with styling your space.

They have a huge range of furniture, lighting and collectables from far and wide, available to buy or hire from Vampt in Bangalow, Byron and Sydney.

Check the website for a virtual tour of their large store.

www.vamptvintagedesign.com

www.instagram.com/vamptvintagedesign/

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Enrolments for Term One of 2021 circus classes are now open. Enrol before Friday, 18 December this year and they'll give you a FREE Spaghetti T-shirt (dependent on sizes available). This deal is on top of the \$30 early bird discount, which expires Friday, 22 January 2021.

They accept both Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers. If you have any left from 2020, send them through and they'll redeem them and apply the credit to your 2021 circus classes.

Enrol online at www.spaghetticircus.com. For more information email info@spaghetticircus.com or phone 6684 3038.

Happy Holidays!

Toy Kingdom

For children, toy stores are magic places. At Toy Kingdom you'll find everything you need to make your child's Christmas truly delightful, with a huge range of high-quality toys that are made to endure. From beautiful rattan dolls furniture to organic soft dolls and Jellycat Rabbits in all the colours of the rainbow, Toy Kingdom has all of your favourite brands. It's hard to go past the range of beautiful wooden infant's toys or the extensive range of walkers, ride-on's and scooters to keep kids active.

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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 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 Brussels sprout at a time.

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Brands include Yeti, Traeger, Leatherman, Victorinox, Herschel Supply Co, Dead Kooks, Mr Simple, Clae, Redwing, Blundstone and more.

Shop 39-41, 1 Porter Street, Habitat, Byron Bay

Device Trader

Device Trader (formerly iRepairs Byron Bay) has been keeping the Shire's phones running for over five years now through their shop on Jonson Street.

This year the company has evolved to offer a full range of new and refurbished devices in store and online.

Device Trader's Founder Duane Tutchten told *The Echo*, 'Like most businesses we were hit pretty hard during the covid lockdowns. Although tough, it did however allow us time to focus on building out our new website. We now offer great deals in-store and online across a wide range of products. We've got a huge range of mobile phones, laptops, tablets and accessories available, and you can even trade in your old device with us too!'

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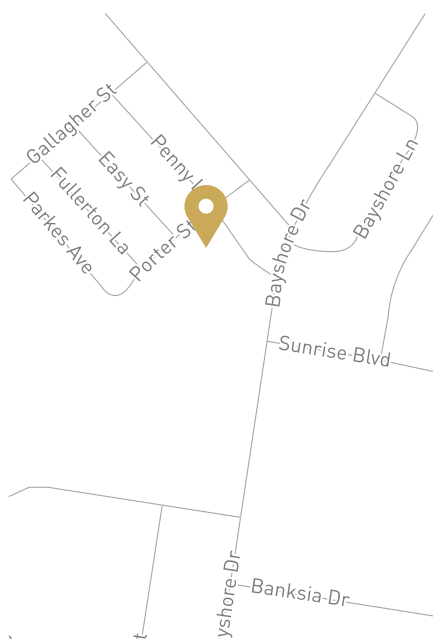
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Yami, Brunswick Heads

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With a relaxed atmosphere enjoy fast and friendly service for either takeaway or alfresco dining. Yami also offers catering for private functions, great for a Christmas party or social gathering.

Open daily from 7am and now in the evenings too, Thursday to Sunday.

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Simon and Michelle from Ocean Shores Fresh Laundrette are passionate about sustainability. They believe using commercial grade Washers and Dryers that are built to be super efficient with water and power is a wise choice. Using the Free Eco powder available in store is also a bonus for our waterways and ecosystems!

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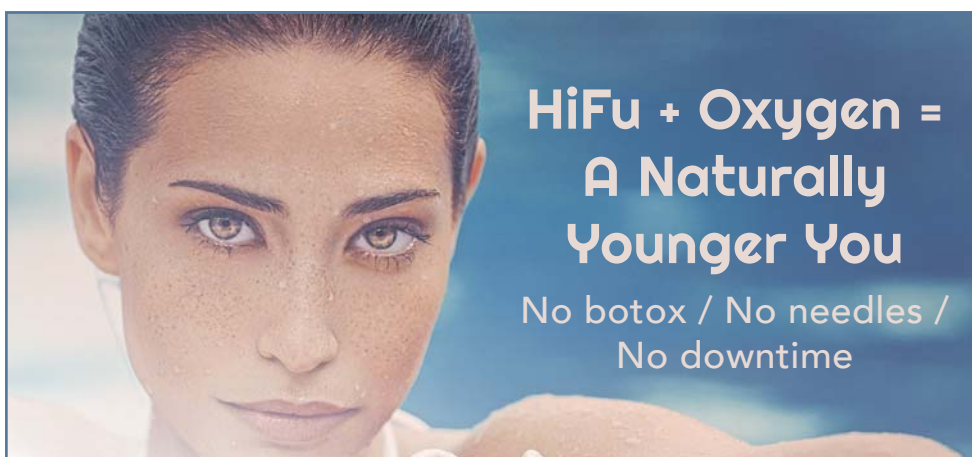
The beliefs you have about yourself are an amalgam of past memories and imagined futures viewed through the filter of past experiences. Both are illusory and hamper our ability to be present with our lives and to fulfil our basic need to feel benevolence, ease, love and to feel connected to enthusiasm and motivation. We don't think those qualities, we feel them.

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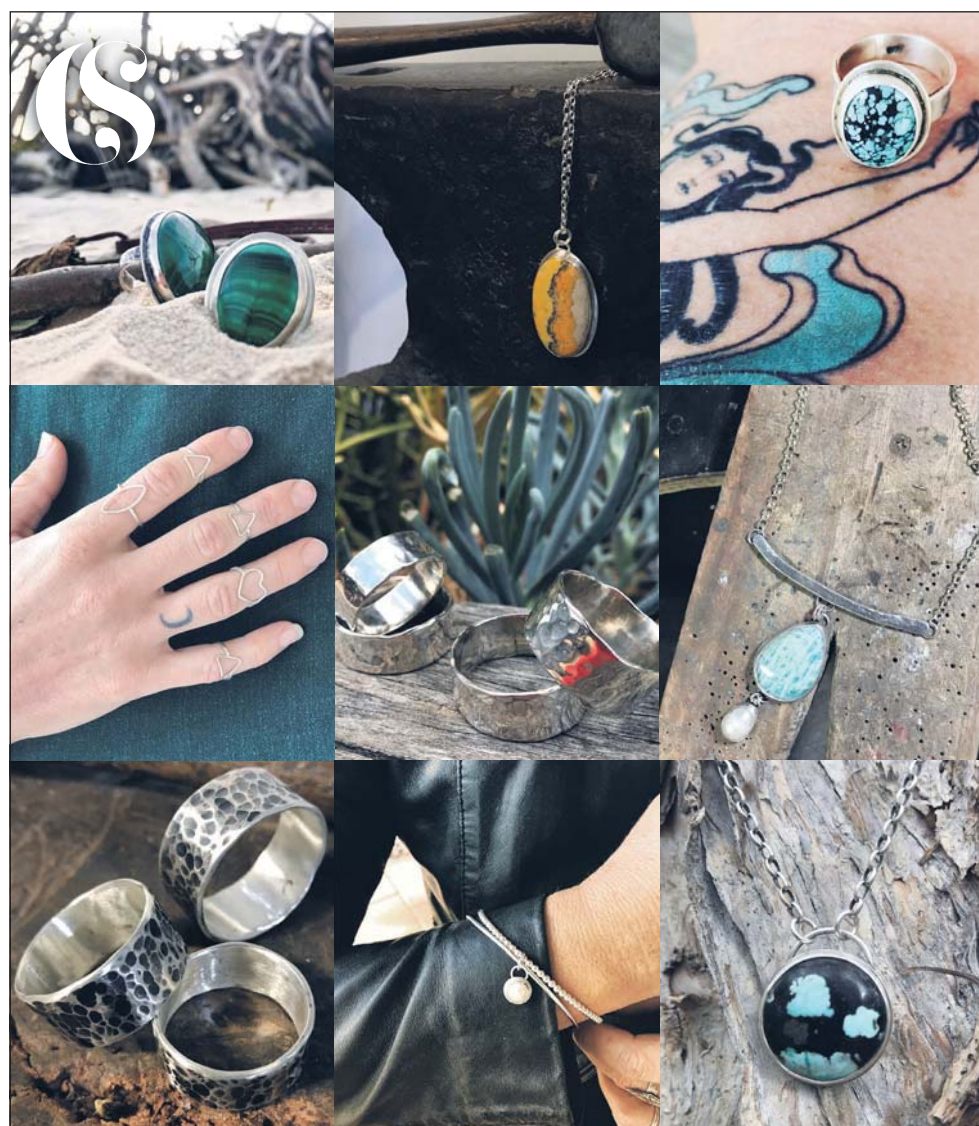


