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IT'S NOT FLAT IT'S HOLLOW

Councillors get behind vaccination push

Paul Bibby

Public buildings such as the Mullumbimby Civic Hall could become mass COVID-19 vaccination centres, under a proposal put forward by Byron Council last week.

The plan was part of a broader motion passed at last week's planning meeting, in a bid to get more locals vaccinated.

As *The Echo* has reported, the Byron Shire has one of the lowest vaccination levels in NSW, with 31.8 per cent of Byron residents over 15 years of age being fully vaccinated, compared with 52.8 per cent for the State as a whole.

'It's estimated that Byron may not reach the double dose rate for up to five months,' said Labor Councillor Paul Spooner, who moved the motion.

'This will become particularly concerning when the rest of the state can travel again, because people who are vaccinated can still carry COVID-19 here, and our most vulnerable will be at considerable risk.'

'The NSW Premier has also hinted that we may miss out completely on the lifting of restrictions without our vaccination rate being lifted.'

Cr Spooner said that lack of mass vaccination centres in rural and regional areas such as Byron had been a major impediment to getting vaccinated.

The motion sought to address this, by making Council buildings such as the Cavanbah Centre and

Mullum Civic Hall available for mass vaccination, or vaccination pop-up centres.

Councillors also voted to continue supporting the State Government's vaccination campaign through social media posts, press releases, and other statements of support.

Lack of Pfizer

It will also request that the State Government opens up pop-up vaccination clinics in the Shire.

Greens Cr Sarah Ndiaye told the meeting that the lack of Pfizer doses in the Shire had also contributed to the low vaccination rate here.

'I've heard of one case where a person actually offered to buy other people's Pfizer appointments,' she said.

Earlier in the meeting, mayoral aspirant, Asren Pugh (Labor), urged Council to take a stronger stance on the issue.

'Look, I realise it's a contentious issue, and that there's a sizable anti-science minority that use some pretty nasty language in this discussion - making some pretty nasty comments,' Mr Pugh said.

'But there are a lot of people who are just unsure... For these people, we need to provide understanding and empathy.'

When it came to the vote, just one councillor - Jeanette Martin (former Green, turned independent) - voted against it.



Byron is revolting

With erratic and conflicting health messaging, and general incompetence from state and federal governments, people took to the streets last Saturday, around the nation, to voice their opposition to ever diminishing civil liberties, mandated vaccinations and vaccine passports. Police say more than 1,700 officers were involved in the operation across the state, with around 200 posted at regional locations, including Tweed Heads, Byron Bay, the Central Coast, Wollongong and on the South Coast. In Byron Bay, police say 11 people were arrested and 28 penalty infringement notices (PINs) were issued. One person was arrested and issued with a PIN in Tweed Heads. Twenty people were arrested in Greater Sydney, and 236 PINs were issued.

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Govt sends region back into lockdown

With another confirmed COVID-19 case having flown in from Sydney, the Byron, Kempsey and Tweed LGAs will go back into lockdown from 5pm Tuesday for one week, says the NSW government.

At Tuesday's media briefing, journalists asked Health Minister Brad Hazzard (Liberal) whether he supports a hard lockdown for the region to limit cases arriving.

While he avoided answering that question, local Nationals MLC Ben Franklin told *The Echo* he thinks a 'moratorium' is a 'bridge too far'.

Mr Franklin said, 'By its nature, a moratorium implies there are no exceptions to the rule. But there need to be exceptions. If someone is fleeing domestic violence for

example, or providing care for a sick or dying relative, or providing an essential service - these are all appropriate reasons to enter our region at this time.'

He added, 'However, I do support there being strict compliance measures enforced for those entering our region. They should be tested before they come. They should observe lockdown rules for 14 days after arriving. They should only be able to leave Sydney for a very small number of approved reasons.'

The comment comes after Ballina MP, Tamara Smith (Greens), told ABC North Coast on Tuesday morning (prior to the announced lockdown) that a moratorium is needed on people coming to the region.

She said, 'As Sydney opens up, we are sitting ducks until we get our vaccination rates where they need to be, and we have not had the supply, so we are behind.'

Minister Hazzard said on Tuesday that while there is a degree of vaccine hesitancy in the region, he admitted vaccine availability 'has not been what it could have been'. Similar claims have been made by Ms Smith.

Mr Franklin said there is, 'no question we need more Moderna and Pfizer [vaccines] - but it's coming, and even now there are Pfizer appointments available in the region in the next fortnight'.

Those wanting to find the nearest vaccination clinic can visit [covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au](https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-vaccine).

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From the Mallam family

You could say that Sue Mallam was destined to run a business in Mullumbimby.

As the granddaughter of the late George Septimus Mallam, who opened a general store in Mullumbimby in 1904, known as Geo Mallam & Co Pty Ltd, Sue and her family have been synonymous with the local business community for more than 100 years.

Sue was the daughter of Charlie and June Mallam, both of whom worked for the family company.

Following the death of G.S. Mallam the company, together with the business, was passed into the hands of his three sons, one of which was Charlie (the youngest son of G.S. Mallam) who took over as manager in 1974 following the retirement of his older brother Clive and death of his elder brother George.

The store was converted from an older style grocery and department store into a self-service supermarket in 1960 and subsequently a modern supermarket in the 1970s and renamed Mallam's Supermarket. Sadly, the supermarket closed in February of 2011.

In the 1970s, June, Sue's mother, established The Budget Shop, a women's retail clothing store on the corner of Burringbar and Stuarts streets, Mullumbimby, which she ran for over 30 years.

It was renamed the Fashion Corner and in 2004, Sue became the manager of the store. The business then relocated to 40 Burringbar St Mullumbimby in 2011 and was renamed Sue M's Boutique.

A true local, Sue was born and bred in Mullumbimby. Her early education years were spent at St John's Primary school



Sue Mallam. Photo supplied

before boarding school in Brisbane for her senior education.

She had a legal background, but had been in the fashion industry for more than ten years and she loved it. Sue was a much-admired and popular business owner and an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sue proudly sponsored Mullumbimby ladies golf, charities and donated to local schools and hosted fashion parades.

She loved being with family and friends.

She loved her football and followed the Broncos loyally, as she lived in Brisbane in her younger years. Sue loved music and enjoyed attending Bluesfest with family and friends.

Sue is the first of her generation of Mallams to leave us. She had melanoma.

She was a fighter, positive and looking forward to her retirement.

The happy times, her hearty laugh, her cheery smile and her beautiful self both in and out will be sadly missed.

Councillors vote to raise CBD height

Paul Bibby

The developers of 33 Lawson Street, Byron Bay, came to last week's Council meeting asking for permission to breach the building height limit in Central Byron by 38 per cent.

They walked out of the chamber not only with permission to do that, but with a series of other concessions that went well beyond what Council's own planning staff had recommended.

In a decision which is likely to be used as a precedent for future developments in the Byron CBD, a majority of councillors voted to approve a variation application by the developers of the luxury motel.

They already had permission to build a three-storey, 46-room hotel with two levels of basement parking.

38% exceedance

That proposal involved an 11 per cent exceedance of height limits, drawing the ire of neighbours and those who oppose the creeping height increases taking place across the Byron CBD.

Now, the same owners have been granted permission to build a roof-top bar, pool, and bathroom, which will see the building's height blow out to 12.5 metres – a 38 per cent exceedance of the 9m limit.

But the concessions didn't end there.

The same group of councillors who voted in favour of the

height variation also voted to extend the roof top pool's hours of operation beyond those recommended by Council staff and requested by nearby neighbours.

They further disregarded a staff recommendation to restrict the number of people who are allowed to use the pool at any one time to 30.

Led by Labor, Greens

A staff suggestion that the cafe and bar on the ground floor of the building should be open to motel guests only also went by the wayside, with it now effectively becoming a new public venue on the busy strip.

'This is an establishment that will meet the huge market demand from tourists for this area', said councillor Paul Spooner (Labor) who moved the amendment to disregard the staff recommendations.

'We've got establishments directly across the road from there that are open till 10pm with live music every night,'

'The owners need to be able to advertise this motel as having its own pool and having a bar and cafe and that people can actually use and enjoy those facilities.

'To go beyond that is moving beyond planning to social engineering.'

But Deputy Mayor, Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) said Council was pushing itself into 'another predicament by bending the rules.'

'The people putting in this application must be thinking

that all their Christmases have come at once,' she said.

'Not only are we giving them their rooftop extension, but we're giving them extended hours for their pool...'

'We're becoming a golden ticket for developers, and that's not who we are.'

Interim Mayor, Michael Lyon (former Green, now independent), who voted in favour of the motion, said that if Council didn't approve the height variation, it would leave itself open to a costly legal challenge that it would almost certainly lose.

'We do need to apply the letter off the law, but if they took this to court, I think they would win', Cr Lyon said.

'We have community expectations to uphold when it comes to our budget. The Court doesn't share the same approach as we do.'

Supported without legal advice

When questioned by Cr Basil Cameron (independent), Cr Lyon said that he had not obtained any legal advice in relation to the variation application.

Councillors Lyon and Spooner were joined in their support for the motion by Cr Jan Hackett (Labor), Cr Jeanette Martin (former Green, now independent) and Cr Alan Hunter (independent).

Those voting against the motion were Cr Ndiaye, Cr Cameron, and Cr Cate Coorey (independent).

And the Tea Cosy Comp winner is...



From left, Ruth Kirby, judge Grant Rasheed, and Charmian Bourne. Photo Jeff 'Cozy And In The Corner Since 1986' Dawson

With 24 entries pushing creativity and technique to the max, Grant Rasheed's task of selecting a winner in the Great Bangalow CWA Tea Cosy competition was a gruelling

task. Eventually Anne Smith's rendering of Bangalow's main street was declared the winner. For more information visit www.facebook.com/BangalowCWA.



Expression of Interest

Byron Bay Community Advisory Group

Social Futures has been appointed by Byron Shire Council to manage a community-based social impact hub, on the former Byron Hospital site.

Social Futures is seeking expressions of interest from representatives of local organisations and community members to form a Community Advisory Group that will provide practical advice, community insight and linkages to the community. Be part of the vision for a dedicated community space with a shared goal of supporting the Byron community to thrive.

Membership of the Community Advisory Group is voluntary and will represent the diversity of demographics, interests and knowledge within the community and representatives from community based organisations and businesses.



For further information, visit our website socialfutures.org.au/socialimpacthub

Nuclear-powered subs? Dr Caldicott speaks

Aslan Shand

Dr Caldicott, who originally trained as a paediatrician, led the national movement to bring an end to the French atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons over the Pacific.

The Australian government eventually took France to the International Court of Justice, and France was forced to test underground.

She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Linus Pauling, and been recognised as key to the reinvigoration of the Physicians for Social Responsibility and was subsequently a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

After moving to Byron Bay in 1990, Dr Caldicott also had an important influence on the politics of the Northern Rivers.

The founder of *The Echo*, Nicholas Shand, persuaded the world famous anti-nuclear campaigner to run for the Federal seat of Richmond. While this is now a reasonably secure Labor seat, in 1990, the seat had been held by the conservative National Party, then known as the Country Party, since 1922.

'I had just moved here when Nicholas asked me to run. I said, "No", but he persuaded me to run by saying "Don't you need to support Gorbachev?" (who had been working towards the elimination of nuclear weapons). When he said "Gorbachev," that was it.'

She says, 'Once Nicholas had convinced me, we were off and running. People



Dr Helen Caldicott. Photo Heide Smith

immediately gathered around me from all over the place. A committee was formed and I did some local television interviews.

'There was such enthusiasm, such a sense of relief in the electorate – crowded halls of people everywhere.

'I think it solidified most people's ideas on the dangers of nuclear and global warming, they were so relieved to be represented,' said Dr Caldicott.

'I won every other booth except those in Tweed – I lost by 600 votes out of 70,000.'

It was Dr Caldicott's preferences that pushed unknown Labor candidate, Neville Newell, over the line.

Nuke sub deal

Following the recent news that Australia is going to get nuclear-powered submarines in a deal with the UK and US Dr Caldicott told *The Echo*,

'America has 18 Trident submarines, powered by highly enriched Uranium 235, which can be used as fuel for nuclear weapons. Each sub carries 24 missiles, each one is armed with eight hydrogen bombs – 30 times the killing power of one Hiroshima bomb. That's enough subs to produce nuclear winter and end life on Earth.'

– Dr Helen Caldicott

grandchildren have inherited a world that is populated by the most extraordinary organisms, plants and animals. We are probably the only life in the universe.'

In conversation

Dr Caldicott will be coming back to Byron Shire virtually, in conversation with federal Greens candidate Mandy Nolan on September 26, from 4 till 5pm.

'Our initial conversation was to be "the woman who almost won Richmond speaks to the woman who only needs a five per cent swing to win Richmond"', said Ms Nolan.

'Sadly, the tone has changed to something more sinister, as we could be facing potential floating Chernobyls in our cities. As a community, we need to know the risks of this deal. Helen Caldicott, a world-renowned expert and activist, can speak to the subject like no other.'

You can register to join the free Zoom session at www.mandy4richmond.com/chat_with_helen_caldicott.

'To set China up as an enemy is ridiculous... we don't need super powers anymore, we need to reduce global warming, we've got to stop fighting and killing each other.'

'America has 800 bases in 80 countries. It's estimated that since 9/11 the US have spent \$14 trillion dollars killing nearly one million people – it's murder – let's be frank, that is not a department of defence, it's a department of killing.'

'We need to work out how to defuse the situation, make friends and trade, not be antagonistic. The human race must stop fighting and killing, because if we don't, it will lead to annihilation.'

Dr Caldicott pointed out that most politicians are scientifically illiterate, and that we need independent thinkers to stand up and run for government.

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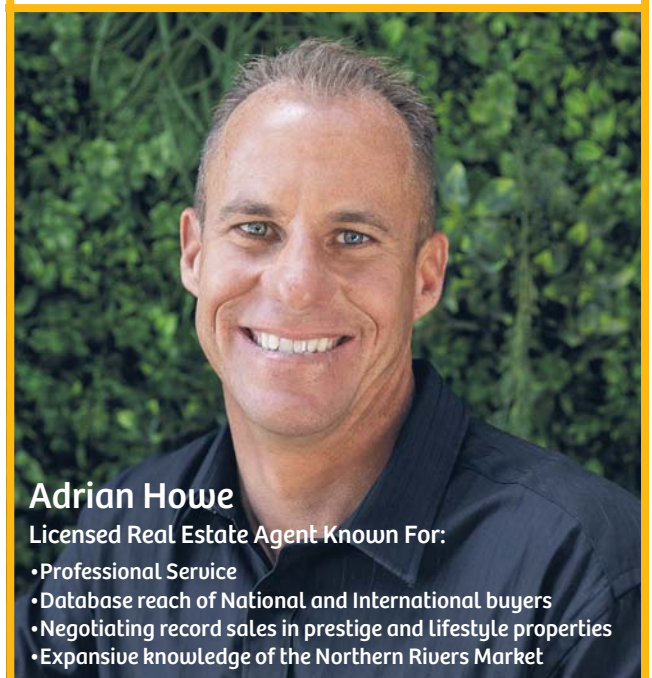
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Vale Aunty Dulcie Nicholls

There is deep sadness in the community at the passing of Arakwal elder and matriarch, Dulcie Joan Nicholls, nee Kay, who was a proud Bundjalung woman born on Country at Tallow Creek, Byron Bay, October 21, 1929.

