

Baes begone!

Opposition to Netflix's plans grows



Monday morning's Main Beach paddle out attracted over a hundred locals who are not in favour of tax avoiding, giant US corporation Netflix exploiting Byron Bay through a reality TV show. See Mandy's column, page 23. Photo Jeff 'Protests And Paddles Since 1986' Dawson

Eve Jeffery

Faster than a speeding reality TV producer, Byron locals have swiftly mounted a multi-pronged attack against the proposed 'influencer' based show *Byron Baes*, with two protests held since Netflix announced the program less than two weeks ago.

Tess Hall said that she started a petition as soon as the show was announced.

She said, 'I wanted to give our community a voice and to ensure that the planned Netflix production is not granted filming permits that will allow them to film anywhere they please in our Shire and surrounds.'

The petition attracted 3,000

signatures in the first day, and after a week, was well on the way to 8,000.

Mayor Simon Richardson says he will move a motion that puts on record Council's disapproval, yet also says there is nothing Council can do to stop unwanted film productions.

Meanwhile, Byron residents and business owners met at Main Beach last Friday to share their concerns about the series, which they say has been forced upon the town without any community consultation.

Byron Bay General Store owner and Parkway Drive band member, Ben Gordon, said, 'We're not a commodity, we're a community. We're not just something for companies

to make money from. There's a lot of people who have lived here for a long time, this is our home, and it is a very special and sacred place to us.'

Local businesses represented included Bay LeafCafe, The Roadhouse Cafe, No Bones Restaurant, Di Vino Restaurant, Shromunity and The Bread Social.

Arakwal woman Delta Kay was also present at the meeting.

She told *The Echo*, 'I grew up here. Grew up right across the bay here at the Belongil, and later over at Tallow Beach, so I have seen massive changes in my traditional homelands.'

'Our elders have fought very hard to have a say over country, and to protect country. It took over 20 years

for our elders to get our Native Title.'

She says native title means being able to look after country, have a say over country, and 'ensure that we work together as a community so our community values and our environmental values are adhered to'.

Mob not consulted

Ms Kay said no-one from the production contacted her or any other traditional owners.

She said, 'We have huge environmental issues, huge social issues here'.

'I don't want these influencers coming here and painting this fantasy picture that all is well in Byron Bay. It isn't'.

5MW solar farm funding under question

A 5MW solar farm proposed for Myocum, located near the Byron Resource Recovery Centre, poses a 'high degree of risk', and could jeopardise funding for other large Council infrastructure projects, according to a staff report, to be tabled at this Thursday's meeting.

The Council project is part of its strategy to achieve a Net Zero Emissions target by 2025, along with the 0.5MW Bioenergy Facility.

So far, 'Council has invested \$656,300 in actual and committed costs in the feasibility of the Dingo Lane Solar Farm overall', says the report.

Council expects that it will need to borrow the full \$12m to fund the project, which would 'increase debt level by 20 per cent overall and by 57 per cent in the General Fund immediately'.

Projects at risk

Projects identified at risk of losing funding to the solar project include Byron Bay Bypass additional funding (\$1.75m), Bio Energy - assuming no grant funding (\$12m), Mullumbimby Hospital - post remediation (unknown), Byron Bay Hospital (\$3.5m), Byron Bay Drainage Strategy - assuming grant funding (\$5m), Sandhills Estate - assuming grant funding (\$3.5m), Byron Bay Town Centre Masterplan, Rail Corridor - Reinstatement of light rail, Coastal Protection Works, Vallances Road Sustainability Centre, Lot 22 Mullumbimby Development, Byron Bay Memorial Pool, Relocation and renewal of Bayshore Drive Depot.

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Mojosurf helps Indonesians in crisis

Indonesians who are suffering from the collapse of the tourism industry in 2020 are set to benefit from a GoFundMe campaign, headed by local tourism operator, Mojosurf.

The company says, for the past 20 years, it has operated surf adventures across Australia, Indonesia, and Portugal and continues to run community and environmental development programs in these locations.

Nathan Folkes, Mojosurf's owner and founder, says, 'Mojosurf is dedicated to continuing its support of these communities, despite facing its own challenges from the impact of COVID-19'.

'With more than 13.5 million Indonesians losing their jobs owing to COVID-19 and no governmental safety nets, such as we are privileged to have here in Australia, Mojo has kept Indonesian teams engaged and working on these important community projects, even through the height of the pandemic.'

He says, over the past six years, the company has funded community development and environmental programs, 'including repairing



Mojosurf crew. Photo Jeff Dawson

a local orphanage, ongoing funding for children's education, cleaning up beaches, and helping to establish sustainable businesses and housing for locals'.

Mojosurf aims to raise \$134,000 to cover the costs of these vital programs in Indonesia for the next 12 months.

Mr Folkes says, 'Our business has been annihilated

by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we can no longer rely on our surf camps to fund this important work'.

'That's why we have put this campaign together.'

End of JobKeeper

'These communities rely on Mojo and we will not turn our backs on them and their families.'

'We have made it this

far but with the end of JobKeeper and ongoing travel restrictions, we now have to ask for help. We hope that everyday Australians who love Bali and beyond will step up and show them why Australians are renowned for lending a helping hand in times of crisis', Folkes adds.

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Youth-focused market returns Saturday

A youth and family-friendly community-based market, held at the Youth Activities Centre (YAC) in Byron, is set to return after a hiatus owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

New market curator Jacqui Adams says, 'This market is not only about buying, it's about community connection, exchange and having fun'.

'So much fresh energy has been poured into the event – there will be second-hand clothing, vintage fashion, food, artisan crafts, incubating businesses, live music and so much more.'

'It is an all ages event, so get down to the YAC with the family for a rummage, and a shop. There are some great food stalls for lunch – sit



Lealah Shostak, with artist Nina Hurr and the sign she designed and painted.

Photo Jeff Dawson

down, eat and enjoy some tunes from local young musicians and some craft activities.

'The Byron Flea is the only youth-focused market in the Byron Shire! BYS is proud to launch this as part of

Youth Week 2021. Come and celebrate on Saturday April 24 from 11am till 3pm, at 1 Gilmore Crescent, the YAC.'

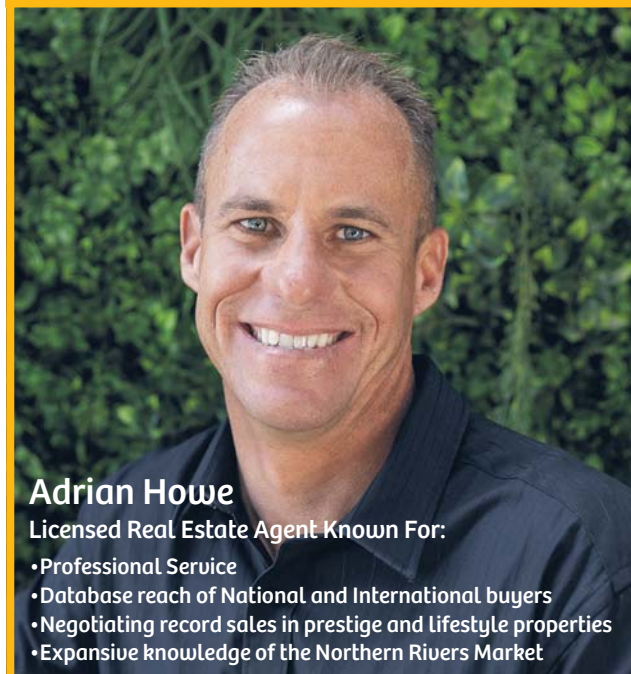
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ANZAC day commemorations, April 25

Mullumbimby RSL Sub-Branch & the Ex-Services Club welcome everyone to commemorate ANZAC day on Sunday, April 25.

The Dawn Service will commence at 4.28am, at the Cenotaph (55 Dalley St) opposite the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

It will be followed by a 'Gunfire Breakfast' at the Ex-Services Club.

Secretary of the Mullumbimby RSL Sub-Branch, Neville Watts, says the main service will commence with a parade at 10.45am through the CBD, followed by a commemorative service at the

Cenotaph.

In Byron Bay, a dawn service will be held at the Services Club, with a 5am assembly time and a 5.30am start.

Owing to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no march, but a wreath laying service will be held at the Memorial

Gates at 11am sharp.

This will be followed by luncheon at the Byron Bay Services Club, 12 noon.

While no service is planned in Bangalow owing to COVID-19 restrictions, the RSL hall will be open from 10.30am for anyone wishing to lay a wreath or flowers.



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Tony's next play profiles a political giant

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Local actor-vist, Tony Barry, has taken on a lot since he moved to the Northern Rivers, and though cancer took one of his legs, Tony still manages to put in the hard yards for social, environmental and human rights causes.

While he continues to fight the good fight, the well known and accomplished actor has decided to work on one of his own projects, and has booked the Drill Hall to bring Ben Chifley, Labor Prime Minister from 1945 to 1949, back to life.

The play, *A Local Man: A Play about Ben Chifley*, was written for Tony by the late Bob Ellis and Professor Robin McLachlan.

It opened in Bathurst, Ben's home town, in 2004, and then toured the east coast after a successful six week season at the Ensemble Theatre in Sydney.

Tony says the experience of playing arguably the greatest Australian prime minister, is one he will never forget.

He and one of the co-writers had a strange coincidence at the time of Chifley's death in 1951.



Tony Barry and his 'Bring Back The Chif' T-shirt with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's 'Four Freedoms' printed on the back. These shirts will be for sale at the April 30 event.

'Bob Ellis and I had the same experience when Ben Chifley died. Both of our fathers burst into tears, and it was the first time either of us had seen our fathers cry.

One-man show

'I was only about ten when the news broke. Dad said to me, "We've lost one of the good ones son. He's one of the few politicians worth his salt". And you know what?

Nothing's changed'.

While he won't be performing it live, *A Local Man: A Play about Ben Chifley* will be a screening from Sydney's 2004 performance

It will be a prelude to Tony's latest one-man show, *A Good Look Around*, which explores Tony's life and times in film, TV, activism, alcoholism, cancer recovery, and his traumatic experiences at the hands of the Catholic Church

when he was a child.

Tony plans to perform the new show later in 2021, and go on tour early next year.

He plans to use funds raised from the Chifley play screening to go towards the one-man show.

You can see the screening of *A Local Man: A Play about Ben Chifley*, followed by a Q&A and book signing with Tony at the Drill Hall on Friday April 30 from 7pm.

Rotary memorabilia, Anzac Day exhibition on show

The Mullumbimby Rotary Club is celebrating the centenary of the formation of Rotary in Australia, and local memorabilia is now on exhibition at the Brunswick Valley Historical Society (BVHS), located at 17 Myokum Street, Mullumbimby.

Susan Tsicalas from BVHS says, 'Members have loaned lots of memorabilia about the local club to the museum to display to help the club celebrate - photos, clothing, certificates, banners etc'.

'The museum also has extended the display to the Stewart's Menswear window.

'For the centenary, Rotary are promoting awareness of

Domestic Violence to support victims and to promote education to break the cycle.

'Next to this is an Anzac Day exhibition to honour the local women who participated in the Second World War'.

50 local women

Ms Tsicalas says over local 50 women participated in the Air Force, Army and Navy in many and varied roles.

Ms Tsicalas says, 'One of our members, Gay Dunlop, nee Hollingworth, was in the Women's Auxiliary Australia Air Force as a signaller and was based in Townsville'.

For more info, visit www.mullumbimbymuseum.org.au.

Filmmaker Jack McCoy, speaks, May 8

Filmmaker, Jack McCoy, is bringing his highly acclaimed surf talk, film and live music event to the Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Saturday May 8.

Organisers say audiences can expect a mix of storytelling, never before screened film clips, and photographs from Jack's 45 year career.

'McCoy has produced

25, multiple award-winning feature films, including *Tubular Swells*, *Storm Rider*, *Green Iguana*, *Occy The Occumentary*, *Blue Horizon* and *A Deeper Shade of Blue*.

Mr McCoy will be joined by special guests Derek Hynd, Dion Agius and Dave Rastovich. Tickets are available through Eventbrite; visit www.jackmccoy.com for details.

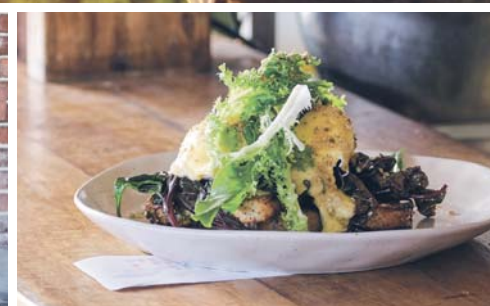


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Fresh faces for Council elections

Paul Bibby

A very distinct, black flat-cap has just been thrown into the ring for the upcoming Byron Council elections, pegged for September 4.

The headwear belongs to Mark Swivel, the co-founder of community legal service Barefoot Law, who also moonlights as the unofficial leader of Mullum's famous Dustyesky Russian choir (which is where the hat comes from).

Oh, and he also launched a political party that made a Senate tilt at the last federal election.

Clearly he doesn't have enough going on, so 'Swiv' as he's known around the traps, has decided to stand for Byron Council as an independent at the elections in March.

Joining him on the team will be longtime local sustainable tourism specialist, Meredith Wray.

There is talk that they may be joined on the ticket by Byron's 2021 Citizen of the Year, Zenith Virago, but she is yet to formally commit to running.

The Echo caught up with Mr Swivel during the week (we had to run because he was moving quite quickly at the time) to ask a few key questions about his latest foray into the weird and whacky world of politics.

What is the main motivation behind your decision to run for Byron Council?

It's time – this is a natural extension of what I've done



Mark Swivel and Meredith Wray. Photo Jeff Dawson

in the community with Barefoot Law, Enova Energy, Spaghetti Circus, Eureka FC, and Bay FM. Meredith wants to bring her expertise in sustainable tourism to improve visitor management planning and leave a legacy after her long career here.

Byron needs a storyteller to connect locally, in Macquarie Street and the wider world. We want to tell Byron's story of energy, creativity and diversity – of where we've been and where we're going as a community.

Arguably the biggest issue facing our community is the housing crisis. If elected, how do you intend to address that crisis?

We need to direct every policy lever to this genuine emergency – from DAs to zoning, from enforcement

action to lobbying. Byron exemplifies the national problem of bad housing policy that favours the better off and damages our communities.

We will support the push for a 90 day cap on short-term holiday letting and all policies that can deliver more homes in Byron Shire.

Do you support the implementation of paid parking in Brunswick Heads?

Should we have different policies for different towns? Paid parking makes sense across the Shire to raise revenue and meet costs. Locals can use parking permits. Visitors can pay to access our town centres as they do all over Australia and the world.

Are you willing to stand up and vote according to your principles even though it will at times mean angering dozens of locals and being pilloried on social media?

Yes.

Do you support the attempt to put trains back on the tracks in the Byron Shire?

No, sadly. Discontinuing regional railway was one of the worst decisions in our economic history. However, the trains are not coming back. As in neighbouring shires, Byron should accept that reality and plan for a future that opens up rail trail corridors to locals and visitors, connecting the shire, adding to how we all get around and enjoy this place!

■ Answers by independent councillor candidates, Mark Swivel and Meredith Wray.

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Pottsville policing forum asks the hard questions

Members of the Pottsville and Tweed Coast community say that in response to an increase in criminal activity in the area and their request for increased police presence, they hosted a police presentation last Wednesday at the Pottsville Beach Community Hall.

Keeping an eye on Lismore's yellow crazy ants

A surviving population of yellow crazy ant (YCA) is under surveillance and being treated in Lismore following the positive identification of the invasive pest.

Remembering Peter Warner

Ballina's legendary man of the sea Peter Warner died doing what he loved best, sailing, during an attempted crossing of the Ballina Bar in rough conditions last week. He was ninety years old.

The Channon resilient after disaster

In November 2019, in an unprecedented disaster, the World Heritage Nightcap National Park was burning. The fires threatened many homes. Since December 2020 The Channon and Surrounds Disaster Resilience Group have been working with the broader community to create a community-led Disaster Resilience Plan.

Will the Shenhua Watermark coal mine be cancelled?

News is trickling through unofficial channels about the possibility of a Berejiklian government plan to buy out the remaining licence from the Shenhua Watermark coal mine project at Breeza in the state's west.

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Tweed Council adopts Jack Evans Boat Harbour plan

Tweed Shire Council has announced that they have adopted the Plan of Management for the Jack Evans Boat Harbour precinct, after approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The plan sets out the future planning and management of the precinct, and ensures the area is protected and used as the recreational and tourist centrepiece for Tweed Heads.

