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Local biz call for more assistance

Paul Bibby

Byron's coastal tourism operators have been forced to ask Council for significant rent reductions and licence extensions owing to a dramatic, COVID-related downturn in business.

Six businesses, including three surf schools, a kayak tour operator, a horse riding tour operator and a surf shop have all written to Council asking for help to keep their operations afloat.

Councillors will vote on these requests when the matter comes before this week's full Council meeting.

The staff report contained within the meeting agenda reveals that a combination of international border closures and the reluctance of domestic visitors to pay for coastal tourism activities has resulted in 'the quietest winter trade in 14 years'.

In a letter supporting the kayak operator's application, Destination North Coast also said that many businesses appeared to have received little if any benefit from State Government's Dine and Discover voucher program.

'Anecdotal feedback indicates that many of the targeted businesses are not benefitting as intended,' the organisation's General Manager, Michael Thurston, said.

'As a result, it remains a big challenge for products such as these to attract and convert sales from the domestic market.'

'Ensuring that they remain viable throughout this period until international tourists return is vital for the rebuilding process.'

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Food available for the needy



Gill and Barry Lomath with Edie Trotter. Photo Jeff 'Foodie Since 1086 Oops 1986' Dawson

Aslan Shand

Getting basic food and supplies onto local tables is the key driver for the reopening of the Mullumbimby Community Food Box this Thursday, August 26 from 9.30 till 11.30am at the Uniting Church, 32 Dalley Street.

The Food Box supplies a mixture of cheap and free wholesome food, including bread, fruit and vegies.

Masks required

Food Box co-ordinator Gill Lomath has asked anyone coming to the Food Box to follow COVID-19 safety protocols of mask wearing and social distancing to ensure everyone's safety.

'This is quite a risk for us, as we have a reduced number of volunteers. Not all our folk are yet fully vaccinated and most are elderly', Gill told *The Echo*.

'But we feel we should try to help those who are finding it difficult to put food on the table, especially those with children. We know our service is really important, especially right now'.

Nats rejects Labor's call for border checkpoint

With Sydney COVID-19 cases increasing, and the Sydney lockdown extending until the end of September, local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, called on fellow Liberal and Nationals State MPs to support a border checkpoint 'to keep our community safe and to protect local jobs and businesses'.

Ms Elliot says 17,000 locals have signed the petition to enact the checkpoint. Yet bipartisan support appears unlikely, 'owing to a range of legal and regulatory issues', according to Nationals MLC Ben Franklin, who backed his leader, John Barilaro, on the issue. Mr Barilaro said, in a COVID-19 briefing last week, that 'moving the border

becomes another cliff edge for another community'.

This is despite Labor claiming the Qld Government 'offered this proposal to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, who, to date, has unfortunately refused it'.

Mrs Elliot added, 'The Qld Premier has said she's written to the NSW Premier offering to start negotiations about the issue, and the NSW Premier wrote back, refusing to take up the offer'.

'The fact is that governments can do anything if they have the will to do it'.

Mr Franklin told *The Echo*, 'It is also not feasible to relocate the Queensland Government's

biosecurity checkpoints from the NSW/ Queensland border to the southern region of the Tweed Shire Local Government Area (LGA), which is a distance of approximately 50km'.

'Such an action would also prevent many North Coast residents, particularly from smaller localities who rely on services from bigger areas, from accessing these important services north of the checkpoints, such as hospitals, emergency services, health care and education'.

Tweed MP Geoff Provest (Nationals) and Lennox Head-based Liberal MLC, Catherine Cusack, were asked for comment but there was no reply by deadline.

Ballina petrol station a venue of concern

Health authorities say a confirmed case of COVID-19 visited the BP Travel Centre at West Ballina on August 20 between 8am and 8.30am.

Those at the centre in that timeframe is considered a 'casual contact and must immediately get tested and isolate until a negative result is received'.

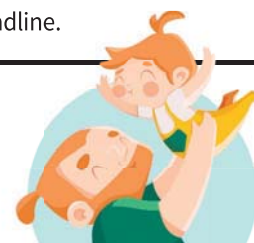
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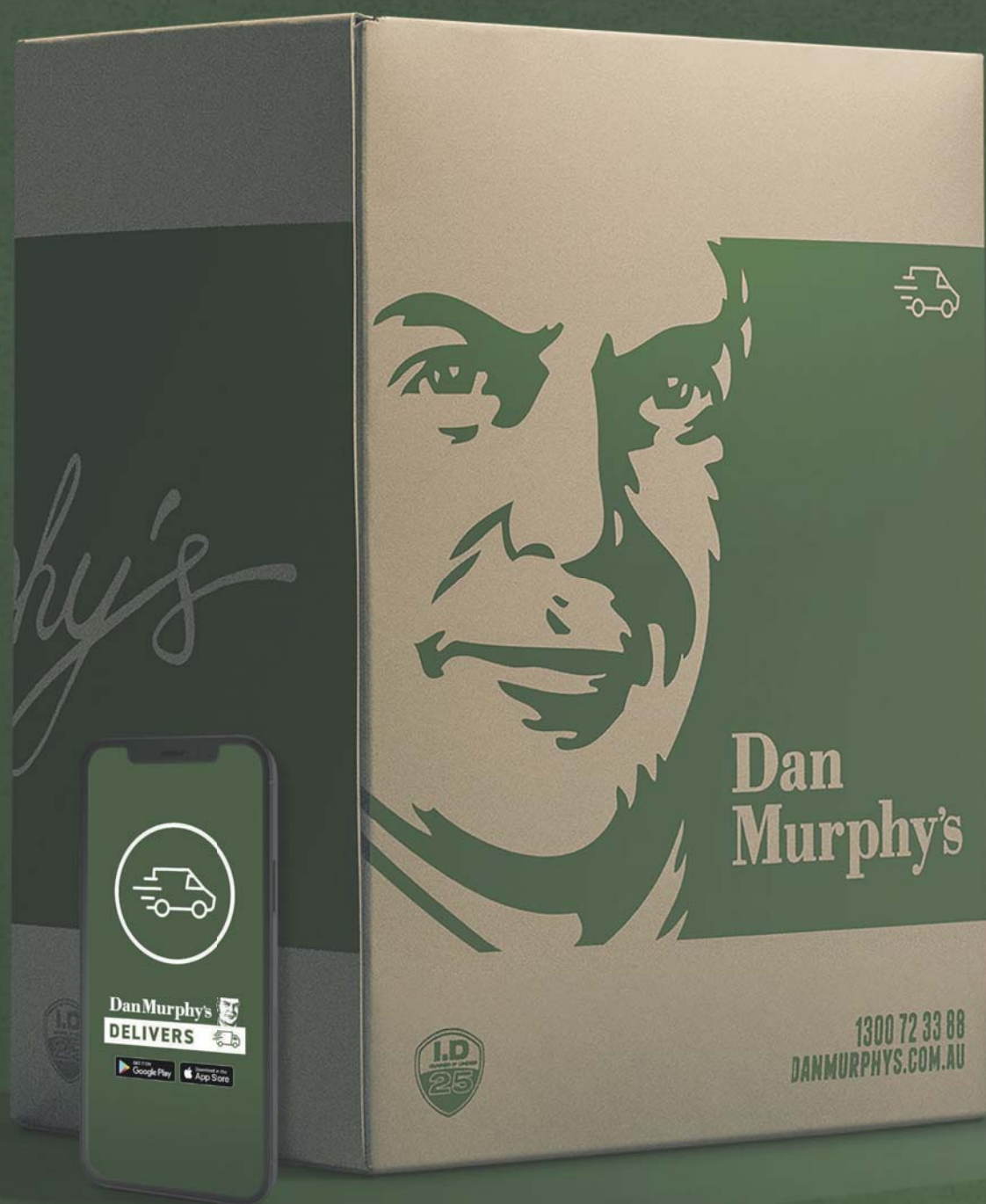
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AstraZeneca available in Byron Bay

Pharmacist Zaheer Bassa has told *The Echo* his two Byron pharmacies are offering AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine.

Mr Bassa says after an online booking is made, those seeking the vaccine are assessed for suitability and pre-existing health conditions.

The two pharmacies are Infinity Pharmacy Byron Central, located at 31 Jonson Street Byron, and Infinity Pharmacy Byron West, located at 3/20 Bayshore Drive, next to the IGA.

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Town's beautification project draws criticism

Paul Bibby

More than 330 residents have signed a petition calling on Byron Council to abandon its ongoing beautification of Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, on the grounds that it is having a negative impact on local businesses.

But Council staff have defended the project and recommended to councillors that the works be allowed to continue.

Greenspine

The Stuart Street Greenspine project aims to turn the much-loved street into a green, leafy boulevard stretching from Heritage Park to the Community Gardens.

With \$1.2m in State Government funding having been acquired for the project, Council is already working on the second stage.

Once completed, this stage will see the installation of new landscaping and

garden beds, vegetation removal and replacement, and line marking for new bike lanes and car parks.

But the petition argues that the project will have a negative impact on parking for, and access to, some local businesses.

'While we are all for the beautification and "Greening" of the town we believe that this should be targeted in the parkland areas and that the CBD be developed with easy access, parking, and visibility to all business,' says the petition, which was written by a group of local business owners.

'It is our independent and family-owned businesses that help make Mullumbimby a vibrant and diversified town.'

'We know that you [local residents] may have received a summary from Council regarding the outcome of their "community consultation", but we are on the

ground, and faced with the daily trials and complaints around access to the CBD and our businesses.

'We would like the parking to be resurfaced and the parking lines marked, thus having the potential to increase parking rather than the plantings that are currently flagged, which will encroach on potential parking spots and affect the visibility of businesses.'

But Council staff disagree with the claims made in the petition.

Staff defend project

In comments accompanying the agenda to this week's Council meeting, Kirk Weallans and James Flockton argue that there will be no net loss of parking as a result of the project, and that there will be significant environmental benefits.

'Trees provide a wide range of aesthetic and environmental benefits and

are recommended action from the 'Our Mullumbimby' Masterplan,' Mr Weallans and Mr Flockton said.

'Mainly because trees increase the biodiversity and amenity values of urban environments, as well as reducing urban temperatures.

'The planting density proposed on Stuart Street is in line with landscape design guidelines adopted by other Local Governments.

'Significant consultation was undertaken by Council officers to inform the *Our Mullumbimby Masterplan* which was generally supported by the community and endorsed by Council in December 2019.'

Staff have recommended that stage two of the beautification works continue, to ensure that Council meets its grant funding deadline of December 2021.

The petition will formally be received by Council at its meeting this Thursday.

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As part of their applications, the operators asked for an extension of their sub-licences with the Council, of up to six years.

But this request was summarily dismissed by the NSW Planning Department, which must approve any variation in sub-licences in coastal zones.

Instead, the department gave permission for a maximum 12-month licence extension.

The process of applying for sub-licences, particularly



Cape Byron Kayaks. Photo Jeff Dawson

among local surf schools, is extremely competitive, and any significant increase to the licences without a formal

tender process would be likely to produce a hail of protest from other local operators.

Council staff have

recommended that councillors vote to approve the one-year extension, but only after a 28-day public consultation period has been completed.

However, it appears that the tourism operators will have more luck with their requests for rent relief.

Council staff have recommended that councillors vote to authorise Council's General Manager, Mark Arnold, to negotiate rent relief with the operators and the surf shop for 'any period between March 29 and December 31, 2021'.

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Water tower structural issues remain

Kim Sporton

Byron residents are still seeking answers almost two years after the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA) revealed town drinking water is compromised owing to structural damage of two main holding tanks.

The peak water body say repairs on the Paterson Street and Wategos water tanks can't occur until all telco equipment is removed.

In December 2019, *The Echo* reported that WSAA claimed the water reservoirs had 'serious structural issues,' with 'faecal contamination'.

Director of Infrastructure, Phil Holloway, said at the time, 'Staff have been working with the telcos for a number of years in relation to this issue. This problem is not just being experienced in the Byron Shire - it is a state-wide issue.'

Yet local water specialist Haydon Pratt says, 'It is mind blowing nothing tangible has



Byron's Paterson Street water tank.

progressed since this serious issue was brought to the Shire's attention'.

'As someone who works in water filtration, regularly testing local water, it is shocking rate paying citizens are being neglected on this level'.

The WSAA revealed in its 2019 parliamentary submission 'both sites have serious structural issues that cannot be addressed until all communication fixtures are removed'. The submission noted that 'stored drinking water is at risk, as the roof framing has collapsed in areas' which has allowed faecal contamination to

enter the tank'.

Council's media spokesperson told *The Echo* last week money will be allocated to repair the Wategos tank sometime in this financial year. They added, 'We are also planning to replace the roof on the Paterson Street reservoir, although no time-frame has been set. Council is working with a number of telcos who have infrastructure on these reservoirs'.

Staff also said, 'Byron Shire Council tests the water in its reservoirs every week according to the requirements of NSW Health. The water is treated and is safe

for drinking'.

Director of Infrastructure, Phil Holloway said last year that Council contributed to the WSAA report and is continuing to 'negotiate with the telcos'.

Mr Pratt said, 'Our Council cannot repair damaged and polluted tanks in a timely fashion because telecommunications companies won't let them - so who really has the power here?'

Rous County Council who is responsible for collecting and supplying local water tanks, say they have a policy of not allowing telco equipment on their tanks, so they can retain control and safe access for workers.

The telco watchdog, Australian Communications and Media Authority, did not respond to questions about what responsibility telcos have regarding water tank maintenance. A full reply to the still unresolved issue was published on Council's website in 2020 and is available at www.bit.ly/3B62B1w.

Glyphosate sprayed in strict accordance to law, say Council

Hans Lovejoy

Claims by a resident, of glyphosate being sprayed around the riverbanks of Mullum, have been confirmed by Council. Mullum resident Sally Law contacted *The Echo* to raise her concerns, and said, 'For the last few months, Council's contracted workers have been spraying Roundup along the river and in the bushland, metres from my home'.

