

COVID-19 fines issued while mask sign legalities unclear

Mia Armitage & Hans Lovejoy

As the Greater Sydney area heads into further lockdown, local health authorities say a known COVID-19 infected case stopped at Chinderah truck stop at the Ampol service station (northbound), 112 Tweed Valley Way, near Murwillumbah turnoff.

The confirmed case is known to have used the truck drivers' toilets, showers and lounge, and the food court between 8.30pm on July 13 and 7.30am on July 14, according to NSW Health.

A Health District statement, released on Monday, says more than 40 people are now self-isolating.

Meanwhile, Tweed-Byron police say they fined a 25-year-old Main Arm man \$1,000 for breaching state Public Health Orders over the weekend.

Byron Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe said the man hosted a 'large party' at his property in defiance of orders limiting household guests in the region to five.

Inspector Kehoe said police were continuing to enforce compliance throughout the region and to engage with health authorities.

A 46-year-old Sydney woman was self-isolating in the Tweed Shire for fourteen days after breaching stay-at-home orders, Inspector Kehoe said.

She was now complying with public health orders and police were still investigating the matter, the inspector said.

Officers also charged a 48-year-old Tweed Shire man \$200 for refusing to wear a mask when visiting the Tweed Heads Police Station

over the weekend.

Inspector Kehoe said police stations are under the same rules as businesses and other workplaces, in that anyone entering the buildings has to wear a mask unless officially exempted, and had to register via QR codes at point of entry.

He said the accused man refused to comply with the orders but didn't have an exemption.

Op shop closes

The police Report on *Public Health Order Compliance* in the region comes after volunteers at an Anglican Church op shop in Byron Bay said they were shutting shop doors, owing to abuse and vandalism from customers who didn't want to wear a mask.

A vollee from the church told *The Echo* they are wanting to reopen, and are looking for more vollees.

Inspector Kehoe said, 'I understand some elderly ladies received some abuse and that's very disappointing,' he told *The Echo*.

Police deny shutting down Lulu's cafe

Meanwhile, rumours were circulating that renowned Mullumbimby cafe, Lulu's, was forced to shut its doors owing to non-compliance with COVID-19 health directives.

Inspector Kehoe confirmed police and health authorities visited the cafe on 'a number of occasions' over the past week.

The Echo understands the owner of Lulu's has said they have a medical exemption from wearing a facemask, but Inspector Kehoe said

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Chrissy looks to upscale her wheels

Chrissy Cunneen's support worker, Teeka, is part of a campaign to get Chrissy, who uses a wheelchair, her own vehicle. Teeka says, 'Chrissy is an active member of the Byron Shire community, and lives her life in chronic pain, alongside cerebral palsy and scoliosis. Owing to the limited transportation options, painful bus rides and expensive taxis, it's very hard for Chrissy to get out and about'. Teeka says the NDIS are unable to support the purchase of a vehicle for Chrissy, which would be used for accessing appointments, shopping, social events, gym, pools, 'and her favourite places in nature'. The Chuffed campaign is at www.bit.ly/3wIVnhe. Photo Jeff Dawson

Large bioenergy facility DA before public

A Council proposal for a bioenergy facility at the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), which is also a popular birdwatching location, is now before the public for comment.

Council staff say that if constructed, 'it will be a first-of-its-kind facility in Australia'.

Available on Council's website, the extensive 26-part Development Application (DA) proposes the facility would operate five-and-a-half-days a week, with five staff employed, and an additional 30 related jobs.

Funding is still being sought from federal and state sources, say Council. Staff are yet to reply to *The Echo* as to the cost to prepare the DA, and

associated cost to submit the DA.

In April, Council's own finance department flagged concerns that another large Council project, a 5MW Myocum solar farm, poses a 'high degree of risk'.

The bioenergy facility was one of many Council projects identified as being at risk of losing funding, within the solar farm report.

A height variation request of 4.57m above the maximum 9m building height is sought for the bioenergy facility, and consultants claim, 'No alternative design solution will allow the [facility] to operate successfully without exceeding 9m in height from the existing ground level'.

Council's Senior Project Manager for the bioenergy facility project, John Hart, said the facility would use dry anaerobic digestion technology to convert organic waste into renewable energy and compost.

'Over 20,000 tonnes a year of the region's organic waste is currently transported to Queensland, so this facility presents an opportunity for Byron Shire to take control of its own organic waste with a local solution', Mr Hart said.

He added the facility would reduce carbon emissions 'by up to 20 per cent', and produce 'between 3 to 4 million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy per year'.

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Writers Festival cancelled owing to COVID-19

The organisers of Byron Writers Festival have announced the 2021 event scheduled to run 6-8 August will be cancelled, owing to the developing COVID-19 situation in NSW.

Festival Director, Edwina Johnson, said the decision comes with a heavy heart, and the 'extremely difficult decision' was in response to the developing COVID-19 situation in NSW, as well as border and travel restrictions.

'Our primary and abiding concern is, as ever, the health of everyone involved in the Festival - presenters, attendees, volunteers, staff, and of course the safety of the wider Northern Rivers community.'

'We are devastated, and

we're sure everyone associated with the Festival will also feel the disappointment and loss that comes with a second year of cancellation. We will continue to watch developments and consider all viable options for future programming, but for now, we believe that cancellation is the only responsible course of action.'

Ms Johnson says those with tickets to the event will automatically receive a refund within the next 14 days.

'People who have purchased tickets to satellite events or festival workshops, are asked to be patient as organisers work through refund arrangements with event partners and venues.'



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Cr Basil Cameron announces mayoral tilt in Sept

Independent councillor, Basil Cameron, has confirmed his candidacy for mayor at the upcoming September 4 Council elections.

He said in a press release that he is Chair of Finance and Infrastructure Committees and a Rous County Councillor, and 'Byron Shire's longest serving councillor with five years experience as deputy mayor'.

'I am standing for Mayor, offering new leadership as an experienced councillor and deputy mayor, who always has, and always will, put the community voice first.'

'Working directly with the community as a councillor is a great privilege. Together, we have delivered master-planning and community facilities across the Shire, with more to come.'

'We need to do better. As mayor, I will expand



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community engagement to help build a more resilient and sustainable future.

'Infrastructure delivery remains Council's greatest challenge in coming years, as transport, energy, waste and water systems are adapted to reduce emissions.'

'Council has also created a Community Land Trust, and adopted a suite of affordable housing policies that are ready to ramp up

on-ground projects.

'And a major rethink is needed to tackle the emerging transport crisis, with our road system beyond capacity in places and rising concerns about safety on rural and neighbourhood roads.'

'With so many challenges before us, it is time to put aside the ongoing factional feuds that have divided Council and diverted attention away from resident priorities for too long.'

'I will bring fresh community first leadership to Council and encourage a respectful environment where all voices are listened to. The Youth Council and Business Roundtable will be reinstated and a new Creative Industries Roundtable established.'

'A focus will be on bringing people together so that we can move forward on

much needed projects, such as activating the rail corridor for all, and a faster rollout of safe connected bike and walking paths.'

'In consultations with the NSW Government, my voice will be your voice in advocacy for services such as public transport and returning a fairer share of state taxes for local infrastructure projects.'

'On planning, the message is one size does not fit all, and Council should be empowered to make the best decisions for our community.'

'Know who you are voting for. I am asking for your number 1 vote for mayor so that together we can build a sustainable path forward for our Shire.'

Asked if he was announcing a ticket later, he replied, 'I will be making further announcements.'

Health authorities remind of COVID-19 restrictions

NSW Health authorities are reminding residents and visitors to continue to adhere to the current restrictions in regional NSW as Sydney continues in lockdown.

Regional NSW restrictions

are: 'no more than five visitors at any one time at your house; wear a mask when in non-residential indoor areas, or using public transport, hire vehicles, taxis and rideshare services; and remain seated

when consuming alcohol in an indoor area of non-residential premises in NSW.'

'Venues must adhere to capacity limits of one person per four square metres, or 25 people, whichever is greater.'

Please continue to check-in using the QR codes when attending businesses or premises outside the home, and practice good hand hygiene by washing hands regularly or using hand sanitiser.'

Police seek legal clarity on mask signs in shops

► Continued from page 1 the lack of compliance was in relation to both staff and customers on the premises.

He said police didn't have the power to close businesses over non-compliance with public health orders, but that it was possible health authorities or Council workers had taken action.

Police say they could fine business owners up to \$10,000 for failing to comply with COVID-19 health directives, and Inspector Kehoe said local

officers continued to receive and investigate reports of breaches in the region.

Inspector Kehoe said police were seeking clarification from State health authorities on whether or not signs displayed by some businesses in Mullumbimby stating 'no mask, we don't ask' were considered legal.

He said the onus was on property owners and business managers to enquire as to whether or not visitors had exemptions, but that nobody

was legally obliged to provide proof, even to police.

The inspector said the lack of clarity regarding mask enforcement was an issue for local officers, but that most buildings were privately owned and therefore nobody asked to leave for failing to wear a mask had the right to refuse the request.

According to www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/face-mask-rules, 'Officers will only issue penalty notices if you clearly refuse to wear a mask

without a lawful reason'.

'If you have a condition that prevents you from wearing a mask, you may wish to ask your registered health practitioner or disability care provider to issue a letter confirming this.'

'However, this is not a requirement under the Public Health Order.'

'In other circumstances, if you are eating or drinking, or there is an emergency, you will not be expected to continue wearing a mask.'



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Byron Alliance team unveiled

Longtime serving Byron Shire councillor, Alan Hunter, has unveiled his running team for the 2021 NSW local government elections, to be held September 4.

His press release says he comes to the elections with local government experience: 'Having already served two terms for the Shire, Mr Hunter has assembled a group of locals with a healthy mix of experience, passion and most of all common sense.'

Mr Hunter said serving on Council for the last nine years had allowed him to get a lot done, but as the only conservative it was a constant battle against misguided ideology.

'I would like to get a lot more done this term if elected, but we now need to refocus on community priorities in these very uncertain times and not on outside politics', Mr Hunter said.

His press release reads, 'His running mates include longtime local Sue Stirton, who has a family and business in Park Street, Brunswick Heads; Coopers Shoot resident Bruno Filippello, who brings invaluable experience through his many years in the corporate world and management of teams with a focus on strategy, innovation



From left: Sue Stirton, Bruno Filippello, Cr Alan Hunter and Rhett Holt. Photo Fiora Sacco

and people; and Byron Bay local, Rhett Holt, who with his partner runs a B&B and works in sustainability technology'.

Key election issue

Mr Hunter said the key issue before Council is financial management, made all the more immediate with the current uncertainty and COVID-19 restrictions.

'We simply can't ignore our finances as we have in the past, such as chasing whimsical passions that will never eventuate, like getting a train service back', Mr Hunter said.

'Council have spent

almost \$400,000 to find we are now no closer to reinstating a train, much less getting a rail trail with a walking/cycle track that would provide a perfect opportunity for tourism and add to local amenities'.

'Against my strong objection, Council also took on a number of court challenges, despite the advice from three legal sources against them: and lost, incurring not only our own costs, but those of the court and the defendant.'

'If elected, my team will concentrate on improving Council services and

community satisfaction, housing shortages, traffic management through making our roads work better, improving drainage and flood management strategies and building a pedestrian/cycleway along the rail corridor.

'There is a real need for change and removing block voting on key issues, but we need the support of people who want a sensible approach to our Shire, not one that sees us continually sliding backwards'.

Mr Hunter told *The Echo* he is a Nationals Party member, 'but not active'.

Car crash victim out of intensive care

Byron police are still investigating a crash that left a homeless man in his sixties seriously injured last week, Inspector Matt Kehoe told *The Echo*.

The 62-year-old man was reportedly crossing Fletcher Street in Byron Bay's CBD when a woman driving a Toyota station wagon hit him

on Monday July 12, around 5.40pm.

'He's out of intensive care and is now on the orthopaedic ward of the Gold Coast University Hospital,' Insp. Kehoe told *The Echo*.

The man had suffered 'significant injuries' to his legs, arms and pelvis, Insp. Kehoe said.

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Pfizer available, say health authorities

Health authorities in the Northern Rivers say the region now has a supply of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

The news comes after Labor Member for Richmond, Justine Elliot, expressed concerns earlier this month on Bay FM that her electorate had no Pfizer available.

Healthy North Coast is the organisation responsible for rolling out COVID-19 vaccines

to hospital clinics and GPs throughout the region, and CEO Julie Sturgess says that's happening.

She says 15,500 Pfizer doses per week are available via North Coast GPs.

'The vaccination program has been a gradual roll-out,' Ms Sturgess said in mid-July, 'and certainly initially, it was only Astra Zeneca available.'

Ms Sturgess said the

supply of Pfizer had increased as of July.

Ms Sturgess said the Pfizer roll-out is being prioritised for those aged between 40 and 59, but that anyone

under 40 who wants the Pfizer can consult with their GP and register on a wait-list.

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Nan recognised for recycling 1,000s of reading glasses

Photo & story Aslan Shand

Did you know your old glasses could have a new life somewhere else in the world? Since 1974, Nan Stearman has been collecting both sun and reading glasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program so that they can be recycled and sent to people who need them around the world.

Recognising the effort

that Nan has put in over the last 47 years helping others, she was recently awarded the Lions Medical Research Foundation Professor Ian Frazer Humanitarian Award.

'When I received the award, I got a tear in my eye', said Nan.

Nan started contributing to the Lions Club charity work when her husband Ted was a member, and long before they even allowed

women to join.

The Lions Club allowed women to join from the 1980s, and Nan has been a long-term member of the Brunswick-Mullumbimby Lions Club.

Nan said she has collected over 1,000 pairs of glasses a year, and said it was a great way to get to know people in the community – all sorts of people have turned up on her doorstep to donate glasses.

'Marge Storer, president of the Brunswick Heads Red Cross, once turned up with over 100 pairs of glasses', said Nan with a smile.

'You can donate glasses at the The Red Cross in Brunswick Heads and St Vincent's de Paul in Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads', said Nan.

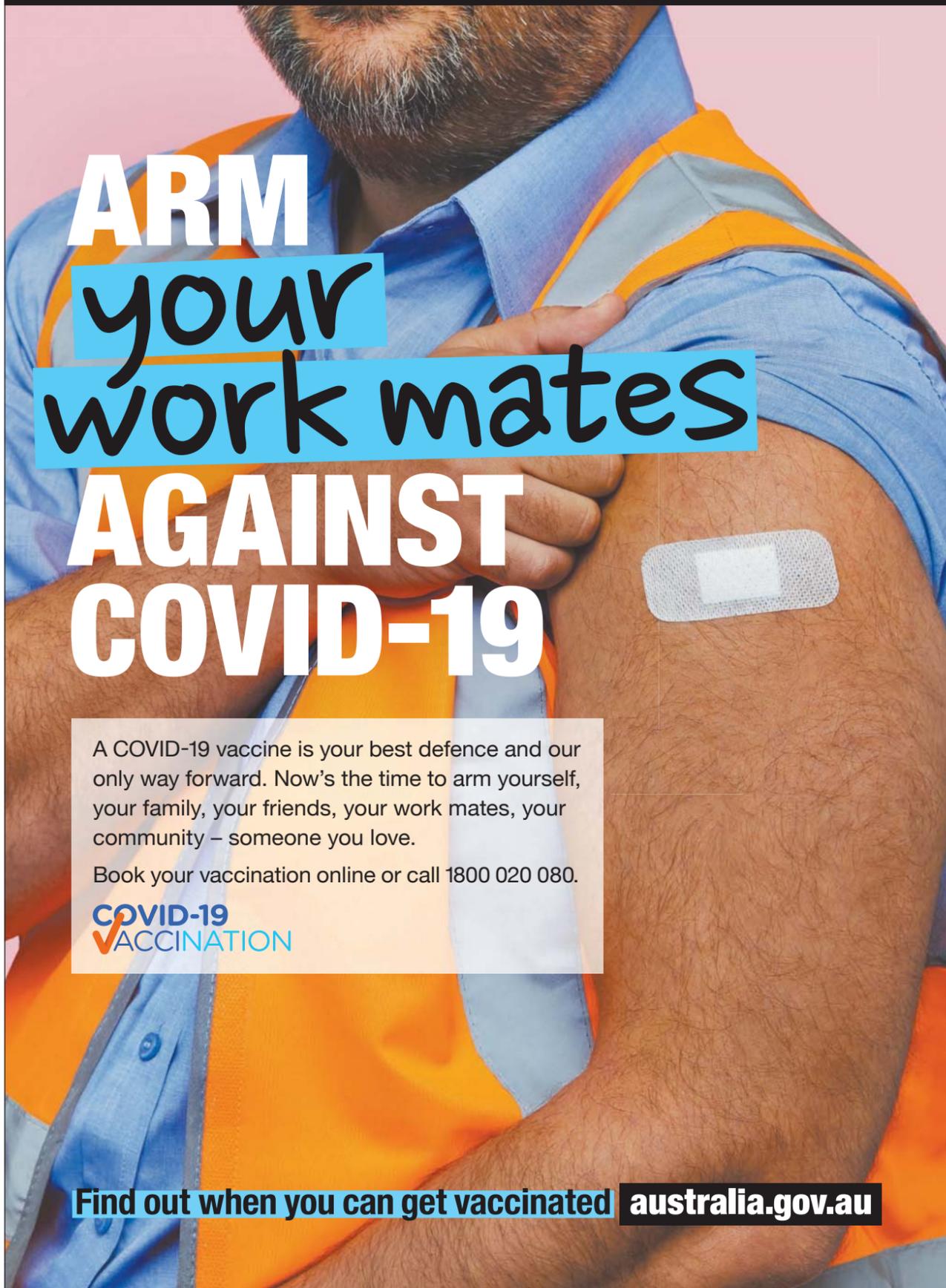
Even though Nan has now retired from collecting glasses, she says she can still pass them on.



