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Cafe beats the COVID-19 obstacles



A Dutch family with a dream to run a Byron Bay cafe was put to the ultimate test by COVID-19, after they were forced to manage the business remotely from Holland for a year. Wilco and Vanja say that they took possession in March 2020, 'Just as COVID-19 took over the world'. The couple say, 'The start was rocky to say the least, but now the cafe looks amazing. Kids love to play in the kids' area, while parents enjoy reading a book or playing boardgames'. The cafe is located on Brigantine Street in the Arts & Industry Estate. Pictured are Wilco, Vanja, Jesse and Roana. Photo Jeff 'Sipping Lattes Since 1986' Dawson

Court settles long running Bruns park issue

Hans Lovejoy

After years of dispute around camping close to an endangered tree community at the Terrace Holiday Park in Brunswick Heads, a settlement has been reached in the Land & Environment Court.

The NSW Government-run holiday parks corporation, Reflections, instigated proceedings against Byron Shire Council, accusing them of a 'deemed refusal' to operate their commercial activity via a

Plan of Management (PoM) in the southern section of the camping ground.

Community members, along with Council, have consistently raised concerns over poor management by Reflections of a Coastal Cypress Pine Forest (CCPF) community, located within the park. They are considered an endangered ecological community (EEC), and are afforded protection under the *NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

The judgment is available at

www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au for *NSW Crown Holiday Parks Land Manager trading as Reflections Holiday Parks Terrace Reserve v Byron Shire Council (No 2) [2021] NSWLEC 51*.

Foreshore Protection Group convenor, Michele Grant, says the result is a 'win-win'.

She says, '7,500m² was saved for rehabilitation and replanting, and Reflections gets to keep 26 camp sites, instead of the proposed 45 sites'.

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Holiday accom booms while tour operators feel the pinch

Paul Bibby

COVID-19 has affected the different sectors within the Shire's vital tourism and hospitality industry in vastly different ways over the past year, with traditional accommodation providers seeing major growth, while many tour operators have watched bookings dwindle.

As school holiday visitor numbers plummet following the imposition of restrictions and lockdowns across the country, *The Echo* has found a varied picture of winners and losers within the Shire's biggest employing industry since the pandemic began.

David Jones, the Vice President of Destination Byron and the sales-and-marketing manager of Elements resort, said most local hotels and resorts had seen significant increases over the past eight to 12 months.

'We've had a record year [at Elements] and I think almost everyone in this part of the industry has too', Mr Jones said.

'Since late September last year till March this year, the overnight visitor economy in Byron has been experiencing record growth.

'Coming here is a great holiday for Australians at a time when other options for people are really limited'.

But it's been a very different story for many of those running activity-based businesses, such as kayaking, snorkelling and surf lessons.

These operators typically rely on international travellers, with domestic tourists making up a relatively small proportion of the business.

The additional cancellations

brought about by the current lockdowns and restrictions have been a cruel blow.

'It's devastating - we've had close to 100 per cent cancellations for the school holiday period', the owner of Cape Byron Kayaks, Alice Livingston, said.

'It was actually looking decent, but the loss of all the Sydney people and from Queensland has been big'.

Ms Livingston said that full hotels did not mean full tours.

'We're mostly internationals', she said.

'Our domestic market is conference groups, weddings and school groups. A lot of those haven't really come back yet'.

Local support encouraged

She encouraged locals to come out and support the operators by having a go at activities they may never have tried before.

'This is a great time to get out on the water - the whales are coming out. It's perfect.'

Another group that will feel the pinch of the school holiday lockdowns are the hundreds of workers who keep the tourism and hospitality industry running, such as cleaners, maintenance workers, and those working in cafes, bars and restaurants.

Many of these staff have seen their casual hours drop away significantly over the past 10 days.

'In the last week, we have had 80 per cent cancellations with all of our holiday letting cleans, owing to COVID-19', the owner of In the Bay Services, Cristina Arcila said.

'Next week is completely cleared - that's about 20 properties'.

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Despite the optimism, Ms Grant says, ‘Reflections refused to release the site layout plan and the vegetation management plan (VMP) for public access. ‘No-one outside the court “experts” has yet seen the documents!’

She adds, ‘Reflections was not disqualified or penalised for past poor performance, but can no longer claim exemptions, and must comply with the new rules.’

Meanwhile, resident Sean O’Meara accused Council staff of making other concessions behind closed doors, which have ‘undermined 15 years of discussions’.

Similar concerns were raised by resident Patricia Warren, who asked ‘How did setbacks even get into the hearing, when the community members and documents to the Court were expressly and directly, on advice from Council, focusing on the environmental factors?’

Additionally, she says ‘Legislation requires a 10m [foreshore] setback [from camping areas], so why was less agreed to by Council?’



Residents have long opposed camping around vulnerable and protected trees in Brunswick Heads. Photo supplied

The Echo asked Council staff why ecologist Rob Kooyman was not contacted, and whether his report was used as evidence.

Council’s legal counsel Ralph James replied his report was included as evidence, and attempts to contact Mr Kooyman ‘were unsuccessful’.

This is despite Mr Kooyman’s contact being clearly marked on his report to Council. Mr Kooyman told The Echo he was not contacted by Council regarding this court case.

Mr James said, ‘We were on a timetable allocated by the court and our failed attempts to contact Rob, had they continued, would have frustrated our ability

to comply with the court’s timetable’.

‘It was an important consideration for Council and its legal team that the ecologist was not seen as having previously been involved with any party (including any community group) other than Council in relation to the site and the approval application’.

Mr James added, ‘The expert engaged, Damian McCann, who is relatively local, knew the area and had experience in the relevant matters, was determined as the most suitable...’

Behind closed doors

The judgment by Justice Nicola Pain focuses on Reflections’ Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), which

is contained within its Plan of Management (PoM). While that VMP is now over ten years old, Justice Pain accepted a ‘substantially refined’ VMP, which was proposed ‘in the course of the hearing’.

Justice Nicola Pain writes in her judgment, ‘I consider that the VMP... with further modification as set out below, if implemented, can achieve substantial improvement of the CCPF EEC with the aim being to restore all components of the EEC in the southern precinct’.

Justice Pain writes this includes: ‘Exclusion of areas to be planted or allowed to regenerate from human activity by fencing, no mowing in the areas to be restored and protection of root zones are achievable measures’.

‘Active involvement of an ecologist, which has been lacking in on-the-ground management decisions made by the applicant to date, is incorporated in the VMP K2. Records of the survival rate of trees planted will be kept, an improvement on the existing situation where none is kept’.

Compliance auditing will also be reported to Council.

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Karena Wynn-Moylan wins global award

Artist, composer and radio presenter of *Arts Canvass* on Bay FM 99.9, Karena Wynn-Moylan, says she is thrilled to announce the website she designed and founded for authors, *The Narratives Library*, has won Gold in the Hermes Creative Awards.

She says the Narratives Library website is an online collection of recordings of authors reading short extracts from their work.

'The recordings are collated into themes and topics, linked to publishers' and authors' websites, and placed in a permanent, maintained and available archive to be accessed by reviewers, educational institutions, book clubs and readers'.

She says authors and publishers use material on the site for their own purposes, at no cost.

'Neither a blog nor a review site, the primary purpose of the library is to provide a further dimension to the reading experience by allowing readers to hear the author's interpretation of the text, personalising the reading experience.'



Karena Wynn-Moylan. Photo by Amber Melody

'The recordings are also edited into five-minute segments of an individual author's reading; a short interview; and longer themed podcasts with several authors reading passages from their work supported with interviews.'

'The recordings are available as both the segments and the longer programs on an easy-to-use website

that displays on phone, tablet and desktop, and on Spotify and other outlets. Current hits are over 95,000 per month, and were over a million in 2021'.

Without funding

Karena says the award comes at a critical point in the Library's development.

'The past four years have been without funding

assistance. The site has free access for both readers and authors. The principles of the site do not allow advertising nor an alliance with an individual publisher'.

Accordingly, she is seeking innovative local partnerships for sponsorship and assistance.

To help Karena, email her at narrativeslibrary@gmail.com.

Cyclist in critical condition after being hit in Mullum

About 1.30pm on June 28, a 50-year-old Mullumbimby man riding his bicycle on Argyle Street, Mullumbimby, collided with a truck being driven in the same direction, resulting in critical injuries for the man.

Local ambulance paramedics and emergency services attended before transporting him to the

Brunswick Heads football ground, where the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Critical Care Medical Team rendezvoused.

A police statement says that owing to the nature of his injuries, the male was placed into an induced coma and provided life support, before being flown direct to the Gold Coast University

Hospital in a critical condition suffering head injuries and traumatic injuries.

As a precaution, the 68-year-old male truck driver was taken to Byron Bay Hospital for mandatory testing of blood and urine.

'The truck driver and independent witnesses have been spoken to by police. The injured man is to be

interviewed upon his recovery to ascertain the cause of the collision,' a police spokesperson told *The Echo*.

Police are appealing for any dashcam footage of the incident or the cyclist prior to the incident.

Contact the Byron Bay Police Station on 6685 9499 or contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000.

Business awards launched

Advocacy organisation Business NSW has announced the launch of the 2021 Business Awards for the Northern Rivers.

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Is Country here for us, or are we here for it?

Eli Cook

As NAIDOC week arrives and we spend another year celebrating from home, it gives us a chance to sit and reflect upon the theme of this year's celebrations.

This year's theme, 'Heal Country', asks us to understand Country as being more than just a place. It asks us to consider the importance of the land and everything it brings to sustain us through the generations. It asks us to recognise the impact our way of life has had on the environment and the steps needed to allow it to restore and repair.

The Indigenous understanding of Country is a difficult concept for broader society to understand. From its very inception Australia, as a colony, has sought to conquer the environment, to sustain a European way of life within this harsh environment. However, the way in which we have treated our delicate ecosystems to achieve this goal has left us scrambling for answers.

The devastating bushfires of 2019/20 were a prime example of this. Years of



Bundjalung man Eli Cook is a local school teacher from the Ballina area, and has worked closely with the Aboriginal community for the past eight years. Photo David Lowe

neglectful treatment of our vast bushlands, combined with environmental changes caused by our unsustainable lifestyles, led to utter destruction.

These environments will take years to heal. But heal they will. They will continue to heal long after this generation has passed. The land, the Country, has always been here. Sea levels have risen and fallen. Ecosystems have changed. But the land

remains and always will.

We must begin to understand that our time on this planet is only brief.

Put ego aside

Our egos must be set aside, and we must realise that the earth, the land, the Country, is not here for us. We are here for it.

My understanding of Country has been embedded within me from a very early age. As I was immersed

within each environment, I could begin to see that I was just as much a part of the ecosystem as anything else. I was no different than the tree standing in the forest.

I am no different than the bird singing within that tree. I am a part of this Country.

When a branch falls from a tree, it breaks down and becomes the soil. When our bodies can no longer sustain themselves in this life, we too become the soil.

We all come from the earth and without it we cannot live. When we pass on, our bodies go back into the earth from which they came.

The earth nourishes and sustains us until our spirit is ready to move on from this world. When we walk on Country with this understanding in mind, we soon realise that we are walking on our ancestors.

They continue to nourish and sustain us throughout our lifetime, and it is our responsibility to care for them. We in turn will nourish and sustain the future generations in a continuous cycle.

Such an understanding allows us to feel at peace when we walk, work, and live on Country.

How can you be lonely when you are always surrounded by family?

How can you want for anything, when you know that the land will provide everything you need?

Sadly, this understanding of the land does not find its way into mainstream society, nor is it deemed acceptable. Our egos have become far

greater than our willingness to show respect to the environment. We have forgotten where we have come from and who cares for us.

We feel as though our importance far outweighs the importance of the land itself.

As climate change continues to wreak havoc across the world, and its inevitable impacts begin to change our way of life, we must begin to realise that our life is rooted to the land.

The land is not dependent upon us, and it can do away with us as quickly as we came.

It is time for us to make some changes and come back to the foundations of what it really means to be a human being. Indigenous people from all corners of the globe understand this.

Why can't anyone else?

■ Eli Cook is from the Nyangbal clan of the Bundjalung nation. His family are descendants of the South Ballina tribe.

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Local gathering celebrates incarcerated whistleblower



Local Assange supporters joined other gatherings around the world. Photo Chibo Mertineit

Chibo Mertineit

Last Saturday, over forty people came to celebrate Julian Assange's 50th birthday at Main Beach, Byron Bay, despite the rain and wind.

The Australian citizen, who is a journalist, editor, publisher, activist and founder of *Wikileaks* in 2006, has been locked in London's Belmarsh maximum security prison since April 11, 2019, for breaking the rules of his original bail conditions.

On January 4, 2021, a London district judge ruled that the request of the United

States to extradite him would be 'oppressive' in consideration of his mental health.

At that point, it looked like Assange would be released soon, yet on January 6, his new bail conditions were denied after an appeal by the United States government.

Media blackout

It appears there is a media boycott, with the *BBC*, *The Guardian* and even formerly supportive US papers like the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* not reporting on a development in Assange's case.

Icelandic media organisation *Stundin* reported on June 26 that a key witness of the United States Department of Justice (DoJ) had admitted to making up accusations in the US indictment case against him.

Again, it is a sign for hope for his release, given the Australian government has been unsupportive so far.

So it was a happy, but wet, birthday celebration in Byron, kicking off gatherings around the world with the demand to finally set him free after nearly a decade in confinement.

From little sculpture, big sculpture grows

Aslan Shand

Monument to the Wet Season by Hannah Massey was the winner of the Ingenuity Maquette Exhibition, held last weekend at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

She won the Retired Gentlemen Of Leisure (RGOL) award of \$8,000 to upscale her work for installation the Mullum Sculpture Walk.

'I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to contribute to the sculpture walk, and to a town that has been my home for over 20 years. It means so much to me,' Hannah told *The Echo*.

Invoke awe

'My sculpture aims to invoke the awe that one feels when at the base of one of the many waterfalls of our region; or the atmosphere when the rain is so heavy and so constant.

'It will be made of many, many ceramic beads strung on stainless steel wire and suspended above a dry water channel.

'On a windy day, I expect the movement of the beads to sound like rain or tumbling water', she said.



From left, RGOL prizewinner Hannah Massey, with Janelle Stanford, Suvira McDonald and fellow sculptor Rebekah Seriah Webster. Rebekah was awarded \$1,000 by Mullum Chamber of Commerce to develop and adapt her piece for installation in the town as street furniture. Photo Jeff Dawson

Rebekah Seriah Webster was awarded \$1,000 by Mullum Chamber of Commerce to develop and adapt her piece for installation in the town as street furniture.

Her piece *Humans Warm To Their New Home* asks the question: 'Does "Home" still mean what it once did?'

said Rebekah in her artist statement.

Heather Stevenson won the Peoples Choice award of \$500 with a delightful sculpture chicken called *Mrs Norris* with feathers made out of willow plate.

'I sourced an entire set of the classic willow pattern china to mosaic Mrs Norris.

The blue-and-white dinnerware raises in me images of old country dressers in softly-lit farmhouse kitchens, with rows of gleaming plates nestling on the shelf,' said Heather in her artist statement.

The two Highly Commended Peoples Choice awards went to Joey Ruigrok and Damien Lucas.