The draft plan was placed on public exhibition, which closed on December 8, 2020 and was adopted by Council at its 18 February 2021 meeting.

Tweed Mayor Chris Cherry thanked residents for their input. 'I would like to extend

my thanks to everyone that provided their feedback as part of the consultation.'

'Their contributions will make certain the priorities to enhance, protect and manage the precinct are delivered and that the plan meets the needs of the Tweed community now and into the future.'

The Plan of Management covers several parklands in the area, the northern and western sections of the waterway and some sections of Ebenezer Park.

Member for Tweed, Geoff Provest (Nationals), said approval and adoption of the Plan of Management will ensure 11 hectares of prime community land at the Jack



The Jack Evans Boat Harbour precinct is located behind Twin Towns at Tweed Heads.

Evans Boat Harbour precinct can serve as a recreational and tourism focal point for Tweed Heads.

'The NSW Government has invested over \$193,000 from its Crown Reserves Improvement Fund into this

urban parkland precinct over the past two years to support boardwalk, cycleway, seating and shade improvements as well as erosion protection work, so it's great to see the precinct plan coming to fruition,' Mr Provest said.

Tweed Council say the plan is consistent with the Tweed Shire Open Space Strategy, and Council's policy for Commercial Recreation Activities on Public Open Space.

NSW Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the Plan of Management is an important document as it ensures appropriate management and use of valued community land, so that residents and visitors to the Tweed region can continue to enjoy this community space for generations to come.

To view the Jack Evans Boat Harbour Plan of Management, and its companion guide, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/JEBH.

Lismore Council hopeful claims she was bullied

David Lowe

Since declaring her interest in running for Lismore Council on September 4, Sally Flannery says she has been subjected to sustained attacks, both online and upon her property.

Ms Flannery, 27, said on social media, 'Our community is such a beautiful one, we call our town "Lovemore" and are known to champion diversity and inclusion - yet there is a cloud of toxicity that goes unaddressed. Many see it as "keyboard warriors" but it is so much more than that and it's time to call it out really publicly.'

'Public debate is a part of a healthy democracy, but what I experienced crossed a line and sadly it's not an isolated experience,' she said.

Sally Flannery says her employer was called and she was threatened 'to either not run for Council, or to run with a certain person, and told that those were my only options otherwise I would face public



Sally Flannery. Photo Denise Alison

humiliation and degradation for the next six months.'

Ms Flannery has named two well known Lismore men associated with the abuse.

Within 24 hours of the initial threat, Sally Flannery said her glass front door was smashed and a locked mailbox ripped off the wall and stolen.

Ms Flannery says the

worst thing is realising that the culture of intimidation and fear in the Lismore community goes way beyond her personal experience, with many other people (mostly women) having come forward with similar stories.

She added the police and NSW Electoral Commission are both involved and are investigating her case.

MardiGrass lineup grows for May 1, 2

Two newly elected Legalise Cannabis politicians from WA, and a recently retired magistrate are just a few of the headliners for MardiGrass 2021, to be held in the village of Nimbin on May 1 and 2.

HEMP Embassy president and host of the event, Michael Balderstone, says there will be a 'lot of comedy and a lot of politicians, which should balance each other out'.

A highlight, he says, is welcoming back David Heilpen since he quit the bench. Mr Balderstone says, 'He will MC a Q&A on roadside drug testing, the main reason he disrobed'.

'And from the opposite side of the ledger, legendary healer and medicine maker Tony Bower from Mullaways is allowed back again, which is great news'.

'HEMP farming is increasing in popularity and you can learn how to get a licence

and grow your own at a MardiGrass workshop'.

He says, 'The war on cannabis keeps getting swept under the carpet, with our leaders telling us medical cannabis is now legal.'

'They don't tell us it's too expensive for anyone not on a decent wage.'

'A highlight of the talks will be the debate over the "Pharmaceuticalisation of Cannabis"'. MardiGrass is all about standing up to their bullying, ideally in a joyous weekend of peaceful protest'.

War on weed

'The still growing program is on nimbinmardigrass.com and we expect everyone who knows how appalling the war on weed is to make an effort and come to Nimbin for at least one day over the weekend.'

'Don't let them get away with it!'

Upgrades for Ballina's Lighthouse Parade

One of the showcase areas of Ballina is about to get a safety and aesthetic upgrade, with the 500 metre Lighthouse Parade Pedestrian Precinct and Road Safety Project commencing soon.

Ballina Council says improved pedestrian and cycling amenity is at the heart of the new safety project, set to commence in late April 2021. Council says the project aims to improve visual amenity and safety, with kerb and guttering, car parking, and traffic calming devices.



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Stolen cars become fire hazard in Main Arm

Paul Bibby

Locals are being reminded to carefully secure their vehicles at night after three cars were recently stolen, driven to Main Arm, and set alight.

Main Arm's Rural Fire Service volunteers have received three rude awakenings in the past 10 days in response to the incidents, which happened in the early hours of the morning.

'It's just as well we've had rain recently,' Main Arm Rural Fire Brigade Captain, Mark Stanford, said.

'If it was dry, we would have had three very dangerous fires. It's a good reminder to people to secure their cars at night.'

Creek polluted

While the blazes were fairly easily contained, they did result in potentially toxic smoke pouring into the surrounding neighbourhood and, in one case, heavily polluted water flowing into a nearby creek.

'The third one was on Palmwoods Road right beside the creek,' Mr Stanford said.

The other two fires were down a steep bank near Durrumbul Hall, and near an abandoned quarry on The Pocket Road.

Local police are investigating the incidents, but are yet to comment on the matter.

'Aside, obviously, from the main issue that people have had their cars destroyed, the fact that we volunteers have to get out of bed in the middle of the night to clean up someone else's mess is pretty frustrating,' Mr Stanford said, adding, 'They're being dickheads'.



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Sun Bistro's new owners plan full redesign



From left, Winchester Group's Shaun Dunleavy and Jedd Rifai, with Jeremy Holmes at The Sun. Photo supplied

After a brief sales campaign, Elements of Byron Resort owner Brian Flannery has sold The Sun Bistro on Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay, for an undisclosed sum to an investment group, led by the Winchester Group.

Winchester Group's founder and director, Shaun Dunleavy, said, 'We are excited to once again be based in Byron Bay.'

'With Byron seeing recent changes, we really want to ensure the venue continues with strong roots in the community,' said Shaun. 'That it's welcoming to everyone, sourcing suppliers locally and offering good old-fashioned value for money.'

Customer focused

'While being respectful to the character of the building and its stunning natural position, everything from the branding and bar, through to the restaurant and beer garden, will be thoughtfully redesigned toward a more customer focused experience.'

Development director at North Byron Beach Resort, Jeremy Holmes, says, 'We have really enjoyed building and operating The Sun over the last six years.'

'The community support has been terrific. The Sun needed a fresh vision and we could not be happier that the Winchester Group is taking over this wonderful business.'

'We are still very much a part of and invested in this community and will be working alongside the Winchester Group as we continue to own and operate Elements of Byron Resort, Bayshore Bungalows and the not-for-profit Byron Solar Train.'

According to www.the-hotelconversation.com.au, 'The Sun occupies a 7,653sqm freehold landholding located on Byron Bay's North Beach in a significant growth area, the hotel is surrounded by key demand drivers including Habitat Precinct, The Arts and Industry Estate, Elements of Byron Resort and the North Beach Solar Train Station.'



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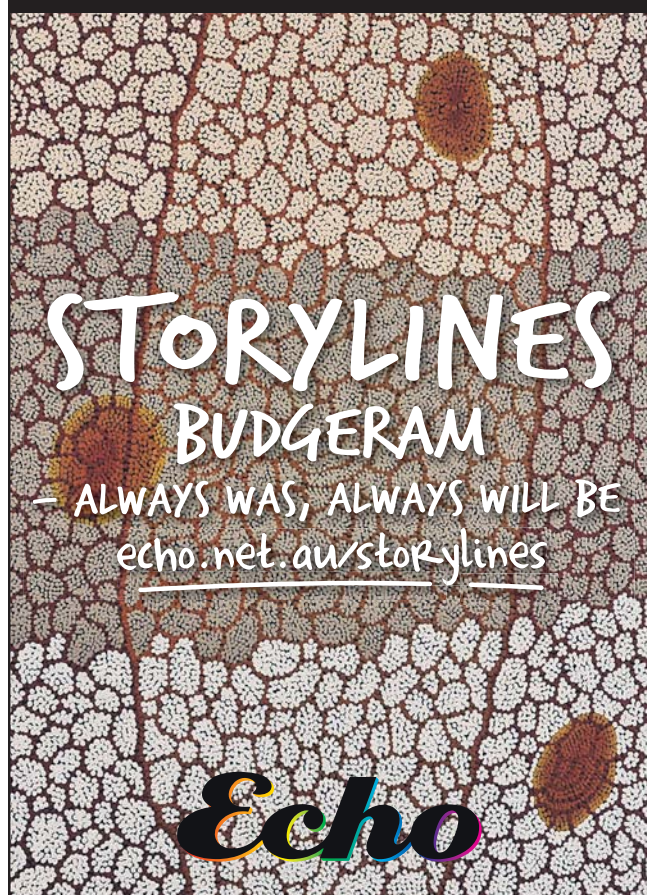
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Renew Fest casts the big conversations

This year, Renew Fest has teamed up with local ecologically and socially conscious podcasters who will help facilitate the big inspiring conversations and stories of the festival headliners and panelists.

'Stories change lives', says festival director, Ella Rose Goninan.

'We wanted to shift from keynote talks to a more interactive conversational style to draw audiences into the deep personal stories of our festival presenters. We will also have podcasters record their sessions and publish them online in the weeks after the festival, and are super excited about this!'

The podcasters will facilitate twelve themed round table panels, across the festival weekend, as well as do live interviews with the headliner guests.

Cyprien Clerc from the *FutureSeeds* podcast says, 'Our minds are formed by our environment and the information we receive. This is why we need to hear the other side of the story, we need positive media.'

'Renew Fest is everything that I love. Just as I aim for in my own podcast, the festival encompasses humanity,



Thomas Keily, Cyprien Clerc, Katie Grubb and Rob Royale. Photo Anna Meltzer

community and science to form a complete picture of the world change that we need.'

Thomas Keily from *Comedian v Economist* says, 'It often seems that there's a deliberate attempt to make economics inaccessible. As podcasters, we have to "fight the power" and make knowledge and wisdom decentralised and free.'

James Perrin from *The Overview Effect* says, 'In a world where we are bombarded with numbers, expert opinions, and a media frenzy,

storytelling offers us an alternative. It offers us a form of intimate human connection that we so desperately need.'

'I'm looking forward to having these human moments, to gather, listen, learn, and connect at Renew Fest.'

Mullum Heads

Other podcasters featured at Renew Fest include podcasters Rob Royale and Katie Grubb from *Mullum Heads*, and Helen McCokser from *Carbon8*.

The festival's conversational approach begins on the special Friday night opening event, when local Indigenous elder and trauma expert Judy Atkinson will be in dialogue with Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, Senior Australian of the Year and teacher of 'dadirri' (deep listening), who will appear via Zoom.

The festival runs May 7-9 at Mullumbimby Showground, with an opening night Friday 7 May at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall. Tickets and info at www.renewfest.org.au.

Bruns boarding house showdown, Thursday

Paul Bibby

The stage is set for a crucial debate over the Brunswick Heads 'Corso' development in Byron Council this week, with staff recommending that the developer's revised plans be approved.

The Corso development would see the town's Bay-side precinct become home to a two-storey, mixed-use development complete with a 38-room boarding house, four ground-level shops, shop-top apartments and 51 parking spaces.

It has drawn strong opposition from neighbours, who say it is a major overdevelopment of the site that will result in severe parking, traffic and other amenity impacts for those living nearby.

But others argue that the development will provide much-needed housing for the Shire, even if it will only be affordable for those who are at least on middle incomes.

In a strategic move, developers Oniva and The Kollektive, took Byron Council to court over its 'deemed refusal' of the application.

This has resulted in a series of court-ordered, confidential mediation sessions at which the developers have been attempting to negotiate approval of the project.

The staff report contained within the agenda to this week's Council meeting states that, during these closed-door sessions, the developer offered to amend its plans in accordance with Council's wishes.

The amendments include increasing the number of shops from two to four, a revised design that more effectively integrates the development with the adjacent public reserve, and a reduction in the number of boarding rooms from 39 to 38.

This aligns completely with the matters of concern that councillors unanimously endorsed at last month's full meeting. The revised plans were exhibited for a week from April 7 to 14 to give the locals an opportunity to respond.

However, one piece of information that has not been made public is the legal advice that Council received

about its prospects of success should it choose to pursue the matter in court.

Secret legal advice

Rendered confidential to preserve Council's position in the case, it will almost certainly play a significant role in Council's decision

on whether or not to reach an agreement with the developers.

The residents who oppose the development are expected to be out in force at this week's meeting, ready to express their views during the meeting's public access section.

Lockdown licks CD released



COVID-19 lockdowns saw the entire entertainment industry and their plans cancelled for most of 2020. Local band Lick the Plate, were set to record last year, but could only meet in the studio in ones and twos. Guide tracks were recorded, replaced, and replaced again - much of their album was recorded in lounge rooms and emailed back and forth. After a mammoth effort, the album is done! Band members Lyne Robertson and Michael Hunt are ready for the CD launch at the Ocean Shores Tavern, this Saturday from 4pm. Photo Eve Jeffery

Resilient communities training on offer

Claire McLisky

'Resilience' has become a buzzword in Australia over the past few years, as communities across the country struggle to cope with fire, floods and a pandemic.

Defined as the ability to recover from, or adjust to misfortune or change, our collective resilience will determine how we emerge from the adversity of the past 16 months and deal with future challenges.

But how do we foster community resilience? And how do we add the element of regeneration, so that rather than just surviving, our communities can thrive? Working collaboratively with the many organisations already active in this field, Resilient Byron seeks to achieve these goals through information dissemination, strengthening links between existing organisations, and activating local communities.

One of their latest initiatives is the Resilient Communities Training, which was successfully piloted from September 2020 to April 2021 in Bangalow. Designed by Bellingen-based environmental organisation



Resilient Byron members. Photo www.resilientbyron.org.

OzGreen, the training allows communities to generate their own solutions to local and global concerns, focusing on seven key areas, which include climate change, fire, water, food, and health resilience.

Strategic questioning and deep listening

Before commencing the content, participants are trained in facilitation based on a process of strategic questioning and deep listening. In pairs, or groups of three, they then deliver one workshop a month on each of the focus areas to their local communities.

The outcomes of the

program so far have been impressive. In Bangalow, participants' actions ranged from switching energy providers to installing solar panels and buying local, to community initiatives.

At the end of the series, participants reported that the workshops had given them the time, information and motivation to act.

Local Bangalow vet Megan Kearney said she valued, 'The community connections and conversations on important topics, which have made me more aware of the resources and the wealth of expertise in the community.'

Resilient Byron facilitator, Melanie Bloor, says that

productive conversations like these are crucial to building resilience, as every local community will have different needs, strengths and weaknesses.

The workshop series, she says, 'Allows us to drill down on collective solutions, to identify what we don't know, to link in with the many service providers already working in this area, and to generate a bank of local-specific ideas for the future.'

Thanks to the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, training is now rolling out across the Byron Shire.

Residents interested in facilitating the program in their own community can apply at www.events.humanitix.com/resilient.

May 23 training

Participants will receive free training in the engagement process, as well as topic-specific training on each module. The first training day is scheduled for Sunday May 23.

Subsequent module trainings will take place online.

■ Claire McLisky is from Resilient Byron: www.resilientbyron.org.

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A coast in need of management

Buried within this week's Council agenda is a suggestion from staff that Council seek a meeting with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), and the Coastal Council 'to discuss how the Coastal Management Process could be improved, timeframes shortened and the development of a Coastal Management Program (CMP) for Byron Shire resourced more effectively'.

It appears that the long suffering management of perhaps the region's most precious resource and attraction, Byron Shire's beaches and estuaries, are not a high priority for Sydney-based bureaucrats and the Liberal-Nationals government.

Within the April 22 agenda report is a long list of 'Issues being encountered' to achieve an outcome, including a 'Lack of guidance to local Councils... technical guidance... insufficient ongoing funding to coastal management within Council (both planning and reactive)...' and, 'ensuring government agencies have a good understanding of their role in the process', and 'a lack of appropriate agency staff resourcing to reflect their involvement'.

Ouch - but it goes on - there's also: 'Insufficient project budgets to include engagement fees to allow adequate and meaningful engagement and collaboration with cultural representatives from relevant Aboriginal organisations... a higher level communication needs to be undertaken between state, local government, and agencies (i.e. Director/CEO Working Groups)'.