Nan Stearman has been collecting glasses for the Lions Club since 1974.



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Community groups meet over resilience

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The second monthly Main Arm Resilient Communities group came together last Sunday and looked at the issue of Fire and Ecosystem Resilience.

Free Resilience Workshops are also being held throughout the region, including Uki, Lismore, Byron Bay, Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby, and the Byron Hinterland.

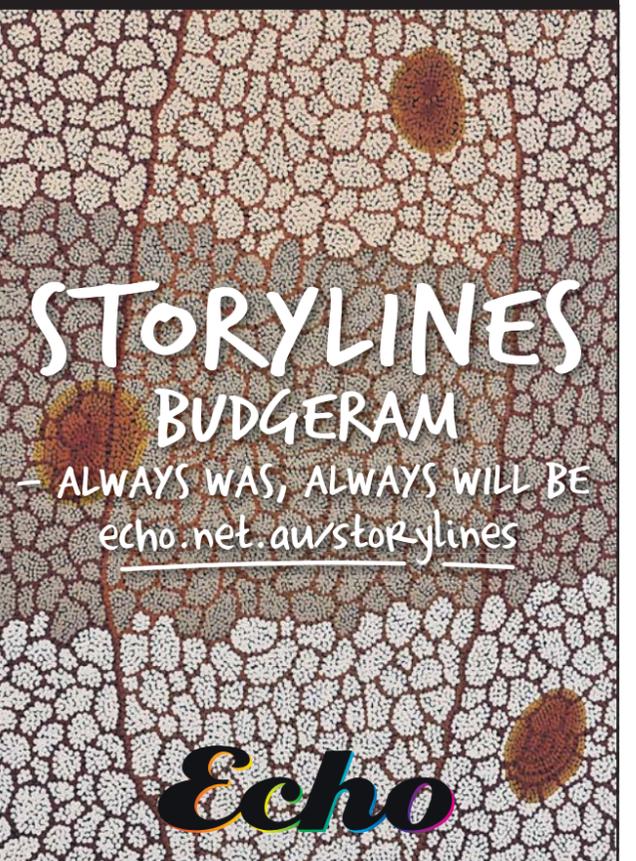
Main Arm facilitator, Peta Best, said that attending the meeting helped people feel

supported in a safe environment, where they were able to envisage change and begin to move together towards collective actions to build community resilience for the future.

Following the first module 'at least one person who came feeling hopeless, left with a feeling of being supported and able to plan and take action,' said Peta.

The workshop series is based on Deep Listening, and strives towards Sociocracy, which is also called dynamic governance. The workshops can be booked via <https://bit.ly/3iophCb>. Check out the Resilient Byron Facebook page or website for other contact details.

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Community pantry opens in Mullum

Paul Bibby

Locals can now get quality grocery items for considerably less than the cost of buying them at the supermarket, after the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre opened a new community pantry.

The service, which is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday between 10am and midday, has a wide variety of dry goods and other household basics, and requires nothing more than a \$2 annual registration fee.

It stocks staples such as bread, milk, rice and tinned goods, as well as hygiene products and detergent.

The prices are up to 50 per cent cheaper than what the major local supermarkets are charging, and the service is available to all members of the local community, regardless of whether they are receiving welfare or not.

The co-ordinator of the service, Katie Tweedie, said staff had decided to open the pantry after the number of clients accessing food support at the centre had increased dramatically.

'Since COVID-19, the



Katie Tweedie from the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Photo Jeff Dawson

numbers have gone through the roof,' Ms Tweedie said.

'There's a whole range of people doing it tough.

Working poor

'We've got a lot of working poor in and around the town.

'Just because you've got a job, doesn't mean you've got much money left at the end of the week after you've paid your rent and other expenses.'

The stock in the pantry comes from the Food Bank – a Sydney-based charity that gathers quality, surplus food and then provides it to not-for-profits and charities across the country.

Ms Tweedie emphasised that the goods in the pantry were not only cheap but high quality.

'There's nothing in the pantry that I wouldn't feed

my family,' she says.

'Nothing is out of date, and I do the best I can to make sure all of the stock is of the highest quality.

'It's about the dignity of the people coming in.'

The centre is also looking to set up an online ordering service, so that clients can order and pay online, then collect their items at a time that's convenient for them.

Parklet EOI sought

Mullumbimby businesses are encouraged to contact Council with an expression of interest to construct parklets within existing unused 'triangles' in Burringbar Street.

Council staff say, 'These "triangles" are the spaces between garden beds and angled car parking spaces.

Car parking spaces cannot be used... Council will work with the successful businesses to create the parklet spaces, including providing funding on a dollar for dollar basis (maximum \$5,000).

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Mullum High teachers walk out

Aslan Shand

Between 30 to 49 teachers walked off the job on Thursday, July 15, at Mullumbimby High School to highlight the impact the state-wide shortage of teachers is having on their school.

'Staff walked out because of the lack of action from the NSW Government to properly staff our public schools,' said NSW Teachers Federation Deputy President, Henry Rajendra.

'Teachers at Mullumbimby High School have been doing their best to deliver teaching and learning programs, but several head teacher and classroom teacher positions remain unfilled despite having been advertised for two years,' Mr Rajendra said.

'In addition, a school counsellor position remains unfilled, which is of concern as it has resulted in insufficient specialist support for emotionally and behaviourally challenged students.

'Our members understand that the cause of the disruption at their school is the NSW Government's failure to appoint sufficient staff and the state-wide shortage



Photo supplied

of casual teachers.

'The shortage of teachers at the school has resulted in additional workload for staff, who are being forced to work under enormous stress.'

Teacher shortage

Mr Rajendra said 'the Gallop Inquiry into the work of teachers found earlier this year that uncompetitive salaries for teachers and unsustainable workloads are leading to teacher shortages.'

'The workloads of teachers have increased every year, but their salaries have fallen every year compared to other professions. You can't fix the shortages

without fixing the wages and workload problem.

Department replies

In reply, The Department of Education accused the Teachers Federation of being inaccurate and misleading.

A Department of Education spokesperson said, 'All head teacher positions are filled.'

'While the school counsellor is on leave, the Senior Psychologist Education (SPE) has attended the school daily to support students.'

'The current vacancy rate of teaching positions represents less than two per cent of the overall workforce.'

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Lismore Council's historic vote to hand back Banyam Baigham

In an emotional and historic vote, Lismore City Council last night passed a motion to hand back the North Lismore Plateau, known as Banyam Baigham – sleeping Lizard – to the traditional custodians.

Cautious welcome for Kingscliff's new ambulance station

The announcement of the new ambulance station for Kingscliff was welcomed by locals. However, it comes with the reminder that the State government committed to no further development on State Significant Farmland following the divisive decision to build the new Tweed Valley Hospital on SSF.

Police seek help finding missing Casino teenager

The most recent sighting of Darrien Gunsberger was in Casino's Frederick Street around 4pm on Friday, 16 July.

13-year-old struck by vehicle in Lismore

Just before 3.45pm on Thursday emergency services were called to South Lismore after reports a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle.

Lismore council pay rise vote

Lismore councillors get tribunal recommended maximum pay rise. It was always going to be an awkward moment during Council's meeting on Tuesday evening when councillors voted on whether to give themselves a pay rise. Or not.

Three injured in vehicle rollover – Burringbar

Three people were involved in a vehicle accident on a property at Upper Burringbar southeast of Murwillumbah on Friday.

Pedestrian dies after hit by car – Lismore

A woman has died after being hit by a car at Lismore on Wednesday, 14 July.

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Murwillumbah to get \$144,000 for CCTV

Aslan Shand

Tweed Shire Councillors agreed at its meeting last week to spend \$144,000 on CCTV cameras in Murwillumbah's Knox Park.

The key issues raised by councillors were the impacts of vandalism and public safety at the park.

'I know it is expensive to put CCTV in one park, [but the importance of the issue] was reinforced by the police at community safety meetings,' Mayor Chris Cherry (Independent) told the meeting on July 15.

Repeated vandalism

Mayor Cherry said that the community and the police had highlighted a 'black hole there' and repeated vandalism of infrastructure and trees in the [park].

Councillor Katie Milne (Greens) said she had also



Knox Park Murwillumbah. Photo Tweed Shire Council

been at the meetings and that 'it was quite distressing to see what we are missing. I'm not generally in favour of CCTV, but it came up on the youth committee that they would like to feel safer in the Knox Park area.'

Mayor Cherry said CCTV 'is already on many streets in Murwillumbah and I don't think most people feel like

they are being watched.'

'CCTV doesn't stop vandalism,' Mayor Cherry said, 'but it does deter it.'

'Police said the existing CCTV has led to a number of arrests. If this is a way to make sure that the park is more useable, then I hope you will support it,' said Mayor Cherry.

The motion was passed unanimously.

River management program underway

A management program for the Richmond River is now underway, with community input invited.

The aim of a Coastal Management Program (CMP), according to water utility Rous, 'is to update the Coastal Zone Management Plan for the Richmond River Estuary (CZMP) for the Richmond River, in line with new legislation, and establish a whole-of-catchment management approach that will capture all issues and activities impacting the health of the estuary.'

Rous County Council's Chair, Keith Williams, says the river and catchment supports a network of ecosystems, a rich biodiversity, and a range of human land uses and activities.

'The area is also the

traditional home of the Bundjalung Nation and has spiritual and cultural significance.'

'With such a large catchment area extending from the Queensland border in the north, to Tenterfield and Clarence Valley in the west, to the Clarence River catchment at its southern border, land uses across these regions have a significant impact on the health of the coastal zone.'

Whole-of-catchment

'The whole-of-catchment approach means this CMP will also include the participation of Kyogle Council, Byron Shire Council and Clarence Valley Council.'

For more info visit www.hydrosphere.com.au/richmondrivercmp.

Lismore Council hears about aircraft noise

Eve Jeffery

Much of public access at last Tuesday's Lismore Council meeting was taken up by residents distressed by the amount of aircraft noise in areas of town.

At the meeting, Mayor Vanessa Ekins moved that Council consult with the community and key stakeholders on addressing aircraft noise and future desires for the airport and that the results of the consultation be reported back to councillors at a briefing.

Mayor Ekins said that, owing to changing use of the

airport, and complaints from the community about aircraft noise and flight paths, 'it is worth having a conversation with the community about aviation rights and responsibilities, good neighbour policies and Council's role and the future of the airport.'

'The consultation process could start with a targeted "Your Say" forum, which will inform a key stakeholders' face-to-face session.'

During public access Judith Forsyth, Lindy McPhee and Philippa Cutter used their four minutes to ask Council for help.

Ms Forsyth said she would

very much welcome any consultation process as far as flights and flight paths were concerned.

'A number of suburbs such as Girard's Hill, Lismore South, Lismore North and others, are particularly impacted by flight noise from small aircraft, which are largely flight training schools and private planes, the worst of which are the twin-engine planes; they are extremely noisy,' she told the meeting.

Ms Forsyth said she wanted to make it clear that she had no problem with community service aircraft, REX or any other flight services that are

related to providing Community Services.

'We are primarily concerned with the noise made from flight training circuits and those that fly over as visitors to Lismore from outer regions who do circuits over the residential areas.'

Council staff say that Council has applied for grant funding through three funding streams for the preparation of a master plan for the airport that will address the future direction for the airport and supporting infrastructure. The planning and provision of supporting airport infrastructure, for

the future, will provide the opportunity to consider airport operations as part of community and stakeholder engagement for the master-plan project.

In anticipation of grant funding being made available in the near future, staff will develop the 'Your Say' forum to provide airport data and information to the community and seek feedback that will assist in drafting the community engagement plan for the master planning process.

Cr Ekins put the motion to a vote and it was passed unanimously.

Tweed Hospital main priority for new health board chair

Mia Armitage

The new chair of the Northern NSW Local Health District board says overseeing development of the new Tweed Hospital will be his main priority in the role.

Mark Humphries has been promoted from his Deputy Chair position to lead the local health district board, after the departure of Dr Brian Pezzutti.

The district is responsible for State health services from Grafton in the south to Tweed in the north.

More than 210,000 people went to State emergency departments in the region

last year, Mr Humphries says, with 96,000 people admitted to hospital in general and 32,000 arriving by ambulance.

State health workers performed around 30,000 operations or related procedures, and there were nearly 3,000 babies born in the district's maternity wards.

'So you can see the volume of work that our team put in,' Mr Humphries says.

Mr Humphries says NSW Health has been investing in local infrastructure such as the Byron hospital, a helipad at Maclean District Hospital and new services in Evans Head and Coraki further south.

He says the new hospital in the Tweed Shire is another major improvement to health services in the Northern Rivers.

'The project is well advanced,' Mr Humphries says, 'as you know it's an approximately \$673 million dollar development. It's running on schedule.'

Mr Humphries says he was on the new Tweed hospital site recently where concrete slabs were down and construction was rising with three cranes at work.

Building is due to finish by the end of the year with the hospital to open to the public by mid-2023.

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Meet the Candidates, August 9

A Meet the Candidates for the upcoming September 4 election is planned August 9 at the Ex-Services Club, from 6 till 8pm. Co-hosted by Mullaumbimby Residents Association (MRA), *The Echo* and Bay FM, it aims to provide residents the opportunity to ask candidates questions.

MRA's Sonia Laverty says a representative from each group will be given two minutes to outline what they hope to achieve as a councillor/mayor over the

next three years.

'This will leave sufficient time for residents to follow up with questions arising from the above'. The event will be MC'd by Mia Armitage from BayFM.

So far, lead candidates are Bruce Clarke (independent), Michael Lyon (independent), Duncan Dey (Greens), Cate Coorey (independent), Mark Swivel (independent), Alan Hunter (independent), Basil Cameron (independent), and Asren Pugh (Labor).

Border zone needed, says local MP

Local MP, Justine Elliot (Labor), says she has written to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian (Liberal), 'urgently requesting that a Northern NSW "border zone" be established to protect the residents of the north coast.

The letter reads in part that 'This action is required to protect the residents of northern NSW'.

'Failure to take such action puts lives, businesses and jobs at risk'.

Correction

The charges against Stuart Charles Newman for the hit and run death of Tim Watkins were incorrectly reported by *The Echo* on June 30.

According records at the District Court, on June 17, Mr Newman was charged with 'Fail to stop and assist after vehicle impact causing death', and 'Negligent driving (occasioning death)'.

Newman is set to be released on parole on May 21, 2022.

Aust Post stands by Wollumbin stamp



Paul Bibby

When Australia Post's new volcano series was proudly unveiled last week it included an image labelled 'Wollumbin Mt Warning NSW'.

There was only one problem: the stamp didn't actually feature a picture of the sacred and iconic peak.

