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Introducing 'Australia's Peter Pan', to the next generation



Tristan Bancks with his latest creation, a modern day Ginger Meggs, a character originally brought to life by his great-great uncle in 1921.
 Photo Jeff 'Going Down Hill Fast' Dawson

Local children's author, Tristan Bancks, has marked the 100th birthday of iconic comic-strip character Ginger Meggs with the release of a book of brand new Ginger Meggs short stories.

A Northern Rivers local for the past 22 years, Bancks is also the great-great nephew of Ginger Meggs' creator, Jimmy Bancks.

'I've always loved Meggs and been so proud of that family connection. I've been reading the comic strip since I was seven years old,' he said. 'Seeing the original Ginger

Meggs image on my grandmother's wall as a kid, and discovering I was related to the person who drew him, was such a pivotal moment and one of the things that inspired me to become a writer.'

Bancks' full-colour, hardback book, illustrated by current Meggs cartoonist Jason Chatfield, includes a story, 'Dead Man's Hill', influenced by the Bangalow Billycart Derby.

'Another piece in the book has Ginger engaged in a lamington-selling war with his best mate Benny,' Bancks said.

'That story's loosely based on my son's local door-to-door cupcake-selling empire, while another one alludes to a few disastrous family camping trips we've had around Byron.'

Contemporary kid

The book embodies all the mayhem and memories that many people have of Meggs, but it's set in the present day.

'Ginger's a contemporary kid with contemporary kid problems. But the qualities that I think have seen him

through 100 years are his boundless energy, beginner's mind, resilience and tenacity. These are qualities that I think most Australians, most humans, would like to have.'

The book features a fascinating, full-colour timeline, detailing the evolution of the character from a skinny redhead, originally named Ginger Smith, back in 1921, to the much-loved, internationally-renowned comic-strip character of today, who is still published online and in more than 100 newspapers around the world.

Students strike for climate action

Aslan Shand

Young people are making it clear to the old men in power – it is time for change. It is time to stop supporting fossil fuels that are causing climate change. It is time to start supporting technologies that will drive a transition towards a future where they can actually live in a world that is not burning to the ground around them or being washed out from under their feet. It is time to take real action, here in Australia as well as around the world.

Once again the call has gone out, from school children, to gather together and make your voice heard. The momentum for climate action continues to build from the ground up as Australian politicians fail to invest in a safe future. You can join the students at 10am at Byron Rec Grounds this Friday, May 21 when they will walk to Main Beach. They are asking all adults and businesses to stand in solidarity with them and close their shops while the strike is taking place.

'The past year has witnessed the decimating effects of a global pandemic, which has highlighted the need for transformative, systemic change and brave leaders who are willing to challenge and reform,' say organisers of the Byron Bay School Strike 4 Climate.

'Climate justice needs an approach that utilises all perspectives, ensuring that no one gets left behind. Our government's blatant disrespect and disregard for supporting this is highlighted in the continued funding of fossil and gas industries. Ignoring the long-term

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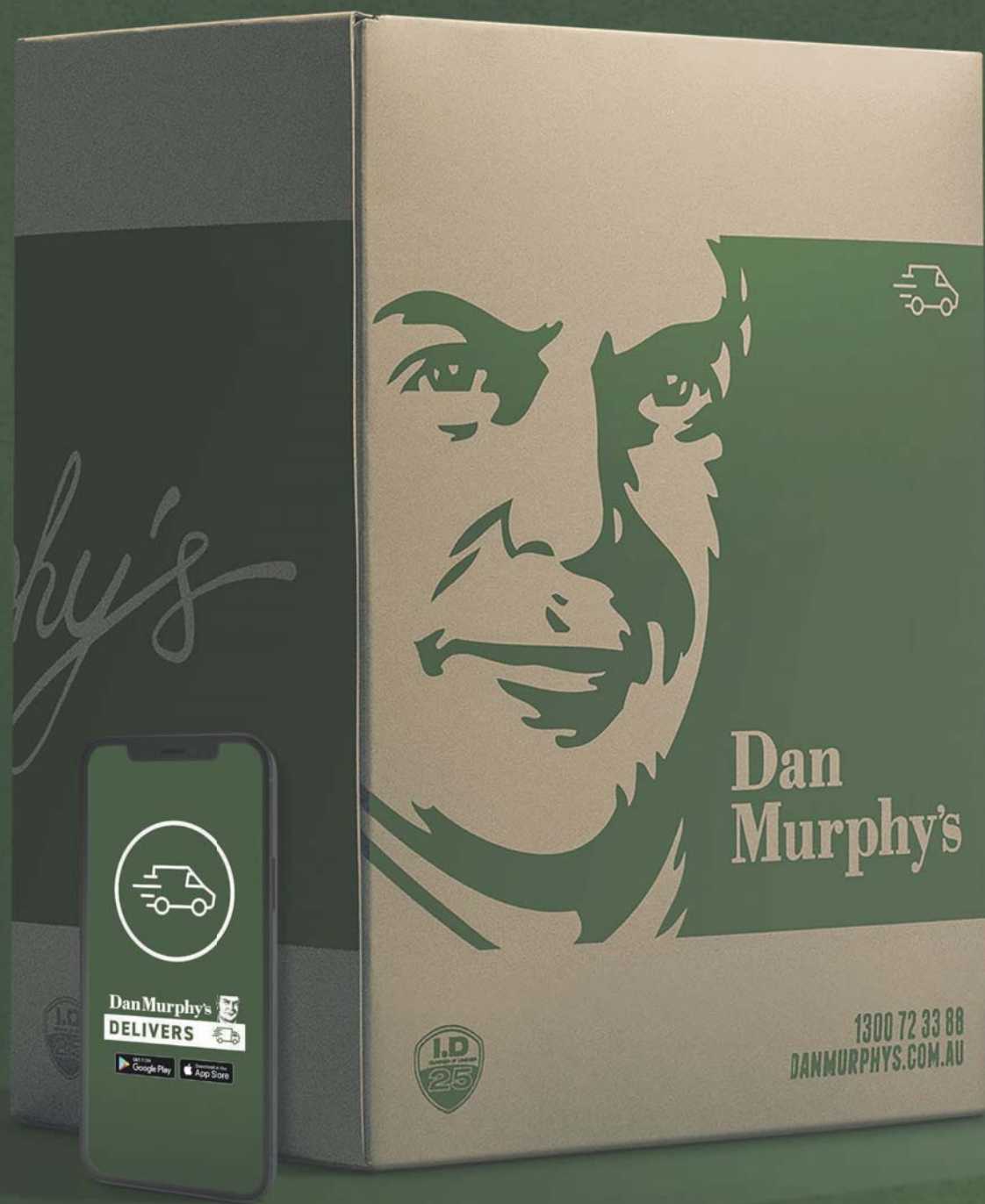
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Byron Writers Festival is back in full swing

Aslan Shand

The Byron Writers Festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary and is excited to be making a comeback this August 6-8 after the last year's COVID-19 restrictions forced it, like many other events, to cancel.

'We have just about finalised the program, which has been pretty intense, and we have Tony Birch, Evelyn Araluen – a Bunjalung author and fierce, young voice in Australian literature – Malcolm Turnbull, Alice Pung, and Hayley Katzen as the first guests we can reveal,' said Byron Writers Chair, Adam van Kempen.

Festival Director Edwina Johnson says, 'We are delighted to be welcoming our guests and audiences back to the beautiful Festival grounds at Byron Bay for three days of stimulating conversation, ideas and shared experiences.'

'Our 25th anniversary is a significant milestone for the Festival and we cherish this opportunity to come together to reflect, connect and celebrate with such incredible literary talent.'



Geena Nibald, Stone & Wood Marketing Manager; Adam van Kempen, Chair Byron Writers Festival; Sally Gilbert, Stone & Wood Events and Sponsorship coordinator; and Aarna Hudson, Byron Writers Festival partnership coordinator. Photo Jeff Dawson

Locals pass

This first announcement of featured authors coincides with the preliminary release of the ever-popular discounted Sunday Locals' Passes for Northern Rivers residents. The discounted ticket, priced at \$90, a saving of \$45 on the full ticket price, for entry to the Festival on Sunday, August

8 has been made possible by the partnership of Stone & Wood and is on sale now at byronwritersfestival.com/festival.

'Byron Writers Festival is such an awesome cultural event for the Northern Rivers region, and we feel it's important that as many people from the local community are able to attend as possible,' said Stone &

Wood's General Manager, Nick Boots.

'We hope that these Sunday Locals' Passes bring familiar faces, young and old, to enjoy a day of deep thinking and conversation.'

Byron Writers Festival Full Program will be announced on June 23 when tickets to all Festival days, Satellite Events and Workshops will go on sale.

School Strike 4 Climate this Friday

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Co-organiser and Byron Shire's Young Citizen of the Year, Mia Thom said, 'It is easy in these times to feel disillusioned, burnt out, the combined weight of many intersecting issues. But we cannot give in, we must create hope in action, we must believe in the collective power of people, and understand that these issues stem from a corrupt system that prioritises profit over people.'

'We are on the forefront of this emergency, with

catastrophic weather events of flooding and bushfires, locally with the extensive erosion that threatens habitat and livelihoods. The most vulnerable demographics are already feeling the impact.

'We do not have the time to wait, we do not have the time to politicise this, we

are in a biodiversity crisis, a climate crisis. We require dramatic action. A collective shift and progressive change is occurring globally. Yet our government's refusal to act reflects a deeper apathy, a sinister corruption. Join us this Friday, May 21 in the struggle to protect our existence.'

Lyon elected interim Mayor

Following the resignation of former Byron Shire Mayor, Simon Richardson, at the end of April, a vote was held May 13 to elect a new mayor.

Cr Michael Lyon was elected as the Mayor and Cr Sarah Ndiaye was elected as Deputy Mayor of the Byron Shire Council.

They will hold the positions until the NSW Local Government Election that will be held on 4 September 2021.

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Bluesfest to go ahead this October with an exciting lineup

Paul Bibby

You can't keep a good festival down.

Just seven weeks after Byron Bluesfest was cancelled at the eleventh hour owing to a COVID scare, the event has bounced back with a new line-up featuring some of Australia's most revered musical talent.

The October long weekend will see music legends Midnight Oil, Paul Kelly and Jimmy Barnes grace the stages at the Tyagarah site, alongside emerging legend and local favourite, Tash Sultana.

'Who would have thought that just six weeks after the cancellation of Bluesfest last Easter by a Public Health Order less than 24 hours before our gates were due to open, we would be announcing our rescheduled festival, and a week later, today, our artists,' festival director, Peter Noble said.

A few acts have been unable to return for the October event. However there is plenty of talent to fill the breach, most notably Midnight Oil, who are making their first appearance at Bluesfest in 19 years.



Midnight Oil lead singer Peter Garrett. Image: midnightoil.com

'This is so special for me to announce – a moment I have been waiting years to

happen,' Mr Noble said.

Midnight Oil headlined Bluesfest in 2002, just before

their extended hiatus.

Coming off the back of a COVID-related cancellation in 2020, the last minute scratching of the festival by Public Order in April left tens of thousands of music fans across the country crying into their Easter bunnies.

It also had a devastating impact on thousands of people in the music and hospitality industries.

For more info go to www.bluesfest.com.au.

South Golden Beach dog shooter jailed

Paul Bibby

A local builder from South Golden Beach who shot his neighbour's dog with a bow and arrow has been jailed after unsuccessfully appealing his conviction in the District Court.

Robert Bruce Stewart shot 'Bucket', a 10-month-old Wolfhound-Malamute cross, with a steel-tipped arrow on December 6, 2019.

The injury caused the death of the much-loved dog, and Stewart was subsequently found guilty of two animal cruelty charges, including recklessness and

torture, in Byron Bay Local Court last October.

The 61-year-old then appealed his conviction in the District Court, and was allowed to remain on bail pending the outcome of that case.

Last week a judge in the Lismore District Court upheld Stewart's conviction, and he was ordered to immediately commence his custodial sentence.

Stewart will serve a minimum of three months jail, with a maximum of seven months.

'The whole family is happy that Bucket is getting

some justice, and that someone who's capable of that is not in our community anymore,' Bucket's owner, Kris Thompson, told *The Echo*.

During Stewart's initial trial in the local court, it was alleged that he was motivated by his intense dislike of neighbourhood dogs and dog owners, which had a documented history.

However, Stewart claimed that he had been trying to defend his specially bred chickens and rooster from an attack by Bucket.

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Fabulous Nina is 100 and is ready to fly!

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

If you happened to be driving through Byron Bay last Sunday you would have seen the amazing Nina Milenko Marzi. She was being driven through town in a Mini Cooper convertible, top down, (the car not Nina), on the way to her massive 100th birthday celebrations at the Byron Theatre.

Nina was born in Krasnodar near the Black Sea on May 16, 1921. It was a world very few of us today could comprehend for its famine, poverty and sheer hopelessness. Russia was still in, and trying to recover from, its catastrophic Civil War.

When Nina was just five-years-old the family left Moscow for Harbin, Manchuria, and when she was 10 they relocated to Tientsin. It wasn't until she was 19-years-old that Nina and her family arrived in Australia on a cargo ship - that was 1940.

Nina's father, Alexander Zhemchuzny, which he anglicised to Alexander James, (1882-1976), achieved notoriety, for his system of asthma management that did not use drugs.

James was a highly



respected doctor and surgeon during his time in China. However, the Australian Medical Association refused to accept his medical standing, so at the age of 62 he gained his Australian medical degree from Sydney University. During this time Nina was the income earner for her family.

Nina worked with her father in his asthma clinic, which received a lot of national recognition in the Australian media. After her father's death Nina continued her father's work with amazing success.

Nina says the biggest part of her memory, the thing she always gets drawn back to, is working with her father. 'He was a magnificent doctor who gave people a second chance at life. He found the secret to get rid of asthma over 100 years ago.'

Nina moved to Byron Bay in 2015 to be closer to her family and has lived happily at Feros Village since then.

Nina says the best thing about being 100 is just to be alive. 'I have friends around me. That's very important. If I die tomorrow, in my life I have swum the oceans of

tranquillity, I have been the healer and the healed. I have climbed mountains I thought were too high, I am ready to fly with the angels, share my stories, go drumming and dancing with them.'

Nina says there is absolutely nothing bad about being 100. 'I am alive and I am happy and I don't feel 100. I don't feel my age. How can I feel 100 when I rejuvenate myself every day, by seeing people and talking to them. I want to make them happy and then they smile and I smile. That is the main thing.'

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Baying at Baes: Byron Shire Council hits back at Netflix series

Paul Bibby

Filming of the Netflix series *Byron Baes* has reportedly commenced in Byron Shire without any effort made by the show's production company – Eureka Productions – to consult with local Indigenous groups or Council.

In response, Byron

Council last week passed an urgency motion requiring the producers of the reality TV show to obtain Council permission before undertaking any further filming.

'They haven't sought clearances, they haven't considered the relevant stakeholders, and so far we've seen no consultation,

and yet filming has gone ahead,' said independent Councillor Cate Coorey, who moved the motion.

'We're looking at a production taking place under our nose with virtually no oversight. We need to stand up for our community.'

Under the motion, the filming of *Byron Baes* has been designated as taking place under 'exceptional circumstances'.

This is on the basis that the producers have reportedly failed to engage with the Indigenous community, and that filming has the potential

to harm the local environment, local businesses, and the day-to-day lives of the community.

Under this designation, the producers are required to get council permission before filming anywhere in the Shire, whether it be on private property or in public spaces. If they film without this permission they can be fined.

'The film industry brings a lot of rich diversity to our community and we have plenty of people working with a lot of integrity,' Deputy Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) said.

'This corporation, Netflix, has basically come in and shat on us. They haven't got the community onside, they haven't consulted Council. They need to be put on notice. They have the resources to do things properly – probably more than anyone else does.'

The announcement of the series, which follows the lives of local 'influencers' living in the Shire, has brought a strong negative response. A petition with around 9,500 signatures has requested Council take action to try and stop the show.

In addition to the 'special circumstances' designation, Council will seek to inform local businesses about their rights in terms of unauthorised filming on their premises.

