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## NSW govt's Health Order lacks clarity

Hans Lovejoy

Confused and anxious when it comes to ambiguous and complex COVID-19 laws? You are not alone.

Local businesses have expressed confusion and resistance being expected to act as defacto police and ascertain the vaccination status of people on their premises.

The Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021 is 53 pages long, and outlines how a wide range of businesses – and individuals – should self-regulate and operate within COVID-19 rules.

Yet there is no clarification in the order regarding the 'reasonable steps' a business owner must take to ensure that an unvaccinated adult is not on the premises.

'Reasonable steps' is mentioned within sections 5.3 of the order (COVID Safe Check-in), 2.12 (certain outdoor events) and section 2.19 (Premises closed to unvaccinated adults).

Retired local magistrate, David Heilpern, told *The Echo* that the term 'reasonable steps' will eventually need to be determined by the courts.

He said, 'The government appears to be relying on the posters that they have issued, which business owners can download to go up in shop windows'. Mr Heilpern added that courts would likely decide on the 'reasonable steps' definition depending on the size of business.

*The Echo* asked local Detective Chief Inspector, Matt Kehoe, if police will be checking people's vaccination status on behalf of businesses that are required to, if



'Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community'

Anthony J. D'Angelo

This week is Carers Week, which celebrates and supports carers of all people, young and old. Unfortunately, given the health restrictions, carers often face isolation, loneliness, and poor mental health. 'A carer is generally a family member or loved one that provides unpaid support to a care recipient', explained Emma White, care co-ordinator at Byron Shire Respite Service. This is the case for Byron Shire resident, Kristina, who cares for her mother Alma, who has dementia. Kristina says her situation is not as difficult as some. 'I feel sorry for carers who don't have someone as easy I have. My mother is not an angry person'. For more info about dementia, or how to support carers, visit [www.discrimination.dementia.org.au](http://www.discrimination.dementia.org.au). Full story online. Photo Jeff Dawson

there's an issue from the business owner's point of view, such as a disruptive customer? And if so, will this mean extra/increased policing numbers for the area?

He replied, 'There are no extra police numbers to our district'.

### No proactive policing

'At present, police will not be proactively checking vaccination status of patrons and business owners. That being said, if we are called for Crime Stoppers reports or 000 calls, then there is

a responsibility for police to investigate and ask those questions. I would encourage people to comply with the current Public Health Order'.

'Please be respectful to business owners trying to navigate these challenging times and be kind to each other'.

Meanwhile, the bipartisan Cross Border Taskforce, comprising Members from both the NSW and Qld Parliaments, has called on the NSW Premier to delay double vaccination requirements until the end

of October in regional areas.

While the Order currently says a fully vaccinated person has to have two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine to enter certain premises, the Premier announced on October 7 that regional workers (not customers) will only require one shot.

The Taskforce wrote to the new premier about their concerns for the region, and asked for an outline of his plans for this region, 'so we are able to relay this to our communities and alleviate any unnecessary growing anxiety around this issue'.

## Libraries close owing to safety concerns

Public libraries across the entire Richmond-Tweed network will be closed until at least December, owing to COVID-19 safety and staff abuse concerns.

Patrons will be able to borrow books online and collect them from the library door, but there will be no shelf browsing, and all other library services such as internet and printing will be unavailable.

Librarians have told *The Echo* that a key factor in the closure was the fear that they will experience an increase in abuse from patrons if they try and police the new COVID Safe rules that came into force this week.

### Received abuse

'We've already received a lot of abuse from patrons over things like masks', one librarian said.

'There are concerns that that will increase if we have to ask everyone who comes through the door for proof that they have been double vaccinated. The closure will be there until December at least, and then we'll see'.

In an official statement, library management said the decision was based on 'a balance between meeting the requirements of the Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021 commencing October 11, and delivering quality services to library members'.

'It was a difficult decision to make, but one that provided the most equitable service to our community,' Acting Regional Library Manager Lucy Kinsley said. 'This decision will be reviewed if the NSW Public Health Order is changed.'