Front and centre of the image was Wollumbin's near neighbour – a knoll known as Doughboy Hill or Doughboy Mountain.

Wollumbin can just be made out in the top right corner of the image, its distinctive hook completely cut off like a poorly taken tourist selfie.

'The summit has been unceremoniously cut off!' said the sharp-eyed *Echo* reader who brought the apparent error to our attention.

But Australia Post is standing by its new stamp.

A spokesperson for the government-owned corporation declared that it was accurate.

'All the features on the stamp are features of the Tweed Volcano, which is

often called Mt Warning volcano in literature,' the spokesperson said.

'Wollumbin is the central plug of the volcano, and the "Doughboy" is a lump of more resistant lava from the volcano.

'While we can understand that locals might have expected that Wollumbin Mt Warning would be featured in the foreground, the decision was made to caption the stamps with the common geographic names.'

This last statement in particular may come as a significant surprise to the traditional custodians, who have referred to the mountain itself as Wollumbin for tens of thousands of years.

More recent arrivals have also adopted this name, or the colonial moniker, Mt Warning. The entire caldera is known locally as the Tweed Caldera and is virtually never referred to as 'the Mt Warning volcano'.

When *The Echo* asked the spokesperson whether any locals or Indigenous groups had been consulted in relation to the production of Wollumbin stamp, they did not answer.

Chamber hosts conflict resolution skills workshop, August 6

A workshop on how to hold 'tough conversations for owners and senior staff' will be held August 6 at the Art & Wine Co, Byron Bay, from 9am til 3.30pm.

Presented by psychologist Michael Hawton of The Parent Shop, the workshop aims to give business owners key conflict resolution skills, including how to stage a conversation, what to say at certain junctures and what all-purpose useful scripts will help.

Organisers say, 'Holding tough conversations in a business setting is not just

about learning good conflict resolution skills, it's also about how to click into action under pressure'.

'We can learn a lot from observing the way that other professionals, like pilots, mediators and paramedics perform under pressure'.

The cost is \$95 – \$125, and tickets and more information are available at <https://bit.ly/2UzWKS8>.

If your business would like to partner with the chamber for an upcoming event or workshop, contact the chamber's Executive Officer, Katee Blizzard, at info@byronbaychamber.com.



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NAIDOC at St John's

St John's Primary School in Mullumbimby celebrated their NAIDOC Week with a Welcome To Country by Harley Black, the school's Indigenous Education Worker (pictured with students). There was a flag raising and bush tucker feast featuring baked barramundi, kangaroo stew and damper with bush spices. Photo Jeff Dawson

Shark Cull doco, July 21

The 'lack of political courage' by the Queensland and NSW Governments is causing the destruction of the Great Barrier Reef, say makers of a new documentary, *Envoy: Shark Cull*.

The film's press release says the film is narrated by actor Eric Bana, and 'sheds light on the real story behind the coastal "shark safety" programs in

Queensland and NSW'.

Byron Rangers and Sea Shepherd Byron Bay have partnered with Envoy to bring this documentary to Byron.

A live Q&A and screening is on July 21 at the Palace Cinemas, Byron Bay.

Organisers say, 'Join some of the biggest names in ocean conservation, such as Sea Shepherd, Ocean Ramsey and Byron local Madison Stewart

AKA "Shark Girl Madison", who will bring their in-depth knowledge and expertise to shed light on this scarcely understood topic'.

'The panel includes environmental scientist, Scott Wallace and Dean Steele-Bennett, the founder and CEO of Byron Rangers'.

Tickets are available at www.palacecinemas.com.au/events/envoy-shark-cull-qa.

Old Byron Hospital DA on exhibition

Paul Bibby

Plans are finally in for the redevelopment of the old Byron Hospital that will facilitate its transformation into a much-needed community hub.

A Development Application (DA) submitted by Byron Council to its own planning department last week sets out a series of changes that will give the buildings - some of them nearly 70 years old - a new lease on life.

The plans, currently viewable on the Council's website, will see the entire roof on the northern section of the main building being replaced, and major internal work undertaken inside.

All internal partitioning is to be demolished and the building repartitioned into a series of discrete tenancies comprising a mix of sizes and configurations to meet the varying needs of future tenants.

These include a small university campus for up to 175 local students and staff, at least one local

welfare service, and an arts organisation.

The dilapidated hospital kitchen will be turned into a modern commercial kitchen that will be available for hire, with priority given to not-for-profit groups providing food to community members in need.

The old kiosk will be turned into a cafe to service students and other site users.

According to the Statement of Environmental Effects accompanying the DA, the plans for the site are more than 18 months in the making, and include numerous consultation meetings with different community groups and stakeholders.

The only concern raised during these discussions, the statement says, was the conflict that could result from having welfare services located next to creative, educational and commercial institutions.

'These concerns have been addressed through the design, in which precincts are well separated with multiple access points,' the

statement says.

'The welfare services also have the opportunity to use the space as a base and provide outreach programs throughout the town centre, not necessarily from the site itself.'

Previous fears over the presence of asbestos and radioactive sand on the site have reportedly been allayed through the implementation of a remediation action plan.

Applicant and the consent authority

While the DA itself appears to be fairly uncontroversial, the fact that it is being assessed by Council raises questions about situations where a council is both the applicant and the consent authority.

Currently in NSW, there is no effective provision for an independent arbiter to take over the assessment of a local project being undertaken by a council, unless that project is of such size and economic value that it is deemed a 'state significant development'.

Council finally comes to the STP party

Aslan Shand

According to local landowner Tony Flick, there was a time when the water was clean, and you could catch prawns and mud crabs in the Belongil Estuary.

Last Thursday, local landholders, councillors, Council staff, Southern Cross University scientists and Marine Parks representatives met onsite at the Union Drain in the Belongil Estuary, to discuss the ongoing failure of Byron Shire Council to deal with its sewer impacts.

At stake is the unloading of up to five megalitres a day of treated Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) water into the Union Drain and the Belongil Estuary. For over ten years, local landholders have been asking Council to take action on the overloading of the Union Drain by the STP.

Yet in the past, Byron Shire Council (BSC) staff have said that they will no longer communicate with the Belongil Catchment Drainage Board (BCDB) over the management of the estuary and its impacts on the Union Drain.

'I was informed of this meeting by a member of the drainage board; we never

received an official notification, request or invite from Council,' said local landholder, and board member of the BCDB, Tom Vidal.

'It is unfortunate that the meeting had to be instigated by a councillor (Alan Hunter) since BSC is not communicating with the Drainage Board (BCDB) on flooding issues'.

Multiple landowners say that their land has been unusable for at least the last ten years, pointing out that the Union Drain was designed to extract water from the area to facilitate agriculture, not to drain the STP. They say that the current opening strategy for the mouth of the Belongil is failing.

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Free fi fo dumb?

Scientists have warned that now the UK has come out of lockdown on 'freedom day' (July 19), it will lead to 'a generation left with chronic health problems and disability, the personal and economic impacts of which might be felt for decades to come'.

A *Lancet* article from July 7 is titled 'Mass infection is not an option: we must do more to protect our young', and is co-authored by 15 university academics. Additionally it is supported by around 112 medics and academics around the world.

They write that 'An end to the pandemic through population immunity requires enough of the population to be immune to prevent exponential growth of SARS-CoV-2'.

The authors cite UK Government data, which 'show that as of July 4, 2021, 51 per cent of the total UK population have been fully vaccinated and 68 per cent have been partially vaccinated'.

The authors accuse the UK government of 'embarking on a dangerous and unethical experiment' and say of children, 'The root cause of educational disruption is transmission, not isolation'.

'The link between infection and death might have been weakened, but it has not been broken, and infection can still cause substantial morbidity in both acute and long-term illness'.

The course of action, they say, is that the government 'should delay complete re-opening until everyone, including adolescents, have been offered vaccination and uptake is high, and until mitigation measures, especially adequate ventilation (through investment in CO₂ monitors and air filtration devices) and spacing (eg, by reducing class sizes), are in place in schools'.

'Until then', they say, 'public health measures must include those called for by WHO (universal mask wearing in indoor spaces, even for those vaccinated), the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (ventilation and air filtration), and Independent SAGE (effective border quarantine; test, trace isolate, and support)'.

'This will ensure that everyone is protected and make it much less likely that we will need further restrictions or lockdowns in the autumn'.

Meanwhile, PM Boris Johnson, while admitting cases are rising, adds if the country doesn't open up now, 'then when?'

Ironically, he has reportedly had the virus previously, yet according to the BBC, is again self-isolating after contact with the virus-infected Health Secretary, Sajid Javid.

The only comfort that can be taken from this is that it's not just Australia that suffers from a bumbling, incompetent politicians.

With Sydney's cases yet to be contained, it appears that the fluid nature of the virus is looking more and more like a threat to the next generation.

Will we learn from the UK experiment, now they have emerged from months of iso?

Please stay COVID-19 safe, peeps.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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The legalities around pork barrelling in NSW

Paul Gregoire

Pork barrelling is the distributing of public money to fund projects in government-held electorates and marginal seats for political gain, or as current NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian puts it, it's about making 'commitments to the community in order to curry favour'.

This misallocation of public funds to benefit partisan interest, to the detriment of making such decisions based on merit, is nothing new in the state of NSW. However, the blatant justifications of the practice by the current Coalition government are something new.

Since last November, numerous instances of senior ministers partaking in these scenarios have been uncovered, and yet, rather than shirk away from the allegations over what the majority of the public perceives as misconduct, the government has persistently asserted it's done nothing wrong.

In relation to her own currying of favour, Berejiklian acknowledged that it's 'not something the community likes', but it was an accusation she would wear. And she further asserted that 'it's not an illegal practice', and, unfortunately, 'it does happen from time to time by every government'.

For his part, NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro, revels in the politically profitable distribution of public funds.

In early 2019, he quipped that his nickname is 'Pork Barrel-aro', while, earlier this year, he stated that 'what we call pork barrelling is investment'.

'You want to call that buying votes,' the deputy premier boldly said, 'it's what the elections are for.'

Pork pies

The NSW Public Accountability Committee inquiry into grants programs found late last year that in the lead up to the last state election, the Berejiklian government had distributed 95 percent of \$252 million from the Stronger Communities Fund to local governments in Coalition voting regions.

The premier signed off on \$141.8 million of these grants herself.

Her office was then found to have breached the law by shredding documents and deleting files relating to the grants she approved.

And Barilaro signed off on \$61.3

million worth of these 'investments'.

But the pork didn't end there.

In February, it came to light that the state coalition had been currying favour with arts grants, as well as being up to its neck in the deceitful distribution of bushfire relief, with Barilaro involved in the allocating of \$177 million for 71 projects, with only \$2.5 million making it to Labor seats.

Indeed, when it came to the 2019-20 bushfires, the Blue Mountains was one of the hardest hit regions in the state.

Yet, despite the Labor-held seat having been crippled by two megafires, the coalition couldn't find it within itself to grant it any relief funding whatsoever.

A watchdog with teeth

NSW Greens MLC, David Shoebridge, chairs the Public Accountability Committee.

He told Sydney Criminal Lawyers last week that despite the premier's protestations around pork barrelling being legal, it is very much outlawed by the Act that governs the NSW anti-corruption watchdog.

'It's my view that the conduct we've seen by the Berejiklian and Barilaro government has obviously met the definition of corrupt conduct under the ICAC Act,' said Mr Shoebridge. 'However, ICAC is the ultimate judge of that.'

Section 8 of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 (NSW) outlines the general nature of corrupt conduct, which includes 'any conduct of a public official that constitutes or involves the dishonest or partial exercise of any of his or her official functions'.

However, according to Shoebridge, 'what is missing in NSW is a legal consequence'.

So, while pork barrelling may be considered corrupt conduct under the *ICAC Act*, there is no actual offence for the practice of it on the books.

And this is why Berejiklian can make her assertion that it's legal.

Misconduct in public office

Crikey legal expert Michael Bradley takes the argument further.

He points to the *NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct*, which was created by Section 9 of the *ICAC Act*, as containing provisions that lead to pork barrelling

being unlawful, but again fails to make it a crime in itself.

The lawyer points to Clause 6 of the code, which states 'A minister, in the exercise or performance of their official functions, must not act dishonestly, must act only in what they consider to be the public interest, and must not act improperly for their private benefit or for the private benefit of any other person.'

As Berejiklian openly admitted to pork barrelling in the case of the Stronger Communities Fund, Bradley asserts, she did not act in the public interest, but rather distributed the grants in the private interests of her party.

Bradley further posits that this could then constitute the common law offence of 'misconduct in public office'. Penalties for common law offences are 'at large', which means that the penalty that applies to any of these offences has no limit.

The elements of the offence that capture the nature Berejiklian's behaviour, the lawyer continues, are 'wilfully', 'intentionally' and 'culpably', which is especially so for Stronger Communities as the funds were supposed to help amalgamating councils, yet they weren't used in this manner.

Criminalisation unlikely

The initial report on the distribution of NSW grants concluded that the Stronger Communities Fund 'morphed into a brazen pork-barrel scheme'. And the Public Accountability Committee handed over its findings to the ICAC to consider in late May.

Right now, pork barrelling is part and parcel of the Australian political landscape. Not only was it rife in the lead up to the last state election, but the Morrison government was up to the same tricks right before the May 2019 federal election, as it was favourably distributing sports and car park grants.

Yet, as Shoebridge mentioned, the real issue is pork barrelling doesn't constitute a specific offence.

And the problem here is neither major party wants to criminalise the practice once it obtains power, as it too wants to curry favour in much same manner in order to shore up its re-election next time the vote comes round.

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Our water future

A spokesperson for Our Future Northern Rivers (OFNR), explains clearly why the OFNR position on water supply for this region is dismally lacking in foresight.

She states that no water sources other than a new dam at Dunoon will be acceptable – no desalination; no aquifers; no potable recycled water; no efficiency; no fixing the leaks. Talk about all your ‘eggs in one basket’!

As Sharon Cadwallader from Ballina Council and Rous County Council (RCC) reiterates, the Dunoon Dam has been investigated for the past 25 years at a cost of millions of dollars. Studies have shown it is not a viable solution to water supply in the region.

Why is OFNR insisting on spending more millions? Are they hoping for a different result? That the threatened rainforest community will have vanished? That the Widjabul Wia-bal heritage sites will no longer exist? Or perhaps that, magically, the catchment area will have increased?

What RCC is now proposing is that many smaller water sources will be used. These are scalable so that each can be made larger as demand increases. This way the costs will be spread out over generations rather than paid for upfront by current residents.

Such multiple projects will also employ many people in the region for years rather than forking out squillions for a large contractor to move in, build a dam and clear out with bulging pockets.

To insist no other options are acceptable, when we face an uncertain future in climate change and unknown population growth, is staggeringly rigid thinking, allowing no space for adaptability.

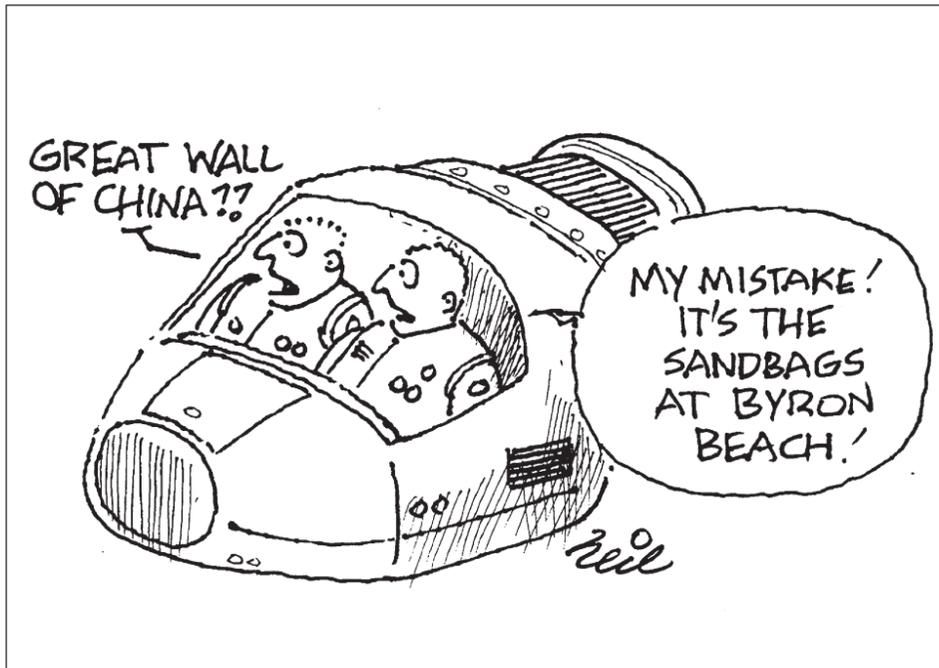
RCC, through the Integrated Water Cycle Management 2060, is planning to provide sustainable, innovative water sources, which will provide clean drinking water for the region for the future.

