



Land of ice creams discovered!

The Llewellyn clan – Pax Douglas, Dan, Ron Jr and Naava Bear get stuck into Gelato Vibes big time at last Saturday's Sunset Market Food Festival at The Mullum Leagues Club. There will be a Food Truck Carnival at Bangalow Showground next Friday evening from 5pm.
Photo Jeff 'I Scream For Ice Cream' Dawson

Councillors consider staff proposal on affordable housing

Paul Bibby

Should Byron Council be given greater powers to facilitate development in the Shire to address the worsening housing affordability crisis? This is one option councillors will consider at this week's meeting, as it explores the housing challenges facing our key workers.

A Council staff report paints a grim housing picture for a broad cross-section of local workers, ranging from nurses and teachers to food and accommodation employees.

The cumulative impact of lower-than-average incomes and the dramatic increase in rents and house prices, is leaving our key workers with an unprecedented level of housing stress.

The proportion of local workers who still live in the Shire has plunged, and there are anecdotal reports that others are forced to live in their cars or with colleagues.

'There is an urgent need for a policy circuit breaker to enable the supply of low to high-end rental and ownership accommodation opportunities outside the current 'inflated free market...' the report states.

'Although Council is poised to deliver shovel ready solutions, it is unable to do so easily owing to the state planning framework and the constraints in which local government operates...'

In response to this challenge, the report suggests that Council advocate for policy changes, so that councils can 'directly facilitate development through planning, providing land, and offering subsidies to developers'.

Large Bruns boarding house DA heads to court

A proposal to build a mixed use commercial building, including a 48 self-contained room boarding house in the heart of Bayside in Brunswick Heads is heading to the Land and Environment court over a 'deemed refusal', after developer Kollektive claimed the development application (DA) took too long to process.

A deemed refusal occurs when a development application is not determined within the prescribed

assessment period.

From the start of the pre-DA lodgement period, residents were concerned with Kollektive's Corso proposal, including its size and associated planning issues.

Resident Lisa Sandstrom told *The Echo* a conciliation meeting between Council and the applicant is taking place on March 15, which will give residents a chance to address the many concerns they have.

She says there is a lack of infrastructure to support the development and that the 'rooms will rent at expensive market rates in line with the rest of the area'.

She says, 'Despite being built under [NSW government] Affordability Housing legislation [SEPP], there is no measure of affordability'.

'There is a woeful lack of parking, and traffic will pose serious safety issues. There is also a lack

of integration with the community; it is totally out of character and incompatible. We will lose a commercial hub that has been promised to the community for close to 30 years. This DA completely compromises the planning that has underpinned this precinct'.

Matthew O'Reilly from the Brunswick Progress Association will speak at the conciliation meeting

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Wilsons Creek subdivision knocked back by NSW planning department

Paul Bibby

Plans for a 15-lot housing development in Wilsons Creek have hit a minor snag with the Department of Planning, who are demanding that Council prepare a revised planning proposal before considering approval.

The development, proposed for Lot 38 Alidenes Road, includes an important riparian zone next to Yankee Creek. The desire to protect this zone goes some way to explaining why the development is set to come before Council for the third time at this week's planning meeting.

On the last occasion, Council resolved to proceed with a revised planning

proposal for the site, as per the staff recommendation. However, the Department of Planning has indicated that this proposal does not do enough to prevent the developer from building more than 15 dwellings on the site. In response to this, Council staff have put forward a new planning proposal, which they say will address this problem. This involves using a clause within the Byron Local Environment Plan to identify the land in question with a maximum of 15 housing lots. The report says the clause 'would achieve the intent of the proposal', including the limitation of permitting no more than one dwelling per neighbourhood lot.

Champ's long-overdue payment also helps others

Paul Bibby

The call came completely out of the blue, like a head-high barrel at The Pass, when everything else has been two-foot slop.

And like the champion surfer she is, Brunswick Heads resident Pauline Menczer was up for the ride.

On the other end of phone were Mimi LaMontagne from Madman Films, and Rip Curl's Sophie Marshall.

Inspired by the 50-year-old's appearance in the upcoming documentary *Girls Can't Surf*, the duo were offering to set up a GoFundMe page to help her get some long overdue financial recognition.

It was recognition for the World Title, that Pauline secured in 1993, despite suffering from crippling arthritis, and the fact that, even then, she was forced to sell raffle tickets on Byron's streets just to stay on the world tour.

'It was for the world titles [she also won the amateur world title in 1988], but it's everything... basically not being supported my whole career,' Pauline says.

Lack of sponsorship

Despite being an incredibly talented surfer who showed incredible guts to compete with a serious health condition, Pauline barely secured a cent of sponsorship money during her two-decade career.

'I did the rounds of the surf companies after I won the world title,' she says.

'I thought I'd get sponsored for sure, but it never happened.'



World surfing title holder, Pauline Menczer. Photo Eve Jeffery

In the end it was the local businesses of Byron – from clothing stores to supermarkets – that helped keep the dream alive.

'I went around to the shops in Byron and they gave me 300 awesome prizes and I had a massive raffle so I could stay on the tour', she says.

Byron biz support

'But it was still me walking around Byron selling the tickets – self-funding myself again.'

It was a continuation of a way of life Pauline was all too familiar with.

Having grown up as one of four siblings in a family that did its best to get by after the children's father was murdered, Pauline was used to finding a way to make ends meet.

'There were a few times when I was close to quitting the world tour, but somehow I would win the next event and get enough prize money to keep going – it seemed to spur me on.'

It wasn't until years after she retired that Pauline got the first whiff of proper recognition when she was inducted into the Australian surfing hall of fame.

But plaques and pictures don't put food on the table, so Pauline has continued to ply her trade

as a much-loved local bus driver, while continuing to experience severe arthritis and, more recently, an auto-immune disease called Pemphigus vulgaris.

The idea with the GoFundMe campaign was to give Pauline some long-overdue payment for her 1993 world title success.

LaMontagne and Marshall figured that \$25,000 was a good starting point.

Then the head-high barrel turned into a 10-foot Maui monster wave.

As news of the campaign spread, the dollars started pouring in from all over the world.

Target exceeded

Within a week or so, the target was reached and breached, and at last count had exceeded \$42,000.

After decades of financial difficulty, Pauline could have been forgiven for keeping it all for herself.

Instead, she has pledged to give every cent over \$25,000 to charities and charitable causes.

This includes helping a man with the same immune condition that Pauline has, who cannot afford the costly treatment of steroids and antibody infusions.

'I met a lady through one of the Facebook discussion

groups for the condition and she told me about her husband, and sent me some pictures and I just thought, "I know how much I'm suffering and he's way worse off than I am,"' Pauline says.

'It's gonna be great to be able to help him get some basic medical treatment.'

The remainder of the funds will go to the Disabled Surfing Association, and an autoimmune disease charity.

As the money has flowed in, so have the plaudits and praise – support that was pretty thin on the ground back in '93.

Pauline is now fielding calls from TV stations, *The Washington Post*, and a host of current and former surfing champions.

There are also moves afoot to build a statue of Pauline at Bondi Beach, where she learned to ride.

And the interest may even increase this week with the March 11 opening of *Girls Can't Surf* – a documentary about the evolution of women's surfing in which Pauline features prominently.

'I'd love it if my story could inspire people a bit,' she says.

'I'm living proof that you can still be the best in the world, even with disability, and that you can do it while being yourself.'

'We've got the #MeToo movement, I want to start the #BeYou movement.'

'I look at Instagram and I see people being something that they're not – being products.'

'I might not have been sponsored, but I was the people's person... I was always true to myself and I did things my way'.

■ To donate to Pauline's GoFundMe campaign go to <https://au.gofundme.com/f/pauline-menczer-world-title>.



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Notice of an application for determination of native title in New South Wales and Queensland

Notification day: 24 March 2021

This is an application by a native title claim group which is asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that the group holds native title in the area described below.

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 23 June 2021**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **23 June 2021**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Tweed River Bundjalung People
Federal Court File No: NSD876/2020
Date filed: 4 August 2020
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, the Federal Court may still refer the application for mediation and/or make a determination in relation to it

Description: The application area covers approx. 1,700 sq km and is located north of Brunswick Heads in NSW, extending to south of Burleigh Heads in Queensland
Relevant LGAs: Tweed Shire Council, Byron Shire Council and City of Gold Coast

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Is it time for a Mullum Mullet Festival?

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

You can see him in the streets, you can see him in the pubs, and you can see him under the bonnet of your car – Aaron Styles, Mullumbimby’s mullet man, is a force to be reckoned with in the bogan hair stakes. As a Tony Carsburg mechanic, Aaron admits he loves to put on a bit of a show. He recently traveled south to Kurri Kurri to compete in the third annual Mulletfest, only to be beaten by a local mediocre mane.

Robbed of title

He told *The Echo*, ‘I drove 600 kms to be out-mulletted by a guy who traveled 600 metres – I was robbed!’ Aaron said it was his second and last attempt at the title. ‘As much fun as I had at Mulletfest in Kurri Kurri, I don’t think I’ll return next year. I think it’s a little one-sided



Aaron Styles, hard at work.

toward the local people. ‘I had a great time though – you never know, I might have a change of heart before the next one’. Aaron has been wondering if an event closer to home might be the go. ‘I think the mullet is definitely coming back into fashion. I know I’ve personally inspired a few mullets around the Mullum area’. ‘I’ve always said Mullum Mullet Festival rolls off the tongue much better than Kurri Kurri. The Mullum Mullet Championships has a nice ring to it. Yeah, it would be awesome to do something like that. ‘There’s enough people in the area at the moment, and some great mullets. ‘It would be a great fundraiser event too’. Stay tuned...

Renew Fest headliner announced

Senior Australian of the Year and Indigenous artist and educator, Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, will be a headline guest at Renew Fest in May this year. Miriam Rose, who is from the N gangiwumirr language group in Nauiyu (Daly River) country of the Northern Territory, is well known for bringing the Indigenous way of ‘dadirri’ (translated as ‘deep listening’) to mainstream Australia. Festival director Ella Rose Goninan says, ‘Deep listening has been a core value for Renew Fest since its very

beginning, and was directly inspired by Miriam Rose’s work, so we are very humbled and excited to have Miriam Rose join us this year. There is so much to learn from her, and from Indigenous ways of listening to the Earth, each other, and our hearts’. ‘A regenerative future includes a deep honouring of First Nations people, and a deep openness to the colonial trauma of the past that is still with us today’, added Ella Rose. Miriam Rose will appear via a live video link, to be in conversation with local



Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann. Photo supplied

Bundjalung elder Judy Atkinson, for the Friday night opening of the festival at the Mullum Civic Hall, and she will also be featured during the festival weekend. Renew Fest runs May 7 till 9 at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds. Special release early bird ticket sale ending soon. For more info, visit www.renewfest.org.au.

Large Bruns boarding house DA heads to court

► Continued from page 1 between Council and the applicant. The *Echo* asked Mr O’Reilly, ‘Given Council’s recent court loss in Ocean Shores against a speculating developer, should Bruns residents be concerned that Council’s planning policies are unlikely to also hold up in court, and that their wishes will again be ignored, as per that last LEC case?’ ‘There appears little, to no evidence, that the residents’ opposition was taken into account in that case – is that your understanding?’ Mr O’Reilly replied, ‘In many cases, Council can

strengthen its LEP and DCP provisions. I have said so in the past, and would propose a number of changes should I be elected to Council. But in the case of the Bayside Bruns boarding house development proposal, it is all state rules that apply’. ‘What the community wants to see from Council is that Council fights the DA strongly in the Land and Environment Court. Lip service ‘We don’t want to see a half-hearted effort from Council just because some councillors have spoken in support of almost all of the

[Kollective] developments in the past. ‘And yes, I agree completely that Council has only paid lip service to resident and community opposition. ‘In some cases, they do not even pay lip service, but disregard community and residents’ concerns completely’. Mr O’Reilly referred to a precedent at Broken Head that considered Land Use Objectives and Local Character: *EMGA Mitchell McLennan Pty Limited v Byron Shire Council* [2015] NSWLEC 1498. Mr O’Reilly also added, ‘If the boarding house was only located on the second storey

and there were commercial and retail premises on the ground floor, then it would be more likely to meet the zone objectives’. ‘There have been examples in the past where Byron Council has successfully argued that developments do not meet the zone objectives and the Land and Environment Court has agreed, such as *Ardill Payne & Partners v Byron Shire Council* [2019] NSWLEC 1125. ‘This is another example where Council must strongly argue that the proposed development, while permissible, does not meet the zone objectives’.

We hope you’re all having a ball out there!



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Ballina cleans up!

David Lowe

Clean Up Australia Day was a great success in Ballina, with the beach clean-up event organised by Ballina Coastcare on Monday attracting twenty volunteers.

Cathy Byrne from Ballina Coastcare was the safety supervisor. She said she was expecting more rubbish, but was a bit disappointed that people still throw so many things out, including recyclables such as bottles, cans and compostable coffee cups.

Ms Byrne said, 'We

collected two full Council wheelie bins of rubbish (small and big pieces).

'Strange finds included part of a fancy picture frame, a large flipper, two bongos, five shoes, several pairs and single thongs, lots of cans and drink cups and bottles and lots of small plastic pieces that would have harmed dolphins and turtles and birds.'

Ballina Coastcare's next big event is National Tree Planting Day on August 1.

■ To get involved and find out more, visit www.ballinacoastcare.org.

Lismore Scavenge this Saturday

A community clean-up, clothes swap and waste education event will be held in Lismore this weekend.

Spring into Scavenge also includes live music and prizes, and it's all happening at Riverside Park, near Ballina Road bridge, on Saturday March 13 from 4 to 6pm.

Scavenge co-ordinator, Luke Stone, says the scavenge includes a waterway clean-up and clothes swap, where all litter collected becomes currency to purchase quality pre-loved clothes, books and

bric-a-brac donated by the local community.

He says, 'For every 500 grams of litter collected by participants, they're rewarded with one Trash Token to use in the pop-up market.'

Participants will learn how to separate and catalogue rubbish to capture data for the Australian Marine Debris Database, alongside volunteers from local community groups. To get involved visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/spring-into-scavenge-lismore-tickets-142051681403.

NSW Crown Lands drags its heels over South Ballina Beach management

David Lowe

The debate about the future of the beaches south of Ballina is heating up again, as councils and concerned citizens grapple with the ongoing issue of 4WD-related damage.

The organisation with ultimate responsibility, NSW Crown Lands, has missed its March 1 deadline to formally arrange consultation with the three groups who would have motorised access to the beach, after closure to public 4WDs (Indigenous, emergency and commercial fishers).

Meanwhile, an anti-closure petition has also been circulating online, with over 3,000 signatures since Richmond Valley Council prematurely stated that Ballina Shire Council had decided to close all 4WD access to the beach.

Local resident Megan Ward told *The Echo*, 'Frustration is growing in the community about the slothful approach Crown Lands seems to be adopting.'

'Despite their lip service, they seem unmotivated, and ready to fold at the slightest resistance rather than following through with integrity.'

'Now the target is before Easter, but I have no



South Ballina Beach. Photo supplied

confidence this will happen.

'The science must be listened to and acted upon,' said Ms Ward.

Late in February, Stephen Totterman of Coastal Defenders Network wrote a submission to all decision-makers in response to lobbying from 4WD enthusiasts and recreational fishers to keep the beach open, despite mounting evidence of hooning behaviour.

He said there had been discussion for twenty years about closing South Ballina Beach to 4WDs, to protect endangered beach-nesting birds, including the Australian pied oystercatcher, but 'a loud mob of recreational fishers and others' had stymied progress, with the problem getting steadily worse until the temporary respite of COVID-19.

After people saw what it

was like to have the beach not covered with speeding 4WDs, the public mood on the issue shifted, in favour of closure. Since then, pro-4WD groups have become more vocal in response.

Powers limited

While Ballina Shire Council has made clear that its power to act on the issue is limited, they did close the 4WD access track at Patches Beach in June 2020, as well as writing to the state government to request that South Ballina Beach be closed to the general public driving 4WD vehicles.

Last month, Richmond Valley Council resolved to close Broadwater Beach from Boundary Creek through to the Coffee Rocks (the southern 6km of South Ballina Beach).

More closures seem likely

to follow, but recreational fishers have said they would like to continue to have 4WD access to South Ballina Beach either by annual permits or a key system operated by clubs.

Ballina councillor Keith Williams has publicly supported the recreational fishers, but Stephen Totterman said, 'Recreational fishers are a minority group and do not represent the broader public interest.'

He says a survey of 4WDs on South Ballina Beach on weekends in Oct-Dec 2020 found that only 14 per cent were recreational fishers.

Mr Totterman has also pointed out there's nothing to stop anyone from joining a recreational fishing club to gain 4WD access to South Ballina Beach.

Cr Keith Williams has responded by saying he has a long history of trying to get positive outcomes for endangered seabirds and other wildlife on South Ballina Beach, via his hands-on involvement with Australian Seabird Rescue in the past.

He said recreational fishers were important environmental allies.

'I know many good hearted recreational fishers,' he added.

Fill for Kingscliff development deferred

Aslan Shand

The pros and cons of moving fill via the Tweed Coast Road and through Kingscliff to fill future development sites have been considered by residents, Tweed Shire Councillors, and staff at the last two planning meetings and a workshop in between.

And despite the debate and information provided by staff, a motion by Deputy Mayor, Reece Byrnes (Labor), and Cr James Owen (Liberal), sought to defer the decision to the next planning

meeting on April 1.

This was primarily owing to further detailed advice being received from the Director of Planning and Regulation, which had only been received by the councillors 20 minutes prior to the commencement of the last meeting.

The motion by Cr Byrnes also requested that 'the proponent provide a real-time study for peak hour traffic at the Tweed Coast Road/Crescent Street intersection'.

Councillors Warren Polglase (Conservative) and

Pryce Allsop (Conservative) have been pushing hard for the development application DA 20/0965 to allow free fill from the M1 roadworks to be trucked in to be used as fill by Gales Holdings.

L&EC approval

This would be used for filling land on and around Turnock Street, and would replace the Land and Environment Court (L&EC) approval for bringing fill from their existing local quarry site. The DA seeks

truck and dog movements every two minutes for six-and-a-half days per week for a minimum of 28 weeks to bring in the fill.

Yet DA 20/0965 has raised a range of issues according to the Kingscliff Ratepayers and Progress Association Inc (KRPA), including the dual impact of this DA combined with the already approved DA20/0860, which allows 44 weeks of truck movement, on the Kingscliff community's amenity.

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Share, eviction, funding, security, abuse, safety, intimidation, solutions... these were just some of the words that hung on Sarah-Jane McGrath's clothes-line around her 'camp' on the lawn of Byron Shire Council on International Women's Day, March 8.

After 20 years as an active member of the local community, Sarah-Jane has been homeless in Byron Shire for nine months and counting.

'I was evicted from a 10 year tenancy, with 30 days' notice, during the great COVID-19 moratorium, by

a landlord and manager of the property, who had absolutely no compassion for my loss of earnings, for my health, and wellbeing, or for the lack of housing in the Shire', she told *The Echo*.

Sarah-Jane has been no slouch in terms of her contributions to community, from co-founding the Mullumbimby Community Gardens, to active engagement in the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre and the Byron Arts and Cultural Community Centre. Sarah-Jane has also been a member of local hall committees and, as an artist and performer, has been

involved in local theatre and festivals.

Her performance piece was created to highlight the real, and ongoing, issues that an increasing number of people in the area are facing.

She added, 'I am shocked at the lack of understanding the Byron Shire community has shown for anyone who is homeless, sleeping rough and is unsupported at this time. Instead, they are reporting people sleeping in their streets, without even engaging with them to see if they are okay'.

'This is especially concerning, considering the plethora of new people, new money,

Pascoe gig attracts big donations



Dark Emu author, Bruce Pascoe, and The Pocket-based artist, Craig Ruddy, with Bruce's portrait that hangs at the Tweed Gallery as part of the Archibald Prize Regional Tour. Photo Jeff Dawson

A fundraiser last weekend featuring author Bruce Pascoe resulted in almost \$80,000 being raised for his organisation, Black Duck Foods.

A portrait of Bruce Pascoe by local artist, Craig Ruddy, is among the finalists in the NSW Archibald Prize 2020 regional tour, and is currently at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre.