'Staff thoughts are that technical studies (such as coastal hazard assessments) would be better rolled out by the state government (in collaboration with Council) to ensure consistency in studies that cross LGA boundaries'.

Of course, but will the state government listen?

As the report rightly points out, 'For a small coastal Council, we have a large coastline with high coastal risks to manage, and a CMP is necessary to manage current and emerging issues'.

And management is complicated. Since 2016, various legislative reforms halted/slowed progress. And again in 2016, Belongil Beach rock walls were the subject of a secret court action by wealthy landowners against Council. Unsurprisingly, the wealthy landowners got what they wanted and kept their rock structures.

Yet problems emerge when immovable structures like rock walls are erected in front of beach front properties owned by wealthy individuals, or managed by Councils: it eventually results in no beach.

While a CMP could, and probably should, be prepared for the entire coastal zone, the most pressing issue is, of course, the ongoing erosion of Main Beach.

There's not much detail in the report as to how any management can be expedited, other than it is identified in the Forward Plan as Item S2.05 - 'Continue design investigation for the modification of the coastal protection works at Main Beach, Byron Bay'.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Police accountability lacking despite court findings

On Australia Day in 1998, I was the legal observer for the 'Nude Aint Rude' rally at Belongil Beach.

There were hundreds of naked protesters, angry at the police for targeting hippies swimming in their birthday suits.

I was by far the most modestly dressed in my suitably long 'Legal Observer' t-shirt.

There were no arrests, and the constabulary stood on the sand hills and watched and took photos for their files.

Somewhere in a bottom (pun) draw at Byron Bay police station, there are photos of nudies aint rudies flaunting their much younger stuff. It was only when we returned to our cars that we saw the police handy-work.

Almost every car had a parking ticket or sticker or notification for defects.

All were false - mine was for a hair thin crack in a wiper-blade. Some just paid their fines, but those that fought, won.

Fast-forward to May 2019, and an affable competent solicitor in a far north-coast country town not too far from Byron is representing a person with bikie connections in the Local Court.

The police were from strike force 'Raptor', otherwise known as the bikie busters.

The day before court, police held a briefing, where a senior police officer directed two junior plods to target the solicitor. One was told to 'engage with him', and that 'he does not make it to court'. And they dutifully waited outside his house and booked him for failing to indicate as he reversed out his drive.

Then followed him and issued him with a major defect notice for an oil leak banning him from using his car.

After he walked home and got his motorbike, they issued him with an environmental noise ticket, even though they had not heard the bike running.

He was so spooked he told the court he could no longer act, and requested permission from the magistrate to leave by the staff exit to avoid further interaction with the police.

This intimidatory conduct was not disputed when the matter went before the Law Enforcement Conduct



'The intimidatory conduct was not disputed when the matter went before the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC). It detailed stalking, lying, bullying, false charges, humiliation and intimidation...'

David Heilpern

Commission (LECC). It detailed the stalking, lying, bullying, false charges, humiliation and intimidation meted out to a lawyer just for doing his job.

And not just to him - to his partner, and even a taxi driver that dared to give him a lift.

There was no oil leak or adverse noise. It was an invention. The indicator offence was 'deliberate, deceitful and malicious harassment'.

It described the sense of entitlement that has developed within strike force Raptor, and that this represented a complete failure of management. The LECC found that the performance of the solicitor's role was interfered with, and that the targeting was not done for a legitimate policing purpose. 'Serious misconduct' was the finding.

But the real sting of disappointment is in the consequences. I was reading through the report expecting a recommendation of criminal charges or at the least sacking.

How wrong I was - no criminal charges, no sacking. Just a recommendation of reviewable action by the Commissioner against the police involved - an internal disciplinary process that could be like being slapped with a wet lettuce leaf. I don't know what you have to do to be sacked or charged with perverting the course of justice in this day and age, but surely this was well and truly over the line?

But what do we expect - a policeman faceplants a young first nations' man into the ground almost a year ago in Sydney, and yet no charges or even word on disciplinary proceedings have eventuated. That must be the longest investigation in human history, where all the evidence is actually on seventeen

seconds of audio-visual footage we have all seen. And maybe we up here have been hardened by the dismissal of the case against a Byron Bay police officer who struck a young person 18 times with a baton, six of the strikes occurring after he was in two pairs of handcuffs and was being restrained by several police officers. Not guilty of assault. No word on disciplinary proceedings either.

One of the key features of a police state is a lack of accountability of the police themselves. I genuinely fear for our fragile democracy.

Let's not hear of any more tired analogies of 'bad apples' for two reasons. First, if you aren't picking the rotten apples out of the box, their rot will spread. And secondly, bad apples come from bad trees.

Accountability breeds good practice; unaccountability is a blank cheque for misconduct.

I was asked recently 'aren't you afraid of the police because you speak out against them, aren't you scared of retaliation?' Well, yes, sometimes I am. So I check the rubbers on my wipers regularly, I don't act for bikies, I don't drug drive and I swim dressed in my worn out legal observer t-shirt at Belongil in an act that is part paranoia and part hyper-vigilance.

But actually, I speak out because I'm more afraid of something else.

The mirror.

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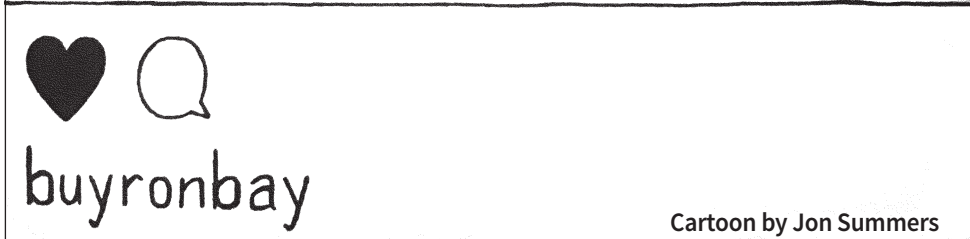
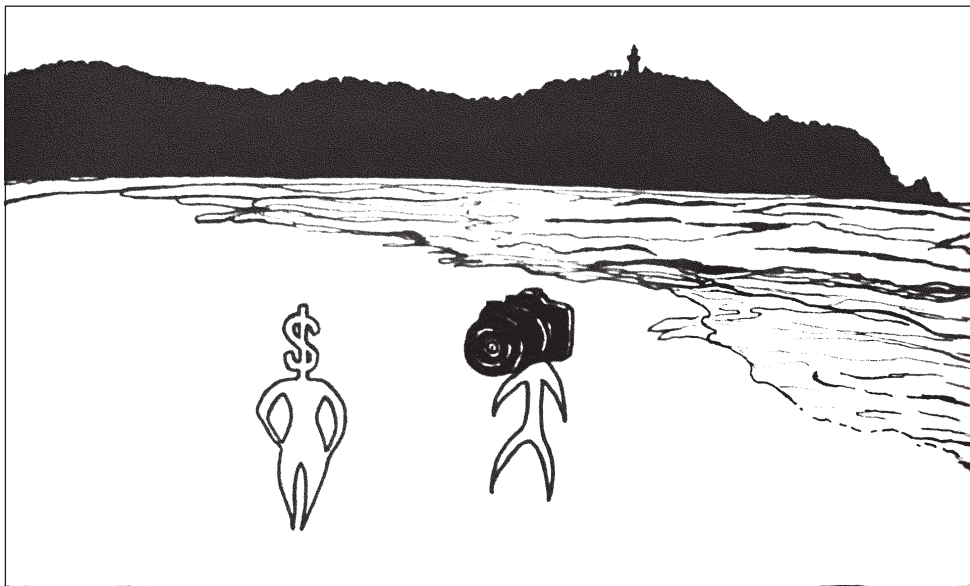
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Land trust

I want to congratulate and applaud Cr Paul Spooner, Mayor Simon Richardson, and planning staff for supporting and pushing for Byron Shire to set up a Community Land Trust (CLT) for affordable housing within the Shire. In particular are the two Council owned sites earmarked for affordable housing.

As someone who has explored and supported CLTs as an ownership model in

the Bruns Ecovillage project and other ecovillage projects I have been involved in, I believe new models such as CLTs are needed, not only in the Shire but Australia wide. The current affordable housing models only work to a certain extent and the CLT model provides a more community minded ownership model than current private partnership models. The CLT model is successful in both the UK and USA and

is reflective of the needs of the Shire, which I hope is still willing to be innovative and community inclusive.

So, thank you Byron Shire Council for pushing innovative and different ways of thinking around affordable housing and ownership forward. Innovation and new ways of thinking are what is needed to solve the various crises we face.

Shane Sylvenspring
Mullumbimby

Follow the bucks

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Let's also see some accountability from councils – they are all talk. Where's the action? Yada yada!

JK McKenna
Burringbar

Upside down river

I was going to deride the various government departments and agencies (DPI, DPE, OEH, EPA etc) that have failed the Richmond River, all the farming interests, and local governments within the catchment, that over the years promised so much and yet have done so little, when I realised it is all of us who have failed.

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At a gathering of trainspotters

David Lisle

On a cold wet Wednesday evening in March, a small band of committed train activists gathered at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. It was billed as a major event: a public meeting to launch a new company, Northern Rivers Rail Limited (NRRLtd), and to share its grand plans of bringing trains back to our tracks. Thirty people attended.

Having never previously attended a gathering of trainspotters I was excited. And slightly anxious – my recent commentary in these pages on the rail corridor debate expressed great skepticism about the prospect of trains returning to our tracks.

Combined forces

NRRLtd combines the lobbying might of TOOT and NRRAG (trains on our tracks and Northern Rivers railway action group respectively). Its formal objective is to promote a 'heritage railway'. By mobilising people power they hope to crowdfund a railway.

NRRLtd should not be confused with a similarly named advocacy group, the Northern Rivers Rail-Trail, formed in 2013 with the aim of preserving the rail corridor by creating a community cycle and walking track.

Historically, TOOT and NRRAG have been vociferous opponents of the proposed rail-trail. A sudden, recent shift however, now sees them embracing the rail-trail, so long as it runs beside the tracks. The train lobby seems to be fighting a rearguard action. It has lost the ear of councils at both ends of the corridor where the rail-trail is currently under construction, but is energised by the impending track removal.

Rails demise

The meeting began with Beth Shelley setting out the rail-lobby's theory of politics in which the train's demise can be blamed on the road lobby and our faltering democracy.

A short, stirring, film followed, and then councillor Basil Cameron took the floor and spoke at length about his grand vision for trains on our tracks.

His main points were as follows: We no longer have a train service because of 'scandalous political games' and 'scandalous studies';



One of the tunnels on the old train line in Byron Shire. Photo David Lisle

We commissioned a study 'from our perspective' which proved we need trains. Not actual trains, something more like Toyota Coasters with steel guide-wheels; People have been saying for years the train is never ever coming back but the Elements solar train proves them wrong, 'what a great innovation'; Byron's public transport situation is 'atrocious'; We have 'extreme gridlock' and 2.4 million tourists; Transport for NSW (TfNSW) might spend \$78 million in the future on the Ewingsdale interchange and a working party is meeting regularly with Council, 'listening to us like they've never listened before'.

Like you probably are now, I was confused about where this was going. But things came into focus when we were shown a video of Simon Richardson (unable to attend in person). Unlike Basil, who is world weary and downbeat, Simon radiates enthusiasm, speaking in 'vision terms', his hands busy.

The rail narrative

I soon realised a beguiling scheme had been hatched, and a narrative crafted for our consumption. The idea is to convince TfNSW to spend the \$78 million on the Toyota Coaster project instead of the highway interchange.

Simon says if we 'hold our tongues and talk more about tourism than transport, they will fund it'. The result will be branded 'public transport'. A bike path can run beside the

rails, and everyone will be happy.

Apparently, 'reactivating the corridor' will divert so much traffic from Ewingsdale Road that the interchange upgrade will not be required, and the savings can be spent on Toyota Coasters.

According to Basil 'the railway is actually the spine of an integrated transport network'. He explained how bus routes will radiate off the rail corridor, conveying passengers swiftly into the hills and beyond!

After hearing more about the new rail company, we heard from 'Tom', an engineer from Crabbes Creek. He praised the efficiency of trains and spruiked his plan for Tweed Council to build their (fully funded and already under construction) rail-trail off-formation so the trains can run again.

Next, 'Bill', an angry protester from the Tweed addressed the gathering, declaring politicians bad and trains good. He said the motor-rail used to hit 150kmph, and threatened civil disobedience if the tracks are ripped up. He reckons they want to profit from the scrap: 'probably a million dollars'.

Raised cycleways

Lack of public consultation was a central concern throughout the meeting, as was the popularity of the old motor-rail, and the idea that privately operated buses aren't really public transport. Some attendees seemed

preoccupied with Gold Coast trams.

When Lydia Kindred of NRRLtd explained how the train lobby could deliver a better, more scenic bike path 'with these raised cycleways so we can retain our tracks' a voice from up the back boomed 'Pie in the sky!'.

A bloke at the front rose and said 'My name's Duncan Dey, and I'm running for Council as a Greens and we will continue the efforts the current Greens have made. In other words, we support trains on the tracks'. The resulting cheers and vigorous applause were a striking contrast to his languid demeanour.

At times the chook raffle in the next room threatened to completely drown out proceedings. The RSL was a fitting locale for live, unplugged, retail politics. Simon, for whom backing trains apparently played well at the last election, enthused that 'the track is in great condition'.

Deliverable visions

Yet populism and leadership are very different things. Simply reflecting the desires of one's constituents back to them, while making a scapegoat of others, is not enough. Leadership is about having a vision and being able to deliver on it.

This meeting did little to shift my thinking. I am an unapologetic train lover. But I can tell a toy train from a commuter service, and a realistic proposal from bluster.

Mates, public assets, following the money

■ The treatment of Christine Holgate while CEO of Australia Post is nothing short of scandalous. Not only is it a prime example of powerful males bullying a woman who, by leadership, has put Australia Post in a good financial position thereby saving the jobs of thousands of employees; it has brought to light a hidden agenda to hive off profitable sections of Australian Post (ie parcel delivery).

On the evidence presented by Ms Holgate to the Senate inquiry it would seem she has been demonised for doing too good a job.

A secret inquiry commissioned by Minister Paul Fletcher (Liberal) has come to light where consultants – at a cost of \$1 million – tried to pressure her into making cuts that would have threatened the viability of the whole business. The report has never been made public.

Instead she brought in new business to the value of \$200 million per year. She rewarded the four executives [who secured the deals] with a watch each, total value of the four: \$20,000. Under her contract she could have awarded them \$150,000 each. This story has a long way to run, but if we want to

retain Australia Post under public control we need to be ever vigilant.

Frank Ball
Tweed Heads

■ One must feel for Christine Holgate, a brilliant businesswoman who only made two mistakes:

Firstly she failed to realise that making a business profitable was a red flag to a government intent on ripping off the public purse to the benefit of their mates.

She had plenty of warning, for example the shemuzzle in the Murray Darling where their mates profited from the purchase and sale of water at the expense of the river and farmers in the lower reaches of the basin. That profiteering will bring on a disaster for the river and all who depend upon its waters.

If that was not enough, we had the brazen financing of a group of mates at the expense of the Great Barrier Reef. Should we mention when they paid ten times the market price for a block of land at the new Sydney airport (to party donors of course?) Then we have the sports rorts; more taxpayers' funds used for party purposes, quickly followed by Dutton's dipping into taxpayers' funds.

Secondly, Christine made the mistake of standing between party backers and a bucket of easy money created by someone else's hard work. Like the squatters they are spiritually descended from, they have no conscience, no ability, no loyalty to country, and no honour. They needed Christine gone because she opposed their plans to privatise the plum profitable parts of the enterprise she had built by hard work and business acumen, leaving the unprofitable parts to be financed by the poor taxpayers. I use the term 'poor' advisedly because the rich Liberal backers are already dipping into taxpayers' funds to ensure that they get unwarranted tax relief.

Christine has been treated badly, but she should not feel alone – she has a whole host of companions getting ripped off, but still ready to vote for that nice young man with the pleasant but vacuous smile. Ripe to be fleeced by the next scam, and then the next, and the next, then another, then another, then another.

Easy money, like bullshit, is irresistible to blowflies and they can't resist coming back, again and again.

Vince Kean
Murwillumbah

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Whether it is destroyed riparian zones along creeks and rivers that can no longer protect the remaining trees hanging onto the steep banks, further undermined by cattle wandering down to the river because there are no fences, or macadamia farming practices blowing and sweeping soil loose from under the orchards, or the disaster that is the sugarcane flood mitigation scheme, they all need to be radically changed, now!