Let them get on with it!

Hugh Nicholson
The Channon

Dropping a few 5Gs

Apparently Bill Gates’ plane has been flying over the Shire dropping 5Gs from its ChemTrails. These go straight through facemasks putting the sheeple under



Cartoon by Neil Matterson. Instagram: @neilmatterson

the influence of Big Pharma and making them go and get vaccinated.

I struggle to understand a lot of this stuff, but I know there are people in Mullum who are right across it. Maybe they can write in and confirm?

Dale Steedman
Suffolk Park

Beach going, going...

I have noticed in the last few years that the poly fibre bags being used to protect the back dunes of Byron’s beach are fraying. I wonder if small amounts of fibre are coming apart from the bags and floating out to sea, affecting wildlife in the bay. How environmentally friendly they are?

It would seem to me that using rock would be a more natural option to protect the dune, followed by bulldozing back sand onto the beach at low tide – when there are no pippies – as a good option to protect and restore the beach.

Len Bates
Mullumbimby

■ Ed note: Artificial reefs discussed p13.

■ Thanks *Echo* for keeping up the scientific articles about why we have lost our beaches in Byron. It’s such a no-brainer: put in rocks and walls and the ocean hits the rocks and drags out the sand. The problem is not unique to Byron beaches. Leave a sloping beach and the sand comes and goes.

It’s time to pull out all the rocks and let the ocean reform the sandy shores. Then we’ll get Clarkes and Main Beach back.

Look at any early photos and see the over 100 metres of clean white sand in front of the Byron Surf Club. Look at the millions of dollars Council has spent on rock walls. Tell the Council to put its hopes for the long-term coastal management plan – and the rocks it has stockpiled – into fixing the Shire’s potholes. The hopes alone would probably suffice.

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

Green is the colour of my discontent

The Greens team for the Council election has a problem with the inclusion of Sarah Ndiaye, the preferred successor of Simon Richardson, and his unwavering supporter.

Richardson, you may recall, publicly scorned effective governance, alienating many long-time Greens supporters. Major concerns such as the failing water and sewage system and the 4Corners-exposed rubbish-running-racket to Queensland were ignored or minimised as too hard for the staff.

Other Richardson collaborators have moved on. The ‘lucky’ Greens have kept the services of Cr Ndiaye, but I fail to understand how they managed to ignore her Council record and accept her nomination, let alone contrive to promote her to number two in their voting order. (The ‘affirmative action’ system that advantaged Ndiaye has been largely abandoned at local government level in the Greens.)

The real irony is that Matthew O’Reilly, the only

Greens candidate to have thoroughly prepared, and who has the qualities to be a very effective councillor, has been elbowed aside by this ‘accommodation’ and will probably miss out. Voters can still support Matthew by numbering below the line on the ballot.

I was disappointed that the politically experienced members of the team opted to hold their nose and look the other way.

I am expecting my AVO in the mail.

Tom Tabart
Co-founder, Byron Greens

Strange figures

To date (10/07/2021), the inflow into Brunswick Waste Water Treatment Plant has been 1,056,459.53 kilolitres, recycled water is 50,315.34 kilolitres, treated effluent leaving the plant is 1,094,160.08 kilolitres. These figures make no sense, even with 50,315.34 kilolitres going to recycled water there

is more treated effluent leaving the plant than is entering the plant – how is this possible?

The Ocean Shores STP closure seems to have been decided; this will remove the opportunity of the northern-most communities of Byron Shire probably ever having access to recycled water.

What a failure in planning this is, Ocean Shores STP has been left untouched since the 1995 augmentation of the original Ocean Shores STP. No interim upgrades have been done to date.

The only change in the process is bizarre, this change is the treated effluent leaving the plant, which flows through the UV Disinfection Plant then through a Serpentine Channel, and is now pumped back up as it leaves the Serpentine Channel to the UV Disinfection Plant, to

go through again rather than flowing to the river.

Surely this indicates that the treated effluent is being contaminated by the Serpentine Channel, the downside of this is that the unscreened treated effluent being pumped back the UV Disinfection Plant will contaminate it and cause its efficiency to drop and require it to be taken offline and cleaned out.

There is an alternative that is available and has been available for years. The original tertiary pond from the original O/S plant has been sitting in close proximity to the UV Disinfection plant, totally empty, why has this not been taken advantage of and put back online?

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

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Letters to the Editor and cartoons

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Bumbling Berejiklian

The chooks have certainly come home to roost for the corruption riddled NSW government and 'our' scandal plagued premier. Fair dinkum, this bumbling woman is incapable of making a rational decision – how is she still premier? Just when all the great work has been done by the Labor premiers of Qld, Vic, WA, ACT and the NT in suppressing the spread of COVID-19, Berejiklian's political dithering in imposing a lockdown has allowed the virus to get out of control and put all of NSW – and Australia – at risk. This is the same woman who played grubby politics by constantly ridiculing Anastacia Palaszczuk on her strict border closures that protected Queenslanders so well; and attacked Vic Premier Daniel Andrews when he had to deal with the terrible outbreak in the federally controlled aged care sector. Gladys would be best advised to drop her conservative arrogance

and learn from the Labor premiers' successes. Gladys is now playing the blame-game card, to deflect attention from her incompetence. We were originally told 'NSW will have no more lockdowns', that went well. There is now a shit-fight going on, not only within the government, but also with the Federal government over their botched vaccine rollout. It's a toss-up which government will win the award for 'gold standard' incompetent corruption.

Keith Duncan
Pimlico

Jeff off

Local Government elections are coming and Cr Jeff Johnson is on the campaign trail, telling us that he has been a Ballina Shire Councillor for three terms and would also like to be mayor. Perhaps I am too negative, but I can only remember Cr Johnson's failures over the past 13 years, like the BMX track brain fart that was immediately and strongly rejected by the community and the ocean pool

that seems to have sunk. Of late Cr Johnson, much like his pro beach driving co-representative for B Ward, Cr Keith Williams, has shamelessly been playing identity politics with his proposal that 'locals' only be allowed to drive on Seven Mile Beach. What next, should 'locals' only be allowed to surf Lennox Point? Should visitors just send the money and stay home? Divide and conquer, it's rather Trumpian. Anyhow, Cr Johnson's beach driving proposal was rejected in the July Council meeting, like Cr Williams' proposal to allow local recreational fishers to drive on South Ballina Beach again also was, back in April.

Cr Johnson has also hitched his campaign wagon to the 'affordable housing crisis' but in his three terms he has overseen the raping of Skennars Head by 'Gordon Gecko' type corporate developers, who view land as a commodity and clearly have no respect for country. See the real estate ads in this paper, new land releases in Lennox Head are fully priced. It's too late for forward-thinking now, Cr Johnson (and the rest of Ballina Shire Council), but it is an opportune time, leading up to an election, for politicians' promises and a bit of virtue signalling. Ballina Shire Council, with its 'jobs and greed' agenda

(directed by the NSW State Government), is getting stale and I think it's time for some fresh faces. Let's all cooperate in a huge protest vote at the coming elections and turf the lot out. It will be fun.

Stephen Totterman
Ballina

About us, without us
Many of us in the Byron Market community feel completely betrayed by the councillors who last week voted to move us again, like an unwanted jigsaw piece. The last time I saw a politician pretending to take any interest in us it was the former Mayor, Jan Barham, as well as Simon Richardson when he was trying to get

re-elected as a councillor. We trusted that he cared and many voted for him. He promised a 'park and ride' solution to our town traffic problem and we were representing the Greens, we thought that our future on Butler Street was secure and we could finally work on improving the grounds for us and for the community. For 13 years now there have been several attempts to move the market away from the Butler Street Reserve (BSR). A small group of stallholders were very vocal about moving the market to the beach site and abandoning the BSR. This group became, and remains, ► **Continued on page 14**

CHESSE by Ian Rogers

After decades of near misses, Bobby Cheng has become the first Australian, male or female, to win a match at the World Cup. The former World U/12 Champion progressed to a second round match in Sochi against world number five Levon Aronian by defeating 23-year-old Turkish Champion Vahap Sanal 3-1. Vahap was the nominal favourite but Cheng, 24, comfortably drew both classical games and then dominated in the rapid tiebreakers. One other Australian has reached the second round of the World Cup, Gary Lane in 2005, but that was thanks to his first round opponent, seventh seed Vladimir Akopian, suffering an accident just before travelling to Khanty Mansiysk and handing a forfeit win to Lane. In beating Sanal, Cheng also had the satisfaction of playing one of the World Cup's most spectacular combinations. In the diagrammed position Cheng, White, found:

36.Rxf7!! when Sanal had only a choice of evils. **36...Rxf7 37.Bxe6** leaves Black at least

two pawns down with a terrible position, so the young Turk tried **36...Kxf7**. Then after **37.Bxe6+!** Black had to play the humble **37...Ke8** since **37...Rxe6 38.Rd7+** would be hopeless. However, after **37...Ke8** Cheng found the brilliant finish **38.Bf5! Ng5 39.Rd8+!! Kxd8 40.Qd5+!** and Black was forced to resign since on **40...Ke8, 41.Qg8** is checkmate. **1-0**

Cheng, who arrived in Russia early to acclimatise and recover from jet lag, will earn a minimum of \$US4,800 for progressing to the second round, which will almost cover his travel, hotel and quarantine costs. Aronian, who spent considerable time in Australia with his late wife Arianne Caoili, is well aware of Cheng's capabilities and is unlikely to take the unassuming Sydneysider lightly. Cheng's chances are slim, but far from nonexistent.



Polio, vax zombies and the fear of dictatorships

■ Will Ash denounces *The Echo* for being pro-vax (9 July). *The Echo* is just being pro-science, and supporting the community through this scourge.

Then he states the vaccines are 'poison'. Will he now write in and give us the peer reviewed science to support that claim?

Then he mentions 'rights'. Well, we have rights too, that is the right to feel safe in our community and not be threatened by anti-vax zombies.

Paul Stephen
Yamba

■ I was born in 1945. While I was a young child, my family went through a fearful time when I became ill during a polio epidemic. Fortunately, I had not contracted polio. I remember seeing kids who were not so fortunate, with metal braces on their legs. I have no idea what it must have been like to be confined in an iron lung.

I have a friend my age who was infected by polio. Here is an excerpt from a letter that he wrote to me: 'I remember when I was

in hospital for three months at age nine for tendon transplant surgery. It was needed to repair damage done to my hand by polio, which I got at age 15 months, because there was no vaccination at the time.

There were hundreds of other kids in the same hospital who were polio victims, most of whom were severely crippled, had been there for years and would never leave. It was deeply saddening for me as a child to see them, and tragic for them.'

Though it is suspected that polio has been around since ancient times, it wasn't until the 20th century that it began appearing in epidemic proportions.

In 1952, the US had its worst outbreak with 57,628 cases reported that year. 3,145 died and 21,269 were left with mild to disabling paralysis. In 1955, the vaccine developed by Dr Salk was introduced in the US and by 1957 the number of cases in a year had dropped to 5,600 cases.

By 2017, only 22 cases of wild poliovirus infection were reported in the

entire world, down from 37 reported cases in 2016. At the end of 2017, polio remained endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Though there is still a risk of polio's resurgence, we no longer live in fear as people did in the middle of the 20th century.

We are blessed to live in a time when we have the benefit of science to help us to overcome diseases like polio that used to be common. There are still those of us who experienced the days before vaccinations. We are here to testify from life experience the important differences that science has made in our lives. Getting a COVID-19 jab is for more than your own health, it's for those around you as well.'

Kundan Ewan
Main Arm

■ Professor Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum, says that by Christmas time, people will be more angry than they are today. Forecaster Martin Armstrong says that every country that has imposed

lockdowns will see rebellion, civil war and revolution, developing over the next few years: what one sees in Durban today, will sadly spread.

Many people would sooner die than be vaccinated, if you try to force them, there will be a civil war, far worse than the pandemic! If you want to run a dictatorship, then civil war may be an acceptable consequence.

We are in a time like just before the outbreak of WWI. There are always new kinds of dictatorships; despotic people will always try to take advantage of any situation to impose a dictatorship.

Canada has cancelled elections until COVID-19 is over. France says, no current COVID Vaccination Health Pass means no access to any hospital, shopping centre, plane, train, bus, cafe, restaurant, cinema, festival or bar – and that applies to all the workers at those places too. That's why there will be civil war in France; it has already begun.

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Artificial reefs for coastal erosion control



Artificial reefs, Norfolk, England. Right: Artificial reefs with salients and previous coastline levels in Dubai. Image supplied

Steve Hansen

A 2016 investigation into strategies to control coastal erosion commissioned by Byron Shire Council (BSC), recommended as the most economically viable option the construction, in the most vulnerable areas, of an engineered seawall with public walkway. There was the potential addition, at a later stage, of beach nourishment with sand sourced from elsewhere and the construction of groynes.

The building of seawalls has been the subject of a controversial court case brought against BSC in recent years. These seawalls were constructed privately in the Belongil area, although with the notable absence of a public walkway.

The report also identifies the majority of these walls as not designed to contemporary engineering standards.

Armoured coastline

Seawalls constitute what are known as an 'armoured coastline' and while they are common features in coastal areas around the world, they

typically result in the eventual loss of all semblance of a beach in front of them. In addition they defer erosion to adjacent areas; which in the case of the Belongil seawalls is the northern part of the Belongil Spit, already subject to the most intense erosion in the area. The seawalls themselves also undergo severe erosion and require continuous and costly maintenance.

Artificial reefs

There is an alternative strategy that does not appear to have been taken into consideration by BSC. Artificial offshore reefs have the potential not only to protect vulnerable beaches, but to actively promote beach enlargement and growth through sand accretion.

One such reef was constructed offshore off the Narrowneck Spit near Surfers Paradise in 1999, and a second reached completion off the coast of Palm Beach in October 2019.

Constructed with a variety of human-made materials such as geotextile sand containers and concrete or quarried stone, artificial reefs

can protect the shoreline though the twin principles of wave refraction and wave diffraction.

Wave refraction involves changing the angle at which waves strike a beach. Because sand is removed from beaches by cross-shore currents and deposited by on-shore ones, merely changing the angle of approach of prevailing currents can drastically improve a beach's sand accretion regime.

However, the real power of artificial reefs lies in the process of wave diffraction. Underwater or emergent reefs that consist of two or more structures with gaps between them decrease the energy of waves that encounter them. These waves will then fan out in a circular pattern, and, having their energy reduced, will deposit the sand they contain.

Beaches will form to that circular wave pattern and take on a crescent shape, giving rise to salients, which are outcrops of sand growing towards the offshore reef. Over time sand will build up until it connects with the reef, and creates a sheltered lagoon, a configuration

known as 'tombolo'.

Historical charts and photos of Byron Bay show the former existence of similar lagoons. Side benefits of such reefs include increased marine life habitat, and new diving and surfing opportunities.

The strategic placement of such artificial reefs, eg in front of Jonson Street and in front of the Belongil Spit, has the potential to create such features, rebuilding the beach in front of the seawalls and strengthening its ability to withstand future erosion.

While artificial reefs were considered in the 2016 study, they were not deemed an economically viable, or otherwise suitable option, for Byron Bay. However, costs associated with the construction of an engineered seawall at Belongil were estimated at \$15 million in 2016. The recently completed Palm Beach reef was constructed for \$18.2 million. It may well be worth spending a relatively minor extra \$3 million to ensure a long-term sustainable solution that would result in restoring and retaining Byron's beaches, rather than losing them.

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Yellowstone Butterfly



A solitary old man gives shelter to his daughter and her friends, who are on the run from the secret police. He becomes a target himself when two scientific entrepreneurs with very different solutions to our political problems arrive on his doorstep, one with a genetically engineered house cat. Meanwhile in David Lovejoy's SF story California slides into the sea, the tundra melts and Australia's last butterfly vanishes.

