

A call to protect oceans



From left are Monique and Tezu Harrison, wife and son of Ian, who died surfing the Wreck the day his idea for the cultural and environmental awareness sign was passed in Council. Pictured also is Dane Marx from Positive Change For Marine Life, Bundjalung woman Delta Kay and the sign's designer, Kaitlyn Clark. Photo Jeff Dawson

A new sign has been installed at Main Beach, Byron Bay, calling for increased awareness and collective action on the issue of marine debris and pollution.

The sign, which is solar powered, also aims to raise awareness about Arakwal custodianship of the Cavanbah region, and is also a memorial to Ian Harrison, the local designer behind the sign's concept.

Ian died surfing The Wreck on the day that councillors approved the sign to go ahead.

Locally-founded NGO, Positive Change for Marine Life (PCFML), with support from Byron Shire Council and the Arakwal Corporation, funded the new art installation and educational sign, which was unveiled at Apex Park on Friday.

PCFML's Dane Marx says the sign features artwork by Bundjalung woman Kaitlyn Clark.

He said, 'Considering that by 2050, the amount of plastic in the sea is believed to outweigh that of fish, this could not be a more pertinent call to action for our ocean.'

■ For more information on Positive Change for Marine Life, visit www.pcfml.org.au.

Trial continues for policeman accused of youth assault

Mia Armitage

A police officer accused of assaulting a 16-year-old in Byron Bay more than three years ago is to continue facing trial this week.

Senior Constable Michial Luke Greenhalgh is alleged to have assaulted the teenage boy in Lateen Lane, sometime between two and three o'clock in the morning on January 11, 2018, after responding to reports of him wandering half-naked and calling out.

Holiday-makers, a Byron resident and a backpackers' hostel manager all saw or heard parts of the interaction between the youth and the four police officers on-scene.

One witness took video footage that quickly made national headlines and was later used as evidence in a Law Enforcement Conduct Commission [LECC] inquiry examining the actions of all four policemen featured.

The LECC recommended the Department of Public Prosecutions [DPP] consider charging one officer, later revealed as Sen-Constable Michial Greenhalgh, with assault.

Boy not charged

No charges were ever laid against the boy, and Sen-Constable Greenhalgh was transferred from Byron Bay police station to Lismore.

While the LECC found police hit the youth 19 times with a baton, it's the final six blows that are under scrutiny in the trial.

The DPP must prove those blows constituted unreasonable force,

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A closer look at Council's fossil fuel investments

Paul Bibby

Is Byron Council putting its money where its mouth is when it comes to reducing carbon emissions?

Council has proudly declared its intention to achieve net zero emissions from its operations by 2025, and has launched a series of projects in a bid to achieve that.

But a glance at the body's \$70 million investment portfolio raises questions about just how serious it is about saving the planet.

Put simply, a big chunk of Council's cash is indirectly funding industries that are heavily reliant on fossil fuels.

The register of investments published in the agenda to this week's meeting shows that Council has about \$48 million invested with financial institutions that are, in turn, investing in fossil fuel-related industries.

That's nearly 70 per cent of Council's total investments.

This is despite the fact that

the body has a policy of giving preference to financial institutions that invest in, or finance, environmentally and socially responsible investments.

Restricted by NSW govt

Council's Manager of Finance, James Brickley, said it was impossible for Council not to invest with financial institutions exposed to fossil fuels, owing to conditions and restrictions imposed on it by the state government.

Under the Local Government Act and the NSW Government Minister's Investment Order, Council was essentially only permitted to invest in large Author Deposit Institutions and was prohibited from investing in shares, he said.

'In recent years, Council has [also] taken out low interest loans with the NSW Treasury Corporation to minimise borrowing costs as much as possible for infrastructure works,' Mr Brickley said.

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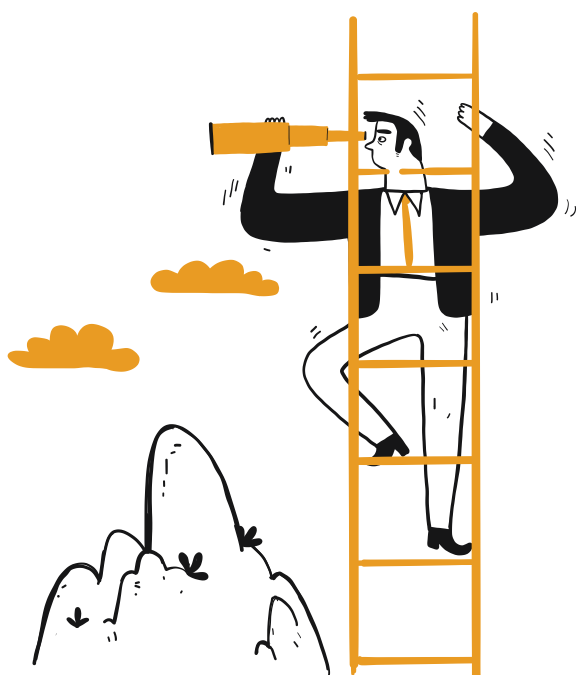


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FOR EARLY BIRDS

Our daily online news site (revamped with a new look this week) will still be at echo.net.au each day. If you scroll down the home page, in the middle is the pdf version of the current edition (up normally from Tuesday evening).

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Drill Hall refurbished with new box office

The newly refurbished Mullumbimby Drill Hall has been unveiled, with a new box office, an upgraded lighting system, access ramp, improved kitchen, storage shed and pottery shed.

A press release by Council says the hall has been serving the community for 105 years 'and recent renovations mean it will continue to be a creative hub for the community for many years to come'.

The funds totalled \$146,850 and came from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, according to Council.

Volunteer run

Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson, said, 'While Council owns the Drill Hall, it's managed by the Mullumbimby District Cultural Centre (MDCC), whose volunteers do a magnificent job fostering the arts'.

'As a not-for-profit



The Drill Hall's artistic director, Liz Chance, along with thespians, politicians and Council representatives, celebrates the upgrade to Mullum's Drill Hall. Photo Jeff Dawson

organisation, it's difficult for the MDCC to raise money for significant upgrades and capital works, so this investment means they can continue to entertain audiences

of all ages as well as provide facilities for pottery, drawing, dance and exercise'.

Local Nationals Member of the Legislative Council (MLC), Ben Franklin, added that the

hall had been an 'integral part of the community for years and the refurbishments are very welcome'.

For more info visit www.drillhalltheatre.org.au.

Trial continues for policeman accused of youth assault

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Last November, the court heard NSW Police were authorised to use many types of force, but that refresher training from 2015 to 2018 had focused on firearms.

The criminal trial was originally scheduled to take four days in the Lismore courthouse, but was delayed while Magistrate Michael Dakin considered whether or not to allow CCTV footage taken after the alleged assault to be used as evidence.

That footage was

captured on police cameras inside, and directly outside, Byron Bay's police station later in the morning after the Lateen Lane encounter and was ultimately shown in court, but placed under a suppression order preventing media from sharing it publicly.

A common theme in November's hearings was inconsistency: specifically, inconsistency between witness statements supplied to the LECC inquiry and statements later offered to court.

Some witnesses said they'd seen footage of the

Lateen Lane altercation so many times it had potentially influenced their statements.

Others said nearly three years on from the incident, they couldn't recall details.

Don't recall

'I don't recall' was the main response in court last year by Sen-Constable Mark Sims, while another of the four officers who testified was excused from testifying having suffered a brain injury.

His LECC statement was still accepted as evidence.

At one point in hearings, defence barrister Brent

Haverfield described the LECC inquiry as having 'cajoled' witnesses into 'giving answers'.

But by the end of day four, Mr Haverfield had told one witness with conflicting statements his LECC statement, 'would be a truthful account' because it was given 'closer to the time' of the incident.

Sen-Constable Greenhalgh is charged with one count of assault, with another three days of hearings scheduled to resume in Lismore from Tuesday, February 23.

■ Mia Armitage is from BayFM

Ballina, Lismore ahead of Byron with fossil fuel divestment

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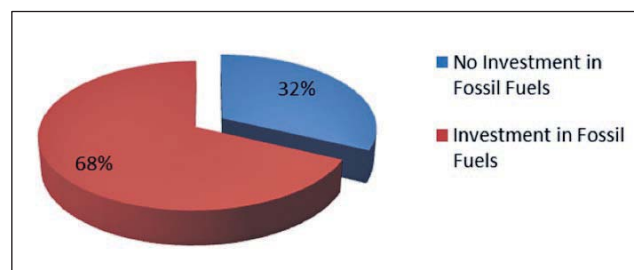
'Access to these loans has come with a restriction... to ensure Council invests in higher quality credit rated institutions.'

'Unfortunately financial institutions that promote no investment in fossil fuels are generally smaller financial institutions and have a lower quality credit rating.

'This is limiting Council's ability to invest in this area.'

However, an analysis of the Ballina and Lismore Council's investments shows that they are both well ahead of Byron Council when it comes to divesting from financial institutions that are exposed to fossil fuels.

Fifty-three per cent of Lismore's investments have



This graph, from page 48 of the agenda to this week's Byron Council full meeting, shows that just 32 per cent of Byron Council's investments are with institutions that do not invest in industries that rely on fossil fuels. Image Byron Council

no connection to the fossil fuel industry, compared to Byron, which has 32 per cent.

Ballina is also ahead of Byron, with 40 per cent of its investments being non-fossil fuel aligned.

Lismore and Ballina have policies of environmentally and socially responsible

investment, and both use stronger language than Byron's policy.

Ballina's policy, for instance, declares that the Council will make 'every reasonable effort to maximise the percentage of the total portfolio held with non-fossil fuel aligned institutions'.

But Mr Brickley said it needed to be understood that Byron's policy was not limited to fossil fuels.

'Council has investments within its portfolio that are targeted toward social housing, environmental projects, climate action and gender equity as examples,' he said.

'Some of these are offered by financial institutions exposed to the fossil fuel industry.'

'Council is also limited to investment offerings provided in the marketplace. Sometimes environmentally and socially responsible investment opportunities, when they come to the market, are so oversubscribed that Council may not receive an allocation.'

#metoo Byron Shire circle invites survivors

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

In a perfect world, the trauma Margot and Joana experienced would not have happened, and there would be no need for the very important support group they have created.

Sadly, tragically, Margot and Joana suffered the terror and trauma of sexual assault.

And as federal politics has shown recently, this is neither uncommon nor addressed adequately or responsibly.

Margot says they started the #metoo Byron Shire Circle for Women because she and Joana had both looked for a support group for sexual assault survivors in the past, and couldn't find one.

'In the last month or so, we have worked together to create some structure and intentions for the circle and now we are ready to start!'

Margot says this type of group is incredibly important in order to support women who have experienced sexual assault/abuse, and to give them space to express themselves.

'It is so powerful when women come together and share their truth, and connect with each other, build community and feel empowered.

'Statistically, one in five women have experienced sexual abuse, and this group provides a space to connect with others who can understand and empathise with



Margot and Joana have created a support group for women who are sexual assault survivors.

this type of experience, and understand the level of impact it can have on our lives.'

Margot feels that if she had been able to access this type of group in the past, she would have felt less alone when she was really struggling.

'It would have helped me to feel more seen, and understood, in what I was going through.'

'It can be really hard for others who have not experienced sexual abuse to know how to be supportive after such a complicated experience and the trauma it leaves behind, even though they have the best intentions.'

Margot stresses that the group is a place for support

and peer-to-peer connection; it is not therapy.

'We encourage people to seek professional help if needed. We are happy for people to reach out to us if they would like more information.'

Safe space

Margot and Joana want to provide a safe space for women who have experienced sexual abuse, and who would like to connect with other women, to feel supported, validated and empowered in their healing journey, however that looks.

'Women are welcome to join regularly, or on a more spontaneous basis, and it is our intention that they will always be

met with acceptance and compassion.

'Hopefully this #metoo support circle will become known around the Byron Shire and be easily accessible when needed, for as long as it is needed.'

LGBTQ+ friendly

The #metoo Byron Shire Circle is a meeting for women, yet is also a LGBTQ+ friendly event for anyone who identifies as a woman, gender non-conforming or non-binary.

They meet every second Thursday in Byron Bay's Marvell Hall, from 6 till 7pm.

There is also a private Facebook group. Look for #metoo Byron Shire Circle – or call or text 0490 103 447 for more information.

Urgent accommodation needed for wheelchair using woman

Carers of a 29-year old wheelchair using woman are appealing to the public for suitable accommodation as she is being forced to

move immediately. One of four carers, Deva, told *The Echo* that it's a desperate situation, and the stress of the eviction may affect her

health and result in seizures.

The woman's home is being re-occupied by the owner, she added.

Deva said the woman is

on a disability pension, and has lived locally for around 15 years. Anyone who can offer help can call Deva on 0447 284 505.

Music fest aims to be COVID-19 recovery event

Paul Bibby

Byron Bay could host a two-day, beachside music and arts festival in June this year, after an application to hold the event was lodged with Byron Council.

The 'Byron Music Festival' would transform Denning Park, beside Byron's Main Beach, into an all-ages festival ground with 2,000 people enjoying live music, keynote speakers and market stalls.

The two day event, proposed by the owner of Byron Music, Nick Sergi, would focus on promoting local talent and aim to boost the local economy by attracting visitors to the region during



Nick Sergi. Photo Jeff Dawson

the off season.

'I ran the Byron Guitar Festival for three years until we were forced to stop by COVID-19, so this is a way of re-igniting the idea of a music festival right in the centre of town', Mr Sergi said.

'We want it to be 100 per cent local talent, and look at it as a COVID-19 recovery event for the local arts

community.'

'The idea is that it will be financially accessible to as many people as possible, with a lot of the offerings being free.'

Mr Sergi is inviting local musicians who want to play at the festival to apply via the website www.ByronMusicFestival.com.

He is also hoping that Byron's established venues, such as the three main pubs and Byron Theatre, will also get involved by hosting gigs.

'We're chatting to a bunch of different venues this week, and hopefully we'll get them on board', he said.

First up, though, he will need to be successful in his

application for a temporary event licence from Byron Council.

Before Council

Council staff have recommended that councillors give the event a green light when it comes before them at this Thursday's Council meeting.

Byron Council's Events and Economy Team Leader, Jess Gilmore, said in a report regarding the event: 'It's been described as "the love child of a street festival and a music industry conference"'

'The goal of the festival is to be the region's premier event that embodies the arts and cultural values of Byron Bay.'

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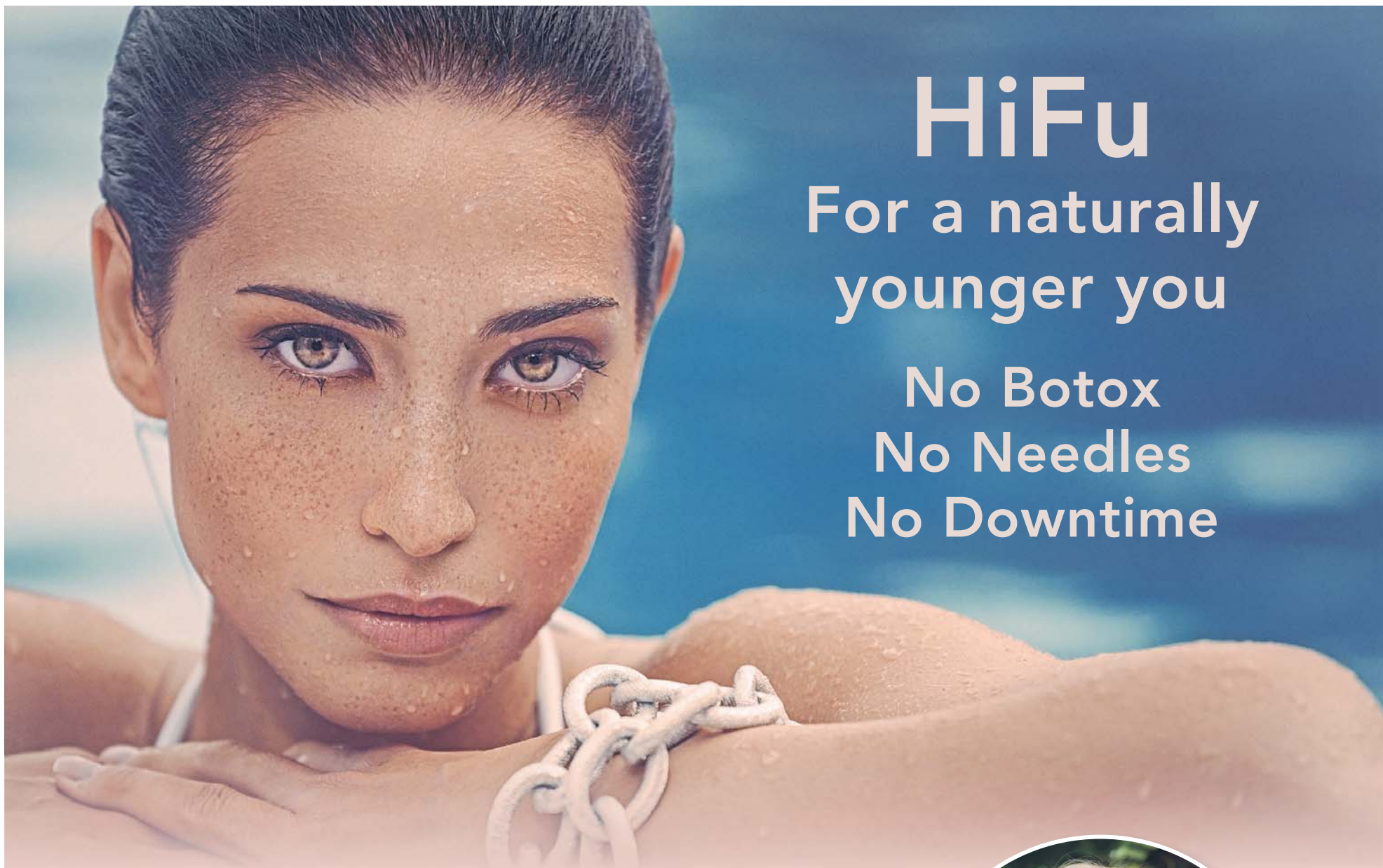


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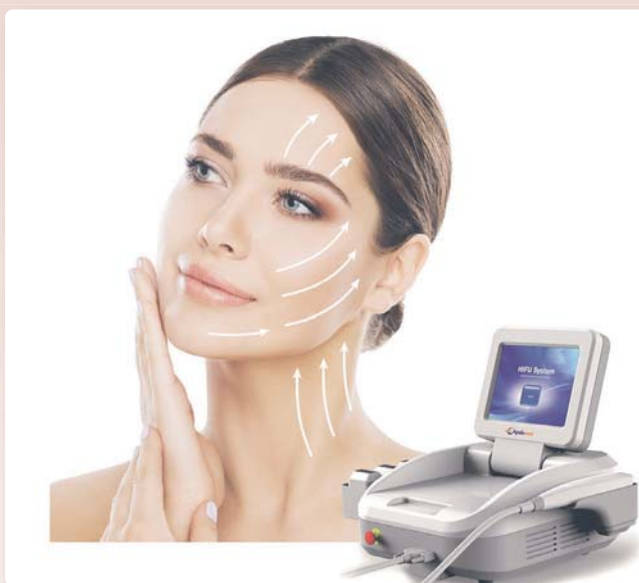
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Bama scoops All Shorts film comp

Filmmakers and film enthusiasts took part in last weekend's 30th birthday celebrations for Flickerfest, in what organisers say was a highly successful three day Mullumbimby event.