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Evans Head locals call for beach closure over 4WD damage

Last week's Richmond Valley Council meeting saw Councillor Jill Lyons put a motion 'to close the beach from the Airforce Beach entrance at Evans Head through to South Ballina'.

Kingscliff rejects change from tourism accommodation to residential

Two development applications (DA20/0793 and DA21/0070) for the 'change of use' for the Paradiso complex from tourist accommodation to allow dual-use permanent residential and serviced apartments in central Kingscliff were rejected at last Thursday's Tweed Shire Council meeting.

Twenty-five fire crew at Piggabeen house blaze

Fire crews and emergency services were called to a blaze at Piggabeen in the early hours of Monday.

Academy for Indigenous students in Lismore

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in the Northern Rivers will have access to an exciting new training pathway right on their doorstep in 2022.

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Water extraction and truck movements increase denied

Aslan Shand

Plans by Mount Warning Spring Water Company to extract 100 megalitres, a doubling of their current extraction allowance, were rejected at last week's Tweed Shire Council meeting.

Additionally, the company was seeking to significantly extend operating hours for its trucking operations from 4am till 9pm.

The first attempt by the company to expand its operations was a proposal to triple its water extraction allowance (DA 19/0346).

Throughout the DA process, the company faced fierce and organised resident opposition.

While the Tweed Council staff recommendation was to reject the doubling of water extraction, Councillor Bryce Allsop (conservative) told the meeting that the company asked him to delay the decision until they could supply further information.

Councillor Katie Milne (Greens) pointed out that they had already had two years to submit information and said that a 60-day extension was too long.

It was further highlighted that Council would be going into a caretaker mode in



The Mount Warning Spring Water Company sought to increase truck operating hours to 4am till 9pm. Photo supplied

August and it might become an election issue.

'This has been an incredibly fraught process. Make it 30 days. Presumably, they have had this information and to give them another two months seems a bit out of order', Cr Milne said to the meeting.

Mayor Chris Cherry (Independent) highlighted the fact that the outcome would have a direct impact on the local community and that 500 people from the community had made submissions on the DA.

'This DA is about changing the amenity impacts. Talking about changing the hours of truck operation to 4am till 9pm. It is tripling the truck numbers coming through', said Mayor Cherry.

'Their own hydrologist experts say it would have an impact. They have not been able to demonstrate that this is a sustainable use of this resource. We are only delaying the pain. It has already been two years. The experts are telling us what is correct'.

Bottling extraction banned since 2020

Tweed Shire Council removed water bottling extraction from the Local Environment Plan (LEP) on March 6, 2020, which means that while the existing four water extraction and bottling operations can continue, no future ones are likely to be approved.

'When the water bottling issue started, it was not

known about in the local communities,' Councillor Ron Cooper (Independent) told the meeting.

'But it is now known. Having been through a drought that was as bad as it was, and then allowing an increase... that will be exploited in a campaign, even at the state level'.

Councillors Allsop and Warren Polglase (conservative) meanwhile argued for the allocation of more time for the company, saying that it was fair.

Meanwhile, Councillor James Owen (Liberal) told the meeting he felt it was a difficult decision.

'I look at recommendations from staff, and there is a very long list of reasons not to support this', Cr Owen pointed out.

'There is nothing to say that if this is refused, then these people can't bring back another application in the future... I don't think what comes back [if we give them more time now] will change the recommendation - but I don't know. I'm still undecided on this...'

A Tweed Water Alliance spokesperson told *The Echo* that they had spoken during public access and highlighted that the operation

doesn't bring a single cent back to the community, and in fact, the community have to pay to maintain the roads for the large trucks to use safely.

Resource theft, no community benefit

'4am till 9pm? Who do they think they are?' said TWA spokesperson Mr Miller. 'We consider this a theft of a resource [water] from the community for personal profit.'

'We've opposed from the start selling off a public asset for personal profit,' he said.

'I would like to remind Councillors Allsop and Polglase that they voted for the removal of water extraction and bottling from the LEP in March 2020. So why did they want to delay the decision?'

When the decision went to the vote, Councillor Owen supported the staff recommendation of refusal, along with Councillors Cooper, Cherry, and Milne.

Election issue

Mr Miller told *The Echo* that while the DA had been rejected, water extraction will remain an election issue for the upcoming September elections.

Candidates lining up across Tweed, Ballina electorates

Mia Armitage

Independent Ballina Shire councillor and former Greens member, Jeff Johnson, has announced he'll be running for mayor in September's local government elections.

Meanwhile, Lennox Head resident Kiri Dicker is running for The Greens in the Ballina Shire Council election.

Ms Dicker said the party

decided not to run for mayor in the Ballina Shire election since none of the candidates have council experience, although Ms Dicker has campaigned as an independent.

Cr Johnson told *The Echo*, 'I've been on Ballina Council, representing the community for the last three terms and I'm still passionate about representing my community and being involved so I will be

nominating again'.

Cr Johnson said addressing the local Northern Rivers housing crisis was one of his priorities, having recently won the support of his fellow councillors for a new version of the shire's affordable housing policy.

But he expressed a cautionary approach to confronting concerns of inappropriate development.

'I will always put the community first over developers,' he told *The Echo*, 'but Council has to work within its prescribed framework otherwise we would just end up in court all the time and waste money and Council resources'.

Tweed Shire

In Tweed Shire, former Greens mayor and long-term councillor, Katie Milne, is

stepping down and throwing her support behind Murwillumbah local, Dr Nola Firth, and her team.

Dr Nola Firth is the founder of Hospital Hill Landcare in Murwillumbah and an active member of the Caldera Environment Centre.

Tweed resident Julianne Sandison is also on the ticket, and holds a Masters of Environmental Advocacy.

Govt splashes cash at Nimbin

Funding to create a 'Rainbow Road Walking Track' in Nimbin has been announced by the federal and state governments.

At a cost of \$2,546,640, a 1.1km walking track will be built through the popular tourist town, to 'complement existing infrastructure, linking to Nimbin's iconic main street'.

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan (Nationals) claims the project 'will boost economic recovery and create jobs in our community'.

Lismore City Council

mayor, Vanessa Ekens, said, 'This project will make a big difference locally, creating opportunities to increase tourism, employment and economic recovery, as well as building community cohesion and making us more resilient in times of crisis'.

It's part of the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Package, 'one part of the \$4.5 billion overarching bushfire support program co-funded by the Australian and NSW governments for bushfire recovery, response and preparedness in NSW'.

Council rates revenue under review

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) is reviewing the current system for setting council rates revenue (the 'rate pegging system') to include population growth.

The tribunal said in a press release, 'The amount councils currently receive in rates is usually not enough to cover the increased costs associated with population growth'.

'NSW currently caps the total amount of rates each council can collect through the rate peg. For councils

with growing populations, this can result in a reduction in service levels or deteriorating assets because councils currently do not collect enough revenue as their population increases.

'When councils' populations grow, their costs increase at about the same rate. We have looked at a way of incorporating population growth into the rate peg that balances the need to ensure councils are financially sustainable, while protecting ratepayers from excessive rate rises.

'The methodology we have proposed will ensure councils maintain their rates income on a per capita basis as their population grows. This will enable councils to provide services to their growing communities.'

'This is to support the NSW Government's commitment to allow councils to align their rates revenue with population growth'.

Feedback on the draft report is open until August 6. The draft report can be found at <https://bit.ly/3hCydU9>.

Planning Panel rejects 14-townhouse DA on Paterson Street

A proposal to build 14 townhouses and eight swimming pools on constrained land at 103 Paterson Street, Byron Bay, has been refused unanimously by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP). The NRPP is an unelected consent authority that normally overrides Council decision making for large developments valued over \$30m.

Yet in this case, the proposal by Hunter Hopkins Project 7 Pty Ltd included using Council-owned community land for stormwater management, and according to Council planning staff, this triggered the 'regional development category and the DA [requires] to be determined by the NRPP'.

The NRPP determination was made on June 23 and, according to the panel's website, the panel comprised Paul Mitchell (Chair), Penny Holloway, Stephen Gow, Joe Vescio and David Brown.

Refusal reasoning

Residents flagged their concerns for DA 10.2020.474.1, and were supported by a Council staff recommendation for refusal, which was based on 19 issues.



Image from DA 10.2020.474.1

The panel refused the application owing to a lack of owner's consent needed for 'proposed works on SP 47184', an unacceptable accessibility grade of the proposed driveway, and inadequate parking spaces for units H3, T3, T4 and T5

Additionally, 'Post-development runoff velocities and volumes will be higher than pre-development ones...' and 'the height of unit H4 exceeds the building height standard in the Byron LEP 2014'.

'The panel notes that many other problematic issues were identified in the Council's assessment report, some of which could justify

refusal. All the identified issues would need to be addressed in any revised application.

Deferral appeal by developer declined

'The panel also notes that in certain key respects the submitted plans were inconsistent or of poor quality.

'The applicant requested that the panel defer its determination to allow the applicant to submit additional and amended information to address unresolved issues.

'The panel declined to grant a deferral believing that more than sufficient time has been provided

to address the issues in question'.

In coming to its decision, the panel said it considered written submissions made during public exhibition.

The panel said that issues of concern included: 'Owner's consent not granted for drainage works on private property; No easement for drainage works, flooding and stormwater; Fill will remove flood storage capacity; Obstruction/reduction of the natural flow of stormwater; Future flood damage; Overdevelopment, inappropriate scale in location, traffic and parking inadequacies; Noise from people using proposed 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; Insufficient boundary setbacks; Overlooking; Inadequate landscaping; Poor character and amenity; Adverse cumulative impacts; Dangerous access, risks to pedestrian safety; Non-compliance with legislation and other instruments'.



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DA for supermarket, retail, office and car parking expansion next to bypass

A DA to expand and change the use of the former Wicked Weasel warehouse and surrounding land south of Byron's CBD is on public exhibition at Council's website.

The site is located adjacent to the rail corridor and bypass, and consultants for landowners, 156 Jonson St Pty Ltd, claim that works for DA 2021.348 are estimated at \$13.6m and will span approximately 4,000m².

According to a company extract from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's (ASIC), directors of 156 Jonson St Pty Ltd are Adrian Critchlow, David Robertson Trewern, Nicholas Charles Riley, Jason Allan Mcmillan, and Lazar Simeonov.

All members reside in Byron Shire, according to the ASIC extract.

A Harris Farm supermarket is proposed on ground floor, with co-working office space, and bakery/deli/retail tenancy on the upper mezzanine floor.

The supermarket is proposed to operate from 7am till 10pm daily, and a



An artist impression of the proposed entry from Jonson Street. Image from DA 2021.348

consultant report in the DA claims, without evidence, that the supermarket will create around 200 local jobs.

Flood prone

Yet the DA admits that a portion of the site falls within land subject to flooding. And like most of low-lying Byron CBD, a management plan for acid sulfate soils is likely to be prepared 'prior to construction to determine soil treatment specifications'.

Separate carparking for 225 vehicles is proposed on another lot, which was previously reported in *The Echo*.

A separate request has been lodged with Council for land to be rezoned - it runs along the rail corridor and is proposed to be rezoned from SP2 Infrastructure (Rail Corridor) to SP2 Infrastructure (Carpark).

Private carpark

According to the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) within the DA, access to both the ground floor and first floor of the two-storey car park 'shall be

via public road at the southern most end of Jonson Street'.

The SEE claims the carpark will be 'private'.

'The most appropriate long-term use and zone for the land is considered to be carparking based on discussions with Council, and upon consideration of the draft Byron Town Centre Plan, which indicates that additional commercial-zoned land is not required in this area'.

The SEE says that the proposed two-storey carpark provides 'sufficient capacity to well exceed the parking requirements' and as such, 'Surplus carparking provisions provided for in the proposed development are intended to be utilised by the developers in a future re-development...'

Six electrical vehicle (EV) charging areas are also proposed.

An aspiration to install 500KW of solar on the roof of the upper level of the carpark is also contained within the SEE.


'This will generate 810MWh of electricity each year, enough to entirely power 97 houses, and will be sufficient to power all the energy needs of Harris Farm and the co-working space'.

Roof top solar

'The site will have a 500KWh battery bank that will store enough of this electricity to power the site in the evening and through the night'.

'Discussions with Council in the preparation of this application resulted in the adoption of environmental zones at the southern end of the subject site. It is intended to develop a "green wedge" on this portion of the site in which ecological restoration efforts and compensatory plantings can occur'.

Council staff concerns raised within the DA include a lack of public art and drainage, to which the applicant replied that a consultant has been engaged to facilitate public art, and that the southern road corridor, not the rail corridor, will be the stormwater discharge location.



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Plastic Free July's takeaway cup challenge

With Plastic Free July now underway, Mullum Cares is calling on the community to take personal responsibility for single-use cup habits - and kick it.

Founder Sasha Mainsbridge says, 'Imagine that there's no such thing as a take away coffee cup'.

'In this Plastic Free Utopia, you'll be forced to sit down to drink, or go without, if you've forgotten your keep cup. If you commit to this simple change, you'll soon remember to BYO. And all the R&D that's going into finding a non-landfill single-use cup solution can be

redirected to something that actually matters.

'Choosing to refuse means you need to be prepared with your own takeaway needs. That's what Plastic Free July is all about.

Sasha adds her organisation is 'really appreciative that Council is running a "Byron loves BYO" campaign'.

'It's seriously supportive during these challenging Covid times. If a cafe tells you they can't accept keep cups you can just ask, "Would you be able to make my drink in one of your have-here cups, and I'll tip it into my keep cup?" Problem solved!

Mullum Cares is also advocating adding a cutlery pouch to your reusable cup to make a manageable everyday BYO kit.

Pouch Upcycling Workshop

Mullum Cares Salvage Culture Project is hosting Fabric Cutlery Pouch Upcycling Workshops on Saturday July 17 and 24.

To register to attend a workshop or to read about the Plastic Perfect Match competition go to mullum-cares.com.au. For more visit www.plasticfreejuly.org.

Sewage Treatment Plant to be a burial site

Paul Bibby

The Byron Shire is set to finally get its own natural burial ground, with Council formally setting aside land near Mullumbimby for this purpose.

More than 20 years after the idea was first raised by members of the community, councillors voted to designate land near the Brunswick Valley Sewage Treatment Plant on Vallances Road for the burial ground at its last meeting.

Sustainable burial means that rather than being buried in a fancy lacquered

coffin, or contributing to carbon emissions through cremation, a person is buried naturally in a simple coffin that degrades easily.

They are also buried closer to the surface than in a conventional burial process, so that plants, grass and trees can more easily access the nutrients released by the body during decomposition.

Staff unsupportive

Byron Council staff argued against the location of the natural burial ground at the Vallances Road site.

They said that this would

create flood and access issues, and was incompatible with other potential land-use options for the site.

However, councillors disagreed. They told staff to work with members of the community-based Natural Burial Committee to support their development application for the burial ground.

They further allocated \$15,000 in the 2021/22 budget to assist the committee in their work.

Currently, about 80 per cent of people in Australia are cremated – a process that produces about 160kg of carbon

into the atmosphere, per body, as well as dioxins and heavy metals like mercury.

Conventional cemetery burials have an even greater impact on the environment because the process of embalming the body involves the use of formaldehyde – a known carcinogen that seeps into groundwater and the atmosphere.

The wooden coffin is usually lacquered, plastic lined and held together with toxic glues. Furthermore, most modern headstones are made from granite shipped from China.