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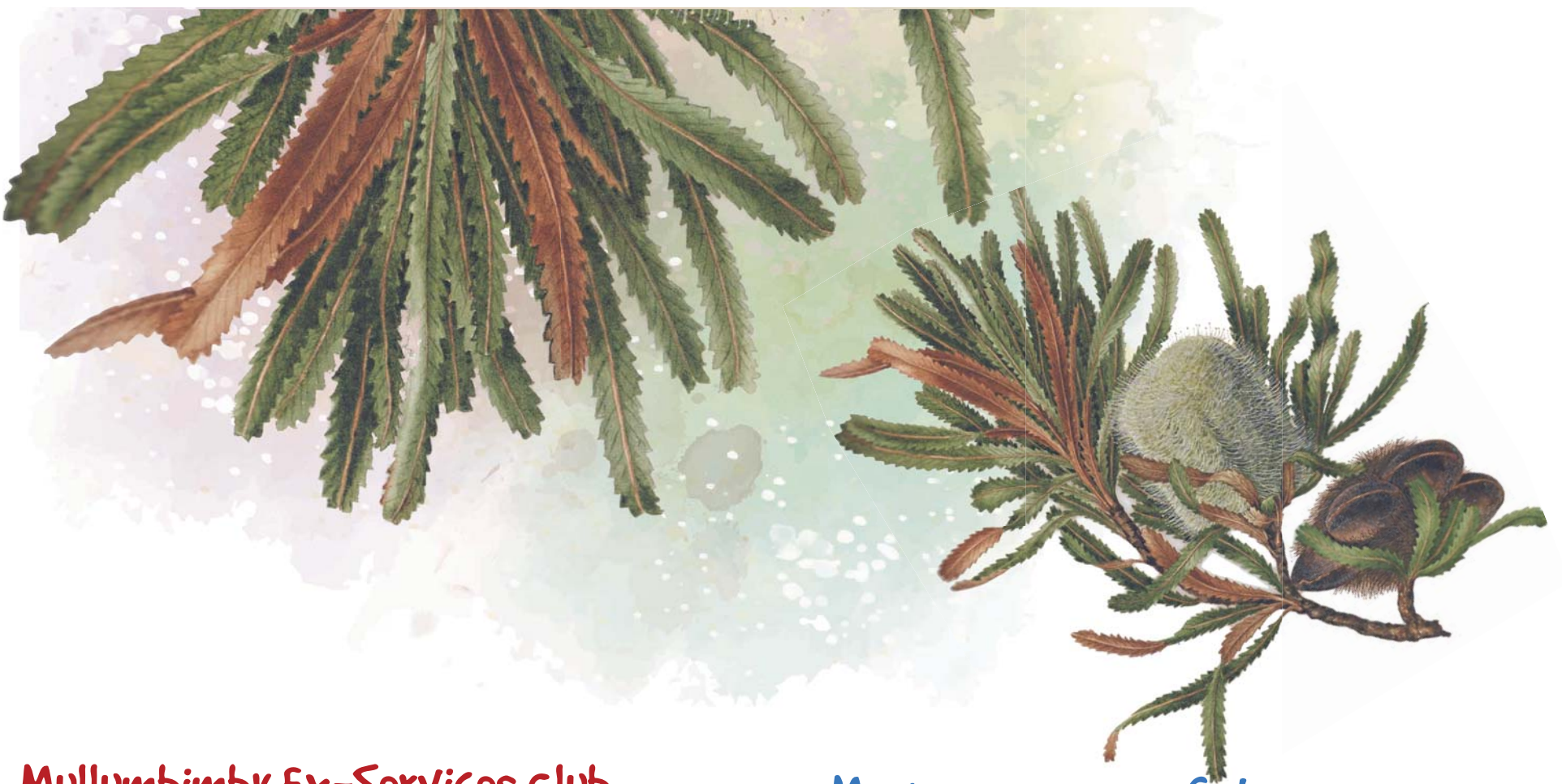
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Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club Christmas Raffles are underway and tonight you can win yourself a sack of Chrissy treats with 10 x hams and 10 x \$30 gift cards to be won. Tickets on sale from 6pm and winning begins at 7.30pm.

Again on Friday 11 December, the club will be the best place in town to win your Christmas ham, with 20 x hams to be won. Tickets selling from 6pm and drawn from 7.30pm.

Wednesday 16 December will be our hamiest ham raffle with 50 x hams as prizes. Your last chance to win a ham for Chrissy will be on Friday 18 December and COVID Safe regulations will still apply so seating will be limited. Please get in early to avoid disappointment.

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Hunna Ovcara runs her own baking business from home. 'I have been catering locally for events and retreats for the last 10 years,' says Hunna. 'In 2019 I was cooking at The Nook - Fermentary and the Broth Bar, in Mullum. This year I launched hunnytoast.com and my online cake shop'. Hunna says cooking from home was born from the lockdown. 'I needed to work from home and saw the need for people to have sweet treats delivered to their homes. My business has



Hunna Ovcara and her delicious cakes. Photo Jeff 'Let them eat more cake' Dawson

steadily grown with many return customers and plenty of recommendations. I have been really supported by my customers' wonderful feedback and raving

testimonials after eating my cakes, I'm encouraged to continue exploring new flavours and styles.' Hunna says what she is most inspired by is finding a wholesome balance of flavours in her cakes, so you are left feeling satisfied

and delighted, not weighed down by an over emphasis on sugary sweetness. 'I am passionate about good quality sweeteners, and I only ever use organic raw, coconut, rapadura or maple syrup. My go to "secret" ingredient is more than a

pinch of a salt in every cake.' Hunna says an example of her popular salty sweetness is her pecan pie - sweetened with maple syrup and coconut sugar 'When it comes out of the oven I sprinkle it with Maldon Sea Salt flakes. For me the sweet and salty contrast is sublime. I add orange zest and a capful of brandy also to diversify the flavour profile.'

Hunna loves the alchemy of cooking - she pours love and care into each and every cake or dish she makes. 'I have a strong vision for nourishing people and for offering an experience that touches their heart through their taste buds.'

Hunna says she is currently nurturing the sweet side of her business, adding new cakes to her website regularly. 'I'm also developing a gallery of images for my special event cakes. My decoration is fun, elegant, simple, earthy and honest. Edible flowers are a favourite,

as well as fruit and nuts.' Hunna says one of her favourite cakes is a black sesame cake, topped with chocolate ganache. 'It embodies my wholefood approach, complete with lashings of decadence. My joy is in catering for retreats where I have an intuitive sense of how best to nourish participant's to match their retreat process. Specialty three course dinners and degustation events are the way I see my cooking career going forward.' Coming up, Hunna will be serving dinner as part of the River of Peace tea ceremony and sound meditation event at the Temple Garden Teahouse in Mullum. More information is available on the www.atantricliflife.org/services/private-tea-party. If you would like to order a whole cake for your pre Christmas gathering or staff party, head online to www.hunnytoast.com and check out the great selection of cakes.