Two councillors, Cr Alan Hunter and Labor's Jan Hackett, opposed the urgency motion.

'We've got bigger things to do than chase these rabbits about the place,' Cr Hunter said.

■ *The Echo* has sought comment from Eureka Productions.

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Byron Music Festival gets go-ahead for mid-June

The first major music festival in Byron since the pandemic has been given the green light by Byron Shire Council.

But not before the organisers of the festival were dragged over the coals by three councillors for staging part of the event next to the fragile dunes of Byron's Main Beach.

The Byron Music Festival will be a three-day community event held in multiple venues throughout the Byron town centre from June 18 to June 21.

It will feature an all north coast line-up, providing a much-needed boost to the local music industry which has struggled massively during the pandemic.

As part of the festival, organisers Nick Sergi and Monique Hartman applied for a temporary licence to use parts of Denning Park on Saturday June 19 for the live music, keynote speakers, and stalls. This included an area near the surf club which is right next to the fragile dunal fringe.

The councillors, including Greens Deputy Mayor Sarah Ndiaye, expressed concern that the presence of up to 3,000 festivalgoers on the site could cause irreparable damage to the dunes.

'I love what you guys are trying to do and I support anything to bring arts back into the community,' Cr Ndiaye said. 'But this area – every week there's more pandanus palms falling down.'

'In my opinion anything that puts further events in this space cannot go

ahead...'

Labor Councillor, Jan Hackett, and Independent, Basil Cameron, were also critical of the organisers.

However, a series of conditions have been placed on the event, including that the market stalls be moved 10 metres back from the dunes, a ban on vehicles coming into the area, and that one of the main stages be moved to the southern end of the park.

Cr Ndiaye was the only councillor who voted not to approve the use of the park.

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Bringing together pregnancy, motherhood and gardening in Mullumbimby

Aslan Shand

The earth was thick on everyone's hands as they chatted in the warm morning sunlight with the scent of the freshly turned garden beds in the air.

Big bellies and small were moving around, weeding, digging, pruning and preparing the children's garden at the Mullumbimby Community Gardens for planting and lots of future fun. It was a bit unusual last Thursday as there were also toddlers and dads helping to clean up the garden. Normally it is just the pregnant mums who come along on Thursday mornings from 7.30-9.30am every other week. On the alternate week they gather at Venita Scott's agroecology patch at The Farm.

The pregnancy group, Earthed to Birth, has been running for five months, and has already had five births. It has a combined focus on prenatal, pregnancy, mothering and home gardening skills. Dani Wolff and Oni Blecher run the 30 week pregnancy aspect of the group, which looks at a wide range of aspects involved in being pregnant and becoming a parent, while Venita oversees the gardening skills.

'The group provides comfort and reassurance to women at different stages of pregnancy with tip sharing, information on local resources, how to use cloth nappies, as well as



Justin Edwards with Elise Brownlow and her son Wiley with Earthed to Birth coordinators Venita Scott, Dani Wolff and Oni Blecher in the background. Photo Jeff Dawson

information on acupuncture, massage and herbal medicines,' said Oni.

'Ventia, Oni and I all studied and taught permaculture and we are all passionate about food sovereignty,' said Dani.

'I think there is so much value in teaching production farming skills,' added Venita.

'Starting a garden can be overwhelming and daunting at first. I'm really passionate about helping people be effective in their gardens.'

Elise Brownlow has been attending the group since it first started in January this year. Elise, who has

a three-and-a-half year old and is currently pregnant, says the group has given her the opportunity to connect with other mums, bounce ideas around and meet like-minded women.

'With my first pregnancy I was very happy and contained on my own. This time around I felt very drawn to be around other women. I've learnt so much about gardening and am building our gardens at home. I learn something new each week.'

For more information look them up on social media or text 0414 773 155 or 0414 465 341 to be added to the group chat.

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Greens mayoral candidate apologises over Fast Buck\$ comments

Greens' Byron Shire mayoral candidate, Duncan Dey, has publicly apologised to current Deputy Mayor and fellow party member, Sarah Ndiaye, for defending a man accused of intimidating her.

Mr Dey spoke to ABC North Coast on Monday saying John Anderson, (aka Fast Buck\$), appeared to be approaching Cr Ndiaye

with 'good will' at last week's Council meeting.

But other attendees have described Mr Anderson's movement towards Cr Ndiaye as intimidation.

'In the middle of public access John Anderson stood up and proceeded to walk straight towards Sarah, leaning over,' said Tashi Lhamo.

Mr Anderson has twice been asked to leave Council chambers this year over his behaviour towards Cr Ndiaye.

Cr Ndiaye has spoken out, saying women have a right to feel safe in their workplaces.

Council staff are investigating banning Mr Anderson from the Council chambers and admin buildings until the end of September.

Mr Dey says if he becomes mayor he'll seek to improve workplace safety for women in Council.

Mr Anderson denies the accusations, but in speaking with *The Echo* he described the women at last week's meeting as 'girls who should respect their elders'.

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Mullum to Bruns paddle – a great family day out

The Mullum2Brunns Paddle is on this weekend, Sunday May 23 and it's geared up to be a fantastic day out for all the family.

The paddle will be held on the Brunswick River, starting at Heritage Park in Mullumbimby at 7.30am and ending at the Terrace Park in Brunswick Heads. The 10km event attracts 1,000 paddlers each year and raises funds for the Brunswick Life Saving Club, Marine Rescue Brunswick and Brunswick Heads Visitor Information Centre.

Family fun

There'll be family fun activities at Terrace Park in Brunswick Heads from 9.30am to 4pm with information and food stalls, a jumping castle, a fitness activity and sand art, a dragon boat flotilla and a duck race.

Summerland Credit Union will be providing children's games and activities from 10am to 2pm with jumbo jenga, Giant Connect Four, Finska, a creative weaving workshop with local Kim Tait and a sustainability quiz with seedling prizes and heaps

of environmentally friendly giveaways.

'It's great to have Summerland Credit Union on board once again as our principal sponsor. Their commitment to the local community and to sustainability is inspiring. They are the first financial institution to be a Gold Partner of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's Sustainability Advantage Program,' said Kim Rosen, one of the event organisers.

'Securing a sustainable future for ourselves, the community and the planet is one of our strategic objectives and has been a focus of ours, as a financial institution, since 2008,' said Summerland Credit Union CEO, John Williams.

Summerland Credit Union will also be providing live music with local artists Naomi Ben Harush, Hubcap Stan and the Sidewalk Stompers, India Grant and The Biggest Little Town Choir, as well as Fiddle-Faddle, from Murwillumbah. Danny Salfield from BayFM will be the MC for the day.

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Lyle and Scott have left the building

Lyle Crandell has been witness to a lot of changes in Brunswick Heads over the last 50 years and now another major change is taking place as he closes the doors of his Brunswick Smash Repairs workshop.

He set up the workshop out the back of his house 50 or so years ago, and his son Scott has worked with him for the last 22 years. But ultimately it is the value of the land that has finally led to the closure of the workshop.

During the recession in the 1990s, Keating's 'recession that we had to have' the State Bank failed and Lyle had to sell the property. But he was able to keep renting the workshop space from the new owner. The



Scott and Lyle Crandell are sad to say goodbye to friends and customers. Photo Jeff Dawson

site of the workshop will now be developed for housing.

'I don't want to leave, it is very sad for me and sad for Scott who has to look for another job, but I have good memories of

good times,' said Lyle.

'I really want to thank my customers for being so loyal. Even when their insurance companies wanted to send them to other bigger or "preferred" operators.

'We've had around four apprentices that we've trained and I taught at TAFE two days a week for a spell. But what has been really hard is turning away work as we have to close.'

'A great place to die' – death and dying in the Byron community

During National Palliative Care Week (May 24–30) the amazing folk who help people in the last few days of their life, and their families, are highlighting services available in the Byron Shire for dying, death and funerals.

The 2021 Byron Citizen of the year, Zenith Virago, the Natural Death Care Centre and other local and national organisations, are presenting

a community day, and everyone is welcome.

For 25 years Zenith has been a part of our community, working with people who are dying and assisting their bereaved families.

'Byron is a great place to live, but it's a really great place to die,' says Zenith. 'What we have created in a deathstyle here is now being emulated globally as it is

seen to be more beneficial and meaningful. People are attempting to die well and to have an easier bereavement, and that makes for a healthier community. We have great services here, and exploring them pre-need, rather than in a distressed and emotional state is a much smarter way to go.'

The event will include the launch of a new home funeral

service as well as speakers from palliative care and medical services, local hospices, End of Life and after death care services, trusted funeral directors, funeral celebrants and Death Cafes.

The day will be held at the Mullum Civic Hall, from 10am to 3pm on Saturday May 29. To volunteer contact zenithvirago@gmail.com or jennyhenderson@me.com.

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Byron Council vote to protect farmland from State government onslaught

Paul Bibby

A new 'Agritourism' policy proposed by the State government will compromise regionally significant farming and food production by stealth, Byron Council says.

The draft policy, put forward by the Department of Planning, involves changing planning laws to make it easier for farmers to use their land for tourism purposes such as farm stays, farm gate activities, and events like functions and weddings.

In some cases farmers would not require any permission for these activities.

In a scathing report, Council's Place Activation Coordinator, Rob van Iersel, said that while the policy was designed to provide farmers with alternative income sources the 'one-size-fits-all' approach was potentially damaging for Byron.

'The combination of land values and existing rural settlement patterns will result in the raft of changes incentivising

non-farming uses, rather than supporting farmers to increase their productivity,' he said.

'It is also concerning to note that the proposals appear to be in conflict with a recent options paper, issued by the NSW Agricultural Commissioner, relating to agricultural land use planning.

'That options paper stresses the importance of protecting farm land and the right to farm, which could easily be undermined by the agritourism proposal,

particularly in areas like Byron with 'tree-changers' moving into rural areas for lifestyle rather than farming.'

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of Mr van Iersel's recommendations, including voicing their strong opposition to the changes.

This added to last month's request that Byron be excluded from the policy until 'a full review of impacts... can be completed'.

► **Read more online:** www.echo.net.au

Coorey fact-checks housing supply

Mia Armitage

Independent Byron Shire Councillor Cate Coorey won approval from fellow councillors last week for a new reporting regime she says will offer clarification on dwellings approved in the Shire.

The new six-monthly reports are to show how many dwellings are approved and how many new residential lots have been created.

But Byron Shire Council Director Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, wrote in staff notes on the meeting's agenda that staff weren't consulted and didn't support the idea.

Ms Burt had written the comments in bold, which was, according to other councillors, in defiance of rules for Council staff that they don't use formatting to emphasise notes on agendas.

Ms Burt said quarterly numbers of DAs approved for dwellings and subdivisions wouldn't reflect the true patterns of residential development given applicants had five years to act on approval and a similar context applied to lot creation approvals.

Coorey said seeing how many homes were being built in the Byron Shire was a really difficult picture to piece together.

'There are a number of sources of data that we use in terms of understanding what's happening in the Shire,' she said, 'what my notice of motion's trying to do is to bring them together into a way that is concise... and [councillors] can therefore make informed decisions around planning in the Shire'.

► **Read more online:** www.echo.net.au

Response to 'Locals question placing homes in areas of inundation risk'

Elements, who are seeking a zoning change on Bayshore Drive, have responded to the story in *The Echo* on p10 last week, clarifying that the subject site includes four titles across 41 hectares and nine houses. They say that the Planning Proposal seeks to remove all the SP3 (Tourist Zone) and part of the deferred Coastal Land 7(f) and Wetland (7a) zoning applying to an 11.9 hectare cleared part of the site. This area is proposed to be rezoned as E4 Environmental Living.

Elements state that they have taken into account coastal hazard and sea level rise via a number of studies

and that the remaining 29 hectares, including all land seaward of the 100 year coastal hazard line, is now proposed for E2 Environmental Conservation with a portion remaining as deferred 7(f)1 Coastal Land Zone.

Correction

The Echo would also like to acknowledge that the Pied Oystercatcher image, that ran with that story last week, was not taken on the golf course, as the caption incorrectly stated, but at the beach.

► **Read more of their response at:** www.echo.net.au/locals-question-placing



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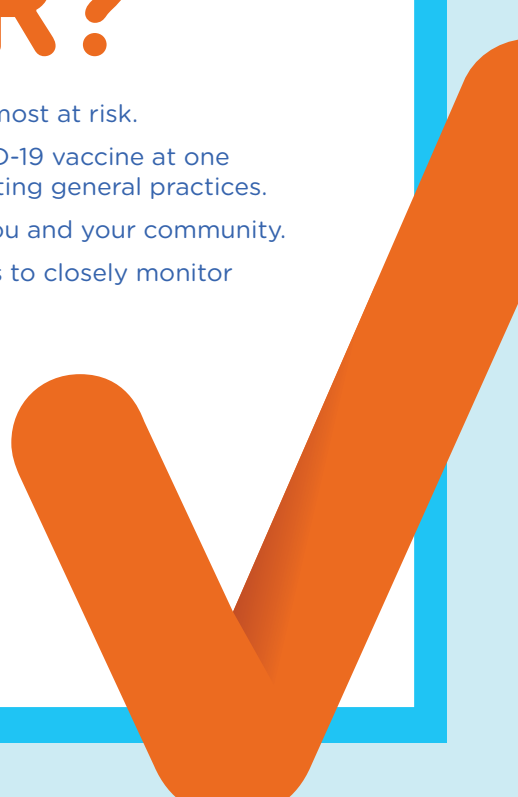
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CWA Bruns helps young people negotiate respectful relationships

Aslan Shand

There is no excuse for violent relationships and the Love Bites program is actively working to change attitudes, norms and behaviours that enable, excuse or minimise the extent and impact of violence against women and children. The Brunswick Country Women's Association (CWA) has donated \$1,200 towards the program that is run in schools to help young people develop respectful relationships.

Handing over the cheque to Love Bites's facilitator Freya Smith, CWA President Lorraine Dixon said, 'Police in Australia deal with a domestic violence incident every two minutes. Added to this, recent media attention of the sickening behaviour in places like Federal and State Parliament, means our young people, more than ever, need to be reminded and educated in what it takes to develop decent, respectful relationships. Love Bites is a great grassroots program in schools which helps young people recognise what a healthy relationship looks, sounds and



Love Bites facilitator Freya Smith with CWA President, Lorraine Dixon, and members of the Brunswick CWA. Photo Jeff Dawson

feels like so they are better informed and equipped to have and maintain healthy respectful relationships throughout their lives.'

Accepting the cheque, Freya Smith told *The Echo* that the money would go towards the development of a pilot program for primary schools as well as to fund art supplies for four eight-week

high school programs. Mullumbimby and Byron High Schools have both run the Love Bites program and other schools across the region are looking to bring the successful program in.

The CWA on the corner of Booyun and Park Sts has a sewing, knitting, crochet group every Friday 10am-12 noon. All skill levels welcome.

Planting a different narrative into the soil of our mind

Vivienne Pearson

'Ecology, economy, resilience, democracy,' says Cyprien Clerc, founder of the FutureSeeds podcast. 'These are words that everyone recognises.'

These themes form the basis of Cyprien's 'Conversations That Matter' event, that will take the ideas from his podcast to a live event, being held at Byron Theatre on Wednesday May 26.

Cyprien came to podcasting after being encouraged to remember what he wanted to do as a child. 'I always wanted to be a journalist,' he says. 'I even printed my own newspaper.'

Cyprien aims to create positivity. 'The information we take in modifies our brain,' he explains. 'So I want to broadcast solutions rather than more doom and gloom.'

Drawing on his work as an



Cyprien Clerc, FutureSeeds founder, with two of the event speakers, Helena Norberg-Hodge and Jean Renouf. Photo Jeff Dawson

IT Engineer, Cyprien knows that the best solutions come from looking at a system as a whole. 'Core elements are interconnected,' he says. 'If you change one, it affects the others.'

The FutureSeeds event brings together four speakers, who are coming together for the first time.

'Mara Bun brings expertise

in both ethical economics and nature conservation, with ideas about 'investing in the good,' says Cyprien. 'Helena Norberg-Hodge is focused on economic localisation and community-building.'