The Byron leg of the festival's 2021 national tour incorporates Byron All Shorts and Northern Rivers Short Film finalists screening and awards.

Organisers say the films on tour were selected from over 2,700 entries received for Flickerfest's Academy® qualifying and BAFTA recognised festival competitions held at Flickerfest's ten day Bondi festival.

Mullum Flickerfest is the first leg of Flickerfest's 50 venue national tour, and Flickerfest organisers Bronwyn Kidd and Shane Rennie were thrilled to again present the Flickerfest tour for the



Loveday and Loveday – for the second year in a row Jahvis Loveday (left) has won Byron All Shorts, this year with *Bama*, a film starring his brother Elijah. Photo supplied

24th year in Byron Shire. The winning film, *Bama*, is a moment in the life of a young Aboriginal boy, after the first day at a private school in the city, where he

reflects on his fear of losing the magic of family and community after being so far away from them.

Filmmaker Jahvis Loveday says *Bama*, starring his little brother Elijah, is a reflection on how he feels every time he leaves his family.

'It is how I felt in Melbourne, and how I will always feel wherever I go'.

Loveday, whose film *Home* won last year's All Shorts, said the second win has put him on an emotional roller coaster.

He said, 'I really thought that I wouldn't win two years in a row'.

The Byron All Shorts awards were presented, after the screening, by a panel of acclaimed local film practitioners, including producer Lois Randall, writer/director Dominic Allen, and writer/director Sophie Hexter.

NSW govt takes axe to TAFE, more jobs to go

The Liberal-Nationals government is slashing almost 700 frontline TAFE NSW jobs, including 470 regional jobs, according to the Community Public Sector Union of NSW.

Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin (Labor), says locally up to 29 jobs will go, and described

it as a 'betrayal by NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, who gave an iron-clad promise in 2019 that there would be no public service job cuts in regional and rural NSW'.

She said, 'Figures provided to me by the CPSU-NSW show that we are looking at up to

29 local jobs going under two major restructures – in educational support and in student services, facilities management and logistics'.

She says the Tweed and Kingscliff TAFEs will be hardest hit, 'with the government targeting 12 positions, and in

the Ballina Electorate, eight positions at Wollongbar TAFE and one position at Ballina TAFE are under threat'.

Local Nationals Member of the Legislative Council, Ben Franklin, was asked for comment but none was received by deadline.

Main Beach cleanup day planned for March 7

With a nationwide beach cleanup day planned for March 7, Tahlia Pileggi, owner of Byron salon Sulis, is calling on the community to join a cleanup event for Main Beach, Byron Bay, from 8.30am.

Tahlia says, 'I'm excited to share with you a project that I'm very passionate about. This initiative is very close to my heart, as many of you know I've worked hard

over five years to transition Sulis into a sustainable and environmentally friendly salon and spa'.

'This year, to make a more meaningful impact, Aveda and Sulis are teaming up with Take 3 for the Sea in an effort to clean our most loved beach.

'Take 3 for the Sea is an Australian charity whose mission is to encourage us to

[always] collect three pieces of rubbish in our most loved outdoor location to avoid unwanted items ending up in the ocean.

'In Australia, we're sadly

responsible for using five billion single-use bottles, 70 billion pieces of soft plastic, such as food wrappers, and an estimated seven million plastic utensils every single day!'



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www.echo.net.au**Kingscliff – ‘serious concerns’ over hospital development**

The community remains ‘seriously concerned’ over the risks to the remaining State Significant Farmland that surrounds the new hospital site, the future of free parking for staff and visitors, and the existing Tweed Hospital.

Lismore urges REX to reconsider cancellation

The regional airline, Regional Express (REX) says that five services, including its Lismore service, would cease once government support is discontinued at the end of March.

Cut it down – Tweed Councillors at odds over future of forest red gum

‘We should be active and take the tree down,’ Cr Polglase told the Tweed Shire Council, referring to a significant forest red gum in Tweed Heads West.

Will Ballina Council live up to its promise?

A motion to be tabled at Ballina Shire Council’s meeting this week will ask the council to live up to its promise to act on the climate emergency.

Main Arm raids... The police are in Mullum!

Having waited around for voluntary contributions to the ‘Dope Drop-off Centre’ in Mullumbimby, NSW Police were not satisfied with community’s contributions and decided to swing into action.

Water park unsuccessful as Jack Evans Boat Harbour PoM approved

Another ‘workshop’ was set up for Tweed councillors to discuss a water park after Councillor Warren Polglase’s last minute attempt to include it in the Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management.

Archibald has knock-on effect in Murwillumbah

The Tweed Regional Gallery is hosting the Archibald Prize and local business people say the event is giving Murwillumbah a significant economic boost.

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Ready for the latest massive development on Jonson St?

Developers, Dr Stanley Quek and Adam Garrisson (Multiplicity Byron Bay Pty Ltd), are proposing a mixed commercial residential complex in Byron’s CBD, located next to the old Woolies building at 90-96 Jonson Street, Byron Bay.

The proposal comprises a central piazza, 54 apartments of different sizes/numbers of bedrooms and retail shops.

If approved, it would mean the shops in the North Byron Plaza would need to vacate, and the existing car parking would be relocated underground.

Businesses affected include The Cellar, Legend Pizza, Byron Camping and Disposals, Woody’s Surf Shack and O Sushi, among others.

According to the details supplied by the developer’s consultant planners, the proposal sits on 5,390m², and is aimed at those ‘seeking to downsize, and those wishing to live within the township of Byron Bay’.

As for holiday letting, the proponents say in their online Q&A: ‘The proposal is for residential accommodation.’

‘Should the owners of the individual apartments wish to holiday let their apartments they will be required to comply with the relevant State and Council requirements’.

Details to come

Many details are yet to be presented, or ‘determined through the development process and stakeholder consultation’.

These include the final number of



Artists impression of a proposal for the former Woolies car park and commercial retail area. Photo supplied

tenancies and size of the apartments.

As for potentially increased traffic congestion, the proponents say, ‘The potential traffic generation of the development is being reviewed by our traffic consultants to ensure that the development does not significantly contribute to existing traffic issues within the town centre.’

‘Their report will form part of the Development Application’.

Basement parking for ‘approximately 173 vehicles’ is planned.

Additionally, a ‘Social Impact Assessment is being undertaken’.

‘This will be submitted to Council with the Development Application’.

Pre-lodgement

A pre-lodgement community consultation process ended Monday, February 22.

Contact details for the proposal are: consultation@plannersnorth.com.au or visit www.plannersnorth.com.au/portfolio/90-96jonsonstreet.

Meanwhile, the owners of the

former Woolies building, located next door, are reportedly selling up, despite having lodged an enormous mixed commercial-residential DA.

Mercato vs Council

The latest mega development-proposal comes as the Gold Coast developer, Robert Badalotti, lost against Council a court case last year regarding changes of consent to his shopping centre, located just south of the former Woolies site. (*Mercato on Byron Pty Ltd v Byron Shire Council [2020] NSWLEC 1524*).

Mercato’s application to build a roundabout, instead of undertaking works for the shopping centre entry, was refused by Commissioner Chilcott in the Land & Environment Court on October 20, 2020.

According to the judgment regarding DA 10.2013.587.5: ‘The owner of the shopping centre, Mercato on Byron Pty Ltd (the applicant), has appealed the refusal by Byron Shire Council (the Respondent) of its

further, fifth, application, made under s 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), to modify the conditions of consent imposed on the construction of its shopping centre’.

‘This most recent modification application seeks to amend parts of Condition 23 of the grant of consent for the shopping centre.’

Condition 23 ‘concerned works within the road reserve that fronts the Subject Site’.

Backpackers sold

The backpacker hostel adjacent to the Mercato complex has reportedly sold to a Sydney-based developer for \$18.55m. According to *The Australian Financial Review*, developer Podia plan to redevelop the 4282m² site.

Head of development at Podia, Michael Grassi told AFR, ‘There’s an affordability crisis for locals, and hopefully whatever we do with the site will alleviate some of that pressure’.

Super swim challenge accepted!



The Anti Budgie Boardriders. Photo supplied

Eve Jeffery

A group of mates from Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay and Lennox Head recently formed a swim team known as the Anti Budgie Boardriders, for the purpose of taking part in the Starlight Foundations Super Swim Challenge.

The team aimed to swim 32 kilometres in 30 days and

raise \$1,000 each, a total of \$12,000. Reaching well above and beyond that, at day 28 on Monday, they had collectively swum almost 660km and raised over \$40,000 – they are currently the number one team in Australia.

The Anti Budgie Boardriders were originally aiming for the 12K then \$40,000 and they have gone past that and

would like to take out the top spot for the Northern Rivers.

The swimmers are inviting anyone to come and join them for their final swim at Lennox Point at the boat ramp, on Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm.

If anyone wants to get behind the fundraiser, visit: www.superswim.org.au/t/anti-budgie-boardriders.

Lucky escape for driver crossing flooded creek

Police say that an elderly driver was rescued from storm water last Friday.

At about 10pm, February 19, police say a 77-year-old man from Mullumbimby was driving his car along Upper Wilsons Creek Road.

He attempted to cross a flooded causeway on Upper Wilsons Creek Road, however, owing to the rushing water, his vehicle was swept off the causeway. The vehicle, with the driver still

inside, was washed about 100 metres from the causeway, getting lodged in about one metre of water.

A local resident alerted Police and the Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA).

The VRA secured ropes to trees and deployed an operator into the water. The male driver was returned to shore uninjured. Police are reminding people not to enter or attempt to cross flooded roadways or causeways.

Alleged thief resists arrest

Police say that a woman resisted arrest and assaulted two officers in Bangalow.

About 8.40pm on Saturday, police say a 45-year-old woman from Telofa was located on Byron Street, Bangalow.

Police say they had been informed that the woman had allegedly stolen some property from premises in Telofa a short time earlier.

The woman allegedly

became aggressive with officers and attempted to leave, however she was prevented from doing so.

The woman was placed under arrest and, owing to her attempt to leave, police took hold of her arm.

Police say she became violent while being arrested, but was eventually restrained. Police claim she was also in breach of current bail conditions.

Rotary clubs celebrate 100 years with a cause: DV

With Rotary clubs across Australia celebrating 100 years, members are connecting with a baton relay, with a cause: ‘Rotary says NO to domestic violence’.

57 clubs are participating in the campaign, and it launched on February 5 in Grafton and Goondiwindi, with events involving the community, school students, council, government agencies and community organisations.

Organisers say this may include walks, bike rides, car rallies, train rides and displays.

The two batons will travel to 46 towns and cities over 100 days.

The baton relay finishes on May 15 at the Rotary International District Conference in Tweed Heads.

Since the start of the awareness campaign, the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond say they have implemented an educational program called ‘Love Bites’ into six local high schools.

Jodie Shelley from Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond said, ‘This extraordinary celebration has given the wider community an opportunity to connect



Dave Harmon, president of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond, with district governor Andy Rajapakse Photo Jodie Shelley

with Rotary and get involved. ‘Family violence is a pandemic of a different kind, it’s a social problem and it’s preventable. By holding events and being visible in our communities we aim

to inspire people to take a stand against domestic violence and help create a safer environment for everyone.

‘Together, Rotarians have spent 100 years making a difference in communities, transforming and creating positive change, making the world a better place.

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‘It’s fun, rewarding and together we create change. We are a powerful resource’.

Local events

Events are planned for: March 19 in Lismore, March 20 in Alstonville, March 27 in Ballina, March 28 in Byron Bay, April 17 in Murwillumbah and April 23 in Mullumbimby.

For more info visit www.rotary9640.org, or contact Dave Harmon on 0401 956 996.

Family Court scrapped

Federal govt ignores legal profession, advocates, reports and inquiries

Despite overwhelming opposition from Australia’s family law specialists and advocates, the federal Liberal-Nationals government and cross benchers scrapped the Family Law Court and subsumed it into the circuit courts last week.

A statement by the Law Council and Community Legal Centres Australia says the move would collapse the family court ‘into the generalist, chronically under-resourced and overburdened Federal Circuit Court (FCC)’.

‘The bill was listed without warning overnight as the first item of government business on Tuesday, despite not being included on the government’s draft legislative program for the Senate this week’.

More than 155 stakeholders in Australia’s family law system signed an open letter

to the Attorney-General opposing the move, which they say comes with no underpinning of evidence or reports that such a merger would be of any benefit. Instead they say it will increase costs, delays and stress for families.

Signatories represented included a range of professions and community organisations, including 11 retired Family Court and Federal Circuit Court (FCC) judges, and former Chief Justices.

Local federal MP Justine Elliot (Labor) told *The Echo* it was a ‘terrible’ and ‘cruel’ decision, ‘which will affect the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and families’.

‘Labor will now be consulting widely as we consider the policy we take to the election [and] how best to improve the family law system’.

Mullum pool upgrade, railways before Council

Paul Bibby

Plans to upgrade the Mullumbimby swimming pool, so it can remain open all year round, are set for a boost at this week’s Council meeting, with councillors expected to support a \$50,000 feasibility study into the project.

The proposed upgrade, which includes solar heating, a therapy pool and a splash down play area for kids, was shelved during COVID-19 owing to Council’s shrinking revenue stream.

But with the financial ship gradually turning around, Council is now in a position to restart the project, which appears to have widespread

support across the Mullum community and beyond.

Councillors will vote on the proposal at Thursday’s full Council meeting as part of the quarterly budget review process.

End of the line?

Meanwhile, it appears the plan to reopen the old train line between Byron and Mullumbimby may not be in line for another cash splash.

Greens councillors had hoped to fund further studies into the project following a series of earlier investigations that have already been completed at considerable expense.

However, Council staff

have recommended against spending any further funds in this area, at least until the next budget review.

Council’s Manager of Finance, James Brickley said in his Budget Review report: ‘At this point there has not been the capacity to identify sufficient funding for this resolution given the overall Council budget position is still projecting a deficit position, although a reduced deficit’.

Legals

One factor not assisting Council’s bottom line was an increased legal bill from 2020.

According to Mr Brickley’s report, Council spent

\$389,821 on legal fees during the 12 months to December.

That is nearly double the \$200,000 it had allocated for legal expenses in the budget.

‘It is proposed to transfer \$200,000 from the legal services reserve within this quarterly budget review to fund the increase in legal fees incurred,’ Mr Brickley said.

‘Legal costs need to be monitored closely within the next quarter, with the budget reviewed again at the end of March.’

Despite this legal budget blow-out, Mr Brickley concluded that Council’s short budget position remains ‘satisfactory for the 2020/2021 financial year’.

NSW Labor introduces legislation to ban destruction of government documents

Hans Lovejoy

NSW Labor has introduced legislation to ban the ‘reckless destruction’ of government documents, after documents relating to a quarter of a billion dollar grants program were shredded in the Premier’s office.

Labor leader, Jodi McKay, says an independent investigation by the State Archives and Records Authority found the Premier’s office had broken the law by shredding the documents.

Ms McKay said, ‘Separately, the Information and Privacy Commissioner referred the matter to the

Independent Commission Against Corruption and recommended the creation of a new offence covering the reckless destruction of government information.

Trust and integrity

‘This [legislation] is an important step to ensure trust and integrity in government after too many scandals and cover-ups. This government looks after their own, but leaves the rest behind, and this flagrant abuse must stop.’

The Echo asked local Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin, if he believes Labor’s legislation is reasonable and provides improved accountability and

integrity in politics?

And, ‘Given the State Archives and Records Authority found the Premier’s office had broken the law by shredding the documents, should she have faced at least a fine?’

Mr Franklin replied, ‘I believe that all laws and state government regulations regarding record keeping should be followed at all times’.

The Echo also asked, ‘Is it a concern that an inquiry found “95 per cent of the \$250 million on offer went to Coalition seats in the lead-up to the 2019 election?”, or is this just the way government operates?’