Having a few Landcare groups fiddling around, clearing invasive weeds and replanting native species here and there just doesn't do it. Some people feel good, governments can say they're supporting the environment, but then why do I see, day after day, a deluge of mud flowing down the river and out to sea?

Why is this river rated one of the worst in the State, and probably Australia, where oysters can't survive and fish stocks have collapsed?

Ballina Council imposed a levy, but where was that money spent? Why isn't the Department of Primary

Industries (DPI), who are responsible for the administration and development of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture, forestry and biosecurity, spending serious money helping farmers transition from old destructive practices?

All sides and levels of government must get together and plough some money into this major problem so we reap the benefits and get a net improvement in our land management and river health.

At the next local, state, and federal elections demand that your representative has land care as a major platform.

Richard White
East Ballina

Music photos

Over the years I have collected various photos from the past of Australian Country Music history and am now looking for the help of the public, your readers.

If any of your readers are able to help me with old photos of country music, including the likes of

Slim Dusty, Chad Morgan, Buddy Williams, Tex Morton,

Reg Lindsay and many others, copies can be sent to: Music Historian Collection, PO Box 118, Stockland Shellharbour NSW 2529

Jack Paten
Shellharbour

Holiday lets

The following query was recently sent to NSW Planning Minister Mr Rob Stokes:

On Friday, 9 April, 2021, the DPIE (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) released information on the SEPP (State Environmental Planning Policy) amendment and registration process for STRA (Short Term Rental Accommodation). I have read all documents and information sheets provided.

I have a major concern about a major omission and error in the registration process of STRA. When the 2018 bill on STRA was presented to Parliament the only amendment accepted by both Houses was the Alex Greenwich (Independent MP for the electorate of Sydney) proposal for registration of STRA.

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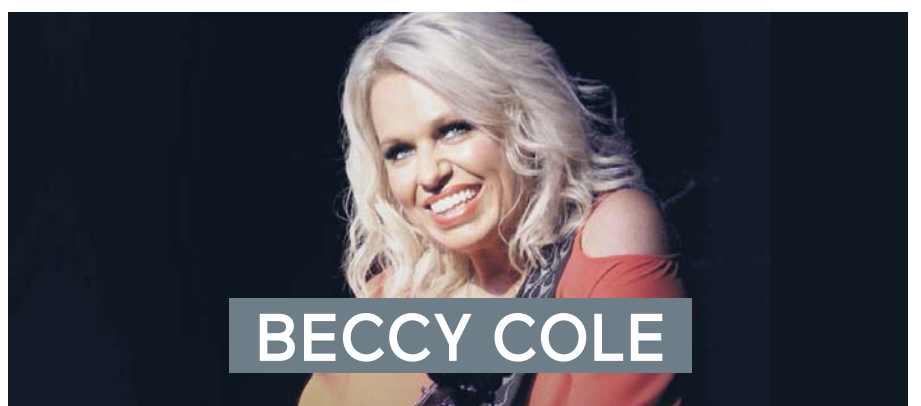
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The regulations for the second half of the event seem to be based on the premise that the pandemic in Russia is almost over. Players will not be required to wear masks, will not need to be vaccinated, and will be required to take only one covid test shortly before the tournament. If a player shows symptoms, is then tested and returns a positive result, the tournament will continue without them.

It is hard not to gain the impression that the tournament is being held as a public relations exercise to show Russia's great recovery from the pandemic – a matter for debate – rather than having the welfare of the players in mind.

Australian fans will at least be able to watch the games at a reasonable hour, a 9pm start, and enjoy commentary from a range of stars. Chess.com have signed up Viswanathan Anand to appear daily, with guests such as Levon Aronian and Wesley So, while Magnus Carlsen is the feature commentator on the platform he part owns, Chess24.com, with Judit Polgar joining later in the event.

When the Candidates tournament, designed to find a challenger for World Champion Magnus Carlsen, resumes in Ekaterinburg this week, the playing conditions will be rather different from those which prevailed when the event was abandoned a year ago.

The first incarnation of the Candidates tournament was held last March despite warnings of a growing outbreak of covid in Russia and stopped at the halfway point when Russia closed its borders. Most of the foreign players and journalists were evacuated via a private jet.

The second half was scheduled for November but dropped when it became clear that many foreign players were not willing to risk their health in a country where the pandemic continued to rage.

Any normal world body would then have sought to move the event to a safer country. However, FIDE is closely aligned to the Russian government, and the Ekaterinburg sponsor, Andrei Simanovsky, is a very strong advocate for Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Which history is heritage and where do we draw the line?

■ Nicole Habrecht should receive free paint and brushes and a pat on the back from Council for maintaining her house in a heritage precinct. She has chosen to interpret her house according to the most interesting historical era in this region, and that was the 1960s, 1970s, and early 1980s, when colour was embraced and alternative values reigned. She does not need to interpret her house according to the period in which it was built.

I only wish the Community Centre in Byron Bay had chosen to do the same thing, instead of applying a heritage colour palette that is more relevant to its pioneering past.

Without a local heritage register Council just tinkers with heritage, responding to complaints from disgruntled neighbours when colour is the most reversible of all changes to a heritage building. They should be more concerned about the total removal of heritage homes and their replacement with faux heritage, as recently happened in Kingsley Street, and poor adaptive reuse/ redevelopment which

destroys so much that is interesting about our built environment.

L Jenkins
Byron Bay

■ Hitherto I have always taken a fairly laissez-faire attitude towards the colour aspect of heritage, however, on the issue of the lilac house in Mullumbimby I support the Council bureaucracy's actions.

On such an emotive issue and its attendant horrors of debate over aesthetics, conflation with individual freedom, and the infinite permutations thereof, I would like to emphasise that it is necessary to actually save the actual older buildings from demolition first. Guardians of the heritage value of conservation areas and heritage items, usually caring community-minded town and environs dwellers in my experience, are a necessity also to help retain the character of relatively small areas of growing towns.

Colour has its role to play but it is not as vital as the bulk, scale, height and design of future buildings in the Byron Shire in general

and in heritage areas and affected heritage items in particular.

The owner has not been shown any disrespect by any community member or by Council staff. She was originally approached by Council with offers of help in applying for a heritage grant. In regards to Simon Richardson's remarks on the subject (*Echo*, 14 April) their liverish hue is of another complexion altogether.

I agree with him that there are a handful of pretty crook colours that are considered suitable for traditional buildings, but there are also many beautiful earth and natural tones for walls and many colourful trim and feature treatments as well.

However, if one accepts that 'heritage colours' are generally considered to be pre-1950s, without the finest distinctions of trim and features and time periods, the heritage palette contains a wider range of colour than he must think. It does include the lighter shades of pink.

I can only guess he admires one of the historic buildings in the Mullumbimby town centre. My best guess is that it is the Old Bakery (1903)

or possibly the Book Barn (Old E.S.T.A bank 1909).

The Old Bakery is indeed an example of a beautifully restored historic building. Its walls, at times do show a pink tint: probably a light reflection from the pale pink window trim, possibly from the plum contrast features. Perfect. Thank you Carlos (one of the owners back then) and to everyone involved in the restoration. Collective thanks are also owed to the owners (occupiers?) of the Book Barn.

Regardless of the former; with the cheap pejorative pot-shots that Simon Richardson has fired, he has exhibited barrels of disrespect towards mystery targets. Scattergunning I think is the term, or perhaps it is aimed at pigments of his own imagination.

They are certainly a sad reminder of his now Urban Consolidation Plus Program and his growing intolerance of pesky heritage protection of almost any kind.

Right in time with the heavyweight developers and champions of self-interested speculators of sundry origins.

June Grant
Mullumbimby

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Following is a quote from this amendment 'and for the registration system to include details when residential premises are used for these purposes.'

During debate on the bill it was made clear that hosts had to provide dates in the registration process for when they were going to short-term rent the dwelling. For

example, for an un-hosted STRA in a 180-day-cap zone, details of dates for short-term rental need to be provided.

On reading the section on registration in the information sheet provided for hosts, no information was provided about supplying dates for use of the dwelling as an STRA. I also did a 'mock' online registration for an un-hosted STRA in a 180-day-cap

zone and was not asked to provide dates for use as an STRA.

I duly request, as a matter of urgency, that to meet your legal obligation under Parliamentary legislation that this be rectified before there are too many online registrations.

In the proposals put forward by the DPIE in the 2019 public exhibition on STRA, one proposal was that there should be a limit of two persons of any age per bedroom, up to a maximum of six bedrooms. I agreed with this saying that it was sensible. In the SEPP amendment this has not been included. By not restricting numbers of people in an STRA, this approach will inevitably lead to overcrowding and resultant loss of neighbouring residential amenity. The Code of Conduct could be used, but this will only happen after the disruption.

I am seeking an explanation for the reasons why this potential regulation was not included.

David Wallace
Suffolk Park

Decisive handling

It's great to see popular Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews rehabilitating well

and on-track to return to work. His decisive handling of the terrible COVID-19 outbreak that occurred in the quarantine system that led to over 800 deaths, mostly in the poorly funded and federally administered aged care sector, was gold standard and earned him worldwide acclaim. Both are clearly federal government responsibilities, and true to form 'shifty' Morrison refused to accept any responsibility.

Victoria's decisive handling of the pandemic outbreak was in stark contrast with NSW' Gladys Berejiklian making erratic attempts at containing outbreaks that started appallingly with the Ruby Princess fiasco, for which no-one has yet been held to account. Gladys seems incapable of making the hard decisions required to implement consistent, decisive policy, (probably too busy weaseling her way out of rorting, poor judgement, and pork-barreling allegations).

Of course, the right-wing rejects in the Murdoch media continue their relentless attacks, trying to smear and intimidate great Labor premiers like Dan Andrews, Mark McGowan and Annastacia

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▶ **Continued from page 14** Palaszczuk, simply because they repeatedly make the right look stupid (although it's not hard to do). There is now little doubt that when Dan Andrews calls his election in December this year, his government will also be justly rewarded by Victorian voters, and again humiliate the conservatives.

Keith Duncan
Pimlico

Understand climate?

Have you noticed it getting a bit chilly at night recently? Do you think we will have a mild 'global warming winter', or could it be a sort of icy 'nuclear winter'?

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

■ Ed note: Global heating causes both extreme heat and cold. A 2019 article in *Forbes* clarifies that a warmer Earth makes sudden stratospheric warming events more likely and more frequent. Those events destabilise the polar vortex, and can bring cold air down into the mid-latitudes, and cause extreme cold events (<https://bit.ly/2RObNGL>).

Back room Council

Once again Cr Sarah Ndiaye has demonstrated her incredible knack for missing the point. In last week's *Echo* she, on the one hand, claims that the 90 day annual limit on holiday letting is a 'deterrent' to homeowners, yet in the same breath says quite publicly that it is too expensive 'to prosecute defaulters'. Sarah, why not just put up a sign at every entrance to the Shire stating what everyone, except the Greens, knows to be the case: 'Open slather development welcome'.

Here is an even better suggestion: why don't you and Cr Lyon simply quit politics and apply for an overpaid desk job at Council? I reckon

with your vast experience at trotting out the official line, you'll both fit in really well.

My question to this week's Council meeting is as follows: General Manager, on what delegated authority or Council resolution does Cr Ndiaye, or any other individual councillor or staff member, rely for the assertion that the prosecution of holiday letters is too expensive to be worthwhile, which is clearly a policy issue that should be resolved by an open Council vote rather than by secure or convenient back room manoeuvres?

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Gun lies

News headlines seem to have been outsourced to horror story authors this year, and none more so than the gobsmacking headlines saying that the proposed overseas bans on kangaroo meat and skins will cause more cruelty.

How much crueller can humans get than gunning down millions of our national animals annually? There is a 'Code of Practice' for humane shooting (now there's an oxymoron) of kangaroos and wallabies for commercial purposes. It requires a lethal shot to the head, but up to 40 per cent of commercially shot animals are hit in the neck or elsewhere on the body instead, only to endure a long and painful death as a result of their injuries. The Code also requires hunters to decapitate or 'crush the skull and destroy the brain' of pouch young, meaning that most joeys' heads are swung and smashed against hunting vehicles to kill them. Many dependent joeys are just left in the field to suffer from exposure, starvation, and predation.

This is not about sustainability. To say kangaroos are damaging the land they've lived on for four million years

is simply absurd. Overgrazing by introduced sheep and cattle is the real culprit behind land degradation. The best way to protect the environment and save animals is to adopt a vegan lifestyle.

Desmond Bellamy
Byron Bay

Conspiracy or not?

Despite having over two million visitors per year, Byron Bay has only had one case of community transmitted COVID-19 (and he was a visitor from Queensland).

Why has Byron Bay been bulletproof? In a nutshell: healthy, outdoor lifestyles. Let's leave the over 70 at-risk group aside as it's through no fault of their own.

Studies have shown vitamin D deficiency is a main contributor to hospitalisations owing to COVID-19. The other main contributor to covid mortality is obesity. Studies have shown countries with high rates of obesity have death rates ten times higher than countries that don't. Seventy-eight per cent of those hospitalised from covid in the US were overweight.

As the Byron experience, and science, shows; if you're under 70, sun and healthy living are the key to keeping away this virus.

Yet we have a government who responds with fear-based, one-size-fits-all restrictions whenever there is a case. Bluesfest was a perfect example of this. Despite zero evidence worldwide of any super-spreader events occurring outdoors, the government took the knee-jerk reaction to cancel Bluesfest the day before. Consequently, the town was hit pretty hard. Many local businesses rely on the Easter weekend to generate most of their income for the year. Food stalls were devastated, having bought all the

supplies needed for a busy Bluesfest weekend.

In reality, the population of Byron has suffered owing to 'wokeism.' We live in an era where feelings matter more than facts. If the government really took a science-based approach to covid, they would isolate those at risk – the elderly and the obese. Why should those who've made correct life choices lose their livelihoods to protect those who've made poor life decisions?

Yes, we have our share of nutbags here – the Bill Gates microchipping, 5G conspiracy theorists.

But let's use the Byron Bay experience to help make more informed decisions in future. Where approaches and good outcomes are backed by science. Isolate those at risk, and let everyone else live their lives. Who knows, maybe it's the wake-up call most people need.

Andrew Christopher
Byron Bay

■ Ed note: The one local man who caught the virus at the Beach Hotel from infected Queenslanders was from Ballina Shire, not QLD.

Dear racist

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Free Ballina brunch

It's back! The Free Community Brekky Centre is now reopening as The Free Brunch Centre in Ballina, on Saturday 1 May, 10am till 12pm and thereafter on the first Saturday of every month at the Ballina Presbyterian Hall, which is just behind the church, on the corner of Cherry and Crane Streets. A sausage sizzle, hot dogs, sandwiches, fruit salad, tea, coffee and takeaway meals will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Bruns CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Market Day on Saturday 1 May, from 8am till 12pm, inside CWA rooms on the corner of Booyun and Park Streets. Handicraft, baked goodies and jams and plants. Come early. This is a CASH ONLY event. Contact Mary on 0431 908 063.

Federal Exchange

The Autumn Federal Exchange is on Saturday 1 May. Special guest, Joey Herbeson, is a local gardener so bring your questions and garden surplus to swap and share. Meet 10am for a 10.30am swap, at Federal Park, Federal, by the tennis courts/ playground for a family friendly, community event.

My Life as a Dog

Drill Hall Film Society screens *My Life as a Dog* on Saturday 24 April at 2pm, doors open at 1.30pm. To attend email: drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia 6684 2112 to book.

M'bah C'ty Gardens

Murwillumbah Community Garden volunteers meet most Sundays at the community garden at 37-39 Mooball Street, Murwillumbah, opposite the Mt St Patrick bus bay. For enquiries contact: Murbahcommunitygardens@gmail.com.

Survivors of childhood sexual abuse

Heartfelt House runs programs for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. We are running Pathways to Healing, an eight-week program for female survivors of childhood sexual

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BBHS membership drive

The Byron Bay Historical Society is seeking new members to join our local history group. We are urgently in need of people who have the desire to research and or transcribe into Word documents some of the history we have obtained. You may wish to research and record new aspects of local history. New members don't need to get involved in committee meetings but instead can direct their energies to expanding and refreshing our website. If you have an interest go to byronbayhistoricalsociety.org.au for contact details or email: president@byronbayhistoricalsociety.org.au.

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Your Local Club Academy Games



1,300 young athletes at the opening ceremony of the Academy Games in Hunter last week.

Ross Kendall

The North Coast Academy of Sport prepared its largest squad ever to compete at the 2021 Your Local Club Academy Games, held in the Hunter region last weekend.