Mr Ruddy says while the Sunset Session with Pascoe sold out quickly, he and his

partner Roberto Meza 'joined forces with Blair Beattie to create an additional event that expanded into a discussion panel and fundraiser to help Bruce's organisation, Black Duck Foods'.

He says, 'The event sold out twice in hours, and is testament to Bruce's powerful words and the current social momentum towards regenerative agriculture and a willingness to transform old ways'.

'The discussion panel with Damon Gameau, Ella Noah Bancroft and MC Charlie Arnott instigated an enlightening and dynamic yarn with Bruce Pascoe.

'Robert Bleakley chimed in to host the fundraising auction, which contributed to purchase key equipment for Black Duck Foods'.

Mr Ruddy added, 'The atmosphere in the room was phenomenal', and further similar events, are planned.

Buy and sell food app launches

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Finding it hard to purchase local produce via social media, partners Vanessa and Leisa thought there must be a better way.

'I had tried to buy a particular hard-to-find fruit that was advertised on a social media marketplace', she told *The Echo*.

'I was first in line, without a doubt, but I got pipped at the post, because when I asked when I could pick it up, I was told it had been sold already. A few weeks later, more of the same fruit was advertised, but I was out and missed the listing'.

Vanessa and Leisa decided to create a system to buy



Yard to You co-creator Vanessa and the app which is available on smartphones and tablets.

and sell the extra food that locals are growing in their backyards or hobby farms, and after almost two years of design and development, the

Yard to You hit the app stores in October 2020.

The app basically hooks up sellers and buyers in real time, and purchases are paid

for on the spot.

Vanessa says that for buyers, the Yard to You app offers surety that the item listed is available and can be purchased immediately, and for sellers, the in-app payment system makes the whole money exchange process easy.

'Sellers also list their preferred pick-up times so buyers can choose one that works for them, which removes the need to go backwards and forwards trying to find a suitable time for both parties'.

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Council staff seek to raise the roof on Byron’s Lawson Street

Hans Lovejoy

The Byron Residents’ Group is urging community input into Council’s plans to raise the height restriction in a particular part of Byron’s CBD.

The proposal, according to staff’s *Byron Bay Town Centre – Review of Planning Controls Infosheet*, is to raise the maximum allowable height along properties on the beach side of Lawson Street ‘from 9m (two storeys) to 11.5m (three storeys)’.

The justification, according to staff, is ‘to provide a unique zone for the Byron Bay town centre, which is not used anywhere else in the Shire’.

Should the amendments be adopted, it would be part of Council’s Design Excellence Policy and Procedure, yet would presumably also financially benefit those landowners who own the commercial properties along that stretch of Lawson Street.

It is unclear if such adopted changes would prompt similar

demands from other land-owners within Byron’s CBD.

Staff say in the infosheet: ‘The existing slope of the land here is such that a three storey building will not be seen from the beachfront behind a two storey building located on Bay Street’.

‘The change will allow more efficient use of this central land without resulting in any significant visual impacts. This will allow us to adjust the range of land uses allowed in the centre and

the rules that apply to those uses, without changing those things for the other centres in the Shire.

‘Minor mapping anomalies of building height for two properties at the southern end of Jonson Street (behind Mitre 10) have also been fixed (now 11.5m)’.

■ The planning proposal and draft DCP 2014 Chapter E10 are on exhibition until March 28 and documents are available at www.your-saybyronshire.com.au.

Road safety funding needed, says Cr Cameron

A near miss with a car dangerously overtaking a school bus on Coolamon Scenic Drive has prompted independent councillor Basil Cameron to highlight road safety and to push for funding ‘that can address very real risks to a range of road users’.

He supplied a photo he took that shows the car overtaking the bus he was on, and a car approaching from the opposite direction.

Cr Cameron told *The Echo*

he has written to Tamara Smith MP, (Greens) ‘seeking her support for road safety funding’.

‘Recent safety upgrades funded under a TfNSW program do not address key factors such as speed and behaviour, leaving other road users such as cyclists and students in harm’s way.

‘As a community, we need to have a serious conversation about safety – starting on our rural roads’.

Garden working bee, March 21



Kim Lesley Davidson and Hanuman, as Loco Love And The Furry Cardigan, will be performing on the day.

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

The people who share a garden on Shara Boulevard in Ocean Shores are having a working bee and get together and are inviting everyone to come and join them.

On Sunday, March 21, 4–6pm, Shara Gardens is hosting the event, which will also feature Loco Love And The Furry Cardigan.

Community event

Bring your friends, families, dancing shoes and (don’t forget) your working gloves to

the community gardens.

Organiser Rebecca McNaught says the garden community are hoping people will raise vegetable seedlings before the event, so that they can be planted on the day.

‘The air will be filled with tunes while we paint, prune, weed and dance! Feel free to bring a picnic, but please leave dogs at home. Everyone is welcome, and if you’d like to become a member, please head to the website: www.sharagardens.wordpress.com, or join up on the day’.

Byron carjacker and stolen vehicle still not found

Police say that a man carjacked a 17-year-old’s vehicle in Byron Bay just before midnight last Friday.

Around 11.43pm on March 5, police say a 17-year-old man parked his silver Honda Civic, registration BCB 18B, in the Lawson Street car park at Byron Bay.

As he exited the vehicle, he was approached from behind by an unknown male.

The male pulled the victim’s singlet and grabbed his arm causing him to fall to the ground. The victim heard other persons running in towards him and fearing further assault he ran from the

car park. Four males wearing dark clothing were seen chasing the victim. Police say one male then stole the Honda and was last seen driving south on Bay Street.

As a result of the incident the victim received some grazing to his forearm.

Police have still not located the vehicle. The car jacker is described as approximately 17 years old, Caucasian, with long black hair and wearing all dark clothing.

Police urge any witnesses who have any information about the robbery to contact Byron Bay Police, or Crime Stoppers.





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Clean-up



events around the Shire

Last Sunday’s Clean Up Australia Day saw about 30 volunteers, including Natalie Robb from Positive Change For Marine Life, tackle Byron’s Main Beach. Meanwhile in Mullum, more than 25 people including Luke Robinson, Lucy Bransome and Paul Cholakas, scoured the river bank for detritus. Jeff ‘Promoting Rubbish Since 1986’ Dawson

Genetically manipulated crop moratorium to be lifted

A non-profit organisation that calls for the precautionary principle around genetic manipulation (GM) has criticised an announcement by NSW Agriculture Minister, Adam Marshall (Nationals), that a moratorium on GM crops will be lifted in July. GeneEthics executive director, Bob Phelps, said in a press release that, ‘There is no GM ban in NSW as Roundup tolerant GM cotton has been grown in NSW since around 2000, and Roundup tolerant

GM canola since 2010’. ‘What the minister announced only sacrifices the state government’s discretion to say “yes” or “no” to the commercial growing of individual GM crops that the [federal] Office of Gene Technology Regulation (OGTR) may approve for release’. Mr Phelps says, ‘GM crops yield no more than the best conventional varieties. Despite 30 years of promises, there are also no drought or salt tolerant crops, nitrogen

fixing grains, or more nutritious foods in research and development pipelines’. Mr Phelps says the decision will deliver ‘much more control to Canberra’. He added, ‘The Morrison Government is implementing the Conran report’s recommendations, to dismantle regulations and centralise federal power’. Local NSW Greens MP Tamara Smith also criticised the move as a threat to the local organic food economy.

NSW govt accused of resurrecting ‘koala killing bill’

Environmental group, the North East Forest Alliance, has condemned an announcement by NSW Liberals and Nationals government ministers Barilaro, Stokes and Kean that they have made a deal on koala protection. The ABC reports that under the deal, rural areas will be ‘removed from the new State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP), and come under a new code that is yet to be developed’. ‘It means land zoned for

farming or forestry will not be subject to the land clearing rules that are designed to protect koala habitat. ‘The government is yet to come to an agreement on what rules will apply to the north coast, where some of the most important koala populations in the state live’. NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, says the new plan will ‘take away Council’s ability to require consent for logging, as well as their ability to create environmental zones’.

He says, ‘Over 60 per cent of koalas occur on private lands, and now the vast majority of their habitat will be available for clearing and logging, without any mapping of core koala habitat and no requirements to look for koalas’. Meanwhile, industry lobby group NSW Farmers say they are ‘concerned by a lack of consultation with landholders around new koala regulations and what they will mean for farmers’.

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An innocent, honest man might say...

'I want a formal investigation into this allegation of rape against me, not just to clear my name, but because it is the wishes of the woman's family and friends. Questions around what happened on that night in 1988 need to be answered.

It was wrong that NSW Police failed to speak to me on this matter before closing any investigation. I want everyone who was at the events interviewed extensively, and anyone with any knowledge to come forward so the public, and her family, can have confidence in ascertaining what happened. Transparency and accountability are crucial in the functioning of democracy.

And while I previously said that I had not read all the details sent to the government regarding this matter, I now realise that I was wrong to ignore such a significant accusation. It reflects poorly on the government, and on me, as the nation's top lawmaker.

I also apologise for lying to the nation at my press conference that journalists hadn't contacted me about these allegations.

In fact, my office did not reply to any questions put them.

Avoiding/ignoring the media to limit potential political damage is just one problem within modern political culture.

I will now seek to have all the ABC *Four Corners* story, much of which was censored around my personal life, made publicly available, so the public can judge for themselves what type of man I am.

The culture within politics must change.

For far too long, the political and bureaucratic elite have been protecting themselves through meaningless words such as 'rule of law'.

Meanwhile, the elites continue attack the vulnerable and less fortunate. While this has existed forever, it is time for change.

Such change can enable the less fortunate to have a voice, and a diversity of views can bring enormous benefits to a society.

I apologise for being part of the government culture that aggressively pursued and persecuted Robo-debt victims without the presumption of innocence. It led to suicides, and many distressed individuals.

I apologise for being part of the government culture that aggressively pursued and persecuted refugees, including children, fleeing from wartorn parts of the world. They have been denied the 'rule of law' and the presumption of innocence.

It is wrong to hold secret trials for whistleblowers, particularly Witness K and his lawyer Bernard Collaery. This was an effort to protect the government from embarrassment. In the case of Witness K, it was the protection of the financial interests of Woodside Petroleum.

I'm sorry for sacking independent legal experts from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and stacking it with Liberal Party hacks.

It is inconsistent with the rule of law for the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC), a government agency, to conduct investigations into union members where they must attend and answer questions or face six months' jail.

It was also wrong of me to prevent the auditor general from making public key sections of a report that was critical of a \$1.3 billion arms deal between the federal government and multinational weapons maker, Thales.

I acknowledge that I have no track record with justice, and therefore am not a fit and proper person to hold the office of attorney general. As such, I resign immediately.'

Speech suggestion by Hans Lovejoy, editor

Where does a lack of empathy lead us?

Democracy, as a concept and a form of governance, was first introduced by the Greeks around 507 BC.

The Greek term for democracy is *demokratia*, fundamentally 'rule by the people' (from *demo*, 'the people,' and *kratos*, 'power').

According to historians, one of the forces that led to the introduction of democracy by Cleisthenes was the growing discontent of the middle and working classes, who were outraged with the Athenian aristocrats who enjoyed a monopoly over political decision making and wealth.

The aristocrats had little interest in what was happening to middle- and working-class people, but perhaps their main worry was the fact that the middle- and working class made up the vast majority of ancient Greek society, including the army, so if revolt occurred, the aristocrats would have had little defence.

It could be argued that Indigenous nations across the globe had a form of democracy that pre-dated the advent of Greek democracy.

Indeed, it is generally acknowledged that the system of governance that was operated by the Iroquois Confederacy in the US was one of the sources that informed and inspired the US Constitution.

But the question of who did what first is not as important, to me, as is the question of how the virtuous concept and practice of democracy has been contaminated, and is severely under threat of privatisation by the growing influence of big money and the alarming concentration of wealth.

If ever there was any doubt of the growing divide between the filthy rich and ordinary good and decent people who often struggle to make ends meet, we need to look no further than what's been happening in the USA.

Matt Egan, who writes for *CNN Business*, draws upon a report prepared by the *Institute of Public Studies*, explaining that during the pandemic, and at a time when millions of Americans have lost their jobs and the means to support their families, the wealth of US billionaires has increased by \$565 billion.

The IPS report shows that the 'total wealth for billionaires in the US now



'An ever-increasing chorus of voices are questioning political parties and their lack of representation of the social, cultural and gender diversity of our country'

Professor Bob Morgan

stands at \$3.5 trillion, substantially higher than what it was at the beginning of the pandemic.'

Egan further reports that Amazon's boss, Jeff Bezos, is now worth \$36.2 billion, more than what he was worth on March 18, 2020, several weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic.

This 21st Century form of 'privilege' is indecent, but of course the source of billionaire's wealth is not the only thing that is obscene; it is also the fact that this obscenity is often enabled, sanctioned, protected and privileged by 'democratic' governments whose path to government is often made possible by financial support from big money, including media moguls.

In Australia, an ever-increasing chorus of voices are questioning political parties and their lack of representation of the social, cultural and gender diversity of our country.

A level of concern is growing that politicians are disconnected from the realities of those who elect them to serve.

For many, politics seems to be viewed as a career pathway, an opportunity to govern, with service being of secondary importance.

The seemingly dispassionate way that the federal government has handled the situation of thousands of Australians who are stranded overseas owing to COVID-19 is disturbing, especially when sportsmen and women, entertainers and tourists are freely entering the country.

The absence of empathy is an evil, because when we stop caring about those who we share the planet with, something inhuman and indeed evil is bound to happen.

During the 2020 finale of the ABC's Q&A TV program, whose title was *The Year That Changed Us*, former NSW Liberal MP, Michael Yabsley, when asked if he would take a vaccine by Q&A moderator, Hamish MacDonald, he responded by saying: 'Yeah, I'd take one

straightaway, once the efficacy of the vaccine has been established'.

'But for reasons that are both symbolic and substantive, I don't think the vaccine should be free'.

It was this last point that stunned me.

Our country was struggling to deal with a pandemic that was killing millions of people across the globe, and Yabsley was arguing that the one thing that could end the pandemic, a vaccine, should not be free.

In Yabsley's model of care, only those who could afford the vaccine would get a jab, the rest would seemingly be dispensable.

Thankfully, Yabsley is no longer in a position to make or influence such decisions.

Democracy, as it was originally conceived, is a truly virtuous and noble ideal, but down through the ages it has obviously been contaminated and placed under assault.

However, it is heartening that people are questioning this assault, seeking answers about whose purposes democracy serves and if it has become a means of perpetuating privilege.

It is hoped future generations will demand, and put an end to, social inequalities, unfettered greed and consumerism/materialism so that true democracy and empathy is allowed to flourish. I am captured by hope.

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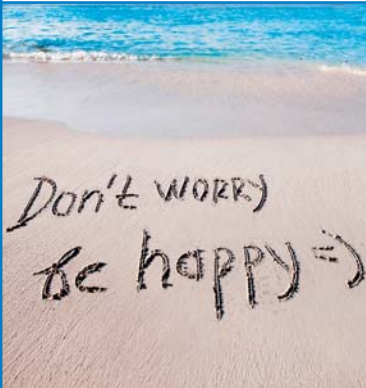
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1988 Hit song by Bobby McFerrin.

*Most of us have a tendency to conjure up frightening images of the future. How often have you *seen yourself* failing, being rejected, making a fool of yourself, getting sick, growing old and weak or getting into trouble of some kind? In a state of cognitive fusion, these mental pictures seem incredibly real, as if what we're imagining were actually taking place, here and now. Naturally, this can create a lot of fear. To paraphrase Mark Twain: *We live through many frightening experiences in our lifetime, and most of them never happen!* *The Happiness Trap. Dr Russ Harris, p 86.*

Working with Mental Health Professionals.

Some anxiety is good. I recently got anxious as I was very overdue 4 my annual health checks, fearing they might reveal something fatal! My anxiety caused me to make an appointment. But not only can excessive anxiety totally disable us, too much can be ***FATAL!*** If this happens to U, **CURDOCTORPRONTO**. Ask 4 a referral. Then ask about the many different ways 2 reduce UR anxiety, and become at least...

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6 Keats St mega DA

Another mega DA (development application) in Byron? Who would have thought it! This one has, so far, snuck under the radar. It is probably the last large undeveloped parcel of residential land in town at 6 Keats Street, Byron Bay.

Currently there is only one two-storey building adjacent to this site, and this DA is for ten two-storey townhouses!

From my understanding of the DA, the scale and bulk of this development will dwarf and overlook all other residences on the north and eastern sides. The location of all the living and outdoor/pool areas being on the northern side guarantees that the maximum visual and noise interference will be to these residents. These buildings, despite the setback, will be looking directly into their gardens and windows. The privacy of these residents will be permanently destroyed and their house values with it.

Additionally, Keats Street is already a traffic nightmare with No.7 (another multi-unit site) yet to be occupied; this development at No.6 will just exacerbate the issue.

Maybe some much needed affordable housing? You're joking. This will be more like an up-market short-term holiday-let (STHL) theme park. There are nine 'owners' of these proposed townhouses, (one has opted for two, to go with his other three STHL in town.)

Then there are the

stormwater issues. The plan is to run all stormwater from this site into Cumbebin Swamp. This has become Byron developers' 'go to' (and apparently bottomless) drainage solution to every stormwater problem: 'Tip it into Cumbebin Swamp and it'll go away!'

There is a token attempt at storm surge detention using ten 5,000 litre tanks; however, the plans show these are buried beneath the carports (below swamp level, and no mention of pumps!). And that's without considering any wildlife that might dare to venture out of the swamp!

This DA is due before Council's April planning meeting and represents exactly what continues to happen to this town... \$\$\$\$\$\$

Nick Buckley
Byron Bay

Bus, no shoes no ride?

My 13-year-old daughter and her 13-year-old friend tried to catch the bus from Bangalow to Byron Bay on Saturday morning at about 10am.

The driver refused to take them on the bus because they had no shoes. They were left abandoned in Bangalow with no other way to get about.

If you cast your minds back to 2003 you might remember that a 13-year-old boy by the name of Daniel Morcombe was abducted, sexually abused and murdered after the bus he was waiting for, on the side of a

busy main road, didn't stop. He didn't know what to do, so he accepted a lift from a stranger.

In this day I would have thought that bus drivers have more common sense than to leave kids stranded. There aren't any other public transport options available to them. And for something as minor as not having shoes (in the Byron Bay region – how uncommon!). If no shoes was actually a problem worth worrying about, the prudent course of action would be to warn them, but still let them board.

Our girls were okay – but Daniel Morcombe wasn't. Bus companies, please educate your staff as to the possible consequences of their actions and reconsider your policy of shoe wearing and the way you handle breaches of the rule by children.

Jason Humberstone
Banglaow

Noticeable by its absence

That is, the evening frog chorus. Here in Ocean Shores we comment on how calm and still the evenings are. But it was not until I spent a night in Mullum that I realised why. No frogs and no night-time chorus!

Weird and sad. Should we be worried? I don't know. Is it part of climate change or a biodiversity crash? Maybe neither? But I don't even know who to ask. Any ideas? Anyone else notice it?

Andrew Hall
Ocean Shores

Letters to the Editor and cartoons

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Be you, be safe

I was born a loud, spiritual, tomboy child (like my precious dad, Jacko). I grew up with the men and saw the world through their eyes, and I still really have that nature. Wherever the men were – I was; hanging over car engines, loud bloke conversations, footie, motor-bikes, etc. The other 'girls' were cooking blackberry tarts and I was scaling, beheading and gutting fish.

So with my boy's psyche I grew into a hetero girl/woman with provocative clothes. A lot of men loved that male/female combination and a number of them found it threatening. I was never subservient to men. So they knocked me down and sometimes raped me. I gave men up 35 years ago.

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THE NEWS JUST HASN'T BEEN THE SAME SINCE TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY CAME TO AN END, HAS IT ...?



Byron youth police bashing – community responds

■ Dear Chief Magistrate, Judge Henson,

I have just read of the decision by Magistrate Michael Dakin to dismiss charges brought against Senior Constable Greenhalgh.

I need to let you know how appalled both I and my wife are at this outrageous outcome.

The visuals said it all. A naked sixteen year old boy, face down and handcuffed, knelt upon by three to four large policemen, struck nineteen (19) times with a baton... eighteen of those by Constable Greenhalgh... because those large, supposedly trained, officers thought the boy was a threat?