She says, despite small signs advising of regeneration works along the river bank, she recently came across 'a huge area covered in the deathly dull green coating of Roundup'.

'There were no signs whatsoever to say that the area has been sprayed, and it is within metres from where I live, and from where half a dozen children who live in my street play on a daily basis'.

The use of glyphosate is being phased out across the planet owing to health impacts. In 2019, Bloomberg reported that Seattle joined Miami, Austin, and other US cities 'in restricting the use of herbicides with glyphosate, such as Roundup'.

In reply to Ms Law, Council claims the practice is undertaken by contractors, 'who are accredited to the legislative requirements in herbicide application by Chemsafe, and the herbicide is applied in strict accordance with the requirements of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority'.

'Council does post public notices on its website about pesticide use, but only when broadscale (boom spraying) is being done'.

'This is in accordance with the legislation'.

'For small areas, like around Mullumbimby, signs are placed at entry points to

the site and left there until the herbicide dries'.

'Contractors sometimes apply herbicide in the early morning, on either rural roads, or sportsfields, to reduce disruption, and signage is always in place'.

'All work carried out by Council staff and contractors complies with the details in the Byron Shire Council Integrated Pest Management Strategy'.

'As per this policy, the use of herbicide in high-use public areas is not allowed, and alternative methods of weed control, such as steam weeding or manual control, are used'.

'Council's contractors are experienced bush regenerators who are able to determine between native and environmental weed species and they use restoration practices set out by the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators'.

Council's spokesperson added, 'Council's bush regeneration team is currently working on more than 286 hectares of bushland across 70 sites. Twenty-eight of those sites (approx. 60 hectares) are now at maintenance level, with no weeds, and only [need] regular maintenance work to keep them in great condition'.

Steam weed?

Ms Law asked why Council could not instead use steam as an alternative for weed control, yet there was no reply to that topic from Council staff.

She added, 'Why are they allowing this harmful and archaic method of weed control to be used in and around our children, and near our homes? As a long-term resident of Mullumbimby, I think this is a disgrace and Council is acting belligerently and totally irresponsibly'.

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Calls for a border zone to ease Queensland restrictions

With Sydney COVID-19 cases increasing, and the Sydney lockdown extending until the end of September, local Labor MP Justine Elliot and some local mayors and councillors have called on fellow Liberal and Nationals state MPs to support a Northern Rivers border checkpoint 'to keep our community safe and to protect local jobs and businesses'.

COVID-19 Venue of Concern – West Ballina BP

Authorities are yet to give details of a confirmed case of COVID-19 who visited the BP Travel Centre and the Northern NSW Local Health District is asking that anyone who was present at 41 Bruxner Highway, West Ballina on Friday between 8am and 8.30am get tested for COVID-19.

Call to withdraw controversial Evans Head Iron Gates DA

The withdrawal of the Masterplan should spell the end of the current development application (DA) for the controversial 175 lot Iron Gates development in Evans Head say opponents to the DA; but it appears the developer and Richmond Valley Council (RVC) are still looking for a way forward.

Lismore Council keeping residents safe with free mask and sanitiser packs

Lismore City Council will operate two drive-through services to distribute face masks, hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes to help the community stay safe during COVID-19.

Nationals MP calls for emergency response to housing crisis

The so-called housing crisis deserves a government emergency response, one of the government's MPs says.

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Water utility finds a new home

Mia Armitage

Rous County Council Chair Keith Williams says there won't be any jobs lost as part of the Council's facilities merger and move to Ballina.

The chair's reassurances came after Country Labor Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin, expressed concerns about job losses in Lismore, home to Rous headquarters, owing to the move.

'Despite unfortunate public conjecture, I can assure the community that no jobs will be lost when Council moves to the Gallans Road site,' Councillor Williams said via a media release last week.

The Council had more than 70 staff spread across four main premises, the media release said, and planned to consolidate the team into the one site in Ballina by mid-2024.

The Council was renting office space in Lismore's CBD; a large depot in South Lismore; another weeds depot in East Lismore; and a flood mitigation depot at Woodburn.

Speaking to *The Echo* on Monday, Cr Williams said consultation would happen with staff before the move, planned to happen over three years, and unions would be included in discussions.

Price undeclared

Cr Williams said he couldn't disclose how much Rous paid for the organisation's new home, but the publicly funded Council 'did very well' and the purchase would lead to significant long-term savings as existing rent factors were eventually eliminated from budgets.

The new site was close to two major highways, the M1 and the Bruxner Highway,

and Cr Williams said the location would make it easier for staff to travel throughout the region as part of the Council's work.

The Council represents four local governments (Lismore City, Byron, Ballina and Richmond Valley Shires) but also served clients in the Tweed and Kyogle shires in terms of weed management.

Cr Williams said he was also excited about the Council's purchase of a 70-hectare piece of land in Ballina that used to belong to the parent company of well-known tea tree oil manufacturer, Thursday Plantation, and still featured some 50 hectares of tea trees.

Cr Williams said the site also featured a rainforest walk, outdoor amphitheatre and visitor centre, all of which Rous planned to use as part of its expanding community engagement practices.

eKombi launched by SCU



Photo supplied

A 1970s retro electric vehicle conversion has been unveiled by Southern Cross University (SCU), which claims to have an extended range of between 200 and 250 kms.

The Volkswagen Kombi by SCU graduate Andy Naughton, took 18 months and included hands-on electrical and mechanical

engineering experience for current students, say SCU.

Mr Naughton's electric classic car conversion business EV Machina was commissioned to undertake the conversion, using 10 x 5.3kWh batteries to help deliver 53kW of power to an 88kW electric motor.

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Truckies strike for job security

Food and fuel supplies look to be disrupted this Friday for 24 hours, with a mass strike planned by the Transport Workers' Union after negotiations failed over job security provisions.

TWU claim that transportation and logistics company Toll Group, are planning to introduce an 'underclass of lower paid truck drivers'.

Around 7,000 transport workers say they will take action 'to fight for their jobs'.

TWU National Secretary Michael Kaine, said it is an 'abomination that billionaire retailers like Amazon are

smashing profit records while ripping off transport supply chains and crushing the jobs of the truck drivers who've risked the health of their families to deliver parcels and keep shelves stocked'.

Vaccines not affected

TWU NSW/Qld Secretary and lead Toll negotiator, Richard Olsen, said Toll management made no effort to prevent strikes.

'While we implore Toll to fix this, none of it would be happening if the Federal Government had the right

regulation in place to ensure transport supply chains are adequately funded by wealthy retailers, manufacturers and oil companies at the top,' he said.

'TWU strike action has never, and will never, disrupt medical supplies or vaccines.'

'The Federal Government tore down an independent tribunal five years ago which was investigating risks to safety in road transport caused by a financial squeeze on transport by wealthy retailers like Amazon and Aldi. Since then, 205 truck drivers have been killed'.

Charity regulation changes threat to civil liberties

The peak body for the social services sector in NSW say a proposed law would see charities deregistered for engaging in advocacy work for supporting protest activity.

The NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) say Liberal federal Assistant Treasurer, Michael Sukkar, proposes to amend the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth) (the ACNC Act).

'Charities are already heavily regulated. They need less red tape, not more'

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Richmond River water quality monitored by new technology

New high-tech water quality monitoring equipment has been installed throughout the Richmond River, to give information to the community in real time.

The collaborative project between Rous County Council, Southern Cross University and the NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) has seen the development and installation of unique water quality logging systems to

monitor water quality.

A series of eight sites throughout the Richmond River estuary have been established including; Bungawalbyn Creek, Rocky Mouth Creek, Wardell, Woodburn, Tuckean Swamp, and North Creek. The project builds on the existing strong relationship between Rous County Council and its partners.

For more info visit www.rous.nsw.gov.au/water-quality-in-the-richmond.

Domestic Violence

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While it makes perfect evolutionary sense to me that Males of our species are more prone/likely to be aggressive/violent, this may be a reason, but **NO excuse for D.V.** I also believe a significant # of Male Suicides, say 50%, R Love life related, eg Relationship Disharmony, Being Left, Family Law, Custody, Loss of Family Structure, Houses, Property and \$\$\$\$. It's no coincidence that of the 3 Males I've known who Suicided, **ALL were clearly love life related!**

Till death Fantasy VS Reality! us do part???

- While many of us can and do live out our fantasies with rich, long, happy and fulfilling, trouble free relationships...
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- Our outlooks, sexual preferences, love needs, goals, dreams often change with time, but not always in harmony with our partners!
- D.V., Sex Assault will not be going away, anytime soon. Women/Girls need to learn/*practise keeping themselves and children safe.
- ALL genders and ALL ages, teens and beyond should know and understand this. Men/Boys in particular so they can change any aggressive/violent behaviour and *RETHINK their actions as needed!

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Bruns biz kicks off support initiatives

Like most businesses, the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre (BHVC) has had to close during the current COVID-19 lockdown.

However, the Visitor Centre and Chamber of Commerce teams say they are working together behind the scenes on a collection of initiatives to help the town's businesses stay afloat.

Organisers say, 'The "Bruns doing Business differently" list that featured in last year's COVID-19 response campaign was once again compiled and uploaded to social media. The list will be updated with businesses' opening hours and offers, every Tuesday and Friday, and business are encouraged to send through their information to Cherie [at marketing@brunswickheads.org.au] every few days'.

Chamber President and Clem's Cargo owner, Juliana Harmsen, says, 'Many businesses have had no choice but to close, but the essential businesses are open and some of our cafes are open for takeaway for part of the day'.

'Many retailers are operating online, and quite a few have provided windows for pick up of their goods at their



Hardy family: Matt, August, Frankie and Lucas Hardy. Photo Jeff Dawson

store. There are no visitors around, but it's good we can provide an at-a-glance list for our local customers', she said.

Bruns Bags for Dad

A creative new initiative by the Visitor Centre, 'Bruns Bags for Dad', is being offered for Fathers Day, which is coming up on September 5.

Visitor Centre management says small and large 'showbags' are filled with Brunswick Heads merchandise, such as a stubby holder, Torakina towel, a Love Bruns sticker, local chocolates, cap, magnet etc'.

'The small bags, valued

at about \$40 retail, are available for \$25, and large bags valued at \$95 are available for only \$75.

'Customers also have the chance to include a gift voucher(s) from their favourite shops at their nominated value in the bag and the Visitor Centre team will do the legwork and gather up the items.

'It's a simple three-step process. Choose a small or large 'Bruns Bag for Dad' with or without a gift voucher from your nominated shop. Place the order with Anj at admin@brunswickheads.org.au and make your payment via netbank.

'The bag full of goodies and vouchers will be posted out to you by Fathers Day or it can be picked up from the Visitor Centre during one of the nominated pick-up times'.

Bruns Bait and Tackle owner, Matthew Hardy, said, 'I think it's a great idea, and I hope locals will support the idea as a simple way to help our businesses during this tough time'.

Simple Pleasures

To round off the series of current initiatives, the 2021 Simple Pleasures Photo Competition is kicking off with Instagram and online entries opening on September 1.

This year's theme is 'Bruns in Focus', and organisers say it's a great opportunity to see Bruns with 'fresh eyes'.

Apart from the joy of capturing a special moment or scene, you might even win a luxury night for two at the Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat (located in NSW!).

More initiatives to help businesses and locals connect will be rolled out soon, say organisers. For further information about any of the above initiatives, call Cherie on 0499 395 601.

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Barbed wire ban tabled for Council this week

Paul Bibby

Should Byron Council remove all barbed wire from its land and encourage other local landowners to do the same, in order to protect native wildlife?

This is the question coming before this Thursday's meeting, via a motion to develop a barbed wire management policy for the Shire.

Put forward by Independent Councillor Cate Coorey, the motion proposes a range of measures in a bid to save the hundreds of flying foxes, birds and possums that die, or are seriously injured, after being caught in local barbed wire fencing each year.

'The Australian Wildlife Hospital (AWH) treated over 80 different species found caught on barbed-wire fences in the last three years,' Cr Coorey said.

'Out of over 800 individual animals, half were euthanised immediately, and over half were flying foxes, around 80 per cent of which died'.

'At night, barbed-wire fencing becomes invisible. Flying foxes can hit the fencing at speed and twist and fight the wire, trying to chew

their way out, resulting in nightmare injuries.'

Many of these deaths and injuries were preventable, Cr Coorey said.

'In many cases, barbed wire does not perform an essential function, and it could be replaced by other types of fencing, and where it is essential, relatively simple measures could reduce its impact,' she said.

In addition to removing all Council-owned barbed wire, the motion proposes a freeze on any further barbed wire installation on Council land, and adapting existing Council fencing to remove dangers to wildlife.

It also proposes an information and education program developed to help local landowners understand the impacts of barbed wire on native fauna, and provide ideas for alternative solutions.

Yet another councillor seeking re-election on December 4, Cr Alan Hunter, claims the plan is frivolous given such uncertain times.

He said in a press release, 'We need to know how many animals are affected and over what time in our Shire, not Australia, so the costs can be

measured more accurately'.

'Cr Coorey's agenda item is nothing more than an ill-informed grab at making herself relevant in a time when we all need to be thinking about keeping businesses alive, so they can employ locals and keep our economy going'.

Resource intensive

Council staff oppose the plan, at least in the short-to-medium term.

'The development of a Barbed Wire Policy and an information and education

program for the community about barbed wire, although with merit, is resource intensive and not a planned activity for staff for FY 21/22,' Council's Director of Sustainable Development and Economy, Shanon Burt, said.

'Providing information and education to the community about this issue is something the Biodiversity and Agricultural Team could do informally, via the Brunswick Valley Landcare newsletter and the Farming Cluster Group network and social media'.

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Splendour plans for 2021

Splendour in the Grass co-founders Jessica Ducrou and Paul Piticco have announced that this year's event, already moved to November this year, will be postponed again until next year.