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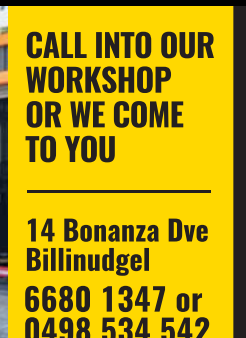
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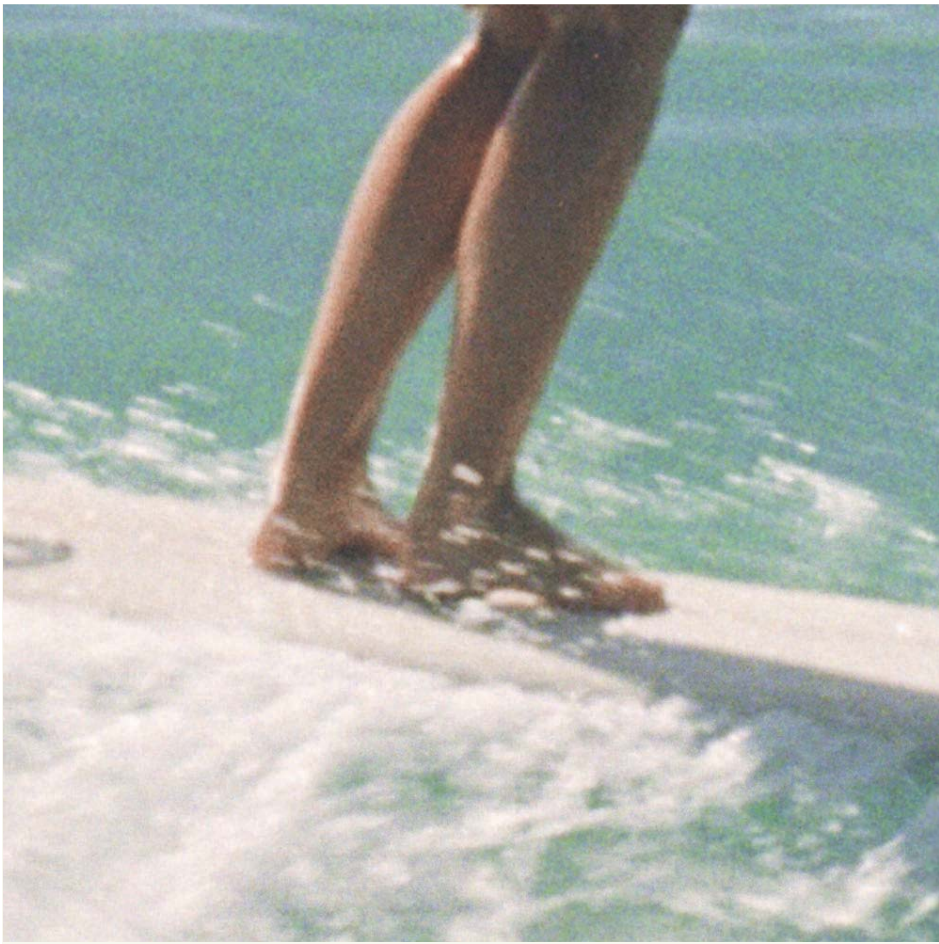
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# Defib fundraiser exceeds expectations

A GoFundMe fundraiser, started a month ago in the wake of the death of local surfer Phil Jones, has led to defibrillators being installed across the region, says co-organiser, Michael Ibrahim.

Phil suffered a heart attack in the water at Wategos Beach and died, despite 45 minutes' of CPR.

Mr Ibrahim, from Soul Kitchen, told *The Echo*, 'I happened to witness the situation on the beach, which was very distressing'.

'After running around Wategos Beach to see if I was able to source a defibrillator, I had no success.

'That instigated me to start a GoFundMe page to raise funds to donate three defibrillators to Raes hotel on Wategos Beach, the Pass Cafe and the Beach Restaurant at Clarkes'.

## Massive support

'With overwhelming support from the local community in these tough financial times, we managed to raise over \$18,000, which allowed us to purchase many more,



Local Detective Chief Inspector, Matt Kehoe, with Michael Ibrahim. Photo Jeff Dawson

and donate to seven other locations in the Shire and beyond.

'We purchased the defibrillators from [surf lifesaver] Guy Leech, who, has also donated his time to hold a free information night at the golf club on December 7.

'He has also offered a link to all our community, which

is a 20 minute course which gives you certification on defibrillators. The charge is normally \$29, but he has generously offered it to Byron locals for free.'

Mr Leech's website is [www.guyleech.com.au](http://www.guyleech.com.au).

Mr Ibrahim says the locations for the defibrillators are: Raes hotel (Wategos Beach), the Pass Cafe, the

Beach Restaurant (Clarkes Beach), Treehouse cafe (Belongil Beach), South Wall Marine Rescue (Brunswick Heads), Lennox Head Kiosk, and Shelly Beach Cafe (Ballina).

Two defibrillators have also been donated for two Byron Bay Police vehicles, and one Brunswick Heads Police vehicle.

# Creative definition of affordable housing before Council

Paul Bibby

Will Byron's planning rules once again stymie an attempt to address the Shire's housing affordability crisis?

A development application is (again) coming before this week's planning meeting, which attempts to use 'farm stay' accommodation to provide affordable housing for students enrolled in agriculture-related courses.

