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Catchin' the Writers Fest train



All aboard the bookworm express – pictured are Adam van Kempen, Anika Ebner, Sarah Ma, Tristan Bancks, Emily Brugman and Shien Chee. Photo Jeff 'Tickets Please' Dawson

Byron Writers Festival 2021 (6–8 August) has revealed a program of more than 150 celebrated authors and commentators, as well as powerful new voices to mark its 25th anniversary.

Festival Director Edwina Johnson says, 'Now more than ever our world needs writers and stories for healing.'

She says, 'At the core of our festival is the belief in the power of story as a means to connect, heal and make change. Story provides the framework for understanding,

Never more so than when we are faced with the shock of a pandemic that has insisted we learn new ways of being and engaging.'

More than 150 speakers

The lineup includes Archie Roach, Julia Baird, Richard Flanagan, Judith Lucy, Kate Grenville, Bryan Brown, Marcia Langton, *The Betoota Advocate*, Alice Pung, Raina MacIntyre, Nevo Zisin, Evelyn Araluen, Dr Norman Swan, Robert Dessaix, Pip William and many more.

'The festival program features

memoirists, poets, medicos, environmentalists, commentators, politicians and artists who together shape narratives of hope, courage and change. Some of the themes examined include loneliness and the importance of cultivating an inner life, satire, Canberra culture, disability and the many ways people experience the world, connection to community, homelands and nature.'

One panel discussion – the inaugural Mungo Panel – will ask 'Has the media lost its mojo?'

Named in honour of legendary journalist and beloved local, Mungo McCallum, it will be hosted by former ABC *Insiders* presenter, Barrie Cassidy. He will be joined by Kerry O'Brien, *The Saturday Paper's* political correspondent, Karen Middleton and journalist, and Penny Wong biographer, Margaret Simons.

The festival will be held in the grounds of Elements of Byron Resort and in venues throughout the region.

Tickets are now on sale at www.byronwritersfestival.com/festival.

Chinny Charge back for 2021!

Aslan Shand

Your chance to run or walk up Mt Chincogan is on again for Saturday September 18.

Restarted by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce in 2017 after a 16 year hiatus, the Chinny Charge was cancelled last year owing to COVID-19.

'We are really pleased to get the Chinny Charge up and running again after the challenges of the last year,' said chamber president, Jenelle Stanford. 'This is a great community event that gives people a chance to enjoy the beauty of our local mountain once a year. I would like to thank all the landholders who have once again come on board to open up the Chinny Charge route to the public.'

Register now

The race and walk is open to runners and walkers aged 12 and over, and there will be a separate children's challenge to the base of the mountain, which leaves at 1.30pm before the main event at 2pm. The race will begin with staggered starts – walkers start from 2.45pm. Prizes are \$500 for the first female and male professional runners, \$250 for the first female and male local runners, as well as a number of trophies, including the Kevin Moran memorial shield.

To register, go to: www.eventwizard.com.au, and for more information on the day check out the chamber website: www.mullumbimby.org.au/chinny-charge-2021.

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Cr Michael Lyon announces Council ticket

Byron Shire Mayor, Michael Lyon, has announced a group of candidates to run for the upcoming Council elections in September. Joining him on the ticket are Women's Village Collective founder Sama Balson, former councillor Peter Westheimer, and current Councillor Jeannette Martin. Mayor Lyon said, 'I'm very happy to announce our dedicated and passionate team of independents who are seeking to represent the Byron Shire community on Council for the next three years'.

'We are united in our desire to solve the housing crisis and to protect and enhance our natural environment.

'Sama has been a strong advocate for housing security and social justice for women in the Northern Rivers.

'On Byron Shire Council, she would be an amazing asset, being able to lend her voice to really push for the change that just has to come on housing.

'Peter brings great experience to the team with a track record of achievements in the Shire including the major



Sama Balson, Cr Michael Lyon, Peter Westheimer, Jeannette Martin. Photo supplied

repair and reopening of the Mullum Civic Hall.

'His current role on the Biodiversity Committee of Council has kept him in touch with issues on the ground.

'Peter is active in the community, working towards linking housing security with environmental regeneration of our rural areas.

'Cr Jeannette Martin has recently resigned from the Greens to back Michael Lyon's re-election campaign.

'It is a big vote of confidence that someone who has worked with me for these last five years on Council has thrown her support behind me', Mayor Lyon said.

'I will be running on my record of delivering strong financial performance in challenging circumstances, record investment in roads, and great additions to our Shire in the form of parks, playgrounds, town centre improvements and ground-breaking environmental

projects such as the 5MW solar farm in Myocum, and the soon-to-be delivered Bioenergy plant, an Australian first.

'We won't always agree, and there will be issues that can be used to try to divide us, however I will continue to strive to be inclusive and open to the diversity of views in our community'.

Cr Lyon quit the Greens to become independent after failing to gain preselection in 2020.



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Community Byron announces Council ticket

Sitting independent Councillor, Cate Coorey, has announced her ticket for the 2021 Byron Shire Council elections, to be held September 4.

Joining Cate are Delta Kay, Kim Goodrick and Bronwyn Morris.

'I can't believe how fortunate I am to have such a great group of women on this ticket', says Cate Coorey.

'I don't need to introduce Delta Kay to anyone, as she is the one that has introduced us all to her country - working for NPWS and now in her own business. My personal experience of Delta is why I asked her to join my ticket - we have worked alongside each other over several years now - in protecting West Byron, campaigning to keep rocks off our beaches and, more recently, sharing her knowledge of Tallow Creek and sea country with the students I teach at Byron Community College. I admire her immensely, and she is also good fun to work with'.

'Also standing is Kim Goodrick from Eureka. Kim is a scientist with a background in safety and risk assessment in high hazard industries. Kim has been an active



From left (top) Kim Goodrick, Bronwyn Morris, Cate Coorey and Delta Kay. Photo supplied

advocate for enforcement of residential and rural zoning with respect to Short Term Holiday Letting (STHL) and wedding venues.

'Since her son Connor fell from the cliff above Cosy Corner in 2019, she has lobbied for the installation of warning signage at the base of the cliff, as well as fundraising for lifesaving equipment for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Recently she set up the Regulate Byron Shire STHL group, which gained 1,000 Facebook followers in under two weeks.

'Risk management should be at the heart of everything

we do. We must think more carefully about the consequences of our action (or inaction) and weigh up the risks, whether that be on climate change or housing affordability', says Kim.

West Byron campaigner

'Bronwyn Morris joins the group, following her involvement with the West Byron campaign, recently making an impressive presentation to the Land and Environment court hearing on West Byron. Bronwyn has a background in education, as a high school

teacher and later as a school counsellor over many years. She is a long-time community activist, fighting inappropriate developments in Brisbane and, when she lived in Manly, was involved in the GetUp campaign, ousting Tony Abbott from his seat.

'Bronwyn coordinated the Clean Up Australia event in Mullumbimby this year and is currently training to run workshops for Resilient Byron'.

Cate adds, 'I'm really looking forward to sharing a campaign platform with these intelligent, active and principled women of our community'.

Byron market relocation proposal divides opinion

Paul Bibby

Community opinion appears to be starkly divided over the proposed relocation of the Byron Community Markets from the foreshore at Main Beach to Railway Park, which Byron councillors will vote on this Thursday.

A report from staff states

that 'there is fairly even support for and opposition to the proposal, with very strong sentiment on both sides'.

The report, based on around 300 responses, states that 49.1 per cent of respondents support the permanent relocation of the market to the centre of town, while 39 per cent oppose the move.

Just under 12 per cent of respondents said they were unsure. Staff have recommended to councillors that they vote in favour of the relocation, which they say is the only viable option.

The most vocal opposition to the move appears to come from the owners of businesses in the immediate

vicinity of Railway Park, who are concerned that the partial closure of Jonson Street will impact their operations.

Returning to Butler Street Reserve has been ruled out, as contamination investigations continue, while the current beach location has been described by staff as, 'not a sustainable option'.

West Byron developer seeks to reduce staging, timeframe

One of the developers behind the West Byron suburb opposite the Arts & Industry Estate is asking Council to reduce the number of construction stages from seven to three, and reduce the construction time period between stages from 12 to three months.

Known as the Harvest Estate, DA 10.2017.201.2 comprises 149 residential lots and 'green infrastructure', and was approved by the NSW Land and Environment Court in December 2020 after years of public opposition.

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Waste triggers Council rates hike


Byron's residential ratepayers are set to be slugged with an extra \$135 on their Council rates bill when it arrives next month. The increase is likely to be adopted as part of the 2021/22 Budget, which is coming before this week's Byron Council meeting.

Contributing significantly to the increase is a hike of up to 14 per cent in wastewater charges. According to the Council staff report included in the meeting agenda, this reflects an increase in waste disposal costs that should have been passed on during the current financial year.



Live music festivals make their return

Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale was one of the many highlights from last weekend's Byron Music Festival, which went off without a hitch. An all ages, all local lineup concert was held at Denning Park on Saturday, while other Byron venues also hosted events. Photo Jeff Dawson



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Old Byron Hospital future before Council

Paul Bibby

A significant decision about the future of the old Byron Hospital site will be made this week, with Byron Council choosing an organisation to manage the new community hub that will be created there.

Following the sale of the site to Council for \$1 in late 2018, progress on the repurposing project has been somewhat haphazard.

Council initially decided to bypass a conventional tender process for the

management of the site, instead electing to grant a long-term lease to the community committee that initiated the project, without seeking any other expressions of interest.

But when this directly negotiated lease was sent to the Office of Local Government (OLG), the Council was told that it amounted to a public-private partnership, and required a series of probity checks and processes.

Council hastily retreated to the well-worn tender path

in the hope that this would more rapidly achieve the goal of turning the site into a community hub hosting a mix of health, education and other community-related services.

This week, councillors will vote on which organisation is to have responsibility for managing the hub.

Two tenders

Tenders have been received from the Byron Community Centre and Social Futures.

The latter is a large

organisation that runs scores of programs across regional NSW, including managing the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Once Council awards the tender, relevant project officers will work with the successful tenderer to plan the management and occupation of the former hospital, which is not due to occur until early 2023.

The proposed redevelopment will be financed via an internal loan – subject to Ministerial approval – from Council's water fund.



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MusicNSW appoints Nino for regional representation

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

MusicNSW is endeavouring to support regional music and musicians by appointing seven Regional Music Officers (RMOs) across the state.

MusicNSW has chosen people who are already embedded in their communities to champion and broker within their regions on behalf of MusicNSW.

Locally, Nino Haggith will support Lismore, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads and surrounds.

Nino says he will serve as a touchstone between the immensely diverse range of artists, venues and local infrastructure.

'My aim is to better our local music and events industries by sharing resources and



Nino Haggith

opportunities, and ensuring our region has a voice.'

Nino says he has been fortunate to have worn many hats in the arts and entertainment world – from Mullum Music Festival to Bello Winter

Music Festival, Bluesfest, Falls Festival as well as being one of 28 singers in the accidental global phenomenon Dustyeyesky, and with his own band Invisible Friend.

On behalf of MusicNSW,

Nino will be hosting networking and professional development events, conducting industry surveys and censuses, and facilitating communication and collaboration between artists, venues, industry professionals and councils.

Touring Network

'There are already some extremely crucial programs that have been developed by the current team throughout the state, including an upcoming Regional Touring Network, which I'm very excited to help roll out.'

Nino adds, 'The past two years have been tough on artists, venues and audiences – and we're not through it yet. Let's do this together!'

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Liz's campaign prompts real estates to donate to housing affordability

Aslan Shand

It is the stories of families, single parents and retired women struggling to keep a roof over their heads that really galvanised local Liz Friend into action to raise funds for people struggling with constant rent rises and homelessness.

'We have a massive housing crisis here in the Byron Shire, with an increasing number of people under real stress, and more and more

people becoming homeless or displaced owing to the housing affordability crisis and sharply rising rents', says Liz.

Liz Friend launched the Reality Check campaign on May 26 to raise funds via the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), because she felt she needed to take action.

So far, Liz has raised \$16,500, and two real estates donated \$4,000 of this.

'Many thanks go to the

two agencies of the 31 I contacted,' said Liz.

'However, one real estate agent said, "Well, the rich move in and the poor just have to move one... that's just the way it is, Liz!"

But Liz hasn't let this dampen her drive to support both local housing affordability and community, and she hopes the campaign inspires others to make a tax deductible donation to assist with this crisis with the end of this

financial year almost here.

There are two options for donations via the NRCF – the Impact Now Fund, which will assist community organisations who are on the ground supporting those in crisis, and the Social Housing Fund, which will go towards affordable and low-cost housing projects in our region.

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Byron triathletes maintain form



The Byron Breakers had a successful year, even though down on numbers. Photo: supplied

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay 'Breakers' Triathlon Club finished their season with an impressive, and highly respectable, second in the Forager North Coast Interclub Series.

The Triathlon NSW competition includes clubs from up and down the north coast of NSW, and is conducted across seven events.

Athletes earn performance and participation points based on their results.

The Breakers tied with Hat Head Hammerheads, and both lost out to the victorious Clarence Valley Club, by 12 points.

The Breakers, who won the series last season despite it being cut short owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, had big plans to go back-to-back, led by their club president, Deb Fuller.

'We are thrilled to be the bridesmaid for this season. We had key members out of the comp and the rest had to work hard to battle it out for the final few races', Deb said.

'Next season, with a full-strength squad, this competition will be ours for the taking'.

The Breakers also took a highly respectable second, in their maiden attempt, at Division four of the NSW Club Championships

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Two mummy koalas with joeys hit on Terranora Road

Tweed Council is warning motorists that koalas are on the move and is asking drivers to take extra caution through new koala zones marked on Terranora Road, following several sightings and two accidents involving the much-loved marsupials in recent weeks.

Lismore residents alarmed by subdivision DA adjoining Wilson Nature Reserve

A proposal for twelve new lots in the buffer zone between Wilson Nature Reserve and existing houses on City View Drive, East Lismore, has local residents worried.

Elders call out pro-Dunoon Dam campaign sign as racist

Widjabul Wia-bal elders have called out a sign depicting sail boats and titled 'Widjabal Sailing Club' that has appeared in Dunoon village recently as part of the pro-Dunoon Dam campaign as racist.

More bullying stories emerge in Lismore

Since local woman Sally Flannery decided to quit the Lismore City Council race, more stories of harassment and attacks have emerged, affecting councillors and others across the political spectrum.

Mental health workshop for girls in Lennox

The mental health organisation Beautiful Minds is holding a one day workshop for pre-teen girls in Lennox Head on Sunday 27 June 2021.

Lantern parade & fiery finish a blast

With just under 5,000 people including performers, workers, schools and volunteers, the 2021 Lismore Lantern Parade and accompanying festival was a sold-out event celebrating light.

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Forest protectors supported by Knitting Nanas

David Bradbury

The Knitting Nanas were out in force on the weekend, supporting forest activists protecting Newry State Forest, just south of Bellingen.

Activists are concerned that logging in Newry will cut the wildlife corridor in two, from the eastern forests on the coast, over the New England plateau, to the western inland forests.

Some trees are hundreds of years old and measure, in girth, up to eight metres in diameter. It is sacred country to the Gumbaynggirr people and the local elders are passionately opposed to logging on their Country.



Protectors at the Newry State Forest. Photo supplied

Refugee rally in Lismore this week

David Lowe

The Lismore office of the Federal Member for Page, Kevin Hogan (Nationals), will be the site of a rally this week to protest the passing of the new Migration Amendment Bill.

The rally is taking place at 4pm on Thursday 24 June. It has been organised by Amnesty International's Lismore Group, and is being supported by Ballina Region for Refugees (BR4R), who are urging concerned citizens to protest against the bipartisan passing of the new Bill, which they say 'allows our government to keep refugees in detention for the rest of their lives'.

Tasmanian independent MP Andrew Wilkie, who spoke against the revised Migration Amendment Bill in parliament, has described it as 'a crime against humanity'.



An earlier refugee protest outside Kevin Hogan's office. Photo Tony Batchelor.

On social media BR4R said, 'This is going to be a big rally - outside Kevin Hogan's office in Lismore in Refugee Week. Come on Aussie, this just isn't on! Please stand up and be counted.'

Cold, heartless place

'In the 1930s it was Jews who were persecuted, the insidious evil of Hitler and his ilk penetrating Germany so slowly that most citizens

didn't notice until they had so much power that it was impossible to push back.

'Is the same sort of thing happening in Australia? We can't let our country turn into a cold, heartless place where people in need are persecuted rather than helped.'

In other BR4R news, a group of members this week met the generous, no longer anonymous donor who gifted \$10,000 to the group recently.

Injunction threat over railway track removal

Community group We Can Ride Together say it is very disappointed that their 'win win' proposal of constructing a rail trail off-formation beside the existing railway track in Tweed Shire did not succeed at a recent Council meeting. Instead, a tender has been awarded to proceed with the rail trail project.

The group's Tom Rayner said their proposal would have seen off-formation construction built 'within budget and time', and would 'satisfy the vast majority of the Tweed Shire Community as the tracks are saved'.

Another lobby group calling for the return of light rail, say they intend to lodge an injunction with Tweed

Council if the railway tracks are removed in the Shire.