He replied, ‘Regarding government funding during election campaigns, I think that MPs and candidates should, after listening to the community, publicly announce a set of policies and commitments and then deliver them. That is what I have done, and I’m proud that many of my promises have already been delivered. This includes the \$25 million commitment to upgrading roads and infrastructure in the Byron Shire’.

‘These new and upgraded roads have been rolling out over the past 12 months and the community feedback has been incredibly positive’.



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Resilience through biodiversity and awareness

The Byron Shire Resilience and Regeneration Roadshow will be in Brunswick Heads this Saturday, as part of a series of events across the region tackling the question: ‘How do we create more resilient communities in 2021?’ James Perrin, from The Overview Effect podcast series, is interviewing the guest speakers, and organisers invited him to also respond to the question.

He said, ‘In my podcast interviews, I ask my guests the question: Have you had a moment, an overview effect, that has changed the way you see and interact with the world?’ ‘The responses vary, but always have a similar theme; an experience that made them realise there is more to the world than first meets the eye; that broke them out of the “mould” and allowed them to see a



From a recent Resilience and Regeneration Roadshow. Photo supplied

different way of living. ‘An ecological system is resilient when it has high levels of biodiversity. This is because there are more plants, animals, fungi, and bacteria interacting with one another. When a “shock” or [big] change happens, the diversity of these interrelationships means the system is able to adapt. ‘As we know, change is inevitable. Resilience is not necessarily about trying to “bounce back” to the way things were, but about being able to adapt to, and even embrace, changes as they occur. For this, we can’t be isolated. We can’t be sitting in our separate homes, glued to our screens, and oblivious to the burning world around us.

‘This may seem like an over exaggerated example, but following the bushfires in 2019, I heard stories of firefighters preparing for an oncoming flame who were shocked that some residents were still in their homes, unaware of the looming danger.

Asleep at the wheel

‘We can’t be asleep at the wheel. We need to build community networks and know where our food is being grown (and who’s growing it). We need to take responsibility for our waste. We need to know who our neighbours are and who we can turn to for various forms of help, and who we can help in return. ‘We need to self-organise. We can’t rely on corporations or the government to do this for us. To RSVP your free ticket for Saturday, visit www.renew-fest.org.au/roadshow.

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Constitutional referendum/poll for LG elections?

Hans Lovejoy
Council staff have advised, in the upcoming agenda, that ‘Council may conduct a Constitutional referendum or poll in conjunction with the Local Government Election, to be held in September 2021’. According to the report, this means that electors can be given options to vote to divide a Council area into wards or abolish wards, change the method of electing the mayor, change the number of councillors, and change the method of election for councillors where

the Council’s area is divided into wards. (All are defined under section 16 of the *Local Government Act 1993*). Additionally, ‘Section 14 of the Act states: “A Council may take a poll of electors for its information and guidance on any matter”’. Cr Alan Hunter told *The Echo*, ‘The issue raises the question of whether Byron Shire has the right structure to provide our community the best service, and if it needs changing or not?’ ‘My question is why would a small shire want to incur the cost for something that

won’t make any difference to how we currently manage the Shire? I don’t think shifting the deck chairs will make one ounce of difference to Council’s performance. ‘Voters have to think hard about who we vote for, rather than how many [councillors] or how we vote for the Council team. Satisfaction below benchmark
‘According to the recent survey in the Byron Shire, only 42 per cent of those who contacted Council had their issue

resolved after the first contact, and the overall satisfaction with Council’s management was well below the Local Government benchmark. ‘This is shameful. We need to be concentrating on getting our core business right rather than looking to change the way councillors are organised. ‘We need Councillors who can embrace change and focus on Council management and services, as currently there is an overriding opinion in the community that our Council isn’t easy to do business with’.

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Ewingsdale development creep rejected by residents

A petition of 294 signatures against rezoning Ewingsdale farmland to commercial use will be presented to councillors for their upcoming Thursday meeting.

If successful, it would prevent a proposal next to the Byron Central Hospital for an over 55s retirement village, or aged care facility called Ingenia Lifestyle.

Its developers have flagged their intention to build on surrounding farmland after similar attempts by the Belbecks some years ago. At that time, residents were successful in scaring off the developers.

Yet despite the current opposition by residents, the 'Greens' Council majority appears to have given passage for such developments via its recently adopted *Business and Industrial Lands Strategy 2020* (BILS).

It's a policy that attracted criticism from the community as well as those vying to become Greens councillors at the upcoming September election. It is one of the many issues that has divided the local party under outgoing Mayor, Simon Richardson.

Shannon Burt, Director Sustainable Environment and Economy raised the BILS issue in this week's Council agenda.

In part, she wrote, 'Any development proposal in proximity to the hospital will be assessed against its consistency with the function of the hospital, its ability to value add to existing community and economic benefits of the hospital and its commercial viability.'

Guess what – that includes an over 55s retirement village or aged care facility.

The question is, can Council, as a legislative branch of the state government, do anything to prevent such developments? (The answer is yes, but they don't want to).

And is stopping such developments what the majority of the residents want?

Councillors would argue that such a facility would be welcomed by the wider community.

And besides, it appears reasonable to expand an already established area for such use.

Never mind that development creep was not considered when the hospital was built.

Another question is: Should Council make it hard for developers to be successful with large-scale DAs like this?

With wealth comes the ability to endlessly pursue inappropriate developments, so putting up some resistance, even tokenistic, would seem reasonable to achieve the best outcome for those affected.

Yet as recent court losses indicate, Council doesn't appear to be bothered with that charade.

For years, Council's planning and legal direction appears to have been led by unelected bureaucrats, and as a result, the community's interests are not served particularly well.

With a rapid influx of wealthy people, many of whom are keen to cash in on Byron, the job of defending against inappropriate developments becomes harder.

Perhaps with this rapid influx of a wealthy population, there will be some with experience in local government and planning? It helps to be wealthy, as the pay is peanuts.

Elections are looming this September!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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TGA obstructs prescription psilocybin, MDMA

Imagine that some crazy professors convince a bunch of participants at a five-day mindfulness retreat to agree to take part in an experiment where half of them are given magic mushrooms, and half of them a placebo.

And then they assess them at completion, and for months after the retreat, on a battery of tests that basically assesses how they are going.

And imagine that the results were off-the-scale positive in all ways for those who took the mushies, but particularly in appreciation of life, self-acceptance and sense of purpose.

Imagine another lot of doctors convinced the authorities to allow them to help a group of patients with treatment resistant depression by dosing them up on two lots of psilocybin seven days apart.

These were patients who had exhausted all the standard treatments, including prescription drugs and therapy, and many reported suffering from depression for all of their adult lives.

The results were that 67 per cent achieved remission within a week, and 58 per cent after three months.

In a third experiment doctors picked a group of advanced cancer patients suffering from depression and anxiety and gave them a single dose followed by evaluation for months and years.

Lo and behold, there was immediate, substantial and sustained improvement in quality of life and appreciation of death. Until death they did part.

And in case you are wondering, these studies are published in refereed academic journals such as *Nature* and *Lancet* – not your trashy fringe dark web psychobabble sites.

Trials and studies in countries including the USA, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Canada and Israel are all showing great results – way better than other treatments.

To mix my metaphors, there is nothing more boring than a snake oil salesman selling a silver bullet – however, for some it really is and with one or two doses.

Plus of course the associated therapy – a crucial part of the recipe – which means these are not transient, temporary improvements.

In the light of research like this, you would expect the Australian medical profession to be clambering for the opportunity to utilise magic mushrooms



The TGA last week refused to budge; retaining its reputation as more paranoid than a Nimbin hangover when it comes to drugs that bridge the divide between illicit and medicinal.

David Heilpern

for psychedelic assisted therapy.

And some of them are. Mind Medicine Australia is a charity lobbying to improve access for treatment.

They applied to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) to permit psilocybin (and MDMA) to be available on a limited basis by prescription, carefully supervised for limited conditions including depression, PTSD and substance abuse.

Their submission was bolstered by more than 80 medical professionals and hundreds of other submissions. Some pointed out that this is just very limited re-legalisation, as these drugs were utilised by the medical profession decades ago.

Others begged for their patient's lives as they hurtled toward suicide.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has shown itself to be chronically obstructionist in the field of medical cannabis, so I was hopeful, but pessimistic.

Sort of like parking at Torakina.

True to form, the TGA last week refused to budge; retaining its reputation as more paranoid than a Nimbin hangover when it comes to drugs that bridge the divide between illicit and medicinal.

We need more trials, they blather, ignoring thousands of years of traditional use and decades of hippy dabbling.

The effect of this intransigence is utterly predictable.

First, there will be growth of the 'black market' in treatment.

Those in the know say that there are multiple options for troubled souls seeking immediate treatment within Australia.

At least the big pharmaceutical companies aren't involved, I guess.

For those with the money, they can look forward to flying to enlightened countries such as The Netherlands.

Second, ever more will seek to self-medicate, and the ignorant need to be oh-so-careful with fungi.

And bad trips.

Third, there will be ongoing unnecessary suffering and suicide in those with untreatable depression. Denying these people an available therapy is simply cruel to them and their loved ones.

This is a potentially lifesaving treatment that could reduce the leading cause of death in young Australians.

The rate of suicide in First Nations people is double that of non-Indigenous Australians.

And lastly there will be the inevitable rise in organised crime taking charge of the supply chain with all the negative consequences for quality, vice and violence.

Think bikies brawling in cow paddocks after drizzle.

Meanwhile, back in TGA-land, other treatments remain legal, including involuntary repetitive electroshock therapy, and addictive pharmaceuticals and opioids creating a tsunami of overdoses.

One interesting consequence of the push to change laws relating to psychedelics is that it has the prohibitionists in a complete frothing frenzy.

'Those kooks want to legalise what?' they yelp. Suddenly, the scruffy folk advocating cannabis law reform look almost moderate.

A new friend introduced me to the correct phrase for this phenomenon – shifting the Overton window.

I will leave the final word on this to the Dali Lama who was asked: 'Are drugs a shortcut to enlightenment?'

His reply: 'I certainly hope so'.

■ David Heilpern is the author of *For Fear of Favour: Sexual Assault of Young Prisoners*, a study of sexual assault in prisons, and has been a strong advocate of law reform and civic rights throughout his career. In 1998, he became one of the youngest magistrates in NSW.

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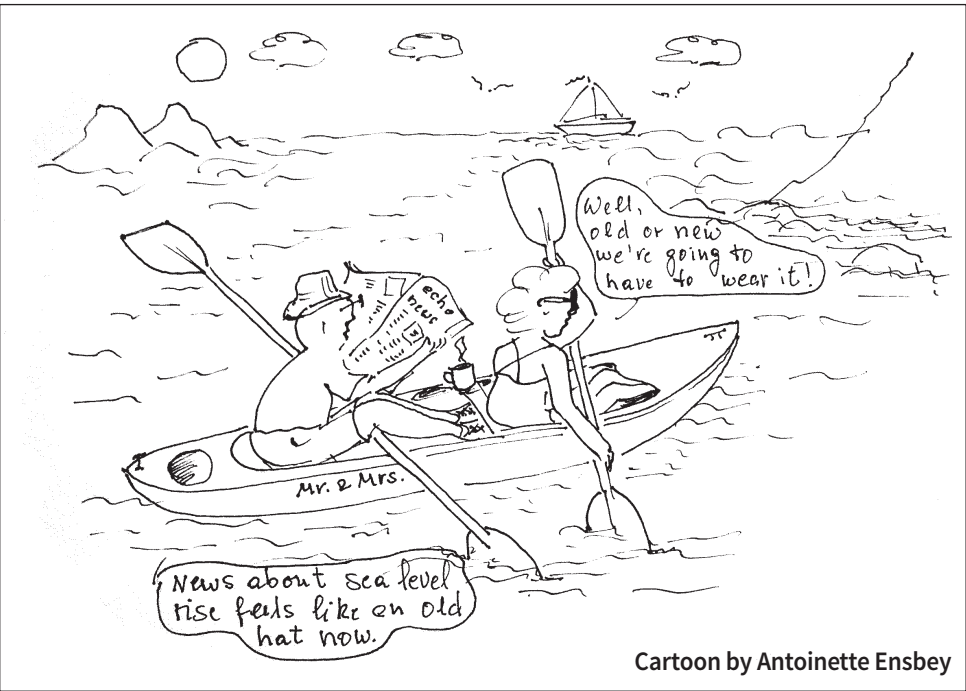
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Community bar – not

I couldn't believe what I was reading in *The Echo*: a plan to turn an 'iconic' part of the 'Community' Centre into an exclusive members' bar, five nights a week!

The Centre's website homepage declares: 'We work together to provide Byron Bay with a platform that encourages both social and cultural inclusion... inspiring a sense of community'. Is this really achieved by ushering Byron even further down the path of being an exclusive haven for the well-heeled and famous?

What a dangerous precedent to cater for a select, privileged clientele in a community owned facility. Whether the space is currently used or not, it could be. Access should not be dependent on large outlays of donations and therefore presumably out of reach to many.

I understand that the Centre's income has been hit by the pandemic, but find another way. The area is crying out for a relaxed venue providing a range of music genres at a civilised volume. What if the area was used for some ticketed performances from some of our less exposed but equally

talented musicians, with takings apportioned between artists and Centre – with the real money being made behind the bar? There could be a set genre per night. We must have students from SCU Conservatorium in our area.

Something of this nature would, in itself, be an arts program; much more inclusive, showcasing and genuinely supporting local talent while simultaneously catering for a real community need.

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

Suffolk pump track

Thanks to *The Echo* for ongoing coverage of the debate about the proposed pump track at Suffolk Park (10 and 17 February).

As more scrutiny and information emerges about the size, scale, design, and potential impact on the community gardens and local amenity, the less appealing the plan appears. My family's hope that the track and gardens can coexist remains, but anything the Council and community can do to ensure it is a genuine coexistence would be very welcome, and other appropriate locations for the track are worth considering.

Fun spaces for young people away from screens are vital, but so too is the calm quiet power of a growing garden in a tranquil suburban parkland.

Dr Ray Moynihan
Suffolk Park

PM's vaccine

On 4 February, 2021 ABC News reported, albeit briefly, that the PM will 'for the record' be receiving the efficacious Pfizer vaccine.

Unlike him I will be offered the inferior AstraZeneca vaccine, even though I am 16 years older, and at increased risk of COVID-19. Why should I take AstraZeneca while the PM fails to lead by example by taking Pfizer?

Martin Bail
Federal

Facebook fails

American spoilt brat Zuckerberg may have done adults around the world a great favour with his screamy kinky tanty. He's laid bare the ravenous reality behind the smiley mask of the tech giants – and other transnational corporations. They use every means to maximise profits and minimise any contribution to the communities that make them billions. Pirates of the Caribbean hiding their loot in tax havens.

We had friends before Facebook and healthier

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communities before anti-social media joined the neoliberal corporate agenda of atomising society, and impoverishing investigative journalism and the whole public realm. Morrison's legislation requiring them to contribute to journalism is welcome but tepid. Little wars against well-armed bullies fail, or achieve little; they buy us off with 'chump change'.

The solution is to go big and go hard. Turnbull, Rudd, and others have said the aim should be to force them to pay tax. Exactly. A favourite corporate scam is to 'book' (that is, bullshit) payments from Australian advertisers as occurring in tax havens. Tax lawyers, accountants, and lobbyists pour in as corporate shock troops to intimidate governments into submission. The answer is to cut the Gordian knot, and for the Liberal/Labor party to act unanimously in the community interest.

A substantial revenue tax should replace income tax for companies deemed evaders. The ATO would force their Australian revenue streams to go first, not to the company, but to the ATO. There it would be taxed at, say, thirty per cent, the rest would go to the company – no income tax return required. Evader corporations need a hard kick in the wallet to learn respect for the communities they now pillage.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

Council's power

I refer to Ian Pickles' letter, titled 'Developers' power' (Letters, 10 February).

Generally, I must agree with most of what Ian wrote

in his letter, but I want to point out two glaring errors.

Firstly, the NSW Government Standard Instrument does NOT require multi-dwelling housing be permissible in the R2 Low Density Residential Zone. Including multi-dwelling housing in the R2 zone as permissible continues to be a purely voluntary decision by Byron Council.

Secondly, one has only to

read the old *Byron Development Control Plan (DCP) 2010 Chapter 1 Part C – Residential Development and compare it to the current Byron Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2014 and DCP 2014 to see that the planning provisions under Jan Barham and past Green councils were far less permissive of overdevelopment, and put more restrictions in place,*

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One example is that under the pre-2014 regime multi-dwelling housing could only occur on lots 1200m² or larger, with a minimum street frontage of 25m. Under the post-2014 regime multi-dwelling housing could occur on lots 1000m² or larger, with no minimum street frontage.

Another example is that the pre-2014 regime stipulates the minimum site area required per dwelling in multi-dwelling housing (between 200m² and 300m² per dwelling depending on the dwelling floor area). The post-2014 regime has no such minimum site area requirement.

While the above two examples may not have prevented the Bian Court, Ocean Shores development being approved, there are many other parts of the old 2010 DCP chapters that certainly would have made its approval more difficult.

The 1988 LEP and 2010 DCP were amended and changed dozens of times up to 2014, and each change was in response to community concerns about overdevelopment and improved environmental sustainability. Perhaps

Byron Council should look at what was in the old LEP and DCP, but which were not carried over into the 2014 LEP and DCP.

It seems the majority of Councillors over the last nine years have not properly understood the history or context of where the Byron community has come from and how it has arrived at the amazing place it is today. Byron's former Greens Mayor, Jan Barham, is a walking encyclopedia of Byron's political history and her knowledge of Byron's historical local government and planning is second to none. Yet since she left office it seems all of Byron's organisational memory left the Council chambers with her.