'With vaccine rollout progressing more slowly than anticipated, we have made the decision to move the 20th Anniversary edition of the festival to July 2022,' they said in a press release.

'We are confident that moving the festival to July 2022 will finally see us

enjoying Splendour in the Grass in all its glory. More of the population will be vaccinated, international talent will have the ability to enter the country more freely, and we'll be able to deliver the Splendour in the Grass that you know and love.

'Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the recent outbreak and lockdowns. We encourage you to get vaccinated if, or as soon as, you are eligible, both for your safety and for those around you. Please stay safe'.



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Nyck Jeanes stood down as BayFM President

Hans Lovejoy

BayFM have replaced its president Nyck Jeanes, after what Station Manager, Philip Shine, says was confusion around Mr Jeanes's personal views, and those of the station.

A statement provided to *The Echo* reads, 'The BayFM Management Committee requested that Nyck Jeanes stand down as President of BayFM'.

'Nyck agreed and chose the timing to do this. Nyck also chose to leave the Management Committee altogether.

'We respect his right to do so. Nyck will continue to present his show North Coast Positive. Nyck has not



Nyck Jeanes hosts *North Coast Positive* on BayFM on Fridays from 9am. Photo Jeff 'Positive, But Not The Virus Type' Dawson

been censored'.

Former BayFM Vice President, Hudson Birden, is now Acting President.

BayFM Station Manager, Philip Shine, told *The Echo*, 'BayFM is an essential

community service, particularly in times such as this, providing accurate news and information to our community'.

'Despite being classified as essential, BayFM has no

guaranteed future. We rely on the goodwill and generosity of our community for our ongoing existence.

'So as BayFM station management, we are charged with fairly representing the whole of the Byron Shire community.

'In his role as BayFM President, Nyck Jeanes has been effectively the chief representative of the station. However Nyck's own views – as expressed in his show *North Coast Positive* – while being part of the diversity we encourage, are not the views of the station generally. This situation was leading to confusion for everyone'.

Mr Jeanes was approached for comment but declined.

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TEDxByronBay events now online

Videos from recent TEDxByronBay events are now available online, say organisers.

Director Kate Walsh says, 'Speakers included an underwater explorer, the nation's favourite garden gnome, Costa Georgiadis, our local Deathwalker, an expert who submerged us in the soundscapes of streams, an artist exploring how rainbows make us happy, and a

challenging talk on creating culturally safe public spaces. And that's only half of the speakers'.

She says one of the talks, by Dr Gregory P. Smith, *Forest Hermit to Professor – it is never too late to change*, has had over half a million views.

'We are thrilled for him', she said.

Catch all the videos at www.tedxbyronbay.com.au.

Bushfire danger from Sept 1

NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) say that the temporary Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) begins in the Far North Coast and Northern Rivers on September 1 and is urging residents to prepare now.

NSW RFS Superintendent David Cook is encouraging those in rural areas to prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan.

'Residents should prepare their property by removing

flammable materials from their yards, clearing leaves from gutters, checking that hoses can reach all around the house, and where appropriate, conducting hazard reduction activities.

'Residents can ask their local Fire Control Centre for assistance in carrying out safe hazard reductions and for advice'. For more info, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

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Bluesfest aims for April 2022

With all of NSW in an extended lockdown and the state's premier saying she didn't expect COVID-19 vaccination targets to be realised until October or November, Bluesfest has announced its October 2021 event is off and instead is planning for the usual time next year: the Easter holidays.

Director Peter Noble said in a press release, 'It is obvious that we cannot present Bluesfest in a safe manner in October, so we have re-scheduled back to our usual timing'.

Mr Noble said festival organisers expected 'things to be returning to normal' by Easter next year.

'The safety and protection of our loyal Bluesfesters, our festival staff, our performers, our volunteers, stallholders and suppliers is paramount, and I will not put anyone at risk right now,' Mr Noble said, 'so the decision to re-schedule was a no-brainer'.

In the meantime, he said, almost all artists scheduled for the all-Aussie October 2021 lineup would be on next Easter's program including Midnight Oil, Paul Kelly,

Jimmy Barnes, Pete Murray, Kasey Chambers, John Butler and Xavier Rudd.

'Only two or three can't make it,' Mr Noble said, before adding that Fat Freddy's Drop, Josh Teskey and Ash Grunwald, John Williamson and C.W. Stoneking had agreed to play.

Mr Noble is known to have spent much of his time

pre-pandemic scouting for new international talent to show at Bluesfest, and said if overseas acts could come to Australia, his festival team would be presenting them.

The festival will also feature a *Rockwiz Live* event, based on the SBS television show, and more acts will be announced in the leadup to next year's festival.



Have your say on the proposed Tweed Heads boat maintenance facility

Transport for NSW is seeking community feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors for the proposed upgrade of the Tweed Heads boat maintenance facility by 17 September 2021.

You are invited to attend an online information session for this proposed upgrade work on the following dates:

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Surprise! Home ownership is falling as wages stagnate

A federal housing affordability and supply inquiry has been announced!

Will it make a difference? After all, there are countless reports into black deaths in custody, and governments, guided by an apathetic, confused and distracted public, can simply ignore recommendations and data presented by committees. But there's no point in giving up hope – the more knowledge, the better, right?

As for this inquiry, its Chair, Jason Falinski (Liberal MP), says, 'As data provided by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA), the Treasury and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) shows, home ownership, one of the building blocks of Australian society, has been falling for the last 30 years'.

He adds, 'As consistently noted by the RBA and others, regulatory settings are directly responsible for the unresponsive nature of housing supply in Australia'

'The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) conducted an analysis of Australia's housing market, particularly its very high ratio of housing prices to household incomes. The OECD concluded that Australia's unusually high level of inelasticity in housing is the major driver of this ratio. This has resulted in our country having the fourth-fastest house price growth out of the world's advanced economies over the past 20 years'.

Falinski cites ABS data that suggests total residential private building approvals decreased 44 per cent across the nation from 2016–2020, 'compared to the previous five-year period'.

The inquiry will 'investigate the impact of tax and regulatory regimes on price, affordability, and supply of housing in Australia today as well as into the future'.

Public submissions close September 13. For more information visit www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Tax_and_Revenue.

Meanwhile, left leaning think tank, Per Capita, released a discussion paper in July (www.bit.ly/2WmzXty) that claims 'the lifetime cost of buying a home increased by 130 per cent over two generations, and that this increase in daily living expenses is not adequately captured by our cost of living measurements'.

The paper claims the average repayment cost over the life of the mortgage rose from 11.2 per cent in 1970, to 19.5 per cent in 1985, then 25.5 per cent in the year 2000.

The authors say, 'For the nation, it represents a significant constraint on household consumption, which accounts for more than half of Australia's economic activity'.

It's no secret that for decades, average wages have been stagnant while CEO pay packets have ballooned obscenely.

The ABC reported in 2019 that 'Chief executive pay in the United States rose nearly 900 per cent between 1978 and 2012, a trend that Australia followed'.

Professor David Peetz from Griffith University wrote in *The Conversation* in 2019, 'Wages growth for Australian workers is among the worst in the industrialised world. For more than a third of workers on individual contracts, wages aren't growing at all'. He says despite 'Australia's strong economic growth with apparently low unemployment and a supposedly strong economy', the reason is the 'loss of worker power owing to the decline in unionisation over the past three decades'.

Politicians used to come up with policies that would advance the nation as a whole. Yet these days, it's unclear what they are actually good for.

One good thing the PM could do is call an election.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

The failure of govt and its messaging

The alleged illegal arrival of the COVID-19 infected real estate mogul from Rose Bay in the Byron and other Northern Rivers shires, as well as the recent outbreak of COVID-19 in my birth town of Walgett, serve to expose the ongoing failure of the NSW and Federal governments to effectively deal with the COVID-19 pandemic generally, and the Delta variant of the virus in particular.

The failure to lockdown hard and early is a decision that I can't fully understand, but the more I learn about the politics of inaction and distraction, the more I realise that the decision was largely influenced by economic considerations rather than good public health and epidemiological advice.

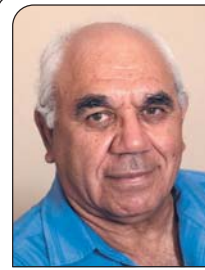
The mixed and confusing messaging is reflected in the following advice from Deputy Premier John Barilaro (Nationals), who is reported to have advised: 'Make sure that you get tested at your first sign of any symptoms, and at the same time, of course, consider vaccination'.

In other statements from government leaders, they make the point that only 70 per cent to 80 per cent vaccinations will help bring an end to the lockdown, so asking people to consider vaccination is so confusing.

The Federal Treasury has issued an 'economic modelling' statement that sits alongside the epidemiological modelling of the Doherty Institute, and advised that: 'Continuing to minimise the number of COVID-19 cases, by taking early and strong action in response to outbreaks of the Delta variant, is consistently more [economically] cost-effective than allowing higher levels of community transmission, which ultimately requires longer and more costly lockdowns'.

Like many NSW people, I tune into the daily COVID-19 updates from NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, and NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, but what I hear only serves to contribute to a heightened sense of spiritual and COVID-19 fatigue.

There are no messages of hope



'The current [COVID-19] messaging and strategies for Aboriginal people are akin to the 'smooth the dying pillow' era.'

Professor Bob Morgan

coming from these briefings, no *mea culpa*, just political spin and a litany of data pointing to ongoing uncertainty and despair.

There is no question in my mind that we should have gone a lot harder and a lot sooner. We deserve so much better.

One of the earliest pronouncements of the National Cabinet that was established to oversee the response to the pandemic, was that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would be given high priority, especially in light of the prevalence of immunologically compromised conditions within the Indigenous community.

Compounding this is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are culturally a social and group-orientated people whose living conditions, arising from generations of poverty, often include inadequate and overcrowded housing, poor diet, and debilitating untreated health conditions – all of which are likely to increase the spread of chronic and infectious diseases within our community.

The health and other inequalities that exist, not just for Aboriginal people, but other marginalised peoples as well, is a terrible indictment on 21st century modernity.

There is no humanity in this equation, just unmerited greed, privilege and entitlement.

The current messaging and strategies for Aboriginal people are akin to the 'smooth the dying pillow' era, when it was assumed, perhaps hoped, that if Aboriginal people were left to our own devices then we would soon die out. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the First Australians, have held tenaciously to

our rights and freedoms and these will never be surrendered.

Australia is currently being hit by a massive viral tsunami, but the best our leaders can do is to spend their time describing the nature of the encroaching waters.

This approach conjures up images of Australians desperately fighting the destructive 2020 bushfires with domestic garden hose in hand while our political leaders played politics.

On a more positive note, I am so proud of the University of Newcastle, with whom I am affiliated, who took less than five minutes to respond to a request for support from the Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), and sent four qualified nurses to work with the AMS to assist them to cope with what surely is a scary and challenging time for the community.

The Walgett AMS serves the whole of the community, not just Aboriginal clients.

I hope that the Walgett and other community outbreaks are contained sooner rather than later, but I must confess that I have little confidence in the government and its authorities to do what is required.

The logic of some of the decisions taken by government, or perhaps more correctly, indecisions, escapes me and would be laughable if it wasn't so deadly.

'Blues are the songs of despair, but gospel songs are the songs of hope' – Mahalia Jackson.

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Free markets

What an utter joy to have the Byron Farmers Market open again last week (*Echo*, 18 August), complete with COVID Safe practices.

Like many in the Shire, our family is addicted to fresh citrus, passion-ate fruit, bananas and all the rest of the bounty, and withdrawal symptoms quickly kick in with market closure.

We appreciate shutdowns owing to COVID will, at times, be unavoidable, but as we move to the post-pandemic recovery, and the world focusses more on what matters most, let's celebrate and grow these local treasures.

The contribution of farmers' markets to our physical, social, and planetary health is incalculable.

Dr Ray Moynihan
Suffolk Park

Sun tax

The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) has recently ruled that



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networks will be allowed to charge solar households a sun tax for sharing their clean energy. State governments can still stop this unfair attack on solar, but I imagine Gladys and co are concentrating their efforts on something else right now.

Walking around my neighbourhood, it seems that about half of the houses have rooftop solar. I wonder

how many of the owners are aware of this proposal?

Rooftop solar benefits all energy consumers by providing cheap, local energy to the grid and bringing down wholesale power prices. The new energy rules give all the power to networks without strong enough safeguards to protect consumers.

Solar households will have to pay up or have their

ability to export slashed. This could lead to less renewable energy in the grid. Non-solar households will see a bill saving of just 30c a week, but solar households could lose most of their income from their solar investment.

It is unfair to charge solar homes and businesses when big coal and gas generators don't have to pay for pumping electricity into the network. Feed-in tariffs are already dropping around the country. We should be encouraging more rooftop solar – not penalising people who are trying to cut their energy bills and do their bit for the environment by putting panels on their roof.

Loretta Egan
South Golden Beach

Behind the eight ball

If there is a constant about this government, it is the predictability, that in times of crisis it's invariably behind the eight ball in its responses.

Look at Afghanistan and the heartless reneging on rescuing our allies there. The climate emergency – Australia is ranked last out of nearly 200 UN member countries

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The vaccine rollout and the difficulty of getting the Pfizer vaccine as recommended for most of the population. The crisis for women and the revelations of the sexual and misogynistic assaults on women in the hallowed halls of our parliament – let’s promote one of the alleged sexual assaulters. The unprecedented extent and intensity of the fires in 2019–20 – let’s go on holiday!

ScoMo seems to exist in a smirking vacuum as he

covers for the way he and his government don’t seem to be able to plan their way out of a wet paper bag.

The bare-faced lies – ‘we will rescue our Afghani friends’; ‘we are doing everything we can about climate change’; and constant vague generalisations without detail about plans and policies. For months ‘It’s not a race’ was his response to the failing vaccine rollout. ‘We are going to rely on technology’ (that doesn’t yet work successfully) for climate action.