Northern Rivers Rail Ltd said in a statement, 'The process which led to the councilors awarding a contract to remove the railway tracks and build a rail trail on the rail formation is full of errors.'

'80 per cent of the 24km of railway line steel track from Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek will be removed. The tracks will be cut up into 12m lengths and sold for scrap.'

'The line, if left intact, in place and in length is worth much more to the public good. It means a future reinstatement of rail services will be possible for a comparatively low cost.'

The group's Jan Mangleson

says public land has been taken away from the public without public approval.

'With a population of 90,000 in the Tweed Shire [LGA area], Council has decided to talk with about 50 people.'

Gold Coast service

'The Queensland and NSW governments are working together at Tweed Heads to install a light rail service to the Gold Coast airport.'

'The line could be extended from Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads to connect the Northern Rivers to Queensland, via rail.'

'This was not mentioned in the Council report, which recommended removal of the tracks at Murwillumbah.'

No community consultation for 'super-school'

A group calling themselves Save Our Schools (SOS) has accused NSW Minister for Education, Sarah Mitchell, of being disingenuous over claims of consultation regarding school closures and amalgamations for the proposed Murwillumbah super-school. SOS convenor, Trevor Cobbold, claims Ms Mitchell 'failed to implement Department of Education protocols' around the issue.

Cobbold says department documents show that the only consultation was on the design of the new building, not amalgamation itself.

Lennox Gardens object to Council-approved shed

Members of the Lennox Community Gardens say they are distressed by what they say is the destruction of an irreplaceable community asset.

The Lennox Lions Club have been given permission by Ballina Council to construct a shed within the Lennox Community Gardens licensed area at Ocean Breeze Reserve, but members of the gardens fiercely object to the project.

Garden committee president, James Gatland, says that the Lions Club secured a grant to construct a large shed, however, it did not have land to construct it on.

'The Lions Club approached Council and several sites were investigated. None were considered suitable. With grant funds due to expire, Council's attention turned to the community gardens as a perceived quick solution.'

Secretary of the Lennox Lions Club, Bill Farrow, says that the Lennox Head Lions have a State Government grant to construct a shed.

'We have been talking to Council for nearly two years about a site. In January of this year Council advised that its preferred site was a co-location on the Lennox Community Gardens site.'



HAVE YOUR SAY Coastal protection works Clarkes Beach, Byron Bay

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - Crown Lands has constructed a sandbag seawall, undertaken dune rebuilding and imported sand to Clarkes Beach to provide temporary protection from coastal erosion.

The department is planning to submit a development application to Byron Shire Council to retain the sandbags and dune revegetation work for an estimated 5 years.

This will allow time for a precinct plan to be implemented to manage coastal erosion at Clarkes Beach, in collaboration with stakeholders including the adjoining Reflections Holiday Park and Byron Shire Council.

The project team will hold an online session to provide information and obtain feedback from the community on: **Friday 9 July 2021, 10 am to 11 am**

To register your interest and receive a link to the online session, please email robyn@hydrosphere.com.au by 6 July 2021.

You can submit feedback on the proposed development up until **16 July 2021** to robyn@hydrosphere.com.au

Council will undertake further community consultation once the development application has been submitted, as part of the exhibition process.

For more information please visit: dpie.nsw.gov.au/clarkesbeach

Council staff back Wilsons Ck CT plans, despite flood, fire prone lands

Hans Lovejoy

A 15 lot Community Title (CT) subdivision on 12.27 ha of low lying, flood prone, degraded farmlands at the bottom of Wilsons Creek is before the public, which, if approved, would be allowed to straddle RU2 zoned land.



A large parcel of degraded farmland is slated for community title at 31 Alidenes Road. Image supplied in staff report

The planning proposal is on exhibition until July 9.

Located at 31 Alidenes Road, next to a relay power sub station, the 'land intersects' Yankee Creek waterway and 'suitable riparian buffers'.

In their report, Council staff make the case for the CT and say, 'No more than one dwelling will be permitted on each lot', and if approved, the CT, 'will be identified on the relevant LEP 2014 Multiple Occupancy and Community Title Map, along with a numerical label specifying the maximum number of neighbourhood lots permitted for subdivision'.

The NSW Department Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) have granted the proposal Gateway Determination, provided there is consultation with various

government departments and organisations, including Rural Fire Service and biodiversity and fisheries departments.

The Council staff report relies on 'information provided' around the developer's claims there is 'no evidence of intensive horticulture'.

Flooding risks downplayed

Although the low-lying lands straddle Yankee Creek waterway, the staff report says that the 'catchments feeding the waterways are small so floods rise fast but also disappear quickly'.

The report says, 'Flood free access to and around the site is not available, however sufficient flood free land

is available on the site to enable some rural residential subdivision/development'.

Additionally staff suggest that an 'Upgrade to the main causeway on Alidenes Road should be considered as a condition of consent in order to improve the flood immunity for access to the development (DA stage)'.

Staff also say that 'No environmental standards will be reduced' if approved, and say, 'In Byron Shire, environmental zones are being dealt with as a separate process, including for riparian land'.

The subject land is included in the *Byron Shire Rural Land Use Strategy 2017* as a potential area for 'rural lifestyle living opportunities', say staff.

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I have been in the real estate industry for some 40 years, and 20 of those in the Byron Shire. There are times when it is good to Auction and times when it is not. This is definitely the time to Auction.

When there are several interested parties the auction will bring them together at the same time. There is no question that the highest bidder wins the prize. Any other way leaves doubt as to whether the best price was achieved.

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Turtles and homeless to benefit from inGrained

Aslan Shand

Six local not-for-profits in the Northern Rivers region will share a total of \$115,180 that has been raised and distributed by Stone & Wood's inGrained Foundation.

Byron Bay Community Centre (Bbcc), and Agape Outreach, both not for profits (NFP) at the forefront of the homelessness crisis in the region, have received funding.

The Bbcc funds will go towards providing the homeless and disadvantaged community with shelter and support in extreme weather events.

Agape Outreach, who run outreach services from Byron Bay to Runaway Bay in Queensland, will be using their grant to facilitate more effective outreach services.

Theresa Mitchell, Founding Director of Agape told *The Echo*, 'We've been based in Tweed Heads for 12 years, and provide a range of services including providing meals to the homeless, and those experiencing food insecurity. Since COVID-19, we have seen an increase from 400 to 700 meals being handed out, and our active case management clients have increased from 80 to 500. People have lost jobs and many people are looking for food and affordable housing. There are three families who volunteer with us, who themselves have become homeless in the last few months.'



Green Heroes Sarah Jantos, Steven Kudzius, Erin Kudzius with Leweena Willimas, CEO Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council. Photo supplied

Turtles and koalas

Turtles and koalas have also had a win, with the grant also being shared with Bangalow Koalas who are creating wildlife corridors, and Fingal-based group, Green Heroes.

Green Heroes aims to enable children and families to be active in wildlife conservation, Green Hero Sarah Jantos, told *The Echo*.

Having seen a turtle lay and bury eggs behind her house in Fingal Head, she called in National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS). However, they were told that because the nest had been laid so late in the season, they were unlikely to survive and hatch.

'To the surprise of NPWS, one of our Green Heroes, Steven Kudzius, responded saying that he would build an incubator. What they didn't know is that Steven

builds temperature control systems for the medical industry. Within a couple of days, we were able to rescue that nest, and NPWS told us of two other nests we could rescue; one at Fingal and one at Pottsville.'

Ms Jantos explained that the reason this was so important was because the gender of a turtle is determined by the temperature at which they incubate. At warmer temperatures, the hatchlings will be female, and at cooler temperatures, they will be male.

'In the northern regions of Australia, like the Great Barrier Reef, climate change is increasing the temperature, and either only females are being hatched or the nests are cooking because they are too hot and making the eggs unviable. What we are able to do with the incubator is to produce male hatchlings.'

'National Parks told us that if we got one successful hatchling, then the project would be a success. We got almost 300 male loggerhead turtle hatchlings!', she told *The Echo* excitedly.

The ingrained funding will allow Green Heroes to build a proper and permanent incubator.

'This will contribute to the National Marine Turtle Recovery Plan, because we can hatch males, and not just loggerheads, which will make a significant contribution to saving the species.'

Other winners were Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) and the Youth Mentoring program, Human Nature Adventure Therapy.

James Perrin from the inGrained Foundation said of this year's program, 'First, a big thank you to all of our Northern Rivers grant applicants.'

'We were stunned by the incredible work that our community organisations are doing to help others and care for this beautiful place we call home.'

'And, of course, a huge congratulations to our successful recipients. We feel confident that these organisations will address the needs of our environment and community as well as support some of the very pressing and immediate concerns in our region such as housing and homelessness.'

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14 dwelling Paterson St DA before Planning Panel

The Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP), an unelected consent authority that overrides Council decision making, will be considering a 14 townhouse DA for Paterson Street, Byron Bay, via teleconference on June 23.

Residents have flagged their concerns for DA 10.2020.474.1, and supporting them is a Council staff recommendation, which is to refuse it, with 19 issues raised.

If approved, it would also see eight swimming pools built, the removal of 24 trees and the demolition of the existing dwelling.

Located near the Bangalow Road end of Paterson Street, the 3,816sqm, constrained block was last sold on March 3, 2020, according to www.rwbyronbay.com.

Issues raised by Council planning staff include 'owners consent not granted for private drainage works on private property; no

ease for drainage works; flooding and stormwater; fill will remove flood storage capacity; obstruction/reduction of the natural flow of stormwater; future flood damage; overdevelopment; size/scale in this location; traffic and parking inadequacies; noise from people using fourteen dwellings and pools / pool pumps; use of the development for holiday letting; use of public land; biodiversity, loss of mature trees; sustainability, energy, water; access and mobility; lack of common property; boundary setbacks; overlooking; inadequate landscaping; character; amenity; cumulative impacts; dangerous access, pedestrian safety and non compliance with legislations and other instruments.'

The staff report says 41 objections were received, including 69 additional petition signatures.

Additionally, the applicant

'has nominated to provide stormwater management works off-site rather than fully addressing the required on site stormwater management entirely on the site.'

Planning Panel triggered

The staff report reads, 'Because the applicant's nominated site includes Council owned community land, this has triggered the regional development category, and the DA is required to be determined by the Northern Regional Planning Panel as a result.'

The Northern Regional Planning Panel meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday June 23 and chaired by Paul Mitchell.

For more info, visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/multi-dwelling-housing-consisting-fourteen-14-townhouses-eight-8-swimming-pools.



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Plans afoot for a real Byron docudrama – Real Byron TV

Paul Bibby

News that Netflix was planning to film a vacuous docu-drama in Byron Bay brought a collective snort of derision across the Shire.

But amid the anger and disgust about *Byron Baes*, a gem of an idea was forming.

What if locals made their own series about the Bay – telling the stories of real people living in the

town, rather than those simply seeking profit and self-promotion?

The idea was hatched by local bar owner and audio engineer, Saphia Smereka.

And though the plan is still in its infancy, locals have so far taken to it with gusto.

‘I could see how many people were upset about this Netflix show and I thought “Why don’t we make our own series? One that way

more people will want to watch”;

Ms Smereka says. ‘I know so many creative people in Byron – this is the perfect place to do a project like this, because we’ve already got people with the skills. So I put a few posts up, and so many people contacted me saying they wanted to be a part of it – retired script writers, cinematographers, sound people, copywriters, ex news journalists.’

The first major step in the process was a meeting on Monday night, at which locals who were interested in getting involved in the project met at Ms Smereka’s bar, Kiki on Byron.

Real Byron TV now has a Facebook page and a GoFundMe page is on its way, Ms Smereka says. A local grant writer who could help the project apply for government funding is also sought.



Saphia Smereka, Kellie O’Brien, Massimiliano Guerrisi, Grant Gregor, Gemma Gordon and Evie Thallon. Photo Jeff Dawson

Bronze finish for netballers at State titles



The local U/15 representative team finished in the top three in Sydney. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

Down to just seven players at the end of the three-day competition, the U/15 Brunswick Byron representative netball team placed third in division four of the Netball NSW HART Senior State Titles 2021.

The U/17 team did one

better, and came second in division four of the competition.

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COVID-19 myths and bungles abound

The national media had some fun with us recently. By national media I mean *The Guardian*, and by us I mean Mullumbimby.

Silly old Mullum, already known for sundry anti-science crusades, now adds COVID-19 vaccination to its list of conspiracy theories.

The story that made the news was that a couple of businesses, deceived by online misinformation, had requested recently vaccinated people not to cross their thresholds. You see, although the vaccine doesn't actually use the live virus, it might somehow be shed from the vaccinated and contaminate their premises.

If you do a bit of internet browsing, or as the COVID-19 anti-vaxxers call it, 'research', you can trace most of the crazy stuff back to its source. The 'shedding' theory has multiple origins, because it does sometimes, though rarely, occur from other vaccines that are created from live viruses.

To repeat, the COVID-19 vaccines do not use the live virus.

False information is flourishing because the federal government has made such a bloody shambles of tackling the pandemic.

If COVID-19 cases and deaths are lower in Australia than in most countries, we have the state governments to thank, whose premiers last year resisted the prime minister's amateur advice and locked down borders and communities when it was necessary.

That should have given Morrison's government the breathing space to achieve the three things it was responsible for: acquiring and distributing vaccines, building purpose-built quarantine centres, and creating a public information campaign to support vaccination. It also had a duty to protect the residents and staff of retirement homes, but that would have occurred naturally if the first three tasks had been competently addressed.

Despite our tremendous advantage of containment compared with most other countries, our rate for full vaccination is just 3.22 per cent. By

contrast, the USA has 44 per cent of its people fully vaccinated and the UK 46 per cent. In the early stages of the pandemic the government could have funded a facility for manufacturing vaccines but chose not to do so.

The quarantine method the federal government has favoured, despite it producing many breaches, is to commandeer inner city hotels.

Only one other centre is available, at Howard Springs near Darwin. The rationale appears to be that quarantine centres will be redundant once COVID-19 is defeated, so building such infrastructure now is wasteful, despite the probability of new viruses occurring.

The lack of an effective public education campaign is strange, and once again in stark contrast to the encouragement being given to vaccination in other countries. Risks are being explained by medical officers, as is proper, but they are then exaggerated by the sensationalist media without any coherent messaging from the government to counteract the hype.

As a result some people are hesitating to get their second AstraZeneca shots, even though the second injection to complete the vaccination is statistically even safer than the first one.

The federal government has been asleep at the wheel and it's tempting to blame individuals like the gormless Health Minister Greg Hunt, or Scott Morrison himself for being, by virtue of his allegiance to a Christian cult, less attached to reality than he should be.

These and other politicians deserve blame certainly, but it's doubtful we can expect anything better from them over COVID-19, considering that they currently face the even more crucial policy choice of whether to keep destroying the future or rein in their fossil fuel masters.

With the Glasgow climate conference looming in November the National Party will bend the discourse to their coal obsession.

If only vaccines were found in mines we might see some progress.

David Lovejoy, Echo co founder

What if acting PMs were to get awards?

Last week, Acting PM Michael McCormack managed the tricky feat of making the absent Scott Morrison look good, at least by comparison. Perhaps that's now the Nationals' role in the Canberra circus?

During a discussion in parliament about the mouse plague, Mr McCormack said that if people have a problem with extermination methods the mice should be 'rehomed' into inner city apartments 'so they can nibble away at their food... and scratch their children at night.'

Although Australia is not a member of the G7, Scott Morrison flew to the UK on Shark One with a large entourage to be an observer at the Cornwall conference. He then went on to London to pick up some hairstyling tips and sign a trade deal with Boris Johnson.

Another foreign leader with G7 observer status, India's Narendra Modi, attended via Zoom, but this wasn't good enough for Mr Morrison, who needed stronger material for his ongoing self-marketing campaign in the face of the disastrous vaccination rollout, fresh cruelties for the Murugappan family and a devastating new Four Corners report about his links to QAnon.

This plan backfired somewhat as images emerged of Morrison standing alone and staring at his mobile phone as world leaders spoke to each other, then posing for selfies with the staff of a Cornwall pub, nobody wearing masks, as Australians with overseas relatives continue to be unable, in most cases, to visit them.

Morrison's isolation on the world stage over global warming was not helped by his coal-and-gas-loving Resources Minister Keith Pitt (another National) announcing on radio last week that 'we have not committed to net zero by 2050.'

Talking about coal, Acting PM McCormack said the mineral 'pays for a lot of hospitals. It pays for a lot of schools. It pays for a lot of barista machines that produce the coffee inner city types sit around and drink and talk about the death of coal.'

All this comes at a very bad time for coal power domestically, with 477,000 customers in Queensland recently losing power after a catastrophic explosion in the Callide Power Station, and the Victorian government declaring a state energy emergency after flooding of the



'Labor's resources spokesperson Madeleine King said, "Labor supports the resources sector and the jobs it creates". Never mind if those jobs threaten many other jobs, not to mention the future of life on Earth.'

David Lowe

Yallourn power station and coal mine.

In response to Greens leader Adam Bandt's suggestion that Australia's support for fossil fuels was increasingly out of step with global trends, and threatening the future of Australian agriculture, Mr McCormack said, 'You talk of global warming; hell will freeze over before I start listening to the Greens.'