'Then, we have Jean Renouf from Southern Cross University and Resilient Byron, who has studied the severity of the ecological

emergency, and believes in mindfulness, resilience and regeneration as ways to navigate the future,' continues Cyprien. 'And, last but by no means least, there's Kyle Redman from NewDemocracy who presents us a different perspective of what democracy could be.'

'Together, they form a circle of interconnected fields that, if reformed together, can change the trajectory of our world.'

A Q&A will follow the presentations and, perhaps more importantly, networking time so seeds of ideas and innovation sparked by the speakers can start to grow into solutions.

FutureSeeds Live, Conversations That Matter, Wednesday 26 May, 6-9pm, at Byron Theatre. Tickets via byroncentre.com.au/ whats-on or, if seats are still available, at the door.

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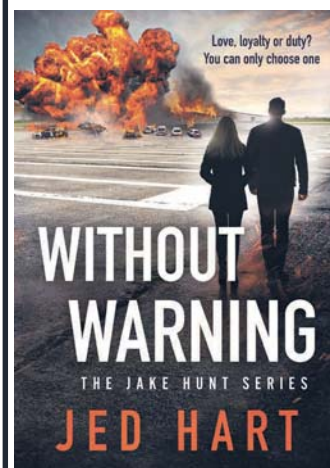
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News from across the North Coast online ► www.echo.net.au

Tweed residents facing rate rise in 2021/2022 financial year

Tweed residents are invited to provide feedback on their Council's budget, revenue policy and fees and charges, as Tweed Council prepares to finalise its delivery program and operational plan for the next financial year.

Remembering Bentley

Saturday 15 May is the seventh anniversary of Victory Day at the Bentley Blockade, just west of Lismore.

Government's new housing plan fails to impress local reps

Local government representatives in the Northern Rivers have expressed doubts over the state government's new Housing 2041 Strategy.

Calls for Tweed train tracks to be kept being ignored

Tweed Mayor Chris Cherry was urgently seeking meetings with state members on the Northern Rivers last week in response to community calls for old train tracks to be kept.

Father and son win first sailing race

Sixteen boats competed in the Tweed Valley Sailing Club's race day earlier this month in a 10-12 knot breeze that suited newcomers to the sport well.

How to exercise more voting rights in council elections

Being a property owner in NSW isn't just a financial advantage, it also means you have more rights to vote than most non-property owners.

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Quarry comes up against the farmers of Bentley

Eve Jeffery

Seven years ago last Saturday, Bentley farmers and a broad coalition of Northern Rivers citizens who were opposing the proposed Metgasco unconventional mining operation, received news that the NSW government had stopped the mine and had referred Metgasco to ICAC.

You would need to be a pretty tough customer to go up against the Bentley farmers, yet, that is exactly what Rob and Sarah McKenzie, the operators of the Bentley Quarry are doing.

On the anniversary of the 2014 win, the farmers were again out in force to express their opposition to what they see as the next threat to the community – an expansion of the Bentley Quarry. This was a hole in the ground that the farmers say was opened in the seventies and then



On the anniversary of the 2014 win, Bentley locals are braced for another fight – this time against a quarry. Photo Tree Faerie

abandoned for over 40 years. It was recently reopened with an allowance for what they estimate is two trucks a week.

The farmers say that the truck movements have gone from removing 3,000m³ per year to 6,000 tonnes per year and about 30 trucks a day. This is without proper approval. The current quarry operators are now putting

forward a plan to expand it to 300,000 tonnes per annum of outgoing material, and 50,000 tonnes per annum of incoming material and about 100 truck movements a day.

Not sustainable

Bentley farmer Rosemary Joseph feels it is terribly unjust that someone can

move into an area which has supported sustainable rural businesses for generations – cattle, cropping, permaculture, regenerative and sustainable farming – and immediately decide to change it all.

'There are many who do not run a farm here but have moved here to be part of that peaceful rural community. To

enjoy the wonderful lifestyle that ensues, only to have it destroyed at the whim of one business.'

The farmers are opposed to the quarry on grounds that include road safety; industrialisation of a peaceful rural valley; environmental spoiling; and noise, vibration, dust and water pollution, as well as damage to the developing tourism industry.

Mrs Joseph says she is really scared of the increase in truck movements. 'One hundred truck movements per day is proposed on this already horrific and dangerous Lismore to Kyogle Road. There are school buses, pre-school drop-off and pick-ups, all facing the risk of serious road accidents.'

■ *The Echo* has contacted the quarry owners but received no comment.

► [Read the full story online: www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)

Lismore City Council declares housing emergency, wants more units

Mia Armitage

The Lismore City Council joined its Byron and Tweed Shire counterparts last week in declaring a housing emergency.

Lismore Mayor, Vanessa Ekins, said the declaration at last Tuesday night's ordinary Council meeting happened alongside unanimous support for her idea to have staff investigate affordable housing and medium density opportunities in urban areas.

A Lismore City Council housing survey had shown more than 60 per cent of residents were living by themselves or with one other person, Cr Ekins said, prompting 'a real need for smaller housing or units'.

'We've been trying to encourage people to build

them by waiving contributions for water and sewer but there's been no uptake... so what my motion hopes to do is start a conversation with developers, builders, about what the barriers are to building medium density and what kind of things Council could offer'.

Cr Ekins said the Council decision to declare a housing emergency would likely lead to creation of an affordable housing strategy for Lismore.

The adoption of such a strategy in Lismore would make it the second local government area in the Northern Rivers to have one after Ballina Shire Council voted to develop an affordable housing strategy earlier this year.

► [Read the full online: www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)

Go straight to the source on the Future Water Project

Rous County Council has announced a series of information days to be held this month where the community can 'drop in' and find out more about the revised draft Future Water Project 2060.

Seven community information days are scheduled across the Lismore, Richmond Valley, Ballina and Byron Bay LGAs.

Water future

Rous County Council's Chair Keith Williams said, 'A secure drinking water supply is one of the community's most critical pieces of infrastructure.'

'Residents need to be fully aware of the water security challenges Rous' regional supply is facing from population growth and changing climate conditions, as well as better understand the new

water sources that are needed.'

Community information days are on: Wednesday May 19 at Casino Community and Cultural Centre; Thursday May 20 and Friday 21 May at Rous County Council marquee at the Casino PRIMEX Field Days; Monday May 24 – Richmond Room, Ballina Library; Tuesday May 25 at Lennox Community Centre; and Wednesday May 26 and

Thursday May 27 – Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay.

Each information day will run from 9am-4pm. Residents who are unable to make it to an information day can still contact Rous County Council directly to discuss any questions or concerns with the project team.

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When can you meet the Byron Council candidates?

The Council elections will be taking place on September 4 after a 12-month delay owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Candidates are declaring their intentions to run, and meet the candidates events are being organised across the Shire.

The candidates for mayor so far are: former councillor Duncan Dey for the Greens, and Asren Pugh for Labor, while Mark Swivel and current interim Mayor, Michael Lyon, are both heading up independent tickets. Questions still remain over whether long-serving Councillor Basil Cameron, and Councillors

Cate Coorey and Alan Hunter will put up their hands to run again. Current Councillors, Jan Hackett and Sarah Ndiaye, will be running for Council positions on the Labor and Greens tickets respectively. However, with two-and-a-half months before nominations close on August 4 there is still plenty of time for more candidates to join the field.

Meet the candidates

Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) Meet the Candidates will be held on Monday, August 9 at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club from 6-8pm.

'Candidates will have the opportunity to tell us what they hope to achieve as councillors over the next three years. And, there will be plenty of time to ask questions,' said MRA president, Sonia Laverty.

This will be followed by the Bangalow event that is scheduled for August 18 at the Bangalow Bowlo. It is scheduled to run 6-8pm and is being hosted by the *Bangalow Herald*.

The date for the Byron Bay Meet the Candidates is yet to be confirmed.

The Echo and BayFM are supporting these Meet the Candidate events.

A budget of missed opportunities

Aslan Shand

While the recent budget has been hailed as having something for everyone, it is also being seen as a series of missed opportunities.

'The pandemic came hot on the heels of our worst-ever bushfires. Land management and restoration could have been a centre-piece,' Nature Conservation Council Chief Executive, Chris Gambian said.

'This budget was also a chance to reimagine the economy by putting it on a new energy footing.'

This sentiment was also reflected by local MP Justine Elliot (Labor), and Greens MP hopeful Mandy Nolan.

'This budget is a shameless political fix, rather than the genuine reform needed to make Australia's economy stronger, broader and more sustainable,' said Mrs Elliot.

'Despite spending almost

\$100 billion and racking up a record \$1 trillion in debt, the Morrison government's budget reveals real wages will go backwards.'

'The coalition appeared to give the people money,' Ms Nolan told *The Echo*. 'But there's no money for social housing, although there's money for the private sector via the First Home Loan deposit scheme, which doesn't do anything about housing affordability.'

'There is more money for coal and gas, with billions of our tax dollars being pumped into exploration in the Galilee Basin. Oh, and \$100 million to clean the ocean! That's the equivalent of building two roundabouts at a busy intersection. It's barely a drop in cleaning the ocean.'

A key point was the failure of the coalition to adequately fund aged care, particularly following the Royal Commission.

'The dollars for aged care are, only just, more than what they've taken out,' said Ms Nolan.

Mrs Elliot pointed out that 'Even in the face of a damning Royal Commission, the aged care package falls short of the Commissioners' recommendations.'

The failure to address the culture of rape and domestic violence, the ongoing corruption that surrounds rorts, corrupt land deals and the failure of the vaccine rollout were also raised.

'After eight long years of job insecurity, weak wages growth, neglect, waste, and no action on climate change, this budget is another missed opportunity,' Mrs Elliot said.

'After breaking our trust with rape culture and a failed vax roll out, it's a budget meant to win our vote, not move us towards social and climate equity,' said Ms Nolan.



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The current public beach access will remain.

If the planning proposal is made lawful we would then make a further application to subdivide the existing four lots to nine. Under the strict E4 Environmental Living zoning there could never be any more than nine residential houses.

The planning proposal results in a three hectare reduction in SP3 Tourist zoning and a very small development footprint of no more than 2.5%. It would bring the E2 and E3 conservation zonings up to 60% of the overall property, the majority being E2 Environmental Conservation.

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Respect cuts both ways

The council elections will be taking place on September 4 this year. As a community we have a choice on how we head into those debates around policy and local government issues and how we choose to conduct ourselves.

The current situation that has exploded between Fast Buck\$ (aka John Anderson) and Byron Shire Councillor Sarah Ndiaye should not set the scene for how the debate proceeds.

Few on the most recent Council have a clean slate when it comes to personal and dismissive behaviour and grandstanding in Council meetings, but neither do the likes of Mr Anderson. The real points that need to be made are not around the personal issues that people may have with one another, but around the issues that affect this community now and into the future.

Examining the voting history of current and former councillors, where they have made a decision to drive an issue, or where they have failed to hold ground, are all areas of legitimate comment. Highlighting how someone has handled an issue is fair comment; but personal attack is not.

The fact that we have a housing crisis, the dwindling affordability of the region, the impact of planning on the region's biodiversity, the abuse of process by developers, the impact of climate change – and how they can be balanced – all need to be addressed by current and potential candidates. But this needs to be done with respect and the acknowledgement that while people may disagree that doesn't have to become a personal attack.

The key here is to be able to unpack issues, look at them from a range of positions and actually, Goddess forbid, listen honestly to other positions before making up your mind. This doesn't mean you can't hold strong positions on issues, it doesn't mean you shouldn't fight for what you believe is right. Whether it is the debate on vaccines, or the value of our biodiversity, we are the ones who need to lead the debate forward.

Perhaps as the adults we need to look more carefully at the way the young people of today are seeking to make governments around the world take heed. They are using facts, science, logical arguments and going out onto the streets to make their not-so-respected elders hear that this world and its people need to work together to take drastic action on climate change.

While they cannot vote in this upcoming election you can support them in raising their voice this Friday in Byron Bay from 10am at the student School Strike 4 Action on climate change as they march from Byron Rec Ground to Main Beach.

Aslan Shand, acting editor

News tips are welcome: editor@echo.net.au

When will rational discourse drive the government to action?

I think I have an anger management problem. Those close to me have suggested none-too-subtly that when I read an article that upsets, I could perhaps focus on taking out my angst on inanimate objects rather than sentient beings. Fair point really. They have tried everything else to calm my raving – the most creative is a 'swear jar' of \$10 for every time I mention drug law reform. It's almost up to a Tesla already.

And so I gently sit down to read the papers – deep breaths, slightly longer on the exhale, loving kindness, yoga posture. When reading the Murdoch press (headlines only because I refuse to pay him one red cent), I remember to smile continuously, repeating slowly and calmly that 'this is not a personal attack on me and mine'. What could go wrong...

First, there were two headlines next to each other blaring 'Shell expects to pay no tax on gas drawn from massive Gorgon project' and 'Victoria to introduce mileage tax on electric cars'. Multinationals to get our gas for free and give nothing back, and meanwhile let's strangle the electric car industry, getting further behind the rest of the world – just like drug law reform (oops – \$10 in the jar). Those two headlines just about sum up everything that is screwed about our energy and climate change policies. The rationale is so irrational. Because fossil fuel cars pay road tax as part of the fuel price, electric vehicle (EV) drivers avoid this tax and so should be taxed. No other jurisdiction in the world has a stand-alone EV tax of this type. And this is from an ALP government! Zero recognition of the comparative environmental impact of the modes of power. Even the coalition in New South Wales has ruled out such a tax for now. Meanwhile in *gasland australis*, the 50-billion-dollar Gorgon gas project (owned by Shell, Chevron and ExxonMobil) will sell billions of dollars of our gas, and pay no tax, because the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax is so ridiculous and legally avoidable. And meanwhile our household gas bills continue to increase.



'In Queensland, how many police officers have been accused of domestic violence in the past five years? How many have been sacked? You'd be right if you said 84. And zero.'

David Heilpern

Are these priorities the right ones?

Next, I read about yet another woman burnt to death by her partner, in her own back yard in front of her children, on the Gold Coast. She sought help from the police almost every day after her first domestic violence (DV) complaint. She was a friend of a friend and the ghastliness of her death, and the rising tally at Destroy the Joint (a page that counts the number of women killed by DV in Australia: 11 women in April, 55 so far in 2020), sent me into a frenzied internal rant of negativity about policing priorities and drug laws (in goes another \$10). Perhaps my ire was already heightened by the 1,500 drug driving tests surrounding Nimbin during MardiGrass, (another \$10). How many perpetrators of domestic violence went unpunished that weekend as a result? This is not a facile or academic connection – the police choose to spend their time chasing victimless drug crimes (\$10) rather than policing family-based violence.

The recent federal budget papers recognised that one woman is killed by her partner every nine days, and that one in four women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from a current or previous intimate partner since the age of 15. The papers also cited research that one in five Australians believe that many actions that constitute domestic violence are normal reactions to day-to-day stress and frustration. Allocating policing resources to match these concerns might just assist – but nothing will help if police are otherwise engaged

(chasing victimless crime) or attitudes are entrenched. Try this quick quiz – in Queensland, how many police officers have been accused of domestic violence in the past five years? How many have been sacked? You'd be right if you said 84. And zero.

Then, just as I was calming down, I thought I'd avoid local news and focus on the world news section. No joy there either. Ninety per cent of Egyptian women between 15 and 49 have undergone female genital mutilation. I have no words to respond to that, only tears. And Egypt has the death penalty for cannabis, (yep, another \$10).

How does one react to news of environmental vandalism, rampant domestic violence and mutilation of women without anger or distress? I know the theories and the practices; I muddle through like we all do.

But this time, keeping to my pledge of inanimate reaction, I built a great big pyramid out of all my favourite leftover building materials and ignited it with the help of last month's *Echo* (sorry Hans). I could actually see my own image from April's column burning in the pyre. I had created a masterful symbol both of Egyptian pyramids and my own fruitless blurring written efforts – with no change ever to everything or anything I write about. Drug laws are still mired in stagnation, (another \$10), refugee families remain in lock-ups, more black deaths in custody. I watched my lovely teak off-cuts burn to ashes and dust. I felt worse.