Aunty Dulcie, as she was known throughout the Byron Shire community, was an honoured and respected traditional custodian of Byron Bay, where she lived for most of her life.



Dulcie Joan Nicholls. Photo Eve Jeffery

Native Title

Aunty Dulcie, alongside her sisters, was pivotal in the recognition and preservation of Arakwal National Park after a very long Native Title fight. The land was handed back to Dulcie and the Arakwal family in 2019.

It was one of three Indigenous Land Use Agreements with local councils, land councils, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Community groups.

Aunty Dulcie also spent countless hours welcoming people to her Country in many events across Arakwal

Country – many a Bluesfest and NAIDOC week were opened with her voice.

Her strength, integrity and humour always shone through in her manner and actions, and she was a humble, gentle soul who appreciated the coastal lifestyle, collecting foods from Country and celebrating her cultural achievements and successes.

Aunty was a loving mother to daughters Shirley Nicholls and Theresa Nicholls, and mother-in-law to Reg Clark.

She was a cherished grandmother to Nathan Nicholls, Rhiannon Clark, Nickolla Clark

and Kaitlyn Clark, and a great grandmother to Chase Hunter Nicholls.

Aunty Dulcie passed peacefully at Coolamon Villa Nursing Home in Mullumbimby on Sunday 19 September, aged 91.

Aunty Dulcie's family say, 'Sadly Dulcie did not have a funeral fund, and we would be extremely grateful for any donations from family, friends and community members to give Dulcie the beautiful send off she deserves'. To donate, visit www.gofundme.com and search 'Dulcie'.

Equinox marked by orchard planting

With the cancellation of Shearwater's much-loved community Spring Fair owing again to COVID-19 lockdowns, staff and students at the Mullumbimby Steiner School

still managed to celebrate the equinox together in the final week of Term Four, with the planting of a new orchard between the School's biodynamic farm and regenerated

creekside wildlife corridor. The school's Kate Hamilton says 43 fruit trees and 43 natives trees were planted, including Davidson plums and lilly pillis.

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Correction

Last week's page 6 story, 'Dam advocate loses bid for new water science team', incorrectly stated in the first paragraph that Rous County Council voted on a motion for an independent water science team.

It was Ballina Shire Council that voted on the motion.

Old Byron Hospital advisory group seeks members

Eight members for an advisory group are being sought to help shape a new 'social impact-focused community hub' at the Old Byron Hospital site.

Not-for-profit Northern Rivers organisation, Social Futures, recently secured management tenure from Council, and they say they aim to create a 'vibrant for-purpose hub, connecting Byron residents to social, wellbeing, arts and culture, and educational services'.

CEO Tony Davies said his organisation's Byron-based housing and homelessness

service met daily with local residents, 'feeling the impacts of the pandemic, job losses and the housing shortage'.

He says, 'Few community service providers are able to find office space in Byron Bay. The social impact hub will bring essential community services right into the heart of town'.

Community needs

Mr Davies said the volunteer advisory group would meet four times a year, for up to two years, and will 'look at community needs, service gaps and opportunities,

then deliver on a shared community vision for the hub. This includes identifying and recommending tenancy applications best suited to community need'.

They would also 'make recommendations on site fit out, landscaping and operations requirements', and 'provide guidance on how any profits can be distributed back into local community groups and projects'.

Mr Davies added, 'We are particularly keen to hear from people in Byron with a long history of involvement in community organisations'.

Biggest corporate greenwashers revealed by Greenpeace

Zoë Duc

According to a new analysis by Greenpeace, most of Australia's highest-emitting companies that have implemented net-zero emission commitments do not have any will to meet their target.

The report is titled, *From Hero To Zero: Uncovering the truth of corporate Australia's climate action claims*.

Among the ASX200 companies, Greenpeace says the majority have no plans 'to end their use of coal [...] or rely on the use of dubious carbon offsets'.

Greenpeace claims that half of Australia's 80 top-emitting ASX200 companies (51 per cent) have set a net-zero or carbon-neutral target.

However, among these 41 companies, only 14 (34 per cent) have taken up this challenge by switching to 100 per cent renewable electricity.

For example, the Greenpeace report shows that in

2020, AGL accounted for only ten per cent of total renewables electricity. However, an AGL spokeswoman told *The Echo*, 'We operate the largest portfolio of renewable assets of any ASX-listed company'.

According to Nikola Čašule, Greenpeace Australia Pacific Head of Research and Investigations, 'Carbon offset schemes enable companies like AGL, Australia's biggest corporate climate polluter, Santos and Qantas to make impressive-sounding net-zero emission and carbon neutral claims – while doing nothing to reduce dangerous emissions from their use and production of fossil fuels'.

This practice is known as 'greenwashing'.

Greenpeace adds that these companies, and governments, rely on net-zero emissions targets by 2050, which are inadequate for the scale and urgency of emissions reduction required by climate science.

Instead, Greenpeace suggests reaching net-zero emissions by 2030.

The Echo asked AGL why they are not aiming for

this target by 2030.

The AGL spokesperson did not directly answer the question and replied instead that, 'AGL's *Climate Statement* sets a target of net-zero emissions by 2050, acknowledging the role we have to play in leading a responsible and orderly transition to a cleaner energy future. We are committed to transparency of reporting, including our *Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures* (TCFD) report and the recently announced *Say on Climate*'.

In their 2020 *Climate Statement*, AGL announced that they would continue to use coal in their Bayswater power station until 2035.

'These Australian companies need to establish near-term 100 per cent renewable electricity targets and phase out the use of fossil fuels, rather than relying on dodgy offsets', explained Nikola Čašule.

Mr Čašule added that tree planting projects are not enough for these companies, which continue to burn coal, oil, and gas.

■ Zoë Duc is an *Echo* intern.

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Smartphone ID trials underway

Can a 20 per cent uptake for a 'Digital Photo Card' smartphone trial be described as being a 'thumbs up'?

The NSW Government seems to think so, and released a statement last week claiming 24,697 'customers in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' downloaded the app, which shows 'their identity when leaving home for essential

reasons during lockdown'.

The government press release reads, 'Following a successful trial, the Digital Photo Card will be rolled out across NSW in the coming months', where mobile devices are used to 'transact with businesses who check ID, such as pharmacies, major retailers, telcos, convenience stores, tobacco retailers and pharmacies'.

Labor conditionally agrees to subs deal

Labor appears largely behind the federal coalition's latest plans to splash \$90b at nuclear submarine technology. *The Echo* asked local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, if elected at the upcoming election, would Labor pull out of the deal? She replied in part that, 'We see this partnership as being in addition to the much deeper engagement that is needed with the countries of our region, including ASEAN members'.

She said, 'Labor has three conditions for the support of nuclear-powered submarines, which we have sought assurance on. Firstly, that there be no requirement of a domestic civil nuclear industry. Secondly, that there be no acquisition of nuclear weapons. And, thirdly, that this agreement would be compatible with the non-proliferation treaty'.

'The Morrison Government has made clear these conditions can be met. We will hold them to these commitments'.

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Fiona Sheridan, General Manager of Sourdough

Business Pathways, said, 'We are thrilled to be partnering with Byron Shire Council to support our emerging local founders who are aiming to create positive impact through business'.

For more info, visit www.sbp.org.au/sourdough-pre-accelerator.

Large Wilsons Creek CT given green light

Paul Bibby

Plans for a 15-lot housing development in Wilsons Creek will proceed to the next stage of the planning process, without further amendment, despite the community expressing concerns around flooding and traffic safety.

Byron councillors gave the planning proposal for a Community Title (CT) development at 31 Alidenes Road a preliminary green light at last week's planning meeting.

This means the proposal will now go to the NSW Department of Planning for sign off before moving to the development application stage.

The Sydney-based developer of the property is seeking to amend the Local Environment Plan to permit a Community Title development of up to 15

lots on the site.

There would also be one 'association' lot that includes part of Yankee Creek waterway and the surrounding riparian zone.

The considerable public opposition to the plan was evident from the responses to a recent public exhibition period, which drew 42 submissions.

At last week's meeting, Cr Basil Cameron moved that the proposal be sent back to the developer, so that concerns about traffic in the streets around the site could be addressed more directly.

These concerns included the lack of consideration for cyclists and pedestrians in the plan, the failure to acknowledge relevant accident and crash data, and the absence of any steps being taken to ameliorate the risk to school children.

'The road safety audit

for this planning proposal identified 14 separate risks, but all of them came from the perspective of drivers and other vehicle traffic', Cr Cameron said.

Pedestrian safety ignored

'It almost completely ignored pedestrian safety...'

'It's at the planning proposal stage that we really need to get some of this stuff in'.

But Cr Cameron's amendment was unsuccessful.

Instead, a majority of councillors voted for a significantly watered down version, under which the developer would be 'advised' that the traffic safety matters would 'need to be considered' at the Development Application stage.

'Apologies to those in public access who expressed their concerns honestly and

fairly', Byron's interim Mayor Michael Lyon said.

'I've been down to the site, and I think this DA is ultimately going to come down to what the site can handle'.

Cr Cameron said the applicants were now unlikely to make any changes to the planning proposal.

'I think just noting this is "feel good" for some, but I can't see it leading to anything substantive in terms of being a fair representation of community views,' he said.

'If we want real change, we need to get it in at the planning proposal stage and we haven't done that'.

Cr Lyon moved an amendment, which was voted for by Crs Martin, Ndiaye, Lyon, Hunter, Spooner and Hackett. Opposed were Crs Cameron and Coorey.

The amendment then became the motion, and all councillors voted in favour.

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Lismore's plateau Lizard will sleep no more

The Development Application for the Proposed Subdivision at 55 Dunoon Road and 8 Sexton Road, North Lismore, went before council last week.

Ballina charity ball to raise funds for men's mental health

Locals will have the chance to support local men with their mental health when the Night of Hope Charity Ball takes place in Ballina on October 23.

Lismore's mountain bike skills course

Though Lismore is currently in lockdown, the city has inaugurated a new sporting activity in Nesbitt Park that will make residents want to enjoy the outdoors as soon as possible.

Reece Byrnes re-elected as Tweed Deputy Mayor

With many local councils juggling the elections timetable owing to COVID-19 restrictions, last night the Tweed Shire elected their Deputy Mayor.

Services failing to keep up with regional population growth

Independent Ballina Shire Councillor Sharon Cadwallader has again expressed concern that State government services are failing to keep up with local population expansion.

Wearing drink bottles on your bum to save rainforests

Undies entrepreneur Brendan Lo doesn't see himself as a smart arse, but his take on some old bit of wisdom is a bit cheeky.

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Transparency questioned over controversial Evans Head DA

Aslan Shand

Concerns have been raised over the transparency of the process of the Northern Rivers Planning Panel (NRPP) in its decision to accept an amended DA for the Iron Gates development in Evans Head.

The developer, Graeme Ingles, of Qld-based GoldCo-oral Pty Ltd, has been trying to develop the site since the 1990s, and has failed to do site remediation that was ordered by the Land and Environment Court.

At that time (1997), the court's decision removed the existing approved development application (DA) as a result of the developer's actions in clearing the site.

The current DA was submitted to the Richmond Valley Council (RVC) in 2014, and the developer sought a Clause 55 variation of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000* by the NRPP to again submit plans to develop the site.

This was granted by the



Iron Gates development in Evans Head. Photo supplied

NRPP at their September 6 meeting. Two RVC councillors on the NRPP panel, Robert Hayes and Daniel Simpson, declared a conflict of interest in the decision.

The Echo understands that the attendees at the meeting on September 6 included the developer, his planner, and a lawyer from law firm Mills Oakley (Aaron Gadiel). However owing to the low level of detail supplied, and lack of access to all the documentation on which the decision was

made, questions remain in relation to why the variation was approved.

Not privy to material

'We are not privy to material, including the Mills Oakley correspondence, which is listed as part of the decision consideration documentation', said Dr Richard Gates, president of the Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Committee Inc.

'All the other material is available, but not the letter from the law firm dated 31

August 2021, which begs the question: "Why has it been kept from the public?"'

The public are also not privy to information on how the NRPP reached its decision, the date when the amended application was submitted, the disposition of the Masterplan, and there appears to be no public record of the minutes of the meeting.

Dr Gates told *The Echo* that, 'in view of all the litigation which had occurred in the past, including a \$33 million lawsuit by the developer [against] Richmond Valley Council and others, that the NRPP might be erring on the side of caution to avoid future potential litigation, and that the [NRPP may have] weighed this up against the many arguments which had been canvassed against the development provided in documentation on the NRPP website.'

'The current proponent has been pursuing the Iron Gates development now for nearly a quarter of a century,

and it is a long and complicated matter in two different State legal jurisdictions.'

Because of that, Dr Gates has asked that the public be 'extended the [same] courtesy given the developer' of a long period of time to assess the latest version of the amended plan, to chase up pertinent materials and make enquiries so that the public can make an adequate response.

In their submission to the NRPP in relation to the development, RVC raised the significant cost to the ratepayer of the ongoing assessments required of Council in relation to the DA. They also pointed out that the application had 'failed to provide sufficient information... for the consent authority to make a thorough assessment of the proposal'.

'What steps are being taken to reimburse Richmond Valley Council for all the work it will now have to do in reassessing the latest amended plan?' Dr Gates asked.

Teacher shortage hitting schools across NSW

With the mandatory vaccination date getting closer, the NSW Teachers Federation says there is already a shortage of teachers.

The NSW Education Department will certainly lose teachers next term owing to the mandate, and the NSW Teachers Federation says classes are being combined and students given only minimal supervision on hundreds of occasions in city and country schools in NSW owing to growing teacher shortages; new figures provided to Parliament show.

NSW Teachers Federation president Angelo Gavrielatos said the NSW Government figures showing declining numbers are alarming, and teachers were reporting class sizes of up to 45 students as a result.

He said, 'This is an example

of the very real impact teacher shortages are having on students and teachers in schools from the inner west of Sydney to the Far West of NSW.'

Mr Gavrielatos said the Gallop Inquiry into the work of teachers warned, in February, that uncompetitive salaries and unsustainable workloads were contributing to the growing shortages of teachers.