He went on to call Adam Bandt an 'absolute traitor'. Mr Bandt responded by saying, 'The real treachery is loving coal more than your country.'

In a week when the LNP's hypocrisy on climate seemed ripe for attack, the ALP instead sent out federal resources spokesperson Madeleine King to further the transition fuel myth by saying, 'We believe the gas industry is part of the solution'. She said 'Labor supports the resources sector and the jobs it creates'. Never mind if those jobs threaten many other jobs, and the future of life on Earth.

There was more having it both ways from Labor as MP Chris Bowen appeared in the House of Representatives with a solar panel, to belatedly parody Scott Morrison's 'don't be afraid of coal' stunt. But this appeared to be purely for the sake of a short-lived meme, and was attached to no new policy announcements. There were a flurry of similar social media moments from the ALP about threats to Medicare, super, and aged care.

Over in the Senate, Larissa Waters' proposal for an inquiry into Christian Porter was torpedoed by a bunch of ageing white men who were joined by Pauline Hanson and Jacqui Lambie, who said that while she supported the idea of an inquiry, this was not the way to get to the truth. Meanwhile Christian Porter continues to sit in the federal parliament with dark shadows hanging over him, and no apparent mechanism for the truth to emerge.

Beyond parliament, the High Court struck down former senator David Leyonhjelm's final leave to appeal punishment for earlier sexist attacks on Sarah Hanson-Young. The SA senator said, 'This process has been difficult and I am relieved it's finally over. We can stand up to badly behaved men and we can win.'

Apparently missing this memo, Barnaby Joyce decided this week to launch an attack on the Nationals leadership, claiming his previous scandals and skulduggery had been purged by three lonely years in the backbench wilderness. After a spill motion was moved by fellow coal enthusiast Matt Canavan, the Beetroot Baron swept in for the kill, and became the new Deputy Prime Minister.

In other Nationals news, NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, was schmoozing Russell Crowe in Coffs Harbour at the launch of a new movie studio, and talking up a string of new climate and country-destroying coal mines near Rylstone, having learned nothing from the recent collapse of the Shenhua and Bylong projects. And what appears to be an extraordinary and alarming over-reach of police powers, anti-terrorist police from the fixated persons unit, apparently acting on false evidence, and at Barilaro's behest, arrested 21-year-old Kristo Langker, an employee of popular YouTuber Friendlyjordies (Jordan Shanks), who is being sued by Barilaro for defamation.

Barilaro's behaviour suggests there may be even more to be revealed than the corruption and other misdemeanours already alleged by Friendlyjordies in a series of videos.

Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has since come to Friendlyjordies defence, saying 'these events raise serious questions and should chill supporters of free speech to the bone.' Gladys Berejikian has said nothing.

With her good mate Scott Morrison still in quarantine, stay tuned for more opportunities for the National Party to create distracting havoc in coming weeks.

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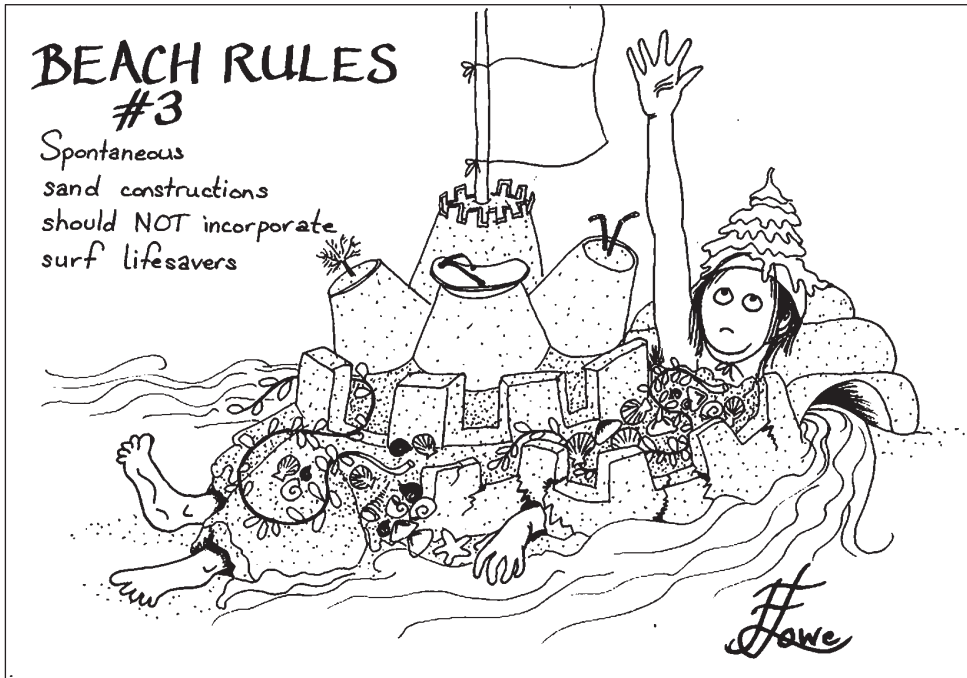




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Linda Vidler Park

The Masterplan for the Linda Vidler Memorial Park, Suffolk Park, is currently on display with submissions closing in the first week of July.

After the community unrest that occurred when the pump track was approved before the Masterplan was completed, and subsequently almost doubled in cost, I ask that the Masterplan be put on hold until after the Council elections in September.

Kathy Gleeson
Suffolk Park

Water diversity

A big thank you to Rous County Council (RCC) for acting quickly on the preliminary planning and implementation of the diverse water options in its revised Future Water 2060 plan.

With this new plan, and further uptake of new programs and technologies, RCC and this region could become leaders in innovative water management that does not rely on outdated,

expensive and risky solutions. I hope that in the near future RCC will review the rules governing its application of water restrictions during dry times and implement an advanced water efficiency program. These initiatives could significantly reduce the demands placed on new supply sources, and this would greatly reduce the tensions that have divided the community.

The recent talk at Primex Field Day by Rous' Future Water Project Manager, Michael McKenzie, (www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnrS98ECd2Y) explains the numerous scalable and cost-effective options that RCC is now pursuing. He also provides clear rebuttal of the misinformation circulated recently by a local pro-dam lobby group. It is a pity those who signed the pro-dam group's petition and submission forms did not access the information provided by RCC.

With the local government elections coming up in

September, candidates will have to show that they are fully across the new direction for water security in this region. Anyone proposing a return to 'big new dam' options will be a laughing stock.

John Revington
The Channon

Disrupt fossil fuels

I disrupt coal in a few ways, including by living and working off-grid (solar panels and big battery). A second way was by driving through Queensland in 2019 with Bob Brown on the Adani Convoy. Apparently we lost Labor that federal election. Or was it their duality in telling northern Australia they favoured coal for jobs while telling southerners they didn't?

But the third way is wonderful, and easy; helping the group Market Forces by buying shares in coal companies and 'sponsoring' resolutions at each company's Annual General Meeting. The resolutions are along the lines that they recognise the

destructive impacts of burning fossil fuels, as well as the economic peril of investing in their extraction. Many companies have adopted such resolutions over recent years and changed their focus.

There are a few more Australian companies to win over to the sanity of leaving coal in the ground. If readers have energy and some lazy \$, I'd be happy to mentor those wanting to pitch in, buy shares, and influence our collective future.

Duncan Dey
Main Arm

Localisation debate

In describing localisation as my 'pet hobby horse', Boyd Kellner (Letters, 16 June) reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of one of the most hopeful trends of the day.

What I think about localisation is neither here nor there, but what about the 200 million members of *Via Campesina*, the largest social movement in the world? Or the Transition Town movement? Or the Ecovillage movement? Or the millions of people around the world concerned with local food?

Of course, we have not yet built the critical mass of support necessary to overturn corporate rule, but localisation does provide a safety net, and a blueprint for more genuinely sustainable, just, and ecological ways of living.

As Boyd suggests, the global economy has allowed a small handful of individuals and largely unaccountable corporations to amass obscene wealth, and thereby unfairly influence policy-making at every level.

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A hat trick of wins in rounds five, six and seven was enough to leave the 36-year-old with 6/9, a full point clear of fellow veterans Levon Aronian and Alexander Grischuk, as well as US Champion Wesley So.

Mamedyarov admitted he had been uncertain how he would fare after almost a year and a half away from over-the-board chess, saying: 'I was very happy to have come to the tournament, after a long covid break, in good form.'

The tournament was held at the Bucharest Sheraton, which is the first Sheraton Hotel in Romania as well as being home to the first Romanian Pizza Hut in the building's earlier life! The field was elite, yet weaker than expected after world number three Ding Liren was unable to obtain a visa from China, World Championship challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi pulled out to

concentrate on his November title match, and world number eleven Richard Rapport of Hungary became ill two days before the tournament began.

All the players expressed relief that they were finally able to play over the board chess again with minimal covid restrictions and even a small audience (which became larger as the tournament proceeded).

Yet the players had a strange way of showing their desire to play chess. The tournament was plagued with short draws, mostly games which followed a well known path which could be bashed out at speed.

Mamedyarov's compatriot Teimour Radjabov was the prime culprit. Not only did Radjabov draw all nine games with barely a whimper, but his justification for his draws – ranging from having a tough schedule to 'I don't care, I am part of chess history, like it or not!' hardly endeared him to the local and online audiences.

The tournament's biggest positive surprise was 19-year-old, last-minute entry Bogdan-Daniel Deac, who became a Grandmaster at age 14 in 2016. Deac tied for 7th place with an out-of-form Fabio Caruana on 4/9.

History, Greens, Tabart, Buck\$ and Ndiaye

■ I fail to see what part of Tom Tabart's recent letter (2 June) to *The Echo* regarding Sarah Ndiaye's AVO against Fast Buck\$ is sufficiently provocative or hurtful to merit the extraordinarily vitriolic response from Sarah (9 June).

As Tom reminds us, he served two terms on Council and was an active member – as well as co-founder – of the Byron Greens. Tom remained faithful to the principles on which he'd been elected, and is a person of integrity, also great kindness. He deserves to be remembered with respect and I find Sarah's denunciations offensive.

It's disheartening to see local political debate descend to this level of personal nastiness. I hope people will think carefully before they cast their votes at the next Council election.

Jenny Coman
Former Byron Councillor
Bangalow

■ I feel impelled to defend Tom Tabart in light of Cr Sarah Ndiaye's damning character assessment of him (Letters, 9 June).

Some years ago, as a volunteer on a S355 hall management committee, I was subjected to a Code of Conduct complaint by council staff on the flimsiest of grounds. I felt bullied and intimidated by staff and the incident caused me great mental anguish and made me question my ability to continue to contribute to the betterment of the South Golden Beach community and its community centre.

Tom Tabart was a stalwart supporter who gave me effective guidance and moral support as I waded through Council's bureaucratic quagmire. His wealth of knowledge, experience and dogged determination gave me the strength to pursue natural justice when I felt so disillusioned with the process and felt like giving up. I have always found Tom to be respectful and compassionate in his dealings with women and I am proud to

► Continued from page 13 Understanding the process by which such gross inequality has come into being is a prerequisite for the forging of a more equitable and democratic path.

World Localisation Day is not an 'exercise in self-aggrandisement'. Rather, it is an attempt to give voice to the large numbers of people who reject the neoliberal

call him a friend.

I recognise that there are some men who do not see eye-to-eye with some women, but that does not make them misogynists.

Likewise, women who have issues with certain men are not necessarily misandrists. Let's bring back respect and good ol' common courtesy in our dealings with others, regardless of gender.

We are on the eve of our local government elections and now is the time that we should all be pulling together to focus on the election of our best informed, experienced, and passionate candidates to represent us for the next three years. Enough of the bickering already.

Angela Dunlop
Ocean Shores

■ Regarding Cr Ndiaye and aspiring councillors' behaviour... Whilst I'm not defending either John Anderson or Cr Sarah Ndiaye in context of recent 'events', I wonder how many readers would support the notion that bullies are not defined by gender?

Consequently, with the pending Council elections I do hope Councillor Ndiaye isn't seen as playing the 'victim' card in her pursuit of re-election.

When holding public office, personal styles are in the public domain. Personal reputations are grounded in them and oftentimes are seen as the party they represent. Councillor Ndiaye should be well aware of this! Thus, candidates aspiring to public office must be resilient and hold to a standard of behaviour higher than what might otherwise be considered 'normal' both in and outside Council's Chamber. Behaving like a Rottweiler at a junk yard is not a desirable reputation.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

■ The knives are out... Reading the letters section of *The Echo* I came across the two councillor's Martin [former Greens] and Ndiaye [Greens]

agenda and are desperately looking for workable alternatives.

I do not present localisation as a 'panacea', but as our best chance of reversing climate change, rebuilding community and healing the Earth. If Boyd has better ideas, we would all be delighted to hear them.

Helena Norberg-Hodge
Byron Bay

and also Kate Coxall who is a Greens council candidate and their letters concerning the behaviour of John Anderson aka Fast Buck\$ which led to an AVO being issued.

I've been in Council meetings at the same time as John, yes he is boystrous, and so was I at different times on different occasions.

I understand John's frustrations of sitting there at meetings and having to put up with the tripe that goes on; to me it sounds like the old women's club ganging up on a male who doesn't (in their eyes) conduct himself to their satisfaction?

I have been a conservationist for 30 years and after the supposed green councillors voted for the Clayton's bypass and destroyed 1.5 hectares of Mitchell's rainforest snail habitat – certainly no green credentials there.

These people have brought the Byron Greens into disrepute. How these people sit in the chambers and call themselves Greens is beyond me. As for Kate the candidate – I don't recall knowing her name. Must be a new arrival.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

■ The dreadful rift between 'the old guard' who established the Byron Greens and the latest batch of Councillors is laid bare for all to see in the letters from Tom Tabart and Sarah Ndiaye and Co.

For many Greens members, Tom Tabart is regarded as the highly esteemed 'father' of our local Green groups. He was the driving force that established Byron, Tweed and Ballina branches.

It was Tom's energy and exuberance, his strategic planning and organisational skills, and his friendly, non-judgemental personality that roped in a widely diverse bunch of highly opinionated people and kept them focused on our common goal – to be a vital, vibrant political force in our community and Australian politics.

Over two decades, Tom and those hard-working

office bearers, activists and supporters turned a predominantly Country Party stronghold Green.

It's appalling to see Tom's reputation besmirched by ignorant new members who have no idea of the debt they owe to those who came before them.

Unfortunately, the new guard under Simon Richardson's helm, failed to uphold the most basic fundamental green principles – protecting the environment and supporting the community.

Our activist community was dismissed as 'squeaky wheels' and rudely ignored by the new Councillors.

Our mayor wanted to make friends with the developers and government honchos, and get inside the tent with the big boys. Simon believed he'd achieve more working with them, rather than by supporting the community opposing them.

We can see the dreadful legacy of this choice sprawled across the community; brash, bulky buildings breaching established planning rules and setting new precedents – like the boarding house in Bayside Brunswick – his parting gift.

The Greens brand has been badly, and possibly irrevocably, damaged, and the lineup for the new Council promises more of the same with Sarah Ndiaye leading the pack.

Greens members should be appalled. We can do so much better than this motley crew! Only Ian Cohen, placed last on the Greens ticket, has any credibility at all, and Matthew O'Reilly is the new best thing going, with an exhaustive interest in Council business. So check out the candidates before you vote.

History will long remember Tom Tabart, Jan Barham and Ian Cohen's contribution to green politics, but no one will recall this last bunch of Councillors as anything other than a miserable setback for green politics in Byron Shire.

Michele Grant
Byron Greens since 1997
Ocean Shores

Thank you Echo

I would like to say a big thank you to *The Byron Shire Echo* for presenting me with a community award for *The Echo* Business Heart Award at *The Echo* Awards night at the Bowling Club in Bangalow.

It was great to see other people recognised who do such important work in the

community who don't usually put themselves forward for recognition.

As Mandy Nolan said during the evening 'it is all about community'. I would like to acknowledge that *The Echo* is part of our community and, whether you like it or not, it has allowed people in the community and the Mullumbimby Chamber of

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What does the current federal government solar rebate scheme mean for you?

The Federal Government provides a solar discount to home owners and businesses in Australia that install a small scale renewable energy system (solar, wind or hydro under the **Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES)** to help with the purchase cost. Installing an eligible system allows the creation of Small-scale Technology Certificates (STCs). The number of STCs created is based on:

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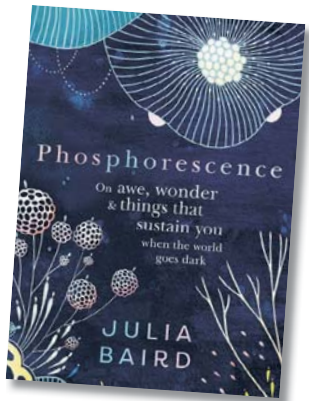
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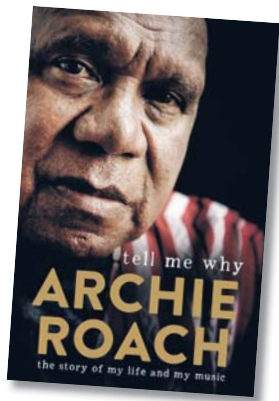
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Treat yourself to some new reads this winter! Get your bedside stack sorted with these six books by authors coming to Byron Writers Festival 6–8 August.