Bruns foreshores benefits from NSW budget

Public funds have been allocated for projects in Brunswick Heads, earmarked in the recent NSW Budget.

The office of NSW Nationals MLC Ben Franklin told *The Echo* the funding in the budget 'is a continuation of the commitment made by the government and some of this work has been completed or is underway'.

Brunswick Heads foreshore projects, according to Mr Franklin's office, consists

of 'environmental and recreational improvements and upgrades to facilities and amenities at Torakina Reserve, Banner Park, and Terrace Reserve, Brunswick Heads'.

'The improvement will provide much-needed facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of locals and visitors and will resolve the ongoing degradation of the reserves'.

In Banner Park a new playground, paths, park furniture, landscaping and

sculpture is planned, along with 'Improved creek access stairs and ramps, rock wall repairs, terrace erosion and creek access points'.

Pathways and renos

In Terrace Park, plans include, 'Additions to and renovation of amenities building including two compliant disabled toilets'.

New pathways, a children's playground and upgrading of park furniture,

BBQ and picnic facilities and landscaping are planned.

And in Torakina Reserve, the amenities building will be renovated, 'including two compliant disabled toilets'.

A new public car park will be constructed, and the Torakina Beach carpark upgraded.

Franklin's office also says pathways and associated infrastructure between Simpsons Creek and Torakina Beach will be upgraded.



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A cheery new report!

A report that examined the loss of 'woody vegetation' across NSW in 2019 was released by Department of Planning, Industry & Environment last week.

The 15-page summary looked at clearing that was owing to agriculture, forestry and infrastructure activities.

It puts into sharp focus the Liberal-National government's promises to protect the state's biodiversity credentials after it overhauled environmental laws in 2016.

In short, the Liberal-National government axed the *Native Vegetation Act 2003*, *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001* and sections of the *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974*.

The *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* was then introduced.

By March 2020, *The Guardian* reported 'NSW land-clearing approvals increased 13-fold since laws relaxed in 2016'.

Anyway the new report, entitled *Woody Vegetation Change, Statewide Landcover and Tree Study*, says that, 'The calculated annual loss of woody vegetation for 2019 was 54,500 hectares, or 0.08 per cent of the area of NSW'.

That's nearly one per cent of land in NSW cleared every year. How sustainable is that?

Eighty six per cent of all clearing was accounted for by agricultural practices, say the authors, and 'Clearing activities related to infrastructure accounted for the remaining 14 per cent of vegetation loss, which was comparable to the previous year's figures'.

If we back up a few more years, the picture wasn't much better.

In August 2018, *The Guardian* reported a combined native vegetation report for 2014-2016 was released by the OEH, after an eight-month battle by *Guardian Australia*, using freedom of information laws to secure its release.

It showed 'a sharp spike in native vegetation cleared legally in NSW during 2015-16, with 7,390 hectares cleared, double the 10-year average and eight times the area cleared in 2013-14'.

Nature Conservation Council chief executive Chris Gambian said the new report demonstrates that 150 hectares of habitat is lost each day in NSW - 'Almost twice the average annual rate recorded before the coalition overhauled nature laws in 2016'.

'Using widely accepted data on wildlife population densities, clearing on that scale would have killed up to 9 million animals - mammals, birds and reptiles - in just 12 months.'

'The coalition promised its new laws would enhance protections for bushland and wildlife.'

'These figures, and the rising number of threatened species, shows the laws completely fail to deliver on that promise.'

'More than 1,020 plants and animals are now threatened with extinction in NSW, about 20 more than when the scheme was introduced.'

'The 74 per cent of clearing is designated as "unexplained" in this report shows the government has lost control of deforestation in NSW.'

So presumably NSW Labor, under newly minted leader Chris Minns, can do better?

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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

Voters to blame for political corruption

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice...

There was a moment during Simon Birmingham's interview on the ABC's *Insiders* on Sunday which really laid bare the impressive gall of the federal government.

The senator from SA is almost unique in the Morrison government's frontbench in that he hasn't presided over at least one astonishing personal or political scandal, giving the welcome impression that he's a high performer in a government otherwise consumed by defamation cases, allegations of sexual abuse, misuse of public money, or whatever category Robodebt falls under.

So when this paragon of basic competence was asked how he might justify the recently revealed pork-barrelling exercise that was the coalition's pre-election promises of commuter carparks, he dismissed the question with 'The Australian people had their chance and voted the government back in, and we're determined to get on and deliver those election promises that we made in relation to local infrastructure'.

Ah, sorry: so it's all the public's fault. Sorry for disturbing you, senator!

Now, it might seem a stretch to suggest that the voting public approve mightily of a \$660 million pork-barrelling exercise, much less consider it quality government at work.

And rightly so, because the claim is not remotely true.

The voters of Australia barely got the government over the line in 2019, and at that point couldn't possibly be aware that the infrastructure spending being promised in their electorates was, for the most part, never going to happen.

In fact, of the 47 commuter carparks promised in 2019, two have been completed and eight were cancelled.

Another 11 of the carparks haven't even had preliminary assessments as to whether they comply with



'This is a government that ignored its own departmental advice in order to keep Robodebt alive'

Andrew P Street

eligibility, over two years down the track, because no proposal for their construction has even been submitted.

(Mind you, it's also worth remembering that it was while taking responsibility for a still-nonexistent commuter carpark in Campbelltown that Angus Taylor memorably forgot to change his Facebook profile to that of a pretend constituent before praising him with 'Fantastic. Great move. Well done Angus'.)

So Birmingham was sidestepping the truth with his comment.

What is true, however, is that if the people of Australia return the Morrison government then it won't be because they don't know what they're going to do, but because they do.

Look at the legacy of Scott Morrison's government right now, and what it's achieved over during its tenure.

This is a government that ignored its own departmental advice in order to keep Robodebt alive, despite it being clear that there were significant problems with the way debts were being calculated and the inevitability of a massive settlement that cost the public a further \$1.2 billion.

This is a government that is now six months into an internal inquiry to find out what it knew about the alleged rape of Brittany Higgins - a process which really shouldn't take more than an afternoon, given everything that is already on record - and has been spending that time backgrounding against her and her partner to compliant journalists instead.

This is a government who angrily denied the pre-election suggestion of Medicare cuts as Labor lies, and then quietly instituted cuts to Medicare.

And of course, there's the ongoing debacle that is the mishandling of the response to COVID-19.

Not only is Australia holding its breath that the Greater Sydney outbreak will be contained, with the lockdown still open-ended at the time of writing, owing to the utter inadequacy of the federal government's vaccine rollout (memorably defended by the PM with 'it's not a race'), but the inadequate quarantine response has led to the knee-jerk slashing of new arrivals without consultation with airlines who are now weighing up whether it's economically worth flying passenger aircraft into Australia at all.

And meanwhile thousands of people, including hundreds of unaccompanied children, still desperately want to return home 16 months into our border closures.

Re-electing the Morrison government means pork barrelling marginals with imaginary carparks is not merely fine, but the epitome of good government.

It means saying that dodging responsibility on public health and climate action is not merely expected but encouraged.

And it means that bullying women and committing sexual assault should be brushed under the carpet with no repercussions for anyone other than the victim.

So Birmingham might have been wrong about the last election, but he'd be right about the next one.

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If one house has six parked occupant vehicles belonging to multiple renters in its driveway on Alidenes Road, imagine what would happen if there were 15 houses (similar to the one built there, now), and squeezed into a small parcel of land?

We chose to live in Wilsons Creek, instead of the Gold Coast. We chose quiet, peaceful surroundings.

So perturbed are we, as owner-occupiers, about the proposed subdivision of an owner-developer's property near the Wilsons Creek Alidenes Road property where we live that we again openly express a few more concerns.

We reiterate our disappointment at lack of community consultation before Council's seeming okaying and wanting to push ahead with this 'not okay' proposal.

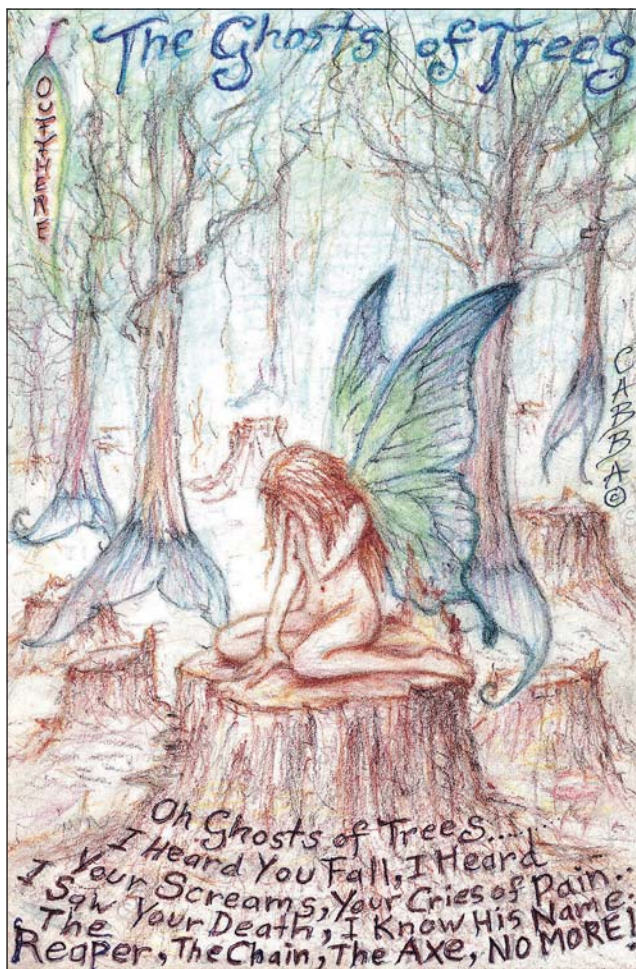
We are not persuaded by judgment and opinion potentially based on possibly limited sampling of conditions of a place and space.

Max and Beverly Joffe
Wilsons Creek

Elements existing DA

Well, well, well, the area that the shonky section of councillors, and Council's planners, proposes to rezone for development on the Elements site (formerly owned by Becton and Club Med) is actually part of the 57ha that was supposed to be transferred to the adjacent Nature Reserve in the State Government Becton Consent Condition.

It appears that residents, who for decades have risen up to protect the site from overdevelopment, have had some belated success, as Becton and the



Cartoon Gary Cavanagh – Instagram: @gary_cavanagh.

next purchaser, Elements, forgot to activate the State Government Consent, which includes – 'That 57 hectares in the north and west are to be transferred to a public authority'.

Becton purchased the site with 78 tourist accommodation units, and originally proposed an increase up to 728. After major public opposition, Becton reduced their proposal to 144 units, but the impacts did not stack up for Council who rejected even that (where have those sort of community responsive, environmentally sensitive councillors gone?). Whereupon Becton took the development application (DA) to the state government who passed it. But, as it remained unactivated, that

consent is now stale and invalid, and the site only retains the development consent in place prior to the Becton DA.

The councillors who voted to rezone it, which includes all of the green (wash) councillors, demonstrated no concerns for the site's ecology, or even understanding of what existing planning consents were in place, which evidences their incapacity for re-election. Ndiaye is an anathema on the new Greens election ticket, and the other detritus of ex-Greens councillors who have coagulated into the Lyon group. This includes the ex-councillor Westheimer who used to (still does?) run an investment Holiday Let unit in the Bay. Does he support

Lyon's holiday-letting restrictions? They have also, again, portrayed their incapacity to oversee Shire development. For me, Crs Coorey and Cameron are the only councillors that retain any merit for re-election.

My correspondence with the GM on this Elements planning mess is as yet to clarify how Council will respond. The Becton Consent was not supported by the community or Council. Should there be attempts to bulldoze the Rezoning through, then the 'No Becton Bay' campaign may have to be revisited and re-badged to No Elements Enclave?

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

Councils abused

I sympathise with Balina councillor Ben Smith's outburst at the NSW government, as reported by David Lowe in last week's *Echo*. Cr Smith described the relationship between councils and the government as 'abusive', with councils expected to absorb growing financial shortfalls without being able to charge appropriate levies.

It has been ever thus. In my 20-plus years as a journalist and editor for *The Echo*, I often observed the Macquarie Street MPs, the Department of Local Government and the state planners treat country councillors as yokels who needed to be placated, abused or lied to.

Countless planning 'strategies' have been dished up, peppered with buzzwords such as 'sustainable growth', but rarely adhered to, especially when a minister finds him/herself at lunch with a prominent developer.

Councils have been admonished to rein in their financial profligacy because, heaven knows, the state government never played fast and loose with the public purse.

The only defence against the hubris of the state seems to be when citizens who have attracted the attention of the news media rise up with firebrands and pitchforks to protect their region. (In case the AFP is reading this, the last sentence contains a mildly amusing allusion to Frankenstein movie tropes, not an actual call to arms.)

Michael McDonald
Bairnsdale VIC

I Love Mullum

When the vaccine passport kicks in I hope all you anti-vaxxers really love Mullum.

Mick Malloy
Suffolk Park

A little control?

Dog controls – is there any chance Byron Council could start properly funding and enforcing animal control across the Shire?

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Stomach that – liquid from cow stomachs digests plastic

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Bacteria from the stomach of a cow can digest some plastic, removing it from the environment, according to a team of Austrian researchers.

The polymers that plastics are made from usually aren't digestible by ordinary organisms – be they animal, plant or bacteria – meaning the molecules accumulate in the environment very easily.

While there has been some success in recent years finding microbes that can digest plastic polymers, the idea has so far been focused on individual organisms, usually breaking down individual plastics.

This new research, published in *Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology*, has found a combination of bacteria from cow stomachs to be more effective at digesting three different polyesters, including the common and long-lasting polyethylene terephthalate, or PET.

The researchers, who are based at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, collected liquid from rumens (one of the four components of



Polyesters can break down in rumen fluid. Photo Shutterstock

a cow's stomach) from a slaughterhouse.

Polyester hydrolysis

'A huge microbial community lives in the rumen reticulum and is responsible for the digestion of food in the animals,' says Doris Ribitsch, corresponding author on the study.

'We suspected that some biological activities could also be used for polyester hydrolysis.'

Hydrolysis – using water to break down molecules – is

an effective method of dealing with polymers, because it divides the long, difficult-to-digest molecules into smaller pieces. These molecules can then be easily processed further by the cow's stomach liquid, or by other organisms in the environment, in the same way as their naturally occurring counterparts in plants are.

The researchers incubated three different polyester plastics – PET, and two biodegradable plastics, PBAT (polybutylene adipate

terephthalate) and PEF (polyethylene furanoate) – in the rumen liquid. All three of these plastics are made exclusively from carbon, hydrogen and oxygen atoms – meaning that once hydrolysed, they can ultimately become things like sugars, water, or carbon dioxide.

■ Links to references available in *The Echo* online at: www.echo.net.au.

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Luke Baggs
South Golden Beach

Beehive

A few months back, a small Banksia tree fell at the edge of the firebreak near the Cowper St pathway to the beach. A pretty red-leafed vine was growing on it, and attached to that was a large active beehive, buzzing with bees. Somehow, it fell in a way that saved the hive, which was suspended only a couple of inches from the grassy ground.

On Sunday, I had a look at it with my grandson but on Monday was dismayed to see large tyre marks on the slope leading up to where the hive was and the vine and hive now a tangled, broken mess in a pile.