While NSW Teachers Federation support mass vaccination, a Change.org petition calling for 'No Mandatory Vaccinations for Teachers & Students', has attracted over 76,000 signatures.

The petition says, 'People should be able to choose what medical procedures and interventions they have without the risk of losing their job. We ask all parents and teachers who are concerned with these mandates

to sign this petition and protect the basic human right to freedom of choice'.

Ventilation

Ventilation in school and TAFE settings has been raised by the Teachers Federation as 'an important COVID-19 control measure'.

On September 5, the Federation said it called on the department to undertake, among other things: an audit of all schools and TAFEs, across all settings, to assess their capacity to provide ventilation and clean air; an identified program of regular inspection, maintenance and cleaning of ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; and an outline of remedies for those settings which cannot provide such environments and particulars as outlined above.

Sexual assault trending upwards across NSW

Zero tolerance and more well-targeted action by the NSW and federal governments are needed to prevent the growing scourge of coercive control and domestic violence, says Lismore MP Janelle Saffin (Labor).

Ms Saffin said she has kept a close eye on Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research's (BOCSAR) quarterly updates, the latest of which (June 2021) shows major crimes against women

had continued to trend upwards before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

She says in the 24 months to June 2021, only one of the 17 major crime categories was trending upwards in NSW, and it was sexual assault.

Increased reporting

'In BOCSAR's media release, they highlighted increased reporting of incidents of sexual assault. This crime went up by 1367

incidents or 21 per cent in NSW over the year to June 2021.

'In the Richmond-Tweed statistical area, incidents of domestic violence (DV) are up 33 per cent, on a two-year trend, and up 5.8 per cent on a five-year trend.

'Also in Richmond-Tweed, incidents of intimidation, stalking and harassment are up 30.2 per cent on a two-year trend and up 8.6 per cent on a five-year trend'.

Storm season looming, says SES

With the storm season expected from October to March, NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is calling on the public to get prepared.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has advised that the storms will likely bring similar conditions to what was experienced last season.

NSW SES Commissioner Carlene York said this means once again severe weather, including heavy rain and riverine flash

flooding, is on the way.

'The more you can do now to prepare, the less likely you'll end up needing emergency assistance from our volunteers when these weather events hit', Commissioner York said.

'Our website has everything you could possibly need to learn about your risk of floods and the dangers they bring'.

Visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au for more info.

NSW Water Strategy released

The NSW Government has launched a NSW Water Strategy, which they say is 'a 20-year blueprint to deliver resilient and sustainable water resources to communities across the state'.

At 152 pages, the strategy coincides with the launch of the Water Project Map (bit.ly/2XsKunK), a new tool to access information about water infrastructure projects across NSW.

Minister for Water, Melinda Pavey, said the strategy is NSW's first-ever platform for the long-term management of water.

'This strategy, underpinned by cutting-edge climate modelling, will help our state work towards becoming a world leader in water innovation and efficiency', Mrs Pavey said.

'In the next 12 months,

we'll refocus our efforts on water conservation and leakage reduction in our cities, towns and regional centres, and deliver a state-wide water efficiency framework.

'We'll also look for opportunities to invest in research and development, and new technologies, including recycled water opportunities for industrial and agricultural uses'.

She says the government will investigate and invest in supply options, including stormwater harvesting and water re-use, and look at developing a consistent approach to water restrictions. 'About 70 per cent of local water utilities recycle water', she says.

To read the strategy, visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-and-programs/nsw-water-strategy.

Tony's reflections as king of the Macca Castle

Eve Jeffery

Looking back on 14 years at the Macadamia Castle, Tony Gilding says the important things to him were the conservation of the animals and the development of staff.

'The highlights have been watching young people come in as assistant teachers and trainees, and then moving on in their careers going into other animal parks or staying to learn more here', says Tony.

'That's the same in the kitchen and retail - the graduation and progression of the people has been great.'

Tony Gilding recently sold the Macadamia Castle to not-for-profit company Wildlife Recovery Australia (WRA), who will be the new owners from October 1.

He says it was not an easy decision, but a cancer diagnosis and treatment means it's time for Mr Gilding to focus on his health and family. During his time at The



Tony Gilding. Photo Jeff Dawson

Castle, Tony has overseen significant changes, including establishing conference facilities, expanding the range of wildlife, developing a conservation and education program, and the free-flight bird show.

Recently, a water play feature has been built.

Tony says the most difficult time was when traffic was diverted from his door.

'Dealing with the RMS was the absolute low point.'

'Dealing with a bunch of bureaucrats who were more concerned about their careers than looking after community assets, and their refusal to

assist when it was in the community interest, was just a low point in my life. It has affected me, and I think it has affected my health.'

The business struggled after the RMS debacle, but it was 2020's JobKeeper that came to the rescue.

'We were down for the count. It was COVID-19 that saved us when we got some job support, and we renovated the park.'

'Since we reopened, we're doing fine. We were very lucky to have had that little boost - not that anybody's lucky to have COVID-19, but it's what saved the Castle.'

And retirement?

'I'm not exactly retired. My big passion is orangutans, and I've got major infrastructure projects happening in Borneo, and then getting the Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital open - I'm deputy chairman, and one of the joint founders, and we are very keen to get that up and running. So that's my retirement!'

Mullum yachtie has another good series

Ross Kendall

Local chemist, Craig Watson and the crew of the *Jean-neau 53 Coopers* yacht, have claimed third place at last week's Magnetic Island Race Series.

Over 60 yachts competed in different divisions over the six races, making up the series. When the winds reached over 34 knots, one race had to be cancelled.

Coopers won one race and got two thirds, a fourth and

a fifth. They tied for second overall, but were judged third on a countback.

'What a campaign, we loved every second,' Craig said.

The crew was ready to compete at the Hamilton Island Race Week, but when this was cancelled, they had to head further north for a contest. *Coopers'* crew are now preparing to compete in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race, starting on Boxing Day, if it's not cancelled.



Coopers won three podium finishes at the Magnetic Island series. Photo supplied

Community gardeners get busy in Suffolk

Suffolk Park Community Gardens was briefly out of lockdown last week, and the gardeners couldn't wait to get back in the garden.

The team of young, old, and differently-abled, worked together to install their new compost/worm farm - generously donated by Subpod, a local sustainability business.

The worms come from the innovative local eco-company, WastePlant.

Holly English from the gardens said, 'We are a not-for-profit community group who rely on the kind donations of our local businesses and friends. So we are super stoked and grateful to receive such a wonderful gift from these local trailblazer



Keen gardeners with their Subpod worm farm. Photo supplied

companies, who are doing really great things for the planet.'

'We have big visions for our humble gardens. A small but strong, dedicated team have created this little

Garden of Eden.

'We would love to see some of our bigger dreams come to realisation, such as wheelchair access throughout the gardens, picnic spaces and a garden shed

with a door that locks!

'Gardens bring so much happiness and peace of mind to people from all walks of life, especially during these times of great uncertainty and social division.'

Localisation and community

'This is a place where we come together on equal ground. Our love of nature, gardens, localisation and community.'

'The Suffolk Park Community Gardens has working bees every Sunday afternoon. Find us on Facebook, or just take a wander down there on the weekends. You'll find someone pulling up radishes or basking in the sun!'

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What's in your pill?



While publishing political tit for tats is tedious at the best of times, herewith is an attempt to try and understand some of the decision making that is behind the current pandemic strategies.

The context here is that this electorate has effectively two NSW government representatives, one elected, and the other unelected.

Greens MP, Tamara Smith, won the 2019 NSW election, despite a massive pork barrelling attempt by the NSW government. Their Nationals candidate, Ben Franklin MLC, lost, yet clearly considers himself a contender for the job in the future.

What's at stake is government transparency and competence in the age of COVID-19.

The Echo put Ms Smith's claim to Mr Franklin that his government lacks accountability, 'as they haven't sat in parliament for months'.

Ms Smith said, 'There's no opportunity to interrogate their policies, and all the data around their COVID-19 response is kept secret'.

Mr Franklin responded by saying that 'Data is not kept secret and for the best part of the last three months the highest elected official in the State, the Premier has fronted the media for nearly an hour every day to deliver information and answer questions. The State's Chief Health Officer has also fronted the media every day to answer to the health advice provided. This is continuing to happen, with relevant senior health officials providing daily information and the Premier and Senior Ministers providing relevant details, as often as required'.

Ms Smith says of this: 'The government has refused to release the health advice from the week of the initial outbreak, or that [which] was used to lock down LGAs of concern'.

Moving on to the government refusing to sit in parliament.

Despite MPs and their staff being unable to attend parliament unless vaccinated, Mr Franklin said, 'The Government has not avoided sitting'.

He said, 'A Legislative Assembly

cross-party committee agreed to follow the health advice and postpone the scheduled sitting period in September. This had the bi-partisan support of the Leader of the Opposition. Of course it stands to reason that we would follow the same health advice in the Upper House'.

'There were significant concerns among Members, especially those in regional areas, about taking the virus back to their own communities. Since the lockdown, incredible efforts have been made to ensure Parliamentary inquiries go ahead virtually, including Budget Estimates.

'There are 24 open inquiries, all of which the Government is actively involved in. Also, all Members are able to put Questions on Notice to Government Ministers every day'.

Ms Smith says of this: 'The Upper House also attempted to sit this month with a COVID-19 safety plan and with regional members attending via video link'.

'Members from the opposition and crossbench were in attendance, but could not proceed because the Government refused to send a Minister - so that the house could sit.

'The Upper House has fewer members and could have had a quorum of members without any regional members in physical attendance'.

'How is it safe for Bunnings to be open, but not for Parliament to sit in a reduced and COVID Safe capacity?'

'The Doherty modelling is based on opening up with low case numbers. There is no modelling for opening up with patchy vaccination (some LGAs high, some low), a broken down contact tracing system, and a hospital system on the brink'.

- Hans Lovejoy, editor
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Reducing the risk of long COVID

Increasing COVID-19 vaccination rates as quickly as possible is currently a major focus for Australia.

Doing so has clear benefits in reducing new infections and preventing severe disease, hospitalisation and death.

One question, which is frequently asked, is - does COVID-19 vaccination prevent you from getting long COVID?

Here's what the science says, so far

There has been much international debate as to the definition of long COVID, how common it is, and how long it may last.

Studies examining the frequency of long COVID range up to 80 per cent in hospitalised patients with severe initial illness, to as low as two or three per cent - in one large app-based study of largely young healthy people (in the United Kingdom).

A recent review of 45 studies (and almost 10,000 people) suggested almost 75 per cent of patients reported at least one persistent symptom at 12 or more weeks after COVID-19 infection.

Many of these studies are highly dependent on whom they chose to study, and whether they required a definite confirmation of infection by positive swab testing.

The Australian ADAPT study (led by myself and other colleagues from St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney) enrolled people who'd had confirmed positive PCR tests, as well as a mix of hospitalised people and those who didn't go to hospital.

This study found around one-third of people had persistent symptoms at an average of two to three months after infection.

The most common symptoms were persistent fatigue, shortness of breath and chest tightness, although a variety of other symptoms were also reported.

These findings are in keeping with most of the evolving research, which documents a wide variety of long COVID symptoms.

One review published in August, involving 15 studies, and more than 47,000 people, detailed up to 55 separate symptoms involving all body systems and organs.

The five most common were fatigue, shortness of breath, palpitations, brain fog and loss of smell.

The diverse nature of long COVID symptoms makes a clear definition difficult.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is currently attempting to achieve a consensus agreement from its members.

Expect to see further tweaks to this definition as it evolves.

Vaccination doesn't prevent all COVID infections. 'Breakthrough' infections in fully vaccinated people have been estimated to occur in a small proportion of people.

Breakthrough infections are more likely to have few or no symptoms, and are associated with lower levels of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Is this important in preventing long COVID? The answer is probably 'Yes'.

Currently our understanding of what causes or predicts long COVID is limited, not least because it's probably a 'catch all' definition for several different conditions with underlying causes.

In most studies, there were two main predictors of getting long COVID.

One was the severity of the initial illness, and the second was being (genetically) female.

The first of these is very likely to be impacted by vaccination and a recent study published in The Lancet medical journal gives weight to this argument. It looked at symptoms reported after vaccination among users of the COVID Symptom Study app in the UK.

More than 1.2 million users of the app reported at least one vaccine dose and around 900,000 reported two doses.

A small proportion, less than one per cent, of each of these groups subsequently developed COVID infection and tracked their symptoms.

The study found vaccinated people had a much-reduced risk of being hospitalised or having multiple symptoms in the first week of infection.

Importantly, the likelihood of having a long duration of symptoms (longer than 28 days) was approximately halved.

This would clearly be expected to translate into a lesser number of people with long COVID at 12 weeks and beyond, although data confirming this is presently lacking.

So, vaccination has benefit in limiting severe acute COVID infection and also, most likely, long COVID.

A word of caution though - long COVID appears to have a variety of triggers and many people suffering this condition didn't have an initial severe illness. Long COVID also appears to be more common in females and this association remains unexplained.

If the virus does trigger a long-lasting abnormal immune response in some people, it's too soon to understand whether this can still occur after breakthrough infection post-vaccination.

Further research is urgently needed to understand the reasons for long COVID and direct potential treatments.

In the meantime, the likely effect of vaccination in reducing the risk of long COVID is yet another reason for us to roll up our sleeves.

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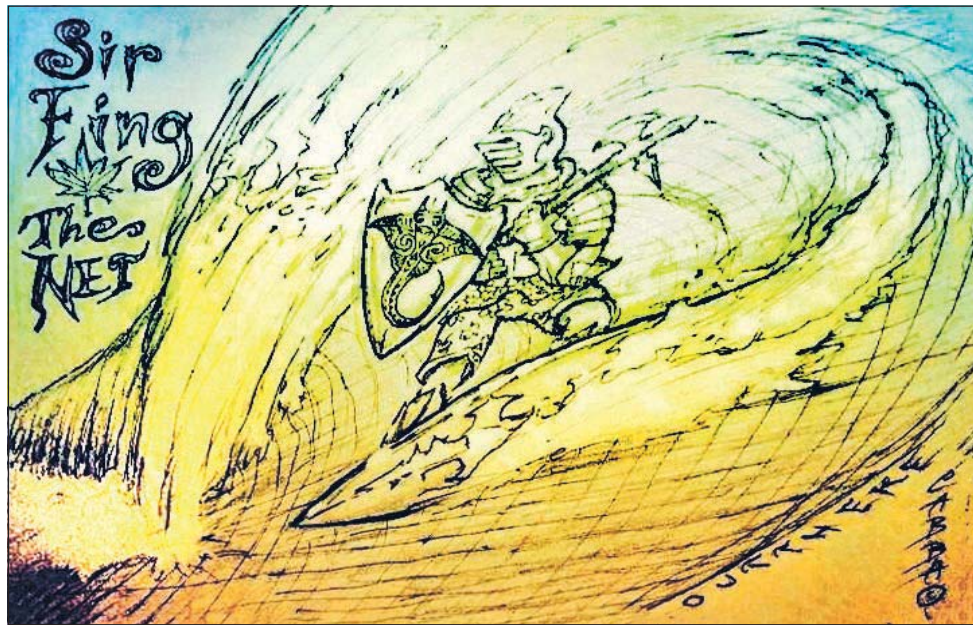
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Bioenergy facility

Council continued to downplay the noise from trucks associated with the proposed bioenergy plant in last week's *Echo*.