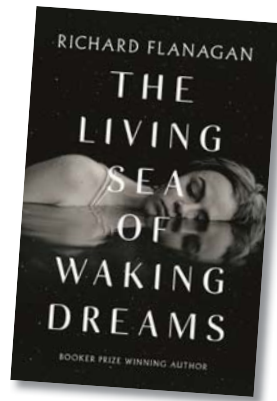
Phosphorescence by Julia Baird

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The Living Sea of Waking Dreams by Richard Flanagan

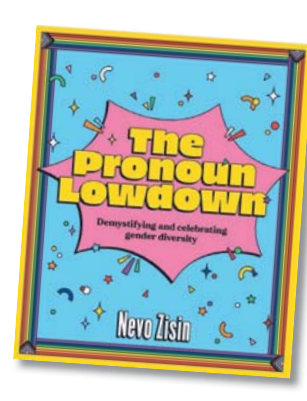
Richard Flanagan has described his eighth novel – a magical realist tale of ecological anguish – as 'a rising scream'. *The Living Sea of Waking Dreams* expresses horror and frustration at the ongoing destruction of the natural world and at the maddening tendency of people to carry on as normal while ecosystems are collapsing and mass extinctions are taking place all around them. An ember storm of a novel, this is the Booker Prize-winning author at his most moving – and astonishing – best.



One Hundred Days by Alice Pung

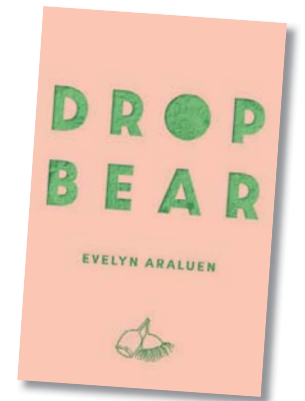
One of Australia's most original and skillful storytellers, bestselling author Alice Pung returns with her much anticipated new novel *One Hundred Days*, a fractured fairytale that explores the fault lines between love and control.

'What is astounding about *One Hundred Days* is that, while fearlessly honest about the damage family members can inflict on one another, it is also full of forgiveness and harmony and grace. Pung's discernment and command as a writer is astonishing, elating. I adore this book.' – Christos Tsiolkas, author of *The Slap*.



The Pronoun Lowdown by Nevo Zisin

We find ourselves at an exciting moment in history. For the first time, trans and gender diverse people are being seen and heard. Thanks to tireless activism, and an increased visibility worldwide, these lived experiences (the joyful, and the painful) can no longer be ignored. Woven together with author Nevo Zisin's own pronoun journey, this colourful hardback sheds light on the complicated history of gender around the world, in language and across time.



Dropbear by Evelyn Araluen

A blend of poetry, memoir and theory, *Dropbear* is an essential read that confronts the tropes and iconography of an unreconciled nation with biting satire and lyrical fury. Evelyn Araluen is a vibrant new Indigenous voice on the Australian literary scene that demands to be heard. This book is about love and respect – of ancestors, family, community, a partner, and the power of language and country.

A quick guide to the Byron Writers Festival

What happens at Byron Writers Festival?

Byron Writers Festival is a 3-day celebration of storytelling, literature and big ideas covering everything from fiction, memoir, the environment, politics, arts, culture, and social issues.

Taking place at a purpose-built festival site on the beautiful grounds of Elements of Byron Resort, with four outdoor marquees and two indoor rooms filled with conversations, panels, readings, lectures and performances running concurrently. Most sessions are 45 minutes to one hour in length, and you can sit and listen for an entire session or wander between venues as the fancy takes you.

There's coffee, food and market stalls, as well as a splendid bookshop run by The Book Room Collective. Most authors will be in the book signing area after their sessions. On Festival Sunday, one marquee is turned over to children's authors so the kids can have a special day meeting their favourites. In the



evening, you can enjoy one of the satellite events around the region.

Do I need to be a writer to enjoy the Festival?

No! Byron Writers Festival is all about words and ideas, perfect for all readers, writers and thinkers. Most attend to listen to

contemporary writers, engage with new ideas, meet other curious-minded people and fall in love with new books.

Why can't I buy a 3-Day Pass this year?

By only selling 1-Day Passes the festival can more efficiently track how many people will

be on site each day so they can adhere to NSW Health Department guidelines. The festival expects to be back to selling 3-Day Passes in 2022.

Can I go for more than one day?

Yes! Passes are sold as single days (Friday, Saturday or Sunday). To go for more than one day, you will need to purchase a day pass for each day that you plan on attending. You will receive a different colour wristband upon entry to the festival each day.

How much are tickets for Kids Big Day Out?

Kids Big Day Out is happening on Sunday 8 August. A ticket is \$40 and includes entry for one child 6-12 years old and one accompanying adult to the designated Kids Big Day Out marquee. Additional children can be added to the ticket for \$20 each. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Secondary dwellings on multiple occupancies examined

Wroth Wall

As a solicitor working in the Byron Shire since 1990, I have had some professional association with most of the multiple occupancy (MO) and community title (CT) developments within Byron Shire. The issue of secondary dwellings on MOs and Rural CT lots is still unresolved following a recent attempt by Byron Shire Council to prohibit such dwellings across the board. If that proposal had been successful, the affected owners would not have had the possibility of having the same rights as the rest of the landowners within Byron Shire. The question of the possibility of secondary dwellings on MO and CT subdivisions needs to be closely examined having regard to the unprecedented housing crisis in Byron Shire.

Pooling resources

Multiple occupancies have been part of our local planning scheme since 1988. Elsewhere in the state they were enabled by the proclamation of State Environmental Policy Number 15 in 1988.

From 1973 until 1988 the creation of MOs was enabled by administrative action brought about by NSW Planning Minister, Paul Landa, in response to Lismore City Council issuing eviction orders against the new settlers who had seen fit to object to the destruction of our rainforests by commercial and government interests.

Originally, MOs provided a means for people to pool their financial resources so that they could buy land to live together and build affordable housing. In the early days most of those pioneers took an active interest in bush regeneration and were part of a larger movement that was committed to the restoration of the natural environment, at least by planting endemic local species.

In the 1980s when I started taking an interest in rainforest species, I observed that people had planted eucalypts in what had previously been riverine rainforest. The early communities were relatively poor and facing compliance issues with the Councils, members could not obtain institutional finance and interests were sold for amounts that were less than acquisition and building costs. The legal arrangements were often shoddy and very



Where to put more housing in Byron Shire?

often communities were fragmented without proper redress to legal remedies.

CTs creating opportunities

When I arrived in Byron Shire, I was already aware of the advent of the community title legislation, which had been enacted in 1989, and noticed that in Byron Shire it was being treated as just another form of subdivision. I conceived of the notion of converting MOs to CT whereby the value of the shares would increase, money could be borrowed, proper governance could be effected within a legislative framework and the compliance problems could be dealt with. Not only that, but Council would also have increased its rate base with every residential lot that was created. I lobbied the Council for many years, and in 1998 the Council introduced a pathway for this process to proceed.

Presently in Byron Shire, the primary pathway to CT development on rural land is by way of a conversion from an existing approved MO. For that reason, much of the 'identified as suitable' available land has either been developed by the owners or on-sold to developers, and in all cases the CT allotments are now commanding monumental prices.

In order to restore habitat, quite a lot of work or money is required. In my experience, solvent and committed landowners have proved to be the most effective means for such restoration, it being noted that since June 1998 every approval for a dwelling house on a MO or a CT development has required the applicant to plant some 900 trees.

Affordable housing

Within the present spectrum of MO/CT we traverse the entire economic spectrum. Many members of old MOs are struggling

financially while many others are cashed up.

On an old style MO, the additional accommodation (secondary dwelling) can bolster income for existing owners and provide for additional work being carried out on the property. At the other end of the spectrum, the provision for secondary dwellings can provide much needed accommodation as well as a labour resource for the necessary work of environmental regeneration or of farming. Additionally, the possibility of a secondary dwelling does allow for aging in place. The secondary dwelling can be occupied by a carer of the older resident. Secondary dwellings provide the most effective and fastest means of providing affordable housing for people who will otherwise have little alternative but to leave Byron Shire.

While the back lanes and back yards of our towns are becoming clogged with secondary dwellings, those on large acreages in the community are expected to fend for themselves. It is not just human population density that degrades an environment. The means by which we use the land has to be figured into the equation. Human intervention can accelerate environmental

regeneration. When I first lived in Byron Bay in the 1970s Ewingsdale was just a paddock with the odd fig tree. Looking over what is now a residential estate, it is hard to discern the human elements from the vegetation.

Merits based

Each application for a secondary dwelling needs to be looked at on its own merits. For this to work properly, a policy needs to be introduced, publicised, and openly debated.

The reasons that the facilitation of additional dwellings on such properties have not been supported by the Council include the fact that they were not envisaged by the development consents by which they were created, and not specified in any of the applicable Rural Strategies.

While environmental regeneration has been a key factor in planning regulations for decades, the old notion of large scale monoculture has been largely displaced by the idea of small scale local food production, and the absence of affordable housing for workers has only recently emerged. These issues need to be comprehensively addressed.

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Commerce to have their voices heard on a range of issues and concerns.

The Chamber continues to gather strength in Mullum because we have such great people who are involved in and care for our community. Thanks again to *The Echo* for all your hard work.

Janelle Stanford
Mullumbimby

Infiltration facts

I've asked numerous questions regarding why the inflow infiltration problem has not been solved in Mullumbimby.

You have to wonder why the clause 45 moratorium was lifted without the inflow infiltration problem being solved. Plus probably in excess of thirty million dollars being spent via consultants and getting the design concept for Brunswick Valley Waste Water Treatment Plant.

I would ask: was it more important to get the clause 45 moratorium lifted in Mullumbimby, rather than to resolve the inflow infiltration issue occurring in the Mullumbimby Sewer Gravity mains during rain events?

The issue of inflow infiltration affecting the effectiveness of the previous wastewater treatment plant

was obvious and recorded by sewer operators, me being one of them.

It was obvious back then when a sewer pump station would normally run for approximately 2.6 hours in twenty-four hours and increase to the stage where it would run 24/7 continuously during long rain events.

I am amazed in 2021 that W&R and Councillors are no further advanced in solving this problem, apart from installing bigger pumps in the sewer pump stations and increasing the capacity of the pump station wells, whilst spending millions to construct a wastewater treatment plant to treat stormwater during rain events.

I had a conversation with Mr Duncan Dey, at his request, over a coffee in Mullumbimby before I attended my first Waste Water & Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting, Mr Dey acknowledged that he knew the gravity mains in Mullumbimby were in a state of disrepair, and because of my practical experience working with them, I could supply important information to the committee as to their state.

I wonder what would have been the outcome if the Council had installed a vacuum system to replace

the obsolete gravity mains? How much longer the original Trickling Filter Plant would have lasted with that stormwater load removed from it? I would estimate around another thirty years.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

Helpful plod

The diligence of the police to 'attend' to Fast Buck\$ over his alleged breach of an AVO, with a late night arrest, handcuffs, paddy wagon, jailing/bailing, would amaze many who could only dream of such service.

It brings to mind a case some time ago where I was called as a witness to assist with the memory of a Council manager.

The case involved a simple community protest action where traffic barriers were moved from blocking a river access road to the Council Chambers.

The police ignored the action until the background dispute aroused the ire of the private company involved.

Police were unsure what to charge anyone with, but finally came up with, something like 'unlawful removal with attempt of theft'.

The target of these charges was hauled before a well-known magistrate and

witnesses flocked to the fray.

The police prosecutor seemed very unsure of what it was all about, but the magistrate, over three sitting days managed to somehow reach a guilty verdict – job done.

The case was appealed and the judge dismissed the verdict in about five minutes finding that no offence had been committed. Makes you wonder.

Tom Tabart
Victoria

My vaccine choice

In response to recent comments. Firstly, it's important for people to remember that getting the covid vaccine, doesn't stop you getting covid or from passing it on, it just lessens the symptoms.

I believe that means, those who choose not to be vaccinated won't contribute to you or your grandmother getting covid or dying. If you do believe that the vaccine will protect you, then there is no reason to shame

and blame people, as this only contributes to more division. We can reach herd immunity together, vaxxed or un-vaxxed, as we all develop antibodies. Everyone has a birthright to decide what drug they put in their body, free from guilt, government control, or coercion.

Research government adverse reaction websites, America's VAERS, Australia's TGA and the Yellow Card system in Europe, to verify that thousands of people have died shortly after receiving a vaccine treatment [these websites are generally based on voluntary reporting systems and clearly state that deaths and other 'injuries' may occur after someone has had a vaccine, but this does not mean they were caused by the vaccine – Ed].

People taking part in this pharmacological experiment are basically lab rats.

Our PM is suggesting that not only will we need the vaccine passport/certificate to travel internationally, but for interstate travel as well. Think about that for a minute. Prisoners in our own self-imposed fortress.

The PM also wants a vaccine wallet. Where is this coercion heading? Expect: no job, school, child care, cash, licence, shopping, restaurants, travel, dole, pension – no nothing, unless you comply.

This is not the free country our grandparents died defending. For a virus that has 99.95 per cent survival rate for those under 70, you should not only be

asking 'Why the coercion?' But also screaming 'NO WAY!' from the highest mountain.

I'd rather build on and trust my own healthy immune system and natural or available treatments than an experimental 'Emergency Use' listed vaccine, any day.

Dean Jefferys
Mullumbimby

5G negotiations?

Dear police, it's time we had a chat. The police are made up of some of the most intelligent and talented folks around. I'm sure there are things you feel we just don't understand. We all know that 'prevention' is better than 'cure' and 'punishment'.

When Telstra attempts to upgrade the Mullum tower to 5G again there will likely be a clash between police and protesters (or protectors). Rather than attempt negotiations in the heat of the moment during such a clash, would it not be infinitely better and more civilised to exchange information well before such an event? You never know, you all might have more in common than you think, to stand side by side for the same cause of Truth, Justice and Freedom, for all.

Mike Stav
Mullumbimby



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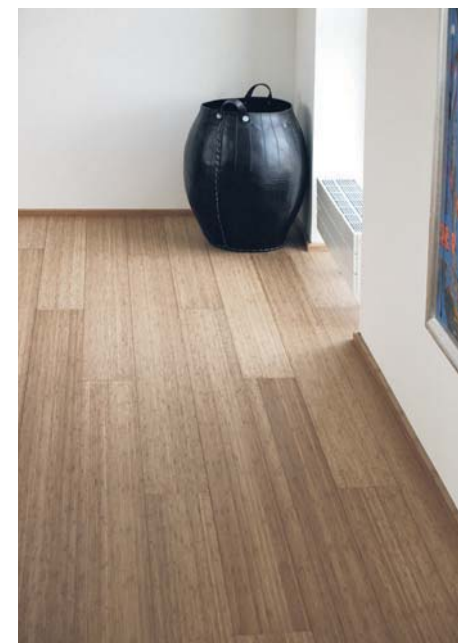
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[Parallel Power]



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In a league of their own

S Haslam

At the end of a dusty lane, just beyond the increasingly hip area of the Mullum Industrial Estate, is an unanticipated eatery. Although the dining room at the Mullumbimby Leagues Club has been an institution for a while, a new team has brought fresh life to a great location. The restaurant has a beautiful rural view of expansive green fields, shady trees, the Brunswick River and beyond to Mt Chincogan.

There's a warm, social vibe with upbeat tunes in the background amongst a bit of 'old school' club character and history; the bar is actually named after Vic Armbruster, a rugby legend of his time who commenced his career in Mullumbimby, an historical image of this Brylcreemed beaut crowns the drink service area. In fact, for historical accuracy I should say that Vic was actually playing for the Giants, where he started his fab career, before the invention of Brylcreem. The bar is to one side of the room, high and low tables and a nook with a sofa - from which patrons can take in the landscape - as well as a pool table, grace the rest of it.

The new manager, Tim Parsonage, or Timbo, is the one breathing new life into the outfit and from his time managing the Byron Brewery, as well more lately working at the

Timbo and Emma with propaganda shots and proper pasta plates, at the Leagues Club. Photo Jeff 'Kicking goals since 1986' Dawson.

Rock n Roll Cafe, he knows how to create a dynamic, popular venue. Emma Ekenstam is the Head Chef, and in poetic synchronicity, Timbo discovered her when she was fishing in the river, just across the pitch.

Wednesday is Pasta Night at the club, and history isn't just in the decor. Harking back to the old days, the \$12 pasta

prices are reminiscent of an earlier time, when everyone was eating the 'foreign' food like spaghetti bolognese and you might have thought \$12 was 'a bit exxy'. Chef Emma makes all the stocks and bases from scratch, and it shows - the pastas are rich and flavoursome. Try the Veal Ragout, or the Leek and



My \$12 lasagne was pretty, and very good value. Photo S Haslam.



The view from the Leagues Club dining room. Photo S Haslam.

Mushroom creamy pasta, with or without chicken for the same \$12 price. This is absolutely great value.

The menu also has simple salads, or a \$4 garlic bread or \$4 dessert. Chef Ekenstam is Swedish, so her Swedish Chocolate Mud-Cakes are spot on. The menu varies all the time, but there's always something available for the vegetarians as well as the meat-eaters.