In total, 109 athletes and 20 coaches and umpires from the North Coast attended the event contesting AFL Women (AFLW), hockey, netball and basketball.

'This year's squad saw 28 players in the AFLW squad and, for the first time in a number of years, both female and male hockey teams competing as well,' executive director of the

North Coast Academy of Sport (NCAS), D'Arcy Van den Bossche, said

'While netball and basketball are traditionally strong sports for the NCAS, I can't wait to see the hockey and AFLW athletes shine.'

'The North Coast Academy teams are always highly competitive, and we are looking forward to some strong results and great fun,' Van den Bossche said.

In early results to hand the 16-year-old male and female NCAS basketball teams made it through to the semi-finals but the girls lost narrowly to the Central Coast 60-57, and the boys went down to Hunter 44-30.

Byron drag racers world record



The Byron Bay-based team with their tailor-made motorcycles: (L-R) Warren Afflick, Phil Richardson, Joanne Fysh, Jean Paul Afflick, Paul Macleod.

Ross Kendall

The local AAA Racing motorcycle team have set a new world record in 100cc class, as well as a top national speed in 50cc class at the recent Australian Speed Week held at Salt Lake Gairdner, South Australia.

'We set the fastest speed in the worlds history for a 100cc motorcycle at 211kph. We took the title back from the French who set their speed [record] in 2018 at Bonneville in Utah,' Jean Paul Afflick said.

'Our 50cc motorcycle set the fastest speed in Australia's history and fourth

fastest in the world,' he said.

The salt lake is graded for the racing and presents a silky smooth surface for the riders to throttle their nitro-methane supercharged racing motorbikes.

'You get two runs to set your time. The first is to show you can break the record, the second is to confirm it,' he said.

'You get two miles of riding to get up to top speed and then they start timing you. Hopefully you come out the end in one piece. It's really all about tucking in your knees and elbows and keeping your head down.'



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Health & Healing



Ananda Clinic

Dr Jamie Rickcord has moved Ananda Clinic to Habitat, where he continues to focus on endocannabinoid medicine and integration with a focus on psychotherapy. Phyto cannabinoids, or plant cannabinoids, work on a very complex biological system called the endocannabinoid (ECS). This is our body's master regulator, the conductor of many physiological processes and its goal is to keep humans balanced. Well, actually, all vertebrates on planet Earth have an ECS, so the cannabis plant is nature's medicine and is used to treat a number of health conditions, legally, through the TGA's special access scheme.

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Byron Community College offers an exciting and diverse range of health and healing courses to support and enhance your health and wellbeing in the workplace and at home.

This term the very popular Student Massage Clinic makes a comeback. Held in Byron Bay every Monday, the supervised Massage Clinic is a fantastic opportunity to relax and let the students help soothe your aches and pains for \$20.

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Exciting new courses to look out for in Term Two are: Pelvic Floor Health, Herbal Kitchen Farmacy and a Modern Approach to Grief Care, to name a few.

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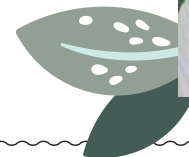
Billi Health is an allied health Acupuncture and Wellness clinic located in the heart of Billinudgel, which offers Acupuncture, Massage & Infrared Sauna sessions.

Led by qualified Acupuncturist, Caitlin Ennis, Billi Health provides comprehensive health care with affordable treatment options and private health rebates available. Acupuncture has been shown to work by realigning and regulating the function of your body and nervous system. This can provide relief from a wide variety of physical health concerns and emotional stress.

Caitlin treats a wide range of conditions, including women's health and fertility, mental health, hormonal imbalances, fatigue and immune support, as well as musculoskeletal conditions and pain.

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Ecstatic Dance is an international phenomenon where epic tunes and good crew come together to dance deep and discover their groove. No words, no booze, no nonsense. Just dance. 'We start slow and go hard as the lights go down and the music comes up... we climax together to the pulse of powerful dance music then drift down to a smooth finish with a sweet serenade to catch our breath. Sounds familiar? It is. It's primal, poetic and pure pleasure.'

Ecstatic Dance Byron Bay was founded by a collective of local worldclass DJs and event producers who are grounded here owing to the pandemic. Unable to travel to international dancefloors, they've brought conscious clubbing vibes to Byron Bay.

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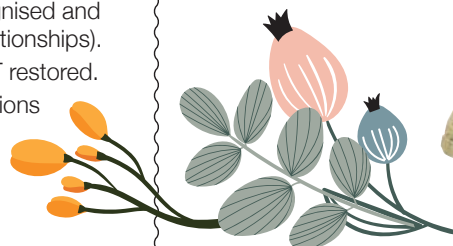
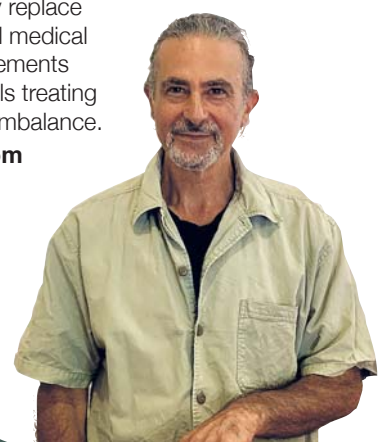
Do you need a conscious dental solution?

Combining his years of experience as a dental surgeon and his knowledge of holistic principles, Dr Jon has created a consultation service called Whole Health. A kinesiology-based modality integrating left- and right-brain consciousness with physical and metaphysical healing, it will address the current energy dynamic, implementing an opportunity for wellness and balance in:

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Health & Healing



Bangalow Headache Clinic

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they treat headaches and migraines, jaw pain, clicking, grinding and locking, as well as vestibular disorders and dizziness.

Michael has done extensive studies and exams in both Australia and Europe involving the head, neck and jaw. He has completed advanced vestibular competency training with the Northern American leaders in this area.

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they quite often find an overlap between headache and dizziness and/or headache and jaw problems. They possess the expertise to resolve these difficult problems.

If you experience jaw pain, locking or clicking, headaches, migraines or



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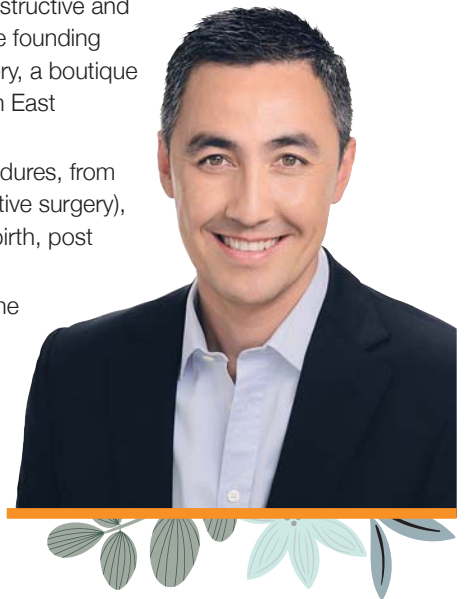
Dr Alex Phoon

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Check if your family is eligible for free* kids' dental care, visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au/cdbs.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists.

ada.org.au/CDBS-changes



New parents and bubs group at Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre

Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre has a new maternity care section with a parents and bubs group every Monday morning from 10am to 12pm. Parents of babies, from newborn to crawling, can come and receive support from their in-house doula and connect with other parents within the community. The group is a safe space to take some time out, vent your concerns, gain insight into the baffling world of new parenthood, share the highs and lows of your journey, make new friends, check your



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The Good Life

MVP is its own award

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It's easy to get excited about Byron's new MVP restaurant in Lawson St – it's not only got standout dishes such as Blue Spirulina Linguine with blue swimmer crab and Yamba prawns, and Fettuccine al Ragù with Hayters Hill beef ragù sauce, feta and baby peas, but it's also all sustainably sourced from local growers, available in takeaway (even delivered if you're close to town) and more than half of the menu is plant-based.

While the restaurant has great options for seafood

and meat eaters, it's very inclusive, which makes friend and family gatherings easy. If you're not into the beef ragù, vegan options include the Pappardelle al Ragù di Funghi, featuring wild mushroom ragù with delicious kale and pepita pesto, or a Bucantini Carbonara, made with charcoal bucantini, pancetta made from smoked mushroom, and a vegan egg yolk that actually oozes to give the dish that creamy carbonara texture. All pastas have a gluten free option using locally sourced gluten free pasta, or MVP's own hand-rolled gnocchi.

Our children loved their beef ragù, my wife loved her crab and prawn linguine (although the gluten free version of the pasta isn't blue) and I thought my \$35 takeaway Obe One Cannoli (yes, pasta puns are a speciality of the house) with three distinct courses (stuffed zucchini flowers, mushroom ragù and delicious chocolate-filled arancini for dessert) was terrifically good value. All were served in sustainable containers and ready for pickup exactly when promised.

Of course, owners Mark Filippelli and mate Vince Pizzinga are experienced operators, with some of the best dishes from Mark and Vinny's Spaghetti and Spritz Bar in Surry Hills now appearing on the menu up here, but even so, I was surprised at the relaxed way Mark, now locally based, described opening a restaurant in Byron in the middle of an unprecedented wet spell, combined with a COVID scare over the Bluesfest period. Especially after he'd decided to just have a break in Byron after 'a difficult year' running a restaurant in Melbourne (the Matcha Mylkbark in St Kilda) during the pandemic.

'I've been here pretty much every year for 20 years, it's a favourite spot, so when a friend told me this restaurant space was coming up, I just gave Vince a ring and said 'How about it?', laughs Mark. 'It's been really successful, I've been surprised in fact. Actually, opening away from the busy season, and with the COVID restrictions and rain, has been a blessing. It's helped us to get to know the locals and give good service



Left to right: Blue spirulina pasta adds a splash of colour, and rigatoni al ragu.



right from the start, and it's also spurred us to get the takeaway system operating quickly. We're very grateful for the good reception we've enjoyed'.

Even getting staff didn't present an insuperable problem for Mark. 'We were aware of the situation here, but we brought a chef and a manager with us to ensure the transition was as seamless as possible – not only were they stoked to live in Byron, but they also ensured all our local staff were trained properly.

We were lucky to have family and friends up here who could recommend staff, so that's gone very smoothly'.

One thing that has been very satisfying for Mark, with his commitment to sustainable food sources, is being able to source high quality food from right nearby. 'More so than Sydney or Melbourne, Byron has a great ecosystem of very local suppliers, and you can taste how good the food is, with much of it coming from the farmers market just down the road.

Even the drinks, with Jilly Wines, Brookie's and Stone & Wood just nearby, people can see the local produce when they come to the restaurant, which I think just adds to the great feeling. In fact we joke that MVP (Mark and Vinny's Place) is really in honour of the 'Most Valuable Producers' of Byron', he says.

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Rise and shine!

Early morning starts are not a usual routine for chefs at the Ballina RSL Club.

March was an exception when Chef Halie Welsh rallied some staff and friends together to take part in Ian Thorpe's Laps For Life charity.

A team of ten hit the Ballina Pool at 7am every day during March to raise funds

For ReachOut's Laps For Life challenge.

ReachOut supports young people suffering from mental health difficulties. The organisation provides practical support, tools and tips to help young people get through anything, from everyday issues to truly tough times – and the information they offer parents makes it



Between the ten of them, Halie's Seahorses swam a massive 127km and raised almost \$6000

easier for them to help their teenagers too. Last year alone, ReachOut was there for more than 3.6 million people.

'Sadly one in four young people in Australia are currently experiencing a mental health difficulty,' said Halie Walsh. 'But there's an even

bigger problem: 70 per cent of those who need help don't get it,' Halie added. Suicide remains the leading cause of death of young people in Australia.

Every member of Halie's Seahorses swim team exceeded their personal lap goals. Between the ten of them they swam a massive 127km and raised almost \$6000. Halie and the team would like to thank everyone who made donations towards their Laps for Life challenge.



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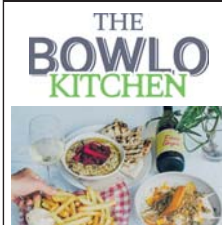


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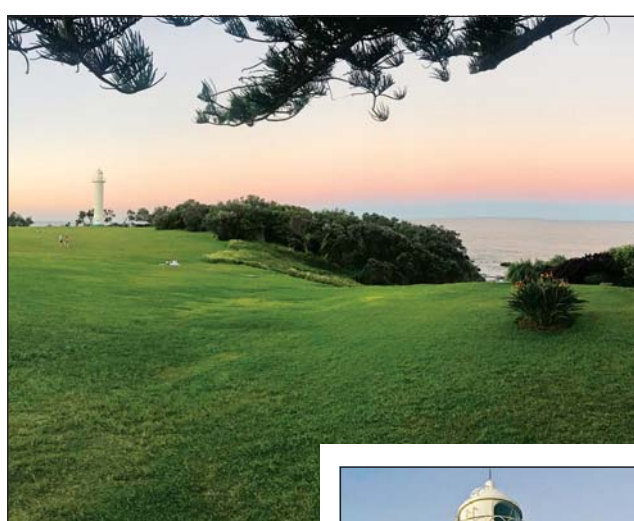
Yamba restaurants

Story and photos: S Haslam

I'm often asked about Yamba, one of our favourite holiday spots over the last 20 years. With a great range of beaches, walks, tennis courts, skate parks and accommodation etc it's been great for the kids growing up, and they still love it. Plus, it's now only 90 minutes' drive from Mullumbimby.

Byron residents will feel at home discussing skyrocketing real estate prices with the locals. One said, 'My mate has a nice place near the beach, and not a week goes by without someone ringing up offering to buy it. In the last year or so they were saying \$2-3 million, but it's up around \$7-8 million now'. The town even has a new masthead, which 'looks like' a newspaper, sadly it's nothing but real estate news. Enough said.

Favourite restaurants are:
1. Dinner. Barbaresco in Angourie: great range of cocktails and wines, many Italian, good service and relaxed indoor/outdoor setting. Standout dishes include the roulade, or the beef carpaccio entrees, the risotto (also available in vegetarian), they also have great specials,

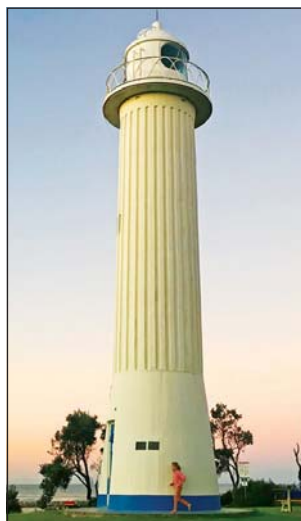


Yamba's visual and culinary delights are worth the road trip.

but even the pizzas, truffle fries and kids' pasta tasted great. Basically everything's good.

2. Breakfast and Lunch. Beachwood Cafe in Yamba: Turkish food and some light rose in the sun on the footpath? Every time we visit we're amazed at how enjoyable it is. Pretty much everything on the menu is great, I particularly love the broad bean dish.

There are endless other options, of which 'Yum Yum Angourie Cafe and General Store comes to town', despite its cringe-worthy name,



was really good. Try the sweet potato gnocchi with shadows of blue cheese. If you really want to cross to 'the other side', try the Iluka Hotel. It's easy to hire a boat from the Yamba marina and drive yourself, if you don't want to take the ferry.

Jungle juice

There are times when water just doesn't cut it. And luckily, for those times, there is Jungle Juice.

Partners Guido and Natalia have been running their business, Jungle Juice, since November 2020, with many locals already converts to the fresh fruit juices and smoothies they serve up at the markets.

They also sell fresh fruit, all of which is grown spray-free on their farm at Mooball.

The couple run their stall at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday and say they draw satisfaction from seeing local faces return each week.

'It's great to see the same customers coming back every week as it shows that what we're providing is good enough for people to want to come back,' Guido says.

'We love being part of such a great community of people.'

'Every stall at the market



Guido and Natalia's fruit, juices and smoothies are gaining a following at Mullum Farmers Market.

offers such great produce and such love for what they do, which makes you feel proud to be a part of it.'

While the situation with COVID-19 hasn't created a whole lot of certainty for local business owners, Jungle Juice is staying optimistic, with plans to expand their range of offerings.

'I guess, like everyone else at the market, we're running a business with the uncertainty of what will happen in the next week and so on is not easy,' Guido says.

'But you have to take it as it comes and make the best

of what's happening at the moment and push forward.

'For the rest of the year we would love to continue providing fresh produce and fresh juices and smoothies to the best standards and hopefully expand into making smoothie bowls.'

'Our aim at the moment is to keep learning and stay ambitious into making the business better and better.'

You can catch Guido and Natalia's fresh, nutritious juices and smoothies every Friday under the trees at Mullum Farmers Markets 7-11am.