This is problematic because noise is a pollutant that damages physical and mental health. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), noise can interfere with restful sleep and can also stimulate the production of stress hormones which can degrade the cardiovascular system, compromise cognitive function, impair the immune system, and increase the likelihood of depressive or anxious thoughts.

Residents living along the haulage route to the bioenergy site expected the DA (development application) to provide an unambiguous accounting of truck movements in and out of the facility so that noise impacts could be understood. Instead of transparent calculations there has been obfuscation.

Residents have tried to piece together the truth from disparate sections of the DA to overcome this lack of official clarity. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the facility clearly states there will be '10 deliveries per day... in addition to those currently required for STP (Sewage Treatment Plant) operation' (p.134). This increase will be slightly offset because the removal of biosolids from the site will cease, resulting in an average of one less truck per day. But the EIS also says over 16,000 tonnes of compost and contaminated waste will have to be transported offsite annually (p.72). Backloading this into green waste delivery

vehicles is unrealistic for hygiene reasons, and yet the DA ignores the extra trucks needed for this huge job. The total number of trucks needed to service the facility is, therefore, a mystery.

A minimum of nine trucks per day, however, is certain. Each of these trucks will go along Bayshore Drive twice in order to enter and leave the facility. That means heavy, loud trucks will rumble past my home at least 18 times a day, 108 times a week, 5616 times a year. Of course, this is a conservative projection because an unknown number of the compost trucks are yet to be counted. The impact of this level of noise, as well as diesel exhaust particulate pollution, can hardly be dismissed as 'low' or 'insignificant'.

David Dixon
Byron Bay

Greed

I write to express my concern with greedy landlords who seem to go by the sandpit mantra 'they did it, so I can too'.

Let's be clear, borrowing costs are at an all-time low, and other assistance is available to landlords – no excuses there. In the case of Pure Melt, (*Echo* 8 September) \$891 per week is not 'in line' with other businesses in town with a similar floor space. It is extortionate, and to increase a small business owners' rent by 53 per cent in one fell swoop, under lockdown, is nothing short of rapacious and needs to be exposed for the avarice that it is.

Good luck with the 'doing our best' bit, no wonder you declined to be named.

Jonny O'Brien
Mullumbimby

Water resilience

A number of groups in the Byron Shire have been working our way each month through topics set for us as part of OzGreen and Resilient Byron's 'Resilient Byron Communities program', funded by NRCF. Last month we discussed water resilience and what we as individuals and as a community can do to reduce our impact on this valuable resource.

Both Rous County Council (RCC), who are responsible for the bulk supply in the Northern Rivers, and Byron Shire Council, who carry out town reticulations, have extensive pages on their websites regarding responsible water usage. Both sites have interactive pages where you are able to calculate your home usage set against community averages and reduction targets to aim for. Both sites recommend changing usage patterns such as taking shorter showers, as well as ideas for saving water outdoors, and how to access rebate programs for residential water tanks.

RCC also discusses the challenges for providing water security technically, financially and environmentally, for both the short term and long term, on behalf of all of us.

Another important resource is the 'All Options on the Table' report by the Water Services Association of Australia.

As this part of the world continues to absorb more and more people into our beautiful region, the pressure grows to provide all the same services these people have come to expect, and a reliable and secure water supply is one of those services.

We would urge all readers to take a look at either council's website and review their own water usage. By following the advice recommended we all have an opportunity to reduce the impact on our precious water resources, and possibly we can save money as well.

Ruth and Andrew
Winton-Brown
Possum Creek

Pollution

I have noticed that drainage work is being carried out at the Paterson and Lawson street intersection. The cleared drain next to Paterson Street is oozing reddish water, which may be coming out of the adjacent old dump, and thus polluting that drain? This flows into the sea near Clarkes Beach.

Wally Hueneke
Byron Bay

Nightmares

Last night I had a dreadful nightmare. Scumbo (the incompetent) and Dumbo (the inhumane) had got their hands on something more lethal than a penny bunger. When I woke this morning I found that it was worse than my foul dream. They were associating with Boris (the irresolute) and risked a potential input from Trump (the irrational).

All for what? Increased security! Piffle! The Chinese have sent a mission to Mars, two or three unarmed nuclear subs will pose no credible threat to them, and we will gain nothing by mortgaging our children's future so that Scumbo and Dumbo can have a photo op and dream of world domination.

Australians have long
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Policy Exhibition Draft Policy 5.52 Commercial Activities on Coastal and Riparian Crown Reserves

Byron Shire Council resolved (21-336) at its 26 August 2021 meeting to amended Policy 5.52 Commercial Activities on Coastal and Riparian Crown Reserves and placed the Policy on public exhibition for 28-days for the making of public comments. The amended Policy is available for viewing on Council's website at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition

Submissions open on 15 September 2021 and close 12 October 2021. For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's website.

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► Continued from page 9 expressed their dislike of the nuclear option. This is an attempt to slide it in under the table. We will have to pay the French for their lost business and then pay the Yanks for their technology. It will be two to three times the initial cost of the submarine project at least, probably much more after the inevitable extensive commercial litigation by the French.

Nuclear subs were designed to carry nuclear missiles. They were an essential part of a defence strategy based on Mutually Assured Destruction. The acronym MAD suitably expresses the stupidity of such a defence policy. While our subs will not be able to participate in nuclear Armageddon, they will be able to sneak around and watch it happen.

We should take great comfort from that, because that is all we will get for billions of dollars that could better be spent on ameliorating climate change.

Vince Kean
Murwillumbah

Back to bioenergy

It is important to address the concerns of Bayshore Drive residents regarding increased truck traffic on an already busy road. Then

there are the larger concerns around the development of the proposed Bioenergy Facility within the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).

The public need to be aware of the threat that this proposed plant will have upon the existing sensitive bird species and their habitat. These wetlands are of national and global significance, as wetlands globally have rapidly diminished. The Byron foreshore (STP) wetlands form the habitat for threatened and migratory birds.

It is well known that air pollution ranks as the highest cause of death of humans (and no doubt other species). Pre-pandemic Byron roads were choked with tourists and cars. Cars emit poisons detrimental to human health. Pollution is a killer.

The public is entitled to further information should this plant be hosted upon the wetlands. Byron Environment Centre has, for over 30 years, articulated to Council the deep environmental concerns of civil society. In regard to the bioenergy plant it has supplied deep research to Council and asked questions

of public concern. Questions addressing remedy and transparency. To date, Council have not supplied the relevant information.

This is to be expected as we experience the demise of democracy and the rise of corporate social secrecy (CSS). But is it right and proper that the public should adjust to this modus operandi and be socially imprinted with corporate socialisation? Should we cower in the face of human rights and public interest when addressing transparency in Council?

Byron residents have a Charter of Human Rights which Byron Shire Council ratified (28 March, 2020).

Therefore, accessing their locally recognised human rights, ratepayers and residents can demand from Council the need for a full environmental impact study (EIS) that addresses the impacts on the WHOLE site. That being: the bird habitat of wetlands, and the actual immediate residential proximity.

Transparency is a right, and the community have valid ratified human rights when addressing the above.

Jo Faith
Newton

Vax on / Vax off

■ In properly-scrutinised vaccination rollouts it is to be expected that vaccines are used as a device to protect the most vulnerable and otherwise to provide the most effective shield against spread of disease. In our federation the starting point is an equitable pro rata state allocation of vaccine. However, allowance should be made for targeting susceptible communities.

These matters should be thrashed out at national cabinet. We should not have allocation unilaterally determined. However, decisions around allocation have been far from transparent. It appears that Lieutenant General Frewen has been saddled with the unsavoury responsibility of explaining the recent extra distributions to NSW, thereby giving less to other states. Lt Gen Frewen has allocated the extra supplies, including those from Poland, on the flimsy, implausible basis that 'the GP clinics had recently come online'.

Extra acquisition and supply-chain logistics are not justification for inequitable supply. An inequitable distribution should only be done by agreement with all states/

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Another way to die – or do we need another model of power and influence?

■ Let's make war on China. Scotty from marketing tells us that the relatively benign security environment Australians have enjoyed in the region for many decades is about to end – and he's right, his actions ensure it. He's reinforcing our dedication to America's incessant war mongering against our major trading partner by buying nuclear powered subs to threaten them.

Whose bright idea was that? The USA is destroying our economy and Morrison of the brown nose is eager to help. The USA has the largest armaments industry in the world that virtually owns US foreign policy, which is why they've been in an almost constant state of war since WWII.

War mongering is massively profitable for the few, but disastrous for the many, as witnessed by America's shrinking middle class and their growing pool of working poor and homeless, along with their ageing and crumbling infrastructure. ScumMo is setting us on exactly the same path.

The USA is the distillation of the way our civilisation has operated for thousands of years; the colonial model of power and influence from military might. That's no longer sustainable; we need a new game with different rules. Mutual prosperity through co-operation might be worth a try, because peace tends to be extremely prosperous for most of us, just not so much for the arms makers.

It's probably worth noting that China, who, unlike the USA, have not



been constantly inflicting war around the world, have the fastest growing economy in the world, a rapidly growing middle class and it was our solid trading partnership with them that enabled us to largely avoid the global economic crash of '08 caused by the USA. Wake up Australia, we're being scammed.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

■ How wonderful for all of us – that Australia, England and America are getting together to make bigger more sophisticated 'defensive' weaponry.

I'd like to call those involved, 'unevolved territorial gorillas' except I don't want to insult gorillas.

Hannah Grace
Ocean Shores

■ The US operates more than 750 military bases in 70 countries which encircle both Russia and China, so it's not surprising that in both countries there is a heightened sense of alarm. Particularly in China.

The news that Australia has joined an exclusive nuclear club with Britain and the US (AUKUS, so that we can develop eight nuclear powered submarines and 'benefit' from advanced weaponry, like hypersonic missiles and kinetic cannons, should deeply trouble us all.

Former Prime Minister Paul Keating said, 'The agreement for Australia to move to a fleet of US supplied nuclear submarines will amount to a lock-in of Australian military equipment, and thereby forces, with those of the United States with only one underlying objective: the ability to act collectively in any military engagement by the United States, against China. This arrangement would witness a further dramatic loss of Australian sovereignty, as material dependency on the United States robbed Australia of any freedom or choice in any engagement Australia may deem appropriate'.

This could compel Australia to join the US in a war we do not want. For example, during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis the US Air Force Chief of Staff, Curtis LeMay, who had already become famous for incinerating hundreds of thousands of Japanese civilians in the war, urged Kennedy to nuke Cuba! The Pentagon, and Defence Secretary Robert McNamara, supported this. No doubt there are similar homicidal maniacs in the US government today. Is Australia really willing for them to whistle the tune?

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No more surprises – fair and equitable planning laws thanks

Dr Richard Gates

Some of you will remember the promises made, more than a decade ago, about the State government's new planning processes; processes that would provide surety for both developers and public alike.

We were promised we would all know where we stood when dealing with planning matters. There would be uniformity in planning across the state. The use of a standard planning template for Local Environment Plans (LEP) would see to it. The 'dog's breakfast' which had been ad hoc planning up to that point would be tidied up. We would all be on 'the same page'... No Gomer Pyle 'surprise, surprise, surprise' moment! And no more council-favoured 'independent' planner to put forward a proposal for yet another land rezoning for inappropriate development for either council or a developer.

Favouritism? Never!

We all knew what was going on. Particular planning organisations, or certain names on an application, could get you the best decision-making money could buy, and the bet was a sure bet. You couldn't lose. The rubber stamp of approval

was wielded even before the matter went to council or the State government.

Sometimes these same names and organisations did paid 'independent' contract assessments for these over-worked councils. 'Always happy to help out in a pinch, of course! Anyone for lunch? I'm paying.' And naturally when you applied to find out who had had a luncheon meeting under the much vaunted Government Information Public Access or GIPA Act, or as it is better known, the 'Freedom from Information' Act; you were told it was none of your business, commercial-in-confidence, private, or some other lame excuse government invented to prevent the public from knowing.

You can trust us...

The distance between the intent of the Act and the reality is very large. Perhaps you were allowed to find out something, but could not take a record of the information because it was under copyright. No capture on your mobile phone, and you must view the file in their office under the scrutiny of a staff member. Not that they don't trust you.

Sometimes files were missing. But sometimes, just sometimes, new material was there that gave the



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game away. Whoops, who left that letter in the file!?

And so the LEP process advanced and many discovered, much to their Gomer Pyle, that the one-sized LEP template shoe did not fit all comers.

Mmmm, anomalies, idiosyncrasies, outliers we are not all the same! Perhaps some exceptions are needed. 'Yes, that area certainly fits the new SP1 category for infrastructure, but we have been instructed that it is not to be given that zoning. Here is the alternative, which will allow the property to be used for purposes other than those intended, in the public interest of course!'

'So, who did you say instructed you to make that change?'

'Can't say really.'
'Cui bono?'
'What does that mean?'
'Who stands to benefit?'
'Can't really say.'
'Can I guess?'
'Sure. It's a free world!'

And while the template tango engaged the interested punter, it was business-as-usual. The tango was a distraction from the real stuff that was going on.

'Everything is on hold during this critical bureaucratic planned rebirthing for the good of the State and its customers (people must stop using that pejorative word 'citizen'). But we have an urgent matter for rezoning, which must be done now or the opportunity will be lost, never to be seen again. It's a one off, a once-in-a-lifetime chance. It will provide much needed jobs and growth.'

Of course it will. The economic imperative is always for the greater good!

So now, all LEPs are the same, just some are more the same than others. And in some cases the old plans and zonings were never incorporated into the new LEPs and still continue to be used by local government, because it suits the developers and councils; sullied handmaidens of the State.

Plus ça change! (The more things change, the more they stay the same.)

Vax on / vax off

► Continued from page 10 territories. Given that the PM talks about the premiers and chief ministers agreeing to 'open up' once states and territories reach 70-80 per cent vaccination rates, there is a clear focus on consensus. So shouldn't any departure from a pro rata distribution to states also be by consensus?