I would suggest that, had it been possible in the process for the charge brought against Constable Greenhalgh to have been heard with a jury, then a jury could well have found the charge proven.

Struck nineteen times? A boy that was no threat. As I say... OUTRAGEOUS! And who cared about the boy's welfare in all of this?

Sir, can I suggest that it may well be Magistrate Dakin's decision that needs to be reviewed. We do so

The visuals said it all. A naked sixteen year old boy, face down and handcuffed, knelt upon by three to four large policemen, struck nineteen times with a baton.

hope that the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) appeals this decision.

Beware, the people of Lismore.

Yours sincerely... a citizen worried about the future of the application of justice in NSW.

Clive Jeffery
Mullumbimby

■ Imagine for a moment it was your 16-year-old boy suffering psychiatric distress, stripping himself naked and wandering aimlessly into the street (www.echo.net.au/northern-rivers-policeman-accused-of-youth-assault-acquitted).

Imagine him appealing to the police for help and being unable to make himself understood. Being capsicum sprayed and tasered before being felled and bashed with batons. Then knelt upon, immobilised, handcuffed and utterly at the mercy of police.

Imagine him begging for water, screaming 'I'm not

resisting', only to be crudely insulted by one of the officers who weighs in with another half a dozen full-blooded blows to the boy who is pinned to the ground and

unable to protect himself.

I find it hard to imagine how I would feel if this happened to someone I love.

I don't even know the boy or his family and I'm angry. Angry at the cop who has now been found not to have used excessive force, angry at the legal reasoning used to support his acquittal, angry at the obvious failure of police training that led to the officers behaving as they did, on that night in Lateen Lane, three years ago.

And what really gives me the shits is that not once has it been mentioned that any of the basher's colleagues – not a single officer – had the courage or character to step up during the affray to stay his hand or in any way seek to restrain him. Just think about that.

Paul Rea
Coorabell

► Read about the case in *The Echo* online at: www.echo.net.au.

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It's taken me 73 years to work out that I got knocked around because I wasn't 'right' in a female way. Well, fuck that, I'm still hetero and still have the strong blokey side happening – and that'll never change!

Your article about the 'V Day' celebrations really touched me, and I'm absolutely passionate about all women and girls, whether they're loud or quiet, being safe. You go you red 'V Day' girls!

Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

Proposed pump track

As a long-term ratepayer of Byron Shire Council (BSC), I have serious concerns regarding the proposed pump track at Suffolk Park.

As this proposal has already been passed by Council, I ask how this development decision sits with regard to Council's stated commitment to a zero emissions target by 2050?

The clearing of native vegetation, then significant amounts of parent soil to be removed from the site and replaced with additional fill to create artificial hills and ramps, followed by concrete and bitumen in close proximity to a little creek, could

hardly be considered to be a carbon neutral project. This for the gratification of a few.

Without doubt, at face value, this certainly appears to be a totally inappropriate development for this small community reserve at Linda Vidler Park. Any development of this site should be for the whole community of Suffolk Park, not simply a limited proposal for teenagers, many of whom will be transported to the track for a short duration visit.

Parking congestion will also increase and the expected noise level from young bike riders and skateboarders in an urban space, less than 100 metres from the nearest houses, can only be imagined.

As I understand it, the expected cost of \$506,000 is for the bike and board track. This would be far better spent developing a new park adjacent to the community garden, with more native plantings, seats, garden, and bridges for the enjoyment and benefit of the entire community of Suffolk Park, at a fraction of the cost.

This whole project seems short on community consultation and rife with environmental and community disturbance issues.

The Cavanbah Centre

would seem to be the only suitable location for this ill-considered proposal.

Christopher Wright
Byron Bay

Astra-Zeneca

To address the fears of Martin Bail in Federal (Letters, 24 February) who fears that he'll be getting an inferior vaccination with Astra-Zeneca, having been made aware of Scott Morrison's jab with Pfizer – my friend Geoffrey says thusly: YES to Astra-Zeneca, whom he trusts because he's been getting Astra-Zeneca flu shots for 40 years and never gets the flu.

He says NO to Pfizer – because it's untried and he doesn't want to be a guinea pig. So maybe you're actually on the winning side this time Martin. Give thanks.

Bronwyn Sindel
Mullumbimby

Keep at 'em Janelle

A great letter from Labor MP, Janelle Saffin (24 February). It now seems that rorting and pork-barrelling played a huge part in the return of the Berejiklian Government at the 2019 election.

The polling showed they were heading for a narrow defeat but 'miraculously'

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The ghost in the archives #2

In which a former *Echo* drudge dives into the crypt and comes up covered in dusty memories.

Michael McDonald

1991 – 30 years ago! In the last episode of the archives, I left people with the cliffhanger of the state election results. Apart from a few newcomers to the Shire, most people would know that Don Page won, again.

Page held the seat of Ballina from 1988 to 2015, when he decided to retire. By then things were pretty toxic for Don behind the scenes in the National Party, but I'll leave him to dredge up the infamy in his memoirs.

Perhaps Don missed his true calling. After all, he played rugby union for NSW in the under-23s. He could have gone on to endorse sports products and Lynx deodorant, but the family pressure to continue the political dynasty must have been huge. Given Don's skill at sidestepping issues I bet he played winger or outside-centre.

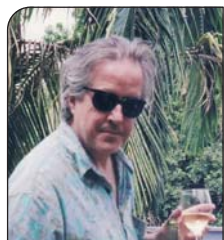
(What is it with young men and the overpowering stench of Lynx? They could just rub gum leaves on their armpits and smell like trees instead.)

While the election was going on there was a poignant juxtaposition of photos on facing pages of *The Echo*. To the right, a rep from the District 66 Masonic Association handed over a cheque to the Brunswick Byron Health Service CEO to go towards the new birthing unit at the Mullumbimby hospital. On the opposing page, Don Page, Ian Kingston and other dignitaries posed in front of a sign at Ewingsdale indicating the proposed site of the new Byron Bay hospital.

Why poignant? Because the birthing unit disappeared from town with the abandonment of the Mullum hospital (not without a fight) when the Byron hospital became the hospital for the whole Shire. One suspects that was the health department's cunning plan all along.

Midwives, mums and dads and progeny gathered at the Mullum unit in 2016 to mark its history and say goodbye.

Midwives, among the new settlers in the 1960s and 1970s, were seen as a new and suspect invention for the state health services, even though it was they who delivered children before (male) doctors appropriated the role. One male doctor who highlighted the benefits



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of home births was Mullum's David Miller. He published a book on the subject, *Birth At Home*, in 1990, and learned a lot, I think, from the local midwives.

(Sidenote: Cheque handover photos were a staple subject of local newspapers, improved only when *The Echo* photographers started to rebel against the tradition. In particular the BIG cheque, about the size of a kitchen table, was greatly abhorred and *The Echo* refused to take shots of them at one stage.)

One of the new faces at *The Echo* in the nineties was journalist Richard Conrad. He moved down from Brisbane where he had also been a DJ and demonstrated his radio prowess on Bay FM in an *Echo*-sponsored program.

Following his stint at *The Echo* Richard found work at the *Northern Star* and ditched his cool grunge look by having his hair cut, much to the mirth of others. He later became an editor with a Melbourne paper.

During his time at *The Echo* Richard had a column called, appropriately enough, 'The Gecko', which looked at environmental issues. In 1991 the north coast logging issue was a hot topic – as it is today – and 'The Gecko' drew the ire of G J Watts, the regional planning forester for the Forestry Commission of NSW.

In a break from the usual bland, cautious comments of bureaucrats, Watts claimed 'The Gecko' column was becoming 'a platform for blatantly misleading and biased propaganda for extremists of the conservation movement.' (You know, those folks who prefer trees vertical and harbouring koalas rather than as plywood framing for Japanese concrete projects.)

In turn, Watts' letter received a blast from Andrew Steed of the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) (See p7 for NEFA's comment on the current koala killing bill). I can find no mention of Watts' career path after the forestry commission, now known as a corporation, but the government logging body is still as unpopular as

a fart in a bath (the sound Laurence Olivier ascribed to fellow actor Edward Woodward's name.)

Richard was also fond of repeating a story in which, buoyed by some substance or another, he floated down the river at Brunswick Heads towards the welcoming waves of the ocean, singing to his comrades on the riverbank the immortal words of a Doors song: 'This is the end/ Beautiful friend/ This is the end/ My only friend, the end ...'

As many of you would know, substances (many of them called 'edibles' these days, I believe) were part of *The Echo's* production schedule, the chief substance being alcohol, a lodestone at first, and then a tragic millstone five years forward from 1991.

One of the early lurks (er, I mean promotional activities) perpetrated by *The Echo* was a wine-tasting evening that took place above what is now Mullum Mac and which later became a restaurant. Local pubs and clubs and bottle shops provided the wines, and local caterers and restaurants the food.

A good time was had by all. Especially by the tasteters – Nicholas Shand, David Lovejoy, Jeff Dawson and me. We had none of that genteel spitting of a mouthful into a bucket. Goodness me, what a waste!

We were amused to find that, at the end of the evening, the only thing stolen was a bottle of Ben Ean Moselle that had been left in the fridge. After all, it hardly qualified as a robust drink, despite its success in the 1970s.

Those down on their luck in these difficult times should note that free wine and nibbles are usually available at art gallery openings. If you happen to look a little unkempt you'll fit right in with the artists.

■ Michael McDonald was *The Echo's* editor for 15 years. He spends his time watching magpies trying to cram themselves into a small birdbath.

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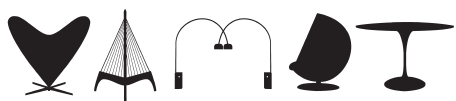


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CHESS by Ian Rogers

In many ways the Begonia Open in Ballarat last weekend was a trial run, in terms of Covid-19 precautions, for what many regard as the premier event on the Australian chess calendar, Canberra's Doeberl Cup over the Easter long weekend.

The venue for the Cup, which was cancelled in 2020, is limited to 300 players; if Ballarat's record entry is any indication, some players will be turned away.

There are many factors making over the board chess particularly popular. Players in Australia have been starved of world ranked tournaments, and the opening up of interstate borders has made strong events possible. (Ballarat featured five GMs while the Doeberl Cup expects to have even more.)

In addition, a significant number of Ballarat entrants had never played a serious tournament before – likely *The Queen's Gambit* factor. The popular Netflix series caused an enormous boom in online chess but some players are now trying crossboard events similar to those in which the fictional Beth Harmon participated early in her chess career.

The following game, one of the best ever played at the Begonia Open, is featured in the upcoming biography of triple Australian Champion Doug Hamilton.

Ballarat Begonia Open 1975

White: D Tabak

Black: D Hamilton

Opening: Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5! The Marshall Gambit – still about the best black gambit in the business. 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Be3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Rae8 17.Nd2 Re6 This has become a standard position. 18.Qf1 Qh5 19.a4 f5 20.f4 bxa4! 21.Rxa4 Rb8 22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Ra2! Rather passive. 23.Qg2 is recommended. 23...Rbe8 24.Qf2 R8e7! 25.Raa1 Qe8! 26.Nf1 Qb5! 27.Kg2! Qd3 28.Rac1! (See diagram) This allows Black a winning attack! After 28.Kg1 Bb3 Black has excellent pressure but no clear win. 28...Bh3+!! 29.Kxh3 Qe4! 30.g4 fxg4+ 31.Kg3 g5! 32.Qe2 Or 32.Red1 gxf4+ 33.Bxf4 Rf7! and Black wins. 32...gxf4+ 33.Kf2 fxe3+ 34.Nxe3 Qf4+ 35.Kg1 0-1 (Notes by Hamilton)

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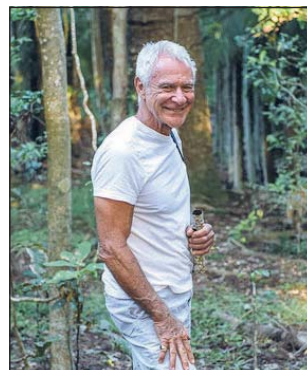
Black to play and win

Tony Maxwell, West Byron and fighting for our community

I was so pleased to read the beautiful piece about Tony Maxwell – who died too young – written by Wren McLean last week (www.echo.net.au/seapeace-the-late-tony-maxwells-wetland-legacy).

While I didn't know Tony well, I want to recognise that this community owes Tony and his family massive thanks. Back in 2015, Tamara Smith organised for members of Byron Residents' Group (BRG) to meet with then planning minister, Rob Stokes. It was to talk about West Byron. We didn't expect that Minister Stokes would cancel the rezoning of the site, but we thought that if we took him something that showed what could be done on the site, taking into account the environmental constraints, that he might be amenable to act and stop this mess from happening.

Getting these kinds of plans done costs money and we didn't have any. Serendipitously, I was contacted by my friend, Clayton Holmes, (aka the Orchid whisperer) who worked on Tony's property.



Tony Maxwell.

He told me that Tony was really concerned about West Byron and wanted to know how he could help.

I called Tony and told him we needed to engage a planner who could look at the site and draw up a proper plan. We could then take it to the minister and show that we weren't just saying 'No' and that, even though we would rather not have it, we were realistic enough to agree that some development could happen there, taking into consideration all of the environmental constraints.

Tony urged me to go ahead and engage a planner and said he would pay for

it. I was a bit anxious about being given a de facto blank cheque – I had no idea what it was going to cost – but he said to just go ahead. What was surprising was not the fact that he gave the money away so easily. Rather, I was taken aback by his warmth and encouragement towards a complete stranger and his trusting me to get this thing done. He cared less about the cost, but was so animated and passionate about protecting Byron's beauty and biodiversity.

Bill Payne did a great job on the plan for the site we wanted, but the minister moved on and we didn't get much joy there.

However, after the Planning Panel refused the Villaworld development application, BRG's Dailan Pugh, Andrew Murray and I went to visit the CEO of Tower Holdings, the company that owns the site. We showed him the plan that Tony Maxwell had funded and suggested it was a better way to use that site.

That plan became the

basis for what was finally agreed, by Council and the court, that could go on the site. The developer pretty much did everything we showed him on our plan; they halved the number of dwellings on the site, removed development from the area around the wallum frog habitat and moved the development back 30 metres from Ewingsdale Road rather than building an ugly wall.

Of course this part of West Byron hasn't been built yet, and the remaining landowners persist in fighting the case in court. But the role Tony Maxwell played in getting a substantially better outcome for the Villaworld portion of the site cannot be underestimated. Combined with the exquisite wetlands he created at his property, Seapeace, Tony's legacy here in Byron is astounding.

I offer my condolences to Robyn, Tony's children, and all his family and friends and colleagues who are mourning his loss.

Catherine Coorey
Byron Bay

► Continued from page 10 managed a narrow victory. The Nationals, however, were devastated with the loss of Lismore to Labor, Murray, Orange and Barwon to the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party (SFFP), and the defection of Port Macquarie MP, Lesley Williams, to the Liberals, over Barilaro and Gulapits's koala extinction policy.

It now seems that most of their once safe central and north coast seats are under threat, largely because of the Nationals' appalling

environmental policies. The outcome could be very interesting if the SFFP ran candidates in *all* National Party seats. The Nationals know their future is on the line, hence the massive increase in pork-barrelling; they are now laughing and bragging about it openly.

But it does not always work, some people just refuse to be bought. Ben Franklin found that out (with some help from us locals). The Nationals are becoming quite vulnerable both at State and Federal level, so keep the

pressure on them Janelle, these north coast seats need more progressive MPs, *our* future is also on the line.

Keith Duncan
Pimlico

The writers of history

The ongoing rewriting of history by the warring factions of The Greens to support their favoured candidates is disrespectful and counterproductive to the good governance of our Shire.

Most notably the repeated claim about a current and previous 'Green Council'.

Fact is, the Greens have never been in majority on Council. To constantly say that they are or have been, as claimed by Matthew O'Reilly (Letters, March 3), is to greatly diminish the significant work of non-Greens party progressives who have often led the major achievements of recent Councils. It also disrespects those residents who choose not to vote Greens.

Matthew should check the record. The 'strong vote' in 1995 to win the 'battle of' ► Continued on page 16

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Our tawny frogmouth family nest

Story & photo James Maitland

On our way home, we pass through a stand of flooded gums (*Eucalyptus grandis*) and tallowwood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) trees. Towards the end of September 2020, in one of these tallowwood trees, on a branch above our easement road, we noticed a small tawny frogmouth nest of loose sticks piled together. The two adults took turns sitting on the nest while the other went hunting.

Pest specialists

Tawny frogmouths are carnivorous and are considered to be among Australia's most effective pest-control birds, as their diet consists largely of species regarded as vermin or pests in houses, farms, and gardens. Initially, we thought there was only one chick in the nest, but then Yumi spotted another tail overhanging the nest, so we knew there were at least two. The clutch size of the tawny frogmouth is one to three eggs. Tawny frogmouths form partnerships for life, and once established, pairs



Tawny frogmouth chicks previously rescued by WIRES.

usually stay in the same territory for a decade or more. As days and weeks passed by, we watched the chicks grow larger, until one day in late October we noticed that the nest had disintegrated and the two chicks were sitting on the branch alongside their parents. By the end of November, the birds had flown away and we thought that was the last we'd see of them. Then, a week before Christmas, they returned to visit us near our house. What a delight to see both chicks and their parents sitting in our large Poinciana tree (*Delonix regia*) outside our study area.

Under threat

Tawny frogmouths face a number of threats from human activities and pets. They are often killed or injured on rural roads during feeding, as they fly in front of cars when chasing insects illuminated in the beam of the headlights. Large-scale land clearing of eucalypt trees and intense bushfires are serious threats to their populations, as they tend not to move to other areas if their homes are destroyed. House cats are the most significant introduced predator of the Tawny Frogmouth,

but dogs and foxes are known to also occasionally kill the birds. When tawny frogmouths pounce to catch prey on the ground, they are slow to return to flight and vulnerable to attack from these predators. ■ WIRES Northern Rivers rescues wildlife including tawny frogmouths. A 24-hour hotline, 6628 1898, is for all rescue, advice or membership calls in the Northern Rivers. Join WIRES and you can learn to be a wildlife rescuer or go to <http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html> to find out how you can help.



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Reaching for the Stars at Vistara Primary School

I am passionate about education. I think we are so lucky in Australia to have the option of sending our kids to a school of our choice, because it is vital that a child's experience of school is the best fit for them as an individual.

I was curious when I heard about a little school called Vistara – just over the hills – established in 1987, who do things a bit differently. A school so loved by previous, now grown students, that they are sending their own children there.

I recently had the good fortune to be employed by Vistara as a teacher, so I have been able to see this small school in action; to get a sense of what makes them different; and how it is that they have consistently managed to inspire such joy in learning, and how they have nurtured a sense of community that lasts beyond graduation.

The day I arrived at Vistara was also the launch of their science focus for the term: 'Space.' When I was a kid, painted styrofoam balls and papier mache models dotted around the classroom fell a tad short of conveying the majesty of space. But learning at Vistara is fun, and different; it has an 'enquiry based learning culture.' From the getgo the teachers have hit exactly the right note to engage the students' natural awe and wonder with this topic. How? Through an incursion by Starr's Planetarium.

The Starr's Planetarium is a dome, set up inside the classroom, and inside is a 4k projector that immerses the kids in a 360°, interactive presentation of content sourced from NASA and other international astronomy content providers.

It was a joy to witness the reactions of the children. Foundation and Year One were bubbling with enthusiasm and curiosity for this cubby-come-portal. They demonstrated, through their articulate questions and comments, an already substantial understanding of the relationship between our Earth, her moon and the Sun. The middle and upper primary students were no less enthusiastic or articulate. There was no sarcasm or burgeoning cynicism here, no dismissive inattention, just keen questions showing a group of young minds already fully engaged with the world around them, and with the imaginative possibilities that arise when learning about space.



The school's grounding in ecological education is evident everywhere in the beautiful, colourful classrooms and surrounds. This school seems to have prepared these students to extend their intellectual and emotional connections between their personal worlds (of home, school, community and locality) outward. The gorgeous displays in the classrooms showed their engagement with the wider complexities of Australia's diverse ecosystems, and further still to the Earth as a living whole. And I saw, in their engagement with the planetarium experience, that they are a group of critical and creative thinkers and aware young beings who are already beginning to grasp how awesome and precious is our existence within the scientific realities, and the mind-boggling mysteries, of this incredible universe.