The tyre tracks were similar to ones where the Council slasher had been working not far away, behind Marvell Hall on the same day.

It disturbs me greatly that in this day and age, when there is so much information out there on the importance of bees and the need to keep them flourishing, that such an act could take place.

Why was a beekeeper not brought in to remove the hive to a less public place if the possibility of a member of the public being stung was at issue here?

And if it was an act done by a Council drone (worker, not camera), how is it that there is so much disconnect between our predominantly green Council and its workers?

Phoebe Havyatt
Byron Bay

Electric cars

It is true that for a small country like Norway distance and recharging of vehicles is not an issue as it is in Australia.

Some time ago I saw on television a car design that I think could be suitable for Australian conditions. When the battery ran flat in this car you simply reached in, lifted it out and replaced it with a charged battery. No tightening of screws, joining of wires or other procedure required.

Being able to carry a spare battery or maybe two with you on your journey should solve the problem of range anxiety.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Political opportunism

When I saw that mayoral aspirant Mark Swivel was hosting a post-Buck\$ AVO seminar I was struck by what appeared to be political opportunism. Noting a current AVO plaintiff was the keynote speaker did nothing to dispel this impression.

From the Buck\$ ad last week it appears Mr Swivel may be hoping to ride to electoral glory on the issue; his candidate announcement certainly needs a bit of work.

The plaintiff in question seems to have gone quiet, doubtless waiting anxiously for written support from the fearless males that decorate

the other slots on the Greens ticket.

I recall that when Buck\$ was a councillor (yes, Clyde, he was) he appeared at a meeting in full Jesus Christ rig (forgotten the issue).

I hope he has kept the costume as it appears there is more than one party out there busily constructing crosses for him.

Tom Tabart
Victoria

Work buys freedom?

What happens to people who reject the pursuit of wealth as the primary focus of adult life? Does anyone have a choice?

Are we free or able to exist outside the mainstream or must we sell our time and labour to sustain our life? Is capitalistic exploitation the only pathway we have to follow? Do we have to be independently wealthy before we can choose to live an alternative lifestyle?

What happens to people who can't compete in the marketplace, ordinary people who have no special gifts or talents to nurture, who lack confidence or abilities or perhaps simply have no opportunity to pursue a career? Some never find a niche in our competitive workplaces.

They have nowhere to run. They have no means to survive. Do we let them rot and die? Or can we set them free and let them be?

Michele Grant
Ocean Shores

Minute a Question!

In the past two months I have issued the Byron Shire Council (BSC) three times with a Question on Notice (QON).

Last week, I submitted a QON to Council with ample time and was given a formal receipt; which included my request to attend the Council meeting (24 June) in person and read my question. Unfortunately, I was not given the opportunity to (my one minute was going to hold the meeting up), even though I had waited patiently for two hours for my turn to be heard.

Here is the Question on Notice I submitted: 'If Council has not received any information about Telco carriers' plans for the deployment of 5G millimetre wave infrastructure, why has it not requested such information from carriers, as it is entitled to do under the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code and has been requested of Council on a number of occasions?'

A variant of this question has been asked multiple times by multiple people to date. Frankly, I am at a loss to understand why Council does not want to obtain such important information. The community deserves to have access to this information before it's too late to object.

Sher Roberts
South Golden Beach

■ Other 5G letters have been published online at www.echo.net.au/letters.

'Good News' paper

Many years down the track and still we fight on... on so many levels.

Looking back at what now seem idyllic, positive times, I recall a local newspaper started by a Buddhist woman back in the '90s... a

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'Good News' paper. It was so calming and feelgood to find out good things people had done or accomplished. Didn't last for too long but it was a revelatory read while it did.
Maybe there's just way too much negative shit going on as we stare down the approaching apocalypse. But perhaps *The Echo* could contemplate even a small regular column with this positive bent in mind? We don't want the community getting worn down with negativity and depression so perhaps a bit of good news is in order?

One good thing happening this past week was the Mind Medicine Australia Symposium held in Byron Bay – the work of this charitable organisation out to change the world of mental health.
I would love to read a Good News column especially as we've lost the lovely other-worldly input of Mary Gardner.

Trude Helm
Myocum

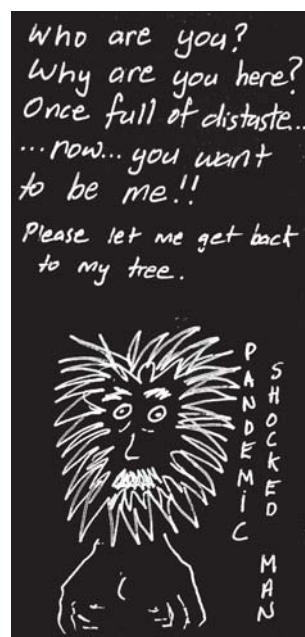
Right to choice

In response to Dean's letter re the right to choice in the vaccine matter, he said exactly what I have been thinking but wouldn't have put it as well as Dean did.

I am amazed at how pro-vaccine *The Echo* seems to be. A big ad on page 5 urging us all to step up, so we all can be safe.

I also am concerned at how vitriolic the letters to the editor are, insulting all those who feel they have the right to decide if they want to put poison in their bodies or not.

Why is everyone suddenly believing the government,



Cartoon by PK Violet

the Big Pharma and all the big powers? Have they actually proven trustworthy? Why is no-one allowed to say anything against the jab that the government tells us to have? When was any government concerned for its citizens?

We all have the right to question what we put in our bodies, our children's and our grandchildren's.

Wil Ash
Mullumbimby

More COVID letters have been published online at www.echo.net.au/letters.

Power to change

I have a dream. I dream of a community where individuals hold the power of change. Where people are engaged with each other and the world around them. Where politics is within each individual.

I have a dream for such a community to come alive in a space of collaboration and exchange. Where people can become people of change. I dream of such a space

where books help us think, poets help us envision, art and music help bring our ambitions alive. Where we dare to think differently, on the condition that we think it through. And learn that thinking it through means we have to think together.

I dream for that space to be in Mullum. Where the writer, thinker, poet and artist embodied in all of us can come together each day to imagine, discuss and enact a different world. A place surrounded by books, art and music that inspire and challenge. Those resources not easily accessible to us – writers, thinkers and artists who fall through the cracks.

A place where utopias are enacted, not merely thought about. I can't dream my dream alone. Only if the dream is a shared dream can it turn into a collective will. And once there is a collective will, anything is possible.

Iris Kojeve
Main Arm

Economics

Helena Norberg Hodge's regurgitation of the merits and otherwise of her beloved 'localisation' reveals a paucity of real-world political and social economic knowledge, in her rebuttal of my *Echo* letter (16 June).

More disturbingly is the citation of Via Campensina to bolster her argument, while completely silent on the fundamental tenets of Via Campensina – Struggle and Solidarity of oppressed and exploited third-world farmers, and this should include all workers in the capitalist neo-liberal world, where profit remains the dominant value.

Then to 'question' why society has reached the levels of social/ income, wealth inequalities, is staggeringly, incredibly ignorant and beyond reproach.

The eco-village movement genesis was the Findhorn intentional community in Scotland around the early '60s. It is stated the this movement is still in the embryonic stages by its proponents, while I would argue that its idealism and middle-class mysticism have prevented a sobering assessment of today's realpolitik for establishing a new paradigm of politics and living, supplanting global neo-liberalism.

Then to claim naively again that 'localisation' does provide a 'safety net' and 'blueprint' is ridiculous in the extreme, and completely ignores the social relationships and dynamics in the economic, neo-liberal political sense.

To go on and then claim 'localisation' offers our best hope for reversing climate change is again a total misunderstanding of how the structures and power dynamics of neo-liberalist capitalism are designed, and used, with the resultant effects it has on Earth's planetary ecosystems, which are deteriorating and degrading dramatically.

It's not that many years ago that Ms Norberg Hodge boasted that it would be the 'middle classes' that would be the agents of change for ousting capitalist neo-liberalism – whatever happened?

However, I eagerly await to know how Ms Norberg Hodge will achieve this objective in her idealistic localisation paradise?

May I politely suggest, Helena, take the challenge up and actively participate, engage in the upcoming local government elections and political debate, which I am sure would be interesting, from the point of view of 'localisation' and how it resonates with the community? Think global, act local?

Boyd Kellner

CHES by Ian Rogers

12-year-old Abhimanyu Mishra has broken Sergey Karjakin's longstanding record to become the youngest Grandmaster of all time. Mishra earned the record the hard way, having lost almost all of 2020 to the pandemic and then competing, masked, for the past three months in Hungary.

Two years earlier Mishra had broken the record for the youngest International Master of all time, his rapid progress helped by the Kasparov Chess Foundation which provided a coach, Alexander Chernin, and six monthly masterclasses with former World Champion Garry Kasparov himself.

In February and March this year, Mishra competed successfully in two Charlotte tournaments and then headed to Hungary where, with a substantial entry fee, he could play in round-robin Grandmaster tournaments in Budapest non-stop – up to three events per month.

After an initial failure, Mishra hit form, scoring Grandmaster norms in two consecutive events at the end of April and start of May. In the second event he finished three points clear of the

field in first place and it seemed that the sky was the limit.

However, by 2021 the pressure of needing just one more outstanding result seemed to weigh heavily as Mishra floundered in his next three Budapest events. Finally in last week's Vezerkepzo tournament, with the help of both ingenuity and a large dose of luck, Mishra became a Grandmaster.

■ In the position below Mishra, playing Black against the 15-year-old(!) top seed, GM Leon Mendonca, has been losing for many moves and had White played 48.b4! He would have won and ended Mishra's record hope. However, Mendonca incautiously went for 48.Ke5 and was shocked by 48...Nf3+! With only 70 seconds on the clock, White missed that 49.Kf4 Nxe5 50.Nxe5 Kxe3 51.b4! would still hold the game and after 49.gxf3? exf3 50.Bh4 g5! 51.Bf2 Ke2 52.b4 Kxf2 53.b5 Kxe3 54.b6 f2 55.b7 f1(Q), he was forced to resign since 56.b8(Q) loses to 56...Qf4+.



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‘Listening to Truth Telling’: First Nations stories highlighted at Byron Writers Festival

The 2021 Byron Writers Festival will use its platform as a renowned literary and cultural gathering to share and amplify the stories of Australia’s eminent and emerging First Nations writers at the Festival site on Arakwal country, where stories have been told for thousands of years. Writers and Festival patrons will be welcomed to the Festival grounds on Friday 6 August by Arakwal community leader Delta Kay and the Bunyarra Dancers.

‘In its 25th year Byron Writers Festival once again showcases its commitment to platforming some of the best First Nations thinkers, poets and authors from across the continent. Festival goers are offered a powerful and generous program that promises to provoke, connect and invite audiences into different ways of thinking, doing and being,’ says author, senior editor at *black&write!* and Byron Writers Festival Board member Grace Lucas-Pennington.

Get Ready for a Blak-Out: First Nations Creative Practice

Award-winning author, poet, historian and activist Tony Birch (*The White Girl, Whisper Songs, Dark as Last Night*) features as one of the Festival’s first guest curators, broadening the program’s depth and resonance. One of Birch’s highlight panels includes ‘Get Ready for a Blak-Out: First Nations Creative Practice’ on Saturday 7 August featuring ABC Radio National’s *Away!* presenter and Byron Writers Festival Board member Daniel Browning, 2020 NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year Kirli Saunders and celebrated visual artist and academic Dr Fiona Foley.

‘Byron Writers Festival is a wonderful event. It’s a great place to tell and listen to First Nations stories,’ says Tony Birch.

Jiman Bundjalung author, Professor Judy Atkinson, will deliver the Festival’s annual Thea Astley Keynote Address on Saturday 7 August, entitled ‘Listening to Truth Telling’. Atkinson’s ground-breaking book *Trauma Trails, Recreating Song Lines: The Transgenerational Effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia* offers a pathway to healing through the listening and telling of stories.

‘Truth-telling is hard. It takes courage. Confronting the past may be hard, painful, shameful but pathways open, and we can see a future that can hold all our stories. For these stories are our future,’ says Professor Atkinson.

Trailblazers: Women Who Have Made a Difference

Author of the best-selling guide to Indigenous Australia, *Welcome to Country*, Professor Marcia Langton will also explore the Festival’s overarching theme of ‘stories that heal, connect and create change’ on Festival Sunday; first in conversation with Erik Jensen, then on the illuminating panel ‘Trailblazers: Women Who Have Made a Difference’.



The Festival is honoured to welcome national treasure and ARIA Hall of Fame Inductee Archie Roach. Friday’s program will feature Archie Roach in conversation with Daniel Browning to share his life-story as told in his memoir *Tell Me Why* – an unforgettable story of love and heartbreak, family and community, survival and renewal – and music. On the Saturday evening, Archie will perform a special concert at NORPA in Lismore. ‘It’s going to be particularly special to play on Bundjalung country, where my father was from,’ says Roach.

Dr Fiona Foley’s powerful book *Biting the Clouds* addresses the historical and ongoing inherent silences, errors and injustices from the perspective of her people, the Badtjala of K’gari (Fraser Island). Foley shines a critical light on the little-known colonial-era practice of paying Indigenous workers in opium and the ‘solution’ of then displacing them to K’gari. Foley will also host a free Artist Talk at a Festival Satellite Event at the Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah on Sunday 8 August.

The Power of Words

Acclaimed Goorie novelist, Miles Franklin award winner Melissa Lucashenko (*Too Much Lip*) will add insight to the theme ‘stories that heal’ on Saturday’s panel, ‘The Power of Words’.

Gunaikurnai writer Veronica



Marcia Langton



Archie Roach



Evelyn Araluen



Mitch King



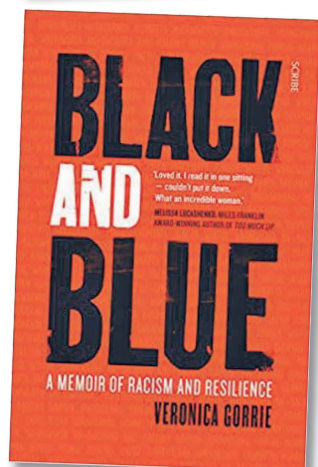
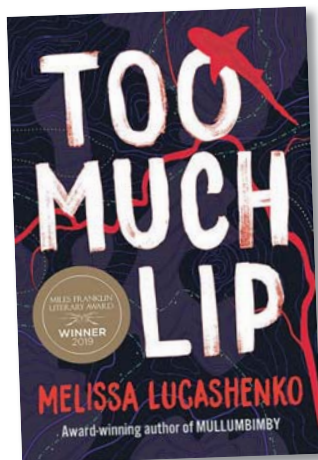
Mia Thom



Victor Steffensen

Heritage-Goorie, will discuss her powerful debut memoir, *Black and Blue* that shares her story of working as a police officer and fighter for justice both within and beyond the Australian police force.

The power and importance of language is explored by a strong contingent of First Nations poets at this year’s Byron Writers Festival including Tony Birch, Evelyn Araluen, Kirli Saunders, Jazz Money and Julie Janson who is a recipient of the Oodgeroo Noonuccal Indigenous Poetry Prize. A highlight session, curated by Tony Birch, includes ‘Weaving Words for Country: Poetry for a Story of Place’ on Saturday afternoon.