Nor does correcting the numbers later on by increased allocations to a previously short-changed state cut it...

if that course has not been agreed at National Cabinet. Hell, why call it 'National Cabinet' and spruik its consensus approach if you undermine its basic principles?

There is also a troubling politicisation of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). It raises the ghosts of unexplained 'operational matters' from the PM's immigration days, which smacks of blame shifting by the PM.

Frank Lynch
Wilson's Creek

■ I have chosen to receive a vaccination.

Others have chosen not to. Unless we are living in some totalitarian state, that should be the end of the matter.

Both sides of politics are doing everything but holding a gun to our head if we don't get vaccinated.

Please; anti-anti-vaxxers and anti-vaxxers, back off. Without kindness we have nothing.

The government has no

right as to demand what people put into their bodies.

No one is denying there is a pandemic, and many have died and many will continue to die from natural causes every day.

Freedom means choice and we don't need vested interest, dumb politicians or media celebrities telling us what we should do to our bodies.

Rod Murray
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► More vax letters, page 14

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Is all cannabis the same? How do its variations impact us?

Are you interested in learning more about the cannabinoids you use? Researchers from Monash University are trying to answer the questions 'Is all cannabis the same?' and 'How do its variations impact us?' and they are turning to the Northern Rivers community for answers.

'We wanted to focus on the Northern Rivers region, which is more diverse in its cannabinoid profiles than that which can be found in the big cities,' says Yann

Chye, research fellow on the Cannabis Components Research Study team.

What is their effect?

Lead researcher Professor Murat Yücel says that while 'We know that cannabis is a hugely diverse plant. It has hundreds of chemical compounds, known as cannabinoids. Yet, we don't know much about how they affect us.'

By using state-of-the-art high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC-UV),

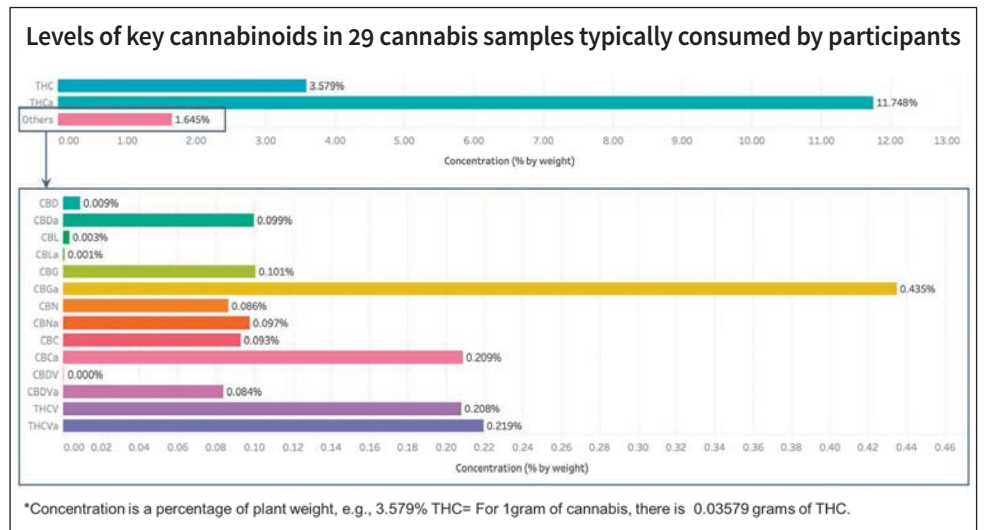
they hope to quantify the level of cannabinoids present in the cannabis that participants regularly smoke and see whether different cannabinoids interact with participants' wellbeing.

Not all cannabis is created equal

Early data illustrates the breadth of cannabinoids present in cannabis. It is exactly this profile that highlights the importance of considering the diverse qualities of the cannabis plant, rather than minimising its variance in assuming that all cannabis is equal.

Despite COVID restrictions, the Melbourne-based study team has persisted in engaging with the community, using Zoom to run all assessments.

'We were not about to abandon this incredible community when faced with COVID hurdles. For so many people, the effects of



cannabis are life changing, for better or for worse. Hearing these stories and being able to link people's experiences with what they are consuming is really exciting and meaningful work,' says Yann Chye.

Get your pot analysed

The research team have now analysed 29 samples and interviewed over 30 participants, but they require

significantly more participants yet.

They encourage community members from the Northern Rivers region – both cannabis consumers (who smoke cannabis 3+ days a week) and non-consumers, to participate in the study.

Participants complete three online interviews over a five-month period and will be reimbursed for their time. Cannabis consumers are also

asked to provide 3 x 0.5-gram samples of the cannabis they consume over the five-month period. In return, they will receive a cannabinoid profile of each sample.

Go to tiny.one/cannabis-components to register your interest or contact the research team on 0414 202 371 or cannabis.study@monash.edu.

Spread the word! It's about time this research was conducted!

CHES by Ian Rogers

Russia has won the second Online Rapid Chess Olympiad, defeating a US team in the final last week.

The FIDE event featured more than 150 teams, with the lower seeds completing a D division allowing 15 to promote to a C Final. Then 15 teams promoted from the C Final, and so on. The top eight from the A Final completed a knockout competition.

Australia was seeded into the B final and unexpectedly promoted to A after the Filipino team, which had finished second two places ahead of Australia, was expelled. (It was determined by post-match move matching that one member of the team had used computer assistance.)

As expected in an A Final with six of the top 25 countries in the world, Australia was outclassed, though the team did enjoy some bright moments including a win over Georgia (World #20) and a 3-3 draw with Armenia (#7).

The Online Olympiad's final four were the top four chess countries in the world: USA, Russia, China and India.

Notably Russia and the US

were using largely second string teams – their best male players were preoccupied with tournaments in Stavanger and St Louis – while China and India were at full strength.

India looked the team most likely, especially after they won the first set of their semifinal against the US 5-1. However, the US bounced back in the second set and then convincingly won a blitz playoff. Meanwhile Russia was narrowly defeating China, and they did the same to the US in the final, two 3.5-2.5 sets being enough to take gold.

2021 Online Rapid Olympiad Final

White: A Kosteniuk (Russia)

Black: I Krush (USA)

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0 a6 8...0-0 is more usual. 9.Nxc6! bxc6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bc4 A hyper-aggressive line, knowing that one day the...d5 advance will come and hoping to counter it with tricks. 11... 0-0 12.Rhe1 Kh8 13.Re3 Rg8 14.f4 d5! 15.Qe2! Bd6 16.e5 fxe5 17.fxe5 Bc5 17...Be7 was safer but Krush believes she is winning material. 18.Rh3! Qg5+ 19.Kb1 dxc4? Walking into a superb combination. 19... Qxg2 20.Qh5 Qg6 21.Qh4! is not easy for Black but better than the game. 20.Ne4 Qxe5 21.Rh5! f5 22.Ng5! Qc7 Declining the first queen sacrifice, but White insists: 23.Qe5+!! Rg7 24.Rd8+! Qxd8 25.Rxh7+ Kg8 26.Qxg7# 1-0

More vax on / vax off

Dear Mr Hogan (State Member for Tweed),

I tried to email Mr Morrison but the September Gazette of the 2nd September listing returned with another address, which, similarly failed.

Would you please have this forwarded to an address he will receive it?

The Pfizer vaccine was taken from the North Coast and subsequently Morrison has altered the eligibility for it.

I will not have the 'cattle fodder' AstraZeneca variety, with an effectiveness of around only 64 per cent, whilst the other two approved vaccines are over 90 per cent.

He has just made a decision effectively making the over-60s a second class group.

I have never been anti-vaccine, having filled two books of vaccine evidence that I had to have because of overseas business travel.

As a right winger I am sorry to suggest that Morrison may be back in the travel industry earlier than anticipated.

Bill Ashford
East Ballina

meat this year so far.

I cannot fly, at my own expense, to Melbourne to see my children. Yet those who profit from the unnecessary torment and slaughter of sentient animals can make big bucks flying their grisly products overseas, subsidised by our tax dollars.

As Bob Dylan sang: 'money doesn't talk, it swears'.

Desmond Bellamy
PETA Australia

I feel concerned at the comments made by the premier regarding jabbed or unjabbed members of our beautiful communities.

I hope that no shop in the Northern Rivers ever stops any person from entering, based on their medical history.

Governments are good at dividing communities.

Please, shop owners, open your doors to everyone.

Be a free thinker of fairness to all.

Margot Hays
Bangalow

Whatever our opinions, be supportive of our fellows in their stress and fear. All people make poor economic and health decisions in this state.

The ABC, with non-stop COVID babble, is a prime contributor. Ease our sanity and boredom with a 50 per cent time ban on the word 'virus'.

Hayo van der Woude
Mullumbimby

It was fantastic to see councillors almost unanimously support greater local action on vaccinations. The motion I proposed, which passed, means the Council will be taking more of a role in supporting the public health campaign to get our community vaccinated.

COVID is a terrible disease that has caused over 4.6 million deaths worldwide according to the World Health Organisation. Those who are unvaccinated are 29 times more likely to end up in hospital and five times more likely to catch covid according to the US Centre for Disease Control.

The biggest blockage to more people in the Byron Shire getting vaccinated is access to vaccines. Both the State and Federal governments have stuffed up the response.

We should have walk-in or pop up vaccination clinics available right here - not only at Lismore or Tweed hospital. With Lismore now in lockdown it is even more important to give people a local option.

Our vaccination rate is already over 56 per cent. With a little bit of work we can get it to 70 per cent or 80 per cent and help make our community as safe as possible. Kindness and empathy to those who are concerned is essential to making this happen.

Asren Pugh
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How Many Aussies/Day - R Clearly NOT O.K.?

I surmise for every attempted Suicide, there must be a **HUGE additional # of us struggling with our Situations and Mental Health!** I note from the same **webpage**

- Lifeline is Australia's largest **S.P. provider for those experiencing immense pain and anguish.**
- Its ***Support *Line receives a call every 30 seconds.**

Whole Community Education Urgently Needed.

Just 1 simple, cost free example is **expanding Community Access of the 4p *Lifeline Tool Kit: Helping someone at risk of Suicide*.** Google **Same*.* If every Aussie Home had a hard copy hanging on their fridge or other **ALWAYS frequented space...** These **wonderfully crafted and *potentially *lifesaving words** are just loaded with **so much important info including...**

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Avi Karny wasn't always an organic farmer. He began his professional life as a scientist, completing a Masters in Biochemical Engineering, majoring in plant sciences, but he longed to become a farmer, to apply his technological knowledge to a farming operation and fulfil his passion.

Through a friend, Avi and partner Orit discovered and purchased Energetic Greens, a certified organic microgreen operation selling through local farmers markets. There are no additives and everything is grown in the most natural way possible; with sun and soil. They buy their seeds to ensure the integrity of the organic chain, germinate them, and then harvest them the day before the markets.

Sunflower microgreens are Energetic Greens' signature product, but they also sell broccoli, radish, kale, buckwheat and snow peas - as well as wheatgrass.

When asked why microgreens have steadily grown in popularity, Avi explains: 'It's their nutrient levels and antioxidants, in the '90s people



became aware that seedlings contain far more nutritional benefit than their mature counterpart, particularly with broccoli sprouts, which have an exponentially more concentrated nutrient content than the mature plants'.

'Microgreens are sometimes seen as an addition to food, to put into salads, as a dressing, or in sandwiches and this is great, but they are also a fantastic and nutritiously dense stand-alone snack, one you can eat straight from the bag.'
'I feel as though the

consumer is losing confidence in the producer, and that's why it is so important for us to only use organic methods. We are genuinely dedicated to delivering great food without compromise.'

Drop in to see Avi, who always attends the markets himself. 'I would not give Mullum Farmers Market up for the world,' he says, 'it is the best place to be on a Friday morning'.

Energetic Greens are at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets every Friday 7am-11am.

The Good Life



Pizzaholic love

Over the past 18 years at Earth 'n' Sea Pizza, Denise and David have always appreciated the support from locals far and wide, and it has never been more valued than during these COVID times.

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'Our family and our team are so grateful for the regular faces (even with masks!) and the regular home delivery orders. Supporting locals and local businesses is now

more important than ever,' says Denise. 'Our teenage girls have grown up in this business, are total pizzaholics, and they love serving and making pizzas for those regular faces.'

'The whole team at Earth 'n' Sea thanks you for your support', she says.

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Byron Bay Hempire

S Haslam

Inside the gut are about 100 trillion live microorganisms that vitally contribute to a strong immune system. These microbes are essential for fighting off threats, including the virus that causes COVID-19, as well as contributing to good digestion, heart health, brain health, improved mood and healthy sleep. Healthy bacteria in the gut balance the immune response against pathogens, ensuring the immune response is strong and effective, but not hyperactive (half of American adults have chronic illnesses such as Type 2 diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease, associated with a hyperactive immune system linked to their gut microbiome).*

So, there's never been a better time to enhance your gut health, and Hempire kombucha contains living microorganisms caused by its SCOBY (symbiotic colony of

bacteria and yeast) breaking down sugars. These bacteria can align with your gut biome and have good probiotic effects. Of course you need to keep eating a diet high in fibre, with fruit and resistant starch too! A kombucha that's too sugary can have a negative effect, but that's not the case with Hempire, which is a hemp kombucha.

Stephanie describes her Hempire kombucha as being 'alchemically crafted in sacred surroundings using ancient techniques and a natural fermenting process causing a transmutation into liquid gold, a process of metamorphosis. This live culture becomes a highly unique elixir with God- and Goddess-like qualities, high vibrations and organic flavours from nature.'

This is a one-woman operation: Hempire kombucha, as well as having pretty cool labels, is hand brewed, hand bottled, labelled and hand delivered to stores in the local

area with her passionate and creative drive. She says you can drink it as a cold refreshing medicinal beverage, or as a mixer with your favourite spirits, and... each bottle contains THREE serves!

I think this last point is important; I drank my entire bottle in five minutes and I don't think that's recommended. However, I actually



noticed immediate positive effects. As a diabetic who's cut down on alcohol, my compensatory massive consumption of zero-alcohol beer has sapped my vitality and left me feeling like a Zeppelin in a high wind. But what Stephanie calls 'high strength strong hard core kombucha brewed for pirates!' seemed to rejuvenate even this flabby general manager. Well worth trying!

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*see <https://theconversation.com/a-healthy-microbiome-builds-a-strong-immune-system-that-could-help-defeat-covid-19-145668> by Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Physiological Systems Ana Maldonado-Contreras, University of Massachusetts.

Tweed River House

S Haslam

I took a couple of pics at my pre-opening meal last week at Tweed River House, due to open this week. Expect beautiful, stylish interiors, a view from the deck over the Tweed River to Mt Warning, relaxed friendly vibe to the service, great food and a very good wine list. I thought the Thierry Anjou (Loire, chenin blanc) chosen for me was an excellent white for the afternoon, but if you want to pay \$250 for a bottle, or drink by the glass from \$12, you can.