I've heard shopping helps. Perhaps I'll try that. In my Tesla.



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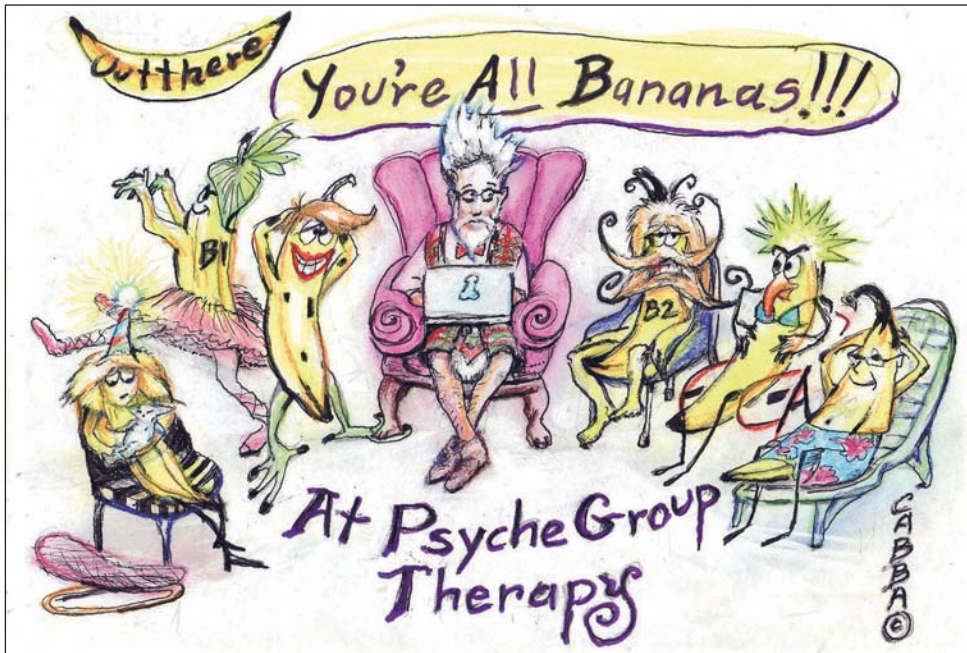
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Brook-coin

I am releasing my currency called Igits. Initially Igits will be worth nothing, and from then on they will double in value every week.

Sapoty Brook
Wilsons Creek

Rather than dealing only with those artists registered with them, why doesn't Arts Northern Rivers, or the Regional Gallery, initiate contact with the wider community by reaching out personally to selected individuals who have achieved significant recognition beyond our region or won awards at prestigious events?

What if those individuals who have contributed most to the creative profile of our region were acknowledged for their achievements by someone local who engaged with them?

Rather than the mountain coming to Mohammed, what if those claiming to represent local art reached out to the successful independents who are often ignored by the community in which they live?

R J Poole
Lismore

Why the fuss?

Why do those responsible for containing the coronavirus become so concerned when they identify just one newly infected case?

Here is why; If one infected person newly infects two people the next day, and those two then each infect

two people (making four) the next day, and those four each infect two people the next day, making eight and so on, then in less than a month, every man, woman and child in Australia would be infected. To be exact, 33,554,432 newly infected people in 25 days.

If we take India (pop 1.36 billion), in a further six days, the whole Indian population would be infected.

That is a lot of deaths and a lot of morbidity for those who do not fully recover.

Neil Buhrich
Suffolk Park

Suspicious loo roll

I've had my suspicions for years. Now that I've finally got off my butt and done my homework, I'm able to confirm the worst.

You know those big toilet roll holders they tend to have in public toilets? Careful measurement shows that those rolls are a mere 85mm wide compared to just under 100mm for your normal domestic variety. This is an almost 15 per cent deficit ripped off again.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

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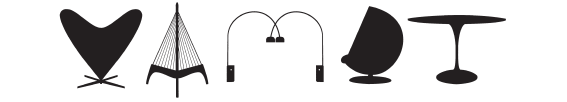
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Frydenberg's fried

The Australian economy is performing better than any country in the world. The economy exists within the environment. If there is no environment, there is no economy.

Josh Frydenberg did not mention the environment once in his budget speech to Parliament. I wonder what his children and their children will think of his performance?

I wonder what the environment thinks, while it warms and the ice melts?

Nigel Dornan
Mullumbimby

Gagged in paradise

I was saddened to learn that the Byron Bay Council has legitimised the 9,500 far-righteous locals who have signed-on to attack our freedom of speech.

Byron Baes will probably turn out to be commercially focused, self-indulgent waffle of the highest order, but they have a right to express themselves.

Yes, the Indigenous people of this land are owed at least 200 years of respect. But shouldn't we, the locals, be doing this before we demand blow-in visitors do it?

How many of the 9,500 who have put their name to paper to oppose *Byron Baes*, have themselves asked the local Indigenous custodians for permission to operate their businesses in the area, or to build a house here?

And how horrible to think of a Council holding the keys to the creative process of self-expression in the Shire. Remember how the disco-dong fiasco played out?

People pushing a 'message', even if commercially focused, have a right to express themselves. Does anyone not talk up their own vocation?

The simple fact is that Byron has its fair share of plonkers. But no matter who they are, if they think they have a message that can help the world, then let them speak.

Who would have thought that the next generation of young punks challenging the establishment would be extolling cashmere knits, layering and yoga?

Don't influencers promote healthy lifestyles in a world wracked by mental health issues, and aren't most of them young, self-empowered women?

If you don't like what they say, don't listen, but get out of their way.

If millions watch the

show, well then, welcome to the real world, our bubble is just that.

Let them speak, let them sing, let them yell.

Ross Kendall
Goonengerry

Swift's indignation

Jonathan Swift, who, in *Gulliver's Travels*, coined the exquisite term 'Yahoo', wrote his own epitaph. It is inscribed in Latin on a wall in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, where he was Dean. The great Irish poet Yeats translates it: 'Swift has sailed to his rest/ Savage indignation there/ Cannot lacerate his breast...'

Here, in supposedly idyllic Byron Bay, I have found increasing identification with Swift's fierce indignation.

Friends tell me that the bypass works, and it has eased the previous traffic problems. Maybe so; happy the vehicle drivers. But I feel it is still a modern environmental eyesore, a blot on the area. Now that it is filling up with traffic it grows noisier. From my own aspect, it is now a dangerous highway for crossing pedestrians. Although some youth, 'hot and void of care', frolic around, and on it, with careless abandon on skateboards, bicycles etc.

After the interminable inconvenience of the wretched bus station construction, now that it is open, we see that it often doubles as the skateboard-and-cycle-cross arena for local 'Yahoos'.

Regardless of the provenance of its garden vegetation, the Yahoos on electric motorbikes were ripping it up the other night, before tooling around on the bypass. That fine expanse

of brickwork and concrete, devoid of shade will, I predict, bake in the hot sun of summer.

I see in the Council newsletter that there is intention to make Skinners Shoot more 'traffic friendly'. I can predict that the effect of that will be to further increase reckless speeding along that road.

I will add, once again, that I believe the contemporary developments here are destroying the whole character of the town and its community here. I often wonder just how many developments here ever get refused?

But these are the tough decisions, I suppose...

David Morris
Byron Bay

Protesters or 'protectors'?

Mr Saul's comments last week regarding his Linnaeus ecotourism development included reference to 'protesters', but a more apt descriptor is 'protectors'. He states 'the quantum of this development onsite will actually be reduced', I believe this is a misrepresentation.

The proposal to double the number and location of structures and associated infrastructure, including vegetation removal, roads and paths belies this statement.

The works would create greater fragmentation and disturbance and therefore expand the impact on biodiversity, as will increased numbers of people on site. His reference to houses is incorrect, they are accommodation units associated with the approved education facility.

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Tired of the try

Could the organisers of the 'Try and inconvenience most of Byron' have done a better job?

After a surf at Wategos early Sunday morning I was greeted with ALL roads back towards the A&I Estate blocked, and was told they were staying that way. I was directed to Ruskin Street as a way through, and after 20 minutes of waiting, with dozens of other people, we were then directed to Pat-terson Street.

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Historically, there's been a lack of compliance as a focus on this site by Council. I raised numerous examples in my Formal Complaint, as have past submissions. Council resolved last May to conduct a compliance audit of the site.

The outcome hasn't been reported yet, but should be done prior to consideration of any further development proposals as the current application relies on past approvals as well as the secretive zone change.

In short, this proposal creates further impacts on a site of ecological and cultural significance.

The proposal doesn't adequately address the values and impacts that could result from the change of use and development intensification, whether it's called a resort or a retreat.

Jan Barham
Broken Head

The aged Palestinemobile

Normally people like us, nearing 80 years, would be in aged care or a retirement village and not planning on batting down the highway in our Palestinemobile to protest at the Israeli embassy in Canberra. However, we are

After a further 10 minutes, traffic was directed south onto Bangalow Rd, one car at a time, in between streams of Lycra-clad tryhards, who we had to follow with our hazard lights on, and I was then able to turn at the golf course and drive back to the A&I Estate, via Bangalow. I'm sure there is a better way, and place, to have such a disruptive event without so much inconvenience to locals by blocking all access to town and the industrial area. I pity the two interstate

inspired to emulate Aboriginal activist, A M Fernando, who protested alone outside Australia House in the UK. Suffering all manner of abuse he risked being labelled a vagrant or insane, and was transported back to Australia under assimilationism, which meant that he, like Aboriginals in general, was considered incapable of living without government oversight. In court he said, 'They say we are savages, but it is all tommy rot. The white man came and shot us down. If we were not shot we were exposed to slow starvation, or we were hanged. Since 1887 I have pleaded for the Australian natives. Do as you like with me, but the natives of Australia must be looked upon as human beings.'

It is easy to see the similarities between his protest and ours. We are protesting against the colonial settler state of Israel's brutal persecution of Palestinians who are considered 'untermensch', sub-humans not worthy of comparison to Jews, and certainly not entitled to the same civic and life benefits.

We are outraged that Australia, like so many 'advanced' nations, sides with Israel and that Scott Morrison is the proud recipient of the Jerusalem Prize.

buses I passed trying to get passengers to and from Byron. I estimate at least 200 other vehicles were in the same position I found myself in - stuck on the east side of town. Move it to a better place, or don't have it.

Ray Hunt
Ballina

Wonderful Byron Bay Triathlon

A huge thank you to the organisers and all the volunteers for a wonderful Byron Bay Triathlon that

He said, 'Israel is a beacon of democracy... Israel can always rely on Australia'. The Romans used to shackle a prisoner to a rotting corpse. This is a suitable analogy for the Israel/Australia relationship!

Gareth W R Smith
Palestine Liberation Centre
Byron Bay

Let it go

The 'lilac house' is painted, perhaps, with chemical free paint. In ten years it will need a repaint. Mrs Haberecht is now aware of the 2014 Development Control Plan, and when a repaint is needed - the heritage colour will be used. Please stop wasting time and money on the issue of a repaint!

There are bigger issues in the Byron Shire, no need to be so anal.

Dee Taminian
Ballina

Dear Fast Bucks

Some years ago I came to the realisation that Fast Buck\$ is largely motivated by an obsessive need for it to be seen that his opinions are correct. In the past his letters have contained useful observations and facts that would not be known to the general public had his research not revealed them.

I completed today with friends. The cheers from the onlookers were inspiring, the assistance from all the vollies, especially Benz et al from Byron Tri Club, was heartwarming, and a huge thank you to the organisers for moving Heaven and Earth to meet all concerns. Hoping I can invite more interstate friends next year - the 26th year of the Bay tri - to give the local economy another boost.

Mark Stephan
Ewingsdale

Lately his letters are totally preoccupied with vicious attacks on people he obviously regards as enemies, rather than just as political opponents.

Now, it must be acknowledged that in the struggle to protect Byron from inappropriate development Fast Buck\$ has made an enormous contribution, and the district owes him a huge debt of gratitude, but if he wishes to retain his role as creative disturber he's going to have to deal with the issues and put aside his personal animosities. He needs to do this for his own sake, as I already know quite a few people who have said to me 'I don't bother to read Fast Buck\$' letters anymore'.

I still read them, I am fascinated by the amount of petulance and self-righteousness one person can cram into one letter.

David Gilet
Byron Ba

The survival crisis

Council passed a final Report on the bypass at last Thursday's meeting. Unfortunately, we have to deal with these councillor/bureaucrats' philosophy that traffic is more important to them than the survival crisis

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Future water

Rous County Council Chair Keith Williams recently espoused the benefits of using water from aquifers, desalination or recycled water for our permanent water supply into the future.

The water table of the Tyagarah aquifers, in some places, is just two metres under the surface, and the entire area is a fragile groundwater dependent ecosystem; especially in drought periods.

Within the next 12 months Rous will commence concept plans for up to 12 bores to draw water from the Tyagarah aquifer. This includes the area near the coastal sands aquifers that sit below the pristine marine life hatching grounds and mangroves of Simpsons Creek in the environmentally sensitive nature reserve.

Removal of any quantity of water for a permanent water supply could seriously affect the Tyagarah Nature Reserve and the koala corridors and

► Continued from page 18 that we, and all other species, are facing.

Both Cr Lyon and Ndiaye criticised the residents' court case, and the morning protest action, for the cost blowout.

They ignored the fact that Council falsely alleged in the court case, and to the public, that there were no Critically Endangered Species on the site, and that it was the residents who forced Council to belatedly comply with the Federal law of PRIOR reporting impacts on threatened species, and the subsequent

food trees in the area.

The proposed Byron Bay desalination plant in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate is designed to have its inlet and waste outlet pipes leading into the Byron Marine Park. Is that really what Byron wants? Additionally, desalination requires 2.5 times the energy of the already energy-intensive aquifer water production.

And many of those opposing the Dunoon Dam have proposed that the notoriously power-hungry desalination plant is run on renewable energy.

The Rous recommendation, 12.6 on page 75 of the IWMC document, clearly states that owing to implementation and operation costs, water yield and community acceptance, Indirect Potable Recycled water is not currently considered a viable solution for securing the region's long-term water supply.

Direct Potable Recycled water is not approved for

cost of required compensatory sites.

The report, and these two councillors, also claimed that the protesters were inappropriately at fault for the delays.

I guess we are fortunate that these two councillors weren't at the first major 1970s forest blockade in the world, in the hills behind Byron, as we would have been in an even worse environmental crisis than now.

This bypass site had the highest density of critically endangered Mitchell's

human consumption by State or Federal Health Departments anywhere in Australia. So, the evidence clearly shows that none of the three options proposed in the Revised IWCM document are practical, effective, real world solutions for our region.

Now is the time to save the local Byron Shire environment and make your voice heard! Make a submission can be made directly to Rous before May 28.

Beth Trevan
Coordinator,
Our Future Northern Rivers

We need water now

I was at the Lismore Car Boot market today (16/5/21) where I saw the pro-dam stall. It appears that this group are rejecting all of the alternative options Rous County Council is proposing to the Dunoon Dam.

If, as this group suggests, Rous proceeds with the Dunoon Dam, it will be several years before coming online.

There would be at least

two years of studies; followed by the potential of court cases because of destruction of significant pre-European Aboriginal sites and destruction of an endangered ecological rainforest community; then, more years of construction of the dam.

This could bleed out to a decade before a new dam supplies a drop of water into the Rous pipes.

What the pro-dammers are ignoring – or do not understand – is that dam or no dam, some of these alternatives will HAVE to be put in place to overcome a shortfall in supply. According to the Rous document *Future Water Project 2060*, demand for water will outstrip supply by 2024 – just three years away.

Now is the time to think ahead, invest in diverse alternatives, and look to our future. It is not the time to revert to old head-in-the-sand thinking with all our eggs in one expensive basket.

Hugh Nicholson
The Channon

rainforest snails on the planet, and its clearing permanently increases our carbon emissions.

The report contains mis-truths and propaganda, and Cr Ndiaye's criticism of the protest action shows how far sections of the Greens have descended from prioritising environmental values.

The first big forest protests in the world were in the hills behind Byron and drove change in an era when there were no Environment Ministers in any world government, when there was

no environmental protection legislation.