Submitted by Greens councillor candidate, Matthew O'Reilly, the application is for six self-contained cabins and a shared central facility at 219 Saddle Road, Brunswick Heads.

Mr O'Reilly is proposing

that two of the units be used for temporary affordable housing 12 months of the year, and that the remaining four be used in this way for a minimum of nine months a year.

## Narrative challenged

'This proposal challenges the narrative that only tourism can occur in rural zones and not affordable housing', Mr O'Reilly previously told *The Echo*.

But the plan appears to have hit a solid brick wall in the form of State and local planning rules, at least as they are being interpreted by Council staff.

They have recommended

that Council impose a condition that students and others can only live in the accommodation for a maximum of three months.

'Farm stay accommodation must be on a short-term basis', Council's manager of sustainable development, Chris Larkin, said in the staff report on the application.

'By its definition, farm stay accommodation cannot provide accommodation for a person as their principal place of residence - it is only for tourists and visitors.

'Therefore, to satisfy the definition under section 54A of the *Fair Trading Act*, the accommodation can only be provided for up to three

months and the condition is reasonable.'

In slightly better news for Mr O'Reilly, the application appears to have overcome road access and safety issues, which led councillors to defer the matter when it came before them earlier this year.

'It is considered that the matters relating to access and egress from the site can be appropriately managed,' Mr Larkin said in his report.

'The driveway entrance is to be designed and constructed to direct traffic northwards towards the Gulgan Road Interchange, and for traffic to approach the site for this development from the same direction.'

# 'Unplanned absences' see paramedic staffing levels down

Paramedic staffing levels in the Northern NSW Zone were down this week, say NSW Ambulance, owing 'partly to several short-term unplanned absences, such as sick leave'.

A spokesperson told *The Echo* the rosters 'couldn't be filled at short notice, despite the best efforts of NSW Ambulance to deploy off-duty staff'.

The reply was in response to *The Echo* asking NSW Ambulance if there were staff shortages in the region,

'owing to non-compliance with mandatory COVID-19 vax regulations, or any other reasons'.

A source who works for the local ambulance services told *The Echo* there were 42 vacant shifts in the Northern Rivers this week, and Mullumbimby was left without an ambulance last week.

The NSW Ambulance spokesperson said, 'As of October 8, more than 97 per cent of NSW Ambulance staff have chosen to protect

themselves, their families and their community by getting a COVID-19 vaccination. It is important to note the data is still being reconciled, and this percentage likely underestimates the total number of vaccinated staff, as some are not currently working in the health system'.

'While thousands of staff members have embraced vaccination, unfortunately a very small minority have indicated they do not wish to be vaccinated.

'NSW Ambulance has been working closely with the small number of staff who are yet to be vaccinated to ensure they have the information they need to make their decision.

'The *Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Health Care Workers) Order 2021* requires all NSW Ambulance staff to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, or have been issued with a medical contraindication certificate, to perform work for NSW Health'.

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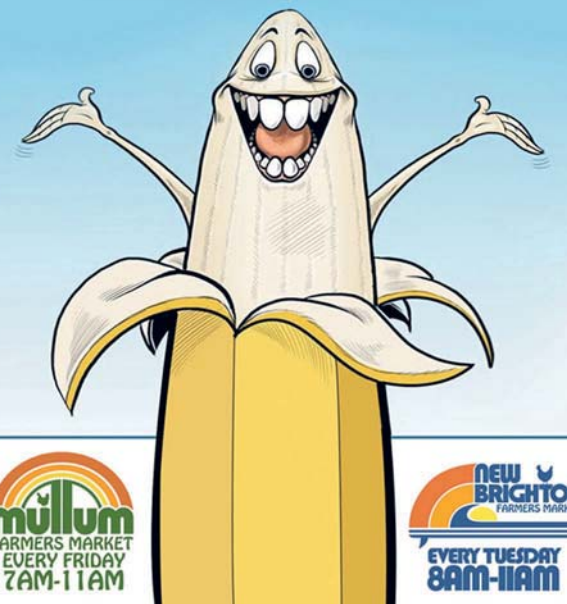
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# Mullum pub shuts till Dec 1 over forced policing of vax status

Hans Lovejoy

The owner of Mullum's Courthouse pub says the onerous requirements by the NSW government to police customers around their vaccination status, along with the cost of doing so, has forced him to close the bar and kitchen until December 1.

The Courthouse drive through bottle shop remains open.

Under strict – and ambiguous – rules around how businesses can operate between October 11 and December 1, businesses such as pubs are required to have their staff vaccinated (at least once) while only admitting customers who are double vaccinated against COVID-19.

'We are taking a stand on this until we get better clarity', Craig Watson told *The Echo*, adding that he doesn't agree with the rules, and is 'not happy getting into people's private lives'.