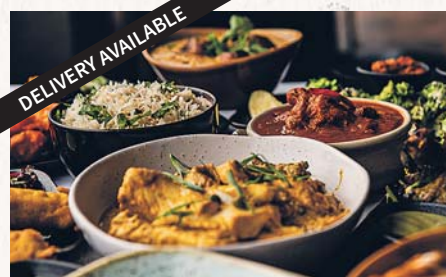
There are five beers on tap and a range of spirits behind the bar too, all at very reasonable prices. There is a Happy Hour from 4-6pm where you can get a \$4.50 schooner.

It is a family friendly venue with a playground outside, as well as plenty of open space. As well as all the rugby fields, there is an 11-hole golf course, which would be a perfect

entree to dinner, watching or playing a match on the field, or strolling under the trees. There will be more happening at the club soon, Timbo is turning over a few new ideas for the space; such as a November Reggae Festival, film nights on the pitch, and a definite is the return of the popular Food Truck night. As well, the club is ideally suited for celebrations like weddings and special occasions, with an open indoor space with gorgeous views and a great expansive outdoor area too.

Dinner Wednesday, Thursday, Friday nights from 5.30pm (plans for a taco/trivia Tuesday are underway!)

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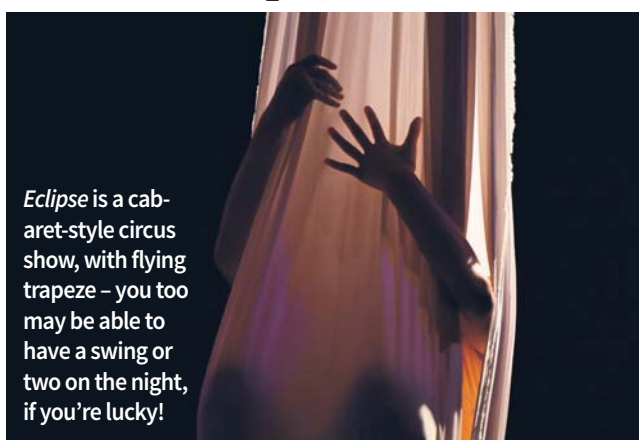


The Good Life

Circus show comes with unique local curries

If you liked the bloodred moon, you're going to love the *Eclipse* circus show at the beautiful Circus Arts venue in Byron Bay, an enjoyable spectacle that can only be enhanced by some excellent curries with unique local spices, blended in-house.

Catering on the night will be courtesy of Karma Cafe, who will be serving an array of Indian Australian fusion curries, naan breads and much more, to accompany the show. The circus show will also serve as the occasion for the launch of Karma Cafe's very own blend of spices that are sourced locally and blended in-house, available at their



Eclipse is a cabaret-style circus show, with flying trapeze – you too may be able to have a swing or two on the night, if you're lucky!

spice bar.

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Local rice at Farmers Markets

News travels fast – after two years of drought, the local rice is back! Get it while it's hot at the Mullumbimby and New Brighton Farmers Markets.

Frank Boyle is full of praise for the farmers markets movement of the Northern Rivers and the loyal customers who support it through their intentional and ethical shopping practices.

Alongside his wife and son-in-law, fifth generation farmer, Frank, sells pecans, rice, rice cakes and pecan spread, in their family business, Nimbin Valley Pecans and Rice.

'Season wise – we've just completed our rice harvest and we are right in the middle of our pecan harvest,' says Frank. 'Local grains are hard to grow, and rice being a staple, everyone was really excited.'

It surprised us how passionate people were about eating local rice.

'It seems a bit ridiculous that you can get rice in a supermarket here that's been shipped around the world for \$2. You wonder how well the

farmers are being paid on the other end.'

The family has been growing rice for 14 years, and pecans for almost 30 years.

'Pecans are a long-term project – you wait ten years before you get a crop, and we now sell the beautiful fresh nuts, as well as our pecan spread.

'The rice came as an accident really – we trialed it at the farmers markets and it was really popular – it was just the right thing, so we continued to grow it for the region.'

Thanks to a new rice cake machine, Nimbin Valley Pecans and Rice have been whipping up their popular product fresh daily – which boasts nothing added, other than their locally grown rice. Like many farmers in the fertile district of the Shire, Nimbin Valley runs their small farm with sustainable practices.

'I think it's so important, on all levels, to have better farming practices. Our farm is a small farm – we look after our soil, we look after our land,



we don't ship our products all around the world,' Frank says.

'The farmers markets movement has been fantastic because we're able to sell all of our farm products locally – within 50km of where we live.'

'The other great thing for us as farmers is to get the feedback from customers, which encourages us to innovate – the rice cakes and the pecan spread, they are both value-add products.

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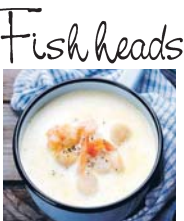
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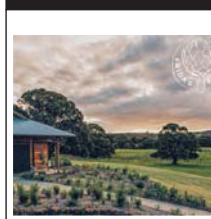
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The Good Life

Lambruk: Local gourmet providore

S Haslam

Lambruk Pantry is a local gourmet providore based in the heart of the Byron Shire. They create a range of condiments and hampers using house made products sourced locally and beyond. Products from their own label include sauces, chutneys and relishes, all made with 'no nasties' and low sugar.

Owner, Paige Brierley, is strongly inspired by loving memories of cooking with her nonna and aunty, from whom she learnt many skills, as well as igniting the joy of being creative in the kitchen. Her memories and passion, along with a desire to improve her health, are the material from which Lambruk Pantry was born.

Having a specialised, hand-crafted inventory, sourced locally where possible, but always from within Australia, is a strong ideology that the business is operating within. 'In some cases, we even picked the fruit; we picked 700



mangos off a farm... we even do the labelling, we do it by hand, in house,' says Paige. 'For the last fortnight, we've been in Adelaide tasting produce at small farms (as well as some wine, of course!). We're bringing back some special treats.' The entire range is wholly produced in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate by Paige herself, her mother and an apprentice. She says that when you keep the business 'boutique', you have a good idea of the quality of what you're producing - they only make 10 kilo batches of any of

their products.

The Lambruk Pantry hampers are a concert of goods from local food producers and are created with many different occasions in mind. They include titles such as; Camping in Luxury Hamper, Thinking of You Hamper, Mr and Mrs Hamper, Moving In Hamper, and a What Women Want Hamper and What Men Want Hamper.

There are also a couple of gluten free hampers and a Lambruk sample hamper for giving all of the products a test drive. A new product coming

up is 'Nibble Hampers', which contain tasty treats that, unlike the normal hampers, can only be hand-delivered, fresh. But, the good news is these can be delivered throughout the Byron Shire and the near Gold Coast.

Being small-batch and house-made, the condiments are not going to taste like the same-same jars of big makers found everywhere. The Lambruk Pantry has an intention that its products are for sharing with loved ones and, being inspired by love, they might just hit the mark.

Contact: lambrukpantry.com.au.



Frida's Field winter menu

If you're thinking of a long lunch on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, out in the country with a beautiful outlook across the fields, then hunt back through the stories on our *Echo* website if you want some more information about Frida's Field, at Nashua.

They've just released their new winter menu for June/July (yes, winter's cold and I support the idea of having fewer winter months) and it has some warming and intriguing dishes, such as 'mussels, carrots, roast mandarin, coastal succulents', 'smoked ham hock pastry roll, spiced tomato and tarragon sauce', some 'wood-fired beef with parsnip puree' or, for the less meat-minded, 'wood-roasted fennel, braised cabbage, parsnip puree, Romano cheese'. Hmm, and maybe 'sticky mandarin pudding with cumquats' for dessert?

Bookings essential: fridasfield.com.

The Sourdough Chick rises to the occasion!

When you talk to Susann Wiedermann, her passion for sourdough is clearly evident. She describes the world of sourdough as like 'falling down a rabbit hole with lots of interesting twists and turns'. The self-taught baker grew up in Germany and was used to a wide range of breads, most of which she couldn't find when she came to Australia over a decade ago. So, she decided to make them herself!

'I grew up with great baking by my mum and my grandma, and Germany is renowned for great breads,' Susann says. 'But



Susann Wiedermann, The Sourdough Chick, at Byron Farmers Market.

the bread situation in Australia was pretty limited and was very different to what I was used to, so I decided to teach myself to make sourdough.'



However, the art of making bread was not as easy as Susann thought.

'For many months I made horrible bread, but

eventually it became better and better,' she says. 'Many years later, after I had finally mastered it, I wondered if I could do it commercially on a small scale. I loved making sourdough and wanted to share it.'

In 2017, Susann, also known as The Sourdough Chick, approached her local health food shop and they agreed to buy half a dozen loaves from her every week. This gradually built up with other cafes and stores in the Northern Rivers selling The Sourdough Chick bread, then, earlier this year Susann joined Byron Farmers Market.

Now Susann has a huge following, both on her Instagram account (@the_sourdough_chick), with almost 10,000 followers, as well as the many loyal customers who buy her just-baked (and sometimes still warm) bread at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning.

'I've been blown away by the response,' Susann says. 'So many people comment on how beautiful the bread looks, even if they don't buy it. The support has really been incredible and I sell out on most days. I really love it and feel very lucky.'

You can find Susann at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday, along with her amazing range of bread, including a wholesome white bread (which she says shouldn't really be called white!), seeded loaf, rye bread and no-gluten sourdough as well as her rye chocolate chip cookies, which now have a cult following. This range is backed up by seasonal specials, such as beetroot and pumpkin sourdough and focaccia and herb breads, hot cross buns and Christmas stollen.

Byron Farmers Market is held Thursdays 7-11am at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Rd, Byron Bay.



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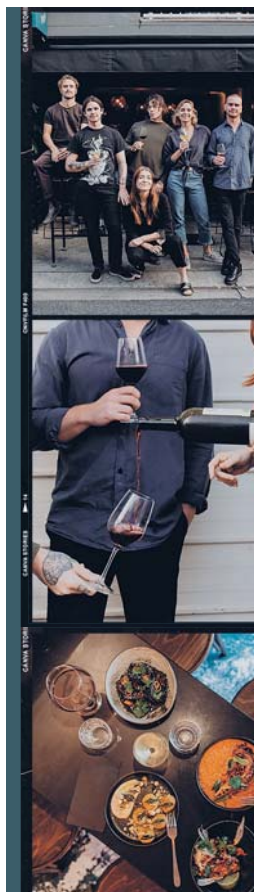
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18 SHACKPALACE RITUALS

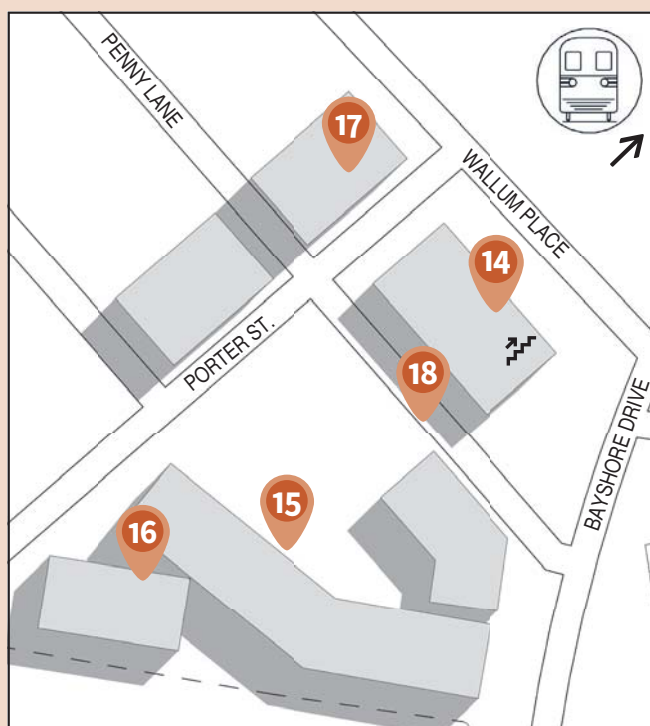
At Shackpalace Rituals they love the idea of reducing clutter and surrounding yourself with objects that inspire you through their aesthetics, sustainability and usefulness. They source beautiful, artisan objects and ingredients that have been created with integrity and can be incorporated simply into purposeful and mindful daily rituals. Visit their Byron Bay Concept Store to indulge all your senses.

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4 ELEMENTS I LOVE

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6 Acacia Street, Byron Bay
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100 Centennial Circuit
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Shop 2, 1 Centennial Cct, Byron Arts & Industry
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poemelifestyle.com.au

11 THE LOBBY GALLERY

'Earth Sea and Sky', an exhibition by Jay Pearse, from 1 July-29 July. Opening night 8 July.

A series of landscapes painted at a time when Jay's family lived behind the cemetery in Vaucluse, Sydney. This body of work is inspired by those elements on which our lives depend, and this cliff-top terrain became the catalyst for this series.

2/17 Tasman Way, A&I Estate
thelobbygallery.com.au

12 KIDO STORE

Kido is a kids concept store with items they love curated from around the world. Catering for newborns to 15 years, they focus on ethically and environmentally conscious brands across fashion, decor, furniture, books, toys, and bikes. With brands sourced locally and from around the world, their products are designed to be lovingly handed on from one child to the next.

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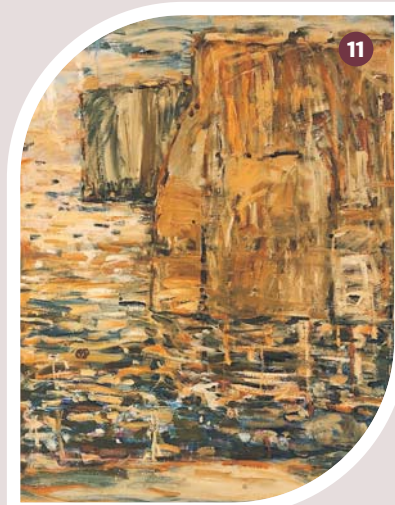
13 BYRON BAY FAIR

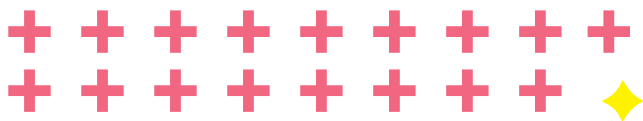
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HSC Monologue Workshop: Mon 28-Wed 30 June, 10am to 3pm

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Make a Larval Mask (ages 12-16): Wed 30 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm

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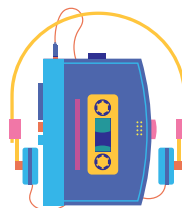
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CLIMATE CHANGE, COAL AND THE FLUSHING TOILET

Sometimes I wonder why people seem to have stopped caring about climate change. Is it because it's too big? Is it because we have a Prime Minister who is in a dirty love triangle with coal and gas? Or is it the convenience of the flushing toilet?

I lay in bed the other morning listening as someone in the far recesses of my house flushed a loo. I wondered, from the sanctuary of my repose, about the convenience of the detritus of our ablutions being taken away from our residence with the push of a button! Like Magic! Poo is here. Poo is gone. It's like there never was poo. Evidence of the human stain on the planet is whisked away. And unlike so many women in the world without a flushing toilet, I never had to lift a finger. I never had to dig a hole. I never had to carry a bucket. It's just gone. I haven't even left my bed.

Can we please have a climate change button? Something we can push so that someone else can deal with it? Ah, there in lies the rub. Just because something is 'gone', doesn't mean it's no longer a problem. It just means it's gone from my realm of responsibility, so the soothing flush of my waste is also my agency over my impact being whisked away.

It's not really gone. It's just gone from where I have to deal with it. It's gone in a pipe, to a treatment works, then into rivers or into the ocean. While the systems are certainly better in first world countries, 80 per cent of the world's sewage is discharged into the ocean untreated. The ocean is a great place to hide our waste because we don't see it. The ocean is so big.

I believe flushing toilets are part of a deep psychology of denial and laziness around our human inability to take responsibility for our impact. If you had to literally deal with your own shit, I think you'd be more aware of your footprint. It's the same with garbage services. We just put stuff in a bin and it magically disappears from our premises. Not as magic as the flushing toilet, it does require a couple of hi vis operators in a truck, but as long as you remember to put the bin out, then the evidence of how you live is gone. Taken away to be dealt with by someone else.

Don't get me wrong. I love my bin service and my flushing loo. I am not fantasising about the days of the gong farmer (someone who dug out human excrement from privies and cesspits) or the Shit Carters. What I am wondering about is if this psychology of convenience is something we need to disrupt. Climate change seems to be the cancer the first world has created with our need for convenience. Convenience lies at the heart of our economics. It's one of our key drivers. It is the drug we won't give up.

Climate change is not convenient. It forces us to look at how we live. It asks us to innovate. It asks us to take responsibility. It asks us to think about our impacts. It asks us to do what humans resist the most: change. It asks us to stop using fossil fuels. It asks us look at our economic system and consider reform. It asks us to avoid the convenience of a massive supermarket and instead to grow our own food, and to shop at markets, or buy from local growers. It asks us to reconsider buying cheap clothing made by children in developing countries. It asks our governments to stop taking money from big corporations who fund coal and gas development and exploration.