Elemental: Fire, Earth, Water

Environmental consultant Victor Steffensen is co-founder of the National Indigenous Fire Workshops and his recent book, *Fire Country*, explores how Indigenous fire management could help save



Australia. On Friday Victor will share his important knowledge of our country in ‘Elemental: Fire, Earth, Water’ and later in the panel ‘Small Green Shoots; Nature and Healing’.

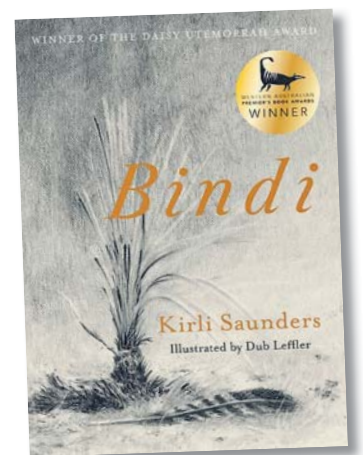
Young Bundjalung climate activist Mia Thom is co-organiser of the School Strike 4 Climate movement within the Byron Shire and was named Byron’s Young Citizen of the Year. Mia appears in Saturday’s program presenting a powerful and hopeful view on the panel ‘I Want to Change the World’.

Bundjalung Yaegl hip-hop artist and writer Mitch King and Bundjalung arts leader Rhoda Roberts OAM will discuss the creation of *Flow* for locally based theatre

company NORPA in collaboration with Yaegl elders. Rhoda Roberts was recently appointed NORPA’s Creative Director First Nations.

For Children

Gunai woman and award-winning children’s author, poet, teacher and artist Kirli Saunders will discuss her works during Sunday morning’s Kids Big Day Out including *The Incredible Freedom Machines, Bindi* and *Kindred*.



Make a Donation

Join these First Nations writers and many more at Byron Writers Festival 2021 to celebrate the power of story as a means to connect, heal and make change.

Every year Byron Writers Festival fundraises for the important work undertaken by the Indigenous Literary Foundation. Festival patrons are encouraged to make a donation in one of the orange boxes that will be circulating the Festival site with volunteers or at the ILF tent.

Coastal erosion in Byron Bay – a solution?

Steve Hansen

Erosion in Byron Bay appears out of control and may have the potential to threaten the welfare of the town.

Solutions proposed over the years have included building a rock seawall and importing large amounts of sand from elsewhere.

A Council release from April 2021 indicates plans to restore sand dunes by beach scraping, sand trapping, fence restoration and dune revegetation. It is suggested that these approaches will be implemented 'once the sand rebuilds'.

The rebuilding of the sand appears to be the core of the problem. This may be impeded by the phenomenon of 'headland bypassing', which occurs when sand is transported from one beach to another around an obstacle, such as a headland, and, in the absence of the appropriate

conditions in terms of wave direction and strength, fails to deposit sand in the area directly behind the obstacle.

Sand mining

A study from 1991 identified a pattern of sand movement that sees sand removed by summer storms, and redistributed by winter conditions, typically resulting in a build up at Little Wategos and The Pass, and a removal of sand at Wategos and Clarkes/Main beach.

But the vegetation currently growing on the Clarkes/Main Beach foreshore may be part of the problem. After sand mining finished on the beach and in the dunes of that area in 1968, the area was left a barren wasteland until 1973, after which the dunes were reformed and revegetated.

In a healthy dune system several vegetation zones should succeed each other: a hind dune with tall trees like

melaleucas should sit behind a foredune with medium-sized plants like banksias, which should sit behind a primary dune with low colonising species like spinifex.

In front of that should be a beach berm with open sand and a swash zone where waves roll up and down. It is crucial that this berm and swash zone present a low, flat profile to the sea, so that when waves surge, as they do after storms, their energy can be dissipated without doing any damage. Then as they peter out, the sand they contain can be deposited, aiding in the reinforcement of the beach structure. Loose sand can then be redistributed by the wind, further flattening the beach profile.

However, when vegetation grows too close to the water's edge, wave energy is reflected by the obstacle of root-bound sand, rather than dissipated by open flat sand. This results in the removal

of sand, and the development of an escarpment, as is currently the case. That escarpment then becomes self-perpetuating.

This would indicate that removing the vegetation and flattening the escarpment would be the solution.

In 2014 the council of Woonona, in southern NSW, did exactly that. Faced with deteriorating erosion, as an experiment they cleared a part of their foreshore of all vegetation, while leaving other, erosion-affected parts as they were.

The cleared area was then flattened out. When the storms came the cleared area was able to absorb the impact of surging waves, and natural processes repaired any damage done. The control areas continued to erode, and to develop larger escarpments.

Therefore the solution to our current erosion problem may well be the removal



Beach access track at Byron Bay. Photo Steve Hansen



Post Mining Erosion "Management" - Belongil Beach 1972 (Photo EJW)

of those banksias and pandanus still standing, and a flattening of the escarpment, rather than a reinforcing of it.

While this would be a radical remodelling of what's left of the area between Lawson Street and the beach, this process is currently undertaken by the sea already,

whether we like it or not.

The removal of vegetation goes against all our environmental conservation instincts. Would we be able to do it?

■ Steve Hansen is a former bush regenerator and Parks and Wildlife Service ranger.

ECHO FEATURE

From the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce

It was fantastic to see the Byron Music Festival was able to hold their event in the ever changing landscape of COVID related closures and lockdowns. Congratulations to Monique Hartman and the Byron Music Festival team for delivering a wonderful event, with an all local line-up of music, street food and markets.

Unfortunately the business community was again faced with another round of interstate and NSW COVID restrictions, which have heavily impacted turnover and foot traffic through the Byron Shire during the school holidays. The timing could not have been worse, following the COVID related restrictions in Easter. For those who aren't aware the NSW Government has announced a major new grants package and changes to the Dine & Discover program to help small businesses in NSW who have been impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions. The package includes grants of between \$5000 and \$10,000 for small businesses, payroll tax deferrals for all employers, and an extension of the Dine & Discover program to 31 August. For more information please get on the Service NSW Website or reach out to the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce and we can put you in touch with the appropriate person at Service NSW.

Thank you to all who attended the last Business After Hours at the Byron Bay Services Club. The evening was co-sponsored by Service NSW and the Byron Bay Services Club. We had a strong community turnout and, as always, it was great to see the business community getting together to talk all things business in Byron.

We do have a strong line-up of business after hours and educational events planned for July and August, however we are going to assess the current COVID restrictions as we get closer to the events, to make sure the community's safety is placed as our top priority and to ensure we are following all NSW Health requirements events wise. We will be updating on our website and socials regarding the status of the coming events as we get closer to the dates. Until then, stay safe and all the best in business!

**Mark Ryan, President
Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce**

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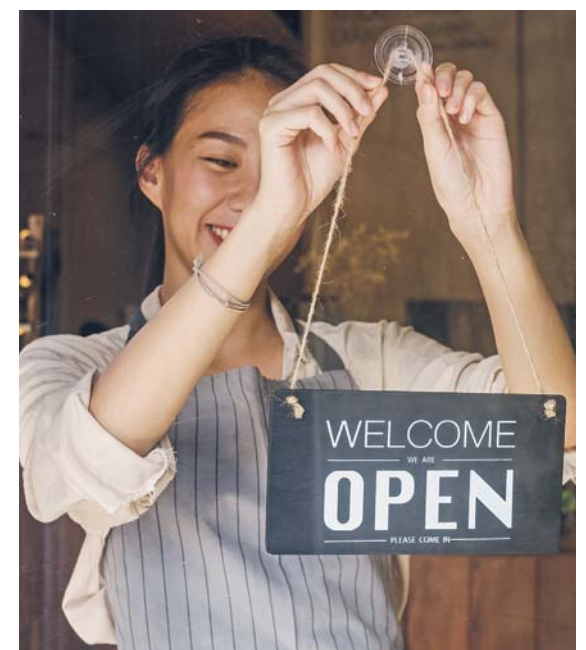
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BIG REWARD - NO QUESTIONS ASKED

From Paris to a leafy corner in Bruns

There are not many things more romantic than meeting your life partner in the 'city of love' and that's exactly what happened for husband-and-wife team Anna Mortimer and Aymeric Albores when they met in Paris, where Anna trained and worked as a chef and Aymeric was managing restaurants.

Anna and Aymeric's Honour is a celebration of their time in Europe. It's a relaxed eatery, with a market-based menu in Brunswick Heads.

The ever-changing menu is inspired by both Anna's French training and the abundant produce available in the Northern Rivers. More than 90 per cent of Honour's fresh produce comes directly from either the Mullum or Byron Farmers Market.

'My time in France has undoubtedly coloured my approach to food. It's produce driven, stripped back, and usually requires bread for mopping. I learnt very quickly that you don't need to do much when the



Left: Aymeric and Anna love their little slice of Europe in the Byron Shire. Above: beetroot, stracciatella and candied walnuts. Right: chicken espelette lemon and herb terrine.



produce is this good.'

Brisbane-born Anna worked at famed fine diners Septime and Verjus in Paris, before taking to butchery in Melbourne at Andrew McConnell's Meatsmith. Honour serves a bounty of housemade goods that Anna makes by hand from capicola ham.

French-born Aymeric runs the front of house and

sources interesting and hard-to-find wines. 'All our wines tell a story of people and place,' he says. 'We support small family producers that make great wines, which are natural, biodynamic, or organic. We have a solid wine list of mainly Australian, French, and Italian wines and a blackboard by the glass that rotates weekly. We offer a lot of wines that you

won't find anywhere else in the region. I feel like we have something for everyone.'

Anna loves having access to wonderful produce and the ability to change her menu weekly based on what is at its peak. 'Visiting the Mullum Farmers market each week is such a joy. I think what we have here in the Northern Rivers is really unique.'

Anna says when they moved to the region four years ago it was because they wanted to have a restaurant that was part of a community. 'I think we've found that on our leafy corner here in Bruns. Our customers tell us they feel like they are back in Europe when they dine with us and really we couldn't hope for anything more.'

Honour is open for dinner and drinks Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5pm with bar snacks from 3pm. Bookings are recommended and walk-ins are welcome. Honour has a special ticketed event July 14 for Bastille Day. It's a traditional three-course set menu to celebrate France's national day.

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A touch of Heart and Halo from Tusta Das

Lisa Maych

Fair citizens of the Byron Shire... there is good news afoot. And it's tasty!

The much-loved Heart and Halo – hearty, nutritious, made-with-love food – will now be at the Mullum Farmers Markets on a fortnightly basis, and what they're serving up will warm you from your heart to your bones.

Owner Tusta Das, who ran Heart and Halo as a shop in Byron Bay for many years, now creates the delicious food from his home in Murwillumbah. He distributes these to local shops and health-food stalls as frozen meals, and will now be selling them at your local farmers market.

The meals are the perfect choice when you want something easy on a Friday, but aren't willing to compromise on nutrition or flavour for the sake of convenience. 'To me they're medicine,' says Tusta. 'And the farmers markets in our region are a way to live intentionally and connect with that nourishment in your life.'

'Food isn't just food – it's

also our community. It's not a commodity only. It's energy and plants and caring for land and nourishing ourselves and therefore our relationships and communities.'

Heart and Halo have two lasagnes and four types of bean dishes on offer in their frozen meals: vegan gluten-free lasagne; Middle Eastern lentil and bean; Indian mixed lentil dahl; Thai coconut lentil; Indian chickpea chole; spinach ricotta lasagne.

All cooked in the ancient Aruvedic style, which embodies holistic whole-body healing of mind, spirit, and body, Tusta says his food nourishes all aspects of a person. 'We use a lot of roots, seeds, bark, and leaves and whole spices rather than pastes or sauces – cinnamon bark, bay leaves, turmeric and ginger roots, star anise, cloves... these are the things that we use when we cook holistically,' he says. 'I have a garden here in Murwillumbah and am discovering more plants and flavours, and exploring some of the native Australian plants too.'

Be warned, however, as Tusta reports that addiction



Tusta Das from Heart and Halo with some of the delicious food he brings to the markets. Photo Allie Godfrey.

to his lasagne is likely.

It has big chunks of ricotta in a spinach, buttermilk sour-cream sauce with layers of cheddar cheese with a rich mustard-seed tomato sauce. It's creamy and has cinnamon and nutmeg – it's creamy and rich and pleasurable.

'We all need a treat. To me health is not just about always being healthy. When you are too militant, you are uptight and end up getting

sick. Food should be healthy but also have some treats and pleasure every now and then.

'Lentils are not just about the flavour; they are about putting you back in your body. They are grounding; to me they are a medicine.'

You can purchase the high-protein frozen meals from Heart and Halo fortnightly at the Mullum Farmers Markets (held Fridays), from 9 July.

The Good Life

Wok This Way from the Yulli's crew

Eve Jeffery

Kyle Maxwell is a real dyed-in-the-sarong local – he went to both Byron Public and High Schools, and he managed The Northern before the amazing Wok This Way. Maxwell has been a part of the local food industry for 14 years and he knows what makes Byron taste buds tick and now Kyle and the awesome crew behind Yulli's have opened Wok This Way, another jewel in Byron's vegan tiara.

I always loved Yulli's vegan concept and Karl Cooney's love of food in general – the food is one of the main reasons I started working there.

Wok This Way has been open for two months and Kyle says he personally loves the vegan food and the vibe of the venue including their Asian pop vinyl record player. 'Our customers are also loving the vibe and of course the food.'

Kyle says he has more than one favourite from the Wok This Way kitchen. 'At the moment my favourite dishes are the Crispy Brown Rice and Shiitake Mushroom Balls in Red Curry and the Hokkien Noodles with Miso



Satay. They are my favourite non-spicy dishes and for a bit of bite you can't go past the Drunken Noodles with Wok-fried Broccolini.'

Kyle says dessert lovers will not be disappointed. 'To finish, it's hard to go past the Peanut Butter Ice-cream with Choc Tahini Sauce.'

Everything from the menu is plant based and drool worthy from the starters, sides and salads, including Thai spring rolls with glass noodles, black fungus and diced carrot, served with sweet chili sauce and pan-fried jackfruit and bamboo massaman buns, to wok-fried and soup selection, including Pad Thai, Tom Yum fried rice with grilled Shimeji mushrooms, wild rice puffs and fried kale, and stir-fry galan with chili garlic crispy tofu and mushroom sauce served with steamed jasmine

rice and delicious desserts of chocolate and hazelnut sago pudding with fresh banana and a black sesame wafer or meringue and peanut brittle with Davidson Plum and cashew cream, topped with mixed berries, mint sauce, and 100s & 1000s.

Kyle says Wok This Way have a great Soup Tuesday with to-die-for options and the ramen that he just can't wait for and they are now open from 12pm for lunch. 'We have also started having a Jazz Night every Thursday 6-8pm, which will be great.'

But the most striking this about Wok This Way is the deliciousnesses on every single plate, there's there's no weak spot. Kyle's pretty happy about that. 'I'm proud to serve each dish!'

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The annoying vegan – Iron salad

The two challenges for me as a vegan are my B12 and iron levels. I'll save the B12 conversation for another time and talk about iron. There are two types of iron – haem and non-haem; the latter is iron not found in animal tissue and is found in many plant foods.

In a healthy diet, you have to make sure that you're getting all the nutrients you need. Sometimes I can get busy and plain old slack and last week my annual blood test came back showing that my 'biochemistry is beautiful', but I was a little low on iron.