'I don't want to hire security to police double-vaccinated customers. The cost to hire security is also prohibitive.'

Mr Watson said the rules are hurting his staff.

'I am trying to absorb this financially as much as possible, and giving shifts where I can in the bottleshop.'

'I feel like I have no alternative but to close the bar and kitchen until December 1'.

Mr Watson said the peak lobby group, The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) – and their lawyers – told him if the police find any business not complying with the rules, they will be fined.

'No one has a say; it's just bureaucrats, chief medical officer etc'.

Under the NSW Health Orders, a business can be fined \$5,000 for breaching the vaccination requirements, while individuals can be fined \$1,000.

Legal advice provided to the Courthouse by AHA reads, 'The state government is currently working on amalgamating the QR code system to incorporate vaccination certificates from the federal government'.

'That system will be an integral component of accessing hospitality venues.'

'There will also need to be a backup arrangement for those patrons without smart phones. We anticipate that this will be in the form of a QR code hard copy document which cannot be tampered with. As was the case previously, any training of employees would revolve around ensuring compliance with the applicable PHO and Covid Safety Plan'.

When asked by the pub's manager, 'Is it legally discriminating? How do I correctly keep a database of this? What are the correct measures to take to check proof of vaccination?', AHA lawyer Russ Baldwin, replied, 'Employers have a right to ask employees to confirm whether they have been vaccinated or not'.

Mr Baldwin said, 'Any information provided needs to be treated in accordance with the relevant Privacy principles. The information can be stored in a confidential spreadsheet... In my view, the proposed vaccination laws are not discriminatory, and this is a view which is shared by discrimination law experts'.

# Vale Frank Mills, OAM

Eve Jeffery

Frank Mills had a folder labelled *The Story of Frank Mills*. It contained his story with the instructions: 'Not to be read until I'm dead!'

So herewith we have an abridged version of Frank's wonderful, long and colourful life, according to Frank:

Francis Leo Mills, Franny, Dad, Pop, but best known as 'Frank', was born on Saturday May 26, 1928 in Murwillumbah. He was the 13th child of William Leo Mills and Elizabeth Francis Rowan.

He lived at Upper Burringbar, and started school in 1934, then moved to Billinudgel Road in 1935, and Frank went to school at St John's.

During his teenage years, he worked on farms before joining the army. He joined at Mullumbimby and was part of the Byron Scottish Regiment 41st battalion No.2/66326 and was a sergeant in the Mortar Platoon.

Later, Frank went to work as a sleeper cutter and timber cutter. Frank's chair in Tweed Street was constructed by Suvira MacDonald, with his saw, bullock hooks and other items from this time in his life.

In 1952, Frank married Agnes 'Jean' McCarthy and they had a son, Bill.

They moved to Main Arm, and Therese was born in 1955 and Lorraine in 1957. Sadly, Jean died in July 1959 when Anthony was born.

Frank was a Byron Shire Councillor for 11 years from 1967 to 1978. This entailed much travel, and he met Judy



Frank was was part of the Byron Scottish Regiment 41st battalion No.2/66326. Photo Jeff Dawson

O'Riordan in Sydney and they were married in 1972.

They had a son, Paul.

Frank went into real estate and land development, and later was the Fire Control Officer of Tweed and Byron Shires.

Frank was also President of the Bushfire Prevention Association of Northern NSW for 14 years. He later received an OAM for this service to the community, and retired from work aged 63 years.

Then he was able to pursue his passion for local history.

He spent much of his time volunteering with local community groups, and gave his time generously, sharing his knowledge with anyone willing to listen. Frank loved a yarn and had an excellent memory for detail.

Always a family man, he loved to play with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with a special knack for making the babies giggle.

Granddaughter Renee says that he was so well-loved

because he had a knack for making people feel good.

'He was a real gentleman with gentle ways. A natural peacemaker and diplomat. He never said anything bad about anyone (even if you wanted him too).'

## Natural peacemaker

'He enjoyed people, sharing a laugh often at his own expense, and he was such fun to be around. He saw unity where others saw differences. An uncommon gift for his time. I guess this was his special magic.'

Frank was fortunate to live a long and full life, and will be fondly remembered for his generosity of spirit, curiosity of mind, warmth of heart and stomach jiggling laugh.

Frank died on Sunday October 3 at St Joseph's Nursing home, Tweed Heads, surrounded by his family. A favourite at the nursing home, he was given a guard of honour when he left.

He was 93 years old. Vale Frank Mills. See the full story at [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

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# Final Tallowood stage up before Council

Paul Bibby

The world may be in a state of immense turmoil and uncertainty, but at least we can rely on the inexorable forward march of the Tallowood housing development in Mullumbimby.