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

BYRON'S BACK



'Byron's dead'. That's the statement that I often hear. Or 'I never go there anymore it's lost' or 'Byron died years ago'. It always makes me feel a bit sad and defensive. I have such a love for this place, although I curse it when I get stuck in snaking traffic at 8am on a weekday morning or I can't find a park near where I am going.

But maybe Byron's not dead. Maybe there's still the spark of resistance in the old girl yet? And the resistance is in the young. It's not the same crew who rallied against Club Med. What's dead is the Byron I knew, but the Byron loved by a new generation who inhabit the beaches and cafes and streets with their surfer-come-hipster chill is still very much alive. They're the people standing up to mega global streaming giant Netflix to protest the filming of *Byron Baes*, the impending 'influencer reality saga' that intends to film in our seaside village.

The outspoken crew are the real influencers of our area (via social or not). They are people like Ruby Tuesday, with in excess of 220k followers on Instagram; local musician and owner of The Byron Bay General Store, Ben Gordon; Tahlia Ward who owns No Bones vegan restaurant, and Arnhem Bickley, owner of Arnhem Clothing – with a following of almost 400k people. These are young people at the top of their game. They grew up here. They have created remarkably successful businesses here. You'd think a Netflix series that goes out to 200 million subscribers would pique their self-interest. Won't it benefit them? If it does, they don't care. They love Byron Bay and they believe that this show would break it forever.

They're just some of Byron's powerful voices coming together to say "No!". Apparently you can't stop filming in your region, even when it's as callously inappropriate as a show that glamorises a town that is struggling to deal with the worst homelessness it's ever faced. This fabrication against the backdrop of a fictitious Byron Bay will be sent to 200 million subscribers worldwide; the playground for Netflix's 'BAE's' (Before Anyone Else type people), which is destined to write a false narrative about this place that will be difficult to erase. What will it do to our town? Who will it bring here? How many? What will become of our local culture because of it? Where will we live?

There are a few filming locations in Byron Bay, and some of the most influencer-friendly are saying "No" to filming. Ironically the eight-part series, which is supposed to start filming in May, showing the lives of influencers in Byron Bay will have to get most of their influencers from elsewhere because our local influencers won't have a bar of it. Which is wonderfully ironic because the show is boasting 'authenticity'. The most authentic people won't be in their show. They'll have to be brought in. They'll be the camphor laurels of our town. Just hot girls in bikinis and buff dudes in small shorts trying to take photos of themselves in Woolies or Bunnings or whatever businesses are left that will give them a permit.

Hey, maybe while they're here they can help out? The incredible beach that Netflix were swooning about is falling into the sea. Maybe the influencers could join Dunecare and actually do something useful? I am sure our local Dunecare could do with a million followers on Insta. Maybe they could volunteer at Liberation Larder and meet some of the people who are living rough, the hard done by and the homeless – the people who are most disenfranchised by the allure of the real estate genie that cashes in on the Byron Bay 'brand'. Maybe they could give some time to The Hungry Earth and learn about regenerative agriculture?

Or, maybe they can go to the Gold Coast where they won't be noticed.

Netflix have decided we're the perfect 'backdrop'. But clearly they got their information about Byron Bay from Instagram. They didn't do their research. They didn't speak to local First Nations people, they didn't speak to our community. One thing they didn't count on is that this is a town that has a history of fervent activism. This is a community who wants to create something different. We are a pain in the arse. Just ask any developer who's tried to sneak in something inappropriate. We're not enticed by your shiny trinkets.

Reality TV is the McDonalds of the production world. And Byron has always said "No" to McDonalds.

So guess what? Byron Bay isn't dead. It's very much alive. The spirit of dissent is strong in this lot. We're in good hands.

FLOODING IN

Flood Stories is the interactive audio project that documents the community's response to the 2017 Lismore flood.

The 2017 flood was the first to overtop Lismore's new levee, which had been built in 2005 to protect the town's central business district and surrounding residential areas. The Bureau of Meteorology reported that 20,000 people were evacuated from Lismore and Murwillumbah. Four years on, the city of Lismore and its residents continue to grapple with the effects of the natural disaster – economically, physically and psychologically.

Funded through The Quad's residency program Plein Air *Flood Stories* is an audio walk and storytelling project by audio documentary-maker, Southern Cross University lecturer and City of Lismore resident, **Jeanti St Clair**. The project explores residents' experiences of the flood that left the community reeling in the wake of the intensity and destruction of the event. Scheduled for 2020 but delayed by the COVID-19 restrictions, *Flood Stories* features ten audio stories. The experience commences in a shipping container in the Lismore Quad. The audience dons raincoats and gumboots and takes 'audio walks', hearing stories of rescue and recovery. Participation is **free**.

Running 28 April-6 May in Lismore Quad.
 For further details visit www.lismorequad.org.au



FUNNY KIDS

Kids have a unique ability to see things for what they are. Of course, if they say what they see, they get in trouble. Not in comedy. Sharing insights on how you see the world is what gets you laughs! If you have a kid with a knack for humour, or perhaps a knack for seeing the world in a unique way, or even an honest way, then maybe you've got yourself a comedian. But don't worry, it's not serious! See if they have a career ahead, or just build their resilience. The Funny Kids stand up comedy workshop is taught by **Mandy Nolan** at the **Drill Hall in Mullumbimby** on **Sunday 2 May 9am-12pm**. A writing session, a rehearsal and a live show at the **Byron Comedy Fest** on **16 May** to follow. For a spot in this workshop for 10-14 year olds go to mandynolan.com.au

A BOY CALLED SAILBOAT

Acclaimed guitarists **Slava and Leonard Grigoryan** have expanded their creative output by crafting and recording the soundtrack to the award-winning movie *A Boy Called Sailboat*.

Sailboat brings love and hope to a family who have forged a simple but proud life in the drought ridden Deep South of the USA. One afternoon he brings home a 'little guitar'. From this moment, Sailboat and his little guitar are inseparable, and when his ill grandmother requests he write a song for her, Sailboat meanders through adversity to deliver the unimaginable – the greatest song ever written.

The Latin-themed soundtrack is a key element to the movie and provides an opportunity for audiences to hear the Grigoryan Brothers like never before. *A Boy Called Sailboat* is screening **Thursday 29 April at Byron Theatre at 7.30pm** with a live soundtrack performed by the Grigoryan Brothers. The screening will also include a **Q&A** with the film's director, **Cameron Nugent**. Hosted by BBIFF director **J'aimee Skippon-Volke**.



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STARS BY LILITH

TAURUS THE BULL
 This week's quartet of planets in earth-oriented Taurus give us the practicality and stamina we need to make planet-saving ideas a reality...



♉ **ARIES:** Let's-get-physical Taurus lavishes you with the staying power to make lots of love or money – knowing you, both, because you'll scent a pheromone faster than anyone. If last week started a parting of the ways, full moon could pop the cork on a deep restructuring of your life path, finances and long-term goals.

♉ **TAURUS:** With Sun and Mercury joining Venus and Uranus for this year's birthday party in Taurus, things are looking pretty groovy for your month in the empire of the senses. You're such an attraction magnet right now that – like a certain movie cafe scene – this week others are definitely going to want what you've got.

♊ **GEMINI:** Get over the idea that Taurus time's dull and stodgy, because it offers Tribe Gemini a chance to listen to your body talk. Plus a deliciously indulgent smorgasbord of earthly delights, so get ready to be tempted out of your head and into your senses with all sorts of succulent offers.

♋ **CANCER:** If your energy's been low and you feel you've just been going through the motions lately, this week plugs you into the cosmic socket. Motivator Mars is blazing into Cancer, injecting a fresh dose of dash and swagger into your personal goals and initiatives. But you'll have to be prepared to do most of the communicating.

♋ **LEO:** This week's people are stubborn, like yourself, so don't bother trying to talk them into anything. Just power down to a gentle roar and bide your time like those wildlife docs where the monarch of the jungle kicks back and relaxes. Full moon could see an ending or transition around your home or base of operations.

♍ **VIRGO:** Yes, it's necessary to take care of business, but don't be so utterly swept up in working you forget about fun, because this week's world is willing, available and very Virgo-friendly. All the things you thought were boring about yourself are likely to be admired, appreciated and in high demand.

♌ **LIBRA:** Venus in the sign of sensualists is abfab for all the Venusian sports Librans adore: beautifying, socialising, decorating, shopping, doing lunch and of course, amour. Making over-indulgence this week's biggest pitfall, sweetie darlings, so maybe remind yourself to ease up and to take a break before you ache.

♏ **SCORPIO:** Your partnership department comes under this week's cosmic microscope, which could aggravate possessiveness – even bring a visit from the green eyed demon, jealousy. But why torture yourself when this could be a relaxed, laidback, sexy time? And Tuesday's full moon at Scorpio Central has Venus playing sensual temptress?

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Others are likely to get confused or stressed if you move too fast this week, archers. So take it slow and steady, and you might be very pleasantly surprised as pieces of an unfinished puzzle fall into place. Your savviest working mantra? *All the way to heaven is heaven.*

♊ **CAPRICORN:** This week Venus is your kind of material world girl, and you already know her no-nonsense, taking-care-of-business vibe is nowhere near as boring as it sounds because it focuses on solid, down-to-earth results you can measure, hold in your hands or stash in your bank account.

♈ **AQUARIUS:** Following the Aries season of inspiration, Taurean energy's all about making things happen; concrete steps leading to concrete results. This week challenges you to put recent creative ideas to practical use, because others won't be impressed by abstract concepts – they'll want you to show them the money or prove your love.

♓ **PISCES:** Been feeling like life's daily grind is just too plodding and dreary for your imaginative selves? Think again, because pleasure's plentiful in the currently running, artistic four-week series called Taurus Time. During which it's advisable to tackle questions and problems Taurus style; in orderly sequence, one methodical step at a time.



WEDNESDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BENNY WHISKEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **JOCK BARNES**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- TWO HANDS COLLECTIVE, BALLINA, 8PM **THE COMEDY COMMUNE FEATURING STEVEN J WHITELY**
- LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY 6PM **CONVERSATION WITH BIENNALE OF SYDNEY DIRECTOR JOSE ROCA WITH VANESSA EKINS AND KYLIE CALDWELL WITH CLAUDIE FROCK**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 10.30PM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**

THURSDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JASPER O'MALLEY DUO**, 8PM **TIM STOKES DUO**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4PM **STRING TIME**

FRIDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JESSE WHITNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **BEN WHITING**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **THE LITTLE MERMAID PRESENTED BY VICTORIAN STATE BALLET & BYRON THEATRE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **BENNY ODWYER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **BRIAN WATT DUO**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ ANDRE MEYER**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **LOOK AT / LOOK THROUGH**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE - DJ LOQI**

- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **LEMON CHICKEN**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **BRAD HOLMES**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **THE JACKS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JAMES PALMER DUO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 3.30PM **STRING TIME**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ELVIS THROUGH THE YEARS**, THE STAGE 8PM **DJ TRADEMARK**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ANDREW TAYLOR**, 9.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**

SATURDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUPERCHEEZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **BLUEBONE**, 4PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**, 6.30PM **ASHER BEAU**, 9PM **THE 4'20 SOUND**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 6.30PM **THE LITTLE MERMAID PRESENTED BY VICTORIAN STATE BALLET & BYRON THEATRE**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - TIM DEGEN**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **SOUTHWALL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ GEZ**, 5.15PM **DJ SI CLONE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **WENDY FORD**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **OLLIE TWHILL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BRAD JONES**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **MANTLEPEACE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 6PM **STRING TIME**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **TAPESTRY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEPHEN GREEN**, 9.30PM **DISCO DISCIPLES**

SUNDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **A TASTE OF IRELAND - THE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE SENSATION PRESENTED BY PACE LIVE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 5PM **ASHER BEAU**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **MR TROY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 3PM **STRING TIME**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **MIKE EDWARDS**, 6.30PM **FAT ALBERT**

MONDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ALISHA TODD**, 8PM **JON CROSBIE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**

TUESDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **PHIL HOWELL**, 8PM **JOE CONROY**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MATT BUGGY**
- EWINGSDALE HALL 8PM **ECSTATIC DANCE - DJ WILD HONEY**

WEDNESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **STEVE TYSON**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, **TIM DEGAN**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **FLOOD STORIES**



DANCING DAVE'S COMEDY SPECTACULAR!

Dave Callan is a big hairy Irish bloke. He's funny. You would have seen him on *Rove* and heard him on Triple J - but now you get to see him dance! With backup dancers and a show full of spectacular choreography and a hairy Viking, catch *A-Z of Dance* at Byron Comedy Fest. Dave told us a little more...

What made you want to do less talking and more dancing?

In 2011 burlesque dancers took over the comedy festival. No judgement; they just did. I got asked to host a burlesque show that year and they asked me to do their finale with them. I said 'What is it?' They said 'Single Ladies' and I said 'How hard can it be?'. Three days and 40 hours of practise later I had learned it. It got a great reaction and I thought 'Give the people more of what they want' and so now I'm doing a one-hour comedy dance show.

I'm intrigued how you came up with the idea - it's such a big jump, literally, from stand up comedy, way out of the usual comfort zone - what led you here? How has this changed your feelings about performing?

I learned so many dances over the years just for fun and decided a good framework for the show was the alphabet; I could put a dance in for every letter. So that was the way I came up with the idea. Plus, people laugh at me when I dance so I may as well do a show of it. It's really fun to do, relevant to stand up, because it's a dynamic art form, it's 'colour and movement' as they say, and alternating between it and stand up is good because it switches up the audience's attention span!

Unlike most comics you have to be fit - how does Dave Callan stay in shape?

Aha! I don't. I don't keep in shape. Mick Jagger runs on a treadmill for months before a tour to get ready. I just struggle and then finally get fit at the end of the season. Like, I can actually do the show by the time it's over. Luckily people find me struggling with the cardio funny so it's win/win.

Is it hard for you to follow and remember choreography - how important are your backup dancers? Tell me about them...

No, it's easy to remember the choreography. You just have to do it a million times and it's in the muscle memory. It's hard not to do the choreography at that point. Like you're waking past Cotton On and 'Single Ladies' plays and you start doing it there in the shop because it's in your bone marrow.

The backup dancers are amazing. I've been working

with them for years on various iterations of these dance shows and as I've become a dancer they've become comedians! They always had a good sense of timing because they're dancers, but I love seeing them develop clowning skills and playing around more as the years go by.

What is the criteria for a video clip to get the Callan treatment? Which ones made it?

The clip has to be iconic so everyone gets the reference, and it has to have choreography all the way through, or at least in the chorus. The third criteria is it has to have sassy sort of quite feminine dance moves because then it looks funny when a big hairy Viking does it. It ends up being quite incongruous.

Do you have a list of clips that you are keen to recreate one day? Ones that are super hard, so you need to be on top of your dance game?

Yes! I'd love to do some tap or Irish stuff. Something like *Singing in the Rain* by Gene Kelly. It's amazing, but it's so intricate, and requires an understanding of tap that I'm a ways off - to put it mildly. But one day...

What should we expect from *The A-Z of Dance*?

The current show *A-Z of Dance* is a hectic hour of different dance styles, with video, backup dancers, stand up comedy and a lot of cardio for poor me. Something for everyone in there, and it's just stupid silly hilarious fun.

Dave Callan presents *The A-Z of Dance (A Little Less Conversation)* at the Byron Comedy Festival 13-16 May 2021, at 9pm.

Tickets and program info on byroncomedyfest.com

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PLAYING CHICKEN

Lemon Chicken is back at the **Courthouse Hotel** this **Friday 23 April**, kicking off at **8pm**. This time there will be simultaneous dancing and drinking, as well as a special guest support band. Lemon Chicken will be pulling back the covers with songs from Hoodoo Gurus to the Foo Fighters. It will be an awesome evening of raucous music and a great crowd.

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Entry is \$20 - to book your place please phone Françoise on 0404 728 450.

Saturday 1 May at 2pm at Gondwana Community Hall.