Students at Vistara begin school by being part of 'Little Family' (Foundation & Year One). As they grow, they become part of 'Big Family 1 & 2' (Years Two & Three/ Years Four, Five & Six).

This is not just a matter of 'cute' terminology, it is an expression of the school's cultural framework; where teachers focus on recognising and nurturing each child's unique potential, as one would hope for in a family. The authenticity of that goal is evident in their inclusive classrooms, and in the teachers' modelling of clear and compassionate communication.

The school's compassionate culture is also expressed in their daily yoga, meditation and mindfulness practices, and in their adherence to a vegetarian/vegan diet within the school. The 'enquiry based learning' approach could be seen everywhere; from students learning through nature-based play, to their beautiful and stimulating learning environments. Vistara's approach is expressed by a quote from Socrates: 'Wisdom begins with wonder.'

Personally, I found my visit wonder-full.

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Storylines: Uluru Statement from the Heart

How non-indigenous people can support it

Louise Togo

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* seeks constitutional reform to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have a say and be involved over matters that affect their lives. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are seeking an enshrined voice that is protected in the constitution.

The true history of colonisation and the impact that it has had on our First Nations peoples has often been kept out of the history books. Or it has been romanticised by missionaries promoting the idea that Indigenous people were a 'dying race' and it was their place to help 'smooth the dying pillow'. They believed that eventually Aboriginal people would be 'bred-out' and those remaining would 'assimilate' into mainstream society.

Raising their voices

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have never lain silent on matters that have affected them personally, in community, in the state, or nationwide.

While the echoes of injustice have so often fallen on deaf government ears, the fight, and our voices, have continued; they have changed and developed, and become stronger.

Since colonisation, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been advocating for self-determination and a rightful place both within Australian history and Australia's future. Throughout generations of advocacy, while the laws and policies have negatively impacted Indigenous culture, it has not put out the fire for justice for Australia's First Nations people – it has only made the fight and the call for recognition of constitutional rights stronger.

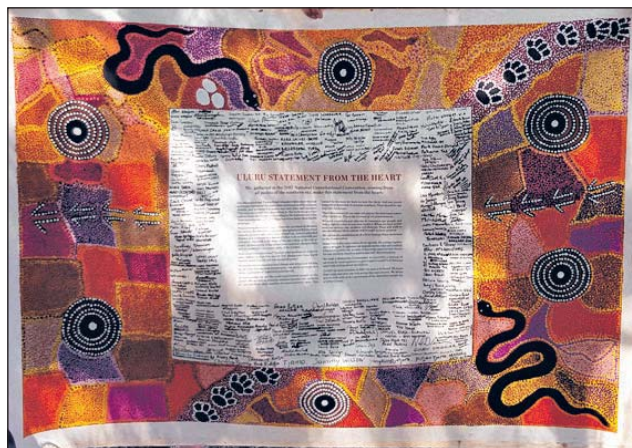
Makarrata

So, while the struggle for an Indigenous voice is not new, the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* document is.

In 2017, the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* invited all Australians to walk with us, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, in a movement of all the Australian people for a better future. A monumental step. It acknowledged in this statement that it would



Thomas Mayor with the Tweed Community. Photo supplied



The Uluru Statement from the Heart.

take all Australians, standing united, to affect change; it recognised that it was not possible without all Australians walking in this journey together.

The *Uluru Statement* outlines a Makarrata commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between government and First Nations and includes truth-telling about our history.

Makarrata is a Yolngu word that describes a process of conflict resolution, peacemaking and justice.

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* is a rallying call. In its passages it echoes the Indigenous voices of the past, it recognises that sovereignty was never ceded, and makes clear that it is time to correct wrongs through a process of truth-telling. It will take the power of all Australians to do this.

Local advocacy

In 2019 I attended a Politics in the Pub event in Mullumbimby hosted by the Ngara Institute when Thomas Mayor was speaking about the *Uluru Statement*. It was the NAIDOC Theme that year of VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH.

My understanding in 2019 was very limited, but after listening to Thomas Mayor speak I was inspired to seek the truth. I have now read many books, reports, and spoken to many people

willingness to seek that education with an open heart and understanding.

I say this because becoming an 'ally' is about unlearning your truth and what you have been taught about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and learning a new narrative.

We can no longer be like our government who, in its own fragility, have been unwilling to support an acknowledgement and a recognition of First Nations people. We must take the stance that our governments have failed in for so long.

It is time for all Australians to acknowledge and support a First Nations narrative that comes from a place of truth.

Become good allies:

1. Read the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* (www.fromtheheart.com.au)
2. Discuss and share the statement with your family and friends, and 3. Sign the Digital Canvas.
4. Join a local *Uluru Statement from the Heart* supporters' group on social media.
5. Discuss the statement with your workplace and co-workers and support the *Statement* by placing a copy of it in your office, and by including it as part of your reconciliation action plan.
6. And finally... walk with us in a movement of the Australian People for a better future.

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Bully boys, politics and managing evidence...

■ Brittany Higgins' alleged rapist seems to have been inadvertently aided and abetted by security guards who: a) Allowed them into Parliament House even though Brittany was unable to sign her name b) Failed to call an ambulance when Brittany obviously needed care, safety and support c) Unlocked the office of the Minister of Defence where Brittany would be undefended if she called for help d) Watched the man leave the building alone e) Still did not call an ambulance for Brittany so that evidence of rape and drink spiking could be established f) Called in the steam cleaners to make evidence of a crime tough titty. Clean the semen, clean the scene! Fuck you to anyone who wants truth and justice.

Furthermore the PM 'didn't know' and therefore could not respond to these allegations, take responsibility nor show leadership about this incident, which was known about by at least eight of his colleagues; why wasn't it formally reported?

Where is parliamentary workplace safety for women? A sexist culture of power and control underpins violence against women. Where is

the independent review and support process for women so they may feel safe about whether or not to go through with allegations without fear of losing their job or of being called a 'lying cow'? This culture of misogyny has to stop.

Deborah Lilly
Mullumbimby

■ On the presumption Christian Porter is innocent of the rape allegations against him, one might expect him to value truth as essential to justice. Yet, as Attorney-General, he decided to prosecute Witness 'K' and Bernard Colleary for revealing the truth that the Australian government bugged the East Timorese Government cabinet room to privilege oil companies. Does he hold the instinctive aversion to truth of a bully boy comfortable with power in the service of privilege? One standard for power, another for the rest?

Truth is inconvenient to power and often to the adversarial legal system that privileges and supports wealth and power. Even when truth emerges and reveals a pattern of criminal offending, as in the banking Royal Commission, nothing

changes where privileged men still dominate our institutions. Heaven forbid a powerful suit should ever crumple out its days in jail. And where a woman only holds power as a dispensation from men, as Linda Reynolds, she denounces a wronged woman as 'a lying cow'. The bully boys approve.

The clumsy, oafish and self-contradictory responses from Morrison to the abuses suffered by women show how unsuited are the suits to the reform we need. In the voice of Grace Tame, I hear the voice of truth and justice. In the sense of justice she exemplifies is the power to reform our decision-making institutions in the service of community. The goons in suits have failed us. Time indeed to send in the clowns.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

■ We note that Christian Porter is shattered by the latest accusations and requires two weeks of time off to address his shattered mental state.

Could he be feeling raped?

Jo Faith
Newtown

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Byron' was for a broad range of progressive candidates, not just The Greens. Of the six progressives elected, only one was a Greens member and he had to rely on the preferences of other progressive candidates to creep over the line.

Any deep dive into the facts and minutes of Council would clearly demonstrate the current party dysfunction going back to previous Councils. Last term it was The Greens who delivered the majority to conservatives when they cynically gave a real estate agent the number two spot on their ticket in order to curry favour with development interests, only to have Rose Wanchap defect once elected. This is the real 'political history' behind the diminished 2014 DCP, a direct result of the community's majority vote for a progressive Council in 2012 lost by The Greens putting political interests ahead of the community.

So before Matthew gives any further lectures claiming that Councillors 'have not properly understood the history', I suggest he has an honest look at the past and puts aside the green spin in the interests of better representing the community should he be successful at the election.

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Buying a seat?

I have to agree with Cecil McGee's criticism of *The Echo* (Letters, 3 March). Your paper can afford to be a lot more discerning about reporting Ben Franklin's every utterance and appearance, it isn't warranted.

Mr Franklin clearly signalled his intentions to become a local member at the last State election, and unperturbed by his resounding loss he continues to carry on in a manner that signals, to me, that he wishes to 'buy' the state seat by simply assuming the role. Just because he's there to hand out OUR money to worthy groups should not guarantee this degree of coverage.

Martin Corben
Lennox Head

Seal the real estate

Is it just me, or does anyone else get a deep sinking feeling in the pit of their stomach when they come to the real estate section in the paper?

I understand that there are probably local residents out there who are potentially hopeful to access the current property market, and may

even have the means to do so, and who are excited to come to this section of *The Echo*. But personally, I feel a hopeless despondency for this section.

Until recently, I was optimistic about buying a house here in my local town, where my children have spent most of their lives and, as a family, we have created many solid community support groups. However, when I look at the ridiculous prices for buying a standard three-bedroom house here, I am reminded yet again of the unfortunate plight of many of us.

What do you think about having a special sealed real estate section of the paper? Like an MA15+, contains strong themes and offensive images category? Like an 'open if you dare' section, or a health warning like 'people with anxiety for their future or heart palpitations are strongly advised to skip this section'. A sealed section that we can easily skip right past without having to glimpse the depressing fact that we are being pushed out of our community hometown. Good idea, don't you think?

Taneal Cadou-Blake
Mullumbimby

Council and heritage

Recent letters (David Kolb, June Grant), regarding concerns over the mayor and staff, and Council's heritage management, are accurate. The mayor has contempt for heritage protection, and staff need to be overseen.

In a recent Council meeting on a development in a heritage area the mayor stated he didn't support heritage protection of, say, an old miners' hut. Ironically it was the Builders Labourers Green Ban that preserved the heritage of The Rocks in Sydney (which also involved Builders Labourers lodged up trees to stop their removal), which inspired a German woman to initiate the global Green Party political movements.

But apart from the mayor's callous disregard, residents also need to oversee Council's management of staff. Councillors voted to turn the railtrack land, between the Byron Railway station and Lawson St, into a park, with turf to the top of the existing rail track, and to preserve the railway heritage infrastructure. But the staff tender for works was for the removal of the rail lines and rail infrastructure.

After many emails, Council did do a heritage study, which hopefully got this State Registered Heritage Site

development back on track. Unfortunately the mayor's disregard for built heritage appears to align with his disregard for preserving our environmental heritage – his support for the Byron bypass illustrates both.

We've driven the protection of the environment from this region, from the world's first big forest blockade in the '70s (when there was no Environment Minister in any world government, only Resource Ministers). And we need to again rise and challenge the status quo, and I call on all Councillors standing for this year's election to commit to demolishing and revegetating the bypass.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

Roadmap to rescue

Margo Kingston's excellent article (3 March) speaks of Cathy McGowan's efforts to positively disrupt our politics.

Two days of intense debate is getting to the nitty gritty. Compassion deficit syndrome in governments inevitably induces action paralysis when ethical covers are blown.

Caring, conscience and respect for the vulnerable are absent. We need to raise the calibre of those elected.

Abundant compassion amongst the silent majority can be harnessed to take charge of our destiny. Non-partisan community committees are capable of grading all candidates for political office; for their emotional intelligence and decency.

Expect this to catalyse the rapid breakup of hidden alliances, weaken party dominance, and place the balance of power with intelligent independents, while the parties reform themselves.

Back to McGowan, and taking rightful control of our country. Expect no support for creative initiatives from corporate media, since their profits thrive on fear mongering, negativity and party favours. Brave young abuse survivors are breaking the power gridlock, with ethical actions at the grass roots level of united people.

There are two powerful factors favouring independents. It will be far easier to find highly rated candidates from independents, than from party affiliates.

Failed economic policies favoured by major parties for COVID recovery, are exponentially widening the rich/poor divide, causing more anger and loss of support.

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Oma is an ode to the energy and passion of the boys behind Three Blue Ducks. The group was inspired by category three tropical Cyclone Oma, that swept past Byron Bay in 2019, leaving no damage, but bringing 11 days of perfect swell and surf in its wake. And just like the cyclone, a lot of big energy went into the creation of the Oma food and wine bar; and it is now ready for the people of Byron Bay to enjoy.

Leading the kitchen, chef and co-owner, Darren Robertson has curated a menu showcasing the best of the region's sustainable produce; with ingredients based on the season and the best local produce on offer. The dinner menu is designed to share, there is a 'Feed-Me' offering for those happy to simply be fed by the chefs, and a 'deli' section of smaller snack-style dishes for those wanting to have just a few cocktails and a nibble.

The Three Blue Ducks Group beverage manager, Mem Hemmings, has curated a straightforward and approachable 50-strong wine list of exclusively organic, minimal intervention wines from around the world, and the current list features only wines made from vineyards with female winemakers at the helm.

'Natural wine is here and it's here to stay,' says Mem. 'It's time to get with the program this season, but in a totally accessible way. We want to see our customers sloshing around orange wines, sipping down chilled reds in the open air, and celebrating the



A storm of perfect flavours and fresh ambience.

summer with a shit hot Pét-Nat. Throw down the tools and get stuck in.' The group has taken a hands-on approach to the design, collaborating with local artists and designers to bring the venue to life. The walls feature a striking mural and prints by local Byron-based artist Karlee Mackie (MLAK), with soft lighting and earthy floral arrangements by well-known local florist Nikau completing the venue. This month, Oma is launching its Oma & Co series, which is a collaboration series that will see a chef/producer/winemaker come into Oma once a month and create a selection of dishes or drinks for the venue. The first one is Sunday 21 March with Sydney-based chef, Luke Powell, of LP Meats & Bella Bruta. Powell will take over Oma with a selection of his own dishes, which will be on special the week following. He will curate the music and chat to customers in the evening. It truly encapsulates what Oma is all about, coming together and sharing a great meal. In the months to follow Powell's visit they will have



Casey Wall of Bar Liberty/ Falco Bakery/ Capitano; Alana Sapwell & Venetia Scott of Hungry Earth & Esmay; and Luke Burgess & Adam James of Rough Rice, just to name a few. Oma's A La Carte menu will be available alongside the special dishes created on the Sunday evening. Book now! Oma, at 6 Lawson St, Byron Bay, by Three Blue Ducks, is open Thursday-Monday, from 5pm until late. Bookings available and walk-ins welcome. Visit: omafoodandwine.com.



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Back to the garden

Picnics are not just for kids, and they can be very nostalgic.

In the words of Enid Blyton, of *Famous Five* fame: 'I don't know why, but the meals we have on picnics always taste so much nicer than the ones we have indoors.'

Just don't forget the lashings of ginger beer!

The moveable feast

David Lowe

There's never been a better time to revisit the classic picnic and its many variants.

With many venues moving to focus on outdoor dining since COVID, outside and mobile dining experiences are getting a new lease of life. Whether it's a mobile food van, or events where people are encouraged to bring their own treats and be safely together outside, alfresco situations are more popular than ever.

Sandwiches and salads are never out of fashion, and there's no reason why you can't bring a gourmet touch to classic picnics with a bit of imagination.

With separated picnic blankets, it's possible to legally entertain a large group of friends this way, together in the beautiful outdoors.

Wherever I lay my rug...

Farmers markets are a great place to pick up new ideas, and ingredients, as well as catching some live music while eating something delicious as you sit under a tree in the open air.

If you want to add a bit of heat, barbecues are another classic option.

Many parks have barbecues already installed, or if you're going off the beaten track, using a portable fuel or solar cooker is a great way to minimise environmental impact and maximise flavour.

Australian crawl

For a different kind of moveable feast, consider a pub, cafe or restaurant crawl, with something different to eat or drink at each venue.

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Sowing the seed for a connected, local food chain

Lisa Machin

If you've ever been to the New Brighton or Mullum Farmers Markets you'd be forgiven if you thought you were seeing double.

Over the 15 years that the Sanson family have operated Seedlings Organic in the region, countless customers have been served at their local market by father and son team, Luke and Kyan.

Kyan has taken over the market duties from Dad (and doppelgänger) Luke. 'People mistake us for each other a lot, and often people think dad's my brother,' says Kyan.

The family run business, started by Luke and his wife, Leisha, and now supported by their children, Seedlings Organic supplies high quality, productive seedlings to many commercial growers in the region, as well as to backyard growers and food lovers.

Everything is organic, and everything is grown to meet a standard the family is proud of. 'We've always worked with farmers,' says Luke. 'We have about 60 farmers who we work with pretty regularly within 100km – from up at Cudgen, to down south as far as Yamba, and out west to Kyogle.'

The business is proud to be part of a connected, local food chain, whose seedlings sustain the veggie boxes of growers, as well as ending up in the stock of food processing businesses; in everything from kale chips to sauerkraut.

'We have a lot of people here who have dedicated a lot of their life to quality food – farmers we've worked with for over a decade; rain, hail or shine, who are out there picking, planting, harvesting – doing what needs to be done and getting it to market,' says Luke.

'It's good connecting with the growers – they're customers, but it's always been a partnership, in growing and producing food. Working together in an organised way to do something that contributes – and the Farmers' Markets are a good example of that.

'When you've got people's livelihoods to be responsible for, you have an obligation to have a really good product.'

Kyan, who is now running both market stalls, says it's been great to watch the uptake from local customers in growing food in their backyard. 'Recently, with [the



Kyan Sanson from Seedlings Organic at the markets on Tuesdays and Fridays. Photo Allie Godfrey

lockdown] more people have started looking to be sustainable and self-sufficient and growing their own food – we've seen a really big change happening.

'One of the biggest things for us is having a good quality product and to have good feedback coming in when people come back to the Farmer's Markets each week, saying their seedlings are growing great.'

Kyan says, while many growers do wholesale, the markets create the opportunity for growers to sell direct – and watching seedlings grow into food producing plants and being harvested and sold locally is a special process to watch. 'You know who you've bought from, and when you make it into a meal you can talk to them later and share that experience and feedback.

'Food is a key aspect of culture, and these are experiences you wouldn't have in a disconnected food chain.'

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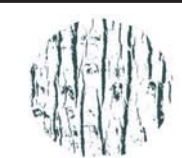
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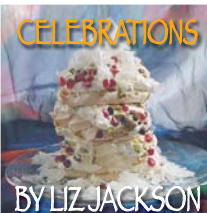
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AGED CARE FAIL

Our aged care system is broken. We didn't need a Royal Commission to tell us that many of our old people have been abused by the system that is supposed to care for them. But now we have hard evidence that we are failing our elders. Some of the data that has been released is shocking. One in five residents have experienced sexual or physical abuse.

Let that sink in.

That statistic alone should have authorities swarming the place laying charges. These places that feed our big fat super funds are committing crimes against some of the most vulnerable in our community. Those tasty profits are on the back of the quiet violence of an aged care facility. It's the stuff that happens when you're understaffed. When there is no one to report you – because who believes an elderly person? Particularly when they have dementia, or they're being chemically restrained, or severely disabled, or suffering the effects of malnutrition – speaking out is hard. Who do you tell? Who will believe you? And what if you are unable to speak or have lost cognition?

Privatising aged care has come at a cost: the basic human rights of our elderly. There are stories of a woman who was found to have maggots in a wound on her foot, an old man who was bashed to death, another who was sedated and tied to his wheelchair and there are many stories of people left, uncared for, like 80 year old Luigi Cantali. Luigi is a blind man with mild dementia who was left in his chair all day in soiled clothing. He went hungry when he couldn't reach his meal because staff members rarely came to assist. This was captured last year by the ABC on hidden cameras.

In aged care there has been no staff-to-resident ratios, no requirement for a registered nurse to be on duty and no standard minimum training for carers. Registered nurses who work in aged care get paid less than if they worked in a general hospital setting.

To provide good care costs money. It requires training. It requires the current privatised model to be smashed. The business model is not the model for an industry that is supposed to be delivering care. People aren't supposed to starve to death or die in pain when they're 'in care'. But they have been. Because the only way to increase profits is to cut operating costs. That means reducing the number of staff and paying for less skilled staff. It means reducing the quality of food. In this way some places were able to almost double their monthly profits. In one story, Bupa aged care had a name for its cost cutting – Project James. This involved reducing the number of nurses and not replacing staff who phoned in sick.