The other day federal Labor resources spokesperson, Madeleine King, positioned climate activists as being just as naive and dangerous as climate deniers. Wow. I'd say knowing what we know, and after the humiliation of our PM rubbing himself naked in coal at the G7, we have some serious climate terrorists at the wheel and about to do a few burn outs.

The psychology of the flushing toilet is pervasive. But I know one thing for sure; coal is not the magic button they'd have you think and every time we pursue it, more turds float to the top. It's time we buried our shit. Or at least our shitheads.



HOW LOVELY, IT'S THE LOVEYS

Jenny, Janet, Pam and Belinda are **The Loveys** and they are excited to announce the launch of their new album, *Loveys Actually* – fifteen sparkling and original songs from their current stage show. Inspired by *The Heroine's Journey*, *Loveys Actually* is full of songs and stories that women and men understand, connect with, and actually care about – the very stuff of everyday life – from divorce, dementia, and septuagenarian sex to the ordinary and courageous business of love itself.

Great musicians, songwriters and performers, The Loveys demand to be heard as they create a music genre that is both new and as old as time – heroic women, rocking out and telling it like it is.

The Loveys upcoming shows are this Thursday, 24 June at the Byron Theatre, and Friday 2 July at The Regent, Murwillumbah, and Saturday 3 July at the Rochdale Theatre, Lismore. All shows are at 7pm.

109TH LISMORE EISTEDDFOD



The **Lismore Musical Festival Society** has had generous supporters since 1908, and this continuing support means the society is pleased to announce the 109th Lismore Eisteddfod.

If your talent is singing, instrumental performance in piano, string, woodwind, or the spoken word, or dance; be it solo, with a friend or two, or part of a troupe, then this event is a chance for you to show what you've got!

Including school performances at the primary and secondary level, the Lismore Eisteddfod gives you the opportunity to step out onto a stage and showcase your talent to highly qualified adjudicators and appreciative audiences.

Eisteddfods are a place to make friends and memories and the Lismore Eisteddfod's aim is to encourage performers of amateur status to engage in friendly rivalry and have the benefit of receiving the written critical opinions of expert adjudicators.

Competition gives performers a reason to pursue goals in their chosen discipline. They also have the opportunity to listen to, watch, and learn from their peer groups. Most importantly, competitors learn how to handle disappointment with courage.

This year's event will be held at both the Lismore Workers Club Auditorium and the Lismore City Hall over 21 days in August and September.

For more info visit the website: lismoreeisteddfod.com.au for details on how to enter.



TEDXCELLENT IN BYRON BAY

Occupying the Byron Theatre for a full day of cutting-edge ideas, **TEDxByronBay** will host the region's brightest thinkers and doers.

This hugely popular event acts as a magnet for those seeking inspiration and motivation to navigate our increasingly complex future landscape.

Speakers for this event include **Costa Georgiadis, Delta Kay, Zenith Virago, Kate Constantine, Caro Meldrum-Hanna, Elle Davidson, Dr Gregory P Smith, Brett Solomon, Catherine Ingram, Emilia Decker and Hiromi Tango.**

TEDxByronBay, Saturday 26 June 10.30am-4.30pm Byron Theatre. \$150 + bf | Ticketed by TEDxByronBay For more information on the speakers and to buy tickets, visit: www.tedxbyronbay.com.au.



NORTHERN SON

Australia's adopted son of comedy returns to Byron this weekend. 'Do I swear to tell the whole truth?' Asks Arj. 'No, but I'll swear while telling the partial truth. And trust me, it's a lot more fun that way. If you truly want to laugh, then take my word for it. This is honestly the best hour of BS around; I kid you not.'

And he's not wrong. **Arj Barker** returns to the Byron Theatre to premiere his brand-new show of riotous comedy in *Arj Barker Comes Clean*.

Be prepared for some home truths, some vague truths and some information that none of us are ready to hear, and won't be able to forget any time soon, because Arj brings the hilarity – and lots of it.

Saturday 25 June at 7.15pm. Byron Theatre Adult \$54.90 | Group of 10 or more \$49.90 | Ages 15+

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 Sunday 1 August 2pm – Kyogle Memorial Hall

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 'LOVEYS ACTUALLY' ALBUM LAUNCH
 Songs, Stories & Confessions
 Thursday 24 June, 7pm

ARJ BARKER - COMES CLEAN
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 Friday 25 June, 7.15pm & 9.30pm

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THE GOOD MEDICINE

Mind Medicine Australia (MMA) is a charity that seeks to alleviate the suffering caused by mental illness through expanding treatment options available to medical practitioners and their patients. Their focus is on the development of safe and effective psychedelic assisted therapies to cure a range of mental illnesses. They believe everyone in Australia should be able to access psychedelic assisted therapies in medically controlled environments.

This Sunday 27 and Monday 28 June, Mind Medicine present two days of film and conversation around psychedelic medicine – their first ever symposium on the new science of psychedelics. Along with education, one of the primary motivators for Mind Medicine Australia, as a charity, is to push for the kind of legal reform that could see these treatments become accessible.

'We have had such massive traction' says **Tania de Jong**, one of the founding members (along with her husband Peter Hunt) of Mind Medicine Australia.

'We have seen the TGA announcing an independent review of our rescheduling information – special access for doctors and psychiatrists for treatment resistant patients with MDMA – we don't have a medical exemption for the medicine to go into those states without being prosecuted though – TGA is [in charge of] approvals but in NSW the government doesn't allow it to be bought in.'

Victoria is currently the only state that has a permit system in place. 'We are very hopeful if the TGA reschedules medicines to Schedule 8 (as a controlled medicine), that these barriers will fade away.'

Schedule 8 drugs include morphine, cocaine and heroin. All highly addictive but used in hospitals, and if improperly used are far more addictive and dangerous than MDMA and psilocybin.

'There are all these dangerous drugs in Schedule 4' says Tania. 'So in terms of risk and abuse [of MDMA and psilocybin] there is a lot less. Cocaine and morphine are more risky as far as addiction is concerned.'

Tania and Peter are both hugely passionate about providing hope for long-term sufferers of depression, PTSD and suicidality. They believe the evidence is there that shows people can use psychedelic medicines to recover.

'We currently have a system where psychiatrists hand out medication to patients who never get well.' The idea of a

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treatment being effective over one or two sessions is a radical departure from existing models of treatment.

'The narrative at the moment, if you are mentally ill, you have a disease of the brain, and the way to cure that is to keep you on medication for a long time – [yet] there is no evidence that you can point to that because someone has depression that they have a chemical imbalance in the brain – that is a myth' says Tania.

Doctors and psychiatrists are coming on board.

'We have over one thousand psychiatrists in our psychiatry circle – they recognise the current environment is a nightmare – they can't get their patients well and they are desperate – most of them entered medicine because they want to get their patients well.'

There are currently 20 chapters of Mind Medicine Australia around the country. They have just completed the first round of certificate studies in Psychedelic Assisted Therapy – the 46 students were the first in the Southern Hemisphere. The second intake is at the end of the month.

This Sunday features a full-day Psychedelic Medicine Symposium with **Dr Jossy Antony, Dr Mario Alam, Mark Baxter, Patrick Burnett, Simone Dowding, Tania de Jong AM, David Heilpern, Peter Hunt AM, Mark Melek, Bryn Newman, Eva Papadopoulos, Dr Jamie Rickcord, Renee Sloan and Dr Frederick Swan**. The day will feature expert discussions on the science of psychedelics for mental health, followed by screenings of *Trip of Compassion* and *Fantastic Fungi*.

Symposium: from 11am on Sunday at the Byron Theatre, with Trip of Compassion screening at 6.30pm. Then on Monday 28 June at 6.30pm there is a screening of Fantastic Fungi at 6.30pm. Tickets on mindmedicineaustralia.org or byroncentre.com.au

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FLOW

Yaegl Bundjalung man, **Mitch King**, is a man with a story to tell. Mitch and long-term collaborator and musician Blake Rhodes, have been creating *Flow* for almost a year. *Flow* is Mitch telling his story, inspired by community, Country and the first native title claim on a body of water in Yamba. Mandy Nolan interviewed Mitch in the lead-up to the show's debut in July.

The First Nations view of Country is so different to the colonial approach, we have this idea of real estate and ownership, can you explain what custodianship is and how that relates, in your show, to the native title claim on a body of water in Yamba?

To me custodianship means that language, song and dance are being maintained through respect, connection and communication with traditional knowledge holders.

Our traditional owners' rights and interests have been recognised through native title, so as a Yaegl person it's especially important. It took over 20 years for the native title claim to be granted. Some of the elders who started the claim were too old or had passed away, so it was a hard long journey for our people.

Water is life. The importance of connecting to, not only the land, but also the water is a strong theme throughout *Flow*.

How do you weave stories of eldership with the interests of young people? Do they always stay connected in ancestral stories?

Flow is all about strengthening the respect for eldership and also engaging the young people in our living traditions and ancestral stories. We've layered the storytelling within the show to represent the knowledge and stories of both elders and emerging leaders within the Yaegl community.

In *Flow*, we use a variety of contemporary mediums such as poetry, rap, music, dance and multimedia components as tools for storytelling. Our ancestors and our culture have beautiful



stories and we have to keep telling them in different forms, while keeping respect for cultural tradition.

Working with NORPA on *Flow* has given myself, Blake and the whole team the opportunity to spend time with our senior leaders and custodians who have passed on knowledge. It's been a great experience and has made us realise that theatre is an important means of continuing their knowledge. We're so proud that they trusted us with this story.

As a Yaegl Bundjalung man did you always know your story and the story of your country? Or was that something that broadened with age?

I grew up close to culture and was brought up listening to stories from uncles and aunts as a kid.

Over the years I gained a deeper understanding of the importance of our culture and the stories, and their connection to the land and water of the region. My interest has definitely broadened with age, as I've become more of a leader to my brothers, sisters and cousins.

How important is water to Yaegl? What is the significance of the Clarence?

The Clarence River is central to the lives of Yaegl people. It's a place we always return to – swimming, fishing, hanging out on the riverbanks. For me, as an adult, I love coming back and connecting with the river in my own way. When I see the river, I'm home.

Water is embedded into our bloodline as Yaegl descendants, and for families who grew up on the island, it was one of the

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major food sources. It's so important that current and future generations know and understand the importance of water. If the water gets sick, we're all in trouble.

How did you work with community to develop your story?

We spent a lot of time on Country during the development, speaking to Elders of the community and the native title group to collaborate on how to share the story in a theatre context. We've got a great designer on the creative team in Mic Gruchy who has cleverly weaved the elders and emerging leaders and their stories into the production.

Can you tell me one of the stories you tell in *Flow*?

As young people we connected to storytelling through sitting around our elders and yarning.

In *Flow* we tell the story of the Dirrangang. This is an opportunity to continue our eons of oral storytelling through a new medium and next generation. We stick to the authenticity of the original story and themes of greed vs identity and belonging. In today's world it's an important story to be reminded of, our ancient resources that connect us to Country and the damage that greed can do, specifically with water.

Who are your collaborators?

My main creative partner is Blake Rhodes, who I met about ten years ago. Blake is the composer and he's on stage with me doing the music live instead of using his work as a pre-recorded soundtrack.

Our producer, Letila Mitchell, is a Pacific Islander, the Director, Jade Dewi Tyas Tunggal, is of Indonesian heritage, and Bundjalung woman, Rhoda Roberts is adding her wisdom to the whole process. So our core team is First Nations people from the Asia/Pacific region.

What should we expect from *Flow*?

A multi-faceted, charismatic performance with humour, high energy and intimate moments and sharing of stories.

***Flow*, A NORPA Premiere. Thursday 1, Friday 2, Saturday 3 July, 7.30pm. Friday 2 July, 11am matinee. NORPA at Lismore City Hall. Tickets \$25-\$49**

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WEDNESDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 8PM **JACK MILLIGAN**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4PM **THE ROCKIN BODGIES**

THURSDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOHN CROSBIE**, 8PM **DU EAST**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **THE LOVEYS - LOVEYS ACTUALLY**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, **MISS RENEE SIMONE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **FELIX**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - MC MANDY NOLAN**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.15PM **ARJ BARKER - COMES CLEAN**, 9.30PM **ARJ BARKER - COMES CLEAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **BENNY ODWYER**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**
- ROUS MILL HALL 7PM **ROUS UNPLUGGED- 9 YEARS BIRTHDAY PARTY**
- CITY HALL, LISMORE, 6.30PM **MATT HILL BAND - SOMBRE MOUNTAIN - ALBUM LAUNCH PLUS SARA TINDLEY**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, **THANK FUNK IT'S FRIDAY WITH JB AND THE MMMS**

- THE REGENT, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM, **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH SEBASTIAN WINTER**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ANTHONY CALLEA**, THE STAGE 9PM **DAN ENGLAND**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, **CREEKFEST**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **RICK BARRON**, 9.30PM **THE BIG DUO**

SATURDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SILK & OAK**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **KIMMY AND CREW**, 10.45PM **THE BAMBOOS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM **TEDXBYRONBAY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **ROGUE ELEMENTS**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **GROOVE & BAO - TIM DEGAN**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **LOCAL DJ**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **BEN NOY AMI**, LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **ADAM HARVEY**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **MCKENZIE BAND**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **THE ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, **EMILY LUBITZ**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **BETH HAMILTON**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **QUEERSTORIES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MR TROY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 4PM **AGENT 77**, 6PM **SOLID GOLD DUO**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **BLOOM**, THE STAGE 9PM **CHICK FLICK**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, **CREEKFEST**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**, 9.30PM **REMEDY**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **SOLID GOLD DUO**

- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM **BACKSLIDERS**

SUNDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 5PM **THE STRIDES**, 9PM **JAROME AND KRISTIE DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **PSYCHEDELIC MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM PRESENTED BY MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **THE LYRICAL**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**
- CITY HALL, LISMORE, 4PM **THE TAP PACK**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF, 2PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, **CREEKFEST**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **BEN NOY AMI**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **SMASHED CRABS**
- EWINGSDALE HALL 4.30PM **PARISSA BOUAS & STUDENTS**

MONDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SLIM PICKENS**

TUESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 10.30AM **DUSTY & THE DIVAS**

WEDNESDAY 30

- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 8.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2.30PM **WALLY & THE GATORS**

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KIDS FUN IS HILARIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS

It's playful, it's hilarious and it's extremely contagious - it's time to let your imagination run wild.

Imaginitis is a 45min kids show, starring local children's entertainer Shorty Brown. Imaginitis is a highly interactive show that connects the audience to the wild, wide world of creative imagination including pirates, fairies and unicorns!

The show is a magical journey of self-discovery full of magic, bubbles, and extreme silliness - it's a colourful adventure created to entertain our youngest audience, from 2-8 year olds.

Presented by **Shorty Brown**, well known for being highly creative, extremely playful and loads of fun, in Imaginitis Shorty consistently brings laughter to all of the children's faces.

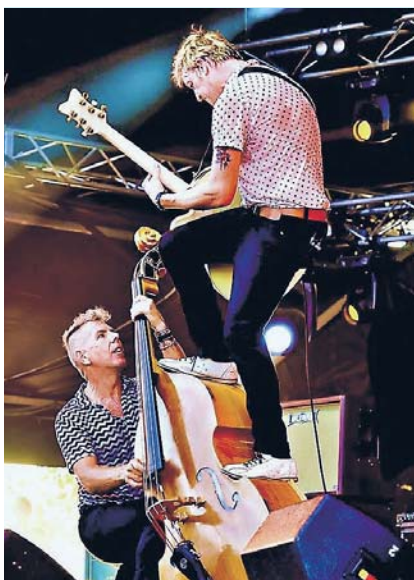
You can stick around after the show and continue the celebrations with music and balloons. Catch the show next week in Byron on Thursday.

Email shortybrown555@gmail.com, visit: www.shortybrown.com, or call 0438 973 689. See Imaginitis on Thursday 1 July at 10.30am. Byron Theatre. Tickets: Single \$20, Family of 4 (2 adults + 2 Children) \$60. Discover NSW vouchers accepted - contact theatre box office.



BLUESFEST BRING ON THE END

The **Living End** are truly Rock Royalty. Formed in 1994 in Melbourne, it was 1997 when the band blasted through with their double A side single featuring 'Prisoner of Society' and 'Second Solution' - songs that have become festival anthems around the world. This five times ARIA-winning band are one of the Aussie treasures playing at Bluesfest this October. This will be the third attempt by the Byron event since the 2019 COVID-19 lockdown to host their festival. Mandy Nolan had a chat with Chris Cheney about the band's upcoming Bluesfest gig...



When I speak to **Chris Cheney** the lead vocalist of The Living End, it's Lockdown Number Four in Melbourne. The impacts of the virus have been massive for the entertainment industry.

'It's really frustrating when you look at the bigger picture of the entertainment industry, and people are nervous about putting events on.'

'The government hasn't given the entertainment industry the support it needs.'

It's something musicians like Cheney find annoying. 'When the shit hits the fan, it's the entertainment industry that steps up and puts on a concert to raise money.' The reciprocal support for the music industry has definitely been lacking.

The landscape for musicians has certainly changed. When The Living End started it was all about the pub. 'The pub was everything - we did thousands of gigs before we got on Triple J, we built the following from the ground up.'