The Development Application (DA) for the ninth, and final, stage of one of the Shire's largest housing estates, will come before councillors for determination at this Thursday's planning meeting.

The application is for 48 residential lots, seven of which will be part of a small Community Title (CT) subdivision.

Just under six hectares will be given to Byron

Council, which is expected to maintain it for open space.

Should the subdivision be approved, it will bring the size of the total estate to 240 lots, once the final coat of paint is dry.

And it appears likely that this latest DA will be given a swift and safe passage through the approval process by councillors this week.

Council staff have recommended that the application be approved, finding that it raises few issues.

'The application appropriately addresses the relevant constraints applying to the site and is recommended for approval subject to the conditions listed,' Council planner, Ivan Holland, said in his report to councillors on

the application.

Among these conditions is a requirement that the developer abstain from cutting down or damaging any native trees as part of this stage of the development.

Unlike many of the previous stages, which involved or ultimately led to the removal of large native trees, and other remnant vegetation, Stage 9 reportedly does not.

'The proposal will not have a significantly adverse impact on the natural environment of the locality,' Mr Holland said.

'The site to be developed for residential purposes is predominantly clear of vegetation, with the remnant areas of significance to be dedicated to Council.'

## Nurses and midwives 'on tenterhooks'

NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) members are urging local communities to exercise caution, worried that any spike in COVID-19 hospitalisations could overwhelm the health system and its already stretched nursing workforce.

Nurses and midwives have described being 'on tenterhooks' about staffing shortages in Northern NSW public hospitals, while the state focuses on reopening after 15 weeks in lockdown.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Brett Holmes, said

widespread staff shortages were compounded by pandemic fatigue, particularly in regional areas like Northern NSW, where over 160 full-time equivalent (FTE) vacancies have been reported across the Local Health District.

'Prior to the pandemic, many public hospitals were struggling with staff shortages and relying on nurses and midwives' goodwill to accept regular overtime requests to keep their services open,' said Mr Holmes.

'Unfortunately, that reliance hasn't dissipated and

now we're hearing there are currently 163 FTE nursing vacancies in Northern NSW, with most in critical care, emergency, or medical and surgical departments'.

### Staff vacancies

Mr Holmes says NSWNMA members at Lismore, Tweed, Grafton and the surrounding regions are all anxious about what lies ahead, given they have a very limited casual or agency pool to draw from.

'This is taking a toll on the remaining nursing staff', Mr Holmes added.

## Market cancels over strict entry conditions

The manager of Mullum's Saturday market describes the introduction of *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021*, as a 'nightmare'.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society run the Saturday monthly markets, and its treasurer, Susan Tsicalas, told *The Echo* she has pulled the plug for this Saturday, saying, 'It is going to be a nightmare for us to monitor, as the borders of our market are so fluid, and I do not want to get a fine'.

'We will now be worse off for the next two months.

It is hard enough to get the markets building back and we don't need this extra hurdle'.

A letter sent to Ms Tsicalas from Council's Legal Counsel, Ralph James on October 7, offered an 'interpretation' of the health order, with the distinction being made between markets that predominantly sell food and drinks (ie farmers' markets) and those who do not (ie community and artisan markets). Requirements listed for markets that do not predominantly sell food and drinks include a COVID-19

Safety Plan, a density of one person per 2sqm.

'Retail premises must have COVID Safe check-ins... that must be kept for four weeks', the letter reads.

Mr James added that the order requires stallholders and customers to be fully vaccinated with two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or have a medical contraindication certificate. This may change, he said, given the premier stated that regional workers will only require one shot. 'The Order has not yet been updated to reflect this announcement'.

## Police call for busking ban, backed by interim mayor

Paul Bibby

Have you noticed that the streets of Byron Bay have been a less tuneful and colourful place in the past week or so?

That's probably because Byron Shire Council has quietly banned buskers, pop-up stalls and tarot card readers from the streets of Byron at the request of local police.

And councillors will, this week, vote on whether or not to formalise the ban, meaning it will extend until at least the end of October.

In a notice of motion to this week's Council meeting, interim mayor, Michael Lyon, said that, following the request from police, he used his delegated authority to implement the busking ban.

'There are heightened community concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19 into the Byron community, as more people begin to travel to the region', Cr Lyon said

in the notice of motion.

'The Public Health Order outdoor gathering restriction remains at 20 persons'.

'It is the end of the September school holiday period, and October Labour Day Long Weekend in NSW, this on the back of the lifting of recent lockdowns is expected to see more people in the Byron area.'

The ban includes 'tarot card and palm readers, fortune readers' and 'the display or demonstration of items... with an implication that they are available for sale or otherwise in exchange for money'.