There’s the rorts, and lack of accountability, misrepresenting facts and data, the absolute lack of vision beyond coal, gas and mining, the immorality of many of his government’s policies and actions – the list goes on. Didn’t he get stood down from his last two jobs? Let’s sack him in the next election!

Christina Henry
Bangalow

Widjabul Wia-bal

Those supporting the proposed Dunoon Dam seem to be living back in a time-warp of Terra Nullius. Amongst the 11,000 petition signatures and submissions in opposition to Rous’ revised IWCM (the one that excludes a new dam) there is barely a single reference to the traditional

owners. It is as if they never existed and still don’t.

Any mention of them is couched in a condescending manner that explains why they should accept destruction of their living heritage and sacred sites whilst being overjoyed about a new cultural centre that might be built for them at a site less inconvenient to the whites.

Isn’t this the story of occupation over and over? How much clearer do our Indigenous citizens have to be that they do not accept this dam?

Indigenous people have a lot to teach about relationship with the Land. Big ‘L’ Land encompasses water, ground, rocks, plants, animals, people, ancestors, future beings, stars, relationships, kin, air, spirituality; in short, everything. Small ‘l’ land is just landscape, a place for owning, using, selling, changing and maybe degrading or destroying – if that seems useful or profitable.

Uncle Mickey Ryan recently said ‘We Aboriginal people have a strong tradition of sharing, caring and welcoming’. The trouble is that Aboriginal people have had to do all of it, especially the sharing.

It is time for some acknowledgement by white

folks that the people of an ancient culture still value the Land and have rights to protect it. It is time to stop the ‘consult-then-ignore’ routine that we have seen over and over in the past. It is time to do some sharing back.

Fortunately white law is changing to acknowledge deep spiritual connection as a valid reason to protect Land. This kind of social impact cannot be mitigated away.

The Widjabul Wia-bal connection to the Land should be enough to stop this dam. It can and it will.

Nan Nicholson
The Channon

Real men don’t...

Real men don’t harm others. Nor do they wish others harm, I suspect, like David Lovejoy did last week (Editorial, 18 August) expressing ‘glee’ at those who hold a differing view to him dying! Is that what we take away from your editorial? What’s happened to you?

Janét Moyle
New Brighton

Housing crisis

I hear all the problems, eg; lack of government/ council money or infrastructure/ available vacant/ accommodation land.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2021

As a result of the postponement of the Local Government Election to 4 December 2021, Council’s meeting schedule for the remainder of 2021 has been amended. The revised Council meeting schedule is outlined below:

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Thursday	26 August	9:00am	Ordinary
Thursday	16 September	9:00am	Planning
Thursday	23 September	9:00am	Ordinary
Thursday	14 October	11:00am	Planning
Thursday	28 October	9:00am	Ordinary
Thursday	04 November	11:00am	Planning
Thursday	25 November	9:00am	Ordinary (Caretaker)

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The matter of COVID, masks and community versus individual freedom

■ Here is an extract from a regular medical journal, *UNIVADIS Medscape, Family Medicine*, that I receive.

'The US is averaging about 124,000 new COVID-19 cases a day and the hospitals are once again filled with COVID-19 patients, most of whom are unvaccinated by choice. This new surge is centered in the Southeast, which has some of the lowest community vaccination rates in the country. Hospitals in this region are being crushed by a wave of unvaccinated COVID-19 patients.'

'Several states, including Mississippi and Arkansas, are running out of ICU beds. Hospitals in Florida and Alabama are reporting difficulty getting enough oxygen to support the number of patients who need it. The crisis is being driven by a severe shortage of nurses and other healthcare workers such as respiratory therapists. Several states are turning to the federal government and its military healthcare systems for help. Children are also being hospitalized in record numbers as Delta has coincided with the reopening of schools.'

Dr Ian Kingston
GP Mullumbimby

■ Destroying alternative medicine? Like many locals in this community known for its alternative lifestyles, I have put a lot of time and energy into looking after my own health rather than abnegating responsibility to the allopathic medical establishment, with its sordid record of misconduct and its obeisance to the pharmaceutical industry.

Whatever else this pandemic may be, it is being used as an opportunity to take away our freedom to choose alternative health modalities, and put health

practitioners out of business if they don't submit to compulsory vaccination.

It is a pity we have no access to data about the general state of health of those who manifest serious symptoms labelled COVID-19.

We do not know how many health conscious, non-smokers, non-drinkers, or even vegetarians, are among them. We do know, from the government's own reporting, that at least 98 per cent of those who have died were over 70, and most of the rest probably had serious pre-existing conditions.

I am very disappointed by *The Echo's* subtle (and increasingly not so subtle) insults to those who question the wisdom of the party line.

As the billion-dollar campaign against those who do not wish to participate in this unprecedented and dangerous experiment continues... *The Echo's* bias is becoming more than insulting, it is veering dangerously close to joining in this assault on the human rights of Australians.

Narada Vantari
Myocum

■ Why were the Northern Beaches shut down so quickly, and yet Bondi remained open? Why so slow off the mark compared to other countries to get a variety of vaccines? Why can it still take hours to get a COVID test? Don't governments realise this turns people off getting tested? Spend, train, employ more testers! You've had 18 months!

Every state except NSW didn't hesitate to shut down hotspots - HARD - and close borders. Where was the urgency to get frontline nursing staff, doctors, paramedics, police, teachers etc vaccinated? Surely, 18 months into the pandemic, the vast majority should be

done by now!

Now the ADF (Australian Defence Force) is deployed, same as the bushfires - too little, too late! Morrison and Berejiklian aren't asleep at the wheel - they're not in the car!

At last laws are being toughened up and the slack rules tightened, but it's still okay to visit your holiday home? You can sunbathe at Bondi, still, but don't dare poke your head out elsewhere.

Yes, we are lucky to be an island in the Southern Hemisphere with a relatively small population. We have watched other countries struggle with major covid problems, many deaths, heaps more crook, not enough respirators, losing frontline medical staff who take years of training to replace. As a leader, wouldn't you be taking note, talking to medical and scientific groups about how we should be preparing, putting into place not just plans, but actual infrastructure for when Australia is invaded by the virus?

First there were cruise ships, or were they just incubators? So what was the plan? Put potential ill people into hotels (ships on land), not in remote areas, but smack in the middle of our largest populations. Maybe this was only the first short-term option, and then there were minimal efforts to get Howard Springs operational and... nothing else.

The consequence is, for the sake of a few million dollars to build or modify some more regional or remote quarantine camps, we now have lockdowns all over the place, costing the nation billions of dollars. Not good enough!

Finally, why can't the states and federal government work collaboratively and democratically? Why

can't adults sit down, outside political bias, and resolve to create one plan for everyone, one list of rules that apply across our ONE nation. No confusion over when a lockdown will be applied, when a border will be closed or what 'isolation', 'quarantine', 'stay at home', etc mean and no confusion about what penalties will be applied, instantly, for breaking community health rules.

This is our World War III, treat it as such!

Richard White
East Ballina

■ I have some questions. If the vaccine protects you against the Sars-Cov-2 virus, why are the vaccinated people so scared of the non-vaccinated people? [see letter p15 - Ed].

Whose choice is it to have medical treatment? The person who possibly needs it? Or the people around them who want them to have it?

Who is imposing their choice on others? Is it the people 'discriminating' against the people who choose not to get vaccinated, or is it the unvaccinated people who accept the

choice of the others to get vaccinated?

How can you make an informed decision, if you only get information from one source - the mainstream?

Graeme Goedde
Byron Bay

■ I agree that we should avoid anger and abuse in discussions of climate change, COVID protection and racism. Yet I find it hard to commit to the extent of empathy that Benjamin Gilmour (Letters, 11 August) adheres to. Ironically, it's my empathy that causes me to speak out.

I've seen, and have been told of instances in Mullum, of bystanders not daring to make a comment re lack of

mask wearing or checking in. Some say, 'It's not our business'. In my opinion there are too many 'quiet Australians'. It's very tempting to 'tune out' but it won't achieve any change.

Families have been heart-broken by loss. Our health workers, carers and other frontline workers risk their safety to protect us. Our local businesses suffer greatly if a lockdown is extended.

More needs to be openly aired in our society, albeit, in a non-confrontational manner. Saying nothing for fear of offending can lead to complacency, which can, in turn, lead to complicity. For me to do or say nothing, that feels like giving up.

Sue McLeod
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Dear Noah, Rachael and the 'oligarchy' – those points about COVID

■ As one would expect in Byron Shire, debate rages over whether to vaccinate or die prematurely.

In his (18 Aug) contribution to the debate, Noah Yamore (from Mullum!), appears disinclined to be vaccinated because the 'oligarchy' is in the process of eliminating 90 per cent of the Earth's human population via COVID vaccines. He knows for a fact that the 'oligarchy' has been working on an airborne virus for decades to achieve this goal. The only question I would ask Noah is, with 90 per cent of us gone, why would you want to be left here amongst such unpleasant company?

Despite every scientifically advanced nation on the planet clamouring to either produce or procure the new COVID vaccines, Rachael Terry chooses not to be vaccinated with them until she sees the long-term results of God-knows-how-many triple blind studies (Letters, 4 August). Rachael claims not to be anti-vaccines per se, just anti the COVID ones during a COVID crisis. Rachael expressed how shocked and disappointed she was by *The Echo's* pro-vaccination bias. Could I suggest that it's less a bias thing and more to do with the paper adopting a rational, optimistic stance, one which appeals to the 95 per cent of its readers who don't harbour a death wish.

Like quite a few in the Shire, Rachael believes the vaccinated should take a chill pill and not hassle the unvaxxed. She asks the valid

question: what is vaccination all about if the vaccinated don't have confidence in being protected? Well, I can tell Rachael and her cohort what it's all about. I have a scheduled colonoscopy that's 18 months overdue thanks to the disruption already caused by COVID, so when her unvaccinated mob flood Lismore Base Hospital, I'll end up having to remove my own bloody polyps.

The unvaccinated 'demand' that they not be penalised in any way for their choice. Good luck with that in the marketplace. Plus, it's a sentiment possibly not shared by exhausted ICU staff after they've tragically transferred the virus from their unvaccinated, ventilated, dying patient to their own vulnerable parents.

Mandy's heartfelt Soap-box plea (*Echo*, 21 July) for more love and understanding from the locals in this time of crisis incited numerous responses, none more exuberant than Duncan Shipley-Smith's entrance into the debate (*Echo*, 28 July). Mandy's audacious plea to be able to wear a mask and not get yelled at certainly hit a Duncan nerve. He felt she was being dismissive of his right to challenge modern medical science, government heavy-handedness via lockdowns, corporate intrusion into democracy, the introduction of mass surveillance, the incorrect classification of a pandemic etc. etc. Like Duncan, I'm all for checks and balances on government and big business, strengthening

human rights and preserving our freedoms, but I would say to Duncan, mate, I'm happy to help you redraft the constitution, but while the Delta variant goes shopping in Woolies, I'll do whatever it fucking takes to stay out of its trolley.

Mick Malloy
Suffolk Park

■ Oligarchy to kill 90 per cent? This is a person obviously in despair. Like so many others in Byron Shire he appears to feel downtrodden and set upon by 'the powers that be'. Unable to differentiate between government assistance and government oppression.

The Shire is already, unfortunately, notable for its low vaccination rates, and now post office employees need security guards to protect them from COVID-19 deniers. Reality is clearly optional for some.

You might not believe it, anti-vaxxers, but we beat smallpox, mumps, rubella and measles with vaccines (though the last one is coming back, thanks to you). So here's a scenario: You've got the virus (which may or may not kill you or leave you with lifelong symptoms); Do you a) accept the offer of monoclonal antibody treatment to prevent serious illness or do you b) consider this also an insult to your 'temple'? While considering this dilemma, ask yourself if it is ethical to take up a badly needed ICU bed which may be needed by an accident victim or a heart

attack or stroke sufferer? This situation is already a reality in southern US states, and is clearly a possibility here. ICU beds are full of the unvaccinated, no room for anyone else. Kids who can't breathe? Sorry, no ventilators available.

This is a global battle, Humans vs SARS-CoV-2. Are you with us or against us?

Alan Watterson
Hastings Point

■ Noah Yamore (Letters, 18 August) shows a disturbing level of ignorance to the situation we are in. For a start we live in a democracy not an oligarchy. Go to Russia for that, Noah.

Also *The Echo* reflects the community view, which is quickly recognising the brazen narcissism of the anti-vax crew.

I also wonder where he got the scoop about 'the oligarchy wants to eliminate 90 per cent of humanity'. A right wing website was it?

The context of the Great Barrier Reef reference escaped me. But while it's there I was wondering something. I'm sure most of the 'freedom chorus' believe in global warming. Rightly so, it's based on science, not scuttlebutt. So why are you so against vaccination? It's exactly the same. Scientists, who know their shit, are trying to save people from their own delusions. Why don't you believe this science? Oh that's right it's the 'oligarchs' conspiracy. Totally logical.

John Donnellan
Ocean Shores

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However, my mother-in-law had to go into respite care, so I purchased her house site in Goonellabah. To maximise the value we decided to build 2x2 bedroom units and strata them.

The Lismore City Council initial costs were \$7,160 (including \$1,215 for a cycleway facility) plus \$4,239 for development application (DA) fees, together with a quote of \$30,482 for their S64 and S305. Then the engineer reports of \$5,000 plus.

Costs-to-date are now \$16,399 plus \$30,482 to come. Total \$46,881 before any building happens.

Might I suggest 'the powers that be' consider drastically reducing these costs to help the average investor who is trying to address the housing crisis?