Head chef Joseph McGrattan also has Gavin Hughes in the kitchen with him, and whilst the emphasis is, of course, on local seasonal, sustainable food, they actually mean it. I had a five-course vegetarian meal with too many highlights to mention (oh all right: baby fennel, smoked beetroot, roast artichokes, saute mushrooms from a supplier I'd never heard of, anise



myrtle and garlic butter). Four of my dishes were also gluten free, making it easy, and so were three of the five dishes from the meat/seafood menu



(it looked like the lobster was pretty popular).

As the afternoon wore on, cows emerged on the slopes of the distant paddocks

towards Mt Warning, and the sun shone through my dessert, the 'hot toddy' which contains rum from the local Husk distillery up the road.

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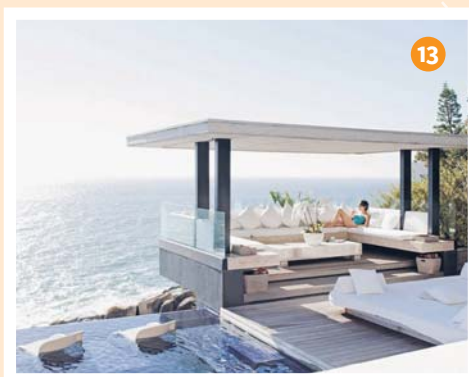
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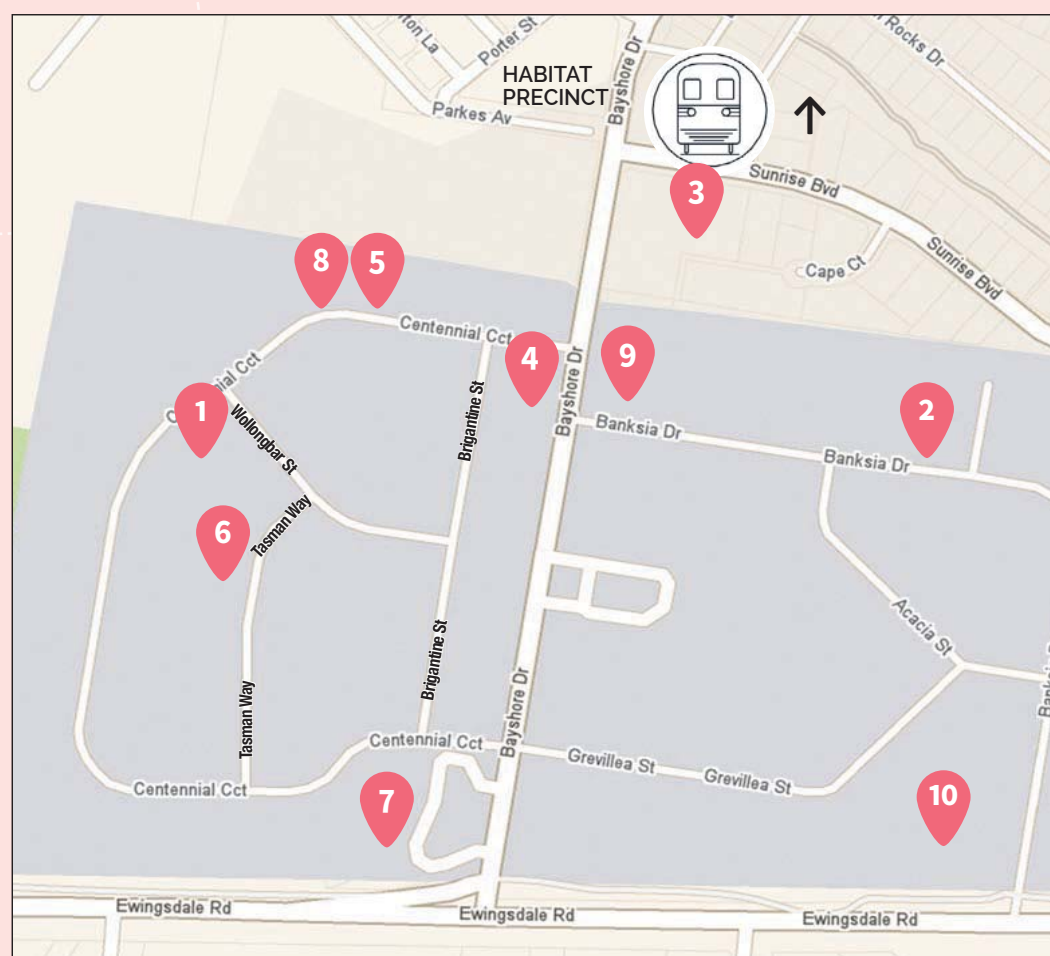
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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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WE ARE NOT FOR SALE

It seems content creators are running out of ideas to make cheap TV. It's amazing what you can come up with when you lose your ethics! Here's a few quick pitches: How about a show about chubby rich women trying to drop weight by living in Ethiopia with a malnourished family for six weeks?

No?

Okay, everyone is interested in exercise and dieting – they don't want to look big and bulky anymore. Seal jackets are so slimming. How about we do a photo shoot in a seal colony? Fat shame some seals and then club them for fashion?

Or what about *Buying Byron* – a show that gives viewers a glimpse into the most exclusive 'A List' properties in the country? A show that features spectacular beaches, and seaside glamour. 'Beachside deals, tussles for premier property listings, feuds over negotiations as agents work to secure a piece of paradise for their prestige clients.'

Buying Byron is the new series coming to the Channel Nine network in 2022.

Oh my God. Have we become that shallow? It's like wealth porn. Not even Marx could have predicted this capitalist low.

Offensive? Yes. Very. We are facing record homelessness. And somehow production companies feel this is legitimate and ethical programming. They call it the 'sexiest real estate on Earth'. Because as we all know, there's nothing sexier than homelessness.

To glamorise privilege when so many are suffering is immoral. To perpetuate the fairy tale of entitlement and wealth, while mums live with their kids in cars, when older women set up tents in the bushes – this makes me sick to my core. It makes the people who actually live here angry. This is not who we are.

Our narrative is being colonised by lazy content producers.

They come to Byron Bay to quarry for content. To fabricate a reality that drives the dollar, that pornographises privilege while at the same time entrenching poverty and housing stress. These narratives aren't just vacuous, they are dangerous. Real people live here. A connected community needs its diversity.

That amazing place they mythologise in these crap shows exists – because of the artists and musicians and cleaners and teachers and tarot readers and drummers and retail assistants and nurses. All people who cannot now afford to live here. People are being driven out because of the industry penchant for 'Luxe' Estate. It's a community killer: Snuff Realty.

Buying Byron is made by the same production company that brought viewers *Byron Baes*. Yep, remember them? Eureka Productions.

Ironic name. I guess Byron Bay was their Eureka moment; *Incredible beaches! Influencers! Beautiful People! Rich pricks!*

Like with *Baes*, consultation was not required. It's a 'docu-reality'. Basically when it comes to filming protocols, if you whack the word 'documentary' in, it falls under low impact. But the truth is – there is no such thing as low impact filming in our community right now.

We are happy to accommodate production as a location, but what happens when we are the subject? When we are inaccurately and insensitively represented? This isn't fiction. It's in the title: docu-reality. How do we account for the effects of opportunism, and its long-term harm? How do we undo the lie?

We have a housing crisis. We have a production industry with an ethics crisis.

Buying Byron is grotesque. It will probably rate well. And morality is no match for big money.

We urgently need new filming protocols that redefine what 'impact' means.

We need housing. We need truthful stories.

We need the bullshit to stop.



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- BYRON THEATRE, 7.30PM, **THREE LORDS – INCEPTION + A/V SHOW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM, **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM, **SUNSET SOIREES WITH ILONA HARKER**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL, 7PM, **CHRIS BENT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE, 7PM, **REMEDY**

SUNDAY 26

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK, 4.30PM, **KYLE LIONHART**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM, **CRAIG ATKINS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 1PM **WORLD MUSIC WITH WILL HENDERSON'S – FLAMENCO TO SOUL**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB, 3PM, **JON J BRADLEY**

MONDAY 27

- NO SHOWS TODAY!!!

TUESDAY 28

- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM, **MUSICAL BINGO**

WEDNESDAY 29

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM, **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB, 6.30PM, **MUSICAL BINGO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS, 7PM, **KINGY COMEDY – FEATURING: STEVE ALLISON AND GREG SULLIVAN. MC: MANDY NOLAN**

WEDNESDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.20PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE, 8PM, **TOM GLEESON PRESENTS HARD QUIZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**

THURSDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

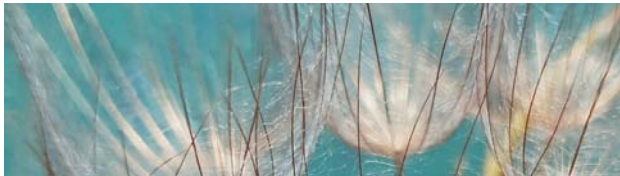
FRIDAY 24

- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON BAY, 1PM, **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTER, 1PM, **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM, **DJ DELABOSS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM, **WEEKLY WIND-DOWN WITH CRAIG ATKINS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BEN JANSZ**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM, **FAT ALBERT AND SKINNY GINNY**

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SPECTACULAR CINEMA AT BYRON THEATRE

The next few weeks at the Byron Theatre will see an eclectic array of films with tonnes of adventure, spectacular landscapes, fine art – and dogs! This is an incredible lineup of events for the end of September and the start of October.



Breathtaking (literally), *The Alpinist* is the story of a lone climber: No partner. No ropes. No margin for error.

As the sport of climbing turns from a niche pursuit to a commercial televised event, Marc-André Leclerc climbs alone, far from the limelight. On remote alpine faces, the free-spirited 23-year-old makes some of the boldest solo ascents in history. Leclerc's approach is the essence of solo adventure.

This is an intimate documentary of a visionary climber who follows the path of his own passion, despite the most final of possible consequences.

Friday 24 September, 7pm.

Three Lords are back with another spectacular A/V show to celebrate Christopher Nolan's masterpiece; *Inception*.

Three Lords and Dashboard Animals will take you on a mind-bending audio visual journey, which will pay homage to beautiful landscapes and architectural shapes and designs.

Saturday 25 September, 7pm.

***Lost Track Atlantic* is a four-part series that takes you on the journey of a lifetime, from the far north Atlantic to the tropical, equatorial coast of West Africa.**

Follow best friends, surfer Torren Martyn and

filmmaker Ishka Folkwell, in their search for waves and lifelong memories, as they journey down the Atlantic coastline passing through one of the most culturally diverse regions on the planet.

Episode 4 will be screened over two sessions, 6pm and 8pm, Sunday 26 September.

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For the first time in history, the Royal Academy of Arts in London, in collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, is bringing together all of Lucian Freud's self-portraits.

This intensely compelling exhibition creates a unique opportunity for Exhibition on Screen to reveal the life's work of a master in one show.

The exhibition will display more than 50 paintings, prints and drawings in which this modern master of British art turned his unflinching eye firmly on himself. One of the most celebrated painters of our time, Lucian Freud is also one of very few 20th-century artists who portrayed themselves with such consistency.

Wednesday 29 September, 3pm.

For dogs, dogs, dogs and yet more dogs, the Top Dog Film Festival 2021 is the place to be on 2 October.

Meet dogs from all walks of life on the big screen; from talented dancing poodles to the award winning New Zealand sheep dogs. Find the perfect guide dog in Canada and meet the New York dog walker winning over her pack. Meet four-legged heroes, witness unbreakable bonds with canine companions who enrich the lives of all those they encounter. Experience heartfelt stories of people who dedicate their lives to improving the outcomes for man's best friend, and take a look at the lighter side of the pet-owner relationship.

You'd be barking mad to miss it!

Saturday 2 October, 2pm.

In the *Gutsy Girls Adventure Film Tour 2021* you can experience the incredible highs, stunning natural landscapes and emerging communities of some of the world's most adventurous women.

Offering something for all ages, genders and adventure lovers, the *Gutsy Girls Adventure Film Tour* is packed full of adrenaline, inspiration and fuel to fire your passions. The film was born out of a desire to showcase the strong, inspirational, adventurous women of the outdoor world and the *Gutsy Girls Adventure Film Tour 2021* presents a carefully curated selection of short films that will entertain, enthrall and inspire.

The tour will take you around the globe: by bike, longboarding in the French Alps, breaking through barriers, getting big air on skies and much more.

Saturday 2 October, 7pm.



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FROZEN FEVER: FROZEN & FROZEN 2 DOUBLE FEATURE (PG) Mon: 11:00AM	JOE BELL (M) NFT Daily: 1:50, 4:00, 6:15PM	THE KILLING OF TWO LOVERS (M) Daily: 4:00PM
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	PERSIAN LESSONS (M) Daily: 3:40PM	
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STARS BY LILITH

With the Sun joining Mars and Mercury in Libra, we're wishing Happy Birthday to the Shire's peace-loving Venusian Scale Balancers...

LIBRA THE SCALE BALANCER

♈ **ARIES:** Projections are flying all over the joint this week, so if you catch yourself obsessing, don't play the blame game. With mood swings amok, if you start feeling like a ticking time bomb, that's your signal for a chill pill; to stop and do something beautiful and loving for yourself. Just for you.

♉ **TAURUS:** With Venus in Mars' sign (Scorpio) and Mars in Venus' sign (Libra), they bring out the best in each other, and this is a grand transit for all kinds of relationships, when it's easier to relate to others, to put yourself in their shoes, to accept and love them despite differences.

♊ **GEMINI:** With wordy Mercury and outspoken Jupiter teamed up in communicative air signs, news travels fast. But the messenger planet's in lockdown for the next three weeks, so it's more necessary than ever to think twice (you're a Gemini, so not a hard ask) before passing on unchecked information and data.

♋ **CANCER:** In Libra season equality's a key word, but not one to be taken for granted. Equality requires a balancing act, which is usually calculated by a decent amount of weighing and reflection. Aim for a harmonious flow of giving and receiving, plus win-win solutions that take everyone's needs into consideration.

♌ **LEO:** Humans are, above all, social creatures. We can't really live without others to exchange ideas, feelings and experiences with. In Libra season, and particularly this week, it's easier than usual to enlarge our personal, subjective bubble – to put 'we' before 'me' and extend that 'I' to include 'us'.

♍ **VIRGO:** The first six signs of the zodiac, Aries to Virgo, are about developing the self. The last six, Libra to Pisces, are about interacting with others. Only listening to our own script makes us feel lonely and alienated, whether we're in a relationship or not, and this week encourages reaching out.