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Crabbes Creek Woodfired started nearly 10 years ago from very humble beginnings. Jon made his own oven from scratch, and what started as a few loaves for friends developed into stocking the local general store. Out of sheer popularity they began a stall at the markets and are now home to 15 varieties of specialty flavours from ancient grains to traditional white. 'The most popular loaves at the moment seem to be pumpkin, olive and rosemary and the pepper sourdough,' says Jon.

Jon and Gina are parents to three teenagers and are assiduously hands on - no-one else is involved in the bread making process. Out on their farm, the day before Mullum Markets, they work a 17 hour day, managing around 7-8 bakes to supply the markets with around 700-800 of the freshest loaves. Jon starts mixing and Gina takes over once the kids have gone to school. 'Jon and I do the whole baking process ourselves, from the daily feeding of the leavens, to lighting of the woodfired oven the day before, to



Gina of Crabbes Creek Woodfired, and her wonderful weekly stock of sourdough breads.

all the mixing, proving, shaping and baking.' The couple are rightfully proud of their product, and support from locals makes the strenuous hours worthwhile. 'The markets are so much fun,' says Gina. 'The stallholders, and also the customers - it's a vibrant community and they're all really supportive of us - we've been really lucky.' And the reward for their huge week? Woodfired pizza - baked in their own handmade oven every Friday night!



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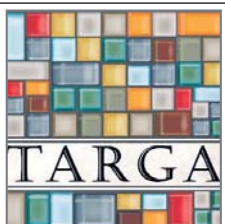


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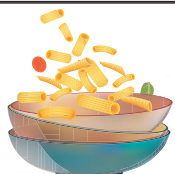
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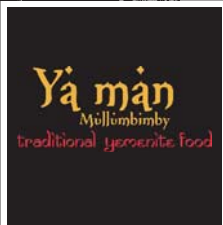
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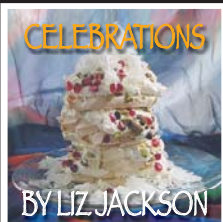
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'As we count down to Christmas, now's the time to get your orders in for free-range pasture-raised hams from Hayters Hill, Brooklet Springs and Esperanza Farm; seafood from Brunswick Seed Oysters and Joblins; and mince tarts from Scratch Patisserie,' says Tom.

'The dining tables and chairs are now back at the market as well, and we'll be open as usual on Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve), so



it's a great chance to shop for Christmas Day and take a bit of a break.

'We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers who have continued to support us through a difficult year. We wish them a safe and merry Christmas filled with friends, family and great local food!'

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



Community and the gift of giving

With the Christmas season now upon us, Raine and Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/ Murwillumbah have launched their Christmas Wishing Tree appeal.

While many are enjoying the warm feelings that Christmas brings, there are families who are struggling from the impacts of COVID-19 and other issues, particularly at this time of year.

The team is inviting local residents to pop into the Raine and Horne Ocean Shores office to donate an unwrapped gift to support those who are doing it tough this year, especially children. The R&H team will label the gifts according to age and gender (0-12 years) and place the gift under the Christmas Wishing Tree.

On 21 December, they will deliver the gifts to The Hub Baptist Church and Ocean Shores Public School for distribution to needy local families.

Principal of Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads and Murwillumbah, Julie-Ann Manahan said, ‘We have a fabulous local community and we’re encouraging residents to share in the Christmas spirit by donating to those less fortunate. We truly appreciate



Julie-Ann Manahan, Adrian Howe and Leah Ashenhurst at the Christmas Wishing Tree.

all the support you can provide.’
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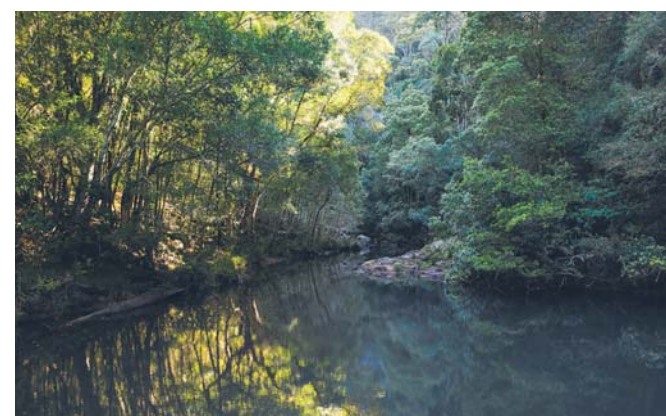
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3229M²

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29.14 HA

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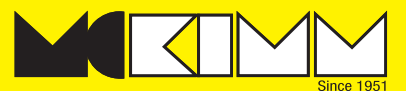
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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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HOW TO GET THE FULL MANDY

Every week I sit exactly here and wonder what I am going to write. I don't always know. It's a constant mild anxiety where my brain filters through the trash to find a little treasure that hasn't been touched. Some weeks I am fired up by the broader conversations. Other weeks I've had people contact me worried about an 87 year old being turfed out of her home. Some weeks I've taken my kid to a Xmas Carnival and been appalled by an outdated sexist mural. Other weeks I've had to dwell on the sad quiet things in my life, like my kids leaving home. I only have one rule, which is to be open to what the universe offers me when I sit in this chair. To dig into what I have strong feelings about so that I can share them with you. I don't always hit the mark, but most weeks I think I manage to add a fresh take on an issue that's not covered in the dominant narrative. Some weeks I think I touch a nerve. I make you feel something. I speak to the discomfort. I see that as my role, to say things that haven't been said, or tend to get swept under the carpet.

Oh and some weeks I make you laugh. Not every week though. Writing a humorous column felt a bit inane week in and week out. Over the years of writing what now amounts to over 1000 pieces I have broadened the palette. Of course, as it started as a humour column, whenever anyone finds my politics a bit full on, it does open it up for the oft-repeated patronising refrain 'stick to comedy'. It's the equivalent of 'go back to the kitchen'. That's one of my favourite themes too; Feminism. Or more appropriately – what it's like to be a woman in a world framed by men. What gives me enormous joy is the number of men who, over the years, write back that they feel exactly the same way as me. While the hideous men get more hideous, it seems there are fewer of them, and a growing voice of reason.

It's not always easy. Sometimes I know I am going to write about stuff that is going to piss people off and get me some nasty kick back – like 5G or vaccination. I could avoid it, but I think it's disingenuous to write a column for years and not be transparent about your ideology. By the way, I'm not sponsored by Big Pharma. I'm not in the employ of anyone, except *The Echo*. There are people who believe things in this town that I don't believe. Some of them are my friends. We have to learn to live together don't we? I have had to learn to not take things personally. Even though there might be disagreement, I've started what I intended – a robust conversation. I have never been comfortable with confrontation, so writing a column like this in a small town has taught me a lot about not 'taking stuff on'. Learning to accept people's dislike of you is as humbling as it is to accept the love and admiration of others.

This year marks 20 years of me writing *Soapbox* – this column. I have never missed a week. I'm quite obsessive, and having never missed a week, I kind of never intend to. It feels like I've been in conversation with my community for two decades. It's an enormous privilege to have a newspaper publish my thoughts and to have gathered a community of readers around me. Even the readers who hate me still read me every week. You know who you are.

People in the supermarket often approach me, or when I'm coming out of a toilet, or sitting in a coffee shop. They'll say 'You must get sick of people coming up and telling you they love what you write'. No. I don't. No one ever gets sick of gratitude. It's really lovely. I love to know what has hit home for some people.