Matthew O'Reilly
Brunswick Heads

Belongil beach hut

The illegal building on Belongil Beach (Letters, 12 February) is a permanent structure with no health or safety checks or permits. Built without any Council approval. Whether the person who built this is nice and wise is irrelevant.

With that reasoning if the person is judged beautiful, wise, or warm by a select few then that is all that's needed to build on public beaches.

And what if he/she is judged as not having those attributes? Approval withdrawn?

This man has taken it upon himself to encroach on public land for his personal use. He also restricts use of this building by closing at times that suit him. Yes, it is a matter of perspective. To me and others (certainly not just 'one male complainer' Margot Hay) it is not a beautiful space, it is an eyesore and a blatant infringement on public space.

We are amazed that Byron Council allows this to continue. Besides the aforementioned illegality, people gather in groups here without any COVID registrations that are demanded of other meeting places.

Individual homeless shelters are periodically destroyed and pulled down at councils' request, yet this is condoned, well, actually openly permitted by Council. It needs to be gone.

L S Lambert
Byron Bay

Transparency needed

I read with interest Mia Armitage's front page article in last week's *Echo* 'Electorates miss out on bushfire slush fund', and would like to add my perspective as one of the growing number of

MPs who have been calling out the Berejiklian-Barilaro government on this scandal.

NSW Deputy Premier John Barilaro's credibility has taken another beating after he defended as 'investment in the regions' the alleged rorting of joint NSW-Federal government bushfire relief funding to favour electorates with Nationals/Liberal Members of Parliament.

An investigation by Michael West Media found that 99 per cent of a \$177-million stream of Local Economic Recovery (LER) funding for 71 projects last November flooded into Nationals/Liberal-held seats in New South Wales. NSW Labor seats, like mine, were given just one per cent of the funding.

This LER funding was never advertised. Instead, the Berejiklian-Barilaro government identified 'known priority community and industry recovery projects' and the Morrison-McCormack government agreed to them, following what they claimed to be 'local and industry consultation'.

Public money should not be used as a private slush fund for any government. People expect transparency and a level playing field for all potential applicants.

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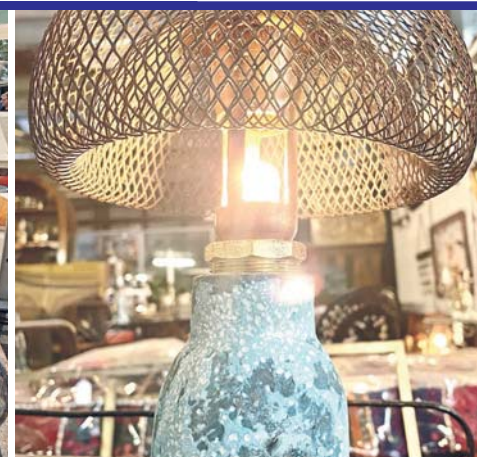
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Increasing population in the Northern Rivers is leading to an increase in housing, traffic, and roads, all of which increase the number of hard, non-porous surfaces. These harder surfaces absorb heat and increase the temperature in towns and urban areas, as well as increase flooding.

It is easy to feel the heat impacts with a trip to a large shopping-centre precinct. On a hot day you can feel the heat pulsating off the buildings, roads, and car parks.

Inferior development increases heat

As climate change increases the overall global temperature, the heat in urban areas will continue to rise if there is no action to manage the situation. The same impact is beginning to be felt in smaller towns of the region as higher land values and the value of development increases pressure for housing and business centres.

From traffic congestion and arguments over the value of planting trees vs car parking in Mullumbimby, to the multiple developments now on the cards near the Mercato in Byron Bay – that emphasise filling the sites with flats and shops – to the removal of established trees such as the forest red gum in Tweed Heads West (www.echo.net.au) – the value, and risks, of trees and green spaces in our urban environments are being debated.

Issues of ibises roosting in, and defecating from, the forest red gum in Tweed and tree limbs falling were key concerns raised by Tweed Councillor Warren Polglase, who was seeking the removal of the tree. Yet the value of a mature tree in an urban landscape is considerable from the oxygen it produces to the temperature reduction it provides (<https://bit.ly/3kfbhcx>).

Trees are a vital component of keeping our towns and cities cool and liveable, according to WA urban designer Peter Ciemitis, who was quoted in the Architecture and Design website earlier this year (www.architectureanddesign.com.au).



Trees and grasses can reduce heat on hot days by up to 6 degrees. Photo Aslan Shand

‘Our cities continue to reach extreme temperatures, and bushfires are occurring more frequently year on year,’ Mr Ciemitis said. ‘There is a growing urgency to mitigate the urban heat island effect, and tree canopies are a vital component to ensure we can reduce temperatures across the country.’

Heat and death

‘The Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, for example, sadly resulted in 173 [human] deaths; however, many are unaware that 374 deaths occurred due to heat [stress] during that same week.’

The recent drought, followed by the unprecedented Black Summer fires of 2019/20 have only emphasised these issues. Yet as we seek to create more sustainable towns and cities, green cover in urban areas has declined by 69 per cent in Australia, notes the 2020 Vision benchmarking report that has been tracking the issue since 2014 (<https://bit.ly/2NUV3en>).

Mr Ciemitis also highlighted that ‘suburbs in Sydney’s west grow hotter every year, with some areas reporting temperatures above 50 degrees’.

Nocturnal lives?

Solutions vary from actually taking action on climate change to greening your backyards and planting trees that shade streets. Others include changing our habits to adopt the lifestyles of people in hot European and Asian countries; such as staying indoors during the day and socialising in the evenings, as one way to cope.

However, there are also planning solutions that have the potential to facilitate change if federal, state, and local governments are able to recognise the issues and

seek solutions.

Presenting to the WA Local Government Association’s ‘Trees in a Liveable City: An Urban Forest Conference’ Mr Ciemitis and WA planner, Dan Pearce, shared a number of recommendations for increasing urban tree canopies and green spaces. These included recognising the value of existing trees at future development sites and working to retain them on public land.

Create green spaces

As backyards decrease, owing to high-density development, and as infill proceeds they suggest planning for more ‘destination parks’. Finally, there is also the option to minimise tree removal and get the community active in increasing urban canopy.

The effectiveness of green and tree cover was recently highlighted in a report from Macquarie University (<https://bit.ly/3aJSPHN>) looking at temperatures in Adelaide during a heat-wave in 2017. The analysis ‘suggests urban trees and grasses can lower daytime land temperatures by up to 5-6° during extreme heat.’ (<https://bit.ly/3qMEzUf>).

The study’s authors say ‘that a simple solution to extreme heat is literally at everyone’s doorstep. It relies on the trees, the grasses and the vegetation in our own backyards.’

Similarly, making our towns liveable will rely on us, as communities, to come together to reduce climate change, and create ways of sustainable living into the future.

A first step could be having green-street visions for the future. Then perhaps we could look at getting cars off our streets with park-and-rides?

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The recent protests against the military coup in Myanmar have been extremely innovative, including a 'car breakdown day', but none more surprising than multiple chess protests.

International chess has until recently been a marginal activity in Myanmar, in large part because the country already had its own form of the game, sittuyin or Burmese Chess and only joined the world body FIDE in 1990.

Since then the country's chess organisers have been involved in a series of scandals, the most notorious being the ratings scam of 1998 and 1999 which led to Myanmar acquiring high rated players at a rate which, in theory, made them one of the top 10 chess powers of the world.

With the slow moves towards democracy starting in 2008, it was hoped that the Myanmar chess scandals would be a thing of the past. However, most of the leadership of the Myanmar Chess Federation stayed in place and this should have been the kiss of death for international chess as a mainstream activity, yet something has changed. That something may have been Netflix's *The*



Queen's Gambit, which was a big hit in Myanmar, as worldwide. It is not inconceivable that TQG has spawned a new awareness of the game – and its use as a means of protest.

Over the past fortnight in various parts of the former capital Yangon, including a position opposite the Chinese Embassy (blamed for supporting the coup), groups of young chessplayers have gathered to compete, frequently using chess clocks. (Older protesters have also been seen playing sittuyin.)

Often surrounded by English language signs, the protesters have complained about the loss of their queen – former leader Aung San Suu Kyi – and declared the coup a blunder. And sometimes a player will be tied up and blindfolded, to show the conditions in which other students are being held.

Wollumbin/Mt Warning – to climb or not?

■ Indigenous readers be advised that the following letter contains references to persons deceased.

■ I read with some interest and also, I am sad to admit, disappointment, the article by Marc Hendrickx (*Echo*, 17 February). As a climber I understand his concerns and can empathise with his sense of potential loss and need to protect what is important to him, but am not convinced.

I'm particularly concerned with his criticism of NPWS for preferencing the views of the Bundjalung nation over those of the late Ngaraakwal Elder Marlene Boyd, who stated, 'How can the public experience the spiritual significance of the land if they do not climb the summit and witness creation'.

While these are noble sentiments and have merit, this does not make them represent what the Aboriginal community want.

Mr Hendrickx has criticised NPWS for preferencing the views of an entire nation over those of one individual. On the contrary, it would be incompetence bordering on negligence if NPWS chose the opinions of one individual

over the wishes of an entire nation.

The mountain is subject to a high volume of diverse and sometimes inappropriate visitation uses. The only way to expand facilities and usage is to negatively impact on the natural environment. I fail to see how this would be considered good management practice. Even if Wollumbin is eventually closed to the public, as happened with Uluru, there is still a whole continent of alternative climbing, walking and exploring experiences that are available.

The loss of a few iconic sites [to wider public access] is not terminal, and if it means respecting Aboriginal wishes and contributing to reconciliation, it is a small price, and one I am personally willing to pay.

Chris Gee
Byron Bay

■ There is a perfectly good bitumen road going up a rainforest gully; it doesn't even have potholes! People went to great efforts to engineer and build this road. Now there is a double-locked gate with a rude sign that threatens a fine of up to \$3,300 for

moving beyond this barrier.

Why are we not allowed to walk on the only road in the Shire without cars? It would be a beautiful walk; you'd have time to see the rocks, trees, and the meandering creek below.

A beautifully equipped picnic area lies beyond this barrier; inaccessible for no reason at all. And further up is a big car park with a very small rainforest loop walk and the big summit walk.

The mountain, the only mountain here, has been deemed unsafe since COVID hit. It was lately reassessed with the result: 'nah, it's too dangerous to go up there!'.

Apparently two people died somewhere on the mountain in the last ten years. One was 80 years old, died on the first part of the track and the other was struck by lightning. That's supposed to be unsafe for the general public! So is driving a car, swimming in the ocean, and surfing! .

Recently, Geologist Mark Hendrickx found that a NPWS visitor safety assessment report classified risks of landslide, rock fall and slope stability as 'medium'. A report by geotechnical professionals

found the risk of slope instability to be low. In its information to the public however NPWS have classified this risk as 'extreme' and 'catastrophic'.

The other thing is that some local First Nations people want the mountain not to be climbed. Fair enough! If that is the case I think it would be honourable to start at the top of Wollumbin and regenerate its original glory, without chains and viewing platforms. Once all that would be removed very few people would dare to try to climb to the top anyway.

But why close the public road 4km downhill and prohibit walking on it? Why close the Korrumbyn Creek picnic area? A new toilet block was just built there. Why close the car park?

I feel privileged to have spent countless hot summer days splashing with the kids in the rock pools up from the picnic area. It was not just a useless pastime. The kids and adults had quality time with each other and nature. However the NSW NPWS wants the park permanently closed by November 2022.

Gisela Stieglitz
Wooyung

On The Horizon

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Suicide Prevention

A half day Suicide Prevention Training called SafeTALK is available on Tuesday, 16 March 10am–2pm at Ocean Shores Community Centre. Contact Hanna on (07) 5524 8711 or email hannat@thefamilycentre.org.au

Waterlily meeting

Our next Waterlily Playscape meeting is Tuesday, 2 March at 6pm in the Board Room of Ocean Shores Country Club. If you have some ideas to improve this public space please come along.

BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday, 2 March at

10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is Maria Tinschert on abuse in a family in the slums of Sydney in the 1930's. Morning tea at the Brunswick Hotel, 11am on the 9 March. Call Margaret on 6680 3316.

Aged care royal commission

Nurses and members of the public are invited to join the Nurses in a walk down the main street of Mullumbimby on Friday, 26 February starting outside post office at 12.30–1pm.

Conscious Movie Club

Outdoor David Attenborough Movie Night, 26 February at the Youth Activities Centre (YAC), located at

1 Gilmore Cres, Byron Bay to raise awareness about climate change and the state of our environment.

Walk to raise money

On Sunday, 7 March The Fit Way – Women's Fitness ladies will be walking to raise money for the Ballina Women's & Childrens' Refuge and to acknowledge and celebrate International Women's Day (8 March). We will depart from Missingham Park and finish at the Sunday local markets at Serpentine for coffee and something to eat. A raffle will also raise money for the refuge.

Time to pray

The World Day of Prayer is being held on 5 March at St John's Catholic church 15 Murwillumbah Rd, Mullumbimby from 10am. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement initiated by Christian women to unite nations through prayer. St John's Parish invites the Mullumbimby community to join together and share.

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 6685 6807.

BB cancer support

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for four years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and connect with other people with cancer. The group runs every four weeks on the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting on Tuesday, 2 March at the Services Club, Jonson St, Byron Bay. For more info contact Ken: 0411 233 755, kennconnell46@gmail.com; or David: 0428 187 025, david@davidyoung.com.au.

Regular As Clockwork

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Thursday 9am–4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. 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



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Grant programs need to be widely promoted, have clear guidelines, eligibility and assessment criteria, and an acquittal process.

While I don't begrudge any of the 71 grant recipients (two Kyogle-based timber companies received a total of \$2 million in the Electorate of Lismore), us locals didn't get a chance to promote other worthy projects for bushfire-affected communities in Kyogle, Lismore City, Tenterfield, and Tweed shires.

The Berejiklian-Barilaro government needs to start governing for all, not just the few. It is not good governance to dole out public money using secretive processes. This is what authoritarian regimes do, not democratically elected governments, and John Barilaro should know better.

Janelle Saffin MP

State Member for Lismore.

Sing Lisa sing

How very distressing is the recent story of beautiful singer Lisa Hunt. She followed protocol, paid the police and Council for the DA for her proposed musical gig and now SHE is to blame because folks danced – and the police ignored them!

She has to pay a \$5,000 fine! It's hard to understand. Lisa is an incredible and highly respected artist. Artists have a deep understanding of civil society dictates. Like everybody else they have human rights. They are generous and struggle to survive. We are all wounded by this situation.

Music is essential to the soul and this Lisa understands. Are we no longer permitted to imagine, dream, and fill the soul with joy? Or is this the Baptis™ of Beige in Byron Bay? It is hard to overlook targeting in this sad, sad saga. Let us all hope that this issue is resolved with humanity and dignity.

Blessings Lisa... sing, sing, sing darling. You are much loved.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Coal scuttle

After some serious arm-twisting from the rest of the sane world, led by Joe Biden, the 'marketing guy' is being dragged kicking and screaming towards declaring a net-zero-emissions by 2050 target.

The Nationals, who have learnt absolutely nothing from election losses in Queensland and NSW are outraged and threatening

to cross the floor in opposition, in support of their constituents, unless farmers are exempted from any emissions target. However, it's a bit unclear which constituents they are supporting, the farmers or the fossil-fuel industry!

The usual suspects, Matt Canavan, Barnaby Joyce, Bridget McKenzie, David Littleproud, and Michael McCormack (he thinks he's their leader), seem to have emerged from their coal mines and suddenly discovered that farmers have been on the front line in dealing with climate change for the last 20 years, and have been pleading for effective government action.

The problem for the Nationals, apart from their stupidity, is that the National Farmers Federation already supports net zero emissions by 2050. Australian grain growers are also calling for a grain-specific emissions reduction target for 2030. Meat and Livestock Australia also has an ambitious 2030 goal for zero emissions. It seems the National Party needs to spend more time modernising their ideology and less time hiding down outdated coal mines.

Alan Veacock
Cumbalum

Green Spine parking

I am concerned at the apparent loss of parking spaces proposed in the centre of Mullum under the Green Spine proposal – by my reckoning about 45 spaces from Tincogan to Whian St.

It is proposed that current spaces towards the Museum and past St Martins be 'formalised' to compensate.

Whilst I understand concepts such as 'Walkable town centre', 'Shared spaces', 'Talking street', and 'Bosque areas', this should not be at the expense of car spaces close to centre – essential for oldies such as me!

Frankly I cannot envisage the chaos if car-free days in Burringbar Street are implemented!

Council should perhaps look at using S94 funds to purchase property in Mullum for car parks.

Ian Kingston
Mullumbimby

Ministers misbehave

Accusations of appalling behaviour by the Liberal Party in covering up misdeeds within its ranks just keep on keeping on. The last one relating to the alleged rape of a junior staffer in a government minister's office and then an alleged cover-up really is as bad as it gets.

There seems to exist within the Federal government under Morrison's leadership a worsening culture of entitlement.

Allegations of widespread rorting of taxpayer money, in the direction of coalition donors continue unabated, the last one involving Peter Dutton, the minister of prolonged misery, ignoring his own department's guidelines and redirecting grant money into coalition held seats. There also seems to be an element of Trumpism creeping into coalition ministers when handling public scrutiny.