Consequently The Living End has the smarts of a band who know how to play to a crowd. They are a powerful festival act.

'It's an endurance test getting through our show' says Chris. 'You have to be match fit - we also have to be fit in ourselves. The songs don't sound the same unless you are at 200 per cent!'

'This is the first time we have played Bluesfest. I haven't been before, never been and never played it, so we intend to come out of the gates with all guns blazing, we will be like bulls at a gate!

'Bluesfest isn't specifically blues and roots but it's the core and it's our background,' says Cheney.

The **Living End** are playing at Bluesfest 1-4 October. Tix from bluesfest.com.au.

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You get **The Fabulous Caprettos**; a concoction comprising **Daryl Braithwaite, Russell Morris, Jack Jones and Rai Thistlethwayte**.

The four friends are coming together to perform for the first time as a fabulous band.



It doesn't take much imagination to know that these shows will be something special as the audience can see and hear all artists together on stage for the entire duration of the concert. The Fabulous Caprettos will perform their hits and favourites and other songs that will be heard for the first time at these shows.

There will be a souvenir program with Bonus CD available for purchase exclusively at the shows.

Daryl Braithwaite is showing no signs of slowing down. Always a fine interpreter of songs, singer/front man/songwriter from his early days with '70s supergroup Sherbet to his highly successful solo career today (who hasn't heard 'Horses' right?).

The past seven years have been an incredible musical journey for both Russell and his fans, fortunate enough to create and release three award winning albums of blues and roots music and to be in the top ten albums of 2019 with his new *Black & Blue Heart* album.

Jack Jones was still a teenager when he found fame in Southern Sons, who went on to become one of the most loved Australian bands of the '90s. Jack is one of Australia's most talented singers/songwriters and guitarists.

Founding member and singer/songwriter for Thirsty Merc, Rai Thistlethwayte is still as thirsty as ever, creating and performing a swag of his classic tracks.

The Fabulous Caprettos, for one night only at Casino RSM. Thursday 1 July, 8pm seated.



THE REGENT GOES QUEER WITH UNEXPECTED STORIES

Australia's favourite LGBTQIA+ storytelling night is bound for The Regent. The much-loved, critically acclaimed event *Queerstories* is coming to Murwillumbah for the very first time.

Fast becoming an institution around the country, *Queerstories*, has seen more than 250 LGBTQIA+ storytellers take to the stage over the past five years, from Melbourne to Mudgee, Sydney to Shepparton, Adelaide to Albury and beyond. Patrons can expect a night of hilarious and heart-warming stories on stage, celebrating the local LGBTQIA+ community, at the newly refurbished, **The Regent**.

The award-winning show has been brought to the Northern Rivers in partnership with Queer Family Inc, a local not-for-profit that reduces social isolation and improves mental health by providing safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ people to connect and build community. *Queerstories* has proved an instant hit in the region, with sold out shows in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay.

Queerstories creator **Maeve Marsden** says the premise of *Queerstories* is simple. 'We invite a range of LGBTQIA+ people to share a personal story, but the focus is on the unexpected, on the stories people want to tell, instead of those often expected of queer people.'

'I often say, "there's more to being queer than coming out and getting married", and that's really true at *Queerstories*, where the stories and narrative styles of the performers are always so diverse.'

Queer Family founder **Aiden Gentle** (they/them) hosts the local shows, which feature a new cast each performance focusing on local community creatives and heroes.

This show will include performances from ABC's **Daniel Browning**, Cultural Fire Burner **Rachael Cavanagh**, Author **Jordan Claden-Lewis**, Community Advocate **Taz Clay**, Writer **Belinda Raposo**, and Artist/ Film Maker **Xanthe Dobbie**.

'We've been so thrilled to bring *Queerstories* to the region,' says Aiden. 'LGBTQIA+ people in rural and regional areas can be quite isolated and we often miss out on events like these, so it's really important for our wellbeing and community to be able to come together like this.'

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The Regent will open before and after the show so that folks can also socialise over dinner or a drink.

Queerstories is Auslan interpreted. Queerstories, Murwillumbah. Saturday 26 June. Dinner and drinks from 6pm. Performance is 7-9pm. The Regent, 5 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah. \$30 Concession, \$35 Adult +booking fee. Bookings: the-regent.com.au/film/queerstories.

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STARS BY LILITH Sun in oceanic Cancer, plus Neptune and Jupiter retrograde in tidal Pisces promises a watery, emotional week...

CANCER

- ♈ ARIES:** Any of your 2021 plans come to fruition yet? Great, then it's time to celebrate! If you've veered off-purpose, this is a good week to course-correct. Think about the future you want to create, because what better time to galvanize your goals than this year's full moon in Capricorn on 25 June.
- ♉ TAURUS:** Other people's motives may not be entirely transparent this week, so if you get a sketchy vibe or iffy feeling that you're being manipulated, step away and let things play out. Good news? Your prima planet Venus in the sign of flash, flourish and flair insists on styling up your personal presentation.
- ♊ GEMINI:** The relief's palpable this week as Mercury heads out of its three-week retrograde in your sign, which doubled its signal-jamming impact on communications with colleagues, neighbours, family and friends. Time now to extend the olive branch, tune your listening antennae, schedule some heart-to-hearts and bring back the love.
- ♋ CANCER:** For you lunar creatures, this week's full moon brings an opportunity to balance commitments between family and career, personal roots and public direction. It's a good time to get clear about partnership responsibilities and nail down business agreements with colleagues before agreements get tested in early July.
- ♌ LEO:** When glamazon Venus joins me-first Mars in Leo this week for a fiery pas de deux in the Lion's den, *dadaaah!* Take it away your furry, purring majesties. Keep your performance user-friendly though. Resist playing diva, and some attractive potential could manifest, including a romantic reboot and/or creative renaissance.
- ♍ VIRGO:** June comes into its own for Virgos this week with the return of Mercury's sense of humour, when you can finally see the funny side of this month's mishaps and mayhem. Communications get back on track, and things you thought done and dusted start looking ready for another round.
- ♎ LIBRA:** Venus in Leo asks, 'Have you become so attached to an image of yourself that you no longer see your shadow?' Good to get a reality check on that from inner-circle supporters. And maybe put yourself on a crash cash diet; with this week's retrogrades, retail therapy and buyer's remorse could go hand in hand.
- ♏ SCORPIO:** With astral energy heading into the sign of natural nurturing, this week asks how can you feather the family nest and make home feel more like a cozy sanctuary? It also suggests you start thinking self-nourishing rituals - and is there someone you'd like to get to know better?
- ♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Tune into the deeper, more profound communications beyond social media spruiking, and stay calm through this week's irritable, unpredictable outbursts. If you start getting triggered, especially at home, don't log in. Channel antsy energy into something positive and useful. If others aren't appreciating your adventurous intentions, fly solo.
- ♑ CAPRICORN:** You have plenty to say this week, and with exacting Saturn bringing its expertise and mastery to your communications, you'll be able to say it in a way that others can take in. On a personal note, full moon in your sign highlights some outdated narratives it's way past time to delete.
- ♒ AQUARIUS:** Even with the current outer planetary retrograde stay-put, going-nowhere, clipped-wing, closed-in scenario, you can still move about locally. Or else where Aquarians travel best: their minds. If the grass is looking greener in everyone else's yard, start zooming cross-cultural connections and sharing what you have with others.
- ♓ PISCES:** Neptune and Jupiter both powering down in Pisces is not the time to be gullible or naive, so honour your instincts and intuition this week, but also get some professional second opinions and reality checks from straight-talking friends. It's essential right now to maintain strong, healthy boundaries.

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Session Times: Thu 24 June - Wed 30 June NFT = No Free Tickets

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- Master with ensuite and walk-in robe plus sliding door access to yard
- Tidy white kitchen with stainless steel oven, electric cooktop and dishwasher

- Separate utility room and games room/home office with adjacent bathroom
- Backs onto Ocean Shores Country Club with direct golf course access
- Open plan, light and bright lounge dining areas with built-in bar



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13 Peter Street, South Golden Beach

Mediterranean Inspired Beachside Hideaway

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Located only 250 metres from the pristine sands of South Golden Beach, this immaculate and exceptionally private home is set over two levels, offering a range of all-white, Instagram-worthy indoor and outdoor lifestyle spaces you'll love spending time in. With a clever layout, there are multiple wings to the home, providing scope for dual living or plenty of guest/in-law accommodation.

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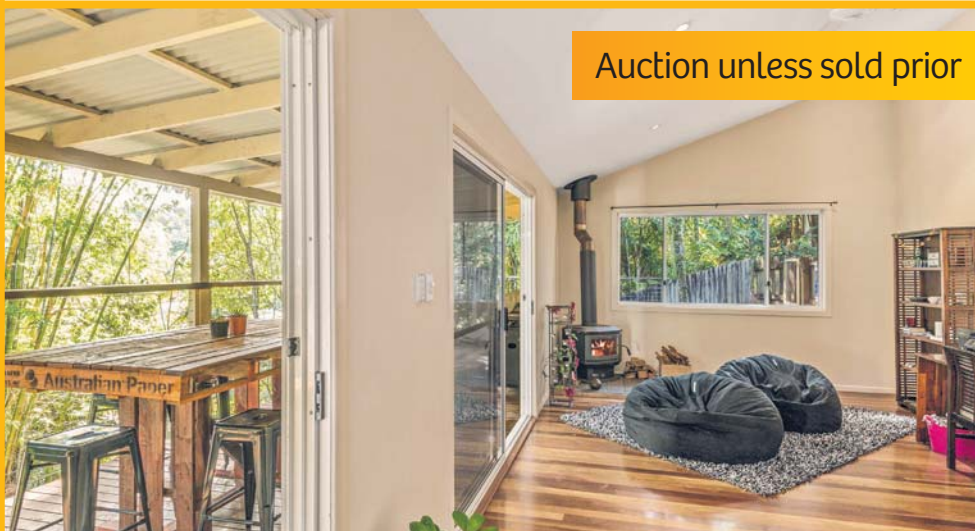
- Inviting covered alfresco entertaining area and pizza oven
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- Private master bedroom with ensuite on top floor
- Well-appointed kitchen with stainless steel appliances
- Covered veranda plus entertaining deck with spa
- 742 square metre block with easy care tropical gardens



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The Ultimate Beachside Escape with an Approved Studio

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Panoramic Ocean Views, Huge Corner Block, Development Potential STCA

Feast your eyes on panoramic ocean views over the Byron Shire from this elevated family home set on a corner 1524 square metre block. The property is in a fabulous location, close to the beach, golf course and local shops – and there's such massive potential here for the savvy purchaser.

- Presented to the market for the first time since 1999

- Beautiful, covered deck for entertaining with views
- 1524 Sqm block with north easterly aspect and ocean views
- Potential to redevelop/subdivide the large block to incorporate two or more dwellings (STCA)



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'The Cabin' – Unbridled Sophisticated Luxury in the Heart of Byron Bay

- Nestled amidst the treetops in a quiet position in Byron's Golden Grid
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- Exquisitely built with bespoke detailing and master craftsmanship throughout
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- A large third room on the ground floor is a very versatile space
- Established, very high income return

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Privacy and Quality Matched with Outstanding Ocean Views

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- Set on approximately 2.5 acres, this property offers a low maintenance, peaceful lifestyle just minutes to Broken Head Beach
- Mediterranean influences with horseshoe layout that wraps around the stunning open-air courtyard and gorgeous 15m pool
- Expansive open plan living space that opens onto a large terrace that captures the panoramic views of the ocean to the east

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Once-in-a-lifetime Luxurious Eco Property

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Character Home in Sought-after Suffolk Park

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 2 cars 634M²

- Set back off the street and nestled in amongst a tropical leafy setting offering complete privacy in a peaceful location
- Strategically elevated on 634sqm capturing the Northern sunlight and allowing cool ocean breezes to flow through the ample louvred windows
- Soaring raked ceilings and natural light greet you in the open plan living
- Multiple outdoor living spaces plus a yard
- Located a short 10-minute walk from local shops, restaurants and beach

Address: **9 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 26th June, 10.00am – 10.30am

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Uninterrupted Ocean Views over Byron Bay

5 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 2 cars 6420M²

- Set at the top of the ridge in a prestigious location, enjoying breathtaking views to Koonyum Range, Mt Boogeram and the surrounding hinterland
- Just minutes to Mullumbimby's eclectic township and Steiner School
- Highly versatile floor plan features an oversized lounge area
- North facing kitchen and dining that overlooks the outdoor deck and pool
- 4 bedrooms upstairs all with built-ins and downstairs allows for a home office

Address: **9 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby**

Auction: Guide \$2m

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Central Mullumbimby – Subdivision Potential (STCA)

4 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 2 cars 1410M²

- Situated in the heart of eclectic Mullumbimby is this charming, renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home plus a separate studio
- Stunning yard that provides plenty of space to re-design and develop (STCA), possible rear lane access (STCA)
- Open plan kitchen and dining with lovely wood-burning fireplace
- Large covered deck overlooking the fully fenced back garden

Address: **129 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby**

Price: \$1.495m – \$1.625m

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The Pinnacle of Byron Lifestyle Living

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 4 cars 419M²

- Superbly designed to make the most of the Byron climate and lifestyle
- Light-filled open plan living space is the heart of this family home which spills out to sunny spacious, covered decks and a landscaped yard
- Rear deck hosts a luxury spa bath, outdoor shower with a sauna
- Positioned in a quiet lane, just five minutes' walk from Clarkes Beach and town and only a 2-minute stroll to the renowned Top Shop Café