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► **Continued from page 12** the most influential with the management of the markets.

Now they support the move to the railway tracks.

These individuals are used as props by the management to manufacture consent. They represent only themselves and never have been elected to represent anyone else.

The activists who were keen on improvements [to BSR] were slandered and bullied out of the stallholders' committee. Instead of implementing a plan of improvements, which included the planting of trees and landscaping that was supported by over 90 per cent of stallholders, the ground became neglected and we were discouraged [from making improvements] by the establishment of a weekly farmers market on the site together with the parking by its customers. The fragile ground covering an old tip has been damaged and eroded.

When approached about it, then Mayor Richardson, councillor Sarah Ndiaye and Council staff all referred to the BSR as 'a dust bowl'. We knew this well-rehearsed expression from those few stallholders opposed to improvements. If the Reserve was not 'a dust bowl' then, it became a self-fulfilling prophecy when Michael Lyon, acting as mayor, established heavy vehicle parking on the recreational reserve, in breach of the Reserve's Plan of Management.

Despite all that, over 90 per cent of the stallholders signed a petition at the time to remain on the BSR.

The legitimacy of the Council vote last week is questionable. There was no proper consultation. In the past we were offered a vote

among the stallholders. This time the Council staff came up with a survey, which mixed stallholders' opinions with those of random residents who have no livelihoods at stake, and came up with a magic number of 42 per cent in favour.

The masterplan touted by the Council was an elitist affair concocted behind closed doors and the stallholder community was not included. I was asked to leave the masterplan meeting and told that market stallholders' input was not welcome as it would 'put a spanner in the works'.

Since none of the current councillors are deserving of our few hundred votes, is there anyone in the candidates pool who thinks that we deserve a say in our future? It is a number one issue in this election for many of us.

How can the Council claim that it is supporting possible transport on the transport corridor when it is proposing it as a permanent home for the markets?

How come the community market cannot go back to BSR because of the possible ground contamination, yet we are told that we have to park there, and that maybe the farmers' market may go there?

How, after 27 years of having a spacious, grassy site, where I could trade in any weather from my stall secured by my vehicle, can I now be expected to carry my stock and move my car back and forth?

Now we are also asked to support some multinationalals. This is a quote from the Council email trying to convince us that: 'According to Council this proposal is

based on national and global evidence that the positioning of markets in the commercial centre of towns positively impacts local bricks-and-mortar businesses'.

What is the future of the Butler Street Reserve? Will it become another 'affordable housing' venture? Or maybe a department store? For almost 50 years it was a community asset. It looks like it has been master planned away.

Sky Wesolowski
Coorabell

Local Labor

Labor has a very long and proud history as part of the Byron Shire community with the Byron Bay branch recently celebrating its 100th anniversary. We have seen this community change from farming, to working class industrial, then through the Aquarius revolution to the beautiful, kind and progressive community it is today.

It was Labor that created all of our local National Parks and Nature Reserves, from Tyagarah to Cumbebin Swamp to Arakwal National Park.

Sandra Heilpern asks what Labor has to do with local government.

It has been Labor councillor, Paul Spooner, who has driven the Community Land Trust model to help housing affordability and the need to use some of our rail corridor for emergency small housing. It is Labor councillor, Jan Hackett, who has championed the arts and the protection of our beaches while on Council. Right now there are more Labor councillors on Byron Shire Council than Greens members.

We need a Council that works, that better engages with and is responsive to the

The Israel-Palestine debate goes on

■ Gareth Smith, you are clearly very passionate, but constantly providing incredibly one-sided opinions, and half-truths get us nowhere (14 July). I am factual and feel the pain of both Palestinians and Israelis.

Every Jew in the world, unless they've converted to Judaism, has DNA linking them to the land of Israel and Judea. Every one of them, even if they migrated to Europe etc over the centuries. Jews are indigenous to the land and it is as simple as that. Both Palestinians and Israelis deserve to live side-by-side in peace. Neither side is going anywhere, and peace will bring prosperity to all.

Hamas wants to kill every Jew in the world, not just in Israel, and they regularly state this. These are the people you love and support.

It was confirmed that in the recent Israel-Hamas conflict, over half of the dead in Gaza were combatants, but still, every death is a tragedy that could have been avoided. Palestinian civilians too were sadly killed, but only because Hamas fighters use them as human shields.

community. We need to be taken seriously by state and federal governments so that we can get our fair share of infrastructure funding for roads, parks and paths.

Our community is under enormous pressure from tourism and housing stress. It is time to start actually doing things. Let's get Labor's plan for a Community Land Trust happening on lot 22 and the Mullumbimby hospital site. Let's build the bike and walking paths within and between

Many Palestinians and Arabs worldwide hate Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. They know they are responsible for the suffering of the Palestinian people, including all deaths on both sides.

'Hamas authorities routinely arrest and torture peaceful critics and opponents with impunity', Human Rights Watch said in March 2019, when Hamas crushed a protest against them by Gazan people, as reported in the *New York Times*. Hamas is nothing less than a death cult. Fight for the Palestinian people by fighting to replace their leaders.

Peace is the only answer.

Danny Wakil
Billinudgel

■ Gareth Smith (July 14), I can see you like the selective use of historical facts and statistics when arguing for 'balance' about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

I have just one statistic - zero. That's how many bomb shelters there are in Gaza. This, despite the fact that Hamas clocks in as the third richest terrorist organisation in the world at

\$1billion (*Forbes* 2018). That's zero shelters even though Hamas has a special 'tunnels battalion' responsible for digging and building tunnels to facilitate attacking Israel - some big enough to drive trucks through.

Israel, by comparison, has devoted billions of shekels to building enough bomb shelters to protect at least 75 per cent of its people. In the 2021 conflict, Hamas fired 4,000 rockets that would've caused mass casualties of Israelis - men, women and children - without the Iron Dome. They did so knowing Israel would respond, knowing there were no bomb shelters for Palestinians, and fighting from urban areas - essentially using Palestinians as human shields.

In biasing your argument against Israel you miss the geo-political forces at work. Hamas is a terrorist army paid for by Iran and Qatar whose stated aim is the annihilation of Israel and death to all Jews. Palestinian deaths are useful in the propaganda war of demonising Israel. A trap you've fallen into.

Andrew Macklin
Mullumbimby Creek

our towns. Let's reform Council so that it starts delivering and working for us as a community.

Asren Pugh
Labor candidate for Mayor

Why the rush?

I was born in Byron Bay and I am deeply concerned for the known and unknown impacts of 5G technology.

Our community and council voted against 5G with mass amounts of protesters coming to the streets. It was not only this community, but all over the world, with whole countries refusing this unsafe and not properly tested technology.

I have been present at the Suffolk tower this week and the lack of support or understanding from our police and Council has hurt me deeply.

One of the police officers asked a protester, 'How many watts is coming from the tower?' Wattage? The

tower is not a light bulb, and this lack of understanding should not be coming from our local protectors - their children and loved ones will be affected too.

I wish our Council was standing with us. Are they fighting on a federal level?

This work is going ahead as I write this, our protectors have been banned from the tower. Protesters being shamed for showing up with restrictions in place, and yet again the irony that this work is taking place while there is a 'pandemic' - what's the rush? Faster internet?

Why are there 20 plus police officers at the tower with only a few protesters remaining? Crystal meth is one of the much larger issues that our police could be working on, yet they are protecting large corporations' interests.

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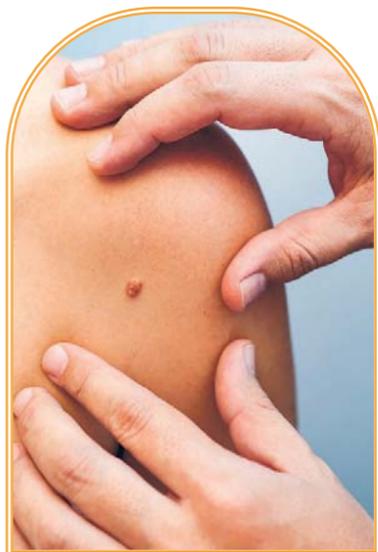
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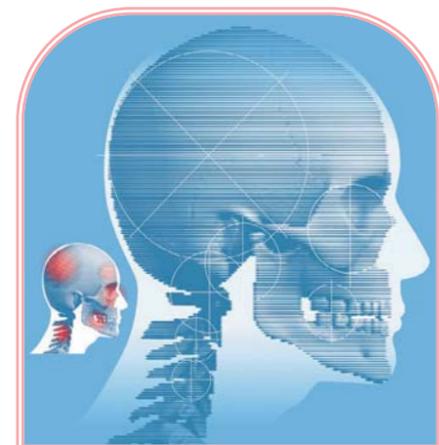
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OPEN LETTER TO TELSTRA

Objecting: 5G upgrade to water tank at RFNSA Site #2481006

Address: LOT 1 Plan 577599, BOTTLEBRUSH CRESCENT, SUFFOLK PARK NSW 2481

(*This is an edited version of an original letter from NRST to Telstra dated 3 May 2021. On 12 July 2021, the community started a vigil protest at the Suffolk Park mobile phone base station in response to Telstra's arrival on site to start installation of 5G infrastructure. Telstra has stated that the tower will be activated by the end of July.)

The Suffolk Park community is widely opposed to any form of proposed 5G upgrade. The Northern Rivers for Safe Technology (NRST) group have hundreds of members that live, work, or use the Suffolk Park suburb for recreation, education and essential services.

The NRST 3,523 members would prefer safe and hardwired internet using Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), than 5G. Future needs for data capacity can be met with wired services which are faster, more reliable, more sustainable, more energy efficient and safer than 5G wireless services. The Byron Shire Council even voted to support a motion on the 15/10/20 that 'its preference is that fibre cable is the more equitable and least intrusive technology for internet provision to meet the needs of all Byron Shire residents'.

The Suffolk Park, Baywood Chase Estate is the perfect place to roll out the Federal Government's promised FTTP plan. As the Communication Minister Paul Fletcher himself said, 'If the customer demonstrates that he or she has got the demand, then we will roll the fibre [out]'.

The proposed upgrade is only the first stage of Telstra's 5G rollout, the second phase of which will involve deployment of 26-28 GHz infrastructure, this year - **millimetre waves** (mmWave). Although the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Authority (ARPANSA) purports that 5G safety has been established, this claim is completely unsubstantiated. There are in fact no studies demonstrating safety of mmWaves on humans.

The Health Council of the Netherlands (an independent advisory body to government) reported that, 'there has been almost no research into the effects of exposure to frequencies around 26 GHz' and recommended 'not using the 26 GHz frequency band for 5G for as long as the potential health risks have not been investigated.' The committee also acknowledged that 'it can not be excluded that exposure under the latest ICNIRP standards also has the potential to affect health.'

(<https://www.healthcouncil.nl/documents/advisory-reports/2020/09/02/5g-and-health>)

In a letter to the editor of *Radiation Protection in Australasia*, ORSAA (Oceania Radiofrequency Scientific Advisory Association) stated: '5G is untested for safety on humans and other species and the limited existing evidence raises red flags.' Of the literature on effects of mmWaves on their database, ORSAA found that 77.9% of papers showed significant biological effects. (https://www.orsaa.org/uploads/6/7/7/9/67791943/bandara_et_al_acnem_journal_july_2020.pdf page 31)



Community members gather at the Suffolk water tank as technicians start installing 5G infrastructure.

In April 2021, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) auctioned licenses for the 26-28 GHz mmWave technology; Telstra was one of the successful first round buyers. Does Telstra have studies showing the electromagnetic energy (EME) levels for 26-28 GHz mmWave trials that Telstra has conducted? Can Telstra provide data from these studies showing the EME levels? What equipment was used to measure the EME levels? Was the equipment capable of measuring mmWaves? Were cumulative emissions from all sources measured? NRST object to all future trials of the 26-28 GHz mmWave and installation of small cells and 5G infrastructure without proof of safety.

Telstra is well aware that the vast majority of Byron Shire residents object to the 5G rollout in their community. This has been documented with over one thousand signed

paper petitions, multiple public rallies and thousands of signatures in an online petition. Local, regional and national media have also reported on residents' objections to 5G in the Byron Shire.

Telstra will recall that Byron Shire Council unanimously voted for a moratorium on the first 5G proposed upgrade in the Byron Shire (Mullumbimby site). The Council asked for proof that there is no harm caused by the cumulative exposure of 5G. Telstra has still not provided this information regarding cumulative exposure risks and it has been 18 months! Who even regulates the cumulative exposure from all sources of EME? No-one does and this is negligent.

Byron Bay Preschool is less than 300m from Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park; the Director of the Preschool has also sent through an objection opposing the above-

mentioned 5G upgrade. The proposed 5G upgrade will increase children's exposure to wireless radiation as per the EME report on the RFNSA website.

It has been scientifically proven that children absorb twice as much radio frequency electromagnetic radiation (RF EMR) than an adult. To date there are no long-term studies that show the safety of cumulative exposure to RF EMR for young children. At present, Telstra continues to disregard the recommendation of the NSW Department of Education which, 'has a preference for a distance of at least 500 metres from the boundary of the property', for mobile phone towers and educational facilities.

(<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/mobile-telecommunications-facilities?refid=285776>).

The Beech Flying-fox Camp is 100m from the proposed upgrade site. The ARPANSA EME Report estimates this distance will be the highest exposure for wireless radiation. An increase in wireless radiation will not benefit the colony. As per Byron Shire Council's Flying-fox Camp Management Plan, the first objective is to 'ensure long-term conservation of flying-foxes and their habitat within Byron Shire.' This proposed upgrade goes against Council's own policy to protect this already vulnerable native species.

(<https://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/hprtrim/environmental-management-programs-byron-shire-flying-fox-camp-management-plan/byron-shire-flying-fox-camp-management-plan-final-adopted-26-october-2017.pdf>)

The Suffolk Park Skate Park is less than 300m from the proposed upgrade site. If an adult is using a 5G enabled mobile phone on the Telstra network in the Skate Park, what risk assessments has Telstra undertaken to ensure that children are not exposed to damaging high levels of RF EMR, if in close proximity to the mobile phone? How does Telstra plan to ensure that the 26-28 GHz mmWave RF EMR exposure will not adversely affect the biological health of children? The safety of mobile phones and mmWave exposure for children has never been tested, let alone established.

It is best that Telstra let go of its plan to activate 5G in Suffolk Park and instead provide customers with what they really want and need - safe and secure wired connections. This is a solution that will service the Byron Shire internet network needs. The local community will support the Federal Government's promised fibre to the premises and Telstra can start to repair its damaged relations with the community.

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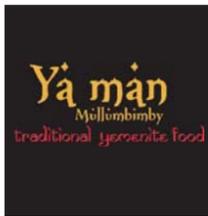
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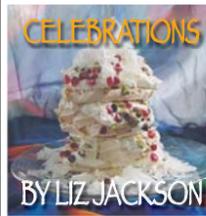
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The Saeck's farm Rabbitey and Southern Highbush varieties, perfect for our sub-tropical climate. They pick the fruit the day before the market and pack those pert bluish baubles into biodegradable punnets.

Otto has been farming for 30 years and he made the decision to sell directly to farmers' markets 20 years ago.

'When I started off the only contact I had with consumers was through an intermediary,' he says.

'The wholesalers were not concerned about production systems, the environment or the way you treat your staff - their only motivation was profit.'

'I find it very rewarding selling directly through the markets. I have very loyal customers, we talk about the fruit and I take their feedback on board when farming, it is a two-way street.'

When discussing the inconsistency in the pricing of blueberries in supermarkets Otto explains, 'If you are paying \$2 a punnet for blueberries then someone is being taken advantage of. That price makes no sense and is not sustainable.'

'During the process, everyone takes their little bit, and at \$2 a punnet either the worker is losing wages, or the farmer is losing superannuation - but someone is missing out.'

You will usually find Otto's

son, Jasch, selling the berries at the farmers' market. 'He is very enthusiastic about coming on board and passionate about keeping the land in a healthy state,' says Otto.

You can grow blueberries under plastic, or hydroponically to avoid the weather conditions and maximise the fruit each season, however Otto has rejected these methods. At Blueberry Fields the fruit is grown sustainably, in living soil, which has more fungus and bacteria so the fruit picks up more flavour.