The motion proposes that the ban should be in place until October 31, 'or until the Public Health Order on outdoor gathering restrictions is increased to at least 50 persons'.

It is the second time Council has sought to ban busking and the like during the COVID-19 era.

## Pair who sparked lockdown face court

The father and son from Sydney's eastern suburbs who sent the region into lockdown by bringing COVID-19 to Byron, have pleaded guilty to some of the charges against them.

Zoran Radovanovic, 52, and his 19-year-old son, Kristian Radovanovic, elected not to appear in person when their cases came before Lismore local court on Monday.

However, lawyers for the pair entered a series of guilty pleas on their behalf.

Radovanovic senior pleaded guilty to four charges of failing to comply with electronic registration codes (QR codes). He has not yet entered a plea in relation to three charges of failing to comply with a COVID direction.

Kristian Radovanovic

entered guilty pleas to all four charges against him, including two charges of failing to comply with electronic registration (QR codes), one charge of failing to comply with a COVID direction, and one charge of failing to wear a face mask on public transport or in a taxi.

Police allege that Radovanovic senior drove to the North Coast in late July with his two teenage children to look at real estate and failed to use QR codes to check in to venues.

Both father and son remain on bail, with the father's case to be mentioned again at Lismore on November 15 and the son's matter to be mentioned in Waverley Local Court on November 8.



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**The vaxed and non-vaxed rules of the Tweed**

Tweed Shire Council says that Stage 1 of the NSW Government's 'roadmap' for easing COVID-19 restrictions will begin today, Monday October 11, requiring changes to some Council operations.

**Pandemonium predicted if there is no regional roadmap to recovery**

Tweed Mayor, Chris Cherry, has called out new NSW Deputy Premier Peter Toole's assertion that it has been difficult to get the regions to vaccinate, saying that it has been the lack of available vaccines that has caused the delays in vaccinations.

**Lismore one of four test areas for COVID digital vaccination certificate**

Lismore 'customers' will be the first to display their COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate on the Service NSW app.

**COVID Venues of Concern updates**

The Northern NSW Local Health District has been notified of new venues of concern associated with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the region.

**Lismore lights up purple for DLD Awareness Day**

If you see something unusually purple next week in Lismore it's not your eyes playing tricks - Lismore City Hall will light up purple on October 15 to celebrate Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Awareness Day.

**Ballina's open and closed doors include the Cultural Centre and Community Gallery**

Ballina Shire Council say they are working hard to keep our community and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Interact Club off to a great start in Ballina**

David Lowe

A group of young 'Interactors' from Ballina Coast High School have been acknowledged by the Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond for their service to the local community, with a recent presentation of T-shirts and certificates at the Ballina RSL Club.

In a year in which studying (and community service) was dominated and interrupted by COVID-19, the first batch of Interactors focused on raising awareness of domestic violence (DV), supporting homeless people with care packs, and writing personalised cards for those attending the Hot Meal Centre.

Karen Stanton is Ballina Rotary's Youth Director and the Chair of the Interact Committee. She explained Interact was like a junior version of Rotary. 'It introduces



students to the idea that we're here not just for ourselves, but for the community as a whole.'

'It's for anyone from the age of 12-18', she said.

Ms Stanton said it was heartening to see how many students had decided to become involved in the first year, in spite of COVID-19,

and that the individually created hand-made cards presented to Hot Meal Centre patrons were a highlight.

**Beautiful messages**

President of the Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond, Col Lee, acknowledged the beautiful messages provided by the Interactors to those

attending the Ballina Hot Meal Centre who were doing it tough, which resulted in some 'wonderful feedback' and he congratulated the assembled young people for taking their first steps into community service.

Principal of Ballina Coast High School, Janeen Silcock, said she had no hesitation

encouraging her students to get involved with Interact.

'Australia's backbone is built on volunteers, and clubs like Rotary support that ethos of looking after your community as well as yourself. This is about establishing that in an inter-generational way,' she said.

'We've always said that our purpose in life is to raise good men and women who will go out into the world and contribute meaningfully to the lives of others as well as themselves. This epitomises that,' said Ms Silcock.

Young Interactors present on the night ranged from years 7-12.

Thomaz Westaway has been an Interactor in Year 12 at Ballina Coast High School since May.

He said the club can help out in the community in many positive ways.

**Govt bill would shift vax injury liability onto employers**

A NSW Private Member's Public bill, introduced by conservative Christian Democrat MP Fred Nile, would, if approved, force employers to be 'liable to pay compensation to the worker for any injury, loss or damage suffered by the worker as a result of the vaccine'.

According to [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au), the *Public Health Amendment (Vaccination Compensation) Bill 2021* is yet to have its second reading debate, and is an amendment to the *Public Health Act 2010 No 127*.