♎ **LIBRA:** Yours is a cardinal, which means action-oriented, sign. So, with the Sun, Mars and Mercury in Libra, even if you don't fight for yourself, you're likely to fight for others. Gandhi, Mandela, John Lennon and the Dalai Lama – all activists for peace, light and their ideas of right – share Mars in Libra.

♏ **SCORPIO:** As pleasure planet Venus gets you back in touch with aliveness, if you're experiencing something as 'awful', turn your thoughts towards how you might transform and benefit from the present intensity. In its shadow depths this transit has a reputation for either sudden endings, or the complete redefining of a relationship's form.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Mars is currently well situated for supporting a cause you believe in, or someone else's struggle against injustice. It's also an excellent aspect for addressing relationship issues, as Mars in Libra creates a more reasonable and objective playing field. Caution: check facts and sources before you share information this week. And if in doubt, don't.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Let Capricorn Command Centre keep you steady, disciplined and focused, because Mercury's retrograde needs you being strategic for the next three weeks. If resources and supply lines you take for granted aren't available, then stock up your emotional larder with people, teachings or mindsets that give meaning to the present perplexities.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** Beauty-seeking Venus advocates the practice of living life in harmonious balance. Her gift at present is to assist your ability to see both sides of a situation while standing in the center of a paradox. Oh, and best attend to adminivia this week, because after that – it's only likely to get harder.

♓ **PISCES:** If life currently feels as bizarre as a Mad Hatter's tea party, this week's cosmic advice is to combine Mercury's pragmatism with Neptunian intuition. How? By tuning in to your inner guidance, listening to its prompts and following whatever direction you get as practically as possible. Then take a break, and do the same again.



THE INEVITABILITY OF BUDJERAH

For 18-year-old artist **Budjerah Slabb**, making music was an inevitability.

Raised in a home full of instruments by a family whose time was split between playing in family bands and leading worship services in the local church, Budjerah has crafted a sound that melds the formative elements of gospel and soul, with contemporary pop and R&B references.

He found kinship with ARIA and J Award-winning artist Matt Corby, who produced his upcoming debut EP. Corby's studio is located close to Budjerah's home in Fingal Head – traditionally the land of Bundjalung people, from which Budjerah is descended – and the two clocked countless hours comparing notes and crafting the sound that would introduce the world to what Budjerah can do.

His debut single *Missing You* was immediately added to rotation on Triple J and spent over a week at the #1 position on the station's 'most played' chart.

We might still be in the first few chapters, but it's clear Budjerah's tales will bring listeners closer together.

Byron Theatre, Monday 11 October, 7.30pm.



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Excellent musicians have been curated from our incredible local music scene for the Sunset Soirées, including **Ilona Harker, on 25 Sept**, and **Jex Lopez** launching her new single *Little Red* on **2 October**.

Also at The Regent are the **Weekly Wind-Downs** (\$15/10) every Friday night from 6–8pm; on **24 Sept** join First Nations' Blues man **Craig Atkins**, and folk-troubadour **Luke Vassella** on **1 Oct**.

World Music (\$15/10) is presented every **Sunday from 1–3pm with Will Henderson: Flamenco to Soul** perform on **26 Sept** and **Sahar** on **3 Oct**. Plus – yes, there's more – The Regent also offers a gorgeous cinema, a friendly cafe that serves Byron Bay Pizzas and a SE Asian menu at weekends, and a licensed bar – with a monthly featured cocktail; this month it's frozen Margaritas!

The Sunset Soirées are \$30 PP and you can book online at the-regent.com.au.



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- Open plan living/dining and polished floors
- High ceilings



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Perfectly located eco-oasis in the Byron hinterland

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- First dwelling: 3 bed & 1 bath
- Secondary dwelling: 2 bed & 1 bath
- Spring fed dam



156 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

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Private Home on 1609m² with Relaxing Rural Feel

- Spacious home with timber floors & high ceilings
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- Established gardens, fully fenced block, town water
- Large double bay shed plus double and single carport
- Beautiful views of surrounding farmland & Mt Chincogan
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- Road frontage is perfect for home business

Land: 1,609m²
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Land: 2,750m²
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Private acreage with beautiful views

- 5.7 north-facing acres, perfect for sustainable living
- The home enjoys a wide covered deck with spectacular mountain views
- Open plan living space connects to the alfresco entertaining area
- Shaker style kitchen with exquisite marble benchtops & chef style gas stove.
- Architecturally designed barn, resort-style pool, open paddock & rain forest

Land: 5.7 acres
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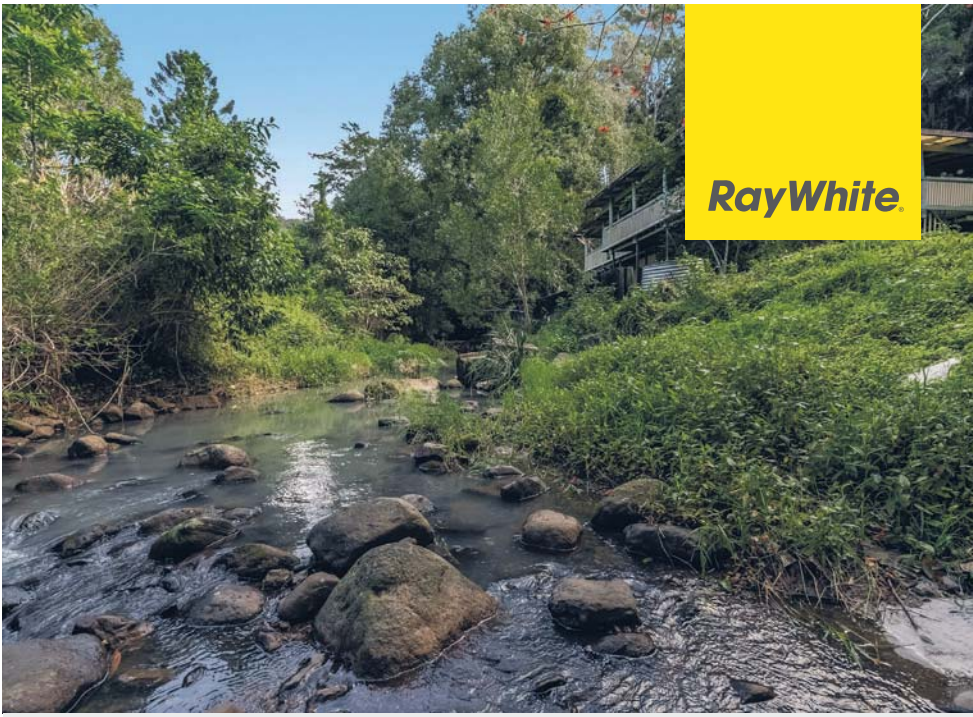


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“Water Babble” Incredible Lifestyle Property

- 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 1,751 m² 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: 1,751 m²
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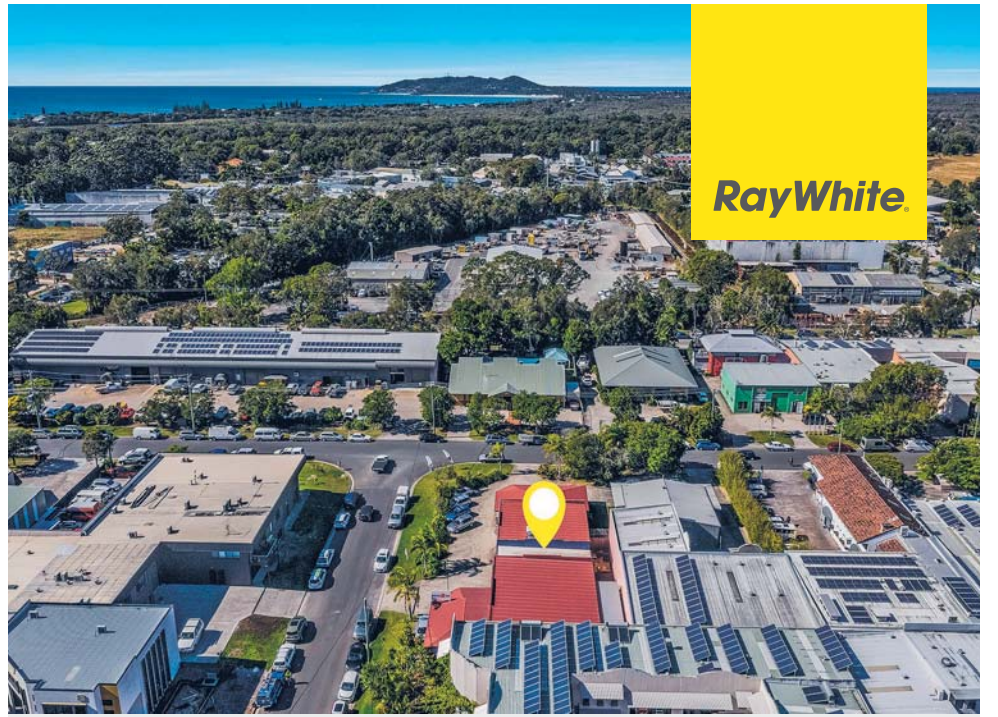


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Amazing Views, Amazing Lifestyle

- Ocean, Lighthouse and Julian Rocks views throughout the home
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- Outdoor entertaining over multiple decks, gardens and pizza oven

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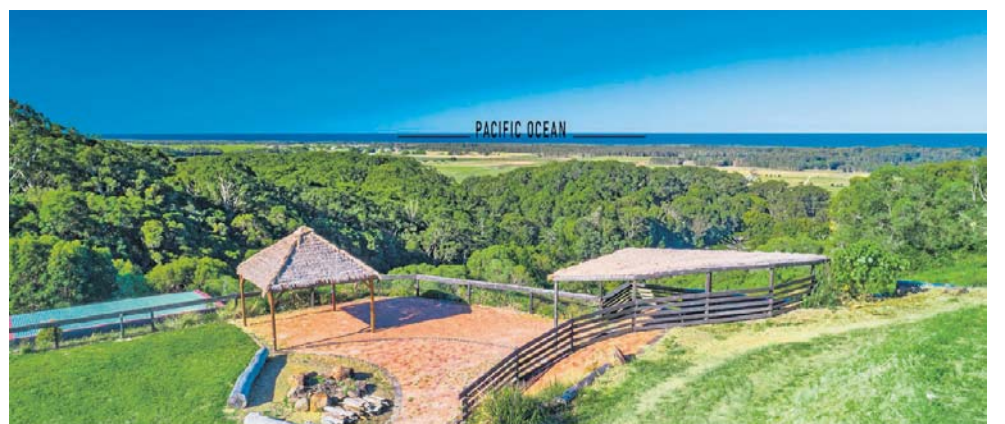
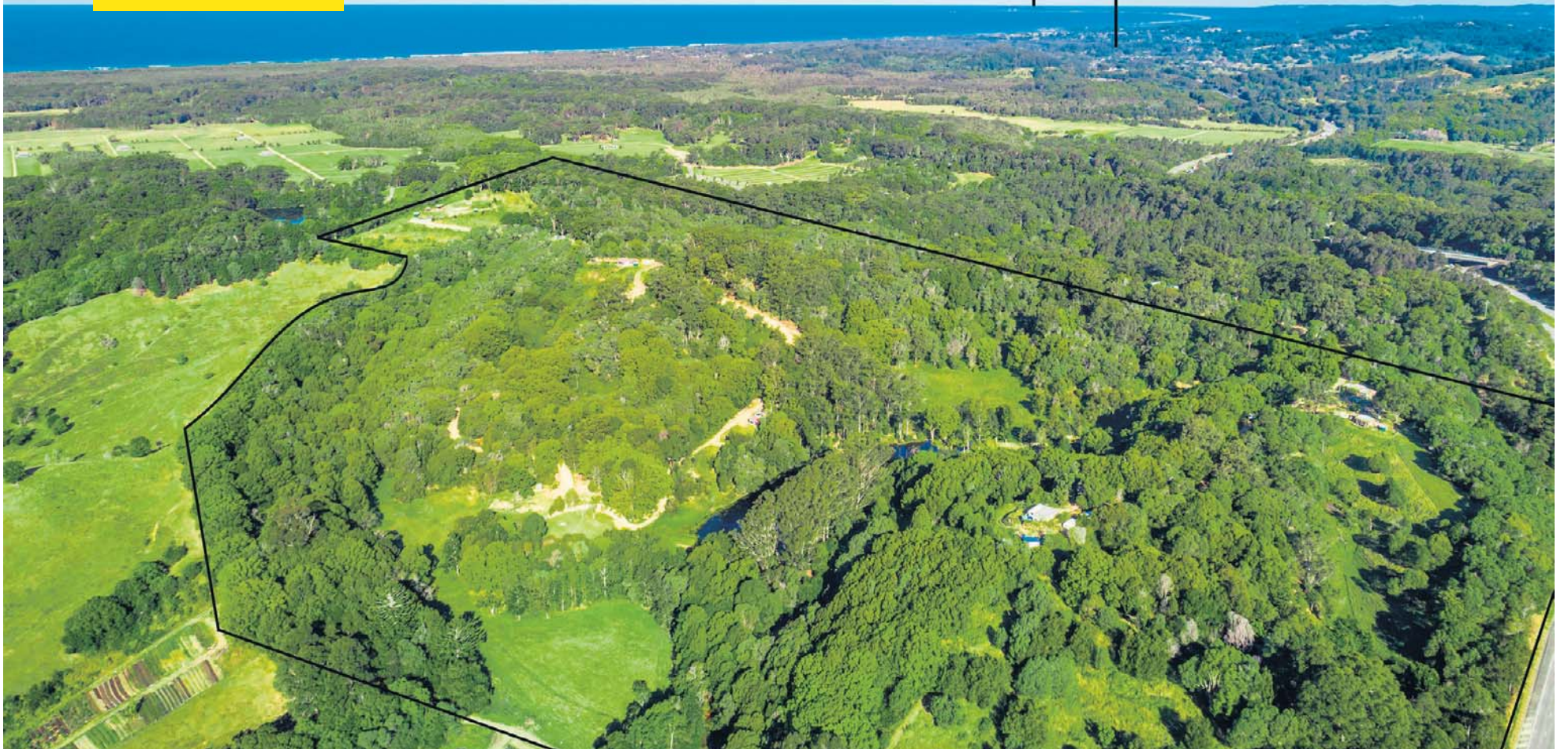
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"The Hidden Valley", Repentance Creek