Luckily, for this annoying vegan, I have a sister who is an annoying dietitian who supports my plant-based diet on the understanding that I keep it balanced.

She reminded me that I need to up my legumes and leafy greens, oats, quinoa, and tofu.

So I rolled out my old favourite, 'oh-no-the-invite-says-bring-a-plate-to-share' last-minute salad that is full of iron.

The ingredients are very simple.

**chickpeas
raw oats
red onion
capsicum
cumin
balsamic vinegar
rocket
tomato
parsley
sesame seeds
lemon or lime juice**

Amounts? I don't know – I just grab it as I go, but I usually use a tin of chickpeas.

The method is very easy – I make layers.

Whenever I'm making a salad with onion, I make sure I pickle it first. I slice it up and let it soak in a little bit of vinegar while I'm getting the other ingredients organised.

The second ingredient I prepare is the tomato and once it is sliced up I'll stir into the onion. The rest of it is really easy: you just layer it all into a bowl. I add the parsley, thinly sliced capsicum, chickpeas (keep the juice – aquafaba – and you

can use it to make a lot of tasty things – ask Dr Google).

Then I add cumin, raw oats – about one-quarter of the amount of chickpeas – and sesame seeds. Last but definitely not least is the citrus juice. In this instance, it serves two purposes: it makes the salad taste super yummy, and it also assists the iron absorption*.

I then put some rocket into a large bowl and dump the whole salad on top and toss the lot. If I am feeling extra cordon bleu, I'll drizzle (see what I did there?) some sesame oil and sprinkle some nooch** over the top and toss again.

If you really want to bump up the iron on this, make a meal of it by adding some cooked quinoa and very lightly steamed broccoli.

Too easy. Try it, you'll love it!

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There is a dinner party game where you are asked who you would invite living or dead. I think I would have a dinner party at Margaret Olley's house. With Marie Kondo. Just the two of them. I want to see how Ms Kondo copes with Ms Olley's intensely populated surfaces. I think she would get very drunk. Margaret certainly would. I want to see how the Queen of decluttering mixes it up with the Queen of cluttering.



On the weekend I went to the Margaret Olley installation at the Tweed Regional Gallery. It's such a wonderful experience to be transported into two of Margaret's Paddington rooms. It's a wonderful visual and textural cocophony of paint tubes and empty chocolate boxes and old fruit and dried flowers and broken crockery, and teapots, and ornaments and vases and sculptures and drawings and coats and baskets and tins and ashtrays filled with butts. The only thing missing is the smell. It looks fecund. Like living organic matter. I imagine the high tones of quietly rotted fruit, with the smell of linseed oil and turps and cigarettes and fresh flowers.

A dear friend told me of the many times she visited Margaret's house for lunch, where everything would be painstakingly removed from the table and laid on Margaret's bed. In order as it was on the table. They would eat, and then she would have to reassemble it back on the table. A child having to do the installation all over again.

That is creativity. It's abundant. It's beautiful and fresh and broken and decaying all at the same time. Creativity is chaos. It's an autopsy. It's the rubble on the floor,

the rotting pear, the open book, the bits of paper, the chalk dust. It's the box of letters, the photograph, it's the favourite chair. It's messy. This is the essence of our human condition. It's where ideas live. I love the mess of Margaret Olley. But it also scares me. How does one contain oneself in such wonderful ruin? In this anarchy of art and life where is order? Where is the uncluttered mind?

Perhaps the mind is meant to be cluttered. Perhaps decay and detritus is the part of life where our stain of our existence is not shameful but beautiful. Perhaps our shelves are meant to be dusty, our floor unwashed. Perhaps our crockery is meant to be broken, or cracked and lovingly patched. Perhaps these layers and layers of meaning are part of the experience of understanding who we are when we sit in our rubble.

Perhaps the real problem is not disorder at all. It's order. This need to control and sanitise and audit our spaces. This sense that a clear space equals peace of mind, rather than a lonely stark madness.

Why do we need to be organised? Why are we obsessed with cleaning, and sorting and throwing out? Why do we need our spaces to look like no-one actually lives there? Marie Kondo even has her own trademarked method, where one cleans and sorts according to category where one only keeps things that speak to the heart, items that no longer 'spark joy' are discarded. What a sad indictment of our consumerist lifestyle. We have so much we need a method to throw it out. Is nothing precious? Don't our stories weave these disconnected objects together in a joyous narrative of life and death and love and loss, fierceness and fragility?

At our dinner party, where I sit drinking wine with Margaret Olley, Marie gets a bit drunker than she should. She moves like a soft breeze between the chairs, brushing past the bookcase, making flowers tremble and fruit roll forward. She is smiling. This place is bringing her joy.

'I love it,' she says.

Marie slumps into Margaret's generous chair. She smiles and closes her eyes. There is nothing to remove or re-organise or re-fold or re-pack. There is just surrender to the life of everything as it is, and your capacity not to take control, but to be part of a natural order, as you quietly decay in your chair.

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CANCER

Sun and new moon in Cancer focus this week on emotional bonds with family of origin, choice and humankind ...



♈ **ARIES:** If this week stirs up passionate reactions, best not Rambo in with upfront, uncensored opinions. Tread slowly and gently, because connections are delicate and easily damaged at present. Unburden to a nurturing person before doing anything rash. If your own self-care has fallen by the wayside, take a day or two for yourself.

♉ **TAURUS:** With Cancerian influences setting this week's most meaningful moments chez vous, comfort-oriented Taurans will get the most pleasure around couch and table with nearest, dearest, and relations, sharing home-cooked tucker, reconnecting family strands, and renewing old friendships. Though as always with family reunions, ancient frictions can ignite ...

♊ **GEMINI:** This is a deep and meaningful, up close and personal kind of week, but with mood swings operating full-tilt boogie there's no way you'll be bored. As your planet ruler Mercury heads into sensitive territory, auto-edit gossip and sharp comments because someone could take offence when you least expect it.

♋ **CANCER:** Did I neglect until now to say happy birthday, Crab crew? With the sun and this year's new moon in Cancer on 10 July, it's time to lavish some of that nurturing you give others on yourself. And as Mercury moves into your sign and security issues surface, make sure you do plenty of research before committing.

♌ **LEO:** Home is where our heart is in the time of the family-oriented Crab clan, when people need lots of nourishing love and attention, affection, cuddles, and coddling. As will king Mars and queen Venus in Leo, but remember, majesties, that the best way to get it is to give it.

♍ **VIRGO:** There's some temperamental planetary head-butting going on in stubborn fixed signs, but don't join this week's wanting-to-be-right people by inflating small annoyances into dramamas. As Mercury moves into Cancer for the next fortnight, compassionate listening and an empathetic approach will be well worth the effort.

♎ **LIBRA:** My, aren't we antsy and touchy as moods change from caring and tender to cranky and crabby? Luckily this week's emotional highs and lows are balanced by interludes of blissful domesticity and cosy at-homeness nesting with loved ones. Don't rule out hunches this week, but do make sure to back them with some solid homework.

♏ **SCORPIO:** With love versus will the agenda on the bill, what's more important to you, Scorps: being right or being loved? This week's people probably aren't operating from the empire of the sensible, so don't expect logical thinking and rational behaviour. But there are cosmic compensations: melting moments, magical spontaneity, sensual interludes, delightful surprises.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** As outer planets Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune, Pluto, and Chiron continue their retrograde season of self-reflection, celestial energetics sink deep rather than ranging wide. For the coming month less confrontational and more thoughtful, touchy-feely tactics are required, with this week suggesting making your personal space a homey, cosy sanctuary.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** The benefit of this month's astral emphasis on security and family concerns offers a deeply bonding and strengthening restructure of the ties that bind clan Capricorn. If that also brings agitating dramas, keep conversations inclusive of diverse opinions. Don't engage in power plays. And ask questions: there's always more to the story.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** If this week's needy people have you feeling a bit smothered, take inventory of your tribe: are your teammates aligned with your bigger vision? You can all still be wildly individual while working towards the same cause. Make sure you have enough autonomy, and at the same time enough support.

♓ **PISCES:** This week's starmap revs Pisces' romantic engines, with your personal genius for empathetic understanding really coming into its own as others find your being helpful and considerate more of a turn-on than any hot selfie. Since you're also a sucker for a sob story, just be certain it's legit before you commit.

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YOU JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH CIRCUS

Hosted at the **Mullum Showground** over **September 20-26**, the **National Circus Festival** boasts a dual program with two distinct streams, including a four-day National Training Program **September 20-23**, while the weekend of **September 24-26** sees the public program go into full swing. Leading the program announcement is *Collision* from two Brisbane powerhouse companies in **Casus Circus** and **Mad Dance House**, **A B-boy**, **Hip-hop** and **Hula Hooper**, **Pop and Lock**, a cross-pollination of contemporary circus and street dance are also on board.

The powerful cross point of visual art and circus is **Jack Silvestro's** new work *December* - a captivating solo physical theatre performance marking Australia's history and honouring those affected by 2020's Black Summer.

International hula hoop artist **Anna Fisher**, and some of Byron Shire's brightest stars from the world-famous bubble man, circus and sideshow artist, **Dr Hubble**, to Spaghetti graduate success story **Hannah Richards** are other highlights and Spaghetti Circus's new troupe show: *Bails of Hey!* Tumble on over the National Circus Festival website for more info: the nationalcircusfestival.com.

BE MOVED AND INSPIRED BY BANDALUZIA

The award winning flamenco ensemble **Bandaluzia** will be performing in Byron next month. Led by ARIA-nominated flamenco guitarist **Damian Wright**, Bandaluzia are presenting a spectacular new show that highlights contemporary flamenco dance and music while keeping the essential characteristics of the flamenco tradition. Bandaluzia are celebrated for their powerful performances, unique sound, and explosive displays of dazzling musicianship and virtuosity.

Wrights says that flamenco is an art form that is immediate in its impact. 'A flamenco artist traditionally would approach the music as more of a visceral as opposed to an intellectual expression. Flamenco's expression explores the full spectrum of human experience, from the darker sides to the most joyous and translates this into something cathartic and beautiful.'

Wright says that the relationship between the music, the musicians and the dancers is one of flamenco's unique and most attractive elements. 'The flamenco musician needs to understand the language of the dance and the singing and vice versa. Each artist needs to speak the musical language of flamenco fluently enough to have the freedom and spontaneity to create the flamenco atmosphere required for an authentically flamenco performance. The dancer, musician, and singer all have moments where they are leading the performance in their particular way and then will take it in turns to accompany the other. It's a constant conversation throughout the performance which keeps the show alive.'

Joining Damian are the award-winning Bandaluzia dancers **Rosalie Cocchiaro** and **Jessica Statham**, who between them have 15 years of studying and performing in Spain. On percussion **James Hauptmann**, one of Australia's most sought-after jazz and contemporary music drummers, is the spine of the show rhythmically. Rounding out the group on violin is **Yuhki Mayne**, whose performances have taken him from Opera Australia to the neo-soul of Ngaire.

In Bandaluzia shows the artists are referencing the rhythms and forms of flamenco as well as flamenco masters. 'It's important to us to always evolve ourselves artistically with respect to the tradition and to the greats who have made the art form what it is. The contemporary aspects come naturally as we are all from a generation that has grown up with access to a wide variety of influences from jazz, classical, rock, soul, Arabic, to latin and more, as well as contemporary dance, and we will often reference these influences in a way that is organic and enhances our performance and makes it personal and unique.'

For the audience flamenco is more than listening to music and dance. 'It's the feeling of sharing the experience, receiving the artists' expression and connecting this to their own experiences. If performed well flamenco can be a transcending moment for all.'

Bandaluzia can be seen at the Byron Theatre on 27 August. Tickets can be found at: byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/11499.

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IF YOU COULD TALK TO THE ELEPHANTS ...



Mandy Nolan is a comedian of more than 30 years, who has taught in excess of 2,000 people how to perform standup. Her most successful student won an Emmy. George Catsi is a comedic character performer and AWGIE-winning writer and academic who teaches character and script development at UTS to animators and filmmakers. Together they present an exciting new class: Elephant in the Room.

Seven took a few minutes out of Mandy's day to find out about the show.

What is Elephant in the Room and how does it differ from regular comedy classes?

This is dynamic. Two teachers. Two

days. It's also focused on how to use humour and comedy techniques in your work practice, or in your personal life. How to address complex ideas – how to use humour to diffuse conflict. The idea is to use comedy, character work, and improvisation to improve your lateral thinking and to take more risks. It's a powerful creative tool. Previously I focused just on standup, but this new master class delivers standup techniques along with a lot of other skillsets that you can use without having to want to be a standup comic!

Why is humour powerful?

It's the best way sometimes to connect with people and communicate a complex message. Humour has a way of disarming people. It's fast. It's memorable. It's also exceedingly potent when you have something powerful to communicate. Very often it is the best way of navigating the unspoken. How do we speak to elephants? This two-day course is about teaching you the language!

How does having another facilitator change things?

It's a game changer for me. It means with a small class size we can give more focused 1:1 time. George Catsi has a performance background, but also his academic leanings as a lecturer in Design Thinking at UTS and having done a PhD in Persuasive Performance studying evangelists really adds another level to what we can deliver. It's intuitive, transformative, and it's highly interactive.

What range of skills are you looking at developing?

Standup, character work, storytelling, music comedy, and group work. We also look at social media, memes, and written work.

Who?

Everyone. Well anyone who would like to speak to elephants.

Because of the current COVID health regulations, Mandy and George are extending the earlybird price of \$590. Class sizes are small and are operating within the restrictions.

Elephant in the Room

July 17 and 18 at a beachfront location in Byron Bay.

Tix and info: Authenticyoumasterclasses.com.