Sometimes I'll be crossing the road and someone will wind down a window and tell me something that expands on what I wrote that week. I love that. I love the little gifts. The poems. The funny letters.

So in putting my book together – *The Full Mandy* – that came into being through the generosity of my supporters on Go Fund Me – I had to go through years and years of my writing. I could see how my tentative self-consciousness gave way to a much broader pitch, something I really credit to my readers. It gave me a sense of enormous gratitude for a community that, whether they love me or loathe me, created a space for a loud-mouthed woman to find her voice. So thank you.

And that lady I wrote about – the 87 year old who was facing homelessness? She got a house. That's the best feedback of all. When people who read your work feel compelled to make change. It's only tiny ripples that we make by having these conversations, but they can reach out across the pond. And I should warn you, I have a lot more rocks in my bucket!

***The Full Mandy* is being launched at The Byron Services Club on Thursday 17 December at 6.30pm with a witty chat and rowdy repertoire hosted by Mark Swivel. Books will be available for purchase at the launch – or at the front desk of *The Echo*.**

You can also purchase copies from my website: mandynolan.com.au

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THE HUNT FOR SUMMER GIGS

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Musician and all round powerhouse Lisa Hunt decided that it was an opportunity to innovate the way musicians present, and so she's come up with a dynamic program for Byron Bay – *Summerstage in Byron*. Set at the Red Devil Park, this also gives Byron Rugby a chance to have one of the 52 events they are licensed to hold each year. In 2020 they've held none.

'We have been locked down' says Lisa. 'I wanted to find a new way to go back [to what we had] that was safe. And this seemed like a really safe way to do things; we are outside on picnic blankets where we have enough room to spread out.'

Lisa has modelled *Summerstage* on what has been happening elsewhere – with the outdoor setting offering an alternative to indoor venues, thus enhancing the ability to embrace COVID Safe practices.

Kicking off on Friday 18 December and rolling through every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 14 February – this gives artists in the region a chance to work their home town, and visiting artists also get to drop in on the closest thing they will get to a festival gig this summer!

Hunt's first foray into event management came from a necessity to perform again – facing the harsh reality of a declining live music industry, she began to dream of getting a boutique festival up and running. Operating out of Red Devil Park, the venue is able to host a crowd of up to 500 whilst adhering to a COVID Safe plan.

The opening weekend will feature renowned artists The Beautiful Girls, Phil Jamieson (Grinspoon) supported by Sophie Ozard, Andy Jans Brown, and Lisa Hunt, with further artists to be announced shortly. This has been a labour of love for Lisa who has worked tirelessly to ensure Council and community are on board and safety protocols are met.

'I have been working with the festival director for the Caloundra festival – Richie Eyeles – to create the program and the architecture of how it will work,' says Lisa.

Don't miss Lisa's grand return to gigging after ten months in the shade.

'I will be there on the Sunday with Sharny Russell, opening up with her tribute to Ella Fitzgerald.'

Make sure you don't miss out on tickets to enjoy music in the great outdoors in picnic circles.

For tickets and further information about the original festival series visit summerstagebyronbay.com.au.

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Reuben Kaye at the Brunswick Picture House for NYE!

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Start planning your 2020 to 2021 NYE with something bloody fabulous. God knows we need something with a twist... and Brunswick Picture House are offering one of the best ways forward, with Reuben Kaye ringing in the new year with his show *Anus Horribilis – Goodbye 2020!*

Obscenely intelligent, beautifully filthy, and rib-crackingly funny, cabaret superstar Reuben Kaye is what happens when you tell your children they can be anything they want to be. Having tantalised audiences as the special guest host of the international hit show sensation *Club Swizzle* – from the team behind the Brunswick Picture House – the full Reuben Kaye experience is a dazzling explosion of big notes, high camp, lashes and teeth.

In a simply delicious mélange of energy, acid wit and casual sensationalism, Reuben Kaye's own brand of melodramatic showmanship has wowed audiences and critics around the globe. Kaye's delivery is flawless as he seamlessly blends lavish storytelling into gilded song, incorporating an impressive repertoire that ranges from Kurt Weill to Kate Bush, regularly punctuating his monologue with rich cultural critique.

Thursday 31 December

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Future Nudging dates are Saturday 9 Jan, 2021 thereafter on the first Saturday of each month.

The organisers say, 'In line with all conscience activities Cunning Stunts represent, a percentage of the cumulative profits from the *Nudge Nudge Wink Wink* and *Curious* events will be donated to local charities. Cunning Stunts have donated \$325,371 to 28 local charities through our *Nudge Nudge Wink Wink* and *Curious* events since December 2015, let's keep that growing!'

Sunday 20 December, 3.30–9.30pm

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This is a ticketed 18+ event and tickets will sell out!



Michaela Burger at the Brunswick Picture House on Sunday

BURGER QUEEN

Award winning performer Michaela Burger returns to the Brunswick Picture House for an intimate afternoon of song and story.

It has been quite the year for internationally acclaimed cabaret performer Michaela Burger. Like all other performers in the industry, which has been hard hit by the COVID-19 lockdowns and public health restrictions, she lost all her touring work, which equates to losing an entire year's income. Not to be beaten by the pandemic she started an online concert series called *Sequin Sessions*, running for six weeks and entertaining people far and wide. It was an amazing way to stay connected to people during the first stressful months of lockdown, and also kept Burger focused on her music and giving back – which was a life saver for her.

After *Sequin Sessions* wrapped up Burger took some time out to regroup and digest the impact of what had happened – and contemplate what was next. A scenario many will relate to. The ever-resourceful Burger was fortunate enough to be getting the odd gig – delivered in a whole new way. She performed a live streamed show of her original music from Geelong Arts Centre and presented her highly esteemed stage show, *Exposing Edith* at Hammer Hall for Melbourne Arts Centre in front of 2500 empty seats, live streamed to their patrons.

Add to this a role in a new TV series that was being filmed in Adelaide, which required a midnight dash across the SA border from her home in Melbourne. Followed by a two week quarantine upstairs in her parents' house – receiving Italian and Greek home cooked meal deliveries left at the bottom of the stairs. And then, when her parents spontaneously up and bought a new house, she had a five month extension of her stay; cleaning and packing up her family home of 31 years... all this time separated from her husband in Melbourne.

So when Brett from the Picture House rang to ask if she would come back to Bruns to perform, she was neck deep in packing boxes and said 'YES!' before he could finish his sentence.

'I've missed the excitement and thrill of preparing for a show, finding music to perform and pulling a show together,' Burger said.

And based on her year, she is certainly going to have a lot to say and very different to her two previous sold out Picture House shows, *Exposing Edith* and *A Migrant's Son*.

'I decided to create a new, fresh, intimate show for the Brunswick Picture House. Something I haven't done before, and probably won't do again. I've pulled together some of my favourites from the past and put in some of my recent favourites. Some you'll know, some you won't. But it's sure to be a fun night with lots of laughs. I can't wait to get back on stage in front of one of my favourite audiences,' Michaela said.

Join Michaela as she returns full-force to grace the Picture House stage for an intimate afternoon of her award winning style of song and story. Sunday at 4pm.

Tickets on brunswickpicturehouse.com

SOUL FISH

Soul Fish is a new collaboration featuring singer songwriter Chris Fisher, bassist George Urbaszek, and drummer Pete Wilkins, with special guest Julius Hofstetter on saxophone for the Sunday session at Williams Street Cafe & Bar – Lennox Head, from 4pm. *Soul Fish* will bring you smooth jazz/blues vibes, originals and covers.