When looking for the perfect berry Otto advises to look for plump, fresh berries with a nice waxy bloom. And of course - note their taste!

Blueberry Fields are at New Brighton Farmers Market on Tuesdays and Mullumbimby Farmers Market on Fridays, from 7-11am.

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What's in a COVID vaccine? We examine every single ingredient

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You may have heard a lot about how COVID vaccines work over the past year, and how they are being rolled out. But scroll through a list of the vaccine ingredients, and you'll see a long list of names that aren't helpfully labelled with their purpose. Some might be familiar, but plenty will seem foreign and difficult to pronounce.

Vaccines are made of an active ingredient (the thing that provokes an immune response) and excipients (extra ingredients, which are there to assist the active ingredient in some way). Excipients could be stabilising the active ingredient, helping it get to the right spot in the body, preventing contamination, assisting with mixing, or a combination of all of these.

Most of the excipients have been approved food and pharmaceutical products for years because it's a lot faster to test a new vaccine, and get it approved, if most of the components have already been used in people.

Here are the ingredients for the three vaccines currently in play in the Australian rollout: the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are both being administered, while the Moderna vaccine is due to arrive late this year (pending TGA approval). As more vaccines are approved and ordered, we'll update this list.

Pfizer-BioNTech

Ingredients: BNT162b2 [mRNA], ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate) (ALC-0315), 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide (ALC-0159), distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), cholesterol, potassium chloride, potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate, sucrose, water for injections.

Active ingredient: messenger ribonucleic acid – BNT162b2 [mRNA]

This is the famous mRNA, or messenger RNA, which the body uses to make part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It gets our cells to create 'spike proteins', which coat the outside of coronavirus particles. The spike proteins trigger an immune response that

should protect you against the real coronavirus.

Interestingly, Pfizer's mRNA is slightly different to naturally occurring mRNA – it's been nucleoside-modified, which means one of the 'coding' bases, uracil, has been swapped out for a molecule with a similar, but not identical, shape. This is a trick discovered more than 15 years ago – it stops the immune system from recognising and destroying the foreign mRNA before it can be used to make spike proteins.

Lipid nanoparticle coatings: ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate) (ALC-0315), 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide (ALC-0159), distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), cholesterol.

In order to make spike proteins, the mRNA has to get inside our cells, and our cells have oily membranes that repel molecules like mRNA. This is why the vaccine has four different lipids (long, fatty molecules that are more similar to cell membranes) coating the mRNA. They form nanometre-sized blobs, and are hence known as 'lipid nanoparticles'.

Pfizer's combination of lipids has been developed by a company called Acuitas, which has been researching different combinations of lipids for therapeutics for the past decade.

This combination of four different lipids has been judged by Pfizer and Acuitas to be most effective at getting the mRNA into cells. Three of the lipids (ALC-0315, ALC-0159 and DSPC) are synthetically designed, and had previously been used in a few therapeutic treatments, while the fourth (cholesterol) is a molecule of which our bodies already contain several grams.

Buffers: potassium chloride, monobasic potassium phosphate, sodium chloride, dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate.

The mRNA in the vaccine – and indeed, the molecules in our bodies – are remarkably sensitive to acidity, or pH. Salts are added because they can act as pH buffers, preventing a solution from becoming too acidic or basic. The four salts in the Pfizer vaccine are designed to keep the pH consistent over time. Two of the salts (monobasic potassium phosphate and dibasic sodium phosphate



What are the ingredients in a COVID vaccine? Photos Shutterstock

dihydrate) are also used in some pharmaceutical treatments, as well as fertilisers and as food additives, while potassium chloride and sodium chloride (table salt) are common, naturally occurring substances.

Stabilising sugar: sucrose.

Sucrose (sugar, identical to commercial white sugar) has been added to the vaccine to keep other ingredients stable, particularly as it's stored at low temperatures.

A solvent: water.

Finally, these ingredients all need to occur in liquid form, so a vaccine needs something to dissolve and mix them. Fortunately, water is the perfect molecule to do this, which is why it's the final addition to the vaccine.

Oxford-AstraZeneca

Ingredients: 5 x 1010 ChAdOx1-S (recombinant) viral particles, L-histidine, L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, magnesium chloride hexahydrate, polysorbate 80, ethanol, sucrose, sodium chloride, disodium edetate dihydrate, water for injections.

Active ingredient: 5 x 1010 ChAdOx1-S (recombinant) viral particles.

This is the 'viral vector' that makes the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine a 'viral vector' vaccine. It's a tame virus (an adenovirus, not a coronavirus) that contains DNA to make SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins, which will trigger your immune system.

The adenovirus has been modified so that it can't replicate or harm people. It's modelled on an adenovirus originally found in a chimpanzee, though no chimpanzees have been involved in the production of this vaccine. Instead, it's grown in lab-based cells,

which have been grown from cells originally taken from a human kidney, then genetically modified. In Australia, the viral growing is done in Melbourne.

Because AstraZeneca's active ingredient comes with its own coating package in the form of an adenovirus, it doesn't need lipids like the Pfizer vaccine. It does, however, need molecules to buffer the pH and keep it stable – as well as a couple of preservatives.

Buffers: L-histidine, L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate, magnesium chloride hexahydrate, sodium chloride.

Like the Pfizer vaccine, salts (magnesium chloride hexahydrate and sodium chloride) and amines (L-histidine and L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate) are added to keep the pH consistent.

Both salts are naturally occurring minerals, while L-histidine is a molecule known as an amino acid. These compounds are what our proteins are made of, so there's already plenty of L-histidine inside you. L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate is similar to histidine (hence the name), and it's also been used in foods, cosmetics and soaps.

Emulsifier: polysorbate 80. Oily things (like the outside of adenoviruses) and watery things don't mix well together, so the AstraZeneca vaccine requires an emulsifier to combine them. An emulsifier is a molecule that has both hydrophobic (oily) and hydrophilic (watery) sections, allowing them to mix – detergents and soaps are a common example; the lecithin in egg yolks is another.

Polysorbate 80 is a common food additive because of its emulsifying

properties, and it's also been used in other, non-COVID, vaccines.

Preservatives: ethanol, disodium edetate dihydrate.

While it's kept in very sterile conditions, the AstraZeneca vaccine still uses preservatives to prevent any sort of contamination from the vials or manufacturing process. (Pfizer has opted to avoid preservatives, which means the vaccine requires fewer ingredients, but some doses have been discarded because they can't be guaranteed non-contaminated.)

As well as being a preservative, disodium edetate dihydrate (EDTA) is an approved medication for treating some types of metal poisoning.

The ethanol is identical to the alcohol you get in hand sanitiser, beer and wine, but at a concentration of less than 0.005 per cent in a 0.5-millimetre dose, it's not going to affect your blood alcohol content.

Other ingredients: sucrose, water.

As with the Pfizer vaccine, sugar is used to stabilise the ingredients, and water is used to combine all the ingredients.

Moderna

Ingredients: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoylglycerol [DMG], cholesterol, distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate trihydrate, sucrose, water.

Active ingredient: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA).

As with the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna vaccine primes the immune system with mRNA. Moderna's mRNA is also slightly different to

naturally occurring mRNA (nucleoside-modified), so that it doesn't trigger the immune system at the wrong point.

Lipid nanoparticle coatings: SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 2000 dimyristoylglycerol [DMG], distearoylphosphatidylcholine (DSPC), cholesterol.

Like the Pfizer vaccine, the mRNA in the Moderna vaccine needs an oily coating to allow it to get into cells, and once again, lipids are the key.

Two of the lipids used – DSPC and cholesterol – are identical to those in Pfizer's vaccine. (In Moderna's documentation, DSPC is referred to as 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine rather than distearoylphosphatidylcholine, but it's the same molecule, with a different, equally unpronounceable name.)

The other two lipids are synthetically designed. While the lipid nanoparticle combination has been in development and testing for years, Moderna is currently in a legal battle with a smaller company, Arbutus, over patents on the specific combination of lipids – Moderna has lost one patent challenge, but it's uncertain if that entitles Arbutus to royalties from any profit Moderna makes on the vaccine (or other products). So the credit for developing them is unclear, but two companies at least have spent a lot of time and funds on them.

Buffers: tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate trihydrate.

As with other vaccines, buffers are used to maintain the pH.

Tromethamine and tromethamine hydrochloride are very common buffers in chemical research, while you're probably most familiar with acetic acid as a component of vinegar. Sodium acetate trihydrate (very similar to acetic acid) is another very common food additive.

Other ingredients: sucrose, water.

As with the other vaccines, sugar and water are added to stabilise and mix the components.

■ Links to references available in *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au/whats-in-a-covid-vaccine-we-examine-every-single-ingredient

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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MY TOWN AND THE GREAT DIVIDE

For me there is no greater sense of home than on the drive into Mullumbimby. I face the mountain, she shows herself to me, and then on my approach she slips away, and then she's back - like Mother Earth playing peek-a-boo. This hide and reveal is a portent of the magic of a community that can't be easily articulated. A community of diverse opinions that manages to live harmoniously together. Or did. COVID-19 has ripped our rainbow flag in two. Our beliefs have been polarised to such an extent that there no longer is a middle ground. Our tolerance of each other has faded. Our mountain of goodwill has gone.

I realised, while walking the beach this morning, how deeply this has affected me. I feel this overwhelming grief - like something I loved has broken. There is a disharmony in my community I have never felt before. I see it when a man in his seventies screams at a 16-year-old retail assistant about his sovereign rights not to wear a mask or to QR code check-in. When a mask-wearing midwife is yelled at for being a sheeple outside the IGA. And when I can no longer go to the cafe I have frequented for the past 15 years because the staff aren't wearing masks and are playing know-your-rights anti-mask material rather than music. When did we start trying to indoctrinate each other?

When I walk the streets of my town I feel this. I feel the divide. I watch the masked mingle with the 'medically exempt'. There's an unspoken agitation. A sense of 'them' and 'us'. My town is no longer a place of love and acceptance. It is not a place of compassion and kindness. There is an undercurrent of distrust, suspicion and potential violence.

We are being taken.



A chasm has opened up and we stand on two sides; those who believe we are in a worldwide pandemic, and those who believe it is a conspiracy. I have seen the videos, watched the links, sat in on chat groups in silent disbelief. I sit in horror and I wonder about the most frightening conspiracy of all. Thanks to the social media we can now create cults without compounds.

Who makes these videos that expound conspiracies? Whose interests do these narratives serve? Do those who consume

these videos know it's the far right's play to exploit the pandemic, and fear of vaccination, as an attempt to promote extremist ideology? It's bleeding ordinary people into extremist discourse. It's leading them to Capitol Hill.

There has been a disturbing evangelism amongst those who feel they have found 'the truth' i.e - that Bill Gates is the architect of a 5G microchipping depopulating future of artificial intelligence, where martial law will ensure we are all vaccinated (chipped), otherwise they'll come doorknocking to take our kids... or something along those lines.

It sounds like the script for a florid psychosis. Except this psychosis is socially activated. It is spread with the same degree of contagion as the virus, but with social media as the vector. Like covid, it also affects the vulnerable, and it can be fatal. I am left wondering; do we still care about the same things? How can this breathless conspiracy theory eclipse climate justice, or black deaths in custody, or the rape and murder of women? I don't understand the outrage against masks, when there is so little outrage about true loss of life and liberty. Wearing a mask is not the same as dying in custody.

How do we find middle ground where there is none? Extremist ideology offers no space for challenge, no space for conversation. Science becomes the enemy. Any suggestion that popular information has been discredited is dismissed as all part of the corruption of the 'truth' by 'the mainstream'. It is a circular logic with no way out.

The people who subscribe to this narrative are not strangers to me. Some are friends. People I love. I receive their links and YouTube clips and open them in sadness. I can't respond. I feel despair. Forget the YouTube forecasts of world domination, the worst is already happening. The far right have already taken so many hostage to their paranoid hysteria, and we can't do a fucking thing.

In writing this I'll be called a sheep or accused of not being 'a critical thinker'. It's what cult's do. They stay inside a circular logic that disallows actual questioning.

It makes me sad that so many are living in true fear. That this far-fetched dystopian nightmare is what some see as their reality now. It is the end-of-world doomsday ideology that comes knocking on your social media door to raise the alarm. When I walk the streets of my town I feel this. I feel the divide. I watch the masked mingle with the 'medically exempt'. There's an unspoken agitation. A sense of 'them' and 'us'. My town is no longer a place of love and acceptance. It is not a place of compassion and kindness. There is an undercurrent of distrust, suspicion and potential violence.

We are being taken.

I find myself nostalgic for the sense of community we had during the bushfires; When we didn't need to have our house on fire to know that others were at risk. When we acted in the interests of keeping each other safe. When we worked together, when, as a community, we showed who we were. There was no conspiracy that divided us. We stood together, here, at the base of our mountain.

I'm hoping our mountain returns.

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STARS BY LILITH

CANCER

With the Sun joining Mars in Leo, people will be expressing themselves vividly, though perhaps in styles less than flexible...



♈ ARIES: This week's Leo/Virgo vibes assist you in getting creative about your health and the health of your relationships. Venus suggests loving yourself by booking a massage. Slow down, she says. Plan a day outdoors. Organise an al fresco picnic with friends. Listen. Don't give advice unless asked. Offer support.

♉ TAURUS: As your planet ruler Venus enters earthy Virgo, the sign of let's get physical - and that's something you like - get ready to up your game, because she's a bit of a perfectionista. And a fitness queen. So think a little less comfort food, a little more exercise. A little less Netflix, a little more aerobic outdoor walks.

♊ GEMINI: As Leo season begins activating your communication and social zone for the coming month, this is an auspicious week to commune with kindred spirits and exchange ideas, especially when weekend Aquarius full moon illuminates your visionary side. Making the effort to get out and about could unearth a beautiful new opportunity.

♋ CANCER: You've been domestic: nesting, decorating and entertaining at the casa, now this week says get out of the house - enough time inside! Tune into the weekend's inspirational full moon, the first of two, for illuminating guidance on a sensitive issue, and also to check in on friendships, groups and community issues.

♌ LEO: Unroll the long red carpet, uncork the sparkling wine, a fanfare on the trumpets please, it's Leo birthday time. As the Sun, primary fire planet, blazes into your flaming sign to join already-align Mars, look who's positively incandescent! Feeling fiery? Then go put on something glamorous and celebrate being alive.

♍ VIRGO: Venus moving into your exacting sign announces Virgo's personal season of self-love, so consider the ancient saying that 'when criticism comes in the door, love flies out window' - because who's perfect? We're all artworks in progress, including you. Especially you. And this week rewards your adding an artistic touch, to casa or attire, with something wildly stylish.

♎ LIBRA: As a Libran, you're always looking for ways to strike a balance between what you need and what other people want. Weekend full moon in the sign of unusual solutions could shine a light on new and different ways of achieving that, so be open to an experimental approach.

♏ SCORPIO: The first of a rare back-to-back duo of Aquarius full moons beaming into your astral zone of home, family and emotional foundations puts the focus on Chateau Scorpio over the course of the next four weeks - which could include a move, renovations or any kind of change in your living situation.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Sagittarians hate nothing more than being caged, but take heart. As this week's Sun moves into your visionary sector of new ideas and exploration, followed by a chatty Aquarius full moon the next day, big ideas might be flowing nonstop. Use this last week of July to explore all the options available.

♑ CAPRICORN: With the Sun spending the next month moving through Capricorn joint ventures and mergers, it's your personal time to focus on whatever projects it feels right to follow. This is an all-or-nothing transit though; all in or all out, so anything lukewarm or halfway doesn't have the cosmic seal of approval to succeed.