David Fryer
East Lismore

Afghanistan

■ *The Guardian* (18 August) said Afghanistan cost the West two trillion US dollars. With a population of 40 million [in Afghanistan] that is, in USD \$50,000 for every person, or \$200,000 for, say, a family of four. That would be enough to build a house and set up every family in business or on a farm to keep them comfortable for the rest of their lives. Instead we leave ruin.

Who are the real backward nations?

Ronald Priestly
Main Arm

■ The debacle taking place in Afghanistan after 20 years of war shows that the attempt to bring 'western type' democracy to the country was an abject failure.

The actions of the major occupying power, America, were exposed by Julian

Assange when he published the Afghan War Logs. These logs set down in detail what was happening in the country to many citizens. They exposed war crimes on an industrial scale, and corruption at the highest level.

For this Julian has been hounded, endured years of detention, culminating in spending the last two years in the UK's worst prison – in solitary confinement. An appeal by the US against the lower court judgement to refuse extradition based on the state of his mental health is to take place in October. The failure of the Australian government to take a strong stand to get him freed is a disgrace.

He is being punished for telling the truth. Not only about Afghanistan and Iraq but numerous other areas [of alleged government misconduct]. He is looking

at a 175-year sentence if extradited. This is not just about Julian, it is an attack on the right to know what our governments are doing in our name. It is about journalists being able to report issues that matter. It's about a free and fair press. We should all be worried about the consequences of Julian Assange's persecution. You might be next.

Frank Ball
Tweed Heads

Effluent flows

The wetland at West Byron Sewage Treatment Plant is an essential part of the sewage treatment process. The wetland is the tertiary part of the treatment process, this is known as the polishing process.

The original wetland had plants introduced through it that would remove nutrients
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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Covid has claimed another Russian legend, with Evgeny Sveshnikov dying last week aged 71. Though a more than competent player in his own right, Sveshnikov is best known for the opening system he developed, which now bears his name. (The starting moves of his system are 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5!?)

In the mid 60s, Sveshnikov took a fringe variation of the Sicilian Defence, known as the Pelikan Variation at the time, and turned it into a unified system which remains unbreakable to this day. In doing so, Sveshnikov caused a reassessment of traditional chess principles involving backward pawns and doubled pawns.

Sveshnikov said he knew his opening was respected when at the 1976 USSR Championship not a single opponent would play the opening move 1.e4 against him and allow his system.

Late in life Sveshnikov was to say, 'The main thing I have done in chess is to create not some individual scheme, but an entire philosophy of the opening. In my view, it can be considered revolutionary. To think up a rule to which there are no exceptions is far more difficult than to find exceptions to the rules.'

It should be noted that simultaneously, on the other side of the world in Melbourne, Robert Jamieson was developing exactly the same system, and that system was a major reason for him becoming the dominant Australian player of the 1970s.

Sveshnikov, who remained an active player until shortly before his death, won the World Senior Championship in 2017, but above all, he maintained a passion for the game that would see him work with World Champions and also coach classes of primary school students. When Mark Dvoretzky said the factors necessary to become a strong player are talent, health, willpower, and good study habits, Sveshnikov added that the most important factor of all is a love for chess.

'Developing a strategically revolutionary and perfectly sound system, the Sicilian Sveshnikov was an outstanding intellectual achievement,' commented Ukrainian Grandmaster Mikhail Golubev. 'Indeed, nothing similar can happen in chess any longer.'

Will petty politics really bring us down?

Dr Jean S Renouf

I completed my PhD ten years ago, and Afghanistan and Haiti were my two case studies.

I have travelled to and worked many times in these countries, mostly as a researcher in Afghanistan, and as an aid worker in Haiti, notably after the 2010 earthquake. I have made friends in both countries and Afghanistan remains one of the most beautiful countries I have been to.

Twenty years after the fall of the Taliban in Afghanistan, and ten years after the massive earthquake that killed approximately 200,000 Haitians, the situation in both countries is dire.

Strategic blunders

Afghanistan is now in the hands of the Taliban after a string of major strategic blunders by the US government at a time when the country's recovery was still very fragile.

Haiti has plunged back into deep trauma and uncertainty after the president, who got too cosy with some gang leaders, was assassinated a few weeks ago and the island got struck by an



The first time Dr Jean S Renouf, a lecturer for the Faculty of Arts, Business and Law at Southern Cross University, went to Afghanistan, in 2006.

earthquake this week. Now Haiti is just about to get hit by a tropical storm.

I feel pain and sorrow seeing these events unfold, and powerless about it. What is happening in Afghanistan is catastrophic and could have been avoided. The same applies to Haiti, where the post-2010 earthquake reconstruction was never completed.

Incompetence

I inevitably make the parallel with life in Australia too, I feel pain and sorrow – and anger – owing to the fragmentation of our communities and the incompetence of our leaders. We are going

through many challenges, but still live an extraordinarily privileged life compared to the rest of the world.

How can we possibly fuck it up so badly that we in Australia feel on our knees already? Judging by the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, the future spells many disasters for us (<https://bit.ly/383U42i>) given that Australia is on the frontline of climate change. Will COVID-19 and petty politics really bring us down before that?

Where do we want to be in ten or 20 years? What will we look like if we don't change course? Whether we are pro-vax or anti-vax, pro-mask or anti-mask, it is our own responsibility to not turn on each other. Let's stop the blame-game and focus on our respective needs and gifts. Our future is written in the choices we make now.

We have so much capacity to turn the odds into opportunities. This is history unfolding. We're living through times that our children will study in history books. They will look at our behaviour and ask; If they knew, why didn't they act? We'd better have good answers.

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Water and Recycling (W&R) has not maintained the wetland correctly.

The West Byron plant has always impacted on surrounding land, as the operator in charge of West Byron I witnessed the effluent leaving the wetland spreading onto farms that were situated along the effluent flow path.

Water and Recycling now place their confidence in EPA testing every fortnight on effluent leaving the plant as showing the plant is working effectively. This does not show how the different cycles of the treatment process are working, or show what changes need to be made to the treatment process [to correct problems].

Reuse was a significant part of the design concept of the 2005 *Augmentation of West Byron Treatment Plant*, it has always been obvious that more reuse sites needed to be sourced, this would alleviate the impact, by lessening the volume of effluent leaving the plant, on the surrounding environment.

Alan Dickens
Brunswick Heads

News' helicopters

I woke early this morning (yet again) to the thumping sound of News' helicopters taking shots of the traffic chaos building up [at the border] to entertain Queenslanders tonight. They love watching it, but they sure wouldn't like living in it.

I said to my wife, 'Quick, what do you want at the shops?' From previous experience I know once the traffic backs up to the Boyds Bay bridge we simply cannot get over the Gold Coast highway to the Tweed Mall, and if we take the M1 down to South Tweed to shop we cannot get back any time soon.

Queensland police were stopping all vehicles and questioning drivers as to their purpose for entering Queensland in an attempt to create an administrative deterrent on top of the already restrictive entry requirements. Therefore, so called border bubble zone residents get discriminated against – big time. We're unable to cross to see family. Teachers and child care workers have now been struck out as essential workers who may cross. In fact, as of this coming Friday, essential workers will have to be vaccinated [at least

one jab] in order to cross. Queenslanders of course don't have to submit to such rules.

Who's running the country? The state premiers are, under their various conflicting and ever-changing health orders. National Cabinet has descended into a joke, and there is no end in sight to the division and chaos as trust in government plummets and the political bagging and point scoring game heats up.

There's little light at the end of the tunnel when mandatory vaccinations become the norm to cross state borders, enter buildings, go to work, go to the gym, enrol at university and so on. And what's our PM doing? Running away from all of it saying 'it's a matter for the various states, employers, building owners, airlines etc'. Yet latest opinion polls still show Scott Morrison is the country's preferred PM, 49 per cent to Anthony Albanese's 39 per cent.


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Stewarts Menswear is closed owing to lockdown, however they are offering a free click and collect service via their online store, or Australia wide shipping for \$10.

Everything in their current window display is available online!

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www.stewartsmenswear.com.au
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My Dad by Solia



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BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY

1 EYE OF HORUS

Luxury, cruelty-free, Byron Bay beauty brand, Eye of Horus, is globally renowned for being at the forefront of sophisticated, ethical and timeless beauty. Their brand new concept store is an elevated beauty destination that offers a unique, interactive experience, inviting clientele to sample cosmetic shades, customise their own palettes, and experiment with luxe beauty looks created by in-house makeup artists.

4/1 Boronia Place
eyeofhoruscosmetics.com

2 THE LOBBY

Byron Bay's newest art gallery, The Lobby, was formed by a collective of local businesses who love art and want to share the love by showcasing local artists in their space. Exhibitions are currently on hold owing to lockdown, but stay tuned for more to come soon!

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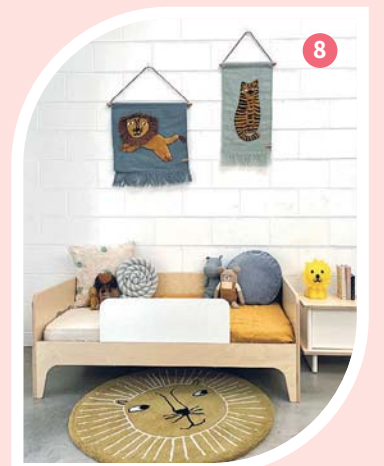


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BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY



5 STONE & WOOD

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bodhiliving.com.au

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FORM.store

8 KIDO STORE

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

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9 BYRON BAY FAIR

Byron Bay's newest art gallery, The Lobby, was formed by Byron Bay Fair - where the locals shop! SUPA IGA Byron Bay have been proudly serving the Byron community since 2006, stocking great fresh food, meat, and produce. They are supporters of local suppliers and brands, offering far more benefits than just competitive prices. They are open until 9pm seven days a week for all your shopping needs!

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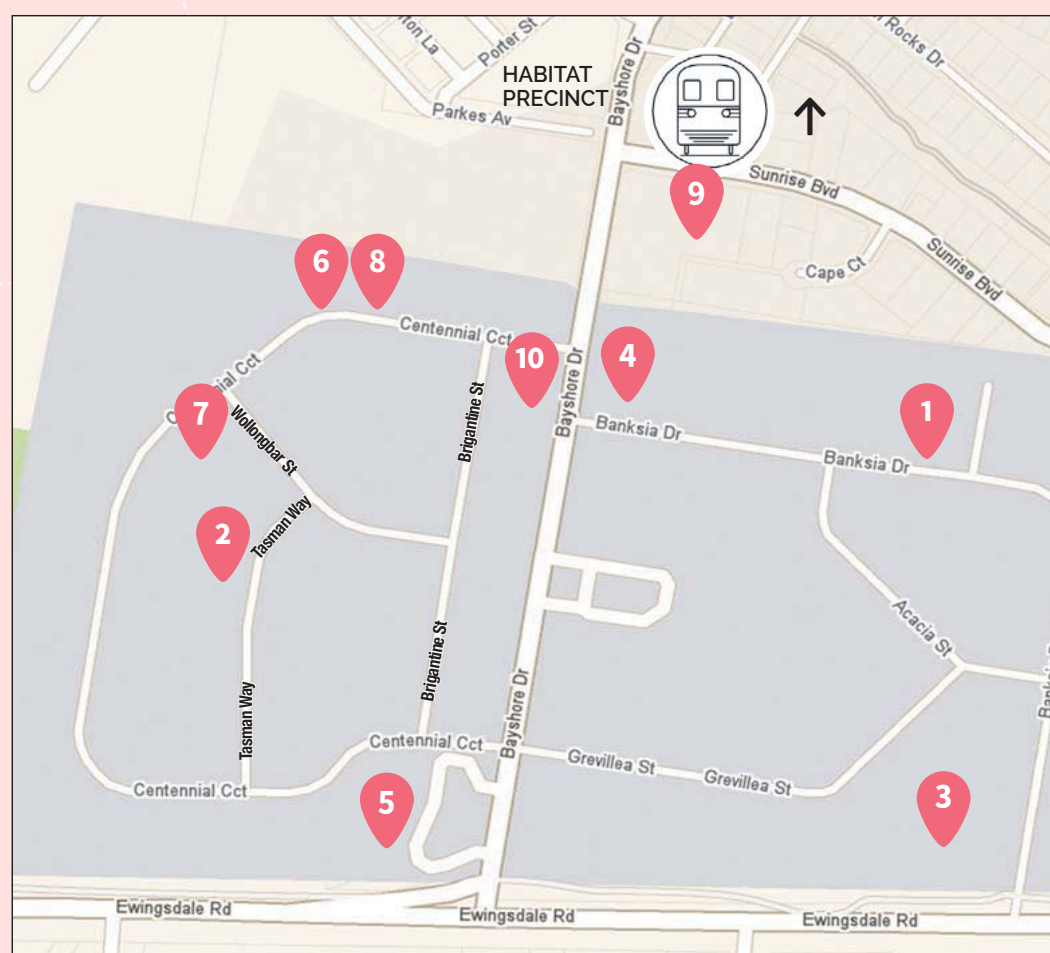
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BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE



The Good Life



Pipit pivoting in Pottsville

The team at Pottsville's Pipit Restaurant are known for the creative food and drinks offered in their award-winning fine-dining set menus, but COVID has stretched their creativity to think beyond the plate. They have pivoted into takeaway, pop-ups, fish art prints, closed-loop ceramics, crowd-funded

books, staycation giveaways for business owners and now – even classes!

These creative pivots reflect the entrepreneurial and resilient spirit within small hospitality businesses, as well as reflecting owner/chef, Ben Devlin's own upbringing in Byron Bay. His parents were also self-employed

and this gave him a feel for do-it-yourself (DIY) problem solving and resourcefulness. At Pipit, this hands-on approach ranges from doing the tiling on walls, to making art prints, to the kitchen, where he makes almost everything from scratch: bread, ice creams, cheeses, ham, miso – you name it!