Williams Street Cafe & Bar,

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Tommy Little
I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT

LITTLE NOBLE FOR LISMORE

Comedy lovers are in for a treat in when Tommy Little and Ross Noble make their way to the Lismore stage. This Thursday sees Tommy Little present *I'll See Myself Out*. Always dishing out the gold, this is a chance to hear what's been going on for one of the regulars on *The Project*. And then on Sunday it's a show with the master – Ross Noble, when he presents *Humournoid*. Noble is incredible. His prepared work looks like impro and his impro looks prepared. He's a genius. I could listen to him talk all day.

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ABANDON PROCEEDINGS

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

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A trio of Bangalow locals have banded together to bring the hinterland village its very own film festival this January.

It is an understatement to say that Christian Pazzaglia, Ben Alcock and Lyn McCarthy all have experience in organising film events.

Christian has worked internationally as a curator and producer of film programs and festivals; Ben is the co-founder of Bangalow's Flicks in the Field, and a well-known travel writer and marketing consultant, and Lyn is one of the founders of the Dendy Cinema chain and ex-General Manager of the Sydney Film Festival.

Christian Pazzaglia is an experienced festival curator. He has produced multidisciplinary programs and special events for leading festivals and cultural institutions in Europe, Asia and Australia – including Dark Mofo and The Sydney Film Festival. It was during a walk through Bangalow, soon after arriving in early 2020 that the idea was sparked for a local film festival.

A few keystrokes into a search engine later, and Christian was connected with the Flicks in the Field, outdoor cinema team, who continued the flow of introductions through the local creative community.

When Christian was introduced to Lyn McCarthy, the idea became a reality.

From 14–23 January the festival will light up the Bangalow Showgrounds and the A&I Hall, and will showcase an exclusive line-up of world-renowned classics and new, critically acclaimed, films from around the world.

Full program and ticket sales available from 14 December at: www.bangalowfilmfestival.com.au



The Loveys fabulous backyard Xmas party

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The Drill Hall Theatre Company is holding an audition for a talented young male actor to take a lead role in the play *Switzerland*. The audition is this Sunday 10am–1pm at the theatre.

Directed by Toni Scanlon, the Drill Hall's guest professional director for 2021, the production requires an actor who can play mid-twenties with an American accent. This is a lead role in a two-hander playing opposite the Drill Hall's artistic director Liz Chance. Rehearsals begin in April with the production set for May/ June.

Switzerland is a thriller inspired by the master crime novelist Patricia Highsmith by the Australian playwright Joanna Murray-Smith. Highsmith's books have inspired many cinematic adaptations – such as *The Talented Mr Ripley* and *Strangers on a Train* – but in *Switzerland* the tables are turned and it is Patricia Highsmith who becomes the central character when she hears a knock on the door...

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- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6.30PM TRIVIA
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM TOMMY LITTLE

FRIDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, HARRY NICHOLS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM MIGHTY MAX FOG, 6PM OLE FALCO, 9PM MICKA SCENE DUO
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM KYLE LIONHART
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 8PM CHEEKY CABARET
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM TWO MOONS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ MONSIEUR DIOP
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM NO EXTRADITION! BRING JULIAN HOME
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM ASH & SARA, SHELLY BROWN, CROAKER & THE HONEYBEE, AND TAPESTRY ROAD
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM LUKE YEAMAN
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM RICK BARRON, 9.30PM STRICTLY ACOUSTIC

SATURDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, RAGGA JUMP
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM JOSH HAMILTON, 4PM HAYLEE, 6.30PM ALIVAN BLU, 9PM NATHAN KAYE DUO
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM CHEEKY CABARET, 8PM CHEEKY CABARET
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM & 7PM MORE WORLD'S WIVES PRESENTED BY THEATRE OF LIFE
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ CORQI, 6.15PM DJ LORD SUT
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM SCOTT DAY VEE
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM FRIENDLY ENEMIES
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 3PM JEZ MEAD
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM CASEY FOGG, 9.30PM MIKE EDWARDS

SUNDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM JOCK BARNES DUO, 4.30PM AVERAGE WRIGHT BAND, 8.30PM BEN WALSH DUO
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM A NIGHT AT THE LOUVRE: LEONARDO DA VINCI ART ON SCREEN
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM MICHAELA BURGER RETURNS, 7PM TRACY MCNEIL + DAN PARSONS TOGETHER FOR BAYFM BENEFIT
- MARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 4PM NO EXTRADITION! BRING JULIAN HOME
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM RUSTY TUNES
- WILLIAMS STREET KITCHEN & BAR, LENNOX HEAD, 4PM SOUL FISH
- LISMORE CITY HALL 8PM ROSS NOBLE
- HOTEL ILLAWONG, EVANS HEAD, 4PM DORAH JACSON
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM ENDLESS FLIGHT
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM DIVISION 4
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 3PM THIRSTY MERC

MONDAY 14

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM WALKING FRANCIS, 8PM HAYLEY GRACE
- OCEAN SHORES SHOPPING CENTRE 7PM INSIDEOUT LIGHTBOX SHOWCASE NO.3

TUESDAY 15

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM ZAHLU, 8PM DUSTY BOOTS
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM BARRY FERRIER
- THE MACADAMIA CASTLE, KNOCKCROW, 10AM FRANKI KANEUR

WEDNESDAY 16

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM PHIL HOWELL, 8PM JASON DELPHIN
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM TOMMY MEMPHIS

WHAT'S ON

**MORE WORLD'S WIVES
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Wednesday 9 December, 7pm
\$30 | Ages 13+



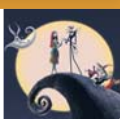
**KYLE LIONHART
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Friday 11 December, 8pm
\$28.80 | All ages event



**A NIGHT AT THE LOUVRE: LEONARDO DA VINCI
ART ON SCREEN**
Sunday 13 December, 3pm
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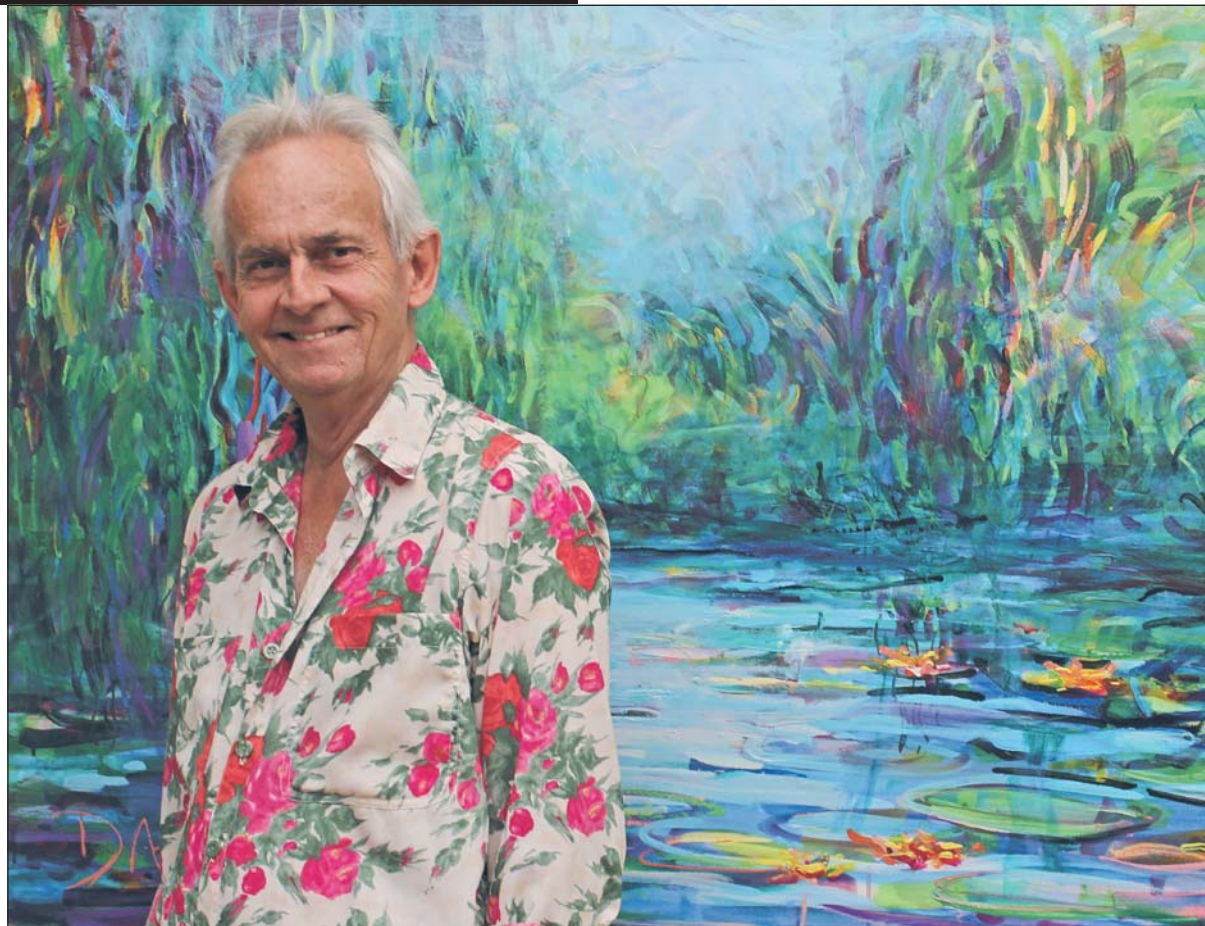
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Artist in focus