Byron Council and these councillors are acting like science deniers. It appears that our Shire's long history of environmental priorities is being slaughtered by this bureaucracy.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

► Some letters were cut for size and other missed publication this week. To see all the letters in their entirety online, visit www.echo.net.au/letters.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Covid crisis in India has hit the chess world hard, and provoked the All India Chess Federation to set up a network of assistance for the members of the chess community hit by the virus via a helpline offering access to medical advice and financial support for players, arbiters, organisers and coaches.

The AICF's plan is surprisingly broad, ranging from psychological support to organising vaccines for players planning to compete outside India.

Eligibility for the financial support requires a FIDE ID number plus membership of the AICF at some point in the past three years. FIDE has registered more than 55,000 Indian players – second only to Russia – and almost all of them would be expected to be AICF members.

To fund its plans the AICF has also coordinated a series of online fundraising events, the biggest of which last week raised \$10,000. Many more are to follow.

In the past month two Grandmasters – Sinulduth Narayanan and Abhijit Kunte, the latter a regular participant

in Australia – have tested positive for Covid, though both have stayed out of hospital.

Soon after his diagnosis Narayanan won a new online fundraiser, the Checkmate Covid-19 tournament, which was organised by Chess Kerala and attracted 429 players from 16 countries. Narayanan and the other prizewinners then immediately donated their winnings back to the Kerala Relief Fund.

In contrast Kunte, not a fan of online chess, has not played a competitive game since 2019, when he was producing games such as the following, against Queensland's Byron Morris.

Bangkok BCC Open 2019
White: A Kunte
Black: B Morris
Opening: Catalan
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Bg2 Nbd7 If Black is not going to grab the c4 pawn then the immediate 6...b6 is most accurate here. 7.0-0 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5! Bb7 10.Ndf3 Be7 11.Bf4 c5 12.Rc1 Ne4! 13.Qa4 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 f6? Inviting White's knight into the Valley of Death, but Kunte shows that his knight will be safe enough deep in Black's territory. 14...Qe8 was necessary, when Black has chances to equalise. 15.Nd7! Re8 16.Bxe4! dxe4 17.dxc5! bxc5 This loses immediately, but 17...Bxc5 18.Qb3+ is similar while allowing the c pawn to live is also not an option. 18.Qb3+ 1-0



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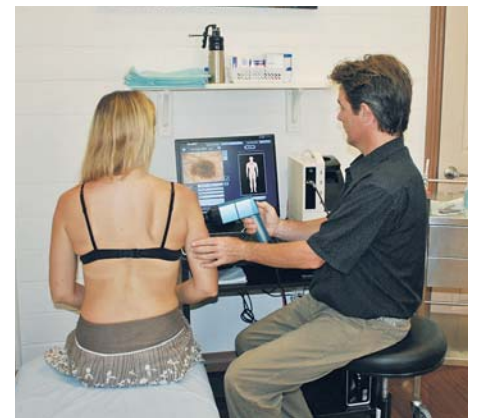


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7.30-9 Echo Fun Paddle Register from 7am, start from 7.30 Heritage Park
9.00 The Sails Motel Best Decorated Craft - Heritage Park
9.00 Ocean Village Shopping Centre Dragon Boats - Heritage Park Ramp 2
9.30 The Surfboard Warehouse Stand Up Paddle Challenge - Heritage Park
10.00 Hotel Brunswick Paddle Challenge - Heritage Park
10.10 Suzuki Marine Double Paddle Challenge - Heritage Park

Paddlers must exit at the Scout Hall beach on the left after the footbridge
9.30-1.30 Craft minding on Scout Hall lawn - \$2 community fundraising
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10-2 Let's Go Surfing FREE Stand Up Paddle clinic
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10-2 Sand art sponsored by Brunswick Seaside Holidays
10-11 Dragon boat flotilla
12.00 OPENING/AWARDS by Cr Alan Hunter
12.20 Tweed Coast Marine Participants' Draw - must be there to win
2.00 Mona Apartments Raffle Draw - winners will be contacted
2.00 Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre Duck Race

LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM 9.30-2 Summerland Credit Union

9.30 Naomi Ben Harush
10.00 Fiddle-Fiddle (Murwillumbah)
11.00 Hubcap Stan & the Sidewalk Stompers
1.00 Biggest Little Town Choir (Mullumbimby)
1.30 India Grant



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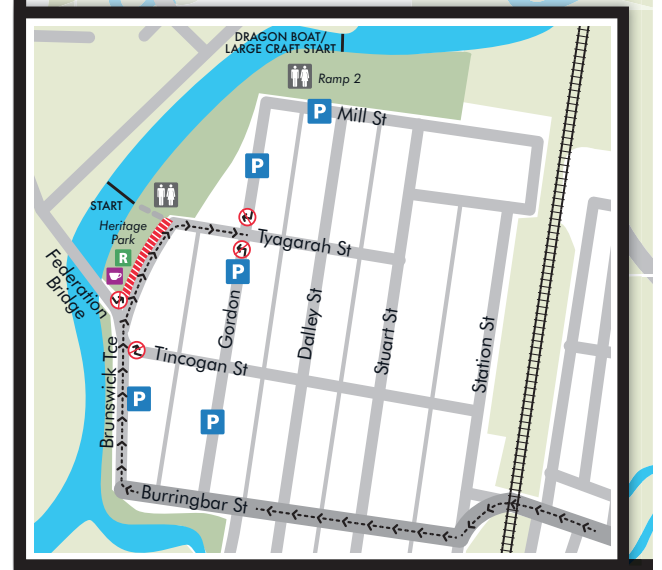
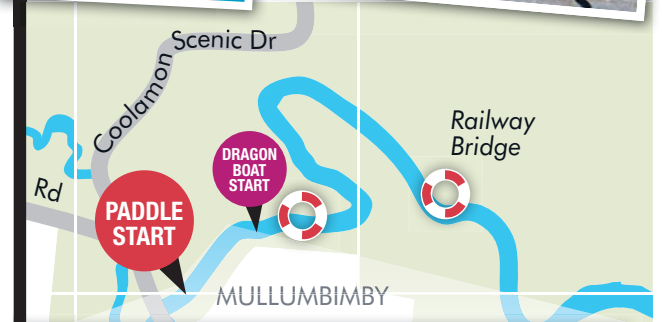
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Tree huggers needed

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday, the 22 May, from 8am to 12 noon. Tree huggers are needed to help finish cardboard and mulch 500 trees planted in January last year. The task is very easy as the mulch is placed only a few metres away from the trees and the grounds are flat. Another light task is to remove the plastic

Renew Fest reveals power of community

It was a long time between events for Renew Fest, another casualty of the pandemic, but all good things are worth waiting for and the event has been declared a success

Organisers say around 1,500 people gathered on the weekend at the Mullumbimby Showground, and the Friday opening night at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall was sold out.

The big themes of the festival included the housing crisis and pathways for community housing, racial justice and equality, regenerative food and changing the stories that dominate mainstream Australia.

The Saturday night music and arts program was headlined by Nattali Rize accompanied by The Black Sistaz, followed by dancing, music and rousing spoken word by local artists.

Organisers say Indigenous wisdom was central to the event, beginning on Friday night with a Welcome To

Country from Delta Kay, and conversation between Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann and Judy Atkinson. An Indigenous Elders space continued across the weekend under the festival fig trees and First Nations people headed up several key forums, before ending with and Ingenious fire closing ceremony with Uncle Magpie and dancers, Rachael Cavanagh and Auntie Robyn. Auntie Napanangka Nelly Patterson from Uluru was welcomed to the event.

The Tiny Home Village was a new addition that saw the festival spill into half of the Showgrounds Arena, featuring nine tiny homes and a range of alternative housing stalls.

The festival continued its zero-waste tradition, being powered entirely by a solar system and generating a remarkably small amount of waste given the size of the festival.

Everyone is looking forward to the 2022 festival.

from the cardboard boxes. The event will be held at Saltwater Creek, adjacent to the Mullumbimby Community Garden. To find us, walk into the garden, pass the main office building and you will spot the mulch and tools. The task is very easy as the mulch is placed only a few metres away and the grounds are flat.

Friends of Libraries

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding a book event for Jed Hart, a local Byron Bay resident, discussing his first novel Without Warning in conversation with Mick O'Regan, at Marvell Hall 37 Marvell Street Byron Bay on Friday 28 May from 5.30pm. Entry \$10, light refreshments and drinks are provided. Bookings are essential at www.byronbayfol.com.

CWA Crafty Women

Please join the Crafty Women at the CWA Brunswick Heads, Crn Booyun and Park St, each Friday (except public holidays) 10am to 2pm. Bring along your craft project or learn new skills like quilting, knitting, crocheting, making clothes or soft toys. BYO snacks. Mums and babes-in-arms most welcome. Gold coin donation. We are friendly and COVID Safe, log on

using the NSW Service App.

Pottsville croquet

Pottsville Fun Croquet Club Inc. Come to Black Rocks Sports Fields for a game of Croquet. We play on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.00am. New members are welcome. For further enquires please call 0431606374 or find us on Facebook.

Friends of Palestine

Byron Friends of Palestine members Gareth Smith and Maxine Caron will drive their famous pro-Palestine painted car to the Israeli embassy, Canberra to protest Israel's war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank. A warm invitation is extended to all supporters to see us depart from the Post Office, Jonson Street on May 21 at 1200.

Mullumbimby Library

Mullumbimby Library is offering free one on one sessions in the use of the library technology, including our new printing system, and eResources during May and June. If you are feeling uncomfortable with any of the changes and would like to become familiar with them, please call in to the library or phone on 66842992.

Byron Bay FC undefeated in '21



Byron Bay Callan McMillan Cup winners. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

Despite having a bye last weekend the Byron Bay FC premier division women's team sit on top of the premier-ship table with an undefeated run of five from five wins.

Alstonville join them at the top of the table with five wins, but have played an extra game.

The Byron Bay women showed early signs of their calibre when they won the A-grade Callan McMillan knock-out competition in

April, taking on local rivals Lennox Head and coming away 2-0 winners.

Since then the side has beaten Lismore 2-0 and Asttonville 2-1. The goal they conceded in their last outing is the only one they scored against them so far in the premiership, while they have managed to net 16.

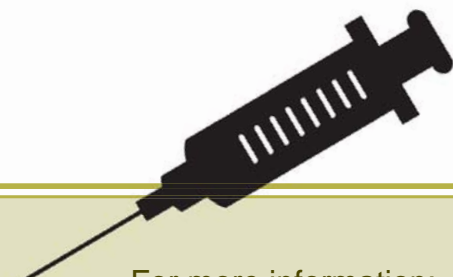
'Jimmy Gill has coached superbly. He has the whole team clicking,' team manager John McKay said. 'I'm looking forward to a big season,' John said.

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Land Forces: A killer of an expo in Brisbane

Miriam Torzillo

It may surprise some people to learn that the Brisbane Exhibition Centre, normally the venue for bridal expos and trucking displays, will this year play host to the Land Forces Expo, an arms fair where the business of war will be very much on display.

The Land Forces website claims the expo is ‘...an international industry event to showcase equipment, technology and services for the armies of Australia and the Indo-Asia-Pacific’.

For sale and on display will be tanks and armoured vehicles; ammunition; guns; attack helicopters; weaponised land-based robots; missiles; computer/digitised interfaces for sending rockets and ammunition; camera laser systems for cannons and drones to ‘enhance lethality’ and weaponised flying drones.

Weapons to kill men, women and children

These weapons will kill men, women and children like yourself, but this will be euphemistically called ‘collateral damage’. Right now the Australian Government is paying weapons companies billions for weapons to use against ‘us’. Make no mistake this expo is where deals are done and partnerships formed to secure more of these dollars to export terror to Yemen, Myanmar, Chile, West Papua and the Philippines. As usual, arms dealers will be #makingakilling.

Land Forces 2021 will be held at the Brisbane Exhibition Centre. Its primary goals are to provide an effective platform for the exchange of ideas and networking on key land forces issues (including war games) and to take the Australian (weapons) industry to the world by bringing the world to Australia. It is an arms trade fair showcasing products of war, supposedly in the name of national security. In reality, it is a huge multimillion-dollar commercial venture where the manufacturing and associated companies are the real winners and ‘doing business is easy’.

There will be a couple of killing conferences alongside a massive killing expo. All the major weapons companies will be there,



Peace activists disrupting work at the Brisbane office of Boeing Defence saying the company’s construction of weaponised drones and other autonomous weapons is part of a militarism that is out of control. Photo supplied

alongside Australian Defence Force representatives, plus defence ministers and trade delegations from over 70 nations.

These CEOs and ministers are normally inaccessible. Land Forces will bring them together in one place at one time, presenting us with a rare opportunity to speak truth to their power.

This event is the culmination of a major shift in Australian government policy in recent years. ‘In July 2017, the Australian government announced its ambition to become a “top 10” defence exporter by 2028, and has since been rolling out its Defence Export Strategy with the goal of building “a stronger, more sustainable and more globally competitive Australian defence industry”’ (Save the Children Fund, 2019, p.3).

The Australian Defence Export Office (ADEO) is now situated within the Department of Defence, strengthening the influence of weapons dealers and US defence personnel in the corridors of power in Canberra.

The money has been flowing even more freely since the government included the defence industries as part of the COVID-19 recovery strategy, led by the Centre for Defence Industry Capability.

Australia currently pours a staggering \$98.9m a day into our so-called defence forces and related agendas. War-making and weapons manufacturing and trading takes precedence over funding crucial social areas, such as public housing, health,

employment and education initiatives.

Are we a safe country or a war zone?

It is important to be aware that whether we live in a ‘safe’ country or in a war zone, the weapons sold at Land Forces will ultimately point at us. Police forces around the world are becoming increasingly militarised, meaning that they use military grade weapons, military-style uniforms, vehicles and surveillance technology. Weapons are used to suppress civil society movements with disturbing regularity, from tear gas and water cannons through to machine guns and sniper rifles. Recently we have seen the police in Chile aiming rubber bullets at people’s eyes, blinding many. At least 25 West Papuan civilians were killed by the army and police in 2020, on suspicion of being ‘separatists’. Two of those killed were 12 years old.

The Amazon is a particularly dangerous place to be an environmental activist, as is the Phillipines. While Australia and the US are dangerous places to be black. There is no safety where there are heavily armed soldiers and police. Whoever and wherever we are, those weapons are meant for us.

But what can citizens do about this expo and about this killing trade? Why not stop / close / cancel it?

We don’t think we can stop it – this time. However we can put our bodies, our

minds and creativity in the way – to ‘disrupt’ it, using NVDA strategies and tactics. We can disrupt in any way we can with zero harm to living beings using: sound, sight, smell; movement and music; nonviolent direct action; projection art; your ideas? #disruptlandforces is a

**War! What is it good for?
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North Sea Bubble – Billy Bragg

campaign coalition including anti-militarist, feminist, First Nations, refugee, climate action and other community groups who are concerned about the rise of, and financial and humanitarian cost of militarism in Australia. The official event dates – are 1–3 June, but the disruption will start on May 28! We are asking activists to travel to Brisbane/ Meanjin ahead of time, so that we can plan and prepare on the weekend before Land Forces begins. We will help with billeting and we can connect you with a group if you don’t already have one.

Collaborators and cooperation

We ask collaborators to agree to the following principles: 1. Respectful language and behaviour with each other 2. Actions are

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Some of you may be aware that the protests have already begun. As we approach Land Forces 2021, some of us have begun to take protest action at weapons companies such as Rheinmetall, EOS, Thales, Boeing and NIOA. We encourage you to target an arms dealer with your group, in any way you can following our principles.

Our website, Instagram and Facebook page are available as spaces for you to publicise your group and your actions. You are welcome to use any of our ‘reasons to resist’, any of our images and the #disruptlandforces logo.

We invite all of you to come to Brisbane if you are able. If not, we hope that you become more informed about this crucial issue, and do what you can to speak about it, draw attention to it and share and amplify the message and publicise the event through social media and your own networks.