Pipit was voted Australia's best Regional Restaurant for 2020 (Good Food Guide) and offers seasonal set menus that showcase the best of local produce, sustainable seafood, and wood-fired cooking. It is set around an open-plan kitchen design, where diners can interact with chefs and see all the action from selected counter seats. Outside of the current lockdowns, they offer a seven course menu for dinners and Sunday lunch (\$125pp) and six course menu for Friday & Saturday lunch (\$100pp).

Pipit remains committed to fine dining, but in this challenging time, they also recognise some locals are seeking different, smaller food options too.

During the March 2020 lockdowns, Pipit pivoted to become a Vietnamese takeaway, and for the past six months they have also been doing monthly pop-ups, encouraging a different staff member to lead an idea each

month. This has ranged from duck burgers, to pastry boxes and bao buns. This week in lockdown, they are offering Grilled Fish Dinner Packs, Shawarma Kebab Wraps and Fried Chicken Meals (to the Tweed LGA only).

Their creative pop-ups that were planned before lockdowns will still go ahead (even if some convert to takeaway-mode). Save the dates for upcoming:

- DADS DAY – Southern American barbecue for Fathers Day. 5 September.
- SWORDFISH STEAK NIGHT – French Bistro(ish). 16 September.
- YOUNG CHEFS COLLAB – fine dining prepared by apprentice chefs. 20 September.
- SALAMI CLASS & LUNCH – 4 October.
- BREAKFAST-IN-BED BOXES – (delivery) 29 and 30 October.

Pipit co-owner Yen Trinh said 'COVID has been really hard for us, but the opportunities to be creative and be brave in testing new ideas has been a silver lining in these strange times'

Info, menus and bookings on their website <https://www.pipitrestaurant.com>

Sourdough

As a dedicated sourdough fan, a chat to a super enthusiastic Jon from Crabbes Creek Woodfired had me completely convinced; it's the best foodstuff on the planet and there is no wonder it has been around for millennia.

Jon originally worked in construction but always knew food was in his future when, along with wife Gina, bread just came their way.

Working as a woodfired oven builder, mostly with pizza ovens, Jon and Gina decided to install an oven on their property in Crabbes Creek. They began baking bread from the pizza oven but weren't getting the results they'd hoped for. Jon travelled to Tasmania to research purpose-built, dedicated woodfired ovens, and there he discovered the Allan Scott brick ovens. Allan Scott was a blacksmith and baking traditionalist who designed and built bread ovens. They built an Allan Scott oven at home, and now have the perfect oven for sourdough baking. After producing some loaves for the local store they found they couldn't keep up with demand and decided to



Jon from Crabbes Creek Woodfired: the sourdough and the fun make the hard work worthwhile.

give the markets a go.

Their oven now holds 70 loaves at a time and Gina sells their bread at three markets, including Mullum and New Brighton. They live and breathe bread, which has its benefits. As the oven loses only 30 degrees a day, from the Markets' bake on Thursdays they can still enjoy a slow-cooked roast on Sunday.

The wood is sourced from sawmill offcuts and the flour comes from Gunnedah, they grow their own pumpkins for seeds, or source seeds from other stallholders, along with macadamia nuts. The olives are from another market stallholder; Grumpy Grandma.

Crabbes Creek Woodfired now bake 14 varieties of sourdough, from white through to pumpkin, khorasan, ancient grains and 100 per cent rye.

When asked about their bread-eating habits at home Jon laughed: 'I don't think Gina eats anything else, she loves it fried in olive oil with avocado and red cabbage,' he says.

'People shy away from bread because they are worried about intolerances, but the great thing about sourdough is, it is literally just flour, water and salt, and with the slow 16 hour process it is really very digestible and great for your gut.'

Jon and Gina are rightfully very proud of their product – and support from the locals makes the long hours and six days of work per week worthwhile. 'The markets are so much fun! The stallholders and also the customers, it's a vibrant community, and they're all really supportive of us, we're really lucky.'

New Brighton Farmers Markets is held every Tuesday and Mullum Farmers Markets every Friday, from 7-11am.

A new breed of farmer

Eight years ago, Jed Henderson and his wife, Sana, decided to move to the Northern Rivers so they could raise their young family in a rural region. They snapped up a 100 acre property at Corndale, and while it wasn't a working farm at the time, Jed was determined to turn it into one.

After spending half his life in the army and construction, this first-time farmer didn't have a lot of relevant experience to draw from but we decided to jump right in anyway. And Jed is the first to admit it was a huge learning curve.

'We had always wanted to live on the land and incorporate permaculture practices into our lives,' he says. 'And we had both done a course in free-range farming and on permaculture, but there's a big difference to learning about something and actually doing it. To be honest, I think the best thing is to not think about it too much.'

Jed started with one pig, and the farm literally grew from there. Today, Esperanza Farm is home to 80 pigs and the family-run operation produces a wide range of fresh, air-dried, smoked and cured pork products, which are sold at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning.

Jed says that ethical farming practices sit at the heart of everything they do.

'Our pigs live outside and are free to roam and wallow and sunbake as much as they want,' Jed says. 'We don't have any sheds, but



First-generation pig farmer, Jed Henderson, at Byron Farmers Market. Photo Tree Faerie

we do provide shelter for them to use when they want it. We also hand feed twice a day and our pigs always have access to fresh water in an environment safe from predators. We also take care of the land, rotating the pastures regularly.'

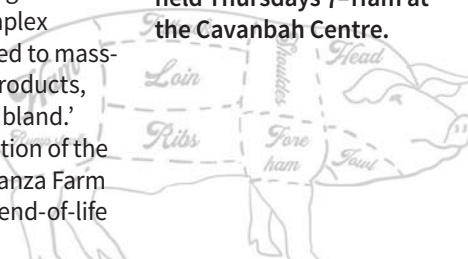
How an animal is treated impacts on the flavour, Jed says. 'We actually weren't big pork eaters before we had our own animals, but you can definitely taste the difference with free-range animals. The fat content is higher and you get nice colour and a complex flavour as opposed to mass-produced pork products, which tend to be bland.'

The consideration of the animals at Esperanza Farm continues to the end-of-life stage.

'When the animal is dispatched, we do it in a respectful way,' Jed says. 'Unlike mass producers, we don't water down our pork products with heaps of mixers and cereals and marinades. If you do that, you're not doing the animal justice. We also try to use nose to tail so there is no waste.'

You can find Jed at the Esperanza Farm stall every Thursday morning at Byron Farmers Market.

Byron Farmers Market is held Thursdays 7-11am at the Cavanbah Centre.



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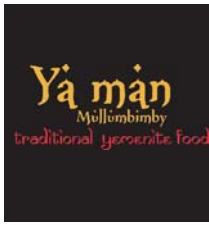


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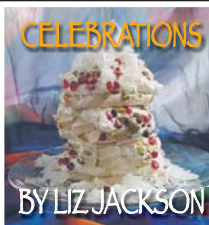
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The Roadhouse Byron Bay is open seven days 7.30-11.30am, providing coffee, pastries, and plenty of other goodies.

Pizza is available Wed-Sun 5-8pm, with selected takeaway pizzas for \$20 throughout August.

All orders are to be made through the website.

The Roadhouse team thanks the local community for its ongoing support of local businesses.

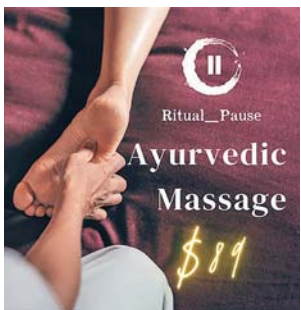
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Zephyr Horses

Zephyr Horses offers small personalised horse tours, on the beach, in the beautiful sub-tropical woodlands, at 'The Farm'. Fancy something different? Ride down to The Sun Bistro for lunch! Want a little more instruction?

They also offer private lessons! Throughout August, they're offering locals heavily discounted one-on-one lessons.

For more info, email reservations@zephyrhorses.com or visit www.zephyrhorses.com



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Byron Farmers Market

As an essential service, Byron Farmers Market will remain open. However, their conditions of entry have changed in line with NSW Health and lockdown regulations. These include compulsory mask wearing and check-in, continued social distancing and only one person per household. Thanks for your support.

Thursdays 7-11am at the Cavanbah Centre, Byron Bay, and Saturdays 7-11am behind the pub in Bangalow.



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Visit www.venturabrewing.com to order yours (limited availability) and follow @ventura_brewing for more.

10/141 Lundberg Drive, Murwillumbah



Lets Go Surfing - Online Shop

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Order any of your surfing needs online and get it shipped straight to your front door. LGS also offers free contactless local delivery or click and collect on some products.

Support Local Deal: Get 25% off all accessories!

Jump online today:
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or call 6680 9443.

Ozone Beauty & Medi Spa

Ozone Beauty & Medi Spa has launched the NEW Hydra Beauty Facial System, for the cleanest skin imaginable!

Great for all skin types, it allows the skin to breathe as it lifts, tightens and deeply cleans. This August, book in for one Hydra Facial, or buy five and get the sixth one FREE. Call or check online for packages and specials.

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Serving the community since '95!

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Book Warehouse

Shop online or contact your local family-owned Book Warehouse shop via phone, email, or Facebook to order books or arrange click & collect services. If you live locally, Book Warehouse is currently offering free delivery to specified areas. Contact shops to check availability and arrange delivery. Keep safe and keep reading!

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Ballina – Lismore



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Wok This Way

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'From our garden, to our kitchen, to your table.'

\$120 – take-home family dinner pack.

Serving two to six people.

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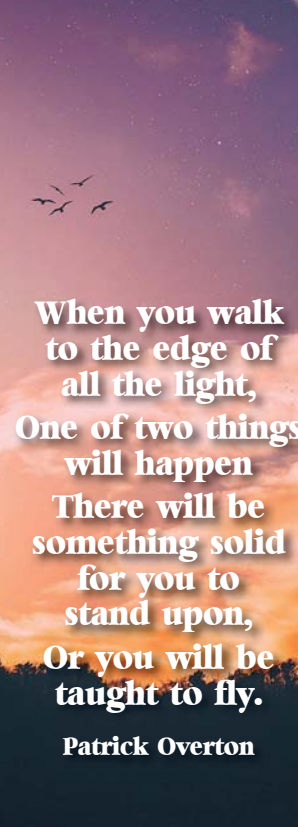
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Beyond Byron E Bikes

Book your future E Bike rainforest adventure now and get 20% off (while lockdown lasts). Or give the gift of easy exploration to someone you love.

Gift vouchers available for small group guided E Bike tours to enchanting Unicorn falls or majestic Hells Hole in Mount Jerusalem National Park.

Book now with code LOCAL20 on beyondbyronebikes.com.au



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RIDER is your family-owned online organics grocery store, passionately supporting local artisan producers in the region.

They deliver twice a week (Tues & Fri) to most of the Northern Rivers. Order via the website for the lowest prices in the region and free delivery with your first order!

riderau.com



[Carpet One]

Carpet One in Ballina offer a great range, including timber, hybrid flooring, bamboo, carpet, axminster carpet, carpet tiles, vinyl sheet, luxury vinyl and tile plank and laminate flooring. They offer advice and professional installation. Their range is suitable for residential and commercial purposes.

Come and check out the Quattro Hybrid Flooring range; extra heavy duty, it has exceptional resistance to heavy foot traffic, indents and scuffs. A deep structured decorative layer with true-to-life look, and the feel of premium timber. With a built-in underlay for added acoustic performance, Quattro can be laid directly over most surfaces, making installation fast and easy.

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[Bodhi Living]

Bodhi Living is a conceptual furniture store that strives to bring home the magic of rich and vibrant cultures, by looking for character, beauty and quality in everything they source. Bodhi showcases unique, antique pieces from around the world, combined with a range of contemporary furniture, rugs, lighting, décor and art.

They also offer unique and personalised design experience with the support of their knowledgeable team. They can help guide their clients through residential, commercial and contract projects with in-house design consultation, planning and execution.

At Bodhi they believe a home is an extension of one's self and they work with their clients to draw on your personal style, creating considered spaces that enrich the soul and are imbued with character and meaning.

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making spaces

[Down To Earth]

The Down To Earth team here in the Byron Shire are bringing something new and exciting to the Northern Rivers.

Their large sandstone blocks and retaining walls are unique and eco friendly, with no concrete needed to build large walls or stone features that can also incorporate hardwood. The sandstone they work with is from the Northern Rivers and has beautiful, individual colours throughout.

Whether you need a retaining wall or a large fire pit area built, this is a beautiful, natural and cost effective solution that will last.

Contact Luke today for a design and quote for your project.

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[Creating healthy homes where people thrive]

The Living Homes team create homes that are healthy and help people thrive. Their passion is creating homes that are healthy, comfortable and sustainable, working closely with clients from concept to completion.

After decades in the building industry, they believe there is a better way to design homes for the changing Australian landscape and climate. They recommend using the best materials and design principles for creating non-toxic, mold-free and sustainable homes. Part of their research has led them to the principles of 'Passive House', a design ideology first developed in Europe, which uses the natural cycles of nature and smart application of insulation to create homes that require little artificial heating or cooling. They aim to transform the way homes are built in Australia.

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[Byron Built]



Are you looking for an affordable small home? Need extra space for your growing family, or keen to impress your guests?

ByronBuilt specialise in building secondary dwellings, but a ByronBuilt space is so much more than just a granny flat!

So, what sets them apart? At ByronBuilt their proudly local team manages all aspects of the process! From concept plans and council approvals, to the day they hand over the keys, you'll only deal with them.

Their architecturally designed models integrate beautifully into the landscapes of the Northern Rivers with a strong focus on sustainable materials. And if you've got the space, why choose just one?

Contact them for a site inspection today and they can customise a ByronBuilt home to suit you!

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20 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay
www.byronbuilt.com

[Eden at Byron]

The Eden at Byron team remains committed to keeping you active and healthy at home. Garden Centres are allowed to remain open under the current COVID restrictions, but browsing is not permitted under the guidelines. Just remember to check-in when you arrive, and wear a mask at all times. There are plenty of staff on hand to help you find what you're looking for.