When visiting the US our

'exulted' leader seemed to be smitten by Trump's incredible ability to lie, and even spent time on the campaign trail learning from the master manipulator. For this show of uninhibited arse-sucking Morrison was duly rewarded by having an American medal bestowed upon his person. Until a Federal ICAC with teeth is established these coalition ministers will continue to run amok. Unless of course we can dump the lot of them at the next election?

Keith Duncan
Pimlico

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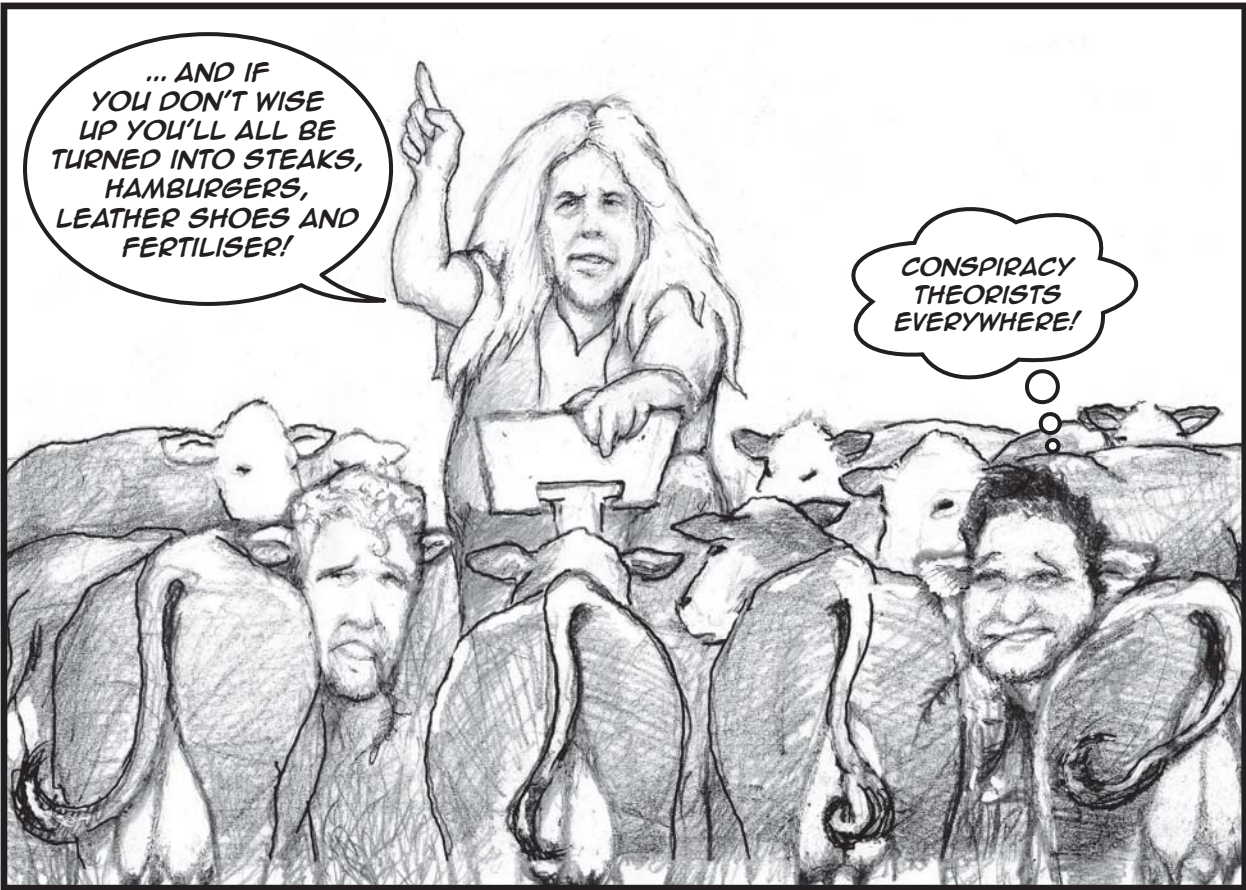
Donald Trump and the internet have recently combined their auras to usher in a golden age of conspiracy theories. This is a universe where loud and repeated insistence is substituted for reasoned evidence.

It is of course those whacko theories about the moon landing, about 9/11 and about vaccination that have given the term 'conspiracy theorist' its potency as a putdown. In reality each theory, unless inherently absurd, deserves to be examined in its own right. Accordingly, anyone who uses the term as a weapon against people who question the established narrative is in essence a lazy and intellectually dishonest person.

Simon Richardson has expressed the view that homo sapiens is a herd animal. Well that's true isn't it; many Greens still defend him despite his lack of green credentials. However there is one key extrapolation he failed to make: when a maverick leaves the herd and joins a different herd there are likely to be conditions of entry. Accordingly the maverick is soon inducted into the views of his new mates and is likely to follow the dominant bull (sorry; unable to resist!)

This process of indoctrination is known in political circles as 'duchessing'. It consists of a deliberate strategy used by bureaucrats to defend their turf by subverting the will of the elected new arrival. A mayor has a lot of power; lord forbid that he/she might actually try to enforce the will of the voters.

Flattery is a major tactic, as is the promise



of mixing with the movers and shakers. The introductory line caters to ego and ambition and goes something like this: "If you play your cards right you could go a long way". Yeah right; a long way down maybe.

In this way Ian Kingston was duchessed by former GM Max Eastcott, Tom Wilson by Ray Kent. Ken Gainger subsequently did it for Simon Richardson. Ian Kingston eventually realised that he'd been conned, while Tom Wilson

disappeared without leaving a forwarding address. Richardson's bottomless self-belief will no doubt prevent him from ever seeing the light.



Why is Simon Richardson the "Duchess of Byron"?

Google The Greasy Palm Musings of Fast Buck\$ to see my pink pamphlets.

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THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME... ACTUALLY THERE ARE NO PLACES

Imagine if your job was to manage Airbnb properties for absentee landlords. It's a reasonable job, after all it's probably one of the strongest growth industries in Byron Bay. Imagine then, the irony, if you couldn't find somewhere to live. If you were made homeless by the industry you work for. That's the story of a Byron Bay woman who contacted me to tell me her story. I am not going to tell you who she is, because I think people deserve the dignity of anonymity. It's one of the things you don't have when you are homeless; a safe place where the world can't see you. This person isn't sleeping in the street, she's staying in the garage of a friend. But she's 56, she's lived here for over 30 years and she has always worked. She's working now. Plumping pillows, changing sheets, stocking fridges with champagne for people coming to have a holiday in the houses that our community used to live in.

I am going to call this woman Ann. I can tell by her voice she's distressed. Several times in our conversation she starts to cry and apologises. I ask her about her sense of a future here, and she becomes very quiet. For a woman in her late 50's to be living in a friend's garage makes her feel insecure. Like she can't relax. Like she doesn't have any choices. She is aware that there are some that say she could 'just move away'. They're probably the same people who own homes, who need people to do the jobs that Ann does. But this is her community. It's where her friends are. Her kids live nearby. Her grandchild is just up the road. She wonders, at her age, if she could move into a new community and make friends? It's much harder as you get older, and when you're on your own to find your way into new friendships. It's not unreasonable to want to live in the community where you have a history.

Where you have employment. Where you have extensive friendship and family networks. It's not unreasonable to expect there to be affordable, pleasant accommodation.

Ann tells me, over the 30 years she has lived here she has always managed to rent large beautiful homes. It was always relatively affordable, and she was able to raise her daughters here. But she noticed, around five years ago, things started to change. That's when she started helping people with Airbnb's. She says it was when garages and granny flats started turning into Airbnb accommodation. She said she could see it coming – soon, there would be more tourists than locals.

Local low income residents in Byron Bay are the human koalas of our Shire. They too have lost much of their habitat. We need affordable housing now, not in three years, or five years, or ten. Now.

Ann has been looking for rentals. I am shocked by the prices of what she has been looking at. She tells me a three bedroom house is more than \$1000 per week and some are more than \$2000 per week. People are renting out their garages for \$450 a week. Most garages aren't even legally inhabitable. For someone like Ann she needs to stick to a rent budget of under \$500 per week. That's a lot for one person. And she doesn't want to live in shared accommodation. That's what she did in her 20s and now, at 56, she wants the dignity of being able to live in her own place. That's a very reasonable expectation.

'Every house I take care of used to be a home' she says sadly. 'Every one of them. Now they are full time holiday places. There are no houses for someone like me who wants to live on her own.'

So Ann has been made homeless. Our new homeless don't fit the usual stereotypes.

'I don't have drug and alcohol issues. I am educated. I have a degree. I contribute to the community.'

Ann knows that she is one of the more privileged homeless in our community. She has friends and social networks and skills. She worries about people who don't have the ability to advocate for themselves. People who don't have anyone to look out for them.

'I have a friend who is a single father with two teenage children, and they have nowhere to sleep. They have been sleeping in their car.'

Ann is angry. Understandably so. The situation is becoming critical.

'In the '80s it was paradise, it saddens me to see I have helped to turn it into this place that has attracted so many self-entitled over-financed sons of rich city people.'

When you come on holidays and you stay in our towns you don't see people like Ann. She may have changed your sheets, and made your holiday space sparkle, but she's now living in someone's garage. When you buy an investment property and you put it up for short-term rental, and make a motza, the plight of the Anns of the world don't feel like your responsibility. But they are.

If we had a housing stress barometer, similar to the fire danger rating at the entrance to town, we'd currently be at 'catastrophic danger level.'

There are so many stories out there at the moment of locals made homeless. To change the story we need to hear them. So often these stories are untold because people feel humiliated and shamed by their circumstances. That is not their burden alone – it's a community story we need to re-write together. I invite you to tell me your story, or the story of someone you know.



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When **Emma Pask** last performed at the City Hall in 2007, Morrison described her as 'The greatest gift to Australian jazz vocals in the last decade.' He spotted her while she was giving a high school concert when she was just 16. She sang with his band that night and their musical collaboration has entertained audiences around the world for more than 20 years. Emma has performed for adoring audiences including Diana, the late Princess of Wales; Princess Mary of Denmark; and at the wedding of Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban.

Also on the bill are our very own **Conservatorium Youth Jazz Orchestras** who will attend a workshop with the visitors in the afternoon and perform a couple of numbers with them on the concert stage.

See them all, Friday 12 March, 7.30pm. Find out more from: www.lismorecityhall.com.

STARS BY LILITH

When this week's Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury in mental Aquarius meet Sun, Venus and Neptune in emotional Pisces, can our heads and hearts dance in sync...?



♈ **ARIES:** While Aquarian energy has you overriding your own needs for the greater good, this week says enough with the shakeups, surprises, pressure cooker moments and warp speed changes. If sobering realities have left you feeling wired and tired, drained and complaining, it's way past time for indulging in a massive self-care package.

♉ **TAURUS:** Make the most of this last week of high energy, productive Mars in your sign, because Taurean prima planet Venus is about to mandate a cease fire on work, a surrender to sensuality, to sharing art, poetry, music and dance with like-minded spirits, to helping out others in need.

♊ **GEMINI:** Your planet Mercury in forward gear again sees a welcome easing of stressful negotiations as communications unscramble and misunderstandings clarify. Pisces season fires your imagination and creativity with powerful insights and inspirations helping you put feelings into words without overthinking it, and making the urge to expand your horizons almost irresistible this week.

♋ **CANCER:** With up to six planets traveling through your astrological house of intimacy this month, it's been a time for reassessment, introspection and planning. You lunar creatures are always tuned to the moon, and this weekend's Virgo full moonbeams could illuminate how to correct a recurring mistake or heal an ancient hurt.

♌ **LEO:** Lost that lovin' feeling? The past year has been hard on your sign, Lions. But now, with a wave of emo calling this week's shots, affable and affectionate Venus is opening hearts everywhere. Time to do some inner work while warm fuzzy vibes prevail and you're likely to find others surprisingly responsive.

♍ **VIRGO:** Mercury back on track after its recent retrograde brings important information, or an interesting insight, to consider this week, and once-a-year full moon in Virgo is likely to shine on welcome closure to a stuck situation. Whether that means staying put or heading in a new direction, either way you're in the zone.

♎ **LIBRA:** As Venus leaves mindy Aquarius for emotive Pisces, this week is ideal for affectionate get-togethers. Rather than a stressful tug-of-war between head and heart, mind and emotions, use your Libran gift of inviting both sides to the table, because you – more than anyone – know that living life in balance is an ongoing practice.

♏ **SCORPIO:** After February's intense housecall at Chateau Scorpio, this week's astral influences are more engaging and playful. Yes, unprocessed emotions will demand your attention, and it's a good time to face them head-on to shed a few layers of emotional baggage – which could even turn a longtime frenemy into an ally and collaborator.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Mercury retro in your communication zone delivered a double whammy this month, which may have left casualties. But damage control is available this week, as a more soothing celestial cycle arrives to warm your nurturing side. As hearts open and stances soften, waving a white flag and rebuilding bridges is well worth the effort.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week launches an unflinching audit of your life, ready or not. Are certain structures past their use-by date? Following a formula that no longer invites you to grow and experiment? If current concerns, certainly understandable, have tipped the scales towards the no-fun zone, then it's time for a major habit overhaul.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** If recent team efforts have been beset with wrangles, internal politics and massive misunderstandings, Mercury moving forward in your sign has you back to thinking innovation, technology, community. Now it's easier to reach consensus, and safe to resume brainstorming, as this week sets the stage for loving discussions, compassionate conversations and heartfelt dialogue.

♓ **PISCES:** With the radiant sun and seductive Venus combining their superpowers with artistic, intuitive Neptune in your sign to sing Happy Birthday to Pisces peeps, this week resets your solar clock. You'll sway everything in your favour without even raising a sweat, because this is your time to shine, so claim your sweet spot!



Sarah McLeod is a passionate woman. She's Aussie rock royalty, front person of The Superjesus and a powerful solo performer. In this interview she talks about her two loves, one new and one gone; her piano and her dog. One found, and one lost, during lockdown.

Let's start with the piano.

'I am in love with the piano – I don't know if it loves me. I look at it as the most beautiful, warm, sexy instrument I have ever seen in my life. I have a small apartment with a baby grand – in my kitchen. It's a late life love.'

'I was always guitar in the Superjesus – I would look at bands with keys, and I thought it was a bit lame, like they were cheating. I would hear them and think "that sounds like the album" [whereas] we always sounded a bit rough – bass, lead, and drums. I had never tried piano. I sat at one, one day and I was like... oh, this is lovely! A fiend of mine, the mum of my best friend, bought me a second-hand upright and sent it to my house.'

So that's how it began. In this concert

Sarah plays the first set on keys.

'I have rewritten a bunch of Superjesus songs – the vocals are the same but I have rewritten [them with] piano instrumentation – it's given me a new lease on songs I was bored with, and I have done some interesting covers.'

For someone used to playing guitar, taking a seat behind a piano is well out of her comfort zone!

'I think if you aren't scaring yourself you aren't doing it right. I used to be into waterskiing when I was little and I was like, "if I don't fall off I am not trying hard enough". I want to be scared. I say yes to everything and I worry about how I am going to do it later.'

Then we move to Chachi, the inspiration for Chachi's Theme, the ode she released last August when her iconic pooch passed.

'I had her since she was 6 weeks old. She had been on all the tours – I took her everywhere. I have had relationships with partners come and go. She was my true love. People I dated knew that they came second. I said "I am sorry, the connection with my dog runs so much deeper" – but I knew that she would go.

'Beginning of 2020 I was told she had 6 months left. I had a tour and I thought "I can't take her!" but the tour got cancelled [by the lockdown]. I got to spend the last 6 months with her on the farm in Woodend in Victoria. When she went it was difficult but I had been preparing for it for a while. I took great comfort in a story – when an animal dies they go to the rainbow bridge and they all play together, and they wait there for us, and they greet us and we cross the rainbow bridge together to eternity – I took so much comfort in it. So I have to wait here, another 50 years, but for her time will fly. It's me who has to wait. I worried, what if no one has told her that she has to meet me at this bloody bridge? I had to tell her. I firmly believe music transcends time and dimension so [I thought] if I can get these instructions to her in a song? I had to work out what I needed her to know – it had to be simple and clear. It was meant to be a song for her, and I did it the week she died. It was so raw. I didn't eat for weeks, just drank wine and bawled my eyes out. When I finished I was in this sea of emotion and I recorded it, and I thought "others need to hear this – it's healing for people who have lost people or an animal", so I put it out straight away and donated the proceeds to the RSPCA. Since then I feel soulful and deeper, I feel like a totally different person. I feel like it's her; she has passed, and she is my soul. Her soul is in my soul.'

'My dog was my teacher.

It's like a rite of passage to open up your art [like that].'