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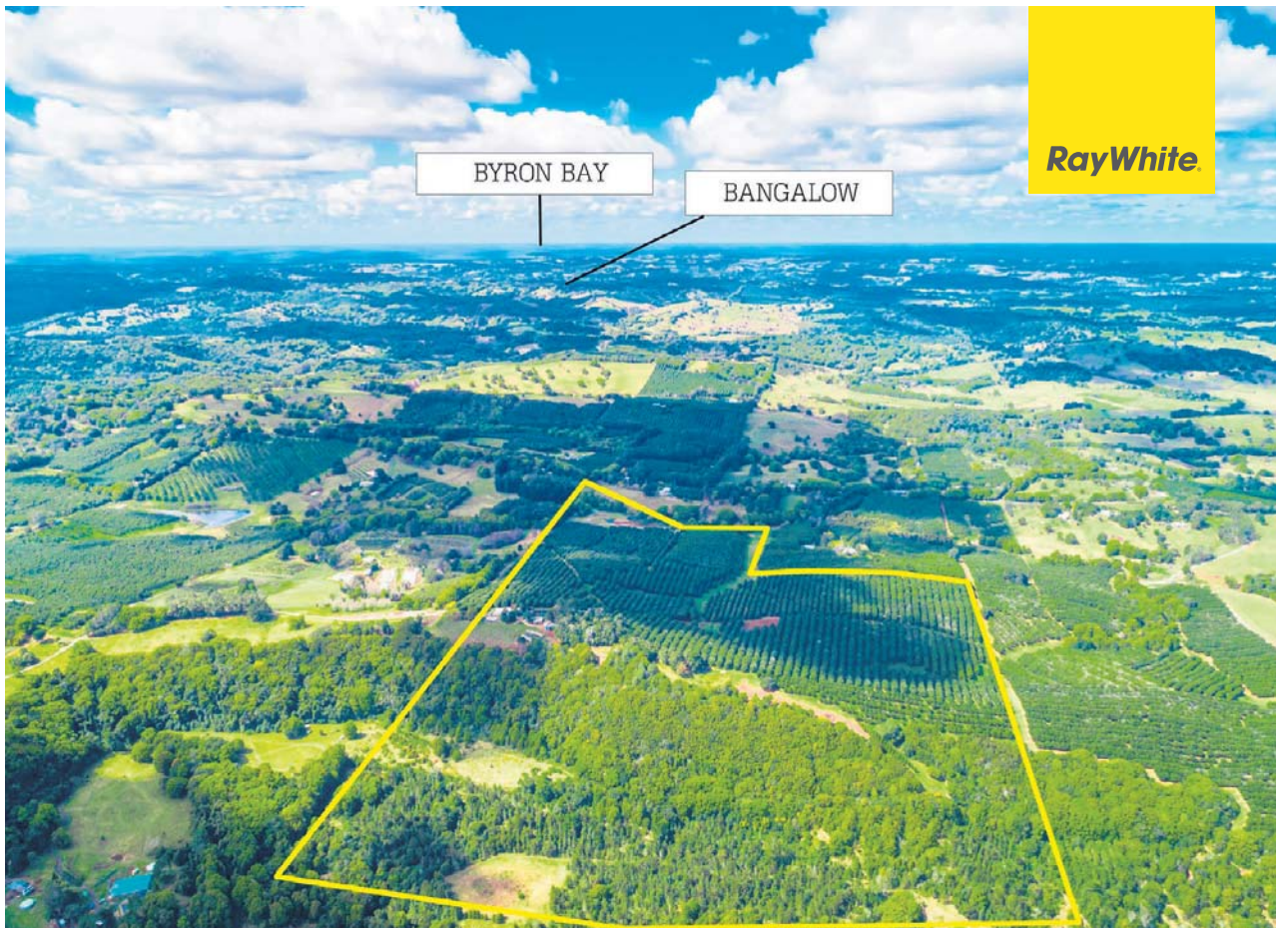
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The self-contained cottage is an excellent space for grandparents, teenagers, or potential income.

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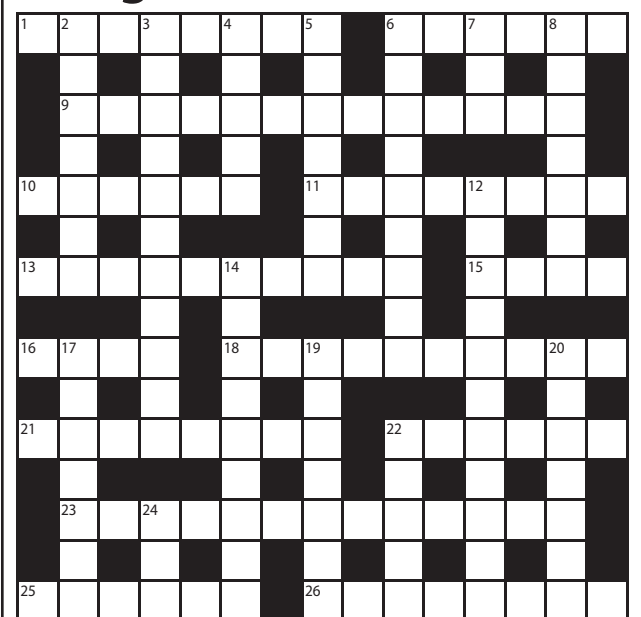
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Cryptic Clues ACROSS

- Wild bear right beside Australian territory - incongruous! (8)
- Part of the foot keeping correct time? (6)
- African beast - hybrid designed for walkers (5,8)
- Madly aspire to adulation (6)
- Polish one - try for a pure one! (8)
- Paint alone? Wrong - for this sweet three colours are needed (10)
- A lot of breeze headed off for the 500 race (4)
- Backward, crazy - knock unconscious (4)
- Haircutters dance - may include a quartet! (6,4)
- Passes over stern and bigoted conservatives (8)
- Taxes former deeds (6)
- I require a late meal (6,7)
- Fireplace - centre hot! (6)
- Getting caught making sausages? (8)

DOWN

- Weird market report (7)
- A drink for lagomorphs? But it's against the rules (6,5)
- Surprise! A 14! (5)
- Pain more terrible in explosive compound (7)
- Take cover - use care in sun (9)
- Italians say yes round a thousand for winter sport (3)
- New angle, but initially no deal for the northern nation (7)
- Popular in days gone by, a ruler is meticulous (11)
- Bar thinly explored, but it's hard to find your way out! (9)
- Attempts time and English in Italian city (7)
- Fights against difficult sisters (7)
- Goon act performed in regular shape (7)
- Occasional actor - may be wide of the mark (5)
- Former foreign minister not right for the vehicle (3)

Quick Clues ACROSS

- Atypical (8)
- Foot arch (6)
- Pedestrian walkway (5,8)
- Extol (6)
- Union with headquarters in Brussels (8)
- Common pasta sauce (10)
- US car race (4)
- Daze (4)
- Tonsorium (6,4)
- Zealots (8)
- Compels (6)
- Later dining booking (6,7)
- Ingle (6)
- It causes a loop or hole in fabric (8)

DOWN

- Outlandish (7)
- Blow to the back of the neck (6,5)
- Astonish (5)
- Anguish (7)
- Guarantee (9)
- Move on snow (3)
- British country (7)
- Diligent (11)
- Maze (9)
- Northern Italian seaport (7)
- Withstands (7)
- Eight-sided shape (7)
- Additional (5)
- Automobile (3)

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Objections must be submitted in writing to **PO Box 1400, Grafton NSW 2460** or to customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au. Objections must specify the grounds of the Objection and contain the name, address and signature (or authentication) of the Objector. You may use the Objection form watnsw.com.au/advertising-and-objections. All Objections should reference Application Number **A027564**. Objections must be lodged with WaterNSW within 28 days of this Notice, please refer to the NSW Water Register ("closing date" column) for the final date to lodge an Objection. For enquiries contact **Melissa Hundy, Water Regulation Officer**, on 1300 662 077 or by email customer.helpdesk@watnsw.com.au

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YOU DAN, John Robert

Passed away suddenly at home with his wife at his side. Much loved husband of Carol. Loved father and father-in-law of



Anthony & Diane and Angela & Eric. Loved grandfather and great-grandfather of Tara, John, Kim, Georgia, Jackson, Lincoln, Fatimah, Hayder, Ali, Saxon, Roman, and Saggad.

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DATE (Sept/Oct)	DAY/MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
22	W	5:35 17:42	18:50 6:22	09:03 1.43 21:15 1.54	02:51 0.19 14:53 0.26
23	TH	5:34 17:42	19:45 6:52	09:38 1.46 21:45 1.44	03:20 0.21 15:30 0.32
24	F	5:33 17:43	20:39 7:22	10:13 1.46 22:15 1.33	03:47 0.24 16:10 0.39
25	SA	5:32 17:43	21:34 7:54	10:48 1.45 22:45 1.21	04:15 0.28 16:51 0.47
26	SU	5:30 17:44	22:29 8:28	11:27 1.42 23:20 1.10	04:45 0.34 17:39 0.54
27	M	5:29 17:44	23:24 9:06	12:11 1.38	05:17 0.41 18:38 0.61
28	TU	5:28 17:45	9:48	00:03 0.99 13:06 1.34	05:59 0.48 19:58 0.64
29	W	5:27 17:45	10:35	01:08 0.91 14:17 1.32	06:59 0.55 21:33 0.62
30	TH	5:26 17:46	11:28	02:49 0.89 15:34 1.35	08:20 0.58 22:43 0.55
1	F	5:24 17:46	12:24	04:15 0.94 16:39 1.41	09:40 0.54 23:30 0.46
2	SA	5:23 17:47	13:23	05:13 1.04 17:32 1.50	10:44 0.46

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS 3 OCT 2:00AM

DATE	DAY	SUN RISE	MOON RISE	HIGH TIDES	LOW TIDES
3	SU	6:22 18:47	4:26 15:25	06:59 1.15 19:17 1.59	00:08 0.37 12:36 0.37
4	M	6:21 18:48	5:04 16:27	07:41 1.26 19:59 1.65	01:42 0.28 13:22 0.27
5	TU	6:20 18:48	5:39 17:30	08:22 1.38 20:39 1.69	02:15 0.19 14:07 0.19
6	W	6:19 18:49	6:14 18:33	09:03 1.49 21:18 1.67	02:48 0.12 14:52 0.15

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

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Hot Shorts

The Drill Hall Theatre Company hopes to meet new writers, and reconnect with previous Hot Shorts writers, for 2022. 30 November, 2021 is the closing date for submissions to Hot Shorts, the 10-minute play competition that has run bi-annually for the past 20 years. However, if you haven't completed writing your play by the end of November DHTC will accept, as a minimum, an outline of your play and its intended themes. Shortly before the closing date, DHTC plans to hold a one-day play-writing workshop on Saturday, 9 October to help you complete your writing. Please email us at drillhalltheatre@gmail.com for information on entering the competition and participating in the writing workshop.

CWA Share The Dignity

Bangalow CWA are conducting a Share the Dignity drive to support homeless women during the month of September. Donations of personal hygiene items can be dropped at collection points at Chemist Outlet Byron Bay, Bangalow Newsagency or the Bangalow CWA rooms.

Mullumbimby CWA

Mullumbimby CWA appreciates the support from the community for our major raffle for the hall renovation project. We particularly thank the businesses who donated all the prizes: Mullumbimby Instyle, Bridglands Betta Electrical, Linen House, Brunswick Heads Pharmacy, Byron Bay Eco-cruises, Liberty service station, Mullumbimby IGA and Dolphin Office

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursdays 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include:

Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills.

Listening Space: free counselling.
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Financial Counselling: outreach available Thursdays & Fridays

Financial Counselling: free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts.

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To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

Homeless Breakfast: 7:30-9am
Wednesday, Homeless Showers: Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm (book in at breakfasts).
Women's Support and Counselling: Friday 1-3pm, Community Cabin Carlyle St.
Seniors Computer Club: Friday 9am-11am, Community Cabin Carlyle St (school term only).
Seniors drumming, yoga, ukulele, art and drama: 6685 6807 for booking and time details.

Choice. The winners are: 1st prize, M. Polidano; 2nd, M. Alderton; 3rd, K. Cusack; 4th, R. Farrell; 5th, M. Vallance. Congratulations to all. Diane Giddins, president, Mullumbimby CWA.

Lismore High dinner

The proposed Lismore High School Centenary Dinner that was to be held on 11 September, 2021 at the Lismore Workers Club, has been postponed to 5 March, 2022. For further information, phone Helen George: 0414 734 313.

Cancer Support Group

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for four years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and to connect with other people with cancer. It runs on the first Tuesday of the month. Call David on 0428 187 025 or email david@davidyoung.com.au or Ken on 0411 233 755 kenconnell46@gmail.com.

Ewingsdale Community

Ewingsdale Community Association welcomes all residents of Ewingsdale to become members of their Association. You can join at their website, www.ewingsdale.org.au for \$10 per household, per year. The committee holds monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Usually these are held at Ewingsdale Hall but during lockdown they are held via Zoom. For more information contact ewingsdalecommunity@outlook.com. We are a community association and we need the community to be part of it.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others.

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking?

Al-Anon Family Groups meeting held Fridays 2pm by Zoom. Contact for details' - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzertati2010@gmail.com.

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Was the 'authorised worker' who caused the latest lockdown actually a police officer sent up in response to the planned protests against lockdowns? Asking for an exhausted community that has endured way too much government incompetence.

Buying Byron is the name of a new TV reality show to be filmed here, courtesy of Nine. According to its promo, it will be based upon realtors and wealthy property investors. Can't wait for *Byron Bums*, a reality show not about homeless people, but of the best bums in Byron.

Knock Knock! Who's There? Christian Porter's Million Dollar Blind Trust. Christian Porter's Million Dollar Blind Trust Who? Nuclear Submarines!

New Scientist reports that 'Blood tests could reveal who is most likely to get severe COVID-19'. The September 9 article says, 'People who get severely ill from COVID-19 tend to deteriorate at least a week or more after symptoms begin, when virus levels are falling, suggesting it is something about the person's reaction to the infection that causes their problems, rather than the virus itself.'

From *Crikey's* Charlie Lewis: [former Macquarie Group CEO Nicholas Moore], who had to front the banking royal commission over his bank's misconduct, will now review the regulators [who are] monitoring Australia's most powerful companies.'

PM's parody tweet: 'The worst thing about a federal election on the horizon is the increased terrorism threat level!'



While the Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk has been postponed owing to you know what, the public can access all 55 works online, and can also vote for the 'viewers choice' award. Visit www.brunswicknaturesculpturewalk.com for more info. Pictured are Sue and Elle Davidson, with their Kimberly topographic representation, *Country Colonise*. Photo Jeff Dawson

Hey Vic police, it's not a great look beating to the ground a defenceless 70 year old woman and tear gassing her. Sort of reinforces the police state narrative, doesn't it?

Last week's Council meeting, led by a gaggle of useless sycophants who still don't understand this community or planning laws, was yet again a win for speculating developers at the expense of environment and neighbours. The December 4 local election can't come soon enough.

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