If you wish to minimise your time away from home, take advantage of their convenient 'Call and Collect' service. Let them know what you need and they will assemble it all, process contactless payment, and bring your purchases to you in the car park so you don't need to leave your vehicle.

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140 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay



[McKinnon Builders – good work for good people]

McKinnon Builders solve the most difficult construction projects, ones that are constrained by time, site, or technical complexity, by thinking outside the parallelogram. Any change toward a project or programme creates issues and risk, these require years of experience and a fundamental technical understanding to solve. McKinnon Builders use profiling to identify the best suppliers, people, and subcontractors to build the project team.

Talking to a builder does not have to be like talking to a brick wall – high calibre service and systems have been employed since 1936, from the smallest local job to enormous regional and international projects.

They believe it's not about the value of the project, rather it's about constructing relationships and achieving life goals together as a quality team.

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www.echo.net.au



WHAT UNITES US

I have spent the last few weeks polarising people with my soapbox. I've been accused of widening the divide by addressing it. A friend has said 'I'm disappointed in you', knowing that's a classic mum sledge that cuts deep. There's some poor bloke who is so obsessed with hating me, he can't stop reading everything I write. Others just enjoy a little trolling with nasty comments. I think, if you have a good argument you don't need to get personal. That's on the negative.

On the positive however, I get stopped in the street, I get personal emails and thank yous, and I have to say, it's an overwhelming majority who barrack for my position. But regardless of the responses, it's exhausting.

And today I am sick. I am *sick* of talking about COVID, sick of it dominating everything I read or listen to. Sick of seeing people get angry in the post office. Sick of seeing angry guys punch people for freedom. I am sick of staying at home. Sick of listening to conspiracies, and politicians. Sick of covid conversation.

So I've reflected on one major personal positive that has come out of this lockdown that I can share, and it would have to be my new love. My big supporter. My quiet achiever... my bum bag.

Since 26 June when we first went into restrictions, I haven't taken it off. It's like my life is in two parts now – before bum bag and after bum bag. I can't believe there was a time when I didn't carry all my priority possessions in a handy zip up sack that hovers above my genitals.

Which brings me to ask the question? Why a 'bum' bag? It's more of a twat bag. Or nutsack bag. It's tendency to gravitate toward my genitals has made reaching for a rogue \$2 coin give me the appearance – to some who may be serving me – that I've suddenly decided to self-stimulate in the bakery. I noticed the expression on the face of a young girl serving me and I went 'Oh! It's not what it looks like, I have a bum bag!' She looks relieved. 'Oh cool'. See, young people get it. Apparently bum bags are back in. Although I'm the only person I've seen walking the beach wearing one.

It's long been a joke. But now the bum bag is the height of fashion. It's not just Kel from Kath and Kim; ALL the cool people are wearing them. My expensive Italian leather handbag hangs lonely on a hook glaring at my polyvinyl strap-on monstrosity.

I'm sorry, but I'm hands free now. I can walk the beach and know where my keys are. I've got my licence in there. My coffee loyalty card. My phone. My credit card. This, my deluded freedom fighters, is true freedom. Fight for the bum bag. I have the kind of two-hands-in-the-world freedom that handbags have previously denied me. I'm taking on the world like a man now.

Here's a bum bag fact: the design of the modern bum bag was by Australian woman, Melba Stone. She invented the prototype in 1962, based on the kangaroo's pouch, but it didn't take off until the '80s! What a visionary! And the '80s was all about the bum bag. You had shoulder pads, and a big perm, and fringed jackets; so much shit to adjust, and besides, you needed something to keep your coke in while you were on the dancefloor.

So, I invite you all to consider the bum bag. You can keep your mask in there. You can keep your favourite conspiracy theory in there. You can keep your reminder for your vax booster or for your freedom rally. The bum bag is bipartisan. It's gender inclusive. We may not agree on vaccination. But we can agree on the bum bag.

Because everybody, no matter what they believe, or how they identify, has a bum.



SUPPORTING ARTISTS DURING LOCKDOWN

Eve Jeffery

One of the first things I realised when I first moved to the Far North Coast, is that most people in the area have more than one job, and definitely most artists do – and it goes beyond actresses working at cafes while waiting for their big break. It's more permanent than that.

People like local singer, **Sara Tindley**, who is also a farmer. Comedian, Vanessa Larry Mitchell, also trains support workers in the disability sector, and there are many others who use the income from their 'other' work to keep them going when things get a little slow – it helps keep them on the road, in the studio, and creating merch'.

One musician I asked said his 'day' job was several streams of income from part time contract work and investing. He said if his work life was a relationship status on Facebook, it would say 'It's complicated'.

So what happens when your career is cancelled by a pandemic? Three times in the last two weeks I have had to go to our gig guide list and wipe at least 50 shows from the list. It was heartbreaking to press, and keep on pressing, delete.

Performers work really hard – it's not all Keef and Mick sitting around sipping expensive bourbon and smiling at photographers through cigarette smoke. During pandemic life, even some of the biggest names struggle. Bob Dylan has pretty much been on the road for 32 years.

The Never Ending Tour started in 1988 and ended in 2020 because of COVID. Now Bob might not need the cash, but the band does. The roadies, tour managers, venue and catering staff, equipment sellers and the T-shirt printers – they all need the money.

What can fans do? In 2021 we have a little thing called the internet – you don't even need to leave your chair, let alone leave your home. You can shop for music and merchandise online, and there are also plenty of entertainment options from local artists and businesses on the world wide web.

People give online concerts, and they're dirt cheap. Shows like the upcoming one with **Kitty Flanagan**, **Akmal** and **Mandy Nolan** who are putting their Regent show *Political Animals: Question Time* online; there is a broad spectrum of artists who are performing live tunes on social media for free, a kind of digital busking.

So help a brother or sister out – remember performing artists next time you head to the interwebs to shop for yourself or for gifts.



COVID put the world on hold, but it ain't stopping BayFM

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New music, more genres, more choice
From garage to jazz, medieval to metal – plus heaps of new music from our local talent.

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Not listened for a while? Surprise yourself and check back in to Byron Shire's 100% independent, volunteer-run, not-for-profit community radio station. Online at bayfm.org and on air at 99.9FM.



bayfm.org
Listen like a local.



Byron Theatre is Closed for Now

In line with the NSW Government's extension to the stay at home order, the Byron Theatre will remain closed until 28th August.
Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Theatre soon.

Please take care of yourself, friends and family, and our community.

The Byron Theatre is a COVID Safe venue dedicated to the safety of our audiences.

Check the website for our exciting lineup from next month.

www.byrontheatre.com



Architecturally Designed Home Enjoys Panoramic Ocean Views

- Architecturally designed home enjoys panoramic ocean views, just minutes to Mullumbimby's vibrant township and Brunswick's world-class beaches
- The unique and highly versatile floor plan features three separate spaces and can easily be manipulated to suit any family's needs (STCA)
- Sauna with access directly out to the built-in plunge pool
- This is truly a slice of paradise that takes full advantage of a peaceful rural lifestyle

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160 Coopers Lane South, Mullumbimby Creek

Price: Contact Agent



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Katie Teague
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Inspection by private appointment only



Absolute Riverfront Vacant Land

- Approximately 500m of Richmond River frontage and approx. 10 acres of open pasture this property offers a slice of country life in the heart of the village of Wardell
- Build your dream home or business (STCA), watch a few horses or cattle roam the pasture and enjoy this amazing property while being close to everything the Northern Rivers has on offer, beaches, hinterland, villages and a relaxed pace of life

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Newly-built Suffolk Park Beachside Home

- Only a three-minute walk to Tallow Beach, this property is in one of the most enviable positions in beachside Suffolk Park
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- Enjoy the sounds of the surf from your dream beachside paradise

10 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

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3 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park



5 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

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- This is a development opportunity unlike anything else currently on the market
- Offering seclusion and tranquillity, these fabulous homes are an easy walk to the beach, shops and tavern or a bike ride to the centre of Byron Bay

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3-5 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

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Paul Banister
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Absolute Beachfront Locale – Sought-after Position in Byron

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- Directly opposite Byron Bay's beautiful Main and Clarks Beaches this is an opportunity to secure a holding in one of Australia's strongest property markets
- Amongst a boutique complex of only five units, this fabulous top-floor, north-facing apartment offers open-plan living and balcony with filtered ocean views
- Park in the secure single lock-up garage and don't get back in the car again, stroll over the road to the beach or meander up main beach to the centre of town

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Stunning Riverside Victorian Property

5 3 2 1093M²

- Maclean is full of character and today's residents have formed a tight knit community, creating a small town with a big future!
- Peacefully set back from the river sits this distinctive 19th century building which has undergone extensive restoration
- The dual living design is perfect for B&B, professional offices or medical practitioners
- This is a fantastic opportunity for both residential and commercial endeavours

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Price: Contact Agent

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20 Flatley Drive, Clunes

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SOLD - PRIOR TO AUCTION

- Generously proportioned bedrooms, master with ensuite
- Gourmet kitchen with gas cooking & ample storage space
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- Outdoor entertaining area complete with pizza oven
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- Double car garage
- Workshed

Land: 10,000m²/2.47 acres
Price: Auction
Open: By Appointment



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11/24-26 Bay Street, Byron Bay

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Ocean Views - Front row on Main Beach, Byron Bay

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Land: 124m²
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Open: By Appointment



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599 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby

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"Water Babble" Incredible Lifestyle Property

- Two bedrooms upstairs, with doors opening out onto the balcony
- Large wrap around balcony taking in picturesque views of the creek & rainforest
- Downstairs has a bathroom and 2 rooms plus storage
- Approx 1,751m² parcel of land
- Town Grid electricity, water tank
- Plenty of sheltered area downstairs & covered car accommodation for 4 vehicles
- An abundance of native wildlife including platypus, tortoises, green tree frogs, kookaburras

Land: 81m²
Price: Contact Agent
Open: By Appointment



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37 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

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Superbly elevated & incredibly private renovated home

- Set back from the road in an astonishingly peaceful yet convenient location, on a huge 1102m² block, is this recently renovated property oozing with charm.
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Land: 1102m²
Price: \$1,350,000
Open: By Appointment



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RayWhite

Our commercial team is growing

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Two fully qualified and experienced property managers.

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If you feel your property deserves better attention, please call either David or Kylie for a confidential chat on 02 6685 6222.

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Quintessential Small Scale Hobby Farm

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- Open plan kitchen, dining, and lounge with A/C and wood fire adjoining front & rear covered decks
- Open paddocks with cattle-yard, spring-fed dam, small creek & extensive organic vegetable gardens
- Ample room to extend the home or build a secondary dwelling (STCA)

Land: 2.33 Hectares
Price: \$2,795,000
Open: By Appointment

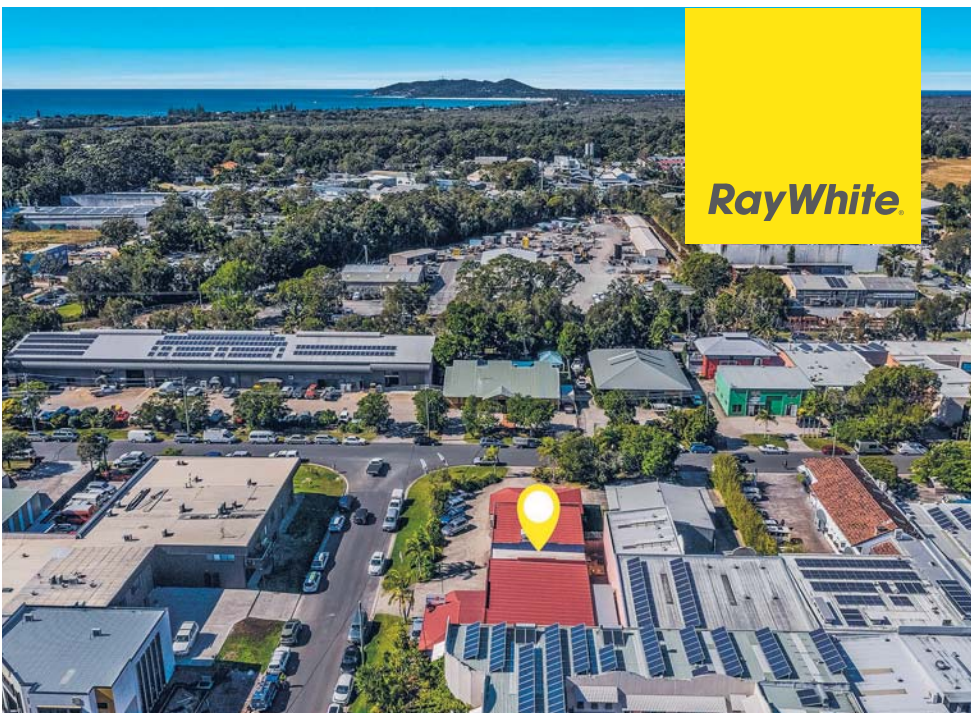


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16 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay

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Commercial investment opportunity

- Corner block site with great access and visibility
- Redevelopment potential
- Centrally located in the industrial state
- Solid and well-established tenants in place
- Factory 1: 227m² approx
- Factory 2: 263m² approx, plus mezzanine
- Great opportunity to invest in the thriving industrial and arts estate

Land: 1,225m²
Price: Auction
Open: By Appointment



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RayWhite

139 McAuleys Lane, Myocum

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Amazing Views, Amazing Lifestyle