What have we been doing to our elders? These are people who, in many other cultures, would have been revered and given comfort and humanity in their last years. We have put our elders at risk – for profit. Some of these nursing homes are the concentration camps of capitalism. People who have lost their 'use' as productive members of society are then transformed into commodities to be traded. Ever wondered why you don't like visiting an older person in an aged care facility? Pick up on the sadness much? The pervasive loneliness? The lack of laughter? The sense of doom? It is not every aged care facility certainly, there are some that provide quality care, but they are the exception, because the report reveals one in three people in an aged care facility experience substandard care.

We need to provide greater supports to keep people in their homes, or provide models like in Norway (the best place to be an old person) that has a 1:3 staff to resident ratio in a much smaller 'home' like setting. We need to stop institutionalising our elderly. And we need to shame the big business, top end of towners who profiteer at the expense of our elderly. If you are in a super that invests in aged care, maybe it's time to divest?

MORE BLACKS, MORE DOGS, MORE IRISH WITH AINE TYRRELL

As a lover of her Irish homeland, one of the most painful days on her adopted home's calendar is St Patrick's Day. Not because it makes her homesick, but because it doesn't really tell the vast story of Ireland's rich culture. St Patrick's Day isn't about getting drunk on green beer. It's about resilience. It's about bravery. It's about grief and loss. It's about honouring a beautiful ancient culture and sharing new modern reflections of that.

In this 75 minute show, **Aine Tyrrell** invites you around the virtual fire to help you remember, through a mix of visuals, songs, storytelling and guests. Tyrrell will be inviting a few guests like **Auntie Delta Kay** (Arakwal grandmother and educator) to explore some of these shared stories woven between Irish and Indigenous culture.

Wednesday 17 March, 8pm at the Regent in Murwillumbah.
Tix from the-regent.com.au



BEN LEE; BEEN THERE, DONE THAT – AND MORE

Ben Lee: Singer-songwriter, composer, music producer, activist, celebrator of wild ideas, professional adventurer... and he's coming to Lismore for a gig.

'I don't look at life as a linear adventure,' Ben explains 'I very rarely know where I'm going next – I follow what I am passionate about and where I can be useful.'

Ben Lee's career began in his early teens, in the early 90's, in the Australian lo-fi punk band Noise Addict, who were discovered by taste-making artists Sonic Youth and the Beastie Boys. But it was his 2005 album, *Awake is the New Sleep*, that saw Ben get the worldwide recognition his songs deserved; spawning the alterna-hit *Catch my Disease* which has a spooky ring to it in an era of a worldwide pandemic! Ben's latest releases include *Quarter Century Classics* (2019) a covers album of songs Ben was obsessed with as a teenager, including songs by Archers of Loaf, Fugazi, Sonic Youth, the Breeders, Pavement, Dinosaur Jr and more. In 2020 he released *Golden State* his second collaboration with Josh Radnor. **Friday 26 March at Lismore City Hall at 7pm. Tix at lismorecityhall.com.au**

LAUNCHING NORPA

NORPA's annual program of shows always packs a punch, delivering the highest quality theatre and performance to the region. After a major cancellation of last year's season, NORPA can't wait to share its 2021 season with you at their **free Launch Event on Friday 19 March**. Find out about the powerful and captivating performances coming to the Lismore stage (and off the stage) including two NORPA original works, an outdoor adventure, classic drama, a hit musical – and much more!



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GIG GUIDE



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THURSDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 8PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **ROB RHODES**

FRIDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KARUAH**, 6PM **SARAH & JOCK**, 9PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 5PM **ASHER BEAU**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SHIT**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT - JOHNATHAN HARLEN, SERENDIPITI, WENDY JOY FORD, SIMON CHATE AND MIPPY**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 9.30AM **MORNING MELODIES WITH DEAN DOYLE**, BOARDWALK 6.30PM **DENNIS WILSON**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 7.30PM **SEBASTIAAN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **BRUCE WHALAN**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE **THE GIN BUGGS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **MICK EVANS**, 9.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**

SATURDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 4PM **MANOA**, 6.30PM **WILL HENDERSON**, 9PM **420 SOUND**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **WIL ANDERSON: WHATCHU TALKIN' BOUT WIL?**
- YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE (YAC), BYRON BAY, 11AM **WOMEN'S MUSIC FORUM**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **KOBYA**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - DAVID HELGI JOHAN**
- KIKI ON BYRON 7PM **THE MOSESE PARKER JAZZ TRIO**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **BENNY ODWYER**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 6.15PM **DJ MATTY P**

- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SHIT**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **ONE OF US IS LYING**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 8PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DAVE GRAY**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **MR TROY**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 3PM **SALI BRACEWELL**, 7PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE **BEN WHITING & THE PACIFIC NATIONALS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **PAUL KIREN**, 9.30PM **MIKE EDWARDS**

SUNDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**, 5PM **RAGGA JUMP**, 9PM **SKY EATER**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **RUSTY**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **SHIT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 2PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **MR TROY**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM **SCOTTY MARRIATT**
- BEEF AND BEACH, LENNOX HEAD, 3PM **DANNY TEVELUWE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**

MONDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LUKE YEAMAN**, 8PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **FELIX**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

TUESDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS FISHER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ZAHLU**, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- THE BOOK ROOM, BYRON BAY, 6PM **IN CONVERSATION: MANDY NOLAN AND SEAN DOYLE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**

WEDNESDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HAYLEY GRACE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **DYLAN PINKERTON**, 8PM **SALLY SA**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **MORE BLACKS, MORE DOGS, MORE IRISH WITH AINE TYRRELL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **THE CELTIC COUNTS**

HARP AND VOICE

What could be better than an afternoon of music featuring the interplay of voices, piano and harp? In this unusual and exciting program, the internationally renowned soprano, **Gaynor Morgan**, is joined by local stars **Geoffrey Webb** (tenor), **Nicholas Routley** (pianist), and **Margaret Curtis** (harpist) in a ravishing program of Schubert, Schumann, Debussy, Salzedo and more.

Come and celebrate the incredible performers we have living amongst us.

Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall, Sunday 21 March at 3pm. Tickets from Byron Music Society.

MUSIC FORUM FOR FEMMES

BYS present its inaugural **Women's Music Industry Empowerment and Skill Share** as part of Women's Week 2021. If you are a woman interested in the music industry, this gig is for you.

Women are grossly underrepresented in the music industry and this forum aims to address this issue by engaging musical communities at the grassroots level. Join other women participating in workshops, Q&A sessions, and have an opportunity to perform on the One Song Wonder stage.

BYS will host four industry professionals; **Julz Parker** and **Leesa Gentz** (aka Hussy Hicks), **Shiney Lefai** the music producer behind Loonaloop, **Reneé Simone**, who is a musician, DJ and founder of Byron Bay Experience, and **Anita Colenbrander** from ACEntertainment and the Bluesfest Busking Comp. These powerful women will share inspirational stories, skills and expertise in their particular fields.

This event is really about women supporting other women in the industry, building relationships, and creating the opportunity to personally connect and converse with other local female musicians.

All ages event, places are limited so register at bys.org.au/womens-music-forum on Saturday at BYS. For tickets and info go to www.bys.org.au.



TOUGH SHIT

This month, the **Drill Hall Theatre Company** shines a light on a world most of us would rather ignore – through **Patricia Cornelius's** electrifying play, **SHIT**. Directed by longtime NIDA teacher **Liz Chance**, the play revolves around the lives of three women who have slipped through the cracks; sentenced at birth to exist in a world that doesn't care for them or about them, living in a society that will cross the street to avoid them. They are tough, resilient, at times hilarious, and truly heartbreaking. Performed by **Claire Atkins**, **Kate Foster** and **Kate Horsley**, and reimagined with an original soundscape by music producer **Paul Pilsneniks** (Angus & Julia Stone, Powderfinger, Silverchair), lighting design by **Tone Wand** (Splendour in the Grass, Falls Festival) and choreography by dancer and photographer **Kate Holmes**.

SHIT opens this Friday 7.30pm at the Drill Hall Theatre in Mullumbimby.

Bookings www.drillhalltheatre.org.au. Tickets: \$27/\$24 and \$20 for under 25's and arts workers affected by the pandemic. Showing until 28 March on Fri/Sat 7.30pm and Sun 5pm. Offensive language and adult themes.

WHAT'S ON

LET'S TALK MENOPAUSE
PRESENTED BY THE COMMUNITY HUB & BCC
Wednesday 10 March, 5pm
Full \$15 | Conc \$10

OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR
PRESENTED BY ADVENTURE REELS
Friday 12 & Saturday 13 March, 7pm
Adult \$35 | Child U15 \$25 | Group of 15+ \$30 ea.

LOVE, IS IT JUST OUR IMAGINATION
FORUM PRESENTED BY NATALIE JOY
Friday 19 March & Friday 9 April, 7.30 pm
\$200

THE WORM IS TURNING
FILM SCREENING + Q&A
Wednesday 24 March, 6pm
\$25

FANTASTIC FUNGI: SCREENING + Q&A
MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA
Thursday 25 March, 6.30pm
General Admission \$35 | Conc \$25

Arrive early and enjoy a drink at the Theatre Bar

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BYRON BAY COMEDY FESTIVAL: BRINGING IN THE LAUGHS

Last year wiped out our entire entertainment program, but while things aren't completely back to normal, it's looking up. The easing of COVID-19 Public Health restrictions means that smaller events are back! And one of the biggest small events in the region is the Byron Bay Comedy Festival. Run by Mell Coppin and Zara Noruzi, it's a beautifully curated event of top shelf laughs. *The Echo* spoke with the girls about what's in store for their May event.

What are your backgrounds work or event wise?

We have both run different businesses over the past twenty years, we've also have run many events in Byron, but mostly fundraisers.

You girls don't come from the world of comedy so why comedy? Why did you decide to do something as crazy as running a festival?

Comedy is definitely one of our favourite art forms and we regularly travelled to Melbourne to watch the Melbourne Comedy Festival. We then wondered how good it would be if we didn't have to travel for comedy, and had a festival in Byron to bring the laughter to town and share it with everyone. And as you know, if you want a job done, you better do it yourself.

What kind of festival do you want to run? Why do you think it's important to keep it small?

For us it's important to run an event that offers an overall wholesome experience; from the way we dress the venue, to food, drinks, colours, seating – and everything to do with creating a memorable outing and going home with a fun memory. To achieve that we have chosen the

small, but iconic, Byron Bay Surf Club. At this stage we are keeping the festival small and intimate, and we aim to deliver quality rather than quantity. We have also managed to achieve our goal of offsetting the entire festival to be carbon neutral, and we're very excited to announce that we will be taking a kilo of plastic out of the ocean for every ticket we sell with the help of our partners Hidden Sea wine and Re Sea Project.

How has COVID-19 affected your event and numbers for this year?

Like any other festival, we are facing limitations with the number of tickets we are allowed to sell – and lots of regulations that have to be met in order to run the event. And at times it was easier to just let it go for another year and wait for the covid storm to pass, but ultimately we decided to run the 2021 and started to fill out endless covid regulation forms.

So, tell us... who is coming... what do we have to look forward to? Who are the big names?

We are so proud of our lineup this year. We have brought back the town's favourites, Glenn Robbins and Dave O'Neil, as many people missed out on tickets last time. Also Fiona O'Loughlin, Jean Kittson, Adam Zwar, Andy Saunders, Ting Lim, Dave Callan, Geraldine Hickey, Zoe Coombs Marr and the best of British with new British comics in the lineup.

Who are the comedy surprises?

Hard to choose! But definitely look out for Dave Callan's show (if you've never heard of him, do yourself a favour!) Andy & Ting – headlined by Andy Saunders, who killed it on *The Block*, with opener Ting Lym; this is comedy from an Indigenous AND Singaporean perspective! Geraldine Hickey & Zoe Coombs Marr are 2021 women; they combine sass and the smarts with an attractive dose of quirky. We think these acts will kill it!

What do you have for the kids?

Well, kids are never left out of our lineup. We have a few really fun workshops for the kids, as well as family friendly shows.

Mandy Nolan will run the Funny Kids Workshop leading up to the festival, and the funny kids get to perform at the festival. The workshop will be held at a venue tbc on 1 May, so email mandy@mandynolan.com.au if you want your child to attend.

Alex Frith is back in Byron after decades of work in London circuses. He teaches a three-hour super fun slapstick workshop for children 8–15yrs, which ends with a short demo/performance... and will definitely involve some good ol' pie throwing.

We also have Madeleine West of *Neighbours* fame running Theatresports workshops on Saturday where the students will experience fun, thinking on their feet, improvisation, pressure – and *lots* of laughing. Theatresports builds skills in confidence and teamwork, both of which you will see in their Sunday Theatresports performance.

Rebel Bingo is our festival surprise packet. A mix of standup comedy with a game of bingo, add a dance class, and take away the bingo wheel, equals ReBeL BiNgO! Say whaaat? Forget everything you know about Bingo and just get everyone you know to come along... young and old, you'll love it.

What should we expect from this year's event?

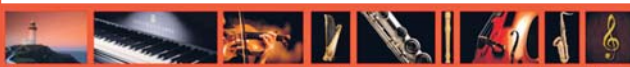
A well curated lineup, your belly full of great food designed by renowned chef Shannon Bennett, and made by The ByronBay General Store, beautiful drinks brought to you by Brookie's Gin, Hidden Sea wine and Byron Bay Brewery, and the best view in town!

Tickets are on sale now for Byron Bay Comedy Festival, 13–16 May 2021.
Go to byroncomedyfest.com.



Harp & Voice

Gaynor Morgan – Soprano
Margaret Curtis – Harp
Geoffrey Webb – Tenor
Nicholas Routley – Piano



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Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall | Sunday March 21st | 3pm

When Venus, Neptune, Sun and new moon join, early next week, with Mercury in super-sensitive, intuitive Pisces, expect breakthrough insights – especially for artists and healers...

♈ **ARIES:** Like it or not, this week tunes you into the hivemind – until it drives you nuts. Not a long drive right now, with distractions making it hard to focus. So don't push yourself to do too much. Take it easy. Soak in the opportunities for deep healing that Chiron in your sign is currently offering.

♉ **TAURUS:** We come here with nothing and leave with nothing. Why then hold so tight to what can't last? This weekend's new moon highlights what you cling to. Which is also what you could give away, what you can share. The world needs your generosity, your caring, your compassion and your love.

♊ **GEMINI:** Give logical, thinking twin a well-deserved and long overdue holiday this week, because honestly, you brainiacs could use a break. This is the astrological transit for letting emotional, instinctive twin take the lead in guiding your decision-making – then of course getting your sensible side to check things over before acting.

♋ **CANCER:** Focus on feeding your soul the nourishment it's hungering for this week. Not sure what? Then maybe start with gratitude that somewhere in the world others are praying for peace, farmers are growing food, people you'll never meet are working to make sure you get your mail, electricity and essential services.

♌ **LEO:** Another week to step out of the spotlight into your creative cave for a personal, internal journey to focus attention on your own inner life. Because outer life requires a lot of patience right now. And compromise. Use this opportunity to make a fresh start, write a new chapter, craft new rules of engagement.

♍ **VIRGO:** Speak clearly and simply this week, and people will appreciate that you're not leaving them wondering. Relax the heavy mental lifting and let inspiration take you where it will. Surrender to beauty, imagination, creativity. Let your wild side out to play. Give a little roadside assistance to someone who's flagging...

♎ **LIBRA:** With a tidal wave of planets in deepwater Pisces, food and mood are even more directly interconnected this week, which suggests watching what goes into your mouth and what comes out of it. Your planet influencer Venus is presently in people-pleasing mode, but don't neglect your own pleasure portal.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Pisces is the sign of endings: of letting go for good. Your own good. So take advantage of this opportunity with a hard look at whatever you're holding on to: what thoughts, emotions or habitual actions might you want to release? Because in human life, pain is inevitable, but suffering's optional...

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Paradoxically, slowing down and noticing things that previously didn't get your attention can speed up growth processes. This is a good week to simplify routines and commitments, to avoid extra stress, to take plenty of downtime. To stand back and observe what happens around you, and your own emotional reactions.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week's astral pleasure map renders happiness very much a personal affair and an inside job. So make frequent deposits in your physical, emotional and soul accounts with fresh air, self-care and showing Team Capricorn how much you appreciate their support. Keep those Goaty feet on terra firma, because your 2021 growth spurt is imminent.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** As Mercury moves into speech-sweetening mode you'll be more inclined to weigh the pros and cons of speaking your piece. And really, why burn a bridge when you could build one? This is the week to tell someone how much you love them, and give an unexpected gift just because...

♓ **PISCES:** Tune into your power date-with-destiny on 13 March, when this year's new moon in Pisces opens its floodgates of inspiration to download an epiphany about the smartest path to your personal goals. If Venus and Neptune have you feeling extra amorous or affectionate this week, don't hesitate to express it.

STARS BY LILITH





BOOK TO BOOK

Legendary comedian and author, **Mandy Nolan**, will be appearing with Lismore-based author **Sean Doyle**, at the **Book Room** in Byron, on **Tuesday 16 March**, where they will interview each other on their respective books.

Mandy is the author of many books, her latest being *The Full Mandy*, a riotous collection of her much-loved Soapbox columns featured in *The Byron Echo*.

Editor and writer Sean Doyle, who has resided in Lismore for

the last 15 years, has just released a memoir, *Night Train to Varanasi*, about his travels through India with his teenage daughter. The book was launched on 26 February by worldwide bestselling author Steve Biddulph, who described it as:

‘... wearing its bristling intelligence so lightly, darting and diving from shocking history to the profound core of India’s spiritual tradition – how it took hold of the West, and even today continues to change who we are. But it’s in the tender, self-revealing way that Doyle relates to his daughter, stumbling on a path between protecting her and letting her go, that this book touches us most deeply. It’s a jewel of a book.’

Mandy and Sean will interview each other, and discuss their writing, at The Book Room at Byron on **16 March, 6pm**. Tickets are limited so be sure to make your booking now.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au>

BANGALOW COMEDY ON THE GREEN

There is something magical about the **Bangalow Bowlo**. Years ago this little club was on the brink of extinction, but the community embraced it as the heart and soul of their village. It’s a thriving hub of diversity, of kids playing, of sporting clubs having a post game beverage, footy raffles, a social meet up... and now comedy too!

The Bangalow Bowling Club are saying ‘Thank you’ to the people who have supported them with a free monthly comedy night.

Hosted by **Mandy Nolan**, *Comedy on the Green* will be held on the **third Wednesday of every month at 7pm**.

To kick it off they’ve invited the fireball that is **Dusty Rich**. In his homeland of South Africa, Dusty Rich was a rising comedy star. He was performing as the support for Trevor Noah. He had his own TV show. But he fell in love – and his wife got a job out here. So, South Africa’s loss is our gain!

A self-confessed comedic space-warrior riding a living volcano, with one hand whipping the reins and the other gingerly fingering the lava-hot truth that flows freely down all sides – smothering the world in comedy magma. His meteoric rise in the comedy industry is owed to the fact he learnt to ride meteors at a very young age – a mind meteor, smashing through the atmosphere of mediocrity and the mundane. Each show is unpredictable and hilarious, leaving audiences gasping for air.

A true original, his style is manic but impactful. The mystical art of comedy bursts through his veins (and mouth) coupled with his razor sharp wit, taking no prisoners. Dusty Rich is, without question, an unnaturally naturally talented comedic anomaly.

Supported by the fantastically funny Ting Lym.

So join us for Comedy on the Green at the Bangalow Bowling Club on Wednesday 17 March at 7pm. Come early for dinner and to nab your space. This is going to go off!



CINEMA



LITTLE BITES OF THE BIG BLUE

Comprised of sublime footage taken above and below the water’s surface, and designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the Ocean Film Festival, World Tour, showcases a three hour celebration of our oceans.

Featuring all new films, this is a carefully curated selection of short films that document the beauty and power of the ocean, and celebrate the divers, surfers, swimmers and oceanographers who live for the sea’s salt spray; who chase the crests of waves; and who marvel at the mysteries of the big blue.

The films feature captivating cinematography, complete with awe-inspiring underwater scenes and fast-paced wave sequences that have been captured from unbelievable vantage points.