DAVID LANE



David Lane with his painting *Water Garden*.

David Lane's Annual Painting Sale & Exhibition

The opening week of David Lane's 2020 painting exhibition and studio sale was a great success with lots of happy visitors and plenty of sales.

This year's exhibition is a feast of light and colour depicting spectacular local seascapes, still lifes and landscapes.

You still have time to see David Lane's exhibition this year and there are lots of beautiful paintings remaining for sale. Don't miss this last opportunity to experience David's 2020 exhibition.

You may also like to purchase a special Christmas gift.

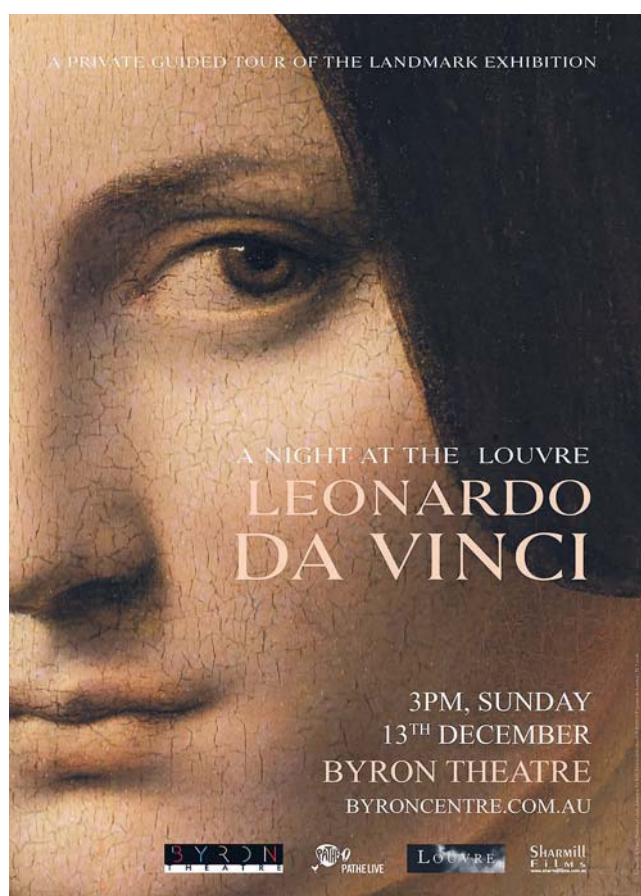
The exhibition and studio sale is open this Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11am–5pm at his home in Tintenbar.

The exhibition finishes on Sunday 13 December, so don't miss out.

31 Fernleigh Road, Tintenbar.

For more detailed information you can visit David's website

www.davidlane.com.au



The Arts

A NIGHT AT THE LOUVRE: LEONARDO DA VINCI

The Musée du Louvre and Pathé Live have partnered to release an exclusive filmed private tour of this landmark exhibition, providing a unique opportunity to contemplate the most beautiful works of Leonardo da Vinci up close. It takes the viewer on a nocturnal stroll through the Louvre with the exhibition's curators, Vincent Delieuvin and Louis Frank, whose commentaries provide precious insight into Leonardo's artistic practice and pictorial technique.

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For more information and directions to the Gallery visit www.davidlane.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT

SEVEN

ALL SHORTS FILM COMP

Now in its 13th year, Byron All Shorts, founded by iQ Inc celebrates the filmmaking talent of the Northern Rivers region and encourages audiences to experience the many amazing films and local stories that are produced here each year.

Filmmakers from across the region are invited to submit their short films, of up to 30 minutes in length, from all genres.

The best of local short films will screen in the Byron All Shorts finalists program at Flickerfest with the finalists

from the Northern Rivers region contesting for prizes that recognise excellence in short filmmaking. Prizes and cash to the value of \$3,000 will be presented for the iQ-Flickerfest Best Short Film Award, the SAE Institute Emerging Talent Award, and the Best Short Film Audience's Award.

Byron All Shorts is part of Mullum Flickerfest's three day film event, 11–13 February 2021.

Entries close Friday 8 January 2021

Entry Forms and more info: iq.org.au | 0414 779 881



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Palace Cinemas invite you to an exclusive preview event for the boldly provocative thriller, *Promising Young Woman* (MA15+) at a special Film Connoisseur Screening on Sunday.

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THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG) Daily: 10:15AM, 12:45, 2:20, 6:45PM
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THE FURNACE (MA15+) NFT Daily: 1:50, 4:20, 6:50PM

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LET HIM GO (M) Daily: 2:40PM
MISBEHAVIOUR (M) Daily except Fri, Sun: 2:15, 4:30, 6:45PM Fri, Sun: 2:15, 4:30PM
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Thursday December 10th to Wednesday December 16th

DECEMBER	THU 10 TH	FRI 11 TH	SAT 12 TH	SUN 13 TH	MON 14 TH	TUE 15 TH	WED 16 TH
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STARS BY LILITH

SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER

AS SUN, MERCURY AND TOTAL NEW MOON ECLIPSE IN SAGITTARIUS ACTIVATE ENDINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS, WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF YOU LET GO SOME ENTRENCHED BELIEFS?



♈ **ARIES:** When analytical, calculating Mercury argues with intuitive Neptune this week, you might have quite a right brain/left brain tug of war between factual reality and gut feeling. Which, next Tuesday's new moon invitation to dream big and tell yourself the truth about what you really, truly, deeply want, is likely to illuminate...

♉ **TAURUS:** This frank and straightforward week expects you to walk your talk, and will call you on it if you don't. It offers an opportunity to be honest with others, and even more importantly with yourself. Which could attract someone or something different into your life, so expect a variation from the usual around next Tuesday's new moon.

♊ **GEMINI:** Annual new moon in your partnerships house is always good news for Geminis, delivering a dose of goodwill and gusto for a fresh chapter in an old relationship story. If this involves a finale and starting over with some new characters, just be sure not to make important decisions in haste.

♋ **CANCER:** Volatile firecracker Mars in Cancerians' executive corner is excellent for powering through the to-do list, but it does tend to turn up the heat on dummy spits and explosive outbursts, so think savvy rather than sassy. There's plenty of willing assistance this week to help finalise festivities with a flourish.