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Byron Farmers Market



Return to Butler St Reserve hits a snag

Byron Farmers Market moved from its home at Butler Street Reserve to the Cavanbah Centre almost two years ago to accommodate construction of the Butler Street bypass. While the bypass is now open, the return of the farmers' market has been delayed owing to ongoing contamination testing on the reserve.

'We were originally working on the premise of the farmers' market being at the Cavanbah Centre for about six months while the bypass was being built,' said Byron Farmers Market manager Tom Carey. 'We are now coming up to two years, which unfortunately has frustrated a number of our customers. While the delay has been beyond our control, in the meantime we have made the best of the situation and we are still planning to move back to Butler Street Reserve as soon as we can.'

Mr Carey said it was difficult to put a time frame on when the return would take place, but he has been

in regular contact with Byron Shire Council about the matter and that they are working towards the old site becoming useable as soon as possible.

Claire McGarry, Place Manager Byron Bay, at Byron Shire Council said that Council, in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Agency, is continuing to investigate contamination on the reserve.

'When the markets originally moved to the Cavanbah Centre, Council undertook testing on the site under an EPA voluntary investigation order to determine the type and extent of contamination on the reserve due to its use as a former landfill,' said Ms McGarry. 'When this testing was completed and submitted to the EPA, they requested a second round of testing specifically looking for PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances).'

'This additional testing found that PFAS is present on the site. The EPA has requested further soil sampling on the site to determine

the cause and extent of the PFAS contamination, as well as the risk it poses.'

Despite this, Ms McGarry said that Council is still planning for Byron Farmers Market to return to its original home at Butler Street Reserve.

'The site investigations to date have shown that the future use of Butler Street Reserve for its former uses as a public recreation space, car park and market will hopefully be suitable uses if they are managed under an Environmental Management Plan, endorsed by the EPA, which we are in the process of developing now.'

'Getting Butler Street Reserve operational again, including for the Byron Farmers Market, is a high priority for Council and we are doing everything we can within our control to get to that point.'

Until then, you can still find all your favourite local farmers at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road for Byron Farmers Market every Thursday from 7-11am.



JK-47 headlines Festival of the Stone.

Hot rocks here

S. Haslam

The Festival of the Stone, named after the Stone & Wood Stone beer (a wood-fired porter, brewed with the aid of a hot rock), was a pretty cool, laidback affair last time I went. Lots of people, food trucks, dancing, and also a family-friendly tent for the young kids that actually looked really fun. As they say, it's kind of like a big neighbourhood party, with a portion of each ticket sale supporting the community through their inGrained Foundation charity, for which nominations recently closed.

After missing last year owing to COVID-19, the festival is back again, on Saturday 5 June. Bundjalung Indigenous, hip hop MC, JK-47 is the headline act and tickets are available on Eventbrite (see stoneandwood.com).

Organisers say, 'JK-47 will be joined by a line-up bursting with locals. Indie-pop crew Seaside, underground DJ Casimir, musical misfits The Hombres, funk outfit The Booty Affair, Club Raiders DJs and other local DJs are all locked in, with more acts to be announced shortly.'

'Hailing from the Northern Rivers, JK-47 first came to the nation's attention in

2020 when material from his debut album, *Made For This*, saw him named as one of triple j Unearthed's best artists to come through that year. Recently, his Like A Version cover of 2Pac's 'Changes' lit up triple j's switchboard and cemented his place as one of the country's most exciting new hip hop talents.'



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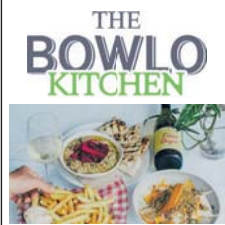


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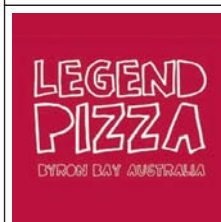


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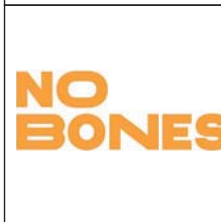
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Stop the press Mullumbimby! Sourdough donuts have arrived at the Mullum Farmers Markets, and boy will they get you hooked! Sweet n Sourdough, was started three years ago by local Megan Hunter, and has been making a name for itself among the sweet-toothed of the region.

Megan says she is over the moon to be joining the Mullum Markets family and serving up her fresh product, which she makes at her commercial kitchen in Mullumbimby. 'I know that sourdough is so much better for your belly - because you're eating fermented food,' Megan says. 'I wanted

a really soft, light and airy donut so I just kept working on the recipe until I got it right.'

Megan also cultivates her own sourdough starter, which has been a self-taught process, and something she has refined over the past three years.

'It's the best feeling when people tell you they're the best donuts they've had - it gives you a certain pride and it makes all the hard work worth it,' she says.

The filled donuts are based on an old Italian bombalona recipe, with the



modern twist of sourdough. Popular flavours include lemon curd (like Megan's grandmother used to make); raspberry and chia jam; dark chocolate ganache and vanilla bean custard. Megan isn't afraid of new



flavour inspirations; a whisky chocolate ganache previously featured in her line-up. And for winter there

will be the unmissable apple pie-filled donut to warm your market mornings.

The business is a family affair: Megan's daughters

help on the stall and in production and her dad, Bruce, is the main face at the markets. Bruce is a distinct character, and with his noble moustache and beard he cuts a mean figure behind the row of sumptuous filled donuts.

In keeping with her values (including 'supporting locals') Sweet n Sourdough source their fruit from local farmers' markets and all dry ingredients and packaging are purchased through a local wholesaler, and her packaging is 'green-pack biodegradable' only.

Pop by and see Bruce for a donut you won't forget, from Friday 21 May at the Mullumbimby Farmers Markets, every Friday from 7-11am.

Indian restaurant's Ballina fundraiser

S Haslam

In India, thousands are dying needlessly from a lack of basic medical equipment, particularly oxygen concentrators. There is also a need for PPE kits. There are a number of

verified fundraising sites to which people can donate directly, but the expatriate community is also hosting fundraisers.

Radhika from Mumbai Masala restaurant in Ballina said she felt both, 'guilty that our lives here in Australia

are going on as normal, and also helpless to help', as she heard the stories of her friends in hospital but also friends looking fruitlessly for beds in a medical system that is overwhelmed.

She knows of two foundations that, she says,



Those in India need our help.

'are working really hard on the ground. Amongst other actions they are doing

makeshift facilities where people can come and get oxygen. It's all free, and the people working in the facilities are volunteers, so all of the money raised goes directly to help people.'

Mumbai Masala is hosting a special tasting-menu dinner to raise funds to supply oxygen and medical

equipment to those in need. There will also be a raffle with prizes donated by the local Ballina business community. 100 per cent of sales will go directly to @khalsa_aid and @hemkunt_foundation.

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Good Taste

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Wandana: The space has a relaxed, genuine, unassuming cool.

S. Haslam

Wandana is a small local brewery set up in an ex-warehouse in the industrial estate of Mullumbimby, with an across-the-paddock view to Mt Chincogan. Where trucks used to load in the old removals area, now drinks, food and tunes are served. The bones of the space are still very much in its original warehouse form – genuinely industrial – but grounded with islands of natural wooden tables with stools and chairs, and comfortable couches recline under strings of warm festoon lights. Large stainless steel brewing vats gleam on one side of the warehouse, and ferns and other plants cascade at the entrance and into the room giving a gentle welcome. A DJ sits a little in from of the brewing gear, and the music creates an uplifting groove.

A long bar serves all the Wandana brews; the only ones in the world that have had non-stop music played to them the entire time they're in their fermenting tanks. Research shows that sound has an effect on the yeast cells, and each of their custom-made



fermenters has its own speaker. Individual beer batches have style-specific music played to them: 'So we play German Polka to our German wheat beer, Nordic death metal to our stout brew (Number Of The Yeast) and so on. So we've got music in every brew you taste', says Rupert Brown, the locally-raised bloke who's returned to the area with partner

Krissy to start Wandana.

The beer tastes really good, so one would suspect that there is no limp karaoke being played to these brews. As well as a wide range of beer styles Wandana has cider, gluten-free beer, respectable wine choices, and non-alcoholic drinks as well. A great local food truck is parked at the back of the brewery, there's a different one each time: for our visit it was Mayan cuisine, a van serving fresh and colourful Mexican fare such as tacos, tostadas, empanadas and their great-for-sharing nachos. Other street food styles that grace Wandana are Greek, pizza, noodles, Indian – and more. If you're a need-to-know kind of person you can check out the website for which caterers are coming when. The food trucks are there from 4pm Fridays, and 12.30pm Saturdays and Sundays. There is also a food truck every second Thursday from 5pm with Open Mic performances from 5.30pm (you might catch the next fledgling Iggy Azalea).

'We'd like to be a locals hang-out', says Rupert, 'a community hub. We're really keen to support local artists, for example our Open Mic night will be on every second Thursday, alternating with trivia nights. We've also been in contact with some great local manufacturers and we're sourcing local crackers, hams, cheeses and salamis for our charcuterie boards.'

Wandana is a recent and welcome addition to the boutique brewery treasure trove, their beers are small batch and uniquely handcrafted. The space has a relaxed, genuine, unassuming cool, and the variety of fresh local food vendors and live DJs and music make it a one-and-only in a world that can lazily lean towards homogeneity.

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Alcohol consumption up

The proportion of Australians (aged 18+) who consume alcohol in an average four-week period has increased by 0.8 percentage points to 67 per cent in 2020 – the first year-over-year increase since 2016 when 69.6 per cent of Australians drank alcohol; up 0.7 per cent on 2015.

The data, from Roy Morgan's Alcohol Consumption Report, showed that there were significant increases for wine and spirits (up 3.3 percentage points over the year) during the COVID-19 period. The number of Australians drinking wine increased from 8,065,000 (41 per cent of Australians aged 18+) to 8,814,000 (44.3 per cent). Although more women than men drink wine, the increase in the number of men drinking wine was larger than for women.

According to Roy Morgan CEO, Michele Levine, 'the number of people drinking www.echo.net.au

wine also increased across the age spectrum, and perhaps surprisingly the largest increase by age group was for those aged 80+, which is up 6.7 per cent on a year ago.'

In addition, spirit-drinkers increased to 6,277,000 (31.5 per cent) from 5,465,000 (27.8 per cent). The incidence of drinking spirits was up for both genders and across all legal age groups, with the largest increase by age for people 25–34 (up 7.7 per cent on a year ago).

During the pandemic period there was a nationwide lockdown in March to May 2020, and a longer second lockdown in Victoria between July and October, plus smaller lockdowns, during which times pubs were shut and beer drinking declined from 7,353,000 (37.4 per cent) to 6,878,000 (34.6 per cent) over the year.

The ready-to-drink (RTD)

market increased over the year, which Levine attributes to the rise in 'health-conscious drinking' as alcoholic seltzers, lower in calories and carbohydrates, hit the market. Cider drinking declined. A local example of a more health-conscious RTD is the new 'lower sugar' Brookies gin and tonic with native finger lime, which has 2.4gm of sugar per 100ml (a 275ml bottle of the RTD is bottled at 5.6 per cent ABV – 1.2 standard drinks). According to Brookies, this is 50 per cent less sugar than leading gin premix brands.

Levine concluded, 'The big question for the alcohol market going forward is – can the trend in 2020 of an increasing number of Australians consuming alcohol (in particular wine, spirits and RTDs) continue, or will the longer-term trends of declining alcohol consumption resume in a post-COVID environment?'

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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STIRRING THE TEA POT

A house without tea is not a home. I remember coming home once to a house I shared with four other girls. We were living on the bones of our arse, most of our money went on ciggies and casks of Coolabah. On returning home one evening we spied a man climbing out of one of our windows. We were in shock. A man had broken in, and we had caught him! I said 'Hey!' He was caught in the act. The intruder was clearly annoyed, not by being busted, but by our obvious lack of good housekeeping. 'There wasn't even tea!' He yelled, aggrieved.

I felt so judged!
 How embarrassing, someone broke into our house, and not only did we not have anything worth stealing, the poor bastard couldn't even make a cup of tea!
 I do remember apologising as he walked off. Note to self. Keep tea stocked in case of break and enter.

Every morning when I wake up I make a cup of tea. It's the first thing I do. Nothing tastes quite as good as that first cup of tea. It's part of the ritual of waking up, although the ritual has been significantly corrupted by the tea bag. The tea bag has kind of killed the magic. Don't get me wrong, I do love to jiggle in a cup, but, like the man who once left my window tea-less, I often worry that the tea bag has reduced the ceremony of the much revered shared cuppa to something drunk, unappreciated, in solitude.

My grandmother, Thelma, made the best cup of tea. Tea was never made with bags. It was made from leaves in a small silver anodised pot. It was dressed in a cosy crocheted by her own hand and left to brew on a stand hand crafted by a grandchild from lacquered matchsticks. It was brought to a table laid with a searsucker cloth, set with china teacups, sugar bowl, a milk jug and biscuits. This was morning tea. Not something had at a desk, or on the run. It was had at 10am,

precisely, seated at the table. The tea was sweet and milky and I don't remember tea ever tasting that good again. I don't think I have ever made tea like that. Those moments at the table with Thelma are tied in with the comfort I get from tea. Sometimes, if I have time, I'll even use a pot to pour it into one of her china cups. My adult fingers look so large on the fragile handles.

Tea is incredible in a crisis. To share a story of loss or grief, it requires tea. Apparently it helps with stress. And it's not just the tea itself. It's the ritual of putting the kettle on. I love that. It's about the preparation and the waiting. You just don't get that from a glass of water. In a study where one group drank water and the other tea, the non tea group drank their water in silence. The people who drank tea built rapport. You see, the affects of tea were better in company. It's a social beverage that affects our physiology.

I have some friends that drink neither tea nor coffee. When they visit it's strange when they decline the offer. I wonder what to do. Sharing water together isn't quite as bonding. I often wonder about them, the no hot drink people. I wonder how they manage connecting in a beverage-centred world.

This morning I stood at the bench at 5am, my brain still foggy. The purr of the electric kettle filling the darkness. I reach for my mug, but this morning my hand found my grandmothers pale pink china teacup. I thought of Thelma. I made a pot. I set two cups. I poured one for her, one for me. I sat at the bench and drank in silence. I thought of her alone in her house for 20 years, drinking most of her tea at a quiet kitchen table, alone. It makes me so exquisitely sad. I could taste her aloneness.

Same tea time every day. One cup. One biscuit. One woman.

Tea really does taste better shared. Fuck the bag. I'm going back to the pot.



JESSE MORRIS AND THE SHAKEDOWN

'This Life' is the first single off Jesse Morris and the Shakedown's forthcoming and first ever vinyl release titled *The Children of the Sun*.

Featuring the all star 7-piece Shakedown lineup. Mixed by Lord Tanuki himself - Paulie B of Yama Nui Studios. Mastered by 'Blakey' at 12th and Vine Post Studios.

Jesse Morris and the Shakedown will be hitting the road throughout Spring and

Summer 2021 with a string of shows and festivals across the country.

They are kicking off their tour by celebrating their single release at two local shows this weekend: Friday at new venue Kiki on Byron from 7pm, and Sunday at the Beach Hotel from 9pm, before they begin their tour with a journey north to celebrate their vinyl release at Palm Creek Folk Festival in June.

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SONGBIRDS AUTUMN LEAVES CONCERT

The Songbirds are delighted to invite you to celebrate autumn with them in an afternoon tea concert at the Ocean Shores Community Centre on Sunday at 3pm.

There will be a range of songs in different styles; some relaxing, ethereal and touching, and some more lively or cheeky, all with the Songbirds signature harmonies.

Tickets are \$20 at the door, and this includes afternoon tea! There will be chairs, but feel free to bring pillows or rugs if you would like to lie down for part of the show.

Ocean Shores Community Centre on Sunday at 3pm



STARS BY LILITH

GEMINI THE TWINS: This week's Sun joining Venus and Mercury in Gemini kicks off the busy season of the scintillating Twins...

♈ ARIES: The next four weeks highlight Aries' zodiac zone of communication and local activity, during which your neighbourhood and community percolate with new ideas and opportunities. It's a fertile time for reconnecting with friends, when brainstorming with kindred spirits, instead of hunkering down, can achieve surprising synergistic results.