Inspiring and thought provoking, the Ocean Film Festival, World Tour, is filled with moving footage, touching interviews and insightful narrations. Each of the festival’s films convey a deep respect and appreciation for the world’s oceans and the creatures that call them home.

Find out more at oceanfilmfestival.com.au

The Ocean Film Festival is exempt from classification, but all coarse language is beeped out and there is no nudity or adult themes.

Byron Theatre: Adult \$35 | Child under 15 \$25 | Group of 15 or more \$30 ea.



FIRESTARTER – THE STORY OF BANGARRA

This is an historically important film that takes the viewer through Bangarra’s birth and spectacular growth to where they are today, entering their 4th decade. It recognises Bangarra’s early founders and tells the story of how three young Aboriginal brothers – Stephen, David and Russell Page – turned the newly born dance troupe into one of Australia’s leading performing arts companies. Through the eyes of the Page brothers and company alumni, *Firestarter* explores the loss – and vital reclaiming – of culture, the burden of intergenerational trauma, but most crucially, the extraordinary power of art as a messenger for social change and healing.

The documentary features remarkable archival footage and interviews with those integral to Bangarra’s establishment, including co-founders Carole Johnson and Cheryl Stone, along with a number of former dancers and creatives. **Firestarter is on at the Palace Cinema until 17 March.**

BABYTEETH MA

Federal Hall
Sat March 13th

Dinner from 6.30pm
Movie starts 8pm

federalfilmsociety.com ph 66849313

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 11 Feb - Wed 17 Mar NFT = No Free Tickets

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS
FRENCH EXIT (M)
Sparkling Session Fri: 6:30PM
PHIL LIGGETT - THE VOICE OF CYCLING (CTC)
One Screening only Tue: 7:00
THE FATHER (M)
Oatley Fine Wine Tasting Wed: 6:30PM
42ND STREET THE MUSICAL (CTC) Special Event
Sun, Tue, Wed: 1:30PM

GIRLS CAN'T SURF (M) NFT
Daily except Wed: 11:50AM, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15PM
Wed: 11:00AM (Babes In Arms), 2:15, 4:30, 7:15PM
RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON (PG)
Family Film Of The Week
Daily: 11:45AM, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45PM

NOMADLAND (M)
Golden Globe Winner
Daily: 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15
BLACKBIRD (M)
Thu, Fri, Sat, Mon: 2:15PM
Sun: 12:00PM
CHAOS WALKING (M)
Thu, Sat, Sun: 11:40AM, 2:00, 6:45PM
Fri, Mon-Wed: 11:40, 2:00, 7:00
DEMON SLAYER - THE MOVIE: MUGEN TRAIN (CTC) Daily: 2:30PM
EARWIG AND THE WITCH (PG) Daily: 12:00PM
FIRESTARTER (M)
Daily: 11:45AM
HIGH GROUND (MA15+)
Daily: 2:20, 4:40, 7:00PM
MINARI (PG)
Golden Globe Winner
Daily except Thu: 4:30, 7:00
Thu: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00PM

PENGUIN BLOOM (PG)
Daily: 5:00PM
PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN (MA15+)
Thu, Sat, Sun: 4:20, 7:15PM
Fri, Mon-Wed: 11:40AM, 4:20
THE CROODS 2: A NEW AGE (PG) Daily: 11:40AM
THE DRY (MA15+)
Daily except Thu: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00PM
Thu: 4:30, 7:00PM
THE LITTLE THINGS (M)
Daily: 11:50AM
THE NEST (MA15+)
Thu, Fri, Sat, Mon: 12:00PM
Sun, Wed: 11:15AM
Tue: 11:10AM
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Session times are subject to change. Please check online for all live session times

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Thursday March 11th to Wednesday March 17th

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THE LITTLE THINGS M 127 MIN	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM		4:00 PM	4:00 PM



1 Vistara Primary School

Vistara Primary School's grounding in ecological education is evident everywhere in the beautiful, colourful classrooms and surrounds. This school engages students to develop and broaden their intellectual and emotional connections between their personal worlds (of home, school, community and locality) to the Earth as a living whole.

The school's compassionate culture is also expressed in their daily yoga, meditation, and relaxation practices, and in their adherence to a vegetarian/vegan diet within the school. The 'child-centred' approach can be seen everywhere; from students learning through nature-based play, to their beautiful and stimulating learning environments.

www.vistara.nsw.edu.au

41 Richmond Hill Rd, Richmond Hill



3 Toy Kingdom

When visiting Lismore you can't go past Toy Kingdom's flagship store located in the CBD opposite Flock. With an emphasis on play based learning and educational toys, the ethos of this locally owned and operated store is one that has stood the test of time in a world where toy fads come and go. Operators, Carey and Carmel, have enjoyed a strong local following for over 26 years and customers of their Byron and Ballina locations regularly travel to Lismore to shop the larger range and big-ticket items not carried in their smaller coastal stores.

Boasting the largest range of toys, games and puzzles on the north coast including hard to find brands for kids and collectors, this is a store where kids are king and parents enjoy friendly expert advice. Generous layby terms are available and items will be shipped to your store of choice for pickup within 24hrs!

02 6621 3473

www.facebook.com/mytoykingdom

www.facebook.com/playforevertoys

64 Woodlark St, Lismore

2 Fee Free Fresh Starts

2021 is the fresh start we've all been looking forward to. If you're thinking it's time to consolidate your career, formalise qualifications or fast track your job readiness, explore your fee free and low fee course options.

Gaining your nationally recognised full qualification will make a massive difference to your employment prospects.

ACE Community Colleges is thrilled to offer four in-demand qualifications as part of Fresh Start 2021. These courses are delivered online with student success supported by individual mentoring and practical workshops at

the College. They are fee free or low fee for eligible students:

- HLT23215 Certificate II in Health Support Services – NSW
- CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support – NSW & Qld
- CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care – NSW & Qld
- BSB30115 Certificate III in Business – NSW

Get back in the game. Train smart with your Community College.

6622 1903 | info@acecolleges.edu.au

59 Magellan St, Lismore



5 Tired, Stressed or In Pain?

Fatigue, aches and pains getting you down?
Stressed or anxious and can't sleep?

Physiotherapist, acupuncturist and nutritionist, Verona Chadwick, helps clients untangle the knot of their sometimes obscure symptoms like brain fog, anxiety, fatigue, chronic pain, digestive issues, and weight gain – so they can get back their mental clarity, focus, energy, and be pain free and fit.

40+ years of experience merging functional and integrative medicine testing with practical and impactful lifestyle changes has given Verona unique insight into the root causes of many chronic health issues, allowing her to finally stop the revolving door of practitioners most of her clients have experienced.

With one-on-one health coaching, she can heal your leaky gut, find the best non-diet approach to weight loss, help you understand the connection between your environment and your health issues, optimise your sleep, reduce stress and anxiety, and get you back to your old self.

02 6625 2925 | www.getahealthylife.com.au

8 Warrick Pl, Lismore Heights



4 Tiles, Mosaics & More!

Established in 2019, the locally-owned family-operated Northern Rivers Tiles & Mosaics shop is Lismore's only mosaic, wall, floor and pool tile shop. Their huge range includes Italian, Spanish, Moroccan-style, and Australian tiles, quality adhesives, Laticrete and Ardex grouts, and tiling trims and tools. The tile range includes contemporary and traditional plain, patterned and textured styles in all sizes perfect for indoor and outdoor use. The mosaicing range includes glass, ceramic and mirror shapes, as well as the popular Van Gogh glass. Mosaic workshops and group bookings are available, and mosaics are now available online. All labels and packaging are fully compostable.

6621 5232 | www.nrtilesandmosaics.com

177 Keen St, Lismore

6 Fundies Organic Wholefood Market

Founded in 1979, Fundies Lismore strives to keep the community well with nutritious food and naturopath recommended supplements – no matter where you are on your wellness journey. Inside you'll find fresh seasonal certified organic fruit and vegetables, gluten free pasta and bread alternatives, plus organic skincare and a huge vegan food range.

Free naturopathic support is available in store, offering a mainly plant based vitamin and supplement range. The team can help guide you in this area based on your individual needs or what has been prescribed by your own practitioner.

From alternative products, dietary and intolerance advice, or how to look after your skin – they've got you covered. Sourcing food as locally as possible, grown in the earth and touched by the Sun.

Fundies.com.au | (02) 6622 2199

140 Keen St, Lismore





loving lismore



8 Northern Rivers Stained Glass

Join the creative team at Northern Rivers Stained Glass for a workshop and learn how to create your own piece of glass magic. Their two-day workshops are fun and relaxed for beginners, intermediate or those wanting to brush up on an old skill set.

Their centrally located shop offers a wide range of glass equipment, including a beautiful glass sheet range with great prices. The shop is also filled with locally made gifts and art.

In addition, they offer a stained-glass/lead-light repair service and custom made stained glass commissions. Check the website for more info.

nrstainedglass.com

Instagram: [northern_rivers_stained_glass](https://www.instagram.com/northern_rivers_stained_glass)

Facebook: [@northernriversstainedglass](https://www.facebook.com/northernriversstainedglass)

Cnr of Molesworth & Magellan Sts



7 The Stockpot Kitchen

Get in your 1989 vintage merc, slap on some good vibes and take a drive through the hills to Lismore.

The Stockpot Kitchen – smokehouse Barbecue and fried chicken mecca serves up good times for everyone. Ever changing specials from the smoker and charcoal grill, burgers to write home about, and fried chicken that is finger licking delicious! All this plus a full bar with Young Henrys on tap, cocktail specials, really funny waitstaff, and gorgeous chefs.

The Stockpot is housed in a sexy old art gallery with courtyard and views of the rose garden overlooking the mighty Wilson river. Its relaxed, old school hospitality is less about trends and more about having a good time. They love to see people having fun!

Every day \$10 margaritas and \$5 Young Henry's schooners from 3–5pm (all day Tuesday), and their smokehouse Barbecue and fried chicken is always available.

Open Tues–Sat from 11.30am. 02 6621 6684
stockpotkitchen.com.au | [@thestockpotkitchen](https://www.instagram.com/thestockpotkitchen)

133 Molesworth St, Lismore

9 Southern Cross University Health Clinic

Community members looking for affordable osteopathy treatments can now book appointments at Southern Cross University's Health Clinic in Lismore. The Health Clinic offers quality assessments by student practitioners completing their Master of Osteopathy under the supervision of accredited practitioners.

Most people, regardless of age or gender, will suffer from back or neck pain, headaches, sport injuries, stiffness or pain at some time. Osteopaths can help to identify the cause of the pain or injury and develop a safe and effective course of action to manage pain – so people can make the most of their active lives. The Health Clinic is offering a free initial osteopathy assessment by one of their talented Master students if you mention this *Echo* ad.

To make an appointment, phone Southern Cross University Health Clinic at Lismore Campus on 02 6626 9131.

Opening hours: Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm | scu.edu.au/healthclinic
Rifle Range Rd, Lismore



10 Lismore Regional Gallery

A place for everybody, Lismore Regional Gallery is one of the region's most vibrant art spaces and presents a wide range of cultural events. Showing local, national and international artists, the gallery always has something unique to experience with regular talks, children's activities, and exhibitions. The Gallery is also home to Geoffrey Hannah's incredible Hannah Cabinet which has weekly viewing session times to see the intricate craftsmanship inside. Outside the Gallery is lovely green space, the Lismore Quadrangle, an ideal place to kick back and relax.

Images: Top: Lismore Regional Gallery opening, 2017. Photo: Kate Holmes. Bottom: Karla Dickens, A Dickensian Sideshow installation, 2020. Photo: Michelle Eabry.

www.lismoregallery.org

11 Rural St, Lismore



11 Book Warehouse

Book Warehouse is an independently owned bookstore in Lismore, part of a larger North Coast locally owned group, with shops in Coffs Harbour, Ballina and Grafton. Their staff are passionate readers – and it shows!

Their stores stock the latest in new release books and they have an incredible range of specials, bestsellers, literary prize winners and classics. From the littlest tiny tot to the most well read senior there is something for everyone.

They also stock a large selection of awesome art supplies, jigsaw puzzles, specialty games, beautiful greeting cards (many by local artists) gift wrap AND a wide selection of bookish gifts.

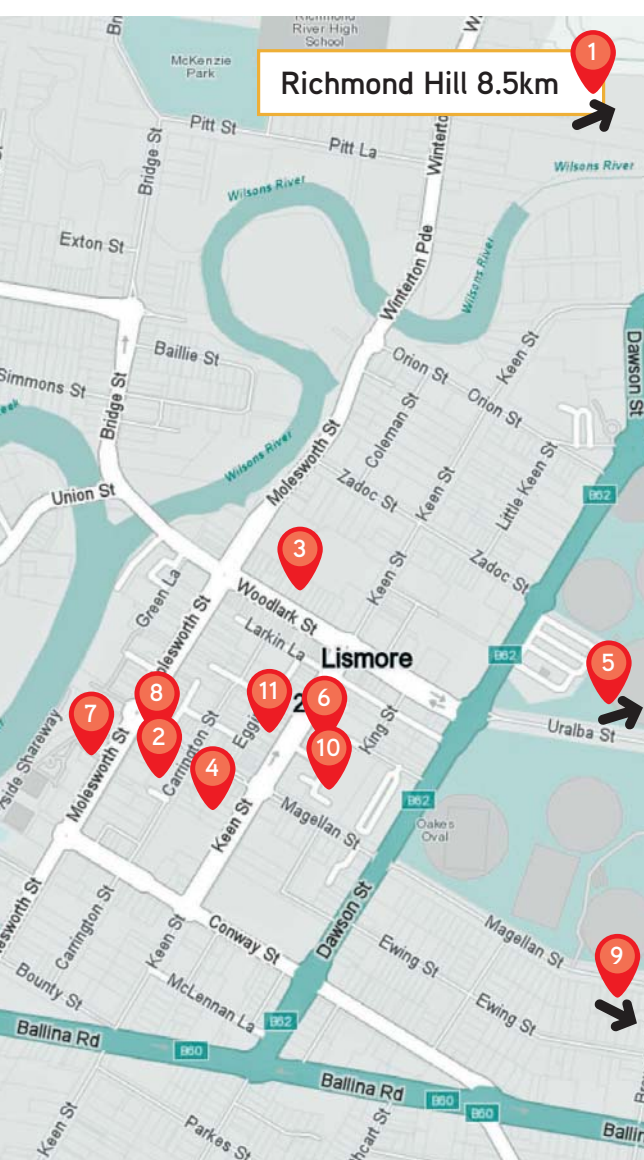
Quite simply, they are more than you imagine – drop by and see them next time you are in Lismore, and bring your visitors – they have repeat customers from all over Australia who come back again and again on their travels. They're definitely worth a visit.

6621 4504 | www.thebwh.com

109 Keen St, Lismore



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EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

EASTER IN ART

The greatest story ever painted

Byron Theatre
Wednesday 31st March
3:00pm

Book now: byroncentre.com.au

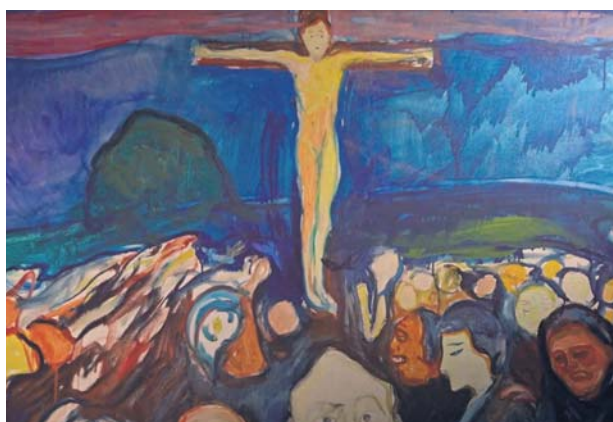
BYRON THEATRE

UP NEXT – ARTS NORTHERN RIVERS

Arts Northern Rivers have announced the successful applicants for **Up Next**, a showcase of musicians emerging in the Northern Rivers. Held at **The Northern** on **Thursday 25 March**, the lineup features performances from **Leaving Jordan, Masochist, Room 19, Serendipiti and Anemoi**.

Following the showcase, the musicians will receive further career development opportunities including studio recording time in the Southern Cross University studios, mentoring services by Creative Consultancies and audio and video documentation from the event.

To learn more about the musicians and to purchase tickets for the event, visit artsnorthernrivers.com.au/project/up-next.



EASTER IN ART

The story of Christ's death and resurrection has dominated western culture for the past 2000 years. It is perhaps the most significant historical event of all time, as recounted by the gospels but, equally, as depicted by the greatest artists in history. The beautifully crafted film, *Easter In Art*, explores the Easter story as depicted in art, from the time of the early Christians to the present day.

Shot on location in Jerusalem, the United States and throughout Europe, the film explores the different ways artists have depicted the Easter story through the ages and thus depicts the history of us all.

The Greatest Story Ever Painted is screening at **Byron Theatre** on **Wednesday 31 March** at 3pm.
Tickets: byroncentre.com.au

LEAVING JORDAN
MASOCHIST
ROOM 19
SERENDIPITI
ANEMOI

THURSDAY
MARCH 25
6PM - 11PM
THE NORTHERN
BYRON BAY

UP NEXT

ARTS NORTHERN RIVERS NSW

WAR HORSE

Don't miss the **National Theatre Live** screening of the critically acclaimed and international smash-hit play, **War Horse**, based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, at **Byron Theatre, Saturday 27 March, 11.30am**.

At the outbreak of World War One, Albert's beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Though still not old enough to enlist, he embarks on a treacherous mission to find Joey and bring him home.

Now seen by more than eight million people around the world, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-size puppets by South Africa's **Handspring Puppet Company**, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.

Tickets: byroncentre.com.au



MARCH WORKSHOPS AT BYRON SCHOOL OF ART

With almost all Visual Art courses booked out, BSA has added two exciting workshops to the program for March. Sydney artist **Bridie Lunney** will be visiting BSA to lead a workshop on **site responsive installation** and working with restricted materials. She says: 'Limitations of materials can inspire ingenious solutions.' Her workshop is on **20/21 March**.

Raimond de Weerd will explore the beautiful process of Cyanotype Printing on **27/28 March**.
byronschoolofart.com

National Theatre Live

BYRON THEATRE
★★★★★
'An entertainment phenomenon'
Daily Telegraph

War Horse

Based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo • Adapted by Nick Stafford
In association with Handspring Puppet Company

A production from
National Theatre

Byron Theatre
Saturday
27th March
11:30am
byroncentre.com.au

Jock Serong
In conversation with
Mirandi Riwoe on
The Burning Island

BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL

6pm
Friday
12 March
Lennox Head
Cultural Centre

Irresistible prose, unforgettable characters and magnificent, epic storytelling.

The Burning Island delivers everything readers have come to expect from celebrated Australian writer Jock Serong.

Bookings essential via
byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on

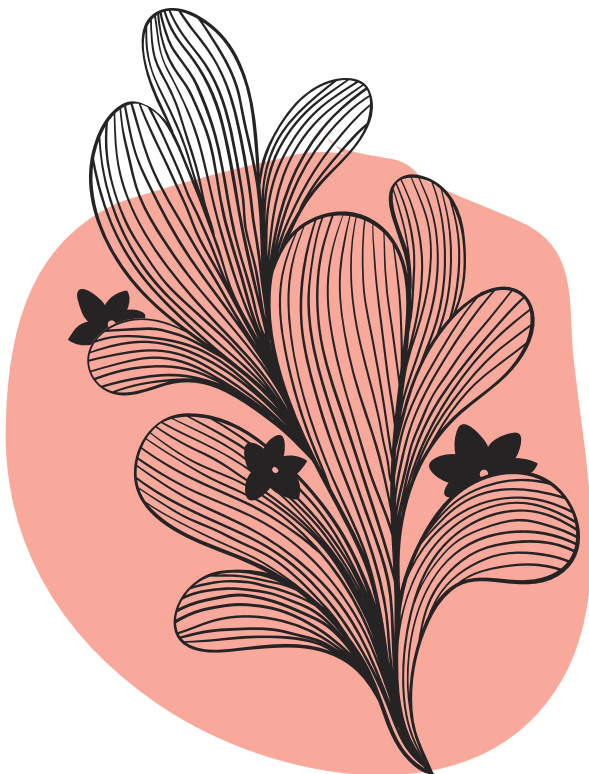
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OUR SPECIAL PLACE
– TALLOW CREEK

Arts Northern Rivers are proud to present **Our Special Place – Tallow Creek** with the support of BSC.