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GIG GUIDE

WEDNESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MIGHTY MAX FOG N FRIENDS**, 8PM **JACK MURRAY**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY**

THURSDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JESSE WHITNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SALLY SA DUO**, 8PM **SALI BRACEWELL**
- KIKI ON BYRON 6PM **JORGITO SABROSO**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JACK MILLIGAN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT WITH MANDY NOLAN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **ROB RHODES**

FRIDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MAGESTIC NIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KARUAH**, 6PM **JESSE MORRIS**, 9PM **FLAKAS**
- BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL 2021**
- KIKI ON BYRON 7PM **CHELSEA SKYEATER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE **BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL 2021**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **GUY KACHEL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EVENT**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **JAMES PALMER**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **NOY BEN AMI**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **CARLY & ROO**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BIGGY P**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **MICK EVANS**, 9.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **MILO GREEN DUO**

SATURDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 4PM **JOCK BARNES**, 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN DUO**, 9PM **MICKA SCENE DUO**
- BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL 2021**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **KHANAGE DUO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EVENT**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - TIM DEGAN**
- KIKI ON BYRON 7PM **MOSES PARKER JAZZ TRIO + FRIENDS**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LUSTR**, 6.15PM **DJ RAHEL**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 5PM **HOUSE OF BLISS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **NOY BEN AMI**
- THE GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE, **SUGARSHINE ANIMAL SANCTUARY FUNDRAISER - SECOND PSYCH, ATOMIC MONKEY CHUNKS AND CODE BROWN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **BRAD HOLMES**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN BRIGGS - WOMEN LIKE US**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 3PM & 7PM **JAY HOAD**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ICONS IN CONCERT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **CASEY FOGG**, 9.30PM **LOCKY**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS DUO**

SUNDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS FISHER DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **ALISHA TODD**, 5PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**, 9PM **SKY EATER**
- BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL 2021**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7.30PM **CHARLIE CHAPLIN LIVE CINEMA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
- KIKI ON BYRON 5PM **MARNI**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **FELIX**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **PHIL HOWLER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM **NARELLE HARRIS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 8PM **ISSAC FRANKHAM**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 11AM **MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN BRIGGS - WOMEN LIKE US**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2PM **YOLAN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 2.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- LENNOX HOTEL BEEF & BEACH 3PM **SARAH GRANT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**

MONDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE, **OCEAN TO SKY WITH Q&A**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**

TUESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**

WEDNESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **MULLUM UKE NIGHT**

With the Byron Bay Surf Festival just days away, founder James McMillan took a few minutes to talk to Seven about the awesome things planned for the coming weekend.

What are the highlights for this year's Byron Surf Festival?

This year's highlight, for me, is that we're actually doing the festival! It wasn't an easy decision to make with all the health regulations that affect where and how we can do things right now. We didn't fully decide to go ahead until early December '20 and that decision was largely based on wanting to step up and do something for the community, something unifying, purposeful and fun. Three months hasn't been much lead time for the tiny team that we are.

A couple of major highlights this year are the opening night at Byron Theatre with our feature film *Girls Can't Surf*, Billy Otto playing live and our environmental short films presented by Pure Scot, Dr Bronner's and Patagonia.

The environmental campaign that we're supporting this year is a huge one, launched by Pure Scot, it's for Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef.

How have you taken the COVID Safe restrictions into account for creating your festival this year? Was it a challenge?

It was a challenge for sure, but challenge has been on everyone's plate lately, right? So we've had some training. We had to shuffle the format and flow of the event and unfortunately some things couldn't happen owing to time restraints and those annoying (but relevant) rules. So no markets, no artshow and no big venue live music gigs this year.

During COVID I noticed the waves were full of surfers - was there a bit of a return to the golden age of the Pass and such beaches during the lockdown?

The surf was incredible from March through to July. My wife and I surf the Pass and Wategos a fair bit, but I'm a goofyfooter so I mostly surf on the other side of the Cape where there's a couple of lefts. We had so many amazing days over there through the covid period. I can't remember one swell or the other because there were so many.

I had quite a few surfs with my mate, Byron Bay's Bananaman, and just a few other locals, out on absolutely perfect days. It was a real trip, really peaceful. I guess it felt like some kind of golden age on those days, for sure.

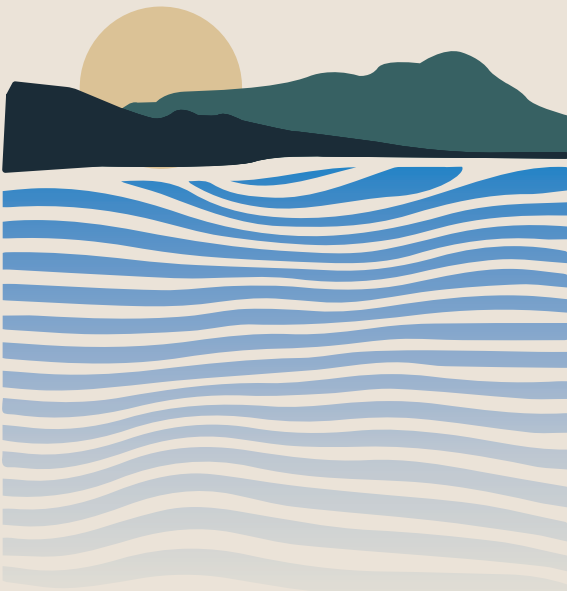
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Like they always have, open hearts and smiling. The vision for BBSF has always been to share a surf culture that is creative, innovative, mindful and inclusive. I really dig how the festival brings so many different and varied people together.

There seems to be a very close relationship between surf culture and the environment - can you elaborate on the intersection with activism and the climate crisis movement?

The ocean is what gives a surfer their joy and purpose, so of course we love the ocean, and we protect what we love. As a kid there were no examples in front of me of activism for the environment. And then I saw Peter Garrett from Midnight Oil in *Tracks* magazine making noise about it. I think it was called SAND (Surfers Against Nuclear Destruction). I loved it!

We have some strong activist voices in Surfing, Dave Rastovich has obviously been one of them for a long time, and more recently Sean Doherty from *Surfing World* magazine is hardcore on the justice trail, and he is keeping our culture informed daily on all things climate, environment and political and rallying the troops to act. And it's working big time.

What underpins surf culture for you?

It starts with our number one - the ocean; to respect the ocean and be grateful for all that she gives. The waves are freely given and happily received. There's no real surf culture without the ocean. And second to the ocean are the surfboard shapers; surfboards allow us to access the waves in such a cosmic way that we are subliminally affected on a very deep level.

Can there ever be too many people out on the waves, James?

Yeah, I think there can sometimes be too many people on the waves and in the surf, but there's no controlling it, and there shouldn't be. It's free space for all and needs to remain that way. It's a tricky mix, particularly here in Byron though, 'cause you have top level surfers mixing with intermediates and beginners. I think, at locations like the Pass, it would be handy to have some kind of surf etiquette illustration sign in a highly visible spot so the visitors and learners are at least aware that there is a kind of way to go about things in the lineup, and that those unwritten and unsaid codes have been embedded in surfing for a long time.

What should people expect from this year's event?

Expect little, receive lots. See you there!

The opening night event is this Friday, and along with James McMillan, features conversations with Glen Casey, Dave Rastovich, James McMillan and CEO of Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef, Andy Ridley. The Festival runs from Friday until Sunday 28 Feb. byronbaysurffestival.com.au.

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LOCAL FILMMAKER HELPS TELL THE STORY OF EDMUND HILLARY'S LAST ADVENTURE.

Ocean to Sky tells the story of the last adventure of Edmund Hillary. It is told by the closest friends of Hillary, decades later, voiced over some extraordinary footage taken by the crew who were with him for that adventure 40 years ago, including the original filmmaker, Michael Dillon. Their story is woven together through carefully curated edits by local filmmaker Michael Balson.

Like Hillary and Dillon, Balson has also had an extraordinary career. He's made documentaries all over the world – from tales of traversing the Himalayas to being lifted on the tail of

a Southern Right Whale in the Great Australian Bight with his colleague and collaborator, Michael Dillon.

'She was protecting her calf' explains Balson. 'She flicked her tail, and we were airborne, Michael [Dillon] had a \$30k camera and I was recording. We were in the nursery of the giants!'

The filmmakers and their equipment survived. Testament to a long, exciting and very ... immersive... relationship.

Very often a director of Dillon's work, in this latest documentary release of *Ocean to Sky* Michael Balson's editing brilliance tells the story of the journey that Sir Edmund Hillary called 'The best journey of them all!'

Ocean to Sky traces Hillary's journey 'from the mouth of the Ganges River, which is sea level, to the peak of a mountain called Sky mountain, which was like the headwaters of the Ganges,' says Michael.

'They used jet boats to climb 300 kilometres up the rapids. Some of the rapids were crazy and wild – then, when they got up there – they came to a waterfall, which was two kilometres high [and] which they could not get up. They left the boats and walked 300km – more than three-and-a-half million people turned out to see them on the way. Edmund Hilary was so loved throughout India because of what he had done in Nepal – building 40 schools and four hospitals and his commitment to looking after the sherpas.' It was to be his last expedition.

'He was so depressed when he made this journey' said Michael Balson of Hillary's mental wellbeing. 'He had lost his wife and daughter in a dreadful plane crash. It was Ed's decision to live and work in the Himalayas... and the pilot forgot to move the bungee cord on the rotor and the plane nose dived and crashed to the ground. He had enormous grief, and possibly a sense of guilt.'

This was the emotional landscape for Hillary's ocean to sky journey in 1977 – very different to how he approached his historic Everest climb with Tenzing Norgay in 1953.

Balson reflects that although Hillary was not a spiritual man, '... there is a sense that this is the climb that saves Hillary' soul'.

'Ed was quite profane in his own way' says Balson, 'he didn't have a mystical bone in his body. Something about the mountain though had a mystical effect, and brought him loose of himself.'

'He hadn't told anyone he'd had a pulmonary oedema on a few expeditions.

'This time he was 47, and instead of weighing 12 stone he was 18 stone. It was always going to be a challenge for an older, less fit man.

'Ed was the leader – he was the organiser and he was very good – when they started to climb, they were climbing too fast for someone Ed's age. When he got to the high camp he went to his tent feeling like shit; and he was gurgling and losing his mind, and the doctor who was on the expedition diagnosed him as having cerebral oedema, so they wrapped him up in his tent – you can die very quickly and he was incoherent – and the only cure is to get down to lower altitude as quickly as you can, so they took a quarter of the tent each and they dragged him like a sled down the mountain.

They went down 3000 feet in an hour...'

They returned to finish the climb on his behalf.

'He lived another 30 years. He never climbed again, but he became the ambassador to India and carried on work with the sherpas, and found a new wife.'

Balson's beautiful edit was created over three months and includes the original film from the 1977 footage taken by Michael Dillon. This extraordinary documentary screens with a Q&A with the filmmakers on 1 March at Byron Theatre. Tickets are byroncentre.com.au



OUTDOORS WITH DAVID AT THE YAC

Byron Youth Service's Conscious Movie Club is partnering with The Joyalty Project for a not-for-profit outdoor movie evening at the YAC, with follow up activities, to create a community of all ages who will take action and make positive social and environmental change.

A Life On Our Planet is both informative and inspiring. It is a moving story that talks about humanity's impacts on nature, but it is not all depressing – there is also a message of hope for future generations.

Movie goers will enjoy live acoustic music from **Adam and Jake Harpaz**, delicious pizza from local favourite **Pizza Loca** and an engaging **Q&A with Patrick Honan**, an entomologist who helped to bring the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect back from the brink of extinction. We will also be joined by facilitators and participants of **The Joyalty Project**, an organisation dedicated to empowering people by facilitating acquisition of the skills and resources to be resilient change makers at this perilous time on our planet.

A follow up event on **Wednesday, 3 March, from 6pm** will guide Conscious Movie Club members to dive deeper into the challenges and insight that arose during the film and transform these into action.

A Life On Our Planet will screen this **Friday**, at the **Youth Activities Centre (YAC)**, located at **1 Gilmore Cres, Byron Bay**.

The movie night will kick off at 6.30pm. Soak up the vibe with a picnic, a blanket, a cushion or two, your mates, and free popcorn and refreshments. It is an all ages film. Tickets by donation; suggested \$15 adult, \$10 for under 18s. Get your ticket at bys.org.au/movieclub.

I'M HOSTING A SCREENING OF
David Attenborough
A LIFE ON OUR PLANET

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and Juice
bys.org.au/movieclub

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PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 25 Feb - Wed 3 Mar NFT = No Free Tickets

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS
ZAPPA (MA15+)
Encore Screenings Daily: 7:00PM
BILLIE EILISH: THE WORLD'S A LITTLE BLURRY (M) 1 week only
Sat, Sun: 4:00PM Tue: 7:00PM
GIRLS CAN'T SURF (M) Q&A
Mon: 5:45, (8:05PM SOLD OUT)
INDIANA JONES TRILOGY (PG)
6.5 hrs total - Sat: 1:30PM
OPERA DI ROMA: THE BARBER OF SEVILLE (CTC)
Sun: 1:00PM Wed: 11:00AM

BLACKBIRD (M) NFT
Daily: 12:00, 2:10, 7:15PM
BOSS LEVEL (CTC) NFT
Daily except Sun, Wed:
12:30, 2:45, 7:15PM
Sun: 12:00, 2:10, 7:15PM
Wed: 12:00, 2:45, 7:15PM
ANOTHER ROUND (M)
Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:30PM
Sat: 11:20AM Sun: 4:45PM

DEMON SLAYER - THE MOVIE: MUGEN TRAIN (CTC) NFT
Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:20, 6:50
Sat, Sun: 11:20AM, 6:50PM
EARWIG AND THE WITCH (PG)
Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 12:10PM
Sat: 11:20AM Sun: 11:10AM
FIRESTARTER (M) NFT
Daily: 12:10PM
HIGH GROUND (MA15+)
Daily except Mon:
2:00, 4:30, 7:15PM
Mon: 2:00, 7:15PM
LONG STORY SHORT (M)
Daily: 12:15PM
MINARI (PG) NFT
Daily except Wed:
2:10, 4:40, 6:50PM
Wed: 4:40, 6:50PM
PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN (MA15+)
Thu, Mon, Wed: 2:10, 4:20PM
Fri, Sun: 4:20, 7:15PM
Sat, Tue: 4:20PM

PENGUIN BLOOM (PG)
Daily: 12:15, 5:00PM
SYNCHRONIC (MA15+)
Daily except Sat, Sun: 5:00PM
THE CROODS 2: A NEW AGE (PG)
Daily except Sat, Wed:
12:00, 2:45PM
Sat: 12:00, 2:30PM
Wed: 11:45AM, 2:45PM
THE DRY (MA15+)
Thu, Sat, Sun, Wed: 4:30, 7:00
Fri, Tue: 2:10, 4:30, 7:00PM
Mon: 4:30PM
THE LITTLE THINGS (M) NFT
Daily: 2:20, 4:20, 6:45PM
THE NEST (MA15+)
Thu, Fri, Mon, Wed: 5:00PM
Sat, Sun: 1:45PM Tue: 4:45PM
THE TRUFFLE HUNTERS (M)
NFT Daily: 2:15, 5:00PM
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME (PG)
Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 12:00PM
Sun, Wed: 11:45AM

Session times are subject to change. Please check online for all live session times

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

Wednesday All tickets \$10

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Thursday February 25th to Wednesday March 3rd

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7 BODHI LIVING

To wrap up the end of summer, Bodhi Living are offering discounts up to 30% storewide from the 1st to 1-7 March. The sale includes all antique and vintage stock, MCM House range, In Bed Linen, Gubi and Cadry's vintage and contemporary rugs. Follow @bodhi.living for details.

1/18 Centennial Circuit,
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HABITAT PRECINCT

A cleverly designed village where people live, work and play, all in one place, combining old-school Byron (community, creativity) with new thinking (live+work spaces, car sharing) and good times (food, shops) to create a little oasis for locals and visitors alike.

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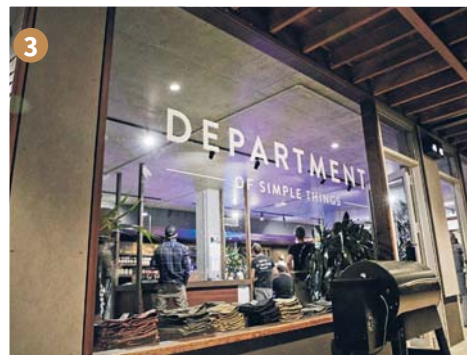
More than a clothes store, The Department is a place to find dependable products that stand the test of time. An eclectic collection of clothing, eskies, furniture, books, shoes, drink-ware and even a barbershop, the common thread is simple – only stuff they love gets in the door. If you need something for a weekend barbecue or your mate's birthday, The Department is your spot.

Shop 39-41, 1 Porter Street,
Habitat Byron Bay
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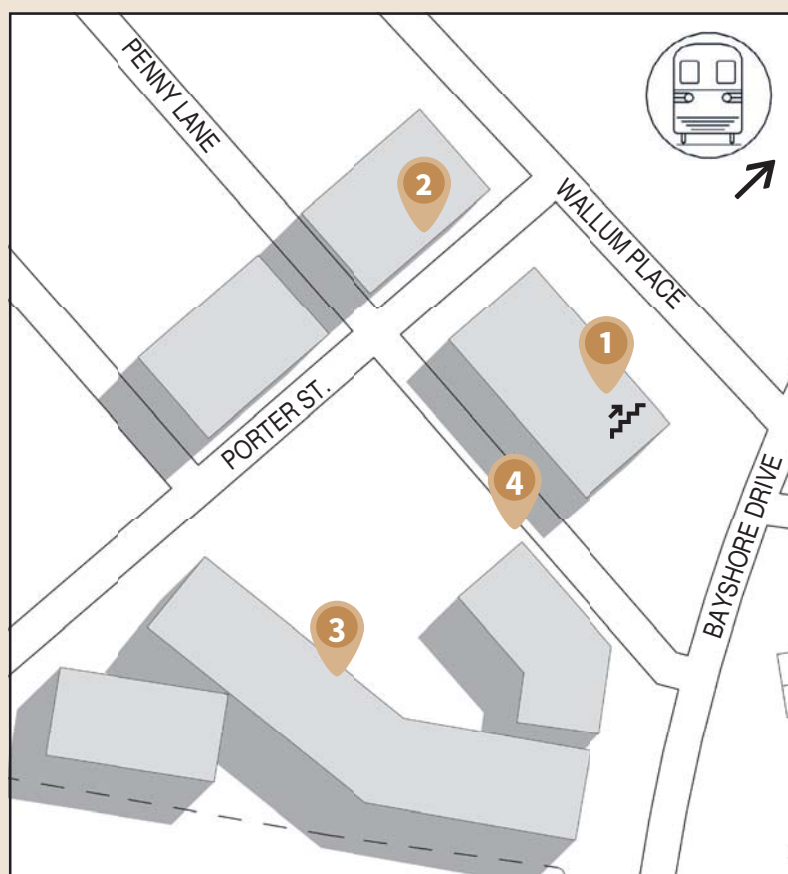
4 SHACK PALACE RITUALS

Stepping into the Shackpalace 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 that help us stay a little more mindful every day. Shop instore or online.