WEDNESDAY 7

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SANTEYA & JOE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **14TH ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK SHORT FILMS SCREENING**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OPEN MIC HOSTED BY MAIRA CORTEZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **STRUMPET SALON**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MUSICAL BINGO**

THURSDAY 8

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **AUSTIN MACKAY**, 8PM **MICKA SCENE**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **PHIL & TILLEY**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, **MISS RENEE SIMONE**
- MEMORIAL HALL, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM **HANNAH GADSBY: WORK IN PROGRESS**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **STRUMPET SALON**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 9

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **TIM STOKES**, 9PM **WHARVES + LOCAL SAFARI**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **ADAM HOLE BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM AND 8.30PM **JIMEOIN - TURN IT UP!**
- BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTER 1PM **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **OOZ**, 9PM **SONIK-INO**
- MEMORIAL HALL, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM **HANNAH GADSBY: WORK IN PROGRESS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ AL PHONSO**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **EL SCORCHO**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **LEGENDS OF COMEDY**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **STRUMPET SALON**

- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **BEN NOY AMI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ROB FITCHETT**, 9.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**

SATURDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **CHRIS DEL MAR**, 6.30PM **WILL HENDERSON DUO**, 8PM **MOOD SWING & CHEVY BASS**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **DEVILS KIOSK**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- BYRON BEACHSIDE MAKET 8AM **MURRAY KYLE**, **SKYEATER & EMPRESS KATIA**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- KIKI ON BYRON 7.30PM **CELEBRATE NAIDOC FEAT. WIZZ, NARLI, BENGEE KYOGLE, JAYO, ADAM HARPAZ & MORE**
- BANGALOW FLEA MARKET 10AM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- MEMORIAL HALL, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM **HANNAH GADSBY: WORK IN PROGRESS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ ROBIN SYDNEY**
- MULLUMBIMBY CIVIC HALL 7.30PM **AMIR PAISS - 'I AM THAT I AM' ALBUM LAUNCH**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **PETER HUNT AND FRIENDS**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **STRUMPET SALON**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE & THE LIQUID SEARCH**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **SWEET MIXJAH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 4PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **DENISE SCOTT & NATH VALVO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ANGIE WHITLEY**, 9.30PM **THE MCKENZIES BAND**

SUNDAY 11

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **SIMON MEOLA**, 5PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**, 9PM **JAROME AND KRISTIE DUO**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **14TH ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK SHORT FILMS SCREENING**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **PUSH**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **JAMES SCOTT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **JOEL SWEETMAN**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **BACH, BAGPIPES AND BEATLES CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, **STRUMPET SALON**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 4PM **FRIENDS OF FOLK**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM **OWEN HOGAN**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **OOZ**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **THE GREATEST AMERICAN CLASSIC ROCK SHOW BAND**

MONDAY 12

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MANDY HAWKINS**, 8PM **AKOVA**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **SIMON MEOLA**

TUESDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **SUNSTONE**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **OOZ**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **TRIVIA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7PM **TRIVIA**

WEDNESDAY 14

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SLIM PICKENS**, 8PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- RAILS, BYRON BAY **ADAM HOLE DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **BOOGIE TO THE END OF AN ERA**
- SALTWATER SOCIAL CLUB, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MUSICAL BINGO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BOB EVANS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 3PM **NIGHT CRUISERS**

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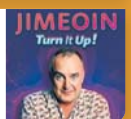
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WHAT'S ON

14TH ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK FILM SCREENING
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Friday 9 July, 6.30pm & 8.30pm



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WHO WILL BE THE LAST ONE STANDING?

The **2021 RAW Comedy heats**, presented by **Melbourne International Comedy Festival**, will be held at the **Byron Services Club on Monday 19 July** and **Mullumbimby Ex-Services on Monday 2 August**. Some of the nation's finest funny-makers have cannonballed into comedy acclaim through RAW Comedy – **Hannah Gadsby, Ronny Chieng, Celia Pacquola, Matt Okine, Anne Edmonds, Becky Lucas, and Aaron Chen** just to name a few. Heats are kicking off around the country! Who will be the last one standing? Only one way to find out. Book a ticket, grab a seat, and come see the future stars of Aussie comedy!

If you want to have a shot at performing you can get more info on RAW Comedy: head to rawcomedy.com.au. Otherwise to get a ticket to watch the heats – MCed by everyone's favourite comedian-turned-politician, **Mandy Nolan!**

Byron Services Club on Monday 19 July and Mullumbimby Ex-Services on Monday 2 August – both shows are at 8pm for \$15 with tix on mandynolan.com.au.



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SPEND MID-WINTER WITH THE SCANDINAVIANS

Palace invites you to go north this midwinter with the **Scandinavian Film Festival**. This year's specially curated selection encompasses films from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden, including ten directed by women, with many screening for the first time outside of Europe. The Festival will open with *Wildland* (Kød & Blod). Set in Denmark's underbelly, **Jeanette Nordahl's** striking Scandi-noir follows an impressionable teenage girl who is placed in the care of her estranged aunt (an incredible Sidse Babette Knudsen), the head of a family crime syndicate. Other films includes **Sidse Babette Knudsen** in *The Exception* (Undtagelsen); **Stellan Skarsgård** and **Andrea Bræin Hovig** star in *Hope* (Håp), a stunningly acted relationship drama about a creative couple by director **Maria Sødahl**, which was Norway's official submission to the 2021 Academy Awards. A luminescent **Laura Birn** stars in *Helene*, a captivating portrait of Finland's most acclaimed painter of the early twentieth century, **Helene Schjerfbeck**, while *Tove* is a fascinating depiction of the life and personal relationships of Finnish visual artist and author **Tove Jansson**, creator of the Moomins.

This year's special presentation is *Tigers* (Tigrar). Crowned Best Nordic Film at the 2021 Göteborg Film Festival, *Tigers* is the enthralling true story of Swedish football wunderkind Martin Bengtsson, a former Inter Milan player, who lifted the lid on a world where everyone has a price tag. There are many more wonderful films on offer for the 2021 event as well as a celebration of its 50th anniversary, *The Emigrants* (Utvandrarna), which will close the Festival. *The Emigrants* follows a struggling farming

family in mid-19th century Sweden who decide to embark on the arduous journey to new hope in America. Starring the late Max von Sydow and Liv Ullmann, *The Emigrants* was nominated for five Oscars and won Golden Globe awards for Best Actress (**Liv Ullmann**) and Best Foreign Film. The Closing Night screenings will feature a celebratory Scandi cocktail in tribute to acting great **Max Von Sydow**, who died in March 2020.

The full 2021 program has been unveiled and can be seen online.

Scandinavian Film Festival

Byron Bay: 16 July till 1 August, Palace Byron Bay

Tickets are now on sale at www.scandinavianfilmfestival.com.



ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK SHORT FILMS SCREENS TWICE IN BYRON

This week will see the **14th Arakwal NAIDOC Week**

Short Films Screening Presented by the Arakwal Corporation, Flickerfest & iQ Inc.

This year's program, which will be screened over two nights, is curated from recent Flickerfest favourites. It will take you on a special journey with some incredibly strong and powerful stories, whose compelling voices will inspire, move and delight.

Wednesday 7 July & Saturday 11 July, 6.30pm, Byron Theatre.

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FEDERAL FILM SOCIETY LOVES NOMADLAND

The **Federal Film Society** is pleased to be screening the poetic character study on the forgotten and downtrodden – *Nomadland* beautifully captures the restlessness left in the wake of the Great Recession. Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada,

Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad. The third feature film from director **Chloé Zhao**, *Nomadland* features real nomads Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells as Fern's mentors and comrades in her exploration through the vast landscape of the American West.

Saturday 10 July. No pre-booking needed this month.

Doors open at 6.30pm for dinner; film starts at 7.30pm. Short- and long-term memberships are available at the door. www.federalfilmsociety.com.

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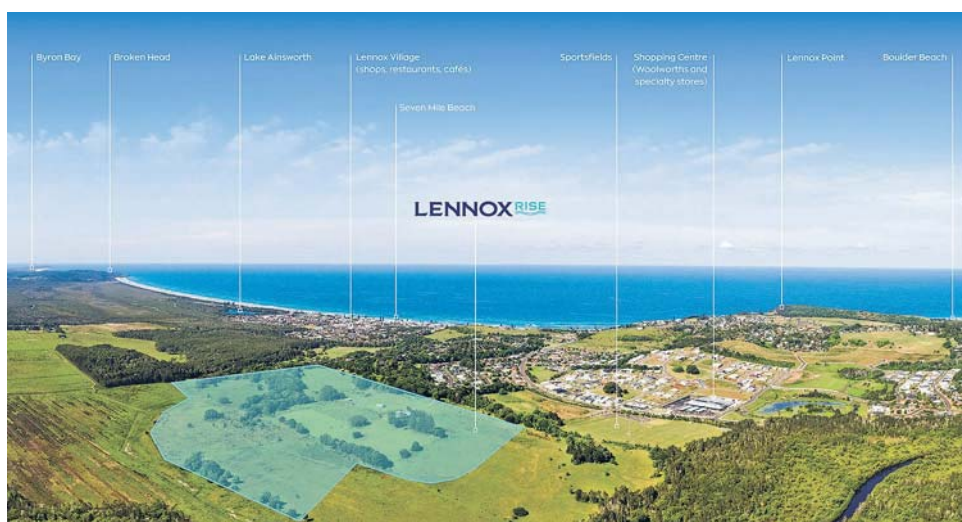
Lennox Rise – Where Every Day is a Holiday

With relentless property growth spreading throughout regional Australia, it is undeniable that this upwards trend has well and truly reached the shores of Lennox Head; a quintessential seaside village, located within the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

Surrounded by lush bushland, crashing swells, and easygoing vibes, Lennox Head is perfectly positioned 20 minutes from Byron Bay, and 10 minutes from Ballina, providing uncompromised access to blissful coastal living. This is where Lennox Rise will soon reside; a premium hilltop community, nestled amongst rolling hills and elevated greenspace.

Due to break ground shortly, the project is being developed by award-winning residential land developer, Lateral Properties, whose previous projects include Peregrin Breeze on the Sunshine Coast, Honeywood in Fernvale, and Teviot Downs and Pine Mountain Acres in Brisbane.

‘The developer’s commitment to excellence, combined with decades of experience, allows them to create innovative communities that will thrive for years to come,’ says Braden Walters of Belle Property Byron Bay/Lennox Head. ‘Lateral Properties holds an holistic approach on enhancing and sustaining the natural environment, with a goal to foster a strong sense of community, by creating spaces that people simply love to live in.’



With their latest project holding the same ethos, Lennox Rise will offer aspiring seachangers and holidaymakers the opportunity to build their own piece of paradise, all within a secluded enclave, complete with stunning views stretching from the beach to the hinterland.

Comprising 189 homesites in total, the estate will feature a mixture of residential lot sizes, starting from 450 to 1000 square metres, along with a limited selection of premium larger lots, ranging from 1200 to over 4000 square metres.

‘Because of the variety of land sizes on offer, Lennox Rise is attracting a large blend of different buyers, from young families, professionals,

downsizers, retirees, and investors, to people wanting a holiday home,’ adds Walters. ‘There’s even been interest expressed by Australian celebrities and athletes who are looking to secure properties within this high-demand yet limited market.’

With previous releases proving to be a stunning success, exhibiting the hallmarks that prove Lennox Head has unquestionably made it into the region’s big leagues, 58 sites for the development have already been sold, including its second release, comprising 12 sites, selling out within 90 minutes, averaging a sale every eight minutes.

Beyond presenting the perfect canvas on which dream homes can be built, Lennox Rise will also offer a centrally connected activity park complete with a state-of-the-art playground, and a leisure park featuring a picnic area, established pine trees, and scenic views.

What’s more, a brand-new shopping centre with a supermarket and specialty stores sits within a short stroll, with the beach and Lennox Village just minutes away.

‘Lennox Head has the best of both Byron Bay and Ballina,’ says Walters. ‘Its growing lifestyle offerings are complemented by all the conveniences of a regional centre like Ballina, while at the same time it feels like the classic surfing village that Byron was once iconic for.’

In fact, Lennox Head holds a very proud surfing scene, and rightly so, being a favourite surfing spot on the eastern seaboard, with surfing aficionados referring to the area as having ‘one of Australia’s finest right-hand points.’

So given its ever-flourishing popularity, amongst surfers and sunseekers alike, it’s clear that Lennox Head is no longer just the Northern Rivers’ hidden gem; instead, the true appeal of this beachside town is now written in stone. And with more sites for Lennox Rise due to be released on the horizon, this unique and limited opportunity will surely exceed the success of previous releases.

For more information, please contact selling agent, Braden Walters on 0411 637 373.



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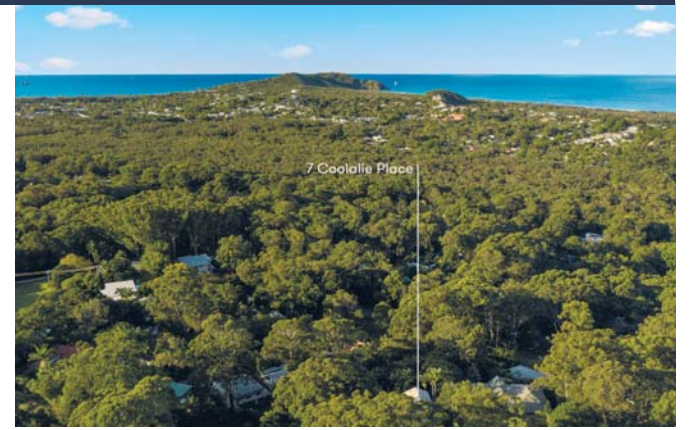
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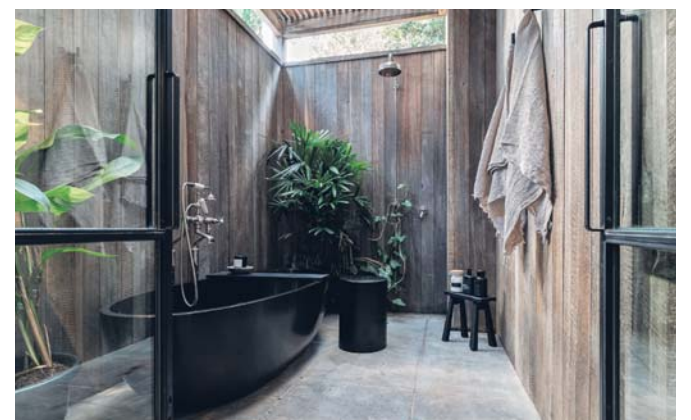
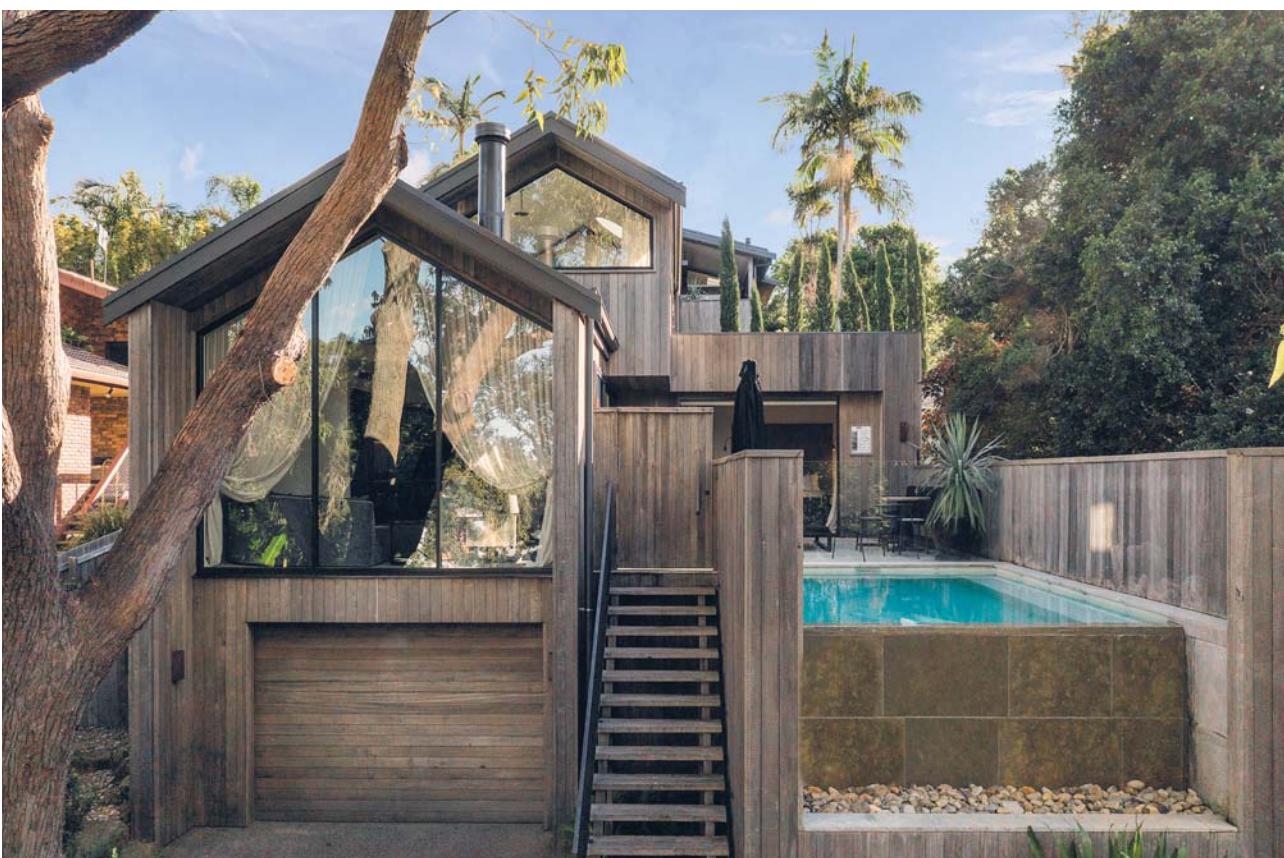
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Address: **7 Coolalie Place, Byron Bay**