Our Special Place – Tallow Creek is a unique exhibition created by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Landscape Architect and Masters student **Nathan Galluzzo. Exhibiting at Byron Bay's Lighthouse Cottage, Cape Byron (NPWS) from Wednesday 10 March until Friday 12 March. Admission is free.**

The exhibition is a showcase of Nathan's research project which focusses on using drawings to capture, record and deliver stories tied to Tallow Creek. Nathan has worked closely with two very important people who have an intricate connection to Tallow Creek, incorporating the stories and wisdom of Arakwal leader Uncle Norm, and Suffolk Park Dune Care veteran, Helen Brown. This is a unique and moving multi-sensory experience not to be missed.



SIDNEY NOLAN AT TWEED
REGIONAL GALLERY

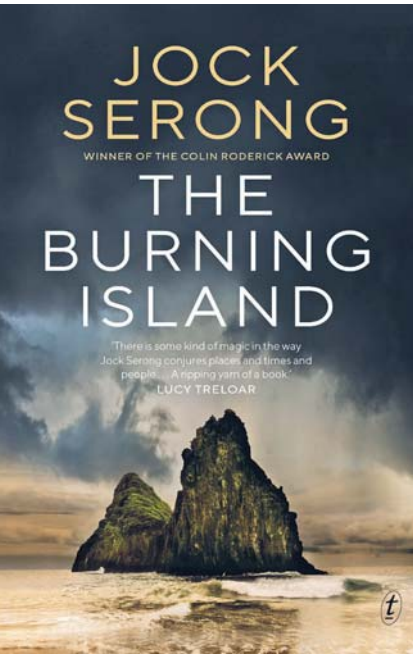
After travelling the country for the first time in 16 years, the National Gallery of Australia's collection of Sidney Nolan's iconic 'Ned Kelly' paintings is making a final stop at **Tweed Regional Gallery** before returning to Canberra. The exhibition will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery from **Friday 19 March to Sunday 22 August 2021.**

Tweed Regional Gallery Director, Susi Muddiman OAM, said the Gallery is thrilled to exhibit Sidney Nolan's work. 'Nolan's 1946–47 paintings on the theme of the outlaw bushranger Ned Kelly are one of the greatest series of 20th Century Australian paintings. The themes of identity, individuality, a strong sense of place and vivid brushwork have cemented this series in Australia's psyche of national identity.'

Tickets to the exhibition are available at **trg-sidneynolan-nk-admission.eventbrite.com.au**

On Friday 19 March 2021, **5–7pm** (NSW time), the Gallery will welcome **Nick Mitzevich**, Director, National Gallery of Australia, for a special opening of the exhibition.

Tickets \$30. Bookings essential:
sidneynolannedkellyopening.eventbrite.com.au/
2 Mistral Rd, South Murwillumbah
02 6670 2790
Artillery.tweed.nsw.gov.au



BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES MORE LIVE
EVENTS FOR MARCH

This **Friday 12 March** at **Lennox Head Cultural Centre**, join celebrated Australian storyteller **Jock Serong** and acclaimed writer **Mirandi Riwoe** for a lively discussion about Jock's new novel *The Burning Island*.

Writer, lawyer, surfer and Great Ocean literary journal editor, Jock's writing has earned the attention of Festival audiences and literary circles alike. His novels, often inspired by true historical events, draw mysterious, thrilling and at times sinister connections to the ocean and modern civilisation's sea-faring past.

Filled with irresistible prose, unforgettable characters and magnificent, epic storytelling, *The Burning Island* delivers everything readers have come to expect from Jock Serong.

In partnership with Lennox Art Board (LAB).
For details and tickets visit
byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on.

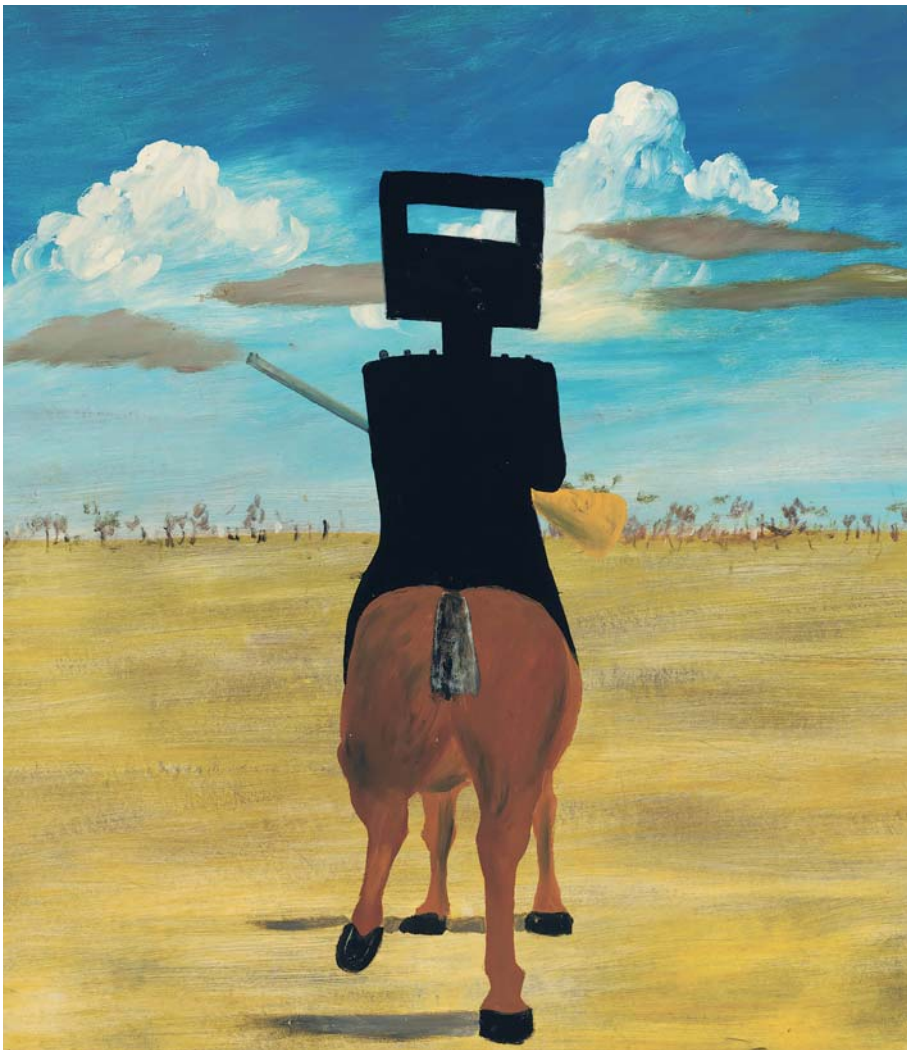
Sidney Nolan's
Ned Kelly series

A National Gallery of Australia touring exhibition

19 March – 22 August 2021

Sidney Nolan's 1946–47 paintings on the theme of the bushranger Ned Kelly are one of the greatest series of Australian paintings of the 20th century.

Nolan's Ned Kelly series is a distillation of a complex, layered story set in the Victorian landscape and centred around a 19th century bushranger and his gang who were on the run from the police.



Sidney Nolan *Ned Kelly* (detail) 1946 from the *Ned Kelly series* 1946 – 1947
enamel paint on composition board, 90.80 x 121.50 cm, Gift of Sunday Reed 1977

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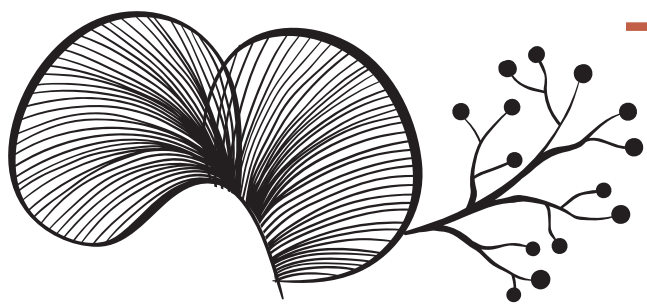
TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY
& MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE | MURWILLUMBAH

The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is a Tweed Shire Council Community Facility

Gallery open Wednesday – Sunday
2 Mistral Road, South Murwillumbah NSW
02. 6670 2790 | artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au
f [tweedregionalgallery](https://www.facebook.com/tweedregionalgallery)

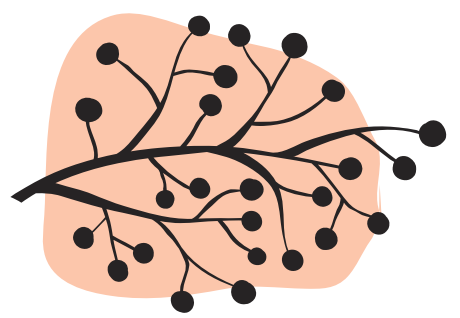


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Arts



KURUN WARUN

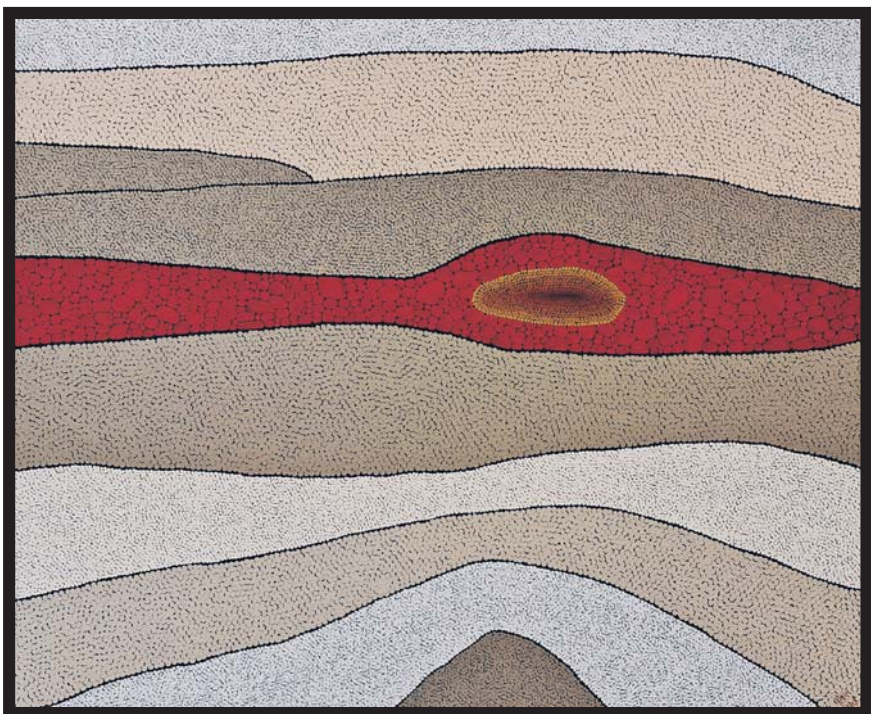
Born in 1966, Kurun Warun (whose name means 'Hissing Swan') is a member of the Indigenous Guntijamara people and is a descendant of the Truganini family line of Tasmania. Kurun lives in the Noosa hinterland and is very well known for his unique art and his uber talent as a didgeridoo musician. He expresses his culture through art and music and has won international acclaim and recognition in both these fields. Starting at just eight years old, he has become a highly respected and researched artist, and his works of art have been collected by Pierce

Brosnan, Michael Schumacher, Oprah Winfrey, ATSIC, Cambridge University, (England), The Edge (Auckland), Netherlands Embassy, Commonwealth Heads of Government, the president of Turkey, Sultan Idris – Shah of Selangor (Malaysia), and many others.

His paintings have a traditional meaning and within the colours, lines and space we are led through an underlying story of sacred land and deep culture.

Ninbella Gallery
19A Byron Street, Bangalow
www.ninbella.com

NINBELLA



Artist: Karun Warun

Title: 'A place of Ochre'
153 x 122 cms

19a Byron Street, Bangalow • 02 6687 1936 • www.ninbella.com

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Byron Bay NSW 2481

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6680 3444
billinudgelpictureframing.com.au

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0487 362 141
byrnschoolofart.com/exhibitions

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17 Lawson St, Byron Bay
Open weekly – appointments recommended
1300 489 855
byronbaygallery.com

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6674 1692
www.healingartdesign.com

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Mon & Tues: Closed
11 Rural St, Lismore
6627 4600
lismoregallery.org

LONE GOAT GALLERY

28 Lawson St, Byron Bay
Mon–Fri 10am–4pm / Sat 10am–midday
lonegoatgallery.com

MULLUMBIMBY CLAYWORKERS GALLERY

Drill Hall Complex
2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby
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www.mullumclayworkers.com

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Open 7 days 10am–4pm
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[ninbella on instagram @ninbella](https://www.instagram.com/ninbella)

NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY

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Open Wed–Fri 10am–4pm
Sat/Sun 9.30am–1.00pm
02 6681 0530
nrcgballina.com.au

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Open Tuesday–Sunday
7/8 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay
0488 646 464
hello@peekgallery.com
www.peekgallery.com
[@peekgallery](https://www.instagram.com/peekgallery)

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224 Stokers Rd, Stokers Siding
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0407 417 169

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Home Gallery and Sculpture Garden
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0402 125 922 (call/sms first)
suviramcdonald.com

TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

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Cafe open | 9.30am–4.00pm (DST)
2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah
02 6670 2790
artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

GALLERY DOWN TOWN ANNEXE OF TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY

Located upstairs at M|Arts Precinct
Cnr Brisbane St and Proudfoots Ln
Murwillumbah
Monday to Friday | 10am–3pm (DST)
Saturday | 10am–2pm (DST)
0426 230 193
artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au/GalleryDownTown

Our Special Place Tallow Creek

A Multi-Sensory Exhibition of Place and Country



FREE ADMISSION

WHEN

Wednesday 10 March – Friday 12 March 2021
10:30am – 3:30pm

WHERE

Lighthouse Cottage, Byron Bay Lighthouse

CURATED BY

Nathan Galluzzo
Masters Student – Landscape Architecture

NARRATED BY

Uncle Norman Graham – Arakwal
Helen Brown – Suffolk Park Dune Care

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On The Horizon

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Try Scouts

Brunswick Heads Scouts invite you to our open night for a fun filled event around the campfire. All boys and girls 11–14 years are welcome on Monday, 15 March, 5.30 till 7.30pm at the Scout hall in Brunswick Heads, 40 South Beach Road, near the neighbourhood centre. For more info email: scouts2483hallhire@gmail.com

Music in Ballina

Resonator music shop in Ballina, are offering free lessons, and a public event with a free jam session to celebrate their first birthday. They have joined with the 7th Annual Teach Music Week (From 15–21 March). For more information email: tuition@resonatormusic.com.

Author in Banglaow

Friends of Libraries are hosting author, travel writer, and editor Sean Doyle. Sean will discuss his book *Night Train to Varanasi* at Bangalow Heritage House, Thursday, 25 March from 5.30pm, entry \$10. Bookings essential at: www.byronbay.com or via Bangalow Newsagency on 6687 1396.

New mums support

A volunteer information session for Support for New Mums Inc is being held on Saturday, 20 March, 10.30am–12.30pm in the meeting room at Stone & Wood Brewery, 100 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. RSVP by 15 March to Deb at: newmums8@gmail.com or text 0490 409 039.

Sanctuary NR AGM

The annual general meeting for Sanctuary Northern Rivers Inc will be held on Wednesday, 17 March at 6pm (gathering from 5.30pm) at the

Lismore Workers Club, Keen Street, Lismore. For more information email info@sanctuary.asn.au.

Scavenge clean up

Spring into Scavenge Community Clean Up in Lismore involves a waterway clean-up and clothes swap; where litter collected becomes the currency to purchase quality pre-loved clothes, books and bric-a-brac. Taking place this Saturday, 13 March, from 4–6pm at Riverside Park by the river and Ballina Street bridge. Register online at https://bit.ly/3egaKrJ.

Free tech help 65+

Ballina Shire Meals on Wheels offer free technology help and training for people 65 and over. Phone Kristen: 0419 679 719 or Mark on: 0431 122 057 for more info.

Prostate cancer support

The next Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is on Monday, 15 March, 10am till 12noon at the Ballina Cherry Street Bowling Club. Phone Bob Corney on 6628 1527 or 0400 747.

Mahjong and cards

Mahjong and cards (500) for seniors. Our friendly group meet at 1pm Fridays in Byron at a local club. All welcome. Enquiries: Nancy 0498 480 373.

BPA meeting

Bangalow Progress Association meeting on Wednesday, 17 March at 7pm at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. All BPA members and Bangalow residents welcome.

Mullumbimby CWA

Mullumbimby Country Women’s Association (CWA) next branch meeting

is at 10am on Wednesday, 10 March at the CWA rooms (on the corner of Tincogan and Gordon Streets). New members are very welcome. For more information call 0427 847 282.

Mullum Magic Toastmasters Club

Come to the Mullum Magic Toastmasters Club and practice public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun supportive environment. New members and guests heartily welcomed. Meetings are held every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday from 7–9 pm at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall, 55 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Contact Ashni: 0439 843 657 or just turn up.

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

BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will meet on Thursday, 11 March at 10.30am for luncheon at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. The guest speaker is Mark Cochrane. Please book with Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com.au no later than the Monday before. Info: Margaret 0429 066 894. Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop All ladies tops \$2 for two weeks only. Drop into the shop and pick up a bargain at 32 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby.

OS Garden Club

The next meeting of the Ocean Shores Garden Club will be Monday, 15 March, 1.30pm at the Hub Hall next to K Hub (previously Target). Our AGM has now been transferred to April. Guest speaker is from Enchanted Wood Nursery’. Visitors welcome. Phone Margie 0412 246 310.

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

Local triathletes make good time at Tweed Enduro

Ross Kendall

Byron Tri Club members were just some of the 950 athletes who went to Pottsville last Saturday to compete in the seventh annual Tweed Enduro.

The long form of the event includes a 1.9 kilometre swim, 90 kilometre cycle and finishes with a 21.1 kilometre run.

‘Pottsville was buzzing with endurance athletes from across Queensland and New South Wales,’ event manager Kevin Pready said.

Byron club member Leonie Pedrazzini charged to the finish, just second in her



Byron Tri Club members prepare for racing last Saturday morning. (L-R) Brook Ferguson, Giula Scurria, Daniela Costa, Greg O’Meara, and Huw Jones.

age group in the long race, while Tim Waller and Will Glasson finished first in their age groups in the sprint race. Danny Rossi came in behind Tim to claim second

in the 30–34 year old men’s sprint. Tom Phillips took on his first long course while Nick Alessio returned to the sport after a break.

Lennox Head to play finals cricket in three senior grades

Ross Kendall

Senior cricket across the region is getting to the pointy end of the season as successful teams now focus on finals, as the regular season has been played out in first and second grade.

LJ Hooker – one day

In the top grade, local teams Lennox Head and Tintenbar-East Ballina will be playing finals cricket after

finishing third and fourth on the table. Lennox Head finished with the same number of wins as second-placed Marist Brothers Lismore, but also more losses.

Cudgen finished on top with 16 wins and just one loss from the 20 rounds of the regular season.

Coastal League

In second grade, Bangalow was the only local team

to play its way into the finals after achieving third spot on the ladder dominated by Cudgen (first), Terranora (second), and Pottsville in fourth. Lennox Head, Tintenbar-East Ballina and Byron Bay all finished on 91 points, but couldn’t find the late wins in the season to force their way into finals contention.

► Read more online: www.echo.net.au/sport

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- Live in the North Coast of NSW
- Hold a valid Pensioner Concession Card or a Department of Veteran Affairs Gold Card
- If you are not the registered homeowner, but your spouse is, you may be considered eligible collectively as a household.

A 3kW system is designed to generate an average of 12.6kwh per day, which will deliver electricity savings depending on each households energy consumption. Managing Director of SAE Group Glen Ashton comments “We know electricity bills continue to place a lot of pressure on households, and we are pleased to be working with the NSW Government to help ease the pressure on low income households.”

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The Solar for Low Income Household Trial is supported by the NSW Government.



Leah Anketell

Local Native wildlife portraiture born in Bulli NSW in 1984, Leah Anketell was raised in an abandoned hospital in a small town with a population of 6000.