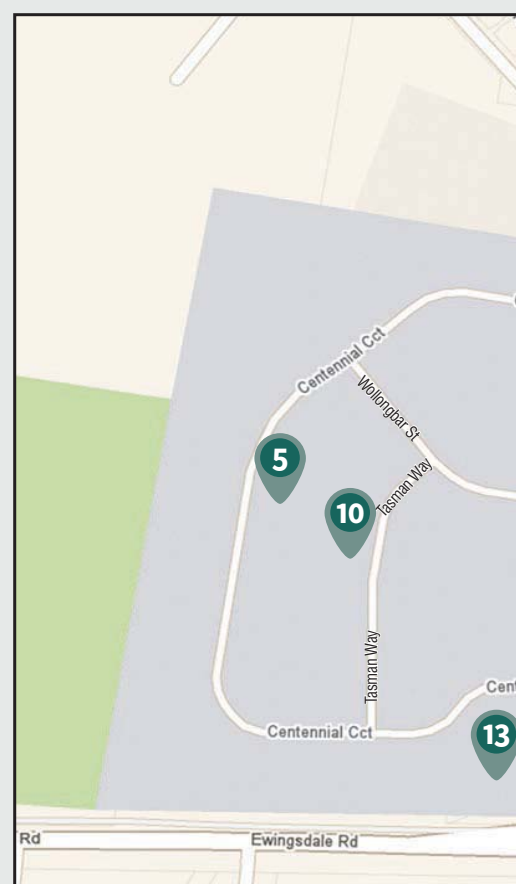
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HABITAT PRECINCT



BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY



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8 BYRON BAY TRADERS

Byron Bay Traders is a collective showroom and retail space for local designers, makers and small businesses. They showcase a variety of homewares, furniture, gifts, fashion, jewellery, ceramics, skin care and more, giving you the opportunity to consciously support small local businesses of Byron and surrounds. Lovingly made and ethically sourced is the mission of each business in the collective.

17 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay
@byronbaytraders
byronbaytraders.com.au

9 ELEMENTS I LOVE

Elements I Love is a little obsessive about collecting antiques, art and architectural salvage. Unique interior pieces, artisan and vintage finds are curated in a recently renovated gallery space. 'Time worn is how we like our finds'. Open most Thursdays and Fridays 10-4pm or by appointment.

* Please check the website before visiting! Parking available onsite.

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elements.net.au

10 EXHALE PHYSIOTHERAPY

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poemelifestyle.com.au

13 STONE & WOOD

Visit the spiritual home of Stone & Wood for brewery tours, beer tastings and some of the most delicious bites in Byron. With 31 brewing tanks, a canteen run by 100 Mile Table and a beer garden, it's the perfect place for a drink with mates or to take your beer appreciation to the next level. Kids and furbabies welcome.

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IG: @mark_tuckey
marktuckey.com.au

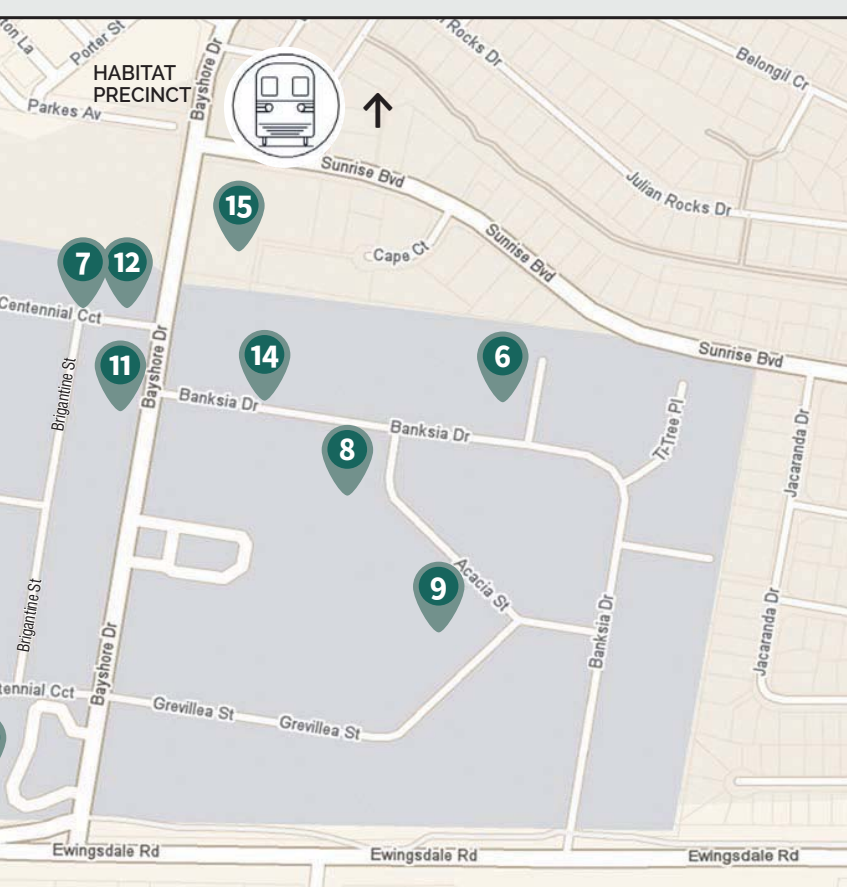
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PURPOSE

Our purpose is to create a platform that brings together surfers, and those interested in surfing, in a celebration of local, national and international surf culture. We want to showcase and support the surf culture that we love and live, to grow and evolve, and ultimately, to move towards a more sustainable industry and lifestyle.

ABOUT

Founded in 2010, the Byron Bay Surf Festival showcases core and creative surf culture by presenting innovative and experiential ideas through unique and engaging experiences.

The three-day festival presents numerous events including surfing, art, music, film, special guests and environmental aspects with an awareness and focus on sustainability, education and innovation.

The Byron Bay Surf Festival has been proud to be declared a Deep Blue Event (waste free), a 1% For The Planet member, and has a clear path towards reducing environmental and community impacts through education with a curated festival of likeminded vendors and special guests.

For more information please visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au

BBSF 2021 PROGRAM

FRIDAY 26

OFFICIAL OPENING, GUESTS, LIVE MUSIC, CINEMA

BYRON THEATRE, BYRON BAY

3.30pm
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A Life of Endless Summers: The Bruce Brown Story

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BYRON THEATRE, BYRON BAY

6-10pm
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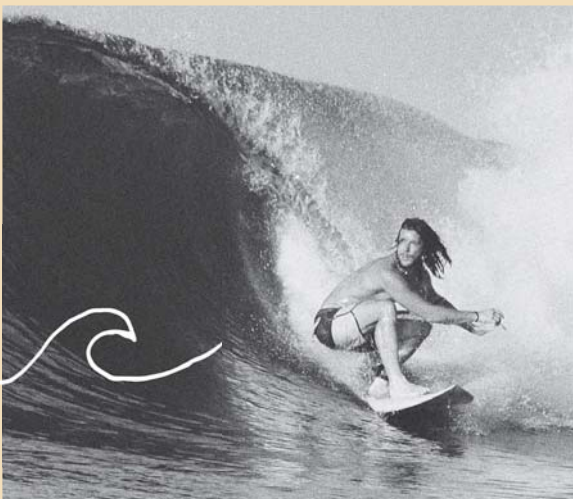


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BBSF 2021 PROGRAM

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7-8am FREE EVENT	BEACH CLEAN UP Clean it all up! At Wategos Beach (TBC).
8am-5pm FREE EVENT	WATEGOS WIZARDS SURF COMP
5-6pm FREE EVENT	WIZARDS AWARDS

WOODY'S SURF SHACK

6-10pm TICKETED EVENT	Special Event Live Music with Dear Doonan, Food Trucks. Tickets from eventbrite.com.au
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SUNDAY 28

FREESTYLE & STOKE, WRAP PARTY & AWARDS

WATEGOS BEACH

7-8am FREE EVENT	FLUORO FRIDAY (On Sunday!) Friday surfing, grouping. Supporting mental health (TBC).
8-3pm FREE EVENT	FREESTYLE & STOKE SURF SESSIONS
3-5pm FREE EVENT	FREESTYLE & STOKE AWARDS



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February 24, 2021 The Byron Shire Echo 23



Saltwater mob style



Damien Curtis from the The Bay SmokeHouse.

Story & photo Melissa Butters

If you've ever tasted the wild fish rillettes from The Bay SmokeHouse you know what's cooking. Born out of a vision to provide sustainable, healthy and delicious fish products, these award-winning artisan 'jars of gold' are the lovechild of head smoker Damien Curtis. His inspiration comes from the traditional European smoking methods combined with the style of the Aboriginal saltwater mob; freshly caught mullet cooked on the coals on the beach.

Damien grew up in France with his mother, who is from a Malaysian background. His love for smoked fish began at an early age with salmon and mackerel as staples in their household. Arriving in Australia 13 years ago with a passion for spearfishing, he witnessed the coastal waters teeming with an abundance of wild, oily fish, perfect for smoking. Driven by social change and respect for Indigenous culture, Damien learnt from the Yolngu people while living and hunting along the northeastern coast of Arnhem Land.

As farmed salmon has become increasingly unsustainable and unhealthy owing

to farm runoff creating ocean dead zones, Damien saw an opportunity in the market. 'The fatty salmon that we love so much is also full of pesticides, antibiotics and chemical dyes. There needed to be a more ethical and local alternative for consumers.'

He turned his attention to traditional methods of smoking wild-caught fish species from the clean waters of the north coast, such as sea mullet, tailor, Spanish mackerel and the 'Rolls Royce' for smoking: eel. These oily, plentiful varieties stay moist and carry the salty smoked flavour beautifully. 'Something special happens when you combine salt, fat and smoke!'

The fillets are smoked over hardwood and blended with organic raw cashews. His inspiration is very primal. 'The satisfaction of targeting just the right fish, and the juicy flavour of it cooked over a fire; pulling it off the bone with your fingers while sitting on the beach with family. It reconnects us with something so simple and important.'

You can catch Damien's smoked fish at the New Brighton Farmers Market, every Tuesday from 8am to 11am, and the Mullumbimby Farmers Market, every Friday 7am to 11am.



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Eateries Guide

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	<p>Success Thai Mon-Fri lunch & dinner closed Sundays Lunch 12 noon–3pm Dinner from 5–8.30pm 3/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469</p> <p>All your favourites, every lunch and dinner. Experienced Thai chefs cooking fresh, delicious Thai food for you. BYO only Welcome for lunch, dinner and takeaway. Menus available on Facebook.</p>	<p>Oma Food and Wine 6 Lawson Street, Byron Bay 8960 7478 www.omafoodandwine.com</p> <p>The latest restaurant from the team at Three Blue Ducks, Oma is located in the heart of Byron and open from 5pm Thursday–Monday. We have a wine list with over 50 natural wines and a menu abundant with locally sourced, seasonal dishes created by head chef, Darren Robertson. So come and enjoy dinner at Oma this week, for a truly remarkable dining experience. Book now.</p>
	<p>Barrio 7am - 3pm Mon, Tues, Wed, Sat 7am - 8.30pm Thurs, Fri 1 Porter St, North Byron Booking via our website barriobyronbay.com.au</p> <p>Barrio's canteen takes its inspiration from locally sourced produce with moorish cuisine. Offering daily bakes, breakfast cakes, classic sandwiches, vibrant salads, smoked fish and grilled meats. Book via our website for lunch and dinner in the restaurant at www.barriobyronbay.com.au Walk-in tables available.</p>	<p>LENNOX HEAD</p> <p> Krill Bar Lennox Head 47 Ballina St, Lennox Head www.krillbar.com.au 6685 5538 @KRILLBARANDRESTAURANT</p> <p>Open Thursday 5pm–10pm, Friday 12pm–3pm & 5pm–10pm Saturday 5pm–10pm, Sunday 11:30am–4:30pm Amazing cocktails, fabulous local food, a la carte and bar menus all with super friendly service. Head Chef Minh Le was a finalist for Australian Chef of the Year in 2016 and has owned multiple hatted restaurants. Come in and experience his fine food in the stylish decor. Happy Hour Thursday–Saturday 5–6pm Online booking preferred</p>
	<p>Saltwater Social Club A gathering place for all 32 Jonson St, Byron Bay saltwatersocialclub.com.au</p> <p>Open 4pm until late Monday through Sunday for sundowners, dinner, and late-night drinks. Lazy weekend lunches with sandy feet, rowdy dinners with family and friends, and late night drinks and DJs are the standard. Laid back vintage vibes and classic coastal style create an eclectic feel, complemented by our menu of shareable snacks, locally-sourced salads and hand-stretched sourdough pizzas, as well as beers on tap, organic wines and hand-crafted cocktails. GOOD TIMES ~ HIGH VIBES ~ LATE NIGHTS ~ HIGH TIDES</p>	<p>MULLUMBIMBY</p> <p> Yaman Mullumbimby 62 Stuart St, Mullumbimby 6684 3778 www.yamanmullumbimby.com.au Open 7 days from 9am–8pm Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner</p> <p>Coffee, Malawach Rolls, Pita Pockets, Falafel, Traditional Yemenite spices and all your favourites always freshly made. Drop in for an authentic atmosphere, dine-in or takeaway.</p>
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	<p>Karkalla Byron Bay Café, Bar & Restaurant Corner of Bay Lane and Fletcher St, Byron Bay 5614 8656 www.karkalla.com.au @karkallabyronbay</p> <p>Seasonal, local & native indigenous inspired menu. Brunch Thursday–Monday 8am–2pm Dinner Wednesday–Monday from 5pm Thursday Night 'Locals night' 5.30–7pm \$35 curry & glass of wine. Seafood & Champagne \$200 per couple. Deluxe fresh & cooked seafood platters & glass of Bollinger Champagne. Bookings via our website.</p>	<p>ALCOHOL SUPPLIERS</p> <p> Sun Bistro Bottleshop and Home Delivery 61 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay 02 6685 6500 www.thesunbistro.com/deliveries deliver@thesunbistro.com</p> <p>At the Sun Bistro Bottle Shop you will find a hand curated range of quality wines, spirits and beers. RARE AND NATURAL WINE • CRAFT BEER • HANDCRAFTED SPIRITS • TEQUILA AND MEZCAL • HOME DELIVERY Open 7 Days 10am–8pm Monday to Sunday</p>
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‘The Great Reset’

I appreciated the letter by Lucas Wright (17 February) on the Great Reset conspiracy fantasy. With our privileged, western, simplistic understanding of reality, it is quite natural to imagine elites changing the world for themselves.

However, the global human community is a chaotic blend of billions of individuals surviving under a massive array of environmental and social conditions. The rich and powerful will be recycled back into the powerful planetary ecosystems that have always ruled us.

The Great Reset conspiracy is of no consequence to the great planetary reset that is rapidly approaching. The basic universal law

that every action has an equal and opposite reaction cannot be ignored. The stable optimal climatic conditions that created humanity and our civilisation has been disturbed by our success.

The age of mammals and of humanity is almost done. The age of reptiles and invertebrates is upon us as temperatures soar with runaway global heating. Normal planet-wide tropical conditions and high sea levels punctuated by chaotic shifts in climate will quickly erase any memory that humanity ever existed.

Crocodiles and other reptiles will rule, even dinosaur-like animals may arise. It was never our planet. It has always played with us.

Gary Opit
Wooyung

Letting go

I respect the parents forgiving the drunk driver who killed their four children (one a cousin) as their way of dealing with their grief. But as a public response, forgiveness is a moral cop-out, rather than a sterner anger and judgement towards the driver who knew full well of the dangers of drinking and driving, before becoming totally drunk. It was not a pure accident. And what of his friends who watched him drive away? And the weak laws? A few years ago a ‘drugged’ driver wiped out a family of four and himself – he had 61 previous convictions.

How do such horrific things happen, and why? Forgiveness is not the answer.

Mary McMorrow
Mullumbimby

Australia’s bastardry

Australia has a long string of racist and anti-humanitarian policies. These range from its treatment of Aboriginal people, complicity with Indonesia over the invasion of Timor Leste, and occupation of West Papua, training of Kopassus special forces at Canungra and Pearce Air Force base and persecution of whistleblowers like Bernard Collaery and David McBride.

Our incarceration of asylum seekers for many years is an international scandal, while our lack of enthusiasm to combat climate change gives Pacific nations a two-fingered salute. Given this list of infamy, it is not surprising that on receiving the Jerusalem Prize from the Zionist Federation of Australia, PM

Morrison crowed, ‘We stand with our friends, and under this government that is what will occur. We’ve set up a trade and defence office in West Jerusalem to deepen ties on trade, defence industries, investment and innovation’.

This love affair with Israel translates into an intervention by the Morrison government to the International Criminal Court (ICC) that alleged Israeli war criminals not be prosecuted by the ICC, despite having received a thorough five-year investigation. The alleged crimes being investigated were related to murders, including women and children, and also included allegations of torture. Thankfully, the ICC rejected this push and recently declared that it recognises Palestine as a

state and signatory to the ICC. Hopefully, Israeli crimes will now be revealed and punished.