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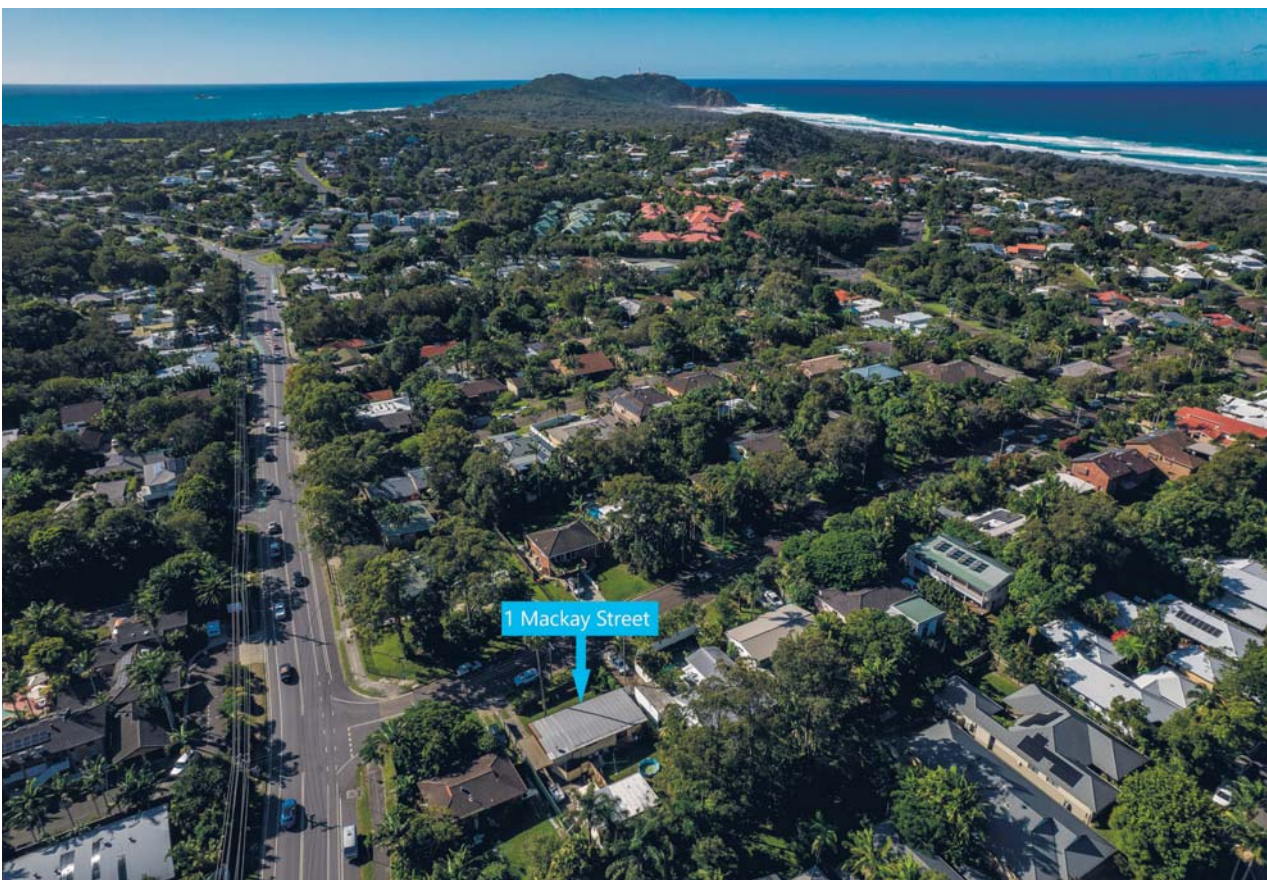
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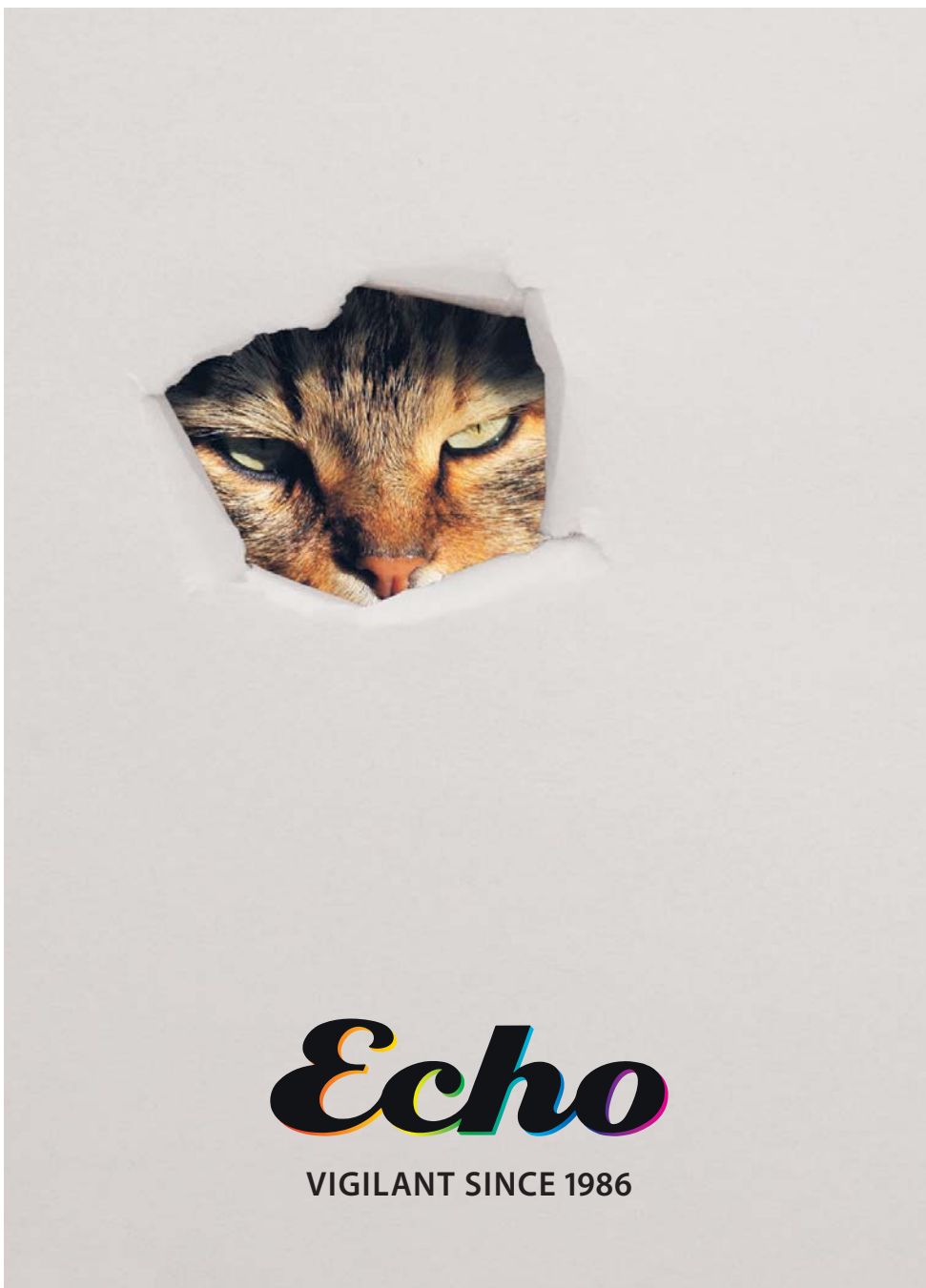
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- 33 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 9.30–10am
- 9 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 8 Gira Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 567 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Sat 10.30–11am
- 43 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 9 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
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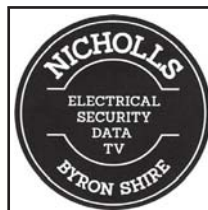
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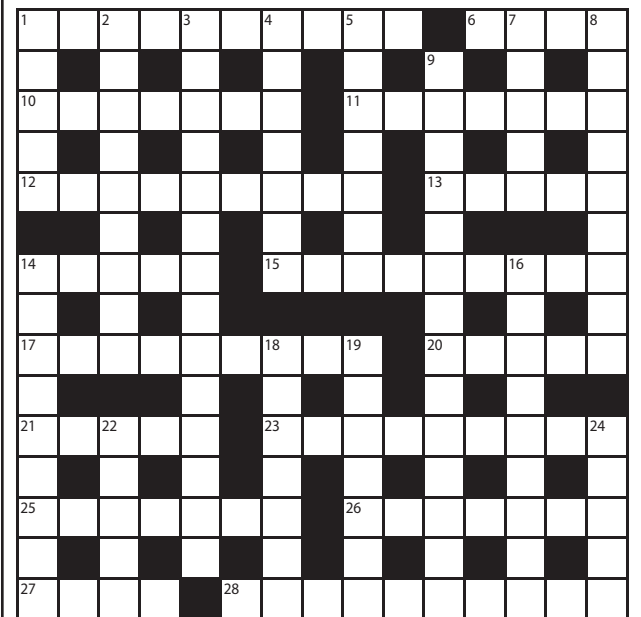
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Cryptic Clues

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- Rip, rape, get violent - it looks frightening, but its actually pretty harmless (5,5)
- Terminate road work (4)
- Vehicle reverses in 1600 metres - it's a wonder (7)
- Owls' noses? (7)
- Embarrassed over use - manipulated again (9)
- A thousand to engrave the vessel (5)
- A connection with Irish beach (5)
- Pining for unknown income (9)
- Chaste in Asia, perhaps (9)
- Tire badly before English secure again (5)
- State leader in the middle (5)
- Ruthlessly hang liars in James Hilton's place (7,2)
- Repair and relax with mineral deposit (7)
- Make a list - individual semite revealed (7)
- Observe daughter's progeny (4)
- Raw oceans working in smashed dune (10)

DOWN

- Bring up guide to one royal range in Asia (5)
- Equal to the French? No. A Greek masterwork (9)
- Nicer coalition found in return to harmony (14)
- Identification with English friend, in a visionary manner (7)
- Savagely chained beast (7)
- Time right, dine with host (5)
- State shop - reform it immediately(9)
- Spring rose needed - the task is underway (4,2,8)
- Reverse support for hospital accommodation (9)
- Regrettably, I turn into a food source (9)
- Englishman and Australian rear oriental (7)
- Time - everyone send up for an afternoon snack (3,4)
- A paper perhaps - or leaving the top off the paper (5)
- Fix when the morning is over (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Powerless person (5,5)
- Desist (4)
- Supernatural event (7)
- Horns (7)
- Used again (9)
- Two masted boat (5)
- Sydney suburb (5)
- Longings (9)
- Large landmass (9)
- Fasten again (5)
- Girth (5)
- Utopia (7,2)
- Reinstate (7)
- Enumerate (7)
- Pit (4)
- Bland (10)

DOWN

- Tajikistan plateau (5)
- Temple on the Acropolis (9)
- Acceptance (14)
- Perfectly (7)
- Australian monotreme (7)
- Delicacy (5)
- Without delay (9)
- Ongoing project (4,2,8)
- Towards the rear (9)
- Sustenance (9)
- General direction of sunrise (7)
- Evening refreshment occasion (3,4)
- Progeny (5)
- Alter (5)

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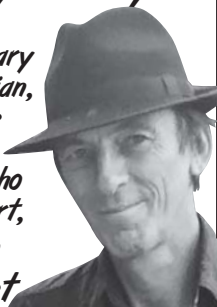
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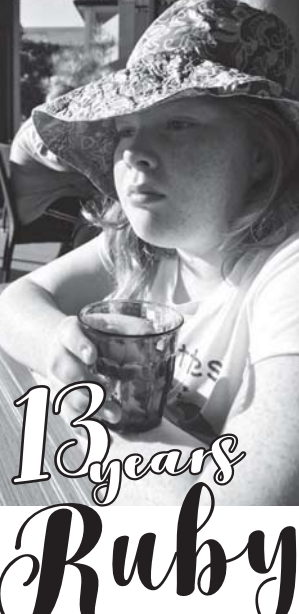
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Betty was much loved and will be greatly missed by her loving husband, of 62 years, Stan Sigley, from Wilsons Creek, and her children Bernice, Sharon, Vivienne, Ross, and Gavin. Betty was a cherished grandmother to 12 and a great grandmother to five. Aged 91 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at the Uniting Church, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby on TUESDAY (29th June, 2021) commencing at 1pm followed by a burial at Mullumbimby lawn cemetery.

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On The Horizon



DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Dementia carers

Caring for someone with Dementia? We'd love to see you at our monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the last Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 30 June at a cafe in Brunswick Heads from 10.30am-11.30am. Please call Emma White on 66851 619 or email: emmawhite@byronrespite.com.au. Bring your questions, suggestions, concerns, speak with other carers and meet new friends.

Connecting Generations

Connecting Generations welcomes everyone, especially seniors and parents with young children, to help build a giant cubby castle from recycled cardboard boxes at Bangalow weir park on Sunday 4 July from 10am to 12 noon. Music with John Hoffman and story time included. We are continuing to develop enriching relationships between all generations. Please bring boxes of all sizes and masking tape for this creation. Contact Ruth Winton-Brown 0413 261 011.

Climate action options

With leadership in denial, what is Plan B? Engineers Australia will be hosting a community awareness presentation on Climate Risk on Wednesday 14 July at Lennox Head Cultural Centre, 1 Mackney Street, Lennox Head 1.45-4pm. Tickets \$10. Call 4911 7 310 or find out more online: engineersaustralia.org.au.

Mullum Magic

Toastmasters Club

Practice public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun supportive environment. New members and guests heartily welcomed. Held every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday From 7-9 pm. at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall. Contact Ashni on 0439 843 657or just turn up.

Calling Tumbulgam

Tumbulgam Public School and Catholic School former students and staff, together with past and present Tumbulgam residents, are invited to an INFORMAL get together on Saturday, 10 July from 11am at Tumbulgam Tavern. For more information email Brian: tumbulgam.nsw.gettogether@hotmail.com.

Richmond-Tweed

The Richmond-Tweed Family History Society will be holding its next monthly meeting on Saturday 3 July at 2-4pm in the Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street Ballina. The guest speakers will be Eric and Rosemary Kopitke who will be presenting the topics; The Genealogist: What's the difference, and A 19th Century German's voyage to the other side of the world. Enquiries, call Kerrie Alexander on 6628 1324.

Film Society

Drill Hall Film Society screens *The History Boys* Saturday, 26 June at 2pm (doors open 1.30). The cast are mostly

London's original National Theatre cast, who also performed the play in Australia. If you wish to attend please book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia 6684 2112.

Plastic AGM

Northern Rivers Precious Plastic (NRPP) AGM will be held 30 June at 51 Station Street Mullumbimby. Time TBC. Enquiries: Holly 0434 491 500.

Devotional

The Baha'i Community of Ballina invite you to their monthly Devotional, 4 July at 10am at the CWA Hall on River Street Ballina. The theme for this Devotional is 'Why Am I Here? 5 Steps to Discovering your Life's Purpose'. For more info call 0422 798 802.

Resilient c'ty workshops

Free Resilient Communities Workshops at Main Arm, Durrumbul Hall every 3rd Sunday of the month 2-4pm, starting 20 June. All ages welcome to share their concerns, hopes, skills and knowledge. Focus is on ACTION to decrease our individual environmental footprint and build housing, water, food, and energy security. Call Peta 0447 005 996 to register.

Book Fair Byron

Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire are running their annual Book Fair fundraiser of secondhand books for three days at the Byron Bay Surf Club. The Book Fair runs Saturday 3, Sunday 4, and Monday 5 July, 9am to 4pm.

Waterlily Park

The next meeting of the Waterlily Park Play Space Committee is Tuesday 29 June at 6pm in the Board Room at Ocean Shores Country Club.

Byron Bay library fun

Storytime: 10.30am Tuesdays; Baby bounce 10.00am Wednesdays. Share singing, stories, rhymes and books through our enjoyable Storytime and Baby bounce experiences in the Library. Phone Byron Bay Library for information or bookings. Bookings essential: 6685 8540.

Prostate cancer support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is on Monday, 21 June, 10am till 12 noon at the Ballina Cherry Street Bowling Club. Men diagnosed or newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are most welcome to attend. Partners or carers are especially invited on this occasion as there is the possibility of a separate meeting for discussion on the impact this diagnosis has on other family members. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to share, learn and benefit from other people's experiences. Enquiries to Bob Corney 6628 1527 or 0400 747 630.

Bangalow PA meeting

The Bangalow Progress Association general meeting will be held at 6pm Wednesday, 23 June at Heritage House, Deacon St Bangalow. Come along and be part of the community voice. All welcome.

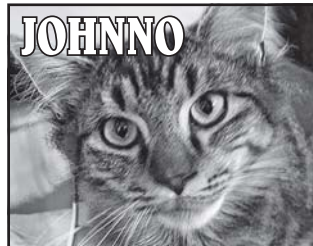
MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0410 785 554	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Flea, Byron YAC		Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglettogether.org.au	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137



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DATE (June/July)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
23	W	6:38 16:57	15:23 4:33	06:38 1.37 19:30 1.92	00:56 0.41 12:29 0.21
24	TH	6:38 16:58	16:19 5:44	07:34 1.32 20:22 1.99	01:55 0.35 13:16 0.19
25	F	6:39 16:58	17:21 6:53	08:29 1.28 21:12 2.01	02:50 0.30 14:04 0.21
26	SA	6:39 16:58	18:28 7:57	09:20 1.25 22:00 1.98	03:44 0.29 14:53 0.24
27	SU	6:39 16:58	19:35 8:52	10:12 1.22 22:47 1.91	04:35 0.31 15:43 0.31
28	M	6:39 16:59	20:39 9:39	11:03 1.20 23:33 1.80	05:24 0.34 16:32 0.39
29	TU	6:39 16:59	21:41 10:19	11:56 1.19	06:12 0.39 17:23 0.49
30	W	6:39 16:59	22:38 10:54	00:18 1.68 12:52 1.19	06:59 0.44 18:19 0.59
1	TH	6:39 17:00	23:33 11:26	01:02 1.55 13:54 1.21	07:45 0.47 19:23 0.68
2	F	6:39 17:00	11:55	01:50 1.43 14:59 1.26	08:30 0.48 20:37 0.74
3	SA	6:39 17:01	0:27 12:24	02:42 1.33 16:01 1.33	09:15 0.48 21:55 0.75
4	SU	6:39 17:01	1:20 12:54	03:38 1.25 16:55 1.42	10:00 0.46 23:06 0.72
5	M	6:39 17:01	2:13 13:26	04:35 1.21 17:42 1.51	10:44 0.44
6	TU	6:39 17:02	3:07 14:00	05:29 1.18 18:24 1.60	00:04 0.65 11:25 0.41
7	W	6:39 17:02	4:01 14:39	06:16 1.17 19:03 1.67	00:53 0.59 12:03 0.39

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NATIVE PLANT SPECIALISTS



The end of term two means it's athletics carnival time at many local schools, and last Thursday, year one student Matilda and her brother Josh (in year three) were excited to be competing for the green team 'Palm House' in the Ocean Shores Public School event. Photo Eve Jeffery

Fast Buck\$, aka John Anderson, has told *The Echo* he intends to stand for the Council elections in September 4. How will that play out at Meet the Candidate events, now he has an AVO with Greens candidate and current Councillor Sarah Ndiaye? ICYMI, those who have announced their political intentions for the election, along with fellow candidates, are Duncan Dey (Greens), Mark Swivel (independent), Asren Pugh (Labor), Cr Michael Lyon (independent) and Cr Cate Coorey (independent). Crs Basil Cameron and Alan Hunter are yet to announce. According to www.elections.nsw.gov.au, registrations are now open, and close on Wednesday, August 4.

Welcome back into the federal house of chaos and incompetence, Barnaby Joyce. The Beetrooter left the job in 2018 after detailed allegations of sexual harassment emerged, of which Joyce denies. Those allegations have never been resolved. Joyce's extramarital affair, and a child with a staffer, seems to sit fine alongside his strong Catholic beliefs, as does his denial around the science of climate change. For all let us re-Joyce...

Witness K, a whistleblower who alerted the public to the Australian government spying on the Timor-Leste government to gain commercial advantage for Woodside Petroleum, was sentenced last week in the ACT Magistrate's Court. As independent media organisation *Crikey* points out, the wrong man was in the dock. It should have been John Howard, Alexander Downer and some of his staff, along with David Irvine, then-head of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS). Downer later went on to take a job with Woodside, who are a major political donor of the National/Liberal parties.

Letters in support of local Greens co-founder Tom Tabart can be found on page 14 - it's in response to him copping scorn from relative Greens newcomer Cr Sarah Ndiaye. At this point, who would vote for a party at war with itself? Can the public expect this campaign style to dominate the election? No - *The Echo* plans to delve deep into past policy, or lack of it, in the lead up.

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