Part (3) reads, 'The relevant body [employer] continues to be liable to pay compensation to the worker until the worker's death, even if the worker ceases to be employed or otherwise engaged by the relevant body'.

At the commencement of the vaccine rollout, the federal government provided indemnity, for those administering vaccines, around injury and death.

**Policing practice and equipment questioned**

The Council for Civil Liberties (NSWCL) have told *The Echo* they are still waiting to hear back from NSW Police Commissioner, Mick Fuller, around their concerns with policing, as they respond to the pandemic.

NSWCL's Rebecca Payne wrote to the commissioner

on September 24, prompted by the escalation of violence in Victoria and the 'possible possession and use of pepper pellets and hard squash-ball like missiles' [by the NSW police force].

Ms Payne asked 'Is such equipment being held in reserve?' and, 'How did the

NSWPF come to get such equipment?'

'In what circumstances will they be used?'

'We also asked whether equipment similar to that seen deployed in Victoria is being held in reserve in NSW, and in what circumstances we are likely to see it used'.

**Police powers under the Public Health Order challenged**

The legal validity of several powers that have been given to the NSW Police Force under the current Public Health Order will be challenged in the Supreme Court of NSW on October 19.

According to the Australian Criminal and Family Lawyers, the court 'will decide whether to grant our client the protective costs order', which has been refused by the defendant, the State of NSW.

A [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) petition by the law firm has attracted over 7,400 signatures.

The challenge, says the firm, concerns powers to 'stop a person and ask them to produce their identification

in circumstances where police have no basis to suspect that they have breached the public health order'.

'Our client's challenge also seeks a declaration that these police powers are legally invalid insofar as they have the effect of abrogating a person's right to silence and right against self-incrimination.

**Right to silence**

'In Australia, people have a right to silence and a right to refrain from saying or doing anything which may incriminate them. These are fundamental protections which are afforded to every person. They have long been

held to be central to the administration of justice.

'The reason we want people to sign this petition is because, while we do not want the public to pay for our work, there is potential that if the challenge fails, our client will be liable to pay the State's legal costs. These costs will be in the thousands and would likely bankrupt our client'.

They say the 21-year-old client is an apprentice builder 'and has very limited means to bear the costs of such litigation'.

The petition is at [www.change.org/p/public-of-new-south-wales-help-us-challenge-police-powers-under-the-public-health-order](http://www.change.org/p/public-of-new-south-wales-help-us-challenge-police-powers-under-the-public-health-order).

**Wildlife Hospital sets sights on Wollongbar location**

A proposal for a wildlife hospital on a 2.39 hectare parcel of Crown land in Lindendale Road at Wollongbar, is before Ballina Council and on public exhibition. Northern Rivers Wildlife Hospital chair, Ninian Gemmell, welcomed consent for the use of Crown land for the proposed hospital.

'The land being offered is in an excellent central location with good road access to service the Northern Rivers', Mr Gemmell said.

He added, 'A dedicated wildlife hospital will save thousands of injured and sick animals, and minimise the need to euthanise them.'

'We also aim to operate as a research and public education hub, and promote the preservation of habitat in the region'.

According to the proposal at [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/council-notices](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au/council-notices), the proposal would be on land that is currently zoned 7(c) Water Catchment Zone in Ballina's LEP 1987. It reads, 'A new clause is proposed to be added to the

LEP to allow, with development consent, a veterinary hospital and an information and education facility on the land. The existing 7(c) zoning will not change'.

According to the planning proposal, there would be parking for 20 vehicles, and a 'new driveway, pathway and landscape works'.

It reads, 'The wildlife hospital is proposed to operate on a seven day per week basis, between the hours of 8am to 4pm. In terms of visitors to the site, it has been submitted that one visitor per hour is anticipated to attend the premises during operating hours, as well as one to two deliveries of medical supplies per day.'

'The proponents have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NSW Department of Primary Industries. The MOU provides for a legal tenure agreement to be entered into, and the construction and operation of a wildlife hospital facility'.

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## Youth empowerment program gets \$10k boost

An Indigenous-led organisation that engages at-risk youth with evidence-based educational mental-health programs involving music and film has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Westpac Foundation.

One Vision Productions, along with the Shift Project Byron Incorporated, received the donation recently.

One Vision Productions founder, Mark Robertson, said, 'The support has seen us launch Australia's largest online mental health toolkit, MPOWER. The grant will allow us to continue expanding our life changing mental health programs Australia wide'.



From left, Chris Liddell, senior editor, Mark Robertson, director, Victor Holder, editor. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Solar system on offer for community project

Local solar company, SAE Group, have just launched their annual community support project, which calls for nominations for a business, charity, sporting association or resident who would benefit from a solar system.