♉ TAURUS: Easy-going, comfort-loving and down-to-earth, strong-willed Taureans like to take their time, and tend to have a calming, stabilising effect on those around them. Which, this week, is so needed with everybody in two minds about things and trying to do as much as two people. Keep it up Taureans.

♊ GEMINI: The Sun joining Mercury and Venus in your vibrant and versatile sign presses the start button on your time to collaborate, celebrate and stay out late, so Happy Birthday Twins! Follow your passion and say 'Yes!' to pleasure this week, because aren't those the things you came here to celebrate in the first place?

♋ CANCER: Studies have found incessant beeps, tweets, alerts and constant electronic distractions prevent people from developing meaningful relationships and consecutive thought processes. Mars in your sign can be pushy, so quiet time's essential for receiving those glimpses of clarity about how, when and where to proceed; clarity that come from silence, stillness and doing absolutely nothing

♌ LEO: As this week initiates a loosening-up of mindsets, Mars is currently encouraging you close the final chapter on a particular part of your personal story. To tie off those dangling threads in life's ever-evolving tapestry before next month's enthralling installment of *The Life of the Zodiac's* Royal Family returns.

♍ VIRGO: Your mentor planet Mercury in curious, mental-as-anything mode stimulates vigorous exchanges, which can send your mind into overdrive. Making body balance imperative, as in, taking time out for physical renewal and soul nourishment, however that works for you: restorative massage, favorite sport, a night out, or getting down and dirty in the garden.

♎ LIBRA: Venus, your ruling planet, swapping roles from material girl in a material whirl to social butterfly, elegantly models this week's light-hearted move - away from rigid opinions - to trip the light fantastic in these weighty times. So aim to use your power of speech this week more like a watercolor brush than a magistrate's gavel.

♏ SCORPIO: With Jupiter in frisky mode for Scorpios till late July, get ready for a creative, and maybe romantic, revival. If you've become a little too comfortable in your athleisurewear, it's time for a glamorous style-up. And giving your existing ties a tune-up too, making sure there's a healthy balance of give and take.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Feeling a bit unmotivated? During Gemini season, the sun is furthestest away from Sagittarius, dimming your solar power. All the more reason to delegate, and call for support, so you can take a break from trying to do it all solo. This is your time to prioritise, reflect, perhaps even step back from one or two ventures.

♑ CAPRICORN: Your ruling planet Saturn, retrograde this week, can present the kind of scenario Capricorn philosopher Alan Watts might have had in mind when he advised: *No sense clinging to the rocks falling with us*. The upside? You get a master's degree in tenacity, tenderness and extreme self-discipline as perseverance and resilience levels are tested.

♒ AQUARIUS: This week, Saturn, planet of structure, heads into its annual hibernation - this year in your sign. Luckily, sociable Gemini season arrives to stimulate your fun-loving fifth house for the coming month. So mix and mingle, stay open to possibilities, and keep your calendar clear enough to say 'Yes!' when spontaneous invites arrive

♓ PISCES: While Jupiter has you keen for wider world adventures, Gemini season also lights up Chateau Pisces and your domestic fourth house for a month. So make time for family, nesting and tending to your emotional foundations. It's important to have a deep-seated anchor in place as you stretch beyond your comfort zone.

GIG GUIDE



WEDNESDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MYKAELA JAY**, **BRONTE EVE**, **KODIVINE AND MONIQUE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **JANET SWAIN: DELPHI GOES BASSOONING**

THURSDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK RIDOUT**, 8PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BOB DOWNE: VIVA BOB VEGAS!**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **RENEE SIMONE**
- KIKI ON BYRON 6.30PM **SALSA NIGHT WITH DJ JAVI**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MAX HOORN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, **OPEN MIC**

FRIDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FLASKA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SUNDAY LEMONADE**, 9PM **SKYEATER**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **BYRON UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL 2021 OPENING NIGHT**
- KIKI ON BYRON 6.30PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND SINGLE LAUNCH**, 7PM **JESSE MORRIS AND THE SHAKEDOWN**, 8.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA EP LAUNCH**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **OOZ**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BOB DOWNE: VIVA BOB VEGAS!**
- SUFFOLK PARK COMMUNITY HALL 7PM **KIRTAN TJ DASS AND THE DOCTORS OF DEVOTION**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ LOUIS TOBIN**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **BECKY COLE**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 6PM **QUAD OUTDOOR CINEMA PROGRAM**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **NOY BEN AMI**

- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ECHOES OF PINK FLOYD**, THE STAGE 9PM **F2**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 6PM **CURIOUS - FEAT DJ GROOVE TERMINATOR**, **DALE STEPHEN & LORD SUT + SHE J**

SATURDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **LUKE YEAMAN**, 4PM **MIGHTY MAX FOG**, 6.30PM **BEN WALSH DUO**, 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BYRON THEATRE 12PM **BYRON UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL SATURDAY SESSIONS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **JORDAN MAC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BOB DOWNE: VIVA BOB VEGAS!**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - ATMAN MUSIC & JAS SORAYA**
- KIKI ON BYRON 7PM **MP3 JAZZ NIGHT**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **OOZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ SO CLONE**, 5.15PM **DJ GEZ**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 5.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS WITH MURRAY KYLE AND HEART CHANT**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **FELICITY LAWLESS FEATURING MSELENEOUS**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 6PM **QUAD OUTDOOR CINEMA PROGRAM**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **OCCA ROCK**
- KINGSLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **PINK ZINC DUO**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **SKYEATER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **APIA GOOD TIME TOUR**, THE STAGE 9PM **BROOKEY B**, 10.15PM **PINK V LADY GAGA**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **NOASIS - THE ORIGINAL OASIS TRIBUTE SHOW**

SUNDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATTY ROGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **DONNY SHADES**, 5PM **NEIKO**, 9PM **JESSE MORRIS AND THE SHAKEDOWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- KIKI ON BYRON 11AM **LOKI HOUGH**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MAX HOORN**
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 3PM **SONGBIRDS AUTUMN LEAVES CONCERT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **RUSTY**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 11AM **COUNTRY CARNA**, 2.30PM **LISMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 6PM **QUAD OUTDOOR CINEMA PROGRAM**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **APIA GOOD TIME TOUR**

MONDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ALEX TILLY**, 8PM **JOHN CROSBIE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **THE GIN BUGGS**

TUESDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ALISHA TODD**, 8PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JESSE WITNEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 10.30AM **THE DUETS SHOW**

WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **FUTURE SEEDS - CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **JANET SWAIN: DELPHI GOES BASSOONING**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **SAN CISCO**

THE CINEMA WITH NO WALLS



Image By Kate Holmes

The Quad in Lismore presents its first outdoor cinema event – programmed by nationally regarded film critic and programmer, Peter Castaldi. Peter told *The Echo* about the vision.

Tell me about the vision for the Quad outdoor cinema?

I always love doing unusual things in unexpected places, and I've always had a great love of outdoor cinema. The Quad is a unique and beautiful venue, almost naturally a bit steampunk. It's the perfect place to pop up a screen, devise a programme that's as broad and high quality as possible, and get people in to enjoy my slightly bent taste in all sorts of cinema. The vision is therefore to be asked to do just this over and over again and have people come and enjoy!

Why is it better watching movies outside?

The first principle of programming outdoors is to understand that where you are is just as important as what you are watching; it's a 50/50 split. So you need to programme cinema that your audience is comfortable with, so that they then take the risk of sitting under the stars, on a possibly chilly night, enjoying open fires, mulled wine – if they're old enough – and re-visiting a film they know and love, or have heard of and just want to see, in a unique setting.

Is it the romance of the drive-in?

Yes! In part. But a little more carbon neutral, and a little more open to the elements. And we've replaced those old clip-on speakers with silent disco headsets, so the

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TRAGEDY AND COMEDY

Sometimes you've just gotta accept where you are from. And who you are. And, who your parents are. Or do you?



Am I who I say I am? is a comedic memoir about one father and four surnames. After a successful season at the Sydney Comedy Festival, and Sydney Greek Festival, winner of the Kit Denton Fellowship for courage and excellence in performance writing, George Catsi presents his own personal odyssey as he navigates a wayward father, his multiple names and his hopeless attempts at being Greek. In true Greek storytelling tradition, it is both tragedy and comedy.

George Catsi is at heart a satirist. 1/3 of Sydney's cult comedy trio, God's Cowboys, back in the '90s, George later turned towards academia, completing his PhD in Persuasive Performance, focusing on evangelism. George has a natural curiosity and an instinct for story that leads him to share this ripping yarn about his father – but also about the son. He chases down an identity pulled together by multiple Greek diasporas, upheavals and revolutions, balancing the absurdity with pathos and a crate of Blue Stratos.

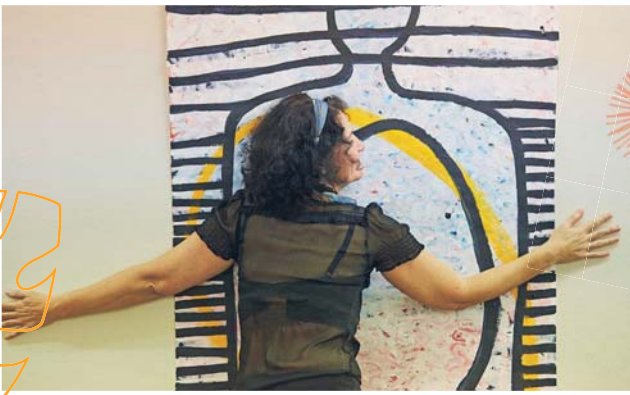
The narrative journeys from Crete to Cairo, from Detroit to Sydney. George brings this powerful story of a father and son, traversing the paternal disconnection, old school masculinity and withering cultural identity of an Australian-born Greek boy who ends up in a Baptist church.

***Am I Who I Say I Am?* starring George Catsi – tickets on mandynolan.com.au**

The Federal Show is where we go THE FULL GREEK – and George's show will feature a vego Greek feast by Ilias the Greek... and maybe even a little dancing with plate smashing!

17 June, Federal Hall, 6pm \$50.

18 June, The Citadel, Murwillumbah 7.30pm \$30. 19 June, Bangalow Bowlo, 7.30pm \$30.



FINDING OUT WHAT MAKES ARTISTS TICK

Murwillumbah has built a name for itself as the creative cultural hub for the Tweed Valley – it is here that the Tweed's artistic community really thrives. The town is known for its art deco architecture, glorious antiques, and thriving arts community. Every May Murwillumbah's arts community hosts an art trail (Murwillumbah Arts Trail); a celebration of all things contemporary art in northern NSW. Studios, galleries and creative spaces will open their doors for MAT21 in the Tweed region again this May.

MAT21 is your opportunity to visit artists in their studios and shared spaces, meet the makers, learn about their stories and techniques and enjoy some exceptional art.

There are a total of 27 studios, galleries and bespoke locations on the trail, and almost 100 artists exhibiting within the Murwillumbah CBD, at the centre of the trail.

An exciting addition to the trail are the workshops artists have put together so you can participate in the creative process yourself and try out some new techniques. Facilitated by talented artists in their own studios, the workshops happen throughout the MAT period.

Join the artists and makers, the crafters, musicians, poets, storytellers and many other creatives on the 6th Annual Murwillumbah Arts Trail over the weekend of the 29-30 May 2021.

For further information, an interactive map, and artist bios visit www.murwillumbahartstrail.com.au

POOF!



JAMES GALEA IS NO ORDINARY MAGICIAN. HE'S NOT THE SMARMY GUY IN PURPLE VELVET WITH A CAGE FULL OF PIGEONS SAWING WOMEN IN HALF. IN FACT, JAMES IS PROUD TO SAY HE HAS NEVER CUT ANYONE IN HALF. JAMES IS AN AWARD-WINNING MAGICIAN/WRITER/PRODUCER AND AUSTRALIA'S FOREMOST MAGICIAN. HE HAS BEEN PRODUCING AND WRITING MAGIC-BASED TELEVISION AND THEATRE INTERNATIONALLY FOR 15 YEARS.

His one man adults only show is called *POOF!*

Yes, it's the kind of title that has the woke going *wtf*? He's a magician and he's gay. AND he's Australian, so in a way, it's a wonderfully impactful title.

'*POOF!* is autobiographical – I have a lot of stories – they seem outlandish; it seems so unbelievable at times.'

Galea explains how he came up with the idea for the show, 'I remember being at a magic convention and looking around, and then having a moment where I just thought, "Hold on – are all magicians gay?" It served as a jumping off point for a ridiculous world to live inside.'

James also told me of the surprising conversation he had with a cabbie in LA:

'I told him I was a magician, and he just said "Poof!". I thought "Wow..." I'd just met the guy – but in America the word isn't derogatory for being gay, it's actually a very magical word...'

POOF! is personal.

'There are some deeply personal stories shared and secrets brought into the light. It's exciting to be challenged and nervous again. I miss that', says Galea.

James started out at 14 as the protégé of an older magician.

'He took me under his wing and taught me magic tricks. I started later to play the piano and write comedy songs but I didn't add anything to the show until later.'

'I have awesome tricks that are part of the show, I have tunes as well that I have played for years – so it's a mixture of both. In one parts I talk about psychics, in a song called 'All Psychics are C*nts'. I want them to be challenged!'

James gets the audience to join in on that one for a sing-a-long.

At one of his Opera House shows recently one woman got very offended. She was late, arriving just in time for the song about psychics... and she was a psychic. So she probably should have seen it coming?

POOF! has been a huge success. Galea's Opera House season sold out.

'I thought it was going to be just a queer audience, but regular general public turned up. People want to see into worlds they haven't seen.'

James Galea presents *POOF!*, sharing the secrets of a magician at NORPA, Lismore Hall on Friday 4 & Saturday 5 June. Tix on sale at norpa.org.au

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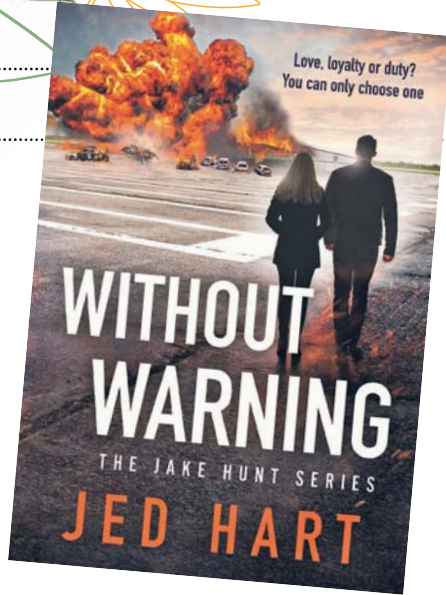
...Until the war he thought was over reignites around him.

Local author, Jed Hart has come a long way from Kellerberrin in the sixties to Byron Bay in the twenties; via Singapore, Taipei, Lima, London and many points in between. In his first book in the Jake Hunt series *Without Warning* he draws on his corporate and wartime experiences for an adventure that explores themes of love, honour and intrigue against a backdrop of terrorist violence. In his new release, which was published by Feather Knight Books, war veteran Jed Hart tells the story of Jake Hunt, who, like himself, is a pilot who flew combat assaults in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War. Like war veterans before him, Hunt locks that side of his life away, along with the training that taught him to kill total strangers. But the skills and capabilities remain.

Reflecting on the anachronisms of war, Hart says, 'Men and women return from war. They become the guy or girl next door or the one you love; expert and experienced killers living among us.' For the protagonist, Jake Hunt, that ability, and the fury that drives it, are released when a kidnap and a terrorist attack fragment a routine assignment in Brunei. Hunt is a man with a civilised shell around a savage core, and he won't charm his way out of these circumstances.

Jed Hart will launch *Without Warning* at 5.30pm for a 6pm start at Marvell Hall, Byron Bay on Friday 28 May. Renowned radio interviewer, Mick O'Regan will host the conversation on behalf of Friends of the Library. \$10 entry includes drinks and nibbles on arrival and there will be a lucky door prize.

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SWITZERLAND AT THE DRILL

Joanna Murray-Smith's brilliant play *Switzerland* is the second production in the Drill Hall Theatre Company's all-Australian 2021 season. Arguably the nations most successful playwright, Murray-Smith has written a play about the grande dame of best-selling crime literature, Patricia Highsmith.