♌ **LEO:** Yet another fiery week that needs you to keep cool. Your royal route to success? Gratitude. Collaboration. Generosity. Laughter. When next Tuesday's new moon turbocharges your creative juices, ditch outdated scripts and try some new moves. See if you can call in that missing piece of the puzzle you've been looking for.

♍ **VIRGO:** Be wary of sharing TMI this week, which suggests keeping business and personal matters separate, because meshing could get messy. As seasonal tensions intensify, your primary festive survival strategy would be easing up on expectations, especially of yourself, which will move the mechanics of silly season organisation along a lot more smoothly.

♎ **LIBRA:** Late week Libra moon's a people-pleaser, but you'll need your wits about you this weekend when someone as charming as you wants you to do it their way. No matter how generously inclined you are, this is time for boundary adjustments. You absolutely *don't* need to overload your itinerary at this point.

♏ **SCORPIO:** If a rash Mercury/Neptune clash between hard reality and a fantasy plan has you feeling less than flush this week, balance holiday shopping with economic necessity. Good news? Tune into next Tuesday's new moon for an inspiration about how to cash in on your talents doing what you love and making it pay.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** No need to make anyone else's lack of planning your emergency this week – you have your own pressing deadlines to attend to. Get routine business out of the way so you can focus on Sun, Mercury and 15 December's potent new moon eclipse in Sagittarius and behold the beginning of your bold new life...

♑ **CAPRICORN:** As Jupiter and Saturn spend their last week in your sign, take note of what expanded in your life this year, and what did the opposite. 2020's lessons are your support for what's in store. As new moon closes this chapter and starts another, if you're experiencing overwhelm, go easy on yourself. Ask for support.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** With methodical Mercury and imaginative Neptune pulling in different directions, it might be hard to stick to the Xmas gift list, so take a pause and think sustainable. Local. Hand made. A gift card donation to someone's favorite cause. And enjoy the last new moon of 2020 in your house of friends...

♓ **PISCES:** If this week's futuristic starset has your thoughts turning towards next year, that's a good thing. And you needn't necessarily be thinking small, or about cutting corners – more about thinking differently and out of the box. If something hasn't been working out, new moon gives permission to let it go, at least for now.

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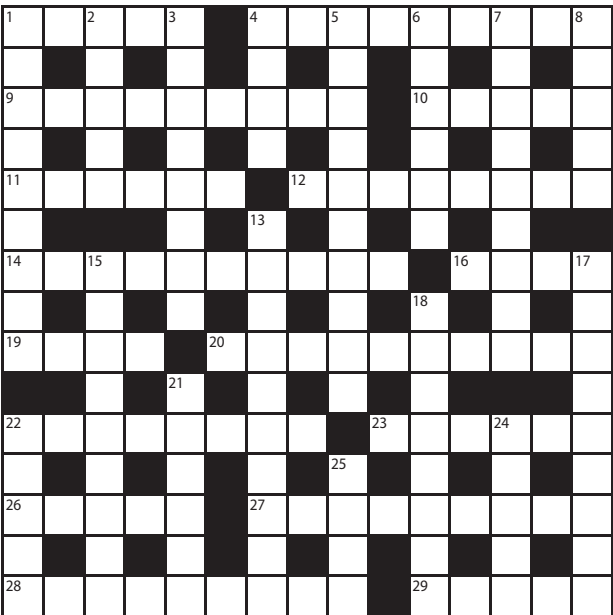
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Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Rubbish – west, east all over the place (5)
4. Affected favourably, I am in a hurry (9)
9. Southern headland ruminant – he gets the blame for everything (9)
10. Teacher dipped one ... (5)
11. ... origins of moorings, they say (6)
12. Sunfish? No, it's a bird! (8)
14. Gathering at X – a ball! (10)
16. Bismarck has books both ways (4)
19. Woman made reckless (4)
20. C, or perhaps CLE (10)
22. Progressives, leader in ports (8)
23. Caress can be a serious affliction (6)
26. Prunes cold edges (5)
27. Rearranging – deranging – horticulture (9)
28. W – it's beyond the limit! (4,5)
29. Guide the ox (5)

DOWN

1. Nonsense electoral division, claimed Spooner, alerted to an instrument in a skiffle band (9)
2. Gaze fixedly, they say, at a way to go higher (5)
3. The plane crashed – a jumbo! (8)
4. Setter to trick image (4)
5. Discover pooch at tip – it can be satisfying although some say it's unhealthy (6,4)
6. Blame, but not cold at first – be certain! (6)
7. Still around – winner is an important figure! (9)
8. Being active – popular in a pet! (5)
13. Times with a Richmond supporter? An empty threat (5,5)
15. Magazine goes by air – it's over quickly (4,5)
17. Rash spell of bowling with the queen – about time! (9)
18. Princess's hair – it can cause grief (8)
21. Wife to fail to hit America (6)
22. Pub for dieters? (5)
24. Wicked ring lifts fruit (5)
25. 500 battle over no result (4)

Quick Clues

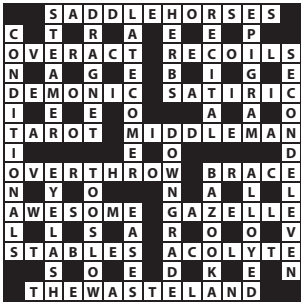
ACROSS

1. Rubbish, garbage (5)
4. Favourably influenced (9)
9. One who unfairly gets the blame (9)
10. Hindu teacher (5)
11. Parturitions (6)
12. Small bird, a pest in Australia (8)
14. Presence, assembly (10)
16. Bismarck or Preminger (4)
19. Female equivalent of knight (4)
20. Half round locus (10)
22. Progressives, sometimes revolutionaries (8)
23. Caress, soothe (6)
26. Strike gently (6)
27. Working on flora (9)
28. Small thing causing breaking point (4,5)
29. Guide, direct (5)

DOWN

1. Old laundry aid (9)
2. Step (5)
3. Pachyderm (8)
4. Religious portrait (4)
5. French fry in Australia (6,4)
6. Guarantee, warrant (6)
7. Number in a series needed for classification (9)
8. Acting, performing (5)
13. Empty threat, one who pretends ferocity but is in fact impotent (5,5)
15. Phrase for events passing quickly (4,5)
17. Rash, impetuous (9)
18. Worry, unhappiness (8)
21. Term for a married woman (6)
22. Nearby, in the neighbourhood (5)
24. Fruit rich in oil (5)
25. Sketch, depict (4)

Last week's solution N363



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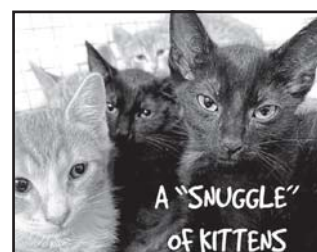


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Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
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Crabbes Creek NYE

Unfortunately, the Crabbes Creek New Year Eve party could not go ahead in 2020 due to COVID. Sadly, there will be no fireworks either. We are already planning NYE 2021.

Byron Carols online

This year Byron Carols will be taking a different shape – they’ll be broadcast online on Friday 11 December, at 7pm. Wherever you are, live stream the songs and Christmas festivities at byroncarols.com.au.

Prostate Cancer

The final 2020 meeting for the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group will be held on Monday, 14 December at 10am at the Ballina

Cherry Street Bowling Club followed with the Christmas Luncheon. All welcome, including partners or carers. Enquiries and bookings for luncheon please contact Bob Corney (Convenor) 6628 1527 or 0400 747 630.

Christmas Hampers

Liberation Larder would appreciate and love to receive contributions for our Christmas Hampers, which will be distributed on 24 December to those who need a helping hand. We need: leg ham and turkey to cook for our takeaway hot meals – so we need them one or two weeks in advance, shopping bags to put everything into. A gift for the hampers would be: small Christmas cakes, small Christmas puddings, small canned foods, food vouchers, any Christmasy gifts.