'Glen Innes' is a town on the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales, Australia known for sapphire fossicking within its creek valleys and production of beef cattle. Leah's paintings originate with her childhood visions, and are strongly influenced by the Australian 'outback' culture. After graduating with High Distinctions in Painting, Life Drawing, and Sculpture, Leah was requested to work as a 'scenic film artist' for Australian films. As her paintings generated increasing attention, Leah left the film industry to pursue oil painting full time. Now residing in Byron Bay, Leah is considered to be one of Australia's leading young artists.

Ninbella Gallery. 19A Byron Street, Bangalow
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Help commemorate 100 years of achievements and become involved in the new era for Rotary.

The following towns are holding events organised by local Rotary Clubs and community participation is welcome:

- Friday 19 March, Lismore.
- Saturday 20 March, Alstonville.
- Saturday 27 March, Ballina.
- Sunday 11 April, Byron Bay.
- Saturday 17 April, Murwillumbah.
- Friday 23 April, Mullumbimby.

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

Contact Dave Harmon 0401 956 996
www.rotary9640.org

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Tirza's focus has remained on socially responsible, ethical businesses, arts, entertainment organisations and individuals. She also teaches Adobe programs through the Byron Community College, and privately, for individuals and organisations.

Think Blink Design offers all you need for an enduring collaboration.

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Tasa Jara Clothing

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The Empire's New Digs

What's old is new again! Mullum's Empire Cafe has had a new fitout, and now boasts some fresh new booths to cosy up in. Old-school diner vibes meets on-point modern cafe fare. Nice and/or naughty, delicious choices are yours for the making; be it a decadent burger stacked beyond what's sensible, or a nourishing vegan Buddha bowl, or a cuppa with a slice of cake, deliciousness awaits.

The Empire's century-old walls have seen many changes over the decades. The Shire's longest running eatery, it was named for the neighbouring Empire Theatre way back in 1945, and was a favourite haunt for hungry locals to meet and eat long before then. The last five years under current owners, Elke and Keven, are a brief chapter in a long history. It's humbling that after countless changes to both the cafe and the town, here it happily still is, an intrinsic part of the fabric of Mullum life.

20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby



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19 Mullumbimbi Street, **Brunswick Heads**

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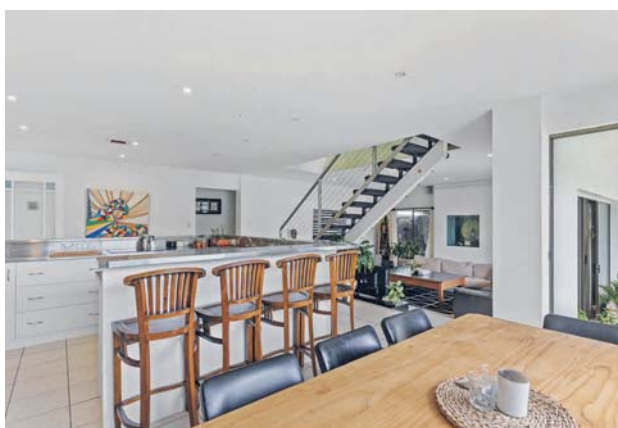
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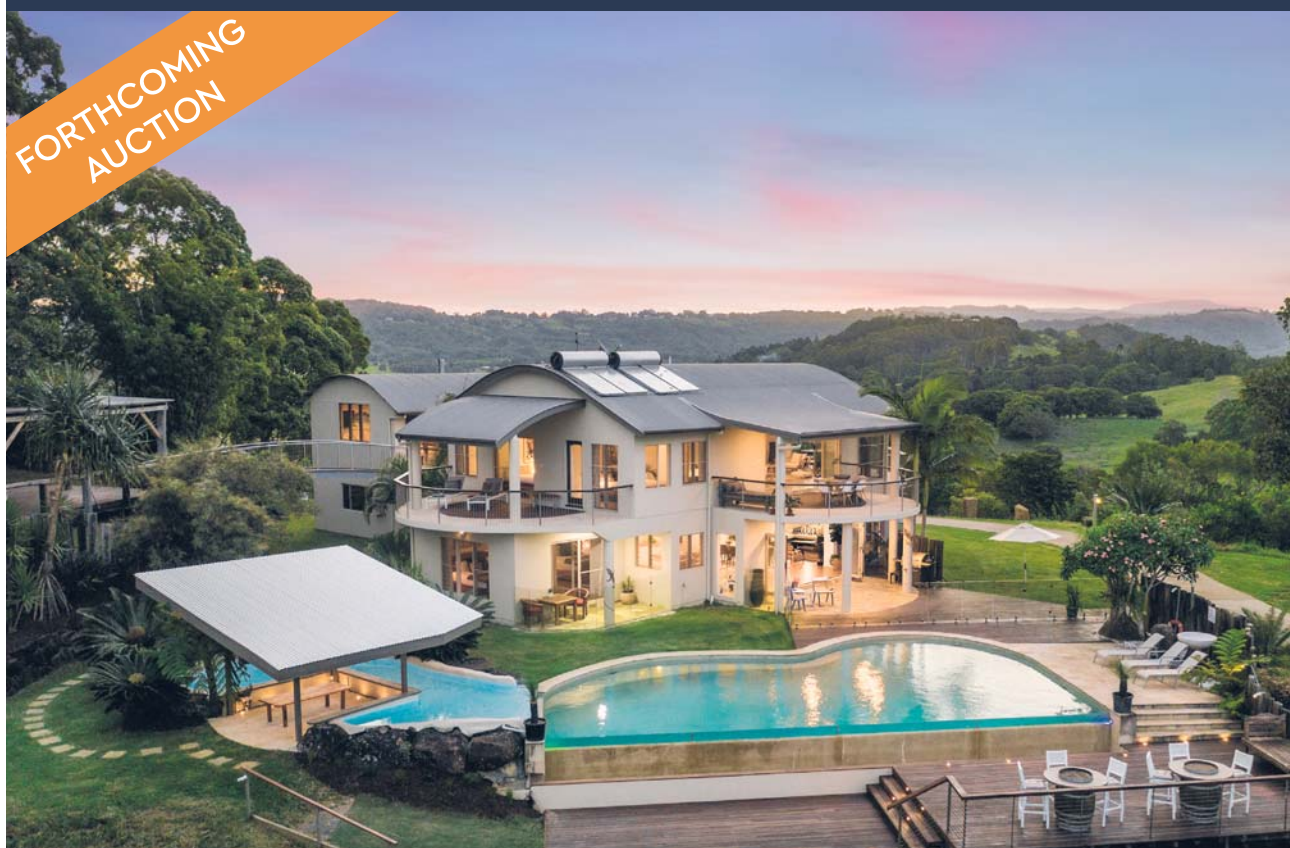
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 6  2  2  3.13 HA

Address: **21 Fig Tree Lane, Myocum**

Price Guide: \$4.6m – \$5m

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Address: **12 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head**

Price Guide: \$2m – \$2.2m

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419M²

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Price:

\$1.3m – \$1.4m

Open:

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Enquiries:

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941M²

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Address:

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Price:

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Open:

By Appointment

Enquiries:

Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



Elevated Family Home with Views to Mt. Chincogan


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1100M²

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Address:

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Price:

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Open:

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 - 12 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Fri 10-10.30am. By Appointment
 - 10/11 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
 - 12 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 10-10.30am. By Appointment
 - 410 Houghlahans Creek Road, Teven. Sat 11-11.30am
 - 21 Fig Tree Lane, Myocum. Sat 11-11.30am
 - 1/16 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
 - 15b Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
 - 2/68-70 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
 - 42 River Street, New Brighton. Sat 12-12.30pm

- Fuller & Co Real Estate**
- 11 Campbell St, Bangalow. Sat 10.30-11am

- GNF Bangalow**
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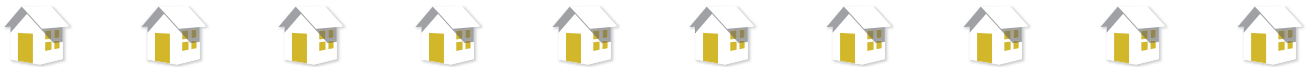
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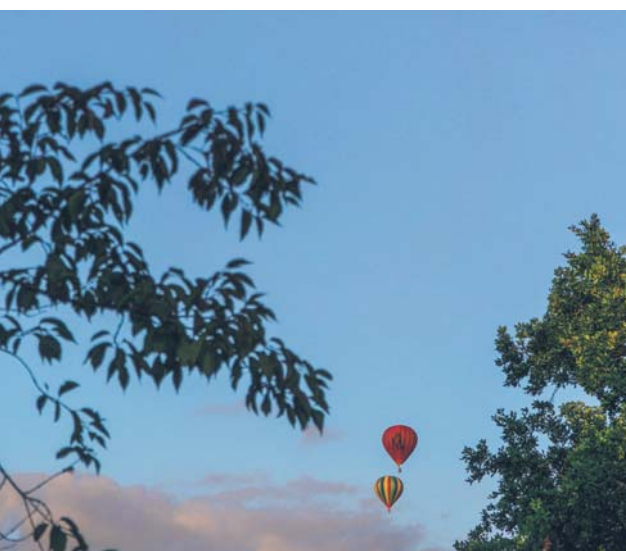
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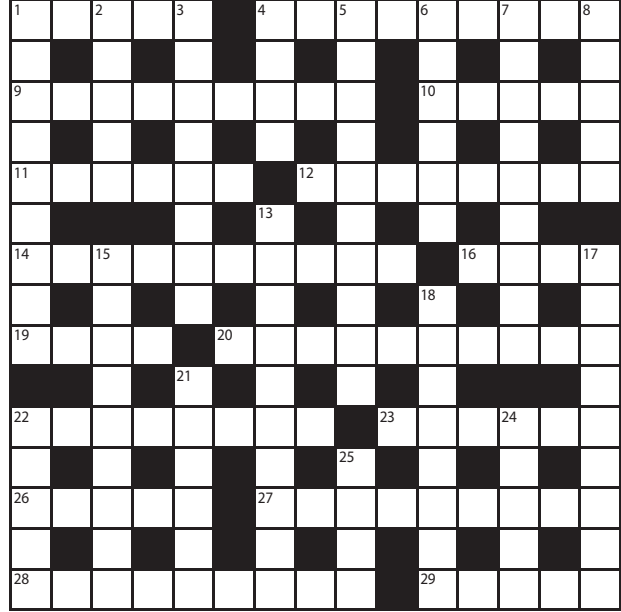
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Malthouse and Dundee – Irish Catholics (5)
4. Whip a horse – or a mountain lion (9)
9. Unexpected winner – could be a nightmare! (4,5)
10. Entertains armies (5)
11. Canberra charge: start filming! (6)
12. KABUL AND DAMASCUS (8)
14. Justin, singer of wood and water (10)
16. Hell, hotplate (4)
19. Raise those behind (4)
20. Catmint egg, drunk, for Irish singer Charlie (10)
22. International body explodes around South, and reveals all (8)
23. Betting ceremony for an elf (6)
26. A ringer: Eastern beauty (5)
27. A dollar for the inexperienced footballer (9)
28. 19, perhaps, with nothing about – about – about a poisonous element (9)
29. Time to study and walk (5)

DOWN

1. Threat to tea party host (3,6)
2. Weight of a jewel – sounds like an incentive! (5)
3. Glass boat (8)
4. 2 without a conveyance (4)
5. Site of sex and drugs and guns. Rock'n'roll waked berth (3,4,3)
6. Whiskers on the top lip from a goat (6)
7. Removing from office using neat device (9)
8. Examines over two thoroughfares around the East (5)
13. African with a small publication in charge of evil sorcery (5,5)
15. Lamb and beef over for rissoles (9)
17. Layer four pints on the journalist – he's harassed by women! (9)
18. Get moving – it's what you do with 29 (4,2,2)
21. A severe direction for 19 (6)
22. Shadow, er, supporter (5)
24. Angry about single tax (5)
25. Skin small fish (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Hypocorism for Michaels (5)
4. Cougar (9)
9. An unanticipated victor (4,5)
10. Stores data on a server (5)
11. The process of doing something (6)
12. Letterforms beginning sentences and titles (8)
14. Pop star responsible for *SexyBack* (10)
16. Shallow, concave receptacle (4)
19. Back part (4)
20. Irish surname, namesake of lane in Ewingsdale (10)
22. Discloses one's secrets (8)
23. Faerie (6)
26. Most charming, attractive woman (5)
27. United States Dollar (9)
28. Of or containing arsenic (9)
29. Grippy part of a tyre or shoe (5)

DOWN

1. Eccentric, unpredictable person (3,6)
2. Measure of the purity of gold (5)
3. Measure of beer in Australia (8)
4. Small wheeled vehicle (4)
5. Internet used by criminals (3,4,3)
6. Luxurious textile (6)
7. Ousting (9)
8. Longform cricket matches (5)
13. Malicious supernatural powers (5,5)
15. Round morsels served with spaghetti (9)
17. Browbeaten bloke (9)
18. Hurry up (4,2,2)
21. Toward the rear (6)
22. Area in shadow (5)
24. Incensed (5)
25. Remove the outer covering (4)

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Temporary part-time, 0.35 FTE
Commencing Term 2, 2021

Cape Byron Rudolf Steiner School (CBRSS) is an independent, co-educational K-12 School with 370 students situated near the township of Byron Bay. CBRSS is looking to employ an experienced Learning Support Coordinator on a temporary part time basis for the 2021 school year only, at which the continuation of the position will be reviewed.

The Learning Support Coordinator is responsible for the development and continuous improvement of learning support in the High School, collaborating with teachers to monitor the progress of students requiring learning support or extension. In addition, you will also coordinate NAPLAN testing in the High School.

The successful applicant will hold a current NSW Working with Children Check and be registered with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Applications close 9am, Monday 22nd March 2021.
Position Description and application process available capebyronsteiner.nsw.edu.au




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DEATH NOTICES


Shirley Brenda Church

Late of South Golden Beach, NSW. Formerly of Manilla, NSW. Passed away peacefully on Thursday 4th March 2021.

Aged 90 Years.


Dearly loved Wife of Dudley (dec). Loved Mother of Reg, Lyn (dec), Jeff, Ralph, Narelle and Norman. Cherished Nan of all her Grandchildren and her Great-grandchildren. R.I.P.

A private cremation has been held.



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COMPTON, STEWART JOHN
1 Oct 1956 – 1 Mar 2021



Passed away peacefully on 1 March 2021. Dearly loved husband of Leanne. Devoted father and father-in-law of Tim and Kristyn, Anna. Proud poppy of Leo. Loved son of Elaine and Max (dec) and brother and brother-in-law.

Surfin’ the clouds; forever in our hearts.

A service was held on 8 March 2021; privately cremated.



GUARDIAN FUNERALS BALLINA 6686 7036

FUNERAL NOTICES

BLEEKER, PIETER
(27/11/1938 – 28/02/2021)

Passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family. Much loved husband of Marijke. Loved father of Anne Marieke, Wouter & Yuko, and Elke. Beloved Opa to Lara, Nikkola, Grenouille and Pieter-Ren. Pieter will be missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Pieter’s life to be held at the Melaleuca Station Crematorium Chapel, 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah at 11:30am on Wednesday 10 March 2021.



MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS 6684 6232


HULBERT (nee JARRETT), JANACE ROSE “JAN”
15. 02. 1938 – 05. 03. 2021

Late of Bangalow. Beloved wife of Roy (dec). Loving mother of Alan, Wendy, Noel and Owen. Adored grandma of her 12 grandchildren and great grandma of Charlie Roy. Loved sister of Raymond, Tom and Mervyn (dec).

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Jan’s Funeral Service to be held at the Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showgrounds on Tuesday (16 March, 2021) commencing at 11am. After the Service a private interment will be held.

It was Jan’s wish that you bring a single flower from your garden to her funeral.

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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	
11	T	6:44 19:07	4:16 18:07	08:17 1.74 20:33 1.32	01:30 0.39 14:42 0.35	
12	F	6:44 19:06	5:16 18:43	08:58 1.74 21:12 1.39	02:15 0.34 15:15 0.32	
13	SA	6:45 19:05	6:13 19:16	09:32 1.72 21:46 1.43	02:55 0.32 15:45 0.31	
14	SU	6:45 19:04	7:09 19:46	10:05 1.67 22:20 1.47	03:31 0.32 16:14 0.31	
15	M	6:46 19:03	8:03 20:16	10:35 1.61 22:53 1.49	04:07 0.35 16:41 0.33	
16	TU	6:47 19:02	8:56 20:45	11:03 1.53 23:26 1.50	04:44 0.41 17:07 0.35	
17	W	6:47 19:01	9:49 21:16	11:32 1.43 00:00 1.50	05:20 0.47 17:34 0.39	
18	T	6:48 18:59	10:42 21:49	12:02 1.32 00:38 1.47	06:00 0.55 18:03 0.44	
19	F	6:48 18:58	11:36 22:25	12:37 1.21 01:13 1.21	06:47 0.63 18:35 0.50	
20	SA	6:49 18:57	12:31 23:05	01:23 1.44 01:50 1.11	07:45 0.69 19:15 0.57	
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22	M	6:50 18:55	14:20 23:50	03:33 1.39 03:50 0.99	10:36 0.72 21:31 0.66	
23	TU	6:51 18:54	15:12 0:41	04:52 1.43 04:52 1.03	11:53 0.66 22:54 0.63	
24	W	6:51 18:52	16:01 1:37	05:58 1.51 05:58 1.12	12:45 0.57	

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A March for Justice will be held on March 15 from 12pm, starting at the Mullum Civic Hall, and is part of marches planned across Australia calling for equality, justice, respect and fairness. Thankfully, last week's National Press Club address by 2021 Australian of the Year, and sexual assault survivor, Grace Tame, made up for the insanity that keeps percolating from within Canberra's toxic bubble.

CNN reports the world's first space hotel is scheduled to open in 2027. Voyager Station will be built by Orbital Assembly Corporation, and construction is expected to begin in 2026. As in the Stanley Kubrick movie 2001: A Space Odyssey, the design includes a rotating wheel, which 'would work to create a simulated gravity'.

It's the deep fake age, so everyone please brace yourselves in the upright position – last week, realistic looking videos of Tom Cruise confused TikTok users, which is understandable, given the real Cruise is a deep fake and TikTok is Chinese-owned psyops.

Psst: A suggested resignation speech of a private school educated hypocrite, liar, alleged rapist and destroyer of the 'rule of law' is on page 8.

While it's likely an urban legend, it's a good yarn anyway: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was supposed to have sent a telegram to 12 men '... of great virtue and respected in society'. The telegram read 'Flee! All has been discovered'. Within 24 hours, the story goes, all 12 House of Lords members had fled the UK.



The local chapter of the World Naked Bike Ride will meet in Byron Bay, on Sunday March 14. All are welcome to meet at 1pm for a 3pm ride, next to the YAC in Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay. Organisers say the global event promotes awareness of cyclists on the road, protests against dependency on fossil fuels for transport, and celebrates a body positive attitude. Naked skaters and scooterists are welcome too, say organisers.

Photo Jeff 'Undressing For Photos Since 1986' Dawson

Everybody's best friend representing a terrible government, Ben Franklin MLC (Nationals), thinks he represents the area, despite losing the last NSW election against Greens MP Tamara Smith. This week, *Echo* readers are critical of *The Echo* for running his endless funding announcements, given he is not the local representative. It's a fair point, though Mr Franklin may disagree that *The Echo* is not supportive enough of his terrible government's wonderful achievements in giving our taxes back to us via pork barrelling.

While it's been reopened for a while, a few political actors assembled on Monday to celebrate the restoration works for the South Arm Bridge in Brunswick Heads. Hardwood recycled timbers from bridge replacements in Bangalow were used in the upgrade, which was jointly funded by Council and the federal government (\$607,530 each).

German, having changed their name in 1917 from Saxe Coburg to Windsor to avoid UK anti-German sentiment during WW1.

Some of the books by Theodor Seuss Geisel, or Dr Seuss, have been withdrawn from publication, prompting a swift uptake in sales and the ire of those who purport to defend free speech. Yet the books in question contain racist stereotypes, something which *The Guardian* reports was regretted by the author later in life.

Congrats to the local chapter of the Labor Party, who celebrated their 100 year anniversary on March 6. While it was actually in 2020, Labor's Asren Pugh says celebrations for the Byron Bay branch were held over owing to COVID-19 health restrictions.



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