Highsmith lives with an impressive collection of books, and a somewhat sinister collection of guns and knives. The novelist finds solace in her seclusion, her whisky and cigarettes, until the hapless Mr. Edward Ridgeway appears – sent as an emissary by her publishing company in New York.

Murray-Smith makes no bones about Highsmith's tendency to abuse. She is seen, towards the end of her life, as a rancorous loner railing at the New York literary establishment. She is prone to racist rants and has a vicious smackdown for every occasion, which challenges her visitor who has come to beg her to write one more book in *The Ripley Series*.

The director, Toni Scanlan says that 'this Drill Hall production is a perfect platform for Liz Chance's amazing

skill as an actor, while we will witness the rise of an emerging talent in Charlie Burton.'

A noted actor herself, the director informs us that 'Liz plays the famous writer, Highsmith, as an eccentric lesbian, homophobic, racist, hard drinking, brilliant would-be psychopath with excellent taste in soft furnishings. While Charlie, who shows enormous promise, plays the mysterious and ambiguous intruder, Edward Ridgeway.'

Switzerland opens at the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby 18 June, and plays to 4 July.

Bookings at the drillhalltheatre.org.au



DELPHI GOES BASSOONING

Janet Swain's first solo show, *Delphi Goes Bassooning*, played to a full house earlier this year at Brunswick Picture House. If you missed out, she is taking Delphi out for another spin this Wednesday 19 May, and next Wednesday 26 May at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby, before she takes the show to Melbourne in June.

Delphi Goes Bassooning is a tiny 55 minute musical, and tells the story of how Janet, as a 14 year old, was 'encouraged' to play the bassoon when her mother bought one for \$50 at a railway auction. It's a show for anyone who still has a flute, clarinet, oboe or even a bassoon, hiding in their garage, and anyone who has a mother! It's funny, warm, poignant and a little bit sad, and you'll pick up some interesting tidbits about the bassoon.

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BYRON UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL 21-30 MAY

AFTER ITS INAUGURAL EVENT IN 2020, BYRON UNDERGROUND FILM FESTIVAL (BUFF) HAS GROWN INTO A TEN-DAY SERIES OF EVENTS IN 2021. DIRECTED BY LOCAL FILMMAKERS ANDRE STAMOS AND TIMOTHY PARISH (FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DARWIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL), BUFF IS DEDICATED TO BOLD NEW VOICES IN FILMMAKING AND CELEBRATING ARTISTS WHO ARE PUSHING BOUNDARIES OF THE MEDIUM, AS WELL AS FOSTERING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL FILMMAKERS IN THE BYRON SHIRE.

BUFF formally opens with two films about radical artists who have been censored for their work. The night kicks off with *Terror Nullius*, a no-holds-barred art-mashup of Australian cinema film which is both hilarious and controversial. This will be followed by *The Witch Of Kings Cross*, a stunning documentary about Australian visionary artist and self-proclaimed witch, Rosalee Norton, who scandalised Sydney in the 1950s.

BAY, NOT BAE BUFF FILMMAKERS DAY

Saturday sees a jam-packed day celebrating local filmmakers. Starting with a collection of short films by local filmmakers followed by the premiere Byron screening of *Further We Search* a low-budget feature by local filmmaker Darius Devas, followed by the internationally acclaimed *Jirga* by local Benjamin Gilmour. *Small Island Big Song* is a documentary linking indigenous cultures of the Pacific through their traditional songs, and unintentionally unveils a concern seen by all island nations; climate change. Then, the world premiere of *Claw*, a tongue-in-cheek comedy horror, which pays homage to classics of the genre. Director, Gerald Rascionato, and Producer, Joel Hogan, will be at the Byron Theatre – all the way from Los Angeles – for an audience Q&A after the premiere.

SIDESHOW CINEMA presents a special selection of experimental features, screened in the Circus Arts space in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate including:

Auteur Theory – a retrospective of low budget short films by some of the world's most celebrated writer/directors including Quentin Tarantino, Taika Waititi, Wes Anderson, George Lucas and more.

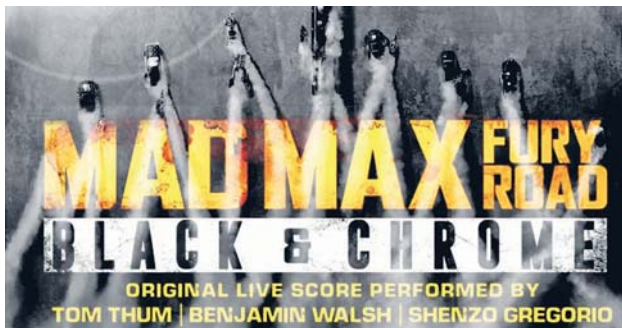


CBD Nation – a powerful new documentary that features the world's leading experts in the field of contemporary cannabis medical science, revealing how the non-psychoactive cannabidiol (CBD) is transforming lives across the world.

Cirque De Cinema – Celebrating the nexus of circus arts and film, with new works by Australian circus film legends Carnival Cinema and live performances by Space Cowboy and surprise guests. Join them for a special night of film, music and live art.

Another special event of the Sideshow Cinema will be THE ILLUMINARIUM – the region's premiere travelling escape room experience for 2-6 people (players under 14 need to be accompanied by an adult). ILLUMINARIUM *Escape from the Dreamspell* will be running with a cinematic twist; enter into a whodunit that leads down the rabbit hole of conspiracy, and out again through spirituality. Created by local artist Taloula Rae from The Magic Theatre, the escape room will run multiple sessions day and night 9am-9pm.

For full program, venue details and film screening times go to <https://www.thebuff.com.au>



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sound is going to be a whole lot better, in fact, so good that the experience becomes quite immersive. And if you come along on Friday night for the music film programme then you can absolutely go completely Spinal Tap and turn your volume to 11, and get up and dance! You could never do that in a cinema... or a drive-in for that matter!

You chose *One Perfect Day* and Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo + Juliet* – tell me why you love those films?

They were both slaughtered by critics unfairly and for all the wrong reasons. They have a great respect for both story and score. And they are both unique expressions from idiosyncratic filmmakers that succeed in being highly entertaining. Luhrmann's *Romeo + Juliet* for me is, and will always be, a masterpiece! And *One Perfect Day*, well it was sorely missed, when first released.

Tell me about the programming – how did you choose what was going to run? How do you keep everyone happy?

That's the subjective bit. I tap into my 'sense memory'! What made me feel? What took me away? What touched my heart, before it clicked the neurons in my intellect into firing? We're all part of the same community. I'm not that different to anyone who might come and see what I chose; maybe I've seen a few thousand more films than most, but what rings true for me rings true for most. Or that's my experience...

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What should we look forward to?

All of it! But my personal pick is Cory McAbee's *The American Astronaut* I can absolutely guarantee that you will never have seen, or heard, anything like it. You might shrug your shoulders in disbelief, but you won't be able to wipe the smile from your face.

The Quad Outdoor Cinema, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Lismore from 6pm.

Prices: Adult \$15, Conc \$10. Double bill and group discounts available.

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Tickets and program: www.lismorequad.org.au

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 20 May - Wed 26 May NFT = No Free Tickets

GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL 2021 Commences 4th June Full details available at GERMANFILMFESTIVAL.com.au	TOM & JERRY THE MOVIE (G) Daily: 12:00PM	DE GAULLE (M) Daily: 11:50AM, 4:10PM EMA (MA15+) NFT Thu, Mon, Tue: 2:00, 4:15, 6:30 Fri-Sun: 1:40, 4:00, 6:45PM Wed: 2:00, 4:15, 7:15PM
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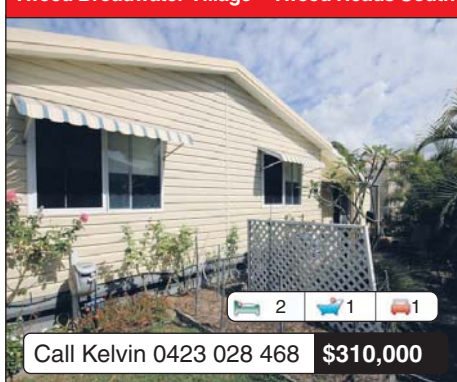


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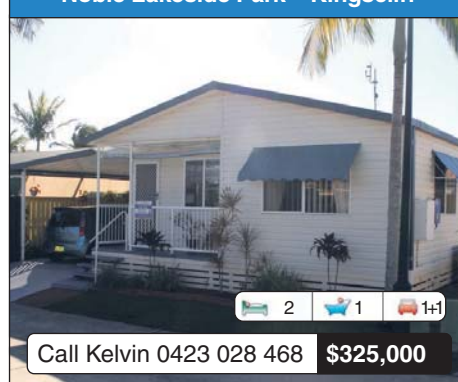


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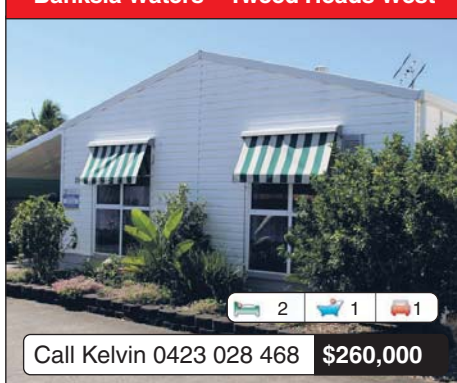
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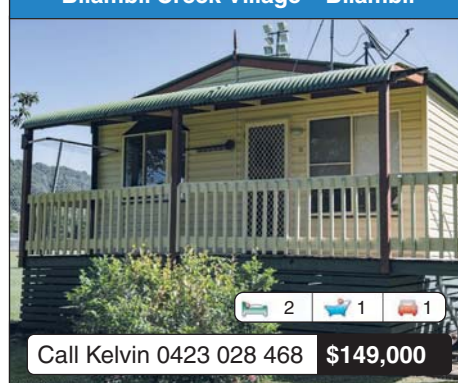
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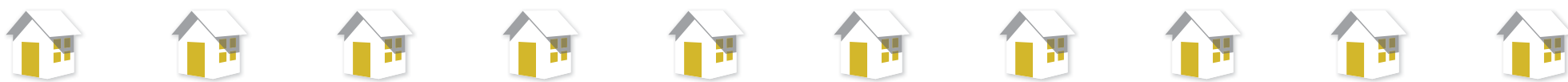


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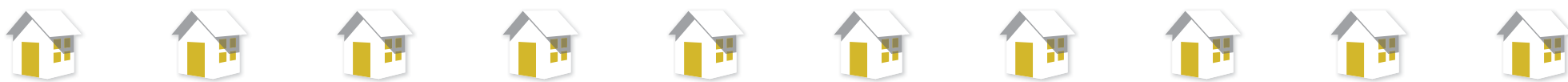
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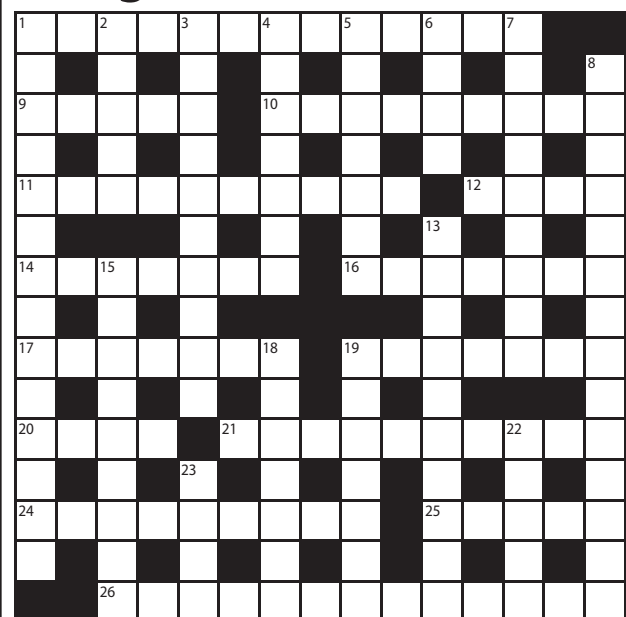
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 19 down reaches midpoint before replacing drawback... (6,7)
- ...following beam losing right front end (5)
- Listen in - apes roved around! (9)
- Leave fat English companion a quarter - but if it's wild, it's futile! (5,5)
- Watch small preserve (4)
- French encyclopaedist performed English rubbish! (7)
- Avoid thousands in fairground attraction (7)
- Staggers, and attracts around church (7)
- Hair treatment is phony crap (7)
- Prune right around Winton (4)
- Popular axis is excessive (10)
- Glee, a Daddy Cool song! (5,4)
- Time ceremony - it's boring and repetitive (5)
- Experts in midwifery required - so certain bits need replacing (13)

DOWN

- Switched outfit, held chances, got result (7,7)
- Massachusetts capital loses lead, rolls over - definitely negative! (3,2)
- Artist concerned with broken hearts - Samarium and Europium, to name but two! (4,6)
- Worry over that woman in Spring (7)
- Changed prophet does a backflip over five islands (7)
- Rear a royal small Englishman (4)
- Get over dire patch - it hardly costs anything (4,5)
- Savoury dishes - samples this one with relish! (7,7)
- I trade with a small jerk - in pursuit of perfection! (10)
- The German band with a party - that's reckless! (7-2)
- Silicon Valley town provides state intervention for Jones (3,4)
- He won't work for the match (7)
- Beast, not large, but a great soul! (5)
- Marvin and Kernaghan - the dregs (4)

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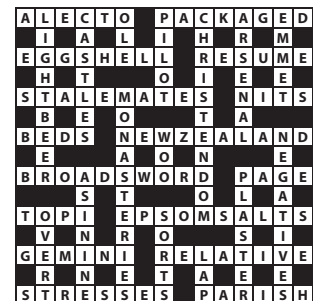
ACROSS

- Middle position in soccer front row (6,7)
- Succeeding (5)
- Earwig (9)
- Foolish quest (5,5)
- Survey (4)
- French writer and thinker (7)
- Bumper cars (7)
- Reels (7)
- Carpet cleaner (7)
- Crop (4)
- Extravagant (10)
- Ross Wilson song (5,4)
- Banal (5)
- Childbirth physicians (13)

DOWN

- Put on new apparel (7,7)
- Untrue (3,2)
- Elements used in high-end technologies (4,6)
- Flood from snow melt (7)
- Amended (7)
- Backside (4)
- Very inexpensive (4,5)
- Egg and potato tortillas (7,7)
- Utopian (10)
- Bravado (7-2)
- Technological city in California (3,4)
- Picketer (7)
- Inner self (5)
- Grounds (4)

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If your *Echo* was delivered on Thursday, that's because, again we asked our many of distributors to deliver them a day later, rather than in our emergency plastic bags. Those who could, will have, but many have to work multiple jobs, and couldn't.

Barry Morphew of Colorado was charged this week with not only murdering his missing wife, but also casting a vote in her name for Trump. His wife would have wanted it, Barry said.

Byron Shire Independent Councillor, Cate Coorey, says she's excited to have won the Council's vote for a new representative on the Rous County Council. She's not the only one, as many of the Dunoon Dam opponents were concerned that the new councillor elected to the position might swing the votes towards support for the dam. Cr Coorey told *The Echo* that 'it's hard to imagine that the only option for securing future water is to build a new dam'.



Breast cancer survivor Donna Falconer with Groovy Booby Bus co-pilot Viv Dawe, devotes much of her life to raising awareness surrounding breast cancer issues. Donna and Viv travelled through Byron last week to highlight breast cancer and to promote her book, *My time: through breast cancer and beyond*. One hundred per cent of sales are going to breast cancer charities, including Breast Cancer Network Australia and The McGrath Foundation. Find out more on social media, and look for 'Groovy Booby Bus'. Photo Jeff Dawson

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The National Science Week festival will run from 14 to 22 August. So if you are more interested in Indigenous health, shark gonads, blind books, and future food than say, chemtrails and flat Earth theories it is the place for you. Visit ScienceWeek.net.au/events to find out what might be happening in your area.

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