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

Truth

There is the real news and then there is the fake news.

The radio news announced recently new economic figures showing better than expected data, and implying a sooner than expected economic upturn from the lockdowns.

Conversely, economist Martin Armstrong’s A.I. has predicted, for next year, a global economic depression far worse than the 1929 one.

It’s so easy to see who is telling the truth, or at least it will be next year, won’t it?

Peter Olson
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In a perfect fit for the Northern Rivers, sustainability is at the heart of everything Byronbuilt will be doing moving forward, and clients will be offered a range of environmentally sound choices during the design process.

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Making Spaces



Eden at Byron

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A huge delivery has just arrived of lovely, fresh, locally grown citrus trees, guaranteed to bring joy for many years. There are more than 20 varieties, including different types of lemons, mandarins, oranges, limes, kaffir limes, native finger limes, pomelos, tangelos and lemonades.

A full-sized citrus tree will grow to about 4m tall, but if you don’t want one that big, you can plant a dwarf tree. These won’t get much bigger than about 2m, but will still get the same delicious fruit, making them especially good for pots and smaller gardens.

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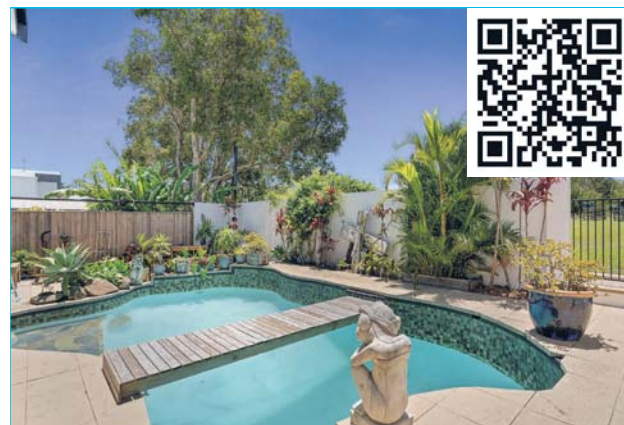
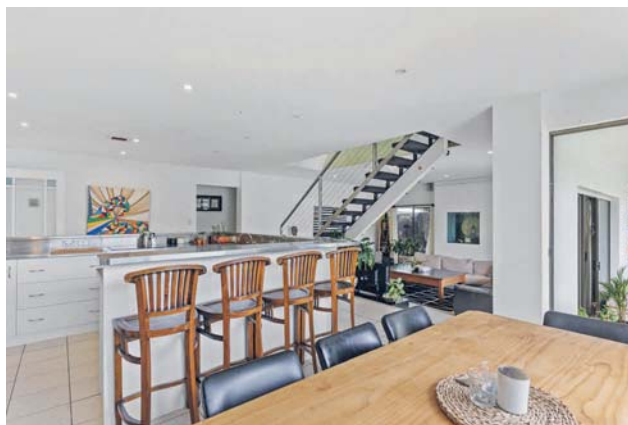
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Huge Development Potential in Bangalow

- Rare opportunity to purchase 2.2 acres (8922m²) of perfectly positioned land
- Currently zoned RU1 Primary Production with a current residential strategy plan in place for re-zoning, this parcel has huge future development potential
- Dual occupancy is also currently available, subject to council approval
- Well-built, circa 1940s, 3-bedroom family home with versatile layout, original design details, large level lawn and powered triple-bay shed
- Full boundary length of linear street frontage
- Walking distance to Bangalow Recreation fields and village

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Address: **7 Ballina Road, Bangalow**

Auction: Saturday, 6th March 11.30am. Price Guide \$2m to \$2.2m

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Bangalow Blue-Chip Development Site

- Auctioning three adjacent, separately titled, commercial blocks
- There is DA approval for 5 apartments and 3 ample-sized commercial spaces
- The site is adjacent to the picturesque Bangalow showground and the A&I Hall
- Bangalow is one of the most sought-after locations in NSW, hosting some of the region’s most popular and eclectic events
- This is an investment opportunity unlike anything else currently on the market and is an extremely rare opportunity to purchase a development site in a blue-chip location with approval to develop!

1114M²

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Gorgeous Versatile Home in Lovely Burringbar Village

- 3-minute walk to the shops and popular Elwood Café
- Open-plan living and dining area leads out to a large undercover deck
- Magical views looking across the hinterland and garden
- Desirable northerly aspect catches the winter sun
- Reverse cycle air-conditioning and ceiling fans throughout
- Great yard with established vegetable and herb patch
- Plenty of room to grow and add a pool if you wish (STCA)
- 15 mins to Brunswick Heads, 25 mins to Byron Bay, 30 mins to Gold Coast airport

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Address:

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Price:

Contact Agent

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Enquiries:

Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



'Mimosa Park' Restored 1901 Family Hinterland Homestead

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- Federation home, completely restored, nestled in the hinterland
- Open-plan gallery kitchen offers wide Italian quartz stone benchtops, high-gloss cabinetry revived hardwood floors and 12-foot tongue-and-groove ceilings
- Three generous bedrooms, the master with walk-in robe and large ensuite
- European style pool with grassy surrounds and rural vistas across the valley
- Garden with extensive stone work of local bush rock including pathways and fire pit

Address: **390 Terania Creek Road, The Channon**
 Auction: Saturday, 6th March at 2.00pm – Guide: \$2m to \$2.2m
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 Enquiries: Paul Prior 0418 324 297



Great Family Home in Desirable Suffolk Park Location

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- Located in a great family friendly street,
- Easy-care lifestyle of convenience, just minutes from Byron Bay
- Large covered deck area which features a built-in outdoor BBQ area and looks over the fully fenced backyard
- Bright and modern living spaces
- Kitchen with plenty of storage, large island and stainless steel appliances
- Single lock up garage and a large freestanding shed

Address: **84 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park**
 Price: \$1.35m – \$1.45m
 Open: Saturday, 27th February 10.00am – 10.30am
 Enquiries: Jasmin McClymont 0434 029 668, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Myocum Acreage House and Business Sale!

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- Established business (opened 1986) - Wards Landscape Supplies
- Sale includes machinery, sheds, retail shop & stock
- Lovely 4 bedroom homestead circa 1920's with immaculate gardens
- Large undercover wooden decked areas
- Pool and gazebo - perfect for entertaining
- Modern kitchen with plenty of storage, aircon and fireplace, 81,000 litre tanks
- 15 minutes to beautiful Brunswick Heads and 25 minutes to Byron Bay

Address: **1176 Myocum Road, Myocum**
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Stunning Modern Home, Studio and Villa

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- Just outside the centre of town with NE aspect and views to the hinterland
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- Exquisite bathrooms with travertine marble floor to ceiling
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Address: **45 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay**
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Lovely Character Home in Central Mullumbimby

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- Ideally located a stone's throw from Mullumbimby town
- Perfect as a first home, investment property or for a growing family
- Kitchen features glass-fronted cabinetry, plenty of storage, modern appliances
- Level 682m2 corner block with plenty of room to design your dream garden
- Huge covered tiled patio which includes built-in barbeque
- 3 light-filled bedrooms, the master offering private access to front porch

Address: **8 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby**

Price: \$1m to \$1.1m

Open: Saturday, 27th February 11.30am – 12.00pm

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Modern Family Home and Pristine Creek Frontage

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- Tucked away in the hinterland behind Newrybar, minutes from Byron
- Renovated 5 bedroom, two-storey residence
- Property includes a creek which has been dammed on one side, allowing control of the water flow and creating a beautiful habitat for native animals
- Contemporary open-plan kitchen and living space
- Lagoon-style, inground pool with stunning views across the property
- Landscaped gardens + 1000 macadamia trees

Address: **517 Friday Hut Road, Brooklet**

Price: Forthcoming Auction

Open: Saturday, 27th February 1.00pm – 1.30pm

Enquiries: Oliver Aldridge 0421 171 499, Paul Prior 0418 324 297



Luxurious and Private Byron Hinterland Paradise

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Enquiries: Oliver Aldridge 0421 171 499, Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Beachside Family Home with Panoramic Ocean Views

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  727M²

- Two-storey beach house in premium blue chip location
- Open-plan kitchen, dining and living
- Renovated kitchen with island, butler's pantry & stone benchtops
- 3 generous bedrooms, main with ensuite
- Pool and alfresco dining with panoramic ocean views
- Cool ocean breezes all year round and the sound of waves crashing
- Easy walk down to the beach or renowned cafés

Address: **21 Pacific Terrace, East Ballina**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 27th February 10.00am – 10.30am

Enquiries: Olivia Coates 0408 966 098, Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232

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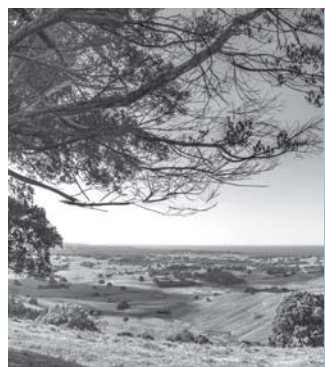
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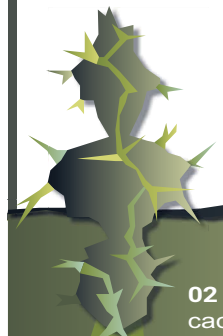
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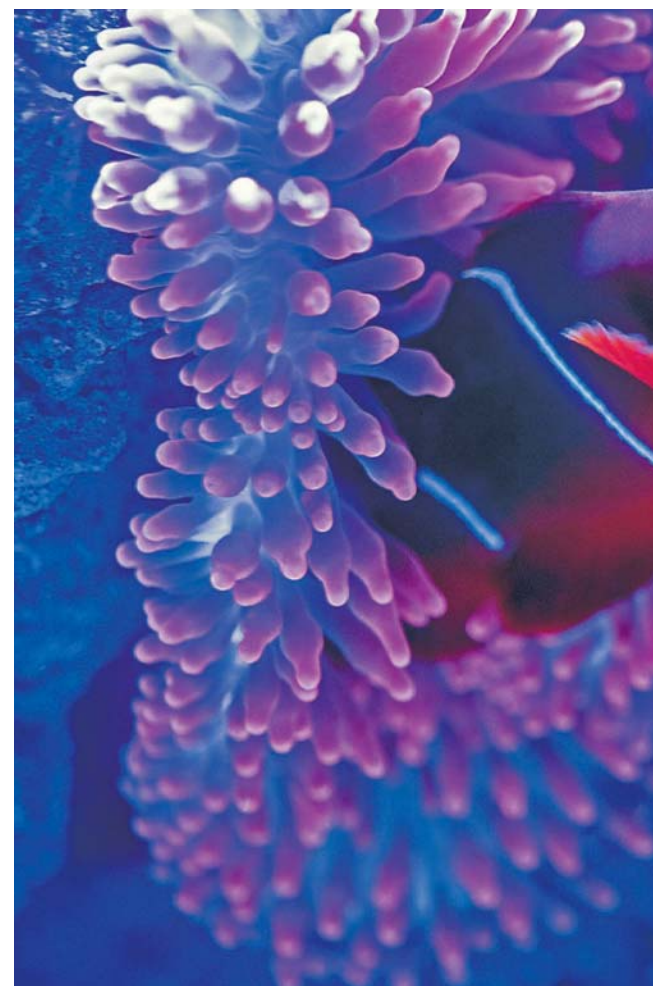
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Cryptic Clues
ACROSS
1. Mum's working for a builder (5)
4. Assemble, prepare TM for school assignment (4,5)
9. Have sex at the dance? He's crazy! (9)
10. Primates return for one cuttlefish product (5)
11. Englishman with a plan to recruit staff (6)
12. Top actor has an uneasy spell from competitors (8)
14. Sailor's R & R implemented – a sheer love! (5,5)
16. A single fish (4)
19. Search and spy 1000 (4)
20. Queue for butts – the final account (6,4)
22. Thing is, an evening of fun (5,3)
23. Right American group – but it could be reddish! (6)
26. Newsbreak deserves a serve of ice cream (5)
27. Report: I defame Northerner (9)
28. Small and gloomy – directions for the approaches to the beach (4,5)
29. Journalist's New York transport system – an old Ford! (5)
DOWN
1. Female therapists needed for employment in the services (9)
2. Blue remnant (5)
3. A line, one inducing stupor, noted Spooner, acknowledging the immigrant (8)
4. Go back for a net (4)
5. Einstein's big idea of kinship? (10)
6. One step: try the tart! (6)
7. Zip with Italian beer and sausage (9)
8. Studies and hears grasses (5)
13. Turn right for Darwin's big idea (10)
15. Balls matured, but got too big too fast! (9)
17. Choose spoken polling procedure (9)
18. Cut off a friend over an investment contract (8)
21. Princess puts up with dopey (6)
22. Settles for territory in famous loch (5)
24. Lateral parts of teams (5)
25. Merlots for lefties (4)
Quick Clues
ACROSS
1. Stoneworker (5)
4. Major written assignment (4,5)
9. Crackpot (9)
10. Reddish-brown colour (5)
11. Give someone paid work (6)
12. First courses (8)
14. Mariner's leisure time (5,5)
16. One and only (4)
19. Attempt or desire to obtain (4)
20. Final total of a balance sheet (6,4)
22. Leave the house for entertainment (5,3)
23. Dark reddish-brown colour (6)
26. Report on news first (5)
27. Person native to north Atlantic (9)
28. Landform found in deserts and the coast (4,5)
29. Brand of car, now defunct (5)
DOWN
1. Female massage professionals (9)
2. Small leftover piece (5)
3. Recent arrival (8)
4. Animal catching device (4)
5. Einstein's theory (10)
6. A sweet baked treat (6)
7. Spicy salami (9)
8. Looks at and comprehends writing (5)
13. Dramatic and wide-reaching change (10)
15. Covered in plants (9)
17. Related to voting (9)
18. Sever (8)
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10	W	6:43 19:08	3:15 17:26	07:32 1.70 19:51 1.24	00:37 0.45 14:04 0.40	

Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

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MONTHLY MARKETS			
1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0408 239 273	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea, Byron YAC		5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Federal	0403 577 694	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	0457 471 583		

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POLICE Brunswick Heads..... 6685 1277

Mullumbimby 6684 2144

Byron Bay 6685 9499

Bangalow 6687 1404

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding..... 132 500

AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)..... 6622 1555

AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics 1300 ALANON

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours..... 1800 423 431

ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS) 6622 1881

BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS 6622 7022

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line..... 1800 656 463

LIFELINE 131 114

MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men).. 6622 2240

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily 6680 7280

NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 6684 1286

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Get ready for shameless self-promotion by politicians this week – the long suffering Byron bypass project will be open to traffic from midday next Saturday February 27. Running through sensitive wetland south of Butler Street, it emerges next to Mitre 10 and is expected to alleviate around 20 per cent of traffic – for now. While it's considered no 'silver bullet' to the town's traffic woes, it cost the public purse around \$24m. Meanwhile, Transport NSW are busy with their transport interchange project, located in the rail corridor and next to Butler Street.

Good news for the little guys – it turns out Uber drivers are workers and have rights, according to a UK Supreme Court ruling last Friday. Meanwhile, The Transport Workers Union's (TWU) test case against Deliveroo, for the unfair sacking of a delivery rider, will conclude Monday at its final hearing at the Fair Work Commission. TWU say, 'Diego Franco was sacked without warning in April at the height of the pandemic. The case is the first of its kind against Deliveroo and follows a Dutch ruling last week that found Deliveroo riders are employees'.

While the NZ PM says she isn't getting the country's first COVID-19 jab because others need it more, the hapless, empathy-free PM Morrison had compliant corporate media gush that he was one of the first to get the shot. It deflects nicely away from the (now) three alleged rape cases that have emerged from within his government.



It's on! The Byron Surf Festival will be held around the town's beaches and venues from February 26 till 28. For full program, peak inside this issue or visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au. Photo supplied

The cozy relationship between Murdoch and the Liberal-National party has been overlooked somewhat in Facebook's removal of Australian news. It's no coincidence that a political party, that prides itself on not interfering with the free market, interfered on behalf of its biggest supporter. Dan Stinton, managing director of *Guardian Australia*, told *Mumbrella*, 'Obviously, Facebook is already struggling to moderate the mass of disinformation that is so prominent on its platform. The best antidote to this is the promotion of fact-based journalism, so this decision risks making the platform the permanent home of cat videos and conspiracy theories. Good luck to them'.

The popular lighthouse walk has been made safer, say Council, after they improved the pedestrian access at the intersection of Lighthouse Road and Brooke Drive.

The logistics of waste collection for a one-way traffic trial on Centennial Circuit in the Byron Bay Arts and Industry Estate has led to it being postponed. Council's place

Family Law Court being abolished – see page 7. The son of One Nation leader, Pauline Hanson, was apparently the catalyst, after he had a rough time being dragged through court over DV accusations. Instead of improving the court with more funding, as experts suggest, it's been subsumed into the overburdened circuit court. The Law Council of Australia published an open letter against the decision, signed by more than 155 stakeholders, including 11 retired judges and community legal organisations. Why are the political elite actively undermining society and making things worse on purpose?

'I'll tell you what freedom is to me', said Nina Simone, 'No fear.' Happy birthday Nina, she was born February 21, 1933.

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The closure of a site by our printer means that from the start of February we have to print our paper at a different time, and further away. As far as possible we'll still try to distribute all 24,000 copies of *The Echo* by the end of Wednesday, but in some cases your paper may not arrive until early Thursday morning. We're sorry!

 **FOR EARLY BIRDS**

Our daily online news site (revamped with a new look this week) will still be at echo.net.au each day. If you scroll down the home page, in the middle is the pdf version of the current edition (up normally from Tuesday evening).