Drop off on Mondays and Thursdays at Liberation Larder at the Byron Community Centre 7am till 2pm, or call us on 0435 879 778 on other days.

Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries wish to thank wholeheartedly all those generous volunteers, book donors, book buyers and especially Byron Bay Property Sales and their generous landlord for supplying a shop front for our one off pop-up book sale. A great effort, book sales exceeded more than our expectations, over \$7,000 under such unprecedented circumstances, a great boost for our shire libraries.

NRG AGM

Northern Rivers Guardians annual general meeting is on Saturday, 19 December at 1pm following the regular monthly meeting at 12 noon. Meet at the Murwillumbah CWA Hall on Queen Street (100m up the hill from the CEC shop). Following the AGM will be a social time for members and guests.

Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare’s next, and last 2020, fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday, 12 December, 8am till 12 noon, at the Brunswick Crown Land site Lot 428 just south of the Surf Club. Meet at the fire trail gate. Please call on 0478 272 300 if you can’t find us.

CWA Christmas sale

The Mullumbimby CWA rooms (on the corner of Tincogan and Gordon Streets) will be open for a Christmas sale on Friday 11 December from 9am till noon. Call in for homemade Christmas baking, Christmas goods, books and bric-a-brac. Call 0427 847 282.

New date for Together Party AGM

The Together Party are putting a team together to run in the next Byron Shire Council elections. Following their AGM on Saturday, 19 December via Zoom at 12pm they will be discussing

the council ticket. Lunch to follow at Habitat in Byron. Find out how to get involved at: www.thetogetherparty.org.au.

Brunswick 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.

Brunswick 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.

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 no later than the Monday before. Info: president Margaret 0429 966 894.

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 to connect. For info contact Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025 or email david@davidyoung.com.au or kenconnell46@gmail.com.

Bangalow Xmas goodies

Bangalow CWA’s much loved Christmas Eve goodies stall will now be at a pop-up Christmas shop at the rooms in Bangalow’s main street on Saturday 19 December from 8.30pm. Come along for all things edible and decorative.

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

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. For more info call 66856807 or visit 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.

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.

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 or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

Croquet

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** meets at Black Rocks Sports field on Tuesday and Thursdays at 8.30am during daylight savings time. The last game for the year is on Thursday, 10 December, 2020 and will resume on Tuesday, 9 February, 2021. New

members are welcome. Any enquires ring Pat on 0427 976 436 or Jean on 0431 606 376.

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.

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. For immediate support call 000.

Mikey wins Coffs Harbour Open



Mikey carves at Diggers beach on his way to a win. Photo Ethan Smith (Surfing NSW)

Ross Kendall

Lennox Head surfer Mikey McDonagh won the inaugural Coffs Harbour Open – stop six of the Australian Open of Surfing series – after a day of exciting action in picturesque two-to-three foot conditions at Diggers Beach in Coffs Harbour in late November.

Hot off a win with his local Le-Ba Boardriders at the recent nudie Australian Boardriders Battle, Mikey McDonagh capped off a giant long weekend of massive results taking out the Open Men’s division. McDonagh

started off slow, only posting tiny scores in the opening stages of the heat, but was able to capitalise when punchy waves arose, notching up an 8.33 and 7.83 to post a decent 16.16 two-wave heat total.

Runner-up Chris Zaffis (Angourie) showed moments of flair in the heat, holding down the lead for portions of the final, but was pipped by McDonagh by a 0.53 point margin.

‘It was a gigantic long weekend of surfing here in Coffs and I was pretty cooked yesterday from a giant day

on Saturday at the Boardriders Battle, but I came here this morning pretty fired up to compete,’ said Mickey. ‘After the first heat this morning, the conditions changed so much and I found that it really suited me as the heats went on. I’m just stoked to have taken this out.’

The Coffs Harbour Open saw approximately 100 competitors surfing across the male and female divisions and formed the sixth of eight events on the Australian Open of Surfing Series. Philippa Anderson from Merewether in Newcastle won the women’s event.

No stopping croquet at Cherry Street



Crouquet is going strong in Ballina despite the pandemic. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

The Ballina Cherry Street Croquet Club has had a busy and successful membership despite COVID-19 restrictions, as well as a six-week time out for lawn maintenance.

During October, David Scott and Ray Chapman competed at Pine Rivers Club in Brisbane in the Queensland State Ricochet Championship, finishing top of their block winning all five games. Unfortunately, the final

game was halted by a storm, with the sudden finish going to their opponents.

Greg Porter played in the Queensland State Golf Championship division two, and won all five games on the first day, but then two of five the second day with an overall score of seven from 10.

In a great achievement, David Scott won the NSW Beryl Chambers Memorial State Association Handicap finals at Tempe, Sydney.

David is now to play in the

State Golf Selectors Invitation Tournament, to be held in Newcastle this weekend.

‘Our Club is proud to have such skilled players doing so well in all three styles,’ club captain Ray Chapman said.

Coaching of new players has also returned with sessions for Thursday afternoons from 4 to 6pm.

Any enquiries can be directed to Club Captain, Ray Chapman on 0439 540 251 or email: cherrystreetcroquet@gmail.com.

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Just a few of those to pay tribute to Mungo MacCallum upon his retirement – via Tweet – were Mike Carlton, Paddy Manning, *The Monthly* editor Nick Feik, Margo Kingston, Karen Middleton, managing editor at *Independent Australia*, Michelle Pini, broadcaster Wendy Harmer and *Chaser* co-founder, Dom Knight. See our farewell on page 12 and letters on page 14.

An *Echo* reader has alerted *Backlash* to a ‘survival camp’ being established west of Casino, in which locals are apparently buying shares. According to the tip-off, buyers are required to stump up cash before seeing the site, and are being told not to show the contract to a lawyer. If correct, those terms sounds like it should be avoided, like COVID-19.

This year, Byron Bay Carols will be taking a different shape by broadcasting online. To tune in with friends and family, wherever you are, and live stream the songs and Christmas festivities at byroncarols.com.au on Friday December 11 from 7pm.

Investigative journalist Michael West has found, via freedom of info requests, that in the 2018/2019 financial year, the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) took \$4.6 million from some of the world’s biggest greenhouse gas emitters – Shell, Santos, Woodside and Chevron. Does BOM downplay the effects of climate change to please its bosses? Absolutely, says West. For more visit www.michaelwest.com.au.

Good news for the advancement of humanity and



Despite looking complete, Council’s Byron Bay Butler Street bypass project remains in limbo until noise abatement works are completed by the end of February, 2021. Construction will also cease over Christmas, say Council staff. Meanwhile, ‘substantial challenges’ delayed the project, including protests over environmental concerns, while QLD sub-contractors were held up with the COVID-19 border closure. Director of Infrastructure Services Phil Holloway said, ‘It must be acknowledged that Byron’s traffic woes are complex in nature, and the goal of the bypass project has never been to provide a silver bullet to alleviate traffic congestion on Ewingsdale Road’. And just a reminder – that silver bullet was pointed at the Butler Street residents, who were largely not in favour of having their quiet amenity ruined. Photo Jeff ‘Taking Silver Bullets Since 1986’ Dawson

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natural medicines – according to US media outlet *Forbes*, ‘The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs has approved the removal of marijuana from the list of the “world’s most dangerous” drugs category, where it had been classified since 1961’.

Last week’s front page story ‘Telstra ignores 5G Opposition’ incorrectly stated that Byron Public School was ‘informing parents to help hold a vigil to ensure no technicians come to upgrade the towers to 5G.’ Byron Public has informed *The Echo* that this is not the case and it has nothing to do with the anti-5G campaign.

Psst – there could be traffic congestion in Byron again on Friday, as the *Nine Perfect Strangers* production crew are filming at Cheeky Monkey’s.

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