- Ocean, Lighthouse and Julian Rocks views throughout the home
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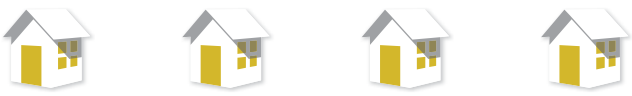
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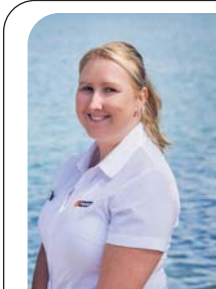
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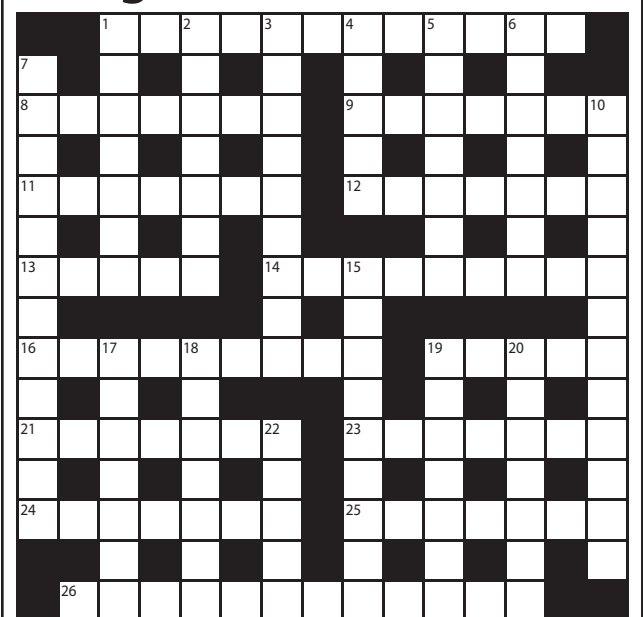
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Confront the situation - fetch caesium compound! (4,3,5)
- Audience ease, relax around Irishman - most uncanny! (7)
- Shoot Alpert - or Basil, perhaps (3,4)
- Locate bad smell - but it won't do you any good! (7)
- Snare in instrument found in arched window (7)
- Ambassador is surrounding the Spanish cads (5)
- Pill, with Aluminium and Potassium - discussion over a meal (5,4)
- Tooth past repairing - make a copy! (9)
- Record band accolade - it's been a long time (5)
- A wager with Cruz - worked in collusion (7)
- Working with a Bobby - a dangerous position (2,1,4)
- Choose a god - or a doomed king's daughter! (7)
- Box and thrash the fierce warrior (7)
- Incredibly, St Peter shops - suspend publication! (4,3,5)

DOWN

- Abandon, in favour of rice wine (7)
- 150, and two measures - must be Twain! (7)
- A bird for the embroidery? It's a fair exchange (3,3,3)
- Throw out former diminished cardinal (5)
- Relax - time for peacekeepers! (7)
- Diamonds. Date confused - have a cool drink (4,3)
- Fortress with the Green Church to prevent disturbances (4,3,5)
- Flood over the edge of the river - but they say it's a big win! (5,3,4)
- Bums rise - cheers! (7,2)
- Gorge above English and Australian territory (7)
- Walk faster and farther, pets (7)
- Issue for wounded manatee (7)
- Individual consumed in works needs drugs (7)
- Inclusion made Athens the end (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Bite the bullet! (4,3,5)
- Spookiest (7)
- Seasoning grown in a container (3,4)
- Sugar pill (7)
- Crescent-shaped alcove (7)
- Lists (5)
- Dinner conversation (5,4)
- Facsimile (9)
- Era (5)
- Assisted (7)
- Alone, with no support (2,1,4)
- Agamemnon's daughter (7)
- Austere (7)
- Hold the front page! (4,3,5)

DOWN

- Renounce (7)
- Surname meaning 'merciful' (7)
- Retaliation (3,3,3)
- Eject (5)
- To loosen (7)
- Brewed cold beverage (4,3)
- Maintain public order (4,3,5)
- Strike it rich! (5,3,4)
- Down the hatch! (7,2)
- Binge on food (7)
- Go one better (7)
- Arise (7)
- Narcotic sedatives (7)
- Demise (5)

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The proposed works on site will involve the upgrade of existing technology upon the facility including and not limited to the replacement and installation of new antennas, radiocommunication dishes and associated ancillary equipment to enhance transmitting technology. Furthermore the works will involve the replacement and addition of equipment shelters/outdoor units adjacent to the facility.

nbn regards the proposed installations as a Low Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018*. In these circumstances, it does not require planning approval from Council.

Further information on this specific proposal can be obtained by calling Blessing Nhliziyo on 9868 6659.

Written submissions can be sent to address or via email to Feedback@metasite.com.au

The closing date for submissions is **09/09/2021**

For general info on the nbn, email info@nbn.com.au, or visit our website at www.nbnco.com.au.



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DEATH NOTICES

DAILHOU, PATRICIA MARCIA
21.01.1934 - 21.08.2021

Loved wife of the late Paul Dailhou. Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Peter (dec.), John & Helen, Maree & Rod, Greg and Mark & Sally. Loved by her ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Pat will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

WALKER (NEE WALSH) ESME WINIFRED

01.04.1926 - 13.08.2021

Passed away peacefully at St Andrew's Village, Ballina. Late of Ballina and formerly of Byron Bay. Wife of Hector (dec), mother of Peter and Gina, Averil, Lexie and Ross and Iris. Loved by grandchildren Lyndall, Anthea, Julian, Alexander, Simon and Murray.

'Keep Smiling.'

A funeral service was held on August 19, 2021 at Alstonville Lawn Cemetery. Esme's funeral service was recorded, uploaded and may be viewed at **Funeral-Livestreaming-Northern-Rivers Facebook page.**

GUARDIAN FUNERALS BALLINA 6686 7036

FUNERAL NOTICES

Hutchinson, Dorothy May

16 August 1932 - 10 August 2021

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Beloved wife of Murray. (dec.) Much loved Mum of Andrew. A celebration of life service will be held on Wednesday 25th August at 11am. Contact McGuinness Funerals for details.

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PHIL DENTON
Late of Settlement Road. Much love from the crew at Settlement Rd and friends. Rest in Peace.

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(RAAF Wing Commander Ret.)
11/09/1929-14/08/2021

Late of Ocean Shores NSW. Adored partner of Jennifer Trueman. Beloved father of David, Philip and Kristina, and their families. Randall will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Private cremation will be followed by a private memorial service, for family, in the future.

Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

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25	W	6:08 / 17:28	20:05 / 7:52	10:08 1.35 / 22:23 1.60	04:06 0.25 / 15:49 0.31
26	TH	6:07 / 17:28	21:00 / 8:22	10:45 1.35 / 22:54 1.47	04:37 0.29 / 16:30 0.40
27	F	6:05 / 17:29	21:55 / 8:52	11:25 1.34 / 23:24 1.34	05:08 0.33 / 17:13 0.51
28	SA	6:04 / 17:29	22:49 / 9:23	12:07 1.32 / 23:58 1.21	05:40 0.37 / 18:02 0.60
29	SU	6:03 / 17:30	23:44 / 9:56	12:58 1.31	06:15 0.42 / 19:05 0.68
30	M	6:02 / 17:30	00:42 1.09 / 10:31	14:01 1.30	07:00 0.48 / 20:35 0.71
31	TU	6:01 / 17:31	0:39 / 11:11	14:47 0.99 / 15:15 1.32	07:59 0.52 / 22:16 0.68
1	W	6:00 / 17:31	1:34 / 11:55	15:38 0.94 / 16:25 1.38	09:07 0.53 / 23:24 0.60
2	TH	5:59 / 17:32	2:28 / 12:45	16:24 0.97 / 17:22 1.46	10:15 0.50
3	F	5:57 / 17:33	3:19 / 13:40	17:11 1.03 / 18:11 1.55	11:13 0.51 / 11:13 0.43
4	SA	5:57 / 17:33	4:07 / 14:39	18:04 1.10 / 18:53 1.64	12:01 0.48 / 12:01 0.35
5	SU	5:55 / 17:33	4:51 / 15:40	19:05 1.18 / 19:33 1.71	12:45 0.27
6	M	5:54 / 17:34	5:31 / 16:42	20:12 1.26 / 20:12 1.76	01:55 0.28 / 13:26 0.20
7	TU	5:53 / 17:34	6:09 / 17:44	20:49 1.34 / 20:49 1.77	02:28 0.22 / 14:07 0.16
8	W	5:52 / 17:35	6:44 / 18:47	21:26 1.41 / 21:26 1.74	03:01 0.17 / 14:50 0.15

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

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STARS BY LILITH

With a whopping six outer planets in retrograde, Sun, Mercury and Mars in grounded Virgo emphasise the importance of prioritising health at every level: physical, mental, emotional, environmental...

VIRGO THE VIRGIN

♍ ARIES: With Mars in Virgo issuing clear directives this week to streamline and simplify, your starchart suggests approaching this as a pleasurable process rather than trying to purge and power clean your entire life in one go. Let Virgo energy guide your progress into manageable categories and a step-by-step progression.

♉ TAURUS: Any discrepancies in walking your talk are likely to be commented on promptly during this exacting transit. So the best question to ask is: How can I use a challenging situation as a teaching vehicle to improve my game? If that doesn't work, weekend Taurus moon is your best bet for some hands-on occupational therapy.

♊ GEMINI: With Gemini's boss planet, savvy Mercury, in earthy Virgo, the trick is to use this three-week window of opportunity to set up systems that make staying organised simpler and easier. Which then frees up time for other Virgoan activities, like cooking healthy tucker, exercising and volunteering to help others in need.

♋ CANCER: For those Cancerians experiencing a Groundhog Day effect of their existence blurring into one long repetitive blah, this week's challenge is finding the divine inside the daily grind. Crabs not experiencing this probably already know that attention to the wellbeing of others is the tried and true human route to satisfaction and happiness.

♌ LEO: One of Leo's superpowers is fixing things, and this week's earth-sign energy declares it's DIY project time. So what's broken that you care about enough to repair, to repurpose or upcycle? Is it something to make your surroundings more beautiful, to mend a relationship, reconnect with a friend or get something unfunctional working again?

♍ VIRGO: Sun, Mercury and Mars in the sign of Virgo birthday persons brings gifts of irresistible charisma, wit and persuasion, which make you the one with a perfect response to this week's high alert situations. When you're alone, do yourself the favour of asking: Where do I need more support in my life?

♎ LIBRA: This week is looking at the long game, which could take you on an eye-wide-open exit from the Department of Denial. If the little voice in your head's saying 'Hey, isn't that a red flag?' and you have questions, then go ahead and ask them. And remember that shadow zones usually conceal a hidden gem.

♏ SCORPIO: You've spent recent weeks paying attention to the world, now it's time for privacy and introspection. Your own emotions and perceptions are just as important as facts and figures. In Virgo, your boss planet Mars is the critic who can present a negative perspective, or offer positive possibilities - your choice.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Everything that happens in our life has to pass through Mercury's mind filter, so we can understand and learn from our experiences, and also profit from and take advantage of them. It was probably during a similar Mercury placement to this week's that Sagittarius Winston Churchill advised: *Never let a crisis go to waste.*

♑ CAPRICORN: This week's earthy energies could manifest as impatience with others, and people feeling that they know best doing everything themselves because others can't get it right. If you're experiencing this in yourself, or from others, tune into your own interior narrative for an updated truth jab.

♒ AQUARIUS: With your ruler Uranus heading into the astral equivalent of a five-month lockdown, financial realities could shift suddenly, so stay flexible and ready to pivot with changing conditions. The upside? You can keep your personal economy rolling right along by focusing on innovative solutions and new ways of operating.

♓ PISCES: With the future not looking too flash for social activities, this week's Virgo energy urges us to acts of unselfish service. So choose one daily way you could enjoy taking better care of your body, and one thing you could do daily for someone else, even a text or phone call.

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Last week's *Echo* colourful insert urging people to chill out and get vaxed resulted in a lot of hurumph and yabber yabber. The paid insert was provided already printed, so *The Echo* could not include 'advertisement' on the message, which *The Echo* normally does. Getting vaccinated is a personal choice of course, and should not be forced upon us. And no, *The Echo* has not been bought out by Murdoch or been paid off by Big Pharma.

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'We follow the health advice', says Premier Gladys, yet does she? Like the PM, she appears to instead follow big business and the police for a COVID-19 response. With both of them now giving up on containment measures because Gladys botched preventing an early spread, it looks like we are about to find out whether the *Doherty Report* is accurate. And why no focus on treatments? Is it a case of state capture by Big Pharma?

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Feral deers are on the rise, say Tweed Council, with ten confirmed sightings of the pest in the Tweed and two in the Kyogle region since the Northern Rivers Feral Deer Alert program was launched in May. A sighting in Byron Shire's north was also recorded in early August. To report a sighting, visit www.feralscan.org.au or call Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

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Vale Jack Sugarman who died on August 8. As a former local government candidate critical of Byron Council, his notable contribution was running on a platform of amalgamation, hence making his job, if elected, redundant.

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A parliamentary petition to Immediately Stop COVID-19 Vaccines for children aged 12–16 has nearly 40,000 signatures, according to www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN3046. Within its reasoning, the petition states, 'The TGA advises we will only register a vaccine if its benefits are much greater than its risks. For children 12–16, the benefits do not outweigh the risk.'

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NSW Council for Civil Liberties say they are making a submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, 'supporting a constitutional alteration enshrining the right of freedom of expression, including freedom of the press and other media, within the Constitution.'

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Public submissions for Council's Bioenergy Facility DA 10.2021.364.1 have been extended until August 25.

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Seen on Byron Bay Community Board: 'Vaccinated or not, please remember to wear deodorant.'

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Federal Environment Minister, Sussan Ley, is appealing a landmark court case that ruled she has a duty of care to act reasonably and avoid causing children personal injury and death while doing her job. The group of Aussie kids who took her to court are appealing for the public to help in their legal fight. Over \$130,000 has been raised of the \$350,000 needed – see www.bit.ly/3zji7Xm for more info on *Sharma v Minister For Environment*.

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