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Sunday 25 April, 7.30pm
Adult \$74.90 | Conc \$69.90
Child U14 \$59.90 | Group of 10+ \$64.90



GRIGORYAN BROTHERS
A BOY CALLED SAILBOAT
Thursday 29 April, 7.30pm
Full \$45 | Conc \$40 | Student \$25 | Family of 4 \$120



DANCING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN
10 PIECE POWERHOUSE BAND
Friday 30 April, 8.30pm
\$53



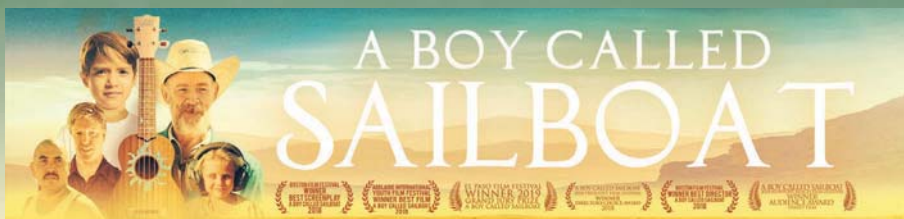
CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON
20TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT
Saturday 1 May, 7.30pm
\$39



Arrive early and enjoy a drink at the Theatre Bar

Byron Theatre & Community Centre
69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
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BYRON THEATRE APRIL / MAY



FILM SCREENING WITH SOUNDTRACK PERFORMED LIVE BY THE

GRIGORYAN BROTHERS



BYRON THEATRE
7.30 THURS APRIL 29

Bookings: 6685 6807 / www.byroncentre.com.au

REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH
7.30 FRIDAY APRIL 30

Bookings: www.the-regent.com.au

Q&A FOLLOWING
BYRON SCREENING
WITH DIRECTOR
CAMERON NUGENT
& THE GRIGORYAN
BROTHERS

hosted by BBIFF director J'aimée Skippon-Volke

Soundtrack available from ABC Classics www.grigoryanbrothers.com

THE
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APRIL 28 - MAY 6
THE QUAD : 110 MAGELLAN STREET LISMORE

a 2021 Plein Air Residency

FLOOD STORIES

FREE EVENT

An immersive audio walk and storytelling experience by Jeanti St Clair featuring tales from the 2017 Lismore Flood

MORE INFO:
lismorequad.org.au
lismorefloodstories.net



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lismorequad.org.au



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JOIN IN ON THE LONELINESS CONNECTION

TLC: *The Loneliness Connection* is a project funded by Create NSW to shine a light on loneliness and create community connection. The project outcome is a collaboratively devised dance-theatre experience that is layered, original, fun and intimate. The production is directed by **Vicki Lawrence** with local performance artists **Marissa Treichel, Rohini Drury, Ruth Walker, Danielle Linegar, Justine Grantham** and supported by Drill Hall Creative Director **Liz Chance**.

Book now to reserve your place and support this local, new, vulnerable and important dance theatre work. One show only! Sunday 2 May 2021, 2pm. Tickets \$25 from www.drillhalltheatre.org.au



GREEN LIGHT FOR MARDIGRASS

The **Nimbin MardiGrass** is on! With the covid-caused cancellation last year, and watching the second Bluesfest knock out, organisers were nervous, but President of the HEMP Embassy and host of the event, Michael Balderstone, is thrilled to say it's game on! 'We have a terrific lineup of speakers and artists of all kinds. A lot of comedy and a lot of politicians, which should balance each other out! Two newly elected Legalize Cannabis politicians from WA, **David Heilpern** is back since he quit the bench, and he will MC a *Q&A on Roadside Drug Testing*, the main reason he disrobed.'

Join the hill folk for MardiGrass – literally the best grassroots festival in the world. Cutting edge culture, music, comedy, politics, and connection! 30 April–2 May. Find our more on nimbinmardigrass.com

CHILDS PLAY AT BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE

Internationally celebrated musician, Emmy winner and three times Grammy nominee **Toni Childs** is bringing her show to **The Brunswick Picture House**. With two acts, Childs is promising a special two hour performance as she celebrates her vast catalogue of music, which also saw her celebrate the 30th anniversary of her critically acclaimed album *Union* in 2019. Toni will be performing hits and fan favourites from *Union, House of Hope, The Woman's Boat* and *Keep the Faith*.

'It's all the fan faves,' she laughs.

The second act is part of the opus that she continues to craft; weaving her way between narratives of nature and art, where she presents the music that accompanies some of her splendid projects. 'I do all the new stuff in the second hour, *It's a Beautiful Noise* and then *Citizens of the Planet*, which comes out at the end of the decade.'

Yep, you heard it here first. At the end of the decade. That's because Toni is thinking big. Her vision hasn't just been about raising awareness about threatened species like bees, or wild spaces like the Great Barrier Reef, her challenge is to bring the audience into the space and inspire them to be collaborators and champions for the cause.

Proceeds from the Brunswick Picture House show will go towards Toni's projects.

Reef 360 is her latest project, which focuses on the Great Barrier Reef. She will be performing in collaboration with **IKONIX**, an Australian team of

professionals producing bespoke content and immersive environments using video, lighting, audio and architecture.

'The guys from IKONIX bought me an 80 foot dome and said "You could do your underwater concert in that". It fits 700 people standing and 300 lying down. I thought "Wow, this could tour the show through regional Australia!". [Because] instead of being an aquarium piece, we can take the show to land-locked areas and it could tour on its own for three years. The show is an hour and 15 minutes with the last 15 being a shout out to local community, to schools and to educators and families to adopt the Great Barrier Reef. We engage with marine biologists who are creating a coral bank – [that asks kids] what would it look like to take a species into their school and really own it? And to be part of it – to fund raise for the NGOs that work in the space, to repair and restore the Reef.'

Toni was all set to take *It's a Beautiful Noise* on tour, but the pandemic hit. And it seems the down time has only broadened Toni's vision.



'COVID-19 has given me time to focus – I want my shows to be like "Wow!" visually and aesthetically and to have depth [of meaning].'

Her other show is focused on the plight of the pollinators. It's a concert about what is happening to our bees. So Toni has made a huge bee that will be installed in Katherine this month.

'It's the prototype of the Big Bee. I am also working with some women who raise silk worms – we are making a giant bee with them; we will wrap it in fishnet material and then get 10 000 silkworms to weave the skin of the bee! They are then going to grow the eggs that are needed to weave the bodies of the other 30 installations.'

The immensely innovative and creative Toni Childs has big plans. She's creating and making immersive concert experiences around the country. It's something she funds herself.

After an incredibly well-received 55-date national tour in 2019, the legendary Toni Childs returns for a special show at the **Brunswick Picture House on Thursday 29 April**.

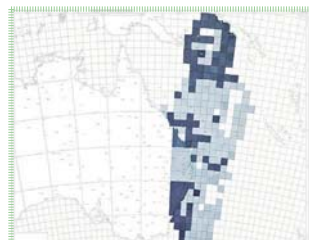
Purchase tickets at brunswickpicturehouse.com/event/toni-childs-retrospective

LOOKING THROUGH

Look At / Look Through is the latest group exhibition at BSA that explores the relationship between the figure and the landscape. In some works, figures survey the landscape in front of them. In others, the viewer becomes an

absent figure, with the work inviting them into another place outside of the gallery.

Byron School of Art opening celebrations Friday 23 April, 6–8pm.



CINEMA

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 22 Apr - Wed 28 Apr NFT = No Free Tickets

<p>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</p> <p>DE GAULLE (M) ANZAC DAY Screening Sun: 4:00 FIRST COW (PG) Film Connoisseur Thu: 6:30PM</p> <p>THE KING AND I: FROM THE LONDON PALLADIUM (CTC) Sat, Wed: 1:30PM</p> <p>WRATH OF MAN (MA15+) Adv Screening Wed: 7:00PM</p> <p>FAMILY FILMS</p> <p>PETER RABBIT 2 (G) Daily except Sun: 12:00, 2:10, 5:00 Sun: 1:00, 5:00PM</p> <p>RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON (PG) Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 11:50AM Sat: 11:15AM Wed: 11:40AM</p> <p>TOM & JERRY: THE MOVIE (G) Daily except Sat, Sun: 12:00, 2:00 Sat: 11:30AM, 2:00PM Sun: 1:30</p> <p>MORTAL KOMBAT (R18+) NFT Daily except Sun: 2:15, 4:40, 7:00 Sun: 1:45, 4:40, 7:00PM</p>	<p>ANTOINETTE IN THE CÉVENNES (M) NFT Daily except Sun: 12:00, 4:30, 7:10PM Sun: 4:30, 7:10PM</p> <p>CREATION STORIES (MA15+) NFT Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 12:15, 7:00 Sat: 11:15AM, 7:00PM Sun: 7:00PM Wed: 11:15AM</p> <p>EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE (MA15+) NFT Daily: 4:30, 6:45PM</p> <p>GIRLS CAN'T SURF (M) Daily: 4:45PM</p> <p>GODZILLA VS. KONG (M) Daily except Thu, Sun: 12:10, 7:00PM Thu: 12:10PM Sun: 7:00PM</p> <p>JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH (MA15+) Daily except Thu, Sun: 4:20, 6:30 Thu: 4:20PM Sun: 6:30PM</p> <p>NOBODY (MA15+) Daily except Sun: 2:30PM Sun: 1:30PM</p>	<p>NOMADLAND (M) Daily except Sun, Wed: 11:45AM, 4:15PM Sun, Wed: 4:15PM</p> <p>PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN (MA15+) Daily except Sun: 2:30 Sun: 1:15PM</p> <p>SIX MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT (M) Daily except Sun, Wed: 2:10, 4:20, 7:00PM Sun: 1:30, 4:20, 7:00PM Wed: 11:00AM, 2:10, 4:20, 7:00</p> <p>SUPERNOVA (M) Daily: 4:20, 6:40</p> <p>THE COURIER (M) Daily except Sun: 11:45AM, 2:15, 6:45PM Sun: 1:20, 6:45PM</p> <p>THE FATHER (M) Daily except Sun: 12:20PM</p> <p>THE UNHOLY (M) Thu, Fri, Mon, Tue: 2:30PM Sun: 1:45PM</p> <p>VOYAGERS (MA15+) Daily: 2:00</p>
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Session times are subject to change. Please check online for all live session times

108 Jonson St, Byron Bay Book online now at PalaceCinemas.com.au

PETER RABBIT 2

The lovable rogue is back. Bea, Thomas, and the rabbits have made peace as a family, but despite his best efforts, Peter can't seem to shake his mischievous reputation. Adventuring out of the garden, Peter finds himself on the mean streets of the city where his mischief is better appreciated. But when his furry family is put in danger, Peter must figure out what kind of bunny he wants to be.

Peter Rabbit 2 is screening at both the Ballina Fair cinema and the Palace Theatre.



BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

Thursday April 22nd to Wednesday April 28th

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

Tel: (02) 6686 9600
ballinafaircinemas.com.au
We accept the Dine and Discover \$25 vouchers

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204 Eureka Road, **Eureka**

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Small Acreage Hobby Farm

- Hobby farm lifestyle property - handy to Bangalow and Byron
- Over 9 acres of rich, frost free paddocks ideal for orchards and grazing
- Beautiful Benny's Creek along the eastern boundary with huge dam frontage
- Solid family home overlooking the private acreage and pool
- Huge machine shed/workshop and established grounds

Auction

On-site 24th April at 2pm
Inspect Saturday 1.00 - 1.30pm

Greg Price

0412 871 500

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"Ascot Grove" - 298 Dorroughby Road, **Corndale**

3 2 2

- Stunning, restored timber homestead boasting immaculate detailing and presentation
- Over 80 acres of elevated plateau country running down to postcard pretty Mick's Creek
- Character and atmosphere exude from every room as formal and open plan living mingle seamlessly
- Established macadamia orchard and well-watered paddocks provide handy income

Auction

On-site 1st May at 1.30pm
Inspect Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am
Tuesday 1.00 - 1.30pm

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Katrina Beohm

real estate

coastal & hinterland sales



DUNOON, 46 Cedar Drive

Price guide \$699,000

Inspections By Appointment

3 1 2 4718m²

Charming Country Lifestyle Awaits

- + Located at the end of a quiet country lane in the Dunoon village sits this proud renovated Queenslander
- + VJ walls, high ceilings and timber floors throughout. Air-conditioning from the kitchen flows through the open plan spaces
- + Main bedroom and lounge room open up to the verandahs
- + Stunning views to the iconic Sphinx Rock, Border and Nightcap Ranges

Rachael Jenkins 0499 076 077



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Sales Agent



Rachael Jenkins
Sales Manager



Gail Beohm
Sales Support



Lily Hewitt
Sales Admin

Anzac Day 25 - 4 - 2021

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them."

The Ode from the poem For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon



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8 PORTER STREET BYRON BAY

kbrealstate.com.au



'Halekulani', Mullumbimby's Best Kept Secret

- Fully renovated historic Queenslander plus studio nestled in 40 hectares of breathtaking native landscape including rainforest with waterfalls and Koala colonies
- The original home was built circa 1940s and the recent renovations, designed by architect Sharon Frazer, has retained original character features whilst adding modern conveniences
- Open plan living area with hardwood floors, wood burning fireplace, wraparound balcony and modern kitchen with stone benchtops
- 5-minute drive to vibrant Mullumbimby town centre and 15-minute drive to Brunswick Heads and its beautiful beaches

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Address: **2033 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment

Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Katie Teague 0417 006 667



10 Acres with Panoramic Views at the top of Tandys Lane

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- Supremely private and elevated position with ideal north facing aspect and breathtaking views to the ancient volcanic twin peaks
- The floorplan takes full advantage of the magical vistas with the 2 living spaces both opening out to the balcony - a perfect platform to take in the beautiful sunsets
- Lush tropical gardens encompassing 2 pools which are connected by a charming waterfall, plus a Japanese style walk bridge and gazebo
- Short drive to beautiful beaches in Brunswick Heads and vibrant Mullumbimby

Address: **163 Tandys Lane, Brunswick Heads**

Auction: Auction Saturday, 22nd May at 11.30am - Guide \$3m

Open: Saturday, 24th April 10.00am - 10.30am

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Original Timber Cottage in the Heart of Federal

5 1 753M²

- This is an investment opportunity unlike anything currently on the market
- Zoned RU5: Village, which allows for a mix of residential (including higher or lower density), retail, business and other suitable land uses (STCA)
- Large block, centrally positioned next to famous Doma Cafe
- Original 1890s, 5-bedroom, timber cottage offers the discerning buyer the bones to create their dream hinterland home, a business or both!
- 25 mins from Byron and 15 mins from Bangalow

Address: **451 Federal Drive, Federal**

Auction: Auction Saturday, 8th May at 11.30am - Guide \$970k - \$1.065m

Open: Saturday, 24th April 10.30am - 11.00am

Enquiries: Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049



Golden Grid Opportunity on 1012sqm with Views and DA Approval

- This 1/4-acre block (1,012sqm) has to be one of the last remaining elevated blocks with DA approval ready for re-development in the centre of Byron Bay
- Construction certificate approx 85% complete, this project comes with architectural DA approved plans to build TWO luxury 5-bedroom, 3-bathroom, double garage homes with pools that take in the best of the views from this coveted position
- Dual access and address on both Ruskin Lane and Browning Street
- Encompassing views over the bay, across to the Nightcap ranges towards Mount Warning

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Address: **35 Browning Street, Byron Bay**
 Auction: Auction Saturday, 1st May at 10am. Guide \$4.1m – \$4.5m
 Open: Saturday, 24th April 9.00am – 9.30am
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049



Private Villa – Suffolk Park

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- The spacious and private villa is conveniently location where you can choose to walk or ride to the shops, tavern, beach or along the bike paths to Byron Bay
- Open plan living and kitchen area opens on two sides to a covered deck and a large, beautifully landscaped courtyard - fully fenced for maximum privacy
- Bedroom two has private access, an ensuite and its own private courtyard - perfect for Airbnb income, teenagers retreat or guest accommodation

Address: **1/3 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park**
 Price: \$900,000 – \$975,000
 Open: Saturday, 24th April 11.30am – 12.00pm
 Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



Beachside Townhouse

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- Great opportunity for the savvy investor, this beachside Suffolk Park home is located in quiet cul-de-sac with an easy walk to Tallow Beach, cafes and shops
- Set over 2 floors, and overlooking native bushland and pristine Tallow Creek
- Living area has blackbutt timber flooring and plenty of natural light
- The 3 bedrooms are good sizes, all have wool carpet and built-in robes
- Internal laundry and second toilet open to a private outdoor shower - perfect for this tranquil beachside environment

Address: **1/16 Marattia Place, Suffolk Park**
 Price: \$1.19m – \$1.25m
 Open: By Appointment
 Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



A Slice of Hinterland Paradise with Creek Frontage

- Modern 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom timber home is situated on 50-acre with creekfront and a near level plateau with outstanding views, aspect and privacy
- Features lagoon-style inground pool, separate workshop and gazebo
- The land is a perfect mixture of level ground and rolling pastures with excellent soil ideal for market gardens as well as an established forest with pristine creek cascading swimming holes
- Just 15 minutes to Minyon Falls and flanked by Nightcap Ranges, this property offers the ultimate serenity and untapped local exploration for those with a sense of adventure

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Address: **62 Tickle Road, Upper Coopers Creek**

Price: **\$1.5m to \$1.6m**

Open: **By Appointment**

Enquiries: **Paul Prior 0418 324 297, Lee Grimes 0400 462 312**



Over 1 acre of R2 Low Density Residential Land

5 4338M²

- Exceptional opportunity to own 4338m² of R2 low density residential land in a superb location - 2 min walk to Stone & Wood Brewery and the booming industrial estate
- Currently featuring a tenanted home, studio and 3 sheds, this site is ripe for development and new zoning allows for future development of land subdivision or multi-dwelling development (STCA)
- Adjacent to the soon to be built Harvest Estate, 10 minute walk to Habitat Retail & Lifestyle community and 15 minute walk to luxury hotel Elements of Byron

Address: **310 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay**

Price: **Expressions of Interest**

Open: **By Appointment**

Enquiries: **Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049, Lee Grimes 0400 462 312**



Work Space Full of Opportunity in Arts & Industrial Estate

PATIO: 19M² FLOOR AREA: 77M² MEZZANINE: 48M²

- Building offers a great opportunity to invest in the Byron industrial area
- Lots of natural light, freshly painted, recently strata title, 1 car space allocated to Unit 2 (not on title)
- Potential to receive a fantastic return or occupy for your own business
- Boutique complex made up of only 4 units
- Use the unit as is or develop to suit your needs (STCA)
- Stone and Wood Brewery and The Hive as neighbours

Address: **2/83 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay**

Auction: **Auction Friday 30th April at 11am - Guide \$675k - \$740k**

Open: **Wednesday, 21st April 3.00pm - 3.30pm**

Saturday, 24th April 11.00am - 11.30am

Enquiries: **Paul Banister 0438 856 552**

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Magnificent Presence & Position

15 Grafton Street Maclean



The much-admired home at 15 Grafton Street, Maclean is a home full of character and charm that takes pride of place in one of the premier positions that the Maclean township has to offer. Situated on a subdividable 1,373m² block (STCA) with everything Maclean has to offer within an easy walking distance – schools, shops, clubs, sporting fields, the pool and river. With owners seeking buyers' opinions on the value of this classic Northern Rivers home, why not have a look and express yours? You never know it may just buy it!