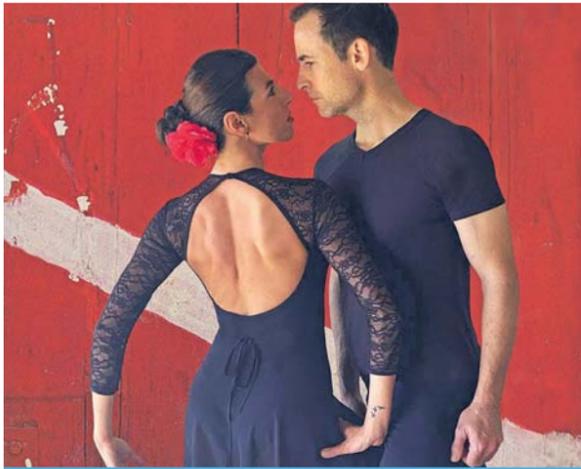
♒ AQUARIUS: Your big astral newsflash is the weekend full moon in Aquarius, first of two consecutive full moons in your sign shining their light on your hopes for the future. This is a helpful time astrologically for rethinking plans and ambitions, reassessing what might have become sidelined by the necessities of survival.

♓ PISCES: Venus in Virgo, a mutable sign like your own, specialises in emotional pragmatism; channeling feelings into something useful. Which goes something like this: Feel energised? Then do some work. Feel down? Write some poetry. Feel upset? Talk to a friend. Feel angry? Clean the house. You get the picture...

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GIG GUIDE

FRENCH MASTERS CELEBRATED IN BYRON BALLET'S TRIPLE BILL

The **Byron Ballet Company** is primarily a youth ballet company providing performance opportunities for passionate dancers. Casts include professional guests, advanced dancers plus mature experienced dancers and mentors.

Byron Ballet Company Director,

Yvonne Hall, says the Company returns to the Byron Theatre with an eclectic triple bill that will delight all lovers of dance. The program includes *Matisse*, *La Danse*, an excerpt from the famous ballet, *Carmen* and Stravinsky's iconoclastic *Rite of Spring*. 'Special guests include dynamic dancer **Nicole Corea** from New York, along with the brilliant athleticism of guest male dancers, including regular Principal Dancer, **Michael Braun**.

Ms Hall says *Matisse*, *La Danse* was conceived by local artist **Vianney Pinion**, who was inspired by the master artist Matisse and his famous painting *The Dance*. 'Vianney collaborated with the talented dancers and choreographers of the Company to create a stunning piece of work that reflects the vision of Matisse and how this painting came into being.'

'The ballet also involves local live musicians and a local soprano who will bring extra magic to the stage.'

Ms Hall says one of the highlights of the performance is a passionate love duet from the famous ballet *Carmen*. 'This dance will follow *La Danse* with that magnetic Spanish style, unfolding to the sensual music of **George Bizet**.'

'Finally, the program will build to a cathartic climax with the suspense and beauty of *The Rite of Spring*.

'The story echoes back to times of pagan Earth rituals and the cycles of life, with modern interpretations also symbolising society's need for the scapegoat.'

Join Byron Ballet Company as they make a tribute to these masters and take you on an unforgettable journey of suspense and sensual beauty.

July 23, 24 and 25. Tickets on sale at www.byrontheatre.com.au.

INFECTIOUS ENERGY OF THE SWAMPS

The **Swamps** are **Matthew Armitage** on guitar and vocals and **Matt 'Swanny' Swan** on the drums. The Swamps are quickly gaining a local reputation for a dynamic live show, with amazing prowess and a real understanding of blues rock 'n' roll. Their collection drawn from the '50s and '60s gives the audience no choice but to quickly absorb their infectious energy and fill the dance floor.

Get Swampy on Friday at The Rails.



PLASTIC FREE PARTY IN BYRON

Plastic Free July is an Australian initiative with the aim of working toward a planet free of plastic waste.

A collaboration between **Life Wild**, **Byron Shire Council**, **Byron Rangers**, and not-for-profits **One Wave** (Fluro Friday) and **Santos Organics**, aims to raise awareness of marine debris, plastic-free lifestyles and our health.

This week, **Friday 23 July**, everyone is invited to Byron Bay's Plastic Free July **Beach Cleanup**.

The event is happening at **Wategos Beach** from **6.30am** for the beach clean up, followed by a **Fluro Friday surf session**. There's plastic-free prizes to win for those who participate in the clean up. Don't forget to wear your brightest surf gear!

RSVP via @ByronRangers
 Contact Caitlin for more details 0448 054 820



WEDNESDAY 21

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **OLE FALCO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KIERAN WICKS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOCK BARNES**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OCA OPEN MIC HOSTED BY MAIRA CORTEZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **MUSICAL BINGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 6PM **PETER CAMPBELL & THE BACKLINE**

THURSDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **PHIL & TILLEY**, 8PM **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, **MISS RENEE SIMONE**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY - RENT**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 23

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **COUCH WIZARD, ZOOID, THE AUNTIES AND PJ SHEEK**, 9PM **BEN WALSH**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 11PM **TAJ RALPH**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM BYRON BALLET - RITE OF SPRING, **MATISSE LA DANSE & CARMEN (EXCERPT)**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, **KOBYA**
- BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTER 1PM **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- BYRON BOWLO 7PM **AFRICAN LEAF - TRIVIA NIGHT - FUNDRAISER**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY - RENT**

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ BAR'EL**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KEAPER + PLAN B**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **SEBASTIAAN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7PM **BEN HAZELWOOD**, 9PM **TO THE SKIES**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**, 9.30PM **TRIPCLICKIT**

SATURDAY 24

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM **CHILLI GOMEZ, FUNGAS AND RINSER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **KARUAH**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7PM **BYRON BALLET - RITE OF SPRING, MATISSE LA DANSE & CARMEN (EXCERPT)**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MANOA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **BANGALOW THEATRE COMPANY - RENT**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **LIVING IN THE 70S**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **THE BILLY GUDGEON BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **ROO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 4PM **JAMEL BOUKABOU**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7PM **ANTHEMS**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **WIL ANDERSON - WILEGAL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ANDREW TAYLOR**, 9.30PM **AGENT 77**

SUNDAY 25

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **BEN WALSH & SWANNY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATTY ROGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1PM **MANOA**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **BYRON BALLET - RITE OF SPRING, MATISSE LA DANSE & CARMEN (EXCERPT)**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **SHAWN KIRK**

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- MARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM W/ SPECIAL GUEST NIDALA**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 3.30PM **MISS AMBER & STUKULELE'S UKE NIGHT TURNS 10**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**

MONDAY 26

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **BEN CAMDEN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 27

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEVE TYSON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JESSE WITNEY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **TRIVIA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7PM **TRIVIA**

WEDNESDAY 28

- HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MATT BUGGY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **AUSTIN MACKAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- 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**

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BLUE WURRAMARA

Emily Wurramara's childhood was one of water and music. Growing up on Grootte Eylandt her days were filled with travel, fishing and extended family, and a mother telling stories of dreams and dolphins that would one day become the seeds of Emily's music. Now based in Lutruwita, Emily is a seasoned award winning performer and a proud new mum with her own stories to pass down to her daughter, K'iigari.

Seven caught up with Emily last week to talk to her about Bluesfest...

Emily, in these strange times we are all hoping that you can be here for Bluesfest.

Fingers crossed. I was really disappointed and sad about the cancellation, but things happen. I'm looking forward to October.

For someone who hasn't heard your music, how would you sum up your own sound?

I think my sound is like a mango-coconut smoothie – with frangipanis and hibiscus around the sides of a leafy cup, with a few sparkles on the leaves.

Will this be your first Bluesfest set?

I have performed at the event when it had the Boomerang Festival as part of it, but this will be my first time in the Bluesfest lineup – it's exciting.

What are you working on now?

I currently am working on my new album, which I'm really, really excited about. I've just finished working on two songs from that album. I'm really taking my time. I don't want to rush the process. My last album came out in 2018, so it's been a while. My last single, *Cruisin'* came out last year, but, I don't know, I feel like you've just got to take your time with it. The things I want to sing about, and the things I want to say are really, really, really super personal, so I'm really vulnerable on this next album. And the public hasn't seen that side of me. It's gonna be interesting. And I'm exploring a lot of genres as well – I don't really want to limit myself to any genres anymore.

What sort of material are we going to see in your Bluesfest set?

You'll be seeing a lot of my old songs from my first EP *Blacksmoke* and songs from my album *Milyakburra*, but I'll be also incorporating songs from my next album as well.

What shows are you hoping to catch at the festival?

I'm going to catch everyone! I'm just excited to be in a space where there's a lot of music, but it's going to be good to see Ocean Alley, The Cat Empire and John Butler – I just went on a tour together with John, and The Cat Empire – and I want to see Kasey Chambers, I love Kasey, she's so amazing.

I'm going to support all the First Nations artists – I guess that is a priority for me, and I know Adam Briggs and Uncle Troy Kassar Daley are performing, so I am looking forward to that.

You can catch Emily Wurramara at Bluesfest in October. Tix from www.bluesfest.com.au.



A SONG ABOUT YOU

Matty Rogers is a heartfelt storyteller who writes and performs from the depths of his soul, and once you start to listen, he will make you feel like he is singing about you and your life.

Pure, raw, human emotion pours out of his lyrics and performance, earning him awards for both vocal performance and song writing.

It is hard to define Matty, but think blues-country-soul with a huge voice and great lyrics and you're in the ballpark – soulfire music.

Matty is now working on his fourth studio album, in his own recording studio just outside of Byron.

Catch him on Sunday, at The Rails.

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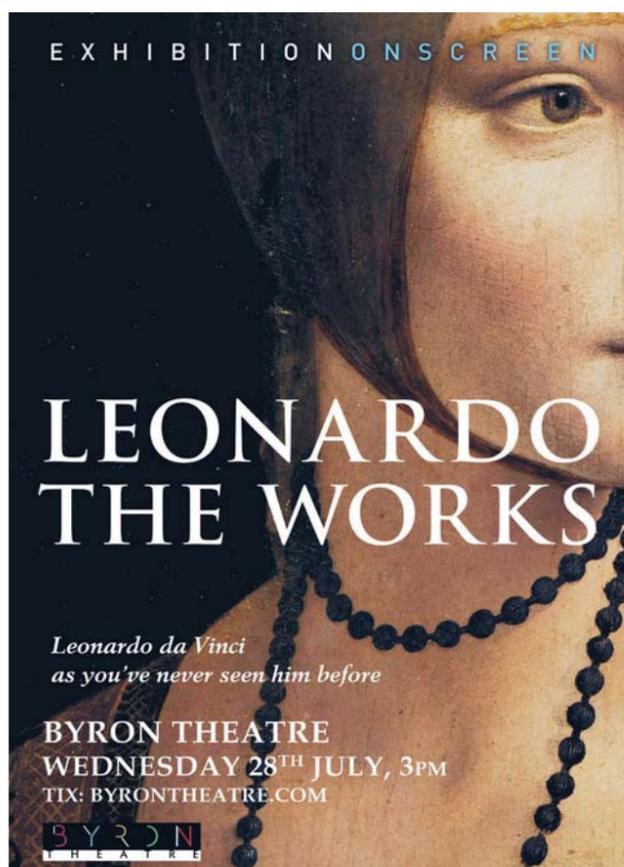


EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

LEONARDO
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ENTERTAINMENT

Seventeen

*Indigenous readers, please be advised that this article contains the name of a deceased person.

BARKING MAD AT NINBELLA

In these barking mad times, striking bark art reminds us to stay grounded and surrounded by meaningful stories. Ninbella has assembled a powerful stash of bark artworks from local and Yolngu artists to help us navigate these extremely strange days.

Lae Oldmeadow's upholstered hoop pine bark tree totems stand like ancient sentinels along one wall of the Bangalow gallery. Hand crafted in Blue Knob, these seven pieces communicate centuries of growth in meticulous interwoven layers.

On the opposite wall are ochre paintings on stringybark panels from Yirrkala, a remote community 700kms east of Darwin in Arnhem Land. Featuring the distinctive cross-hatching designs of the region intermingled with black sparkling sand from the surrounding beaches, these works speak to each artists' deep connection to country.

Gallery Director, **Grant Rasheed**, recently travelled to the remote Indigenous community controlled art centre, **Buku-Larrngay Mulka**, to personally select these works along with a collection of Larrakitj (memorial poles) that form the centrepiece of the exhibition *Barking Mad*.

'It was a real honour for me to meet some of these artists personally and to support the wonderful work of the Buku Arts Centre,' Grant said.

The Centre's name translates as 'the feeling on your face as it is struck by the first rays of the sun', and there is reference to the eternal cycle of new life, and death, in these mesmeric pieces.

Sacred, yet public, ceremony designs are interpreted in uniquely individual ways. In response to a challenge about her right to paint the fishtrap imagery of her own clan, Djirirra Wunumurra assumed the unique identity of Yukuwa (bush yam), a traditional food source whose annual reappearance is a metaphor for the increase and renewal of her people and their land. She explores this by etching her own contemporary take on the ceremonial yam grounds in nearby stringybark forests onto white earth pigments.



84-year-old **Baluka Maymuru** is an 'artist of truth', practicing his sacred cultural connections on massive panels that depict his homeland estate and its ritual focal point on the northern entrance of Blue Mud Bay on the western coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Ritual body painting for cleansing ceremonies has been transferred onto three stunning hollow stringybark poles by **Galawupa Garrawurra**, who died tragically at the age of only 28. These Larrakitj were originally used as ossuaries or bone containers erected as memorials to dead kinsmen but are now widely created as modern sculptures that, in Garrawurra's case, display a minimalist elegance.

All these works speak to a tradition that stretches way back to the 'first sunrises'. It was a Yirrkala bark artwork painted in 1963, now housed in the National Museum of Australia, that became the first formal assertion of native title. Current works from this community continue to express deep cultural integrity and assertion of land ownership.

Exhibited in dialogue with Oldmeadow's spine-tingling totems, these barks and sculptures present a cheeky, yet imaginative, play on the use of this most primal material.

Barking Mad at Ninbella Gallery, 19A Byron Street Bangalow 10am-4pm, July 16-August 14.



WAIT FOR IT AUGUST: BANDALUZIA IS COMING!

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.

Bandaluzia are flamenco guitarist, **Damian Wright**, with **James Hauptmann** on percussions, **Yuhki Mayne** on violin, and dancers **Rosalie Cocchiario** and **Jessica Statham**.

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



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FILM MARKS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEONARDO'S DEATH

Leonardo da Vinci is acclaimed as the world's favourite artist. Many TV shows and feature films have showcased this extraordinary genius, but often not examined closely enough is the most crucial element of all: his art. Leonardo's peerless paintings and drawings will be the focus of *Leonardo: The Works*, as Exhibition On Screen presents every single attributed painting, in Ultra HD quality, never seen before on the big screen.

Key works include *The Mona Lisa*, *The Last Supper*, *Lady with an Ermine*, *Ginevra de' Benci*, *Madonna Litta*, *Virgin of the Rocks*, and more than a dozen others.

This film also looks afresh at Leonardo's life – his inventiveness, his sculptural skills, his military foresight and his ability to navigate the treacherous politics of the day – through the prism of his art.

To be released on the 500th anniversary of his death, this is the definitive film about Leonardo; the first to truly tell the whole story.

Leonardo: The Works Exhibition on Screen at Byron Theatre Wednesday 28 July, 3pm Tickets: www.byrontheatre.com.au.

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Property Insider

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What does FOMO mean for sellers?

FOMO or, Fear Of Missing Out is one of those expressions that, once you hear it, you immediately know what it means.

In recent times we've heard a lot about FOMO in the real estate market. Especially in relation to buyers. And particularly since we all started living in the time of a pandemic.

Locked-down city dwellers and cashed-up expats are desperate to buy property. Some seeking their dream home. Others looking for a sound investment. Either way there's a lot of them. And they don't want to miss out on the best opportunities.

But competition is not just fierce at the top end of the market. It's across all segments. Right down to first homebuyers who are at risk of missing out because the number of new homes being built is simply not keeping up with demand.

It all sounds like a tidal wave of potential property purchasers. And nowhere are they more prevalent than in the wonderful

region where we are so lucky to live.

All of which adds up to an agent's dream scenario. Unfortunately there's one rather inconvenient fact: Right now there are a lot more buyers than sellers.

So what's holding sellers back?

Well, perhaps buyers aren't the only ones suffering from FOMO. Owners I've talked to lately have been saying things like;

'We know we can sell... and sell well... but we want to stay in the area and there's not much for sale.'

'I see the prices on properties lately and think, if I wait a bit, they might go even higher.'

'Every time we think about selling... we realise how much we love it here.'

Which to me suggests a different kind of FOMO. Buyers are afraid of missing out on what they could get.