Price: \$3m to \$3.2m

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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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- A large third room on the ground floor is a very versatile space
- Established, very high income return

2 2 1 349M²

Address: **34 Paterson Street, Byron Bay**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment

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- This could be your perfect tree/sea change - the chance to build your dream home with space for the kids to play, vege gardens, fruit trees and animals
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 Price: \$1.1m Auction Guide
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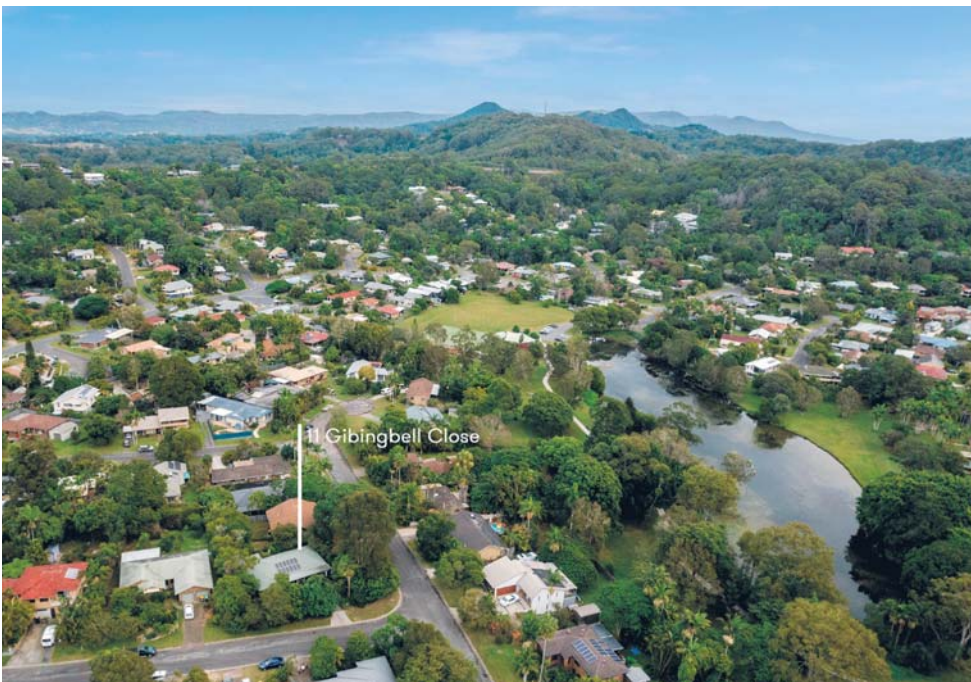


Uninterrupted Ocean Views over Byron Bay

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- 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
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 Auction: Saturday 17th July, 11.00am Onsite
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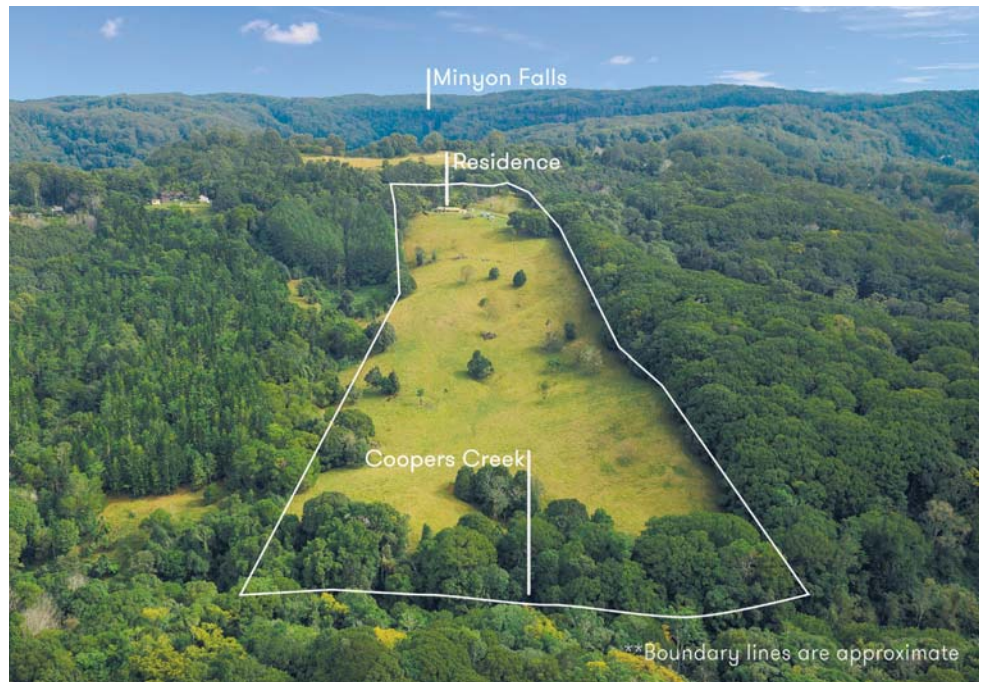


Solid Family Home on Corner Block in Quiet Cul de Sac

3 1 1 710M²

- Fabulous corner block on 710m2 of land providing dual access and the perfect blank canvas for those looking to make the sea-change; lovely quiet family friendly street
- The open plan layout with second living space makes for a very versatile floorplan
- 3 minutes walk to the tranquil Waterlily Park and short drive to vibrant Brunswick Heads cafes, restaurants, boat ramp and beaches
- Positioned to catch the northern breezes, at night, hear the nearby waves crashing

Address: **11 Gibingbell Close, Ocean Shores**
 Price: \$900,000 – \$950,000
 Open: Saturday 10th July, 11.00am – 11.30am
 Enquiries: Katie Teague 0417 006 667 | Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



Stunning Rural Escape – Doorstep of the Nightcap Ranges

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- This lovingly maintained, solid brick home is in a perfectly elevated position to capture sweeping easterly views of the Coopers Creek valley through to the Goonengerry and Nightcap Ranges
- Set on 10 hectares of undulating cleared land with frontage to Coopers Creek
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Address: **124 Coopers Creek Road, Repentance Creek**
 Price: \$1.55m to \$1.65m
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Auction

135 Campbells Road, Dungay

'Spring Hill' Unique Lifestyle Property

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 3 cars

Welcome to 'Spring Hill', a unique lifestyle property set in a private and peaceful corner of the beautiful Tweed Valley. Enjoy stunning mountain views to the North all day long, then relax in the evening as you entertain family and friends with drinks or dinner on the spacious timber deck.

- Large, modern, light and airy open plan living spaces
- Spacious, north facing alfresco entertaining deck
- Guest accommodation downstairs
- Paved outdoor area with wood-fired pizza oven

Auction Unless Sold Prior



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Just Listed

61 Riverview Street, Murwillumbah

Charming, Renouated Character Home

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 2 cars

Beyond the imposing façade of this grand, character-filled 1920s home, you'll find the perfect blend of old-world charm and stylish modern convenience. Set back from the road with a large, fenced front yard, this spacious, elevated home with majestic mountain views would be ideal for the growing family. Entertain your friends and family on the roomy timber deck or the covered alfresco entertaining patio at the rear of the home.

- Lounge room with air conditioning and combustion fireplace
- Bright white kitchen with country charm timber benchtops
- Stylish French doors opening to veranda
- Polished timber floors and picture rails

Price Guide Just Listed



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Auction

405 Fernvale Road, Fernvale

Create Your Dream Rural Haven

5 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 6 cars

Have you been searching for a peaceful rural retreat? This picturesque and private 4.56 hectare country hideaway, complete with a 5 bedroom family home, is tucked away in a private, quiet corner of the beautiful Tweed Valley, yet is only 15 minutes to Murwillumbah. On the market for the first time in nearly 20 years, the homestead style brick farmhouse was built in the 1980s.

- Spacious open plan family living and dining areas
- Verandahs on all four sides of house
- Large farm shed with space for up to 6 vehicles
- Established orchard of fruit trees

Auction Bidding Guide
\$1,180,000-\$1,290,000



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Just Listed

475 Upper Crystal Creek Road, Upper Crystal Creek

3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 4 cars

Private Rural Haven with Gorgeous Mountain View. Looking to escape to the country? This peaceful and private 5 acre rural retreat comprises an inviting three bedroom Red Cedar timber home with picturesque views of the Border Ranges and Cougal mountains. Surrounded on three sides by a 96 acre grazing property, the only nosy neighbours you'll have are the cows!

- Open plan living area with bamboo floorboards
- Large 3-bay shed plus carport
- 3.5Kw solar power system + gas hot water
- 71,000 litre water tanks

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6077 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar

Bliss in Burringbar

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 1 car

The secret is out! Burringbar Village is the place to be and people are loving the rural feel of this little community. The main street is picture perfect with cafes, general store and one of the best butchers around and yet only 11 minutes' drive to the coastline where you will discover pristine Wooyung Beach where you can walk for miles with barely another person in sight.

- Air-conditioning, ceiling fans, slow combustion stove
- Hush laminate glass & 2.7 meter ceilings
- Town water + tank with pump for garden
- Solar hot water & power
- Under house car/boat/trailer storage

Price Guide \$1,350,000-\$1,485,000



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For Sale

2 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores

Panoramic Ocean Views, Huge Corner Block, Development Potential STCA

4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 4 cars

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.

- Two separate living areas
- Covered deck with views for entertaining with the views
- North easterly aspect 1524Sqm block with ocean views
- Double garage, large established gardens

Price Guide \$2,300,000-\$2,500,000



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- 98 Hunter Street, Burringbar. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 45 Geles Road, Burringbar. By Appointment only
- 209 Howards Road, Burringbar. By Appointment only
- 6 Riverside Crescent, Brunswick Heads. By Appointment only

First National Byron Bay

- 567 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Fri 9.30–10am
- 1/5 Chinbible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 11.30am–12pm
- 20/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 34 Marvell Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 8 Gira Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1/56 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 567 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek. Sat 9.30–10am
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- 115 Arkinstall Road, Tunttable Creek. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 41 Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–1pm
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- 6077 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar. Sat 12.30–1pm
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- 112 Hinterland Way, Knockrow. Sat 10–10.45am
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- 1/56 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Contact Agent
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- 4 Electra Close, Byron Bay. \$1m to \$1.1m
- 7 Ocean Avenue, New Brighton. Contact Agent
- 7 Coolalie Place, Byron Bay. \$3m to \$3.2m
- 6 Driftwood Avenue, Byron Bay. \$2.55m
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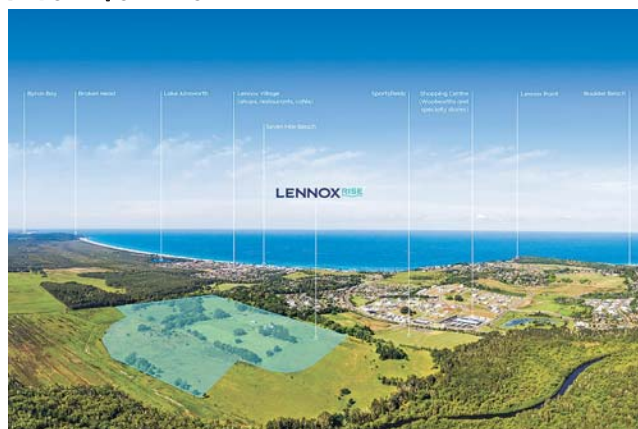


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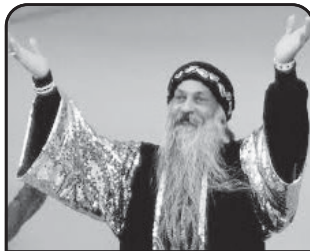
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Byron Shire Council

Road Closures:

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSING UNDER SECTION 38B ROADS ACT 1993

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Schedule 1:

• Part road reserve adjoining 874 Coolamon Scenic Drive Coorabell Lot 1 DP 557721.

• Part road reserve adjoining 336 Booyong Road Nashua Lot 3 DP 707295.

Upon closure of the road, council intends to sell the land to the adjoining landowners.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482, within twenty-eight days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, Byron Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: #E2021/84309

Enquiries: Deanna Savage. Telephone: 02 6626 7000.

This document will be available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

Submissions Close: Friday 6 August 2021

Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will automatically result in disqualification of offending tenderers.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

Heather Phyllis Iruin

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VALLANCE, ROBERT SIDNEY. 'Bob'

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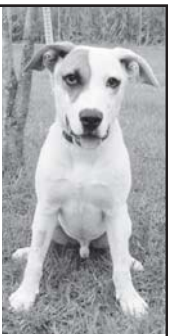
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Owing to rising COVID-19 case numbers, the annual book fair, that was planned for the Byron Bay Surf Club this coming weekend, has been cancelled.

The artwork for NAIDOC Week in this week's *Echo* masthead is *Firestorm* by Gloria Gardiner, with thanks to Ninbella Gallery.

Cape Byron Lighthouse has been named the 2021 Heritage Lighthouse of the Year, by the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA). According to IALA, the award was given owing to its 'rarity, aesthetic characteristics, cultural significant, architecture and strong connection to the local community'.

ICYMI: Protectors of Tarkine Country in Tasmania have begun their seventh week of work, defending priceless ecology against the expansion of a mining tailings dam, owned by Chinese mining corp MMG. The Bob Brown Foundation says 58 people have so far been arrested, which includes 'lock-ons' to excavators,



With all the puff from Council over how well they do road repairs, this patch outside Mullum's Ambulance Station could well be the most important improvement made, considering every second responding to an incident can mean either life or death. Photo supplied

preventing further clearing and roadworks on the site. Heroes don't always wear capes: those who prevented insanity recently are retired doctor John Barranger and Animal Liberation Tasmania president Kristy Algar.

US warmonger Donald Rumsfeld has died. And it may be a coincidence, but also last week a hellish ocean death portal opened up in the Gulf of Mexico. Satirical news website *The Chaser* instead reports that 'Barnaby Joyce blames ocean-fire on lack of ocean-back-burning'.

Former Liberal MP Julia Banks has perhaps coined the most apt description of the PM, while also describing modern politics in general. She told the ABC Scott Morrison was like 'menacing, controlling wallpaper'.

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