Auction
On-Site Saturday 8th May 10.30am

View
Friday 4.00–4.30pm

Agent
Grant Neilson 0429 664 312

Web: www.ljhooker.com.au/QJSF6G
LJ Hooker Maclean 6645 2222

Your Island Home – Is Waiting for You

Little Yargai Island Woombah



Little Yargai Island is approximately 4 acres of land situated within the Clarence River system approximately 10kms by boat to the mouth of the river between coastal havens of Yamba and Iluka. The short trip by boat is so pleasant and when you arrive at this sanctuary you know all the logistical hard work has already been done. There's a comfortable 2 bedroom home already built, complemented by additional shedding, two jetties and a boat ramp. The delightful walkway from the jetty to the home is a magical welcome to the site. Serious buyers book your inspection today.

Price
By negotiation

View
By appointment only

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FOR SALE

36 ALIDENES RD, WILSONS CREEK

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 24 APRIL 11.30AM - 12.00PM
AUCTION SATURDAY 1 MAY ON-SITE 12.00PM
PRICE GUIDE \$1,850,000 - \$1,950,000

A stylish, contemporary home on just under 4 acres conveniently close to Mullumbimby



4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 car spaces, 3.9 acres

FOR SALE

2 GRANUAILLE ROAD, BANGALOW

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 24 APRIL 9.00 - 9.30AM
AUCTION SATURDAY 8 MAY ONSITE 10:30AM

A beautiful and historic property with a second dwelling



4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 car spaces, 887m²

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AUCTION
SAT 8 MAY

OPEN
SAT 11-11.45AM



LOCATION, VIEWS & CHARM

3 bedrooms 1 bathroom 1+1 car spaces

1 Ann St, Mullumbimby

Nestled on the edge of town with a beautiful rural backdrop is this charming Mullum home. Original weatherboard always in style with all the character and charm you will be delighted to come home to and enjoy. Relax on your front covered patio and enjoy the sweet quiet serenity that this perfect location has to offer.

- Beautifully renovated combined dining and kitchen with stone tops and s/s appliances.
- 9ft ceilings with decorative cornices. Original timber floors under floor coverings.
- Good sized backyard with side carport and single garage/workshop.
- Beautiful and peaceful rural vista with just a short walk to the town centre.

This classic home with its unique charm is waiting to be enjoyed or ready for you to take to the next level with polished timber floors, a big rear verandah or possibly a studio STCA.



View: Saturday April 24
11-11.45am
Contact: Paul Eatwell
0414 466 111
paul@nclp.com.au

Mullumbimby Office: 6684 2615

81-83 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby



Echo
VIGILANT SINCE 1986

Home in the Heart of Byron Bay

75 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

5 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 2 car spaces Price or Auction: Contact Agent



This welcoming, single-storey, weatherboard home is the epitome of Byron Bay relaxed coastal living. Perfectly located only a 10 minute stroll to Clarke's Beach and an easy 13 minute walk to the centre of town, this home is beautiful and convenient. Resting on a large 938sqm block, the modern beach house features a versatile layout including open-plan living and dining. The contemporary kitchen will cater for any occasion and includes a butler's pantry and is flooded with natural light. The generous bedrooms are simple and sophisticated. The huge backyard completes the picture with an inviting swimming pool and manicured lawns. Plenty of space for kids to play and adults to relax on the expansive timber deck.



Open: Wednesday 21 April, 12.00pm
Contact: Helen Huntly-Barratt - 0412 332 232
First National Byron Bay



Open for inspection

Atlas by LJ Hooker

- 47 Tuckombil Rd Tuckombil. Sat 10-10.30am
- 15 Gilba Avenue Ocean Shores Sat 1-1.30pm

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 5 Kingsford Dr, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am

Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley

- 180-194 Ophir Glen Rd, Burringbar. Sat 11.30am-12pm

First National Byron Bay

- 75 Massinger St, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm
- 2/83 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Wed 3-3.30pm
- 602 Friday Hut Rd, Possum Creek. Fri 12-12.30pm
- 8/140 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Fri 1.30-2pm
- 35 Browning St, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 6 Barby Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 28 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.30am
- 163 Tandys Lane, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
- 11 North Head Rd, New Brighton. Sat 10-10.30am
- 451 Federal Dr, Federal. Sat 10.30-11am
- 2/83 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/3 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30-12pm
- 6 Killarney Crescent, Skennars Head. Sat 12-12.30pm

Harcourts Norther Rivers

- 25 The Serpentine, East Ballina. Sat 9.30-10am
- 107 Links Avenue, East Ballina. Sat 10-10.30am
- 139 James St, Dunoon. Sat 10-10.30am
- 22 Wilson St, Wardell. Sat 10.30-11am
- 49 Justelius Rd, Meerschaum Vale. Sat 11am-12pm
- 11 Pacific Heights Dr, Cumbalum. Sat 12-12.30pm

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

- 36B Waranga Crescent, Burringbar. Sat 11-11.30am
- 13B Walgoon Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

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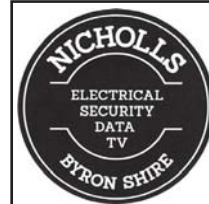
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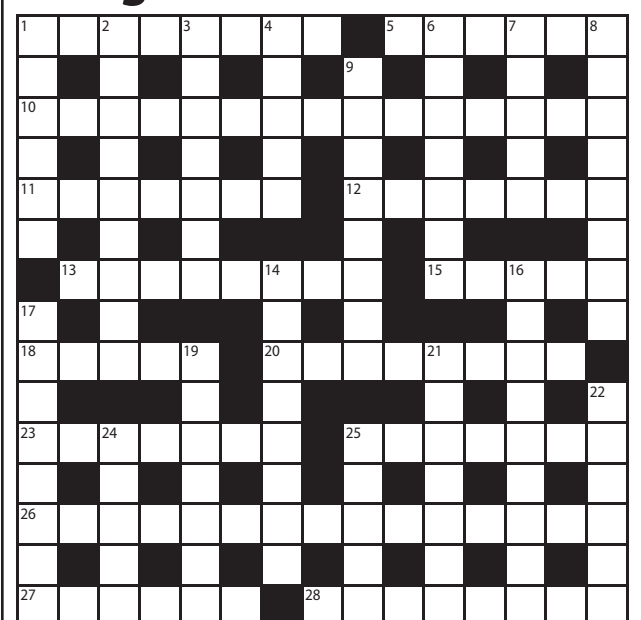
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ACROSS

- She opts for exclusive gold (8)
- Take in sailors' world (6)
- Cheerfully drunk - truehearted when tiddly (5,3,7)
- A collection of documents to finish a ship - that's right (7)
- Directions to a trial, best ordered (7)
- Solid trick with a Greek island (8)
- Salvaged canoe from the sea (5)
- Purge adversary - Australian not unknown (5)
- Over speaking about the country life (8)
- Stately home near Avignon serves tea. Tea, you say? French water! (7)
- A snack with a dad joke (7)
- Exasperated outburst or a pious invocation? (3,8,4)
- Attorney reveals tungsten in stratum (6)
- Lights over the tip of Cornwall (5,3)

DOWN

- Dives deep for what can be heard (6)
- 'Amphibians advance!' proclaimed Spooner, brandishing a chunk of magnetite (9)
- Jack and Bill hug setter - it's about the heart (7)
- Turn back to that woman - or an alternative one (5)
- Support Virginia with a party - that's recklessness (7)
- Paint, a messy chore (5)
- Sex appeal working in naked singer (8)
- Promiscuous types, southern footballers (8)
- Interprets old weights (8)
- Electronic research facility? Speak and explain! (9)
- Exercise and lose face. Turn left and be quiet. (8)
- Expert pitch for paint remover (7)
- Sat after work and resisted (7)
- Poplar act? Certainly! (6)
- A pointer to a right din (5)
- Two Greek characters for a religious statue (5)

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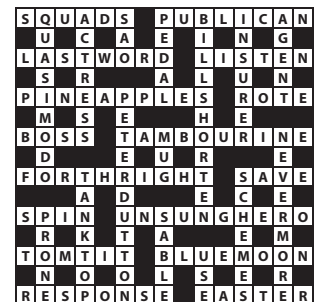
ACROSS

- Chooser (8)
- Soak up (6)
- Feeling ill (5,3,7)
- File (7)
- Tidiest (7)
- Building material (8)
- Sea (5)
- Douche (5)
- Bucolic (8)
- French country house (7)
- Cinema snack (7)
- For crying out loud! (3,8,4)
- Advocate (6)
- Destination from John o' Groats! (5,3)

DOWN

- Noises (6)
- Magnetic mineral (9)
- Coronary (7)
- Additional (5)
- Swagger (7)
- Earthy pigment (5)
- Low pitched voice (8)
- Philanderers (8)
- Makes clear (8)
- Complicated (9)
- Tranquil (8)
- Solvent (7)
- Averse (7)
- Undoubtedly (6)
- Dart (5)
- Michelangelo's work, 'the Pity' (5)

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DATE (April/May)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
21	W	6:07 17:22	13:39 15:51	03:01 1.49 15:51 1.09	10:01 0.61 21:15 0.67
22	TH	6:07 17:21	14:21 16:55	04:09 1.54 16:55 1.20	10:55 0.53 22:28 0.59
23	F	6:08 17:20	15:00 17:47	05:07 1.62 17:47 1.34	11:40 0.43 23:28 0.49
24	SA	6:09 17:19	15:37 18:35	05:59 1.69 18:35 1.49	12:19 0.33
25	SU	6:09 17:18	16:13 19:21	06:46 1.73 19:21 1.64	00:21 0.39 12:58 0.24
26	M	6:10 17:17	16:50 20:07	07:31 1.72 20:07 1.77	01:13 0.31 13:36 0.18
27	TU	6:10 17:16	17:30 20:52	08:16 1.67 20:52 1.87	02:04 0.26 14:15 0.16
28	W	6:11 17:15	18:13 21:39	09:02 1.58 21:39 1.93	02:57 0.26 14:54 0.18
29	TH	6:11 17:14	19:02 22:28	09:48 1.45 22:28 1.93	03:53 0.30 15:34 0.23
30	F	6:12 17:14	19:57 23:18	10:37 1.32 23:18 1.88	04:53 0.36 16:17 0.32
1	SA	6:13 17:13	20:57 11:31	11:31 1.20	05:59 0.43 17:05 0.43
2	SU	6:13 17:12	22:00 12:37	12:37 1.11	07:08 0.49 18:01 0.54
3	M	6:14 17:11	23:03 13:58	13:58 1.08	08:18 0.52 19:15 0.63
4	TU	6:14 17:10	23:09 15:19	15:19 1.12	09:25 0.52 20:41 0.67
5	W	6:15 17:10	0:04 16:28	16:28 1.21	10:23 0.50 22:00 0.66

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

PETS

WILLOW
Willow is the epitome of feline beauty. He is a very gentle and affectionate boy whose personality and looks are simply show stopping. Reluctantly surrendered, Willow is understandably bewildered and is desperate to find a new family to love him. To meet Willow, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.
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Sid is a 10 month old desexed male DaneX pup... He is a handsome boy, has some basic obedience training which needs to be continued and is ready to bond with an experienced owner he can respect - older children will be fine. Best as the only pet. If you can give Sid a permanent, loving home please contact Pam on 0421 017 461. Microchip no 900113001715424
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Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

6-year-old female Staffy x Bull Terrier Dekoda is looking for a gentle loving home.
Darling Dekoda lost a front leg in 2016 and has learned to be extremely agile nevertheless. She has the loveliest nature, is gentle & affectionate and would love another doggie companion.
Please see her full profile on our Byron Dog Rescue website and phone Shell on 0458 461 935 for more info.
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Devastated family has had to surrender an equally devastated (and Schnitzel) due to a family severe allergy. Thunder is 4 years old and is described by his distraught family as super friendly and smoochy. Poor Thunder looks overwhelmed and urgently needs a new home. He will certainly be a marvellous companion and friend. Champagne/ginger.
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1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0408 239 273	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 2:30-6:30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Flea, Byron YAC		Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8:30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8:30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyogletogogether.org.au		

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	1800 656 463
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MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
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Further to short-term letting rules announced last week, the roll out has now been extended until November 1 (originally July 30), according to the SMH. It appears the accommodation industry, who donate handsomely to the ethically bereft NSW government, were most displeased, and needed more time. Meanwhile, councils will come under more pressure to regulate, without any government assistance. Other countries have at least recognised that councils need money to keep up with infrastructure costs from holiday letting.



After a rough 2020 and 2021 start, Byron's music scene is set to make a comeback, June 18-20, with a brand new event, the Byron Music Festival, headed by Byron Music's Nick Sergi (pictured). He says the goal is to push the resurgence of local music and bring the festival vibes into Byron itself. Nick says, 'The town's CBD will come alive with multiple live music performances, a youth music showcase, local business activations, markets, and a music industry conference and speaking program. There will be a 100 per cent local lineup of iconic and emerging artists, as well as a robust music industry conference program. Artist lineup announced soon - visit www.byronmusicfestival.com.au for more info. Photo Jeff Dawson

Psst: the Byron Triathlon has been moved back one day, according to Council's upcoming agenda. It has been moved to Sunday May 9, 'to minimise impacts on the Byron town centre and community. No other changes are proposed, just the date.'

Fun fact: Peacock's one time girlfriend Shirley MacLaine bought a Broken Head property. According to the NSW government's *Broken Head Nature Reserve Plan of Management*: 'In 1983, a property at Brays Beach, known as the Black Stump, was sold to American actor Shirley MacLaine. Ms MacLaine resold the property to the NSW Government the following year, having been made aware of its significance, limited development potential and plans for its inclusion in the Reserve.'

Google Earth has just released amazing timelapse videos, showing direct human impacts on Earth, including the impacts of climate change: www.developers.google.com/earth-engine/timelapse/videos.

Isn't it treason to undermine your country by wilfully destroying its institutions so that you and your mates can move in and profit? Morrison and his incompetent, embezzling associates want to privatise Australia Post, it turns out. Noam Chomsky sums privatisation up thus: 'Make sure things don't work, people get angry, you hand it over to private capital.'

Vale to a true Australian Liberal, Andrew Peacock, who died last week at 82.

Free publicity for Netflix! Unfortunately, those against the *Byron Baes* production are giving the streaming giant exactly what they want. What Netflix doesn't want is scrutiny of their tax avoidance, a practice almost every global corporate actor does.

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