Sellers seem more afraid of missing what they have.

But while all those factors may apply to lots of people, they can't be true for everybody.

Some owners will always need or want to sell, regardless of what the market is doing at the time. And if you're one of those people I'd love to hear from you - I'd hate to miss out.

Vicki Cooper
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From the REIA

Figures released earlier this month by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show, that the value of new loan commitments for housing increased again with investors back in force.

Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) President, Adrian Kelly said the statistics show that new housing loan commitments rose 4.9 per cent in May 2021 (seasonally adjusted) to a new high of \$32.6 billion, driven by investor housing loan commitments.

The results reflect the very strong interest market growth has generated in the past year.

'Investors and first home buyers alike are diving into the market, with the latter taking advantage of the current government incentives.' Mr Kelly cautioned that lenders will continue to remain on high alert to potential lending restrictions in the future.



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- Stunning pool and fire pit area, this is an ideal entertaining space all year round

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Dream Coastal Home Between the River and the Beach

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- Whether it be enjoying the river with boating and fishing; navigating local bike trails or taking advantage of one of the most pristine surf beaches on the Far North Coast, this stunning locality has it all; offering coastal living at its finest!
- The modern home is perfect for the entertainer and families alike, boasting a covered, wraparound timber deck to enjoy quintessential Australian alfresco living
- Downstairs is a double-sized garage with secure storage for leisure equipment

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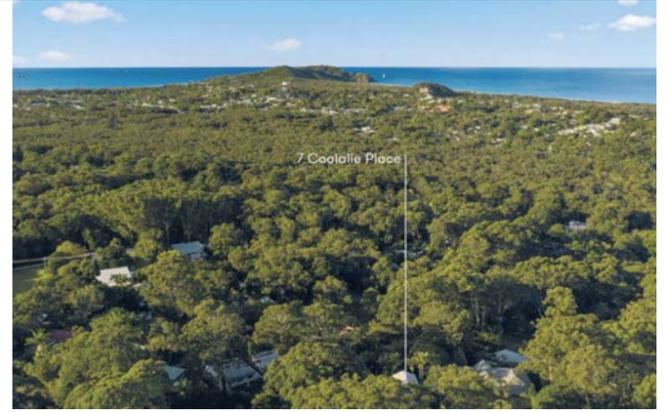
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Expansive Luxury Abode

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- Stunning coastal panorama which stretches across the Brunswick River to Byron Bay Lighthouse and Julian Rocks
- Set on a large 784m² block with guest accommodation, resort style living and in-ground pool, all within a 10-minute walk to New Brighton Beach
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The substantial brick and tile family home is being presented to the market for the first time since 1999.

- Four bedrooms, complete with built-in robes
- Two separate living areas
- North easterly aspect with ocean views
- Covered deck for entertaining
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- Modern kitchen with island bench
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- Northeast aspect



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- Five bedrooms, all with built-in robes
- Spacious open plan family living and dining areas
- Verandahs on all four sides of house
- Swimming pool in need of refurbishment
- Large farm shed with plenty of storage and space for up to six vehicles
- Established orchard of fruit trees
- 4.56 hectares / 11.26 acres



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inground pool set amongst landscaped surrounds including a poolside gazebo.

- Approved granny flat/studio
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- Combustion fireplace
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- 31 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11–11.30am
- 3 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1 Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 7 Namoi Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 23 Tandys Lane, Brunswick Heads. Sat 1–1.30pm

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- 3/33 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.30–11am
- 157 Billinudgel Road, Billinudgel. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 6 Riverside Crescent, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.30am–12pm

First National Byron Bay

- 27 Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Wed 3–3.30pm.
- 30 North Head Road, New Brighton. Thurs 6–6.30pm.
- 1/5 Chinbible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 11–11.30am.
- 9 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby. Sat 8.30–9am.
- 34 Marvell Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am.
- 5 McInnes Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 10–10.30am.
- 30 North Head Road, New Brighton. Sat 10–10.30am.
- 6 Driftwood Avenue, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am.
- 41 Hyrama Crescent, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10–10.30am.
- 20 River Drive, East Wardell. Sat 10.30–11am.
- 1/5 Chinbible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am.
- 41 Goonengerry Road, Goonengerry. Sat 11–11.30am.
- 27 Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm.

- 54 Carney Place, Knockrow. Sat 12–12.30pm.
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- 8 Liffey Avenue, Cumbalum. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 13 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 41 Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 135 Campbells Road, Dungay. Sat 1.30–2pm
- 2 Kanandah Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 388 Middle Pocket Road, Billinudgel. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 6077 Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 405 Fernvale Road, Fernvale. Sat 3.30–4pm

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- 41 Hyrama Crescent, Brunswick Heads. \$2.45m – \$2.69m.
- 580 McAuleys Road, North Tumbulgum. Contact Agent.

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Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley

- 3/33 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 21st August

First National Byron Bay

- 9 Scotts Wood Grove, Mullumbimby. Saturday 24th July at 9.00am Onsite
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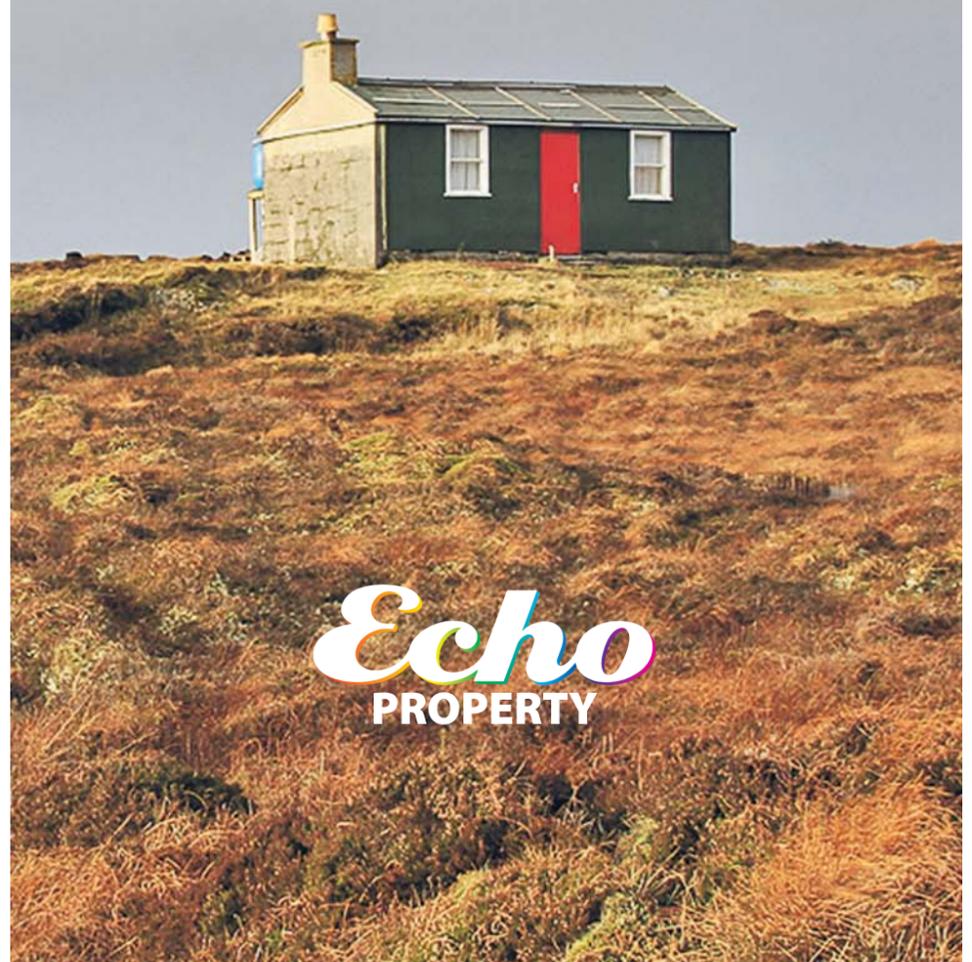
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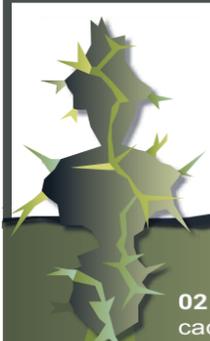
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Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
- Small type, short run (6)
 - How a batsman wants to improve his average - and where he needs to stay! (8)
 - Badges, but gain is in doubt (8)
 - Big fat rainbow god (6)
 - Major retailer could be an S & M depot (5,5)
 - Restrained flowing tide (4)
 - Page crook - it's meant as a remedy (4)
 - Cocktail gin, and tons - keep moving! (2,8)
 - Gershwin, 6, races back to a great violin maker (10)
 - Places for stage scenery (4)
 - Caledonian's small resting place (4)
 - Finished - irritated and in peril (10)
 - Stop Hasler first! (6)
 - Caper and urge on Delphinium (8)
 - Cheating - but it sounds like a game of chicken! (4,4)
 - Burke, consumed to give (6)
- DOWN**
- God, the top man - he believes in everything! (9)
 - Italian confusion - I replace Australian first (7)
 - X marks the clue (3)
 - Without individual right, turn origami into an adult insect (5)
 - Working together with a barrel-maker on a time charge (11)
 - Former top journalist lived (7)
 - Rampant penis, a stiff body part (5)
 - Emotional Stein - some call it crazy (11)
 - Quarter a vast expanse of water (3)
 - Final profit - what the fisherman is after (3,6)
 - A Northern Territory elevation - but it's full of termites (7)
 - Walks over adopted relative (7)
 - About...about...act! It's a profession of faith! (5)
 - Postponement? Stop lying down! (5)
 - Scarlet left (3)
- Quick Clues**
- ACROSS**
- Dash (6)
 - Enlarge (8)
 - Emblem (8)
 - Egyptian deity (6)
 - Emporium (5,5)
 - Bound (4)
 - Tablet (4)
 - Can't park here! (2,8)
 - Italian luthier (10)
 - Hardens (4)
 - Pict (4)
 - At risk (10)
 - Cease (6)
 - Flower symbolising ardent attachment (8)
 - Treachery (4,4)
 - Bequeath (6)
- DOWN**
- Worshipper of many deities (9)
 - Opening (7)
 - Half a score (3)
 - Last stage of metamorphosis (5)
 - Collaboration (11)
 - Continued (7)
 - Thorn (5)
 - Nostalgic (11)
 - Ocean (3)
 - Outcome (3,6)
 - Insect mound (7)
 - Spouse's child from previous relationship (7)
 - Doctrine (5)
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Cherished grandmother of Neal Robert Blacker and Mark Everton Blacker.

Loving great grandmother of Evelyn Ling Blacker.

Sister of Bill (dec'd), Kevin, Maureen (dec'd), Lorna, Kathleen (dec'd), and Alison.

Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Carmel's Funeral Service to be held at the Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery on Friday 23 July at 1.30pm.

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Bangalow Chamber

The Bangalow Chamber AGM 11 August at 5.30pm at the Bangalow Men's Shed in Deacon Street, Bangalow.

Family History AGM

The next Richmond-Tweed Family History Society Meeting is on Saturday 7 August at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street Ballina from 2-4 pm. This will be the annual AGM. The topic of this meeting will be DNA Lucky Dip. Enquiries to Kerrie Alexander on 6628 1324.

Brunswick CWA Market

Brunswick Heads CWA (Country Women's Association) Market Day is on Saturday 31 July, 8am to 1pm at the CWA Restrooms on the corner of Booyun and Park Streets. Handicraft, baked goodies, jams and plants. Don't miss out, come early. Mask up, QR and cash only. Contact Mary on 0431 908 063

Lismore High School centenary dinner

Lismore High School's Centenary Dinner is on 11 September 2021 commencing at 6pm at the Lismore Workers Club. Tickets \$60, call 6621 7401 or book online at www.lismoreworkers.com.au, or in person. For more information call Helen George 0414 734 313.

NR Collectors Club

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21	W	6:35 / 17:09	14:05 / 3:25	05:24 1.22 18:27 1.80	11:16 0.28
22	TH	6:34 / 17:10	15:03 / 4:33	06:29 1.21 19:20 1.89	10:58 0.40 12:11 0.24
23	F	6:34 / 17:10	16:06 / 5:39	07:27 1.22 20:11 1.94	10:52 0.32 13:03 0.21
24	SA	6:33 / 17:11	17:13 / 6:38	08:18 1.24 20:58 1.95	10:41 0.27 13:54 0.19
25	SU	6:33 / 17:11	18:20 / 7:29	09:07 1.25 21:42 1.91	10:36 0.25 14:42 0.21
26	M	6:32 / 17:12	19:24 / 8:12	09:53 1.26 22:23 1.84	10:48 0.27 15:27 0.26
27	TU	6:32 / 17:12	20:25 / 8:50	10:37 1.26 23:00 1.72	10:49 0.30 16:12 0.34
28	W	6:31 / 17:13	21:22 / 9:23	11:21 1.26 23:36 1.59	10:58 0.34 16:56 0.44
29	TH	6:31 / 17:14	22:17 / 9:54	12:07 1.25	10:64 0.39 17:43 0.55
30	F	6:30 / 17:14	23:11 / 10:24	00:12 1.46 12:58 1.25	06:41 0.42 18:37 0.65
31	SA	6:29 / 17:15	10:54 / 11:25	00:50 1.33 13:58 1.27	07:21 0.45 19:46 0.73
1	SU	6:29 / 17:15	0:05 / 11:25	01:37 1.21 15:04 1.31	08:07 0.47 21:15 0.76
2	M	6:28 / 17:16	0:58 / 11:58	02:40 1.11 16:09 1.37	09:00 0.48 22:43 0.72
3	TU	6:27 / 17:16	1:53 / 12:35	03:52 1.06 17:06 1.45	09:55 0.48 23:48 0.64
4	W	6:27 / 17:17	2:48 / 13:17	05:00 1.05 17:55 1.54	10:48 0.45

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Each THU	2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
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Want to meet the Council candidates for the upcoming September 4 election? While there's a few 'Meet the Candidates' events planned for around the Shire, Mullum's night is August 9 at the Ex-Service Club, from 6 till 8pm. Nominations close August 4. See Council's ad on page 9.

A guilty verdict has been delivered against former NSW Labor ministers Ian Macdonald and Eddie Obeid, and Obeid's son Moses, in relation to a rigged mining exploration tender that delivered \$30m to the Obeid family. Now for Angus Taylor, Barnaby and the rest of the grifters in federal parliament! Oh wait, there is no federal integrity commission, unlike NSW's ICAC...

Civil unrest, in part owing to COVID-19 related restrictions and inequality, is bubbling away across the globe. But in Byron bubble news, those who tend to a garden, dance, sing, create and hug others are generally doing okay.

Political self-regulation is such a wonderful thing. The ABC reports, 'Sexual harassment training for politicians will run for one hour and be optional!'

Further to the teacher strike last Thursday (see page 5), Professor of International Law at Sydney Law School, Tim Stephens, tweeted, 'University Chancellors... sought a meeting with PM Morrison



Born and bred Northern Rivers director, Darius Devas (pictured right), has kicked off his second feature *Unravelling*, which he says will be 'shot exclusively in and around the Byron region and features a unique Northern Rivers love story'. The cast features Aussie international star, Christopher James Baker. Darius says, 'As a counterpoint to the recent controversy courting the Byron Bay film sector, my production serves to highlight the power of the community of local filmmakers, writers and crew that are dedicated to crafting the unique, rare and insightful narratives that Australian independent film is globally renowned for'. Pictured from left with Darius are Steve Nossiter (sound), Director of Photography, Nolan Verheij, and Actors Cazz Bainbridge and Duncan Ragg. Photo Jeff 'Off Location Since 1986' Dawson

to discuss the biggest crisis facing the sector in decades. The PM point blank refused to see them'.

Self-styled political comedian, Friendlyjordies aka Jordan Shanks, has raised \$1m to defend a defamation case brought by NSW National Party leader, John Barilaro. Barilaro's weirdly aggressive response to questions on the topic, on Sky News, illustrates how Barilaro is unfit for the job of Deputy NSW Premier. He became angry and denied asking NSW Police's Fixated Persons Investigation Unit to arrest Friendlyjordies' 21-year-old producer, Kristo Langker.

'The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane' - Marcus Aurelius (121 - 180 AD).

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