Managing director, Glen Ashton, said, 'We know a quality solar system delivers savings for many years to come. Essentially, our upfront donation of a fully installed solar system is compounded by 15 plus years of electricity savings, which in turn frees up valuable dollars for these vital organisations within our community to extend their positive impacts'.

Mr Ashton added, 'We started the business because we wanted to create a great place to come to work.' says Nathan Gudsell, 'It was a



Apprentice, Harry Mathison in front, Nathan Gudsell, director, Jack Whiteley, installer, and Blaine Thomas, apprentice. Photo Jeff Dawson

natural move to start supporting local organisations that our staff were involved with,

and it's grown from there.' Entries close on October 15 and more

info can be found at [www.saegroup.com.au/good-energy-giveaway](http://www.saegroup.com.au/good-energy-giveaway).

## Chamber: vaxed staff needed for possible tourism surge

Mark Ryan

The next eight weeks could be polarising!

From October 11, those who are fully vaccinated will have freedoms, and those that choose not to vaccinate will not be allowed in some venues until December 1, including hospitality workers.

Whether we think this is fair or not, it is going to happen regardless.

There are several questions around how heavily the 'vaccinated framework' will be enforced.

However, having said that, at \$1,000 a fine for an individual and a \$5,000 fine for a business, it is not clear how many people will be rolling the dice and opening their businesses up to unvaccinated people, noting, for

example, the strain Byron businesses have felt over the past year.

The silver lining out of the vaccination driven restrictions is that no other state will open before NSW. So, when Sydney is released from lockdown, Byron Bay could well be at the top of the list of holiday destinations.

To take advantage of this opportunity as a business community we need to be ready. This means, hospitality workers being vaccinated if they want to work before December 1.

Byron Bay has an incredible opportunity to be back to full trade in October, as long as we can meet our staffing requirements in venues.

Local business leaders and politicians have been able to achieve some dispensation for

those workers who have not been able to book in for a vaccination owing to the delayed and limited availability of vaccines in regional NSW.

This means that if you work in a hospitality venue and you have had one dose of a vaccine, and booked in for your second, you will be able to continue working.

This is a major benefit to local businesses who have already had significant staffing issues owing to the increased cost of living in the Byron Shire, limited rental market, and borders being closed to seasonal workers entering Australia.

Hopefully we may see a recovery for local businesses after the rest of NSW opens up on October 11, prior to a much needed busy Christmas trading period!

Mark Ryan is president of the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.

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## Vaccination clinic opens in Byron

Aslan Shand

Those wanting to get vaccinated can now do so at the new COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Byron Bay, which will operate until October 22.

The NSW Health clinic will be offering Pfizer vaccines at the Byron Bay Surf Club, Bay Street, Byron Bay.

The clinic will be open Monday to Friday between 8am and 3.30pm, with walk-ins and booked appointments available.

Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) COVID-19 Vaccination program co-ordinator, Matt Long, said the District has been continuing to work closely with health partners and community leaders to expand local vaccination

options as vaccine supply increases across the region.

'As restrictions in NSW gradually start to ease, the risk of coming into contact with someone who has the virus will be higher,' Mr Long said.

### 72% first dose

While many in the country have labelled the Northern Rivers region as anti-vax, with Mullumbimby being touted as the 'anti-vax capital', it may come as a surprise that as of October 4, 72 per cent of people in the Byron Shire had received their first vaccination dose.

For many locals, this highlights that it was less that people were unwilling to get vaccinated, and more that the vaccines were not available, until recently.

## Fragile artwork reflects a locked down community

Elizabeth Allen

Ocean Shores artist Coral Larke sees her work, *Lockgown*, as a symbol of fragility.

'It's a conceptual piece', Coral says of her ballgown, which is made of toilet paper, surgical masks and newspaper clippings.

Coral won the \$1,000 Vale Award in the Ocean Shores Art Expo, which opened on Saturday October 9.

'The idea is the fragility of life and how we can't take anything for granted'.

'I was perplexed as to why people would fight over toilet paper and hoard it.

'Then I realised people were frightened.

'Masks are paper thin and toilet paper is just paper, but they are protecting us.

'There's the fragility of paper and the fragility of life. Our relations with others are also so fragile'.

Coral, a former belly dancer and costumier, moved from Melbourne to



Coral Larke with her work, *Lockgown*. Photo Tomas Trinkl

Byron Shire in July.

She bought the *Lockgown* mannequin second-hand in Ballina, but usually picks up the raw materials for her artworks from the roadside.

'I pick up objects from the streets', she says. 'I get a compulsion to take them

home even though I don't know why'.

A collection of hubcaps painted as mandalas became an exhibition at the Monash Gallery of Art. She next plans to examine what lies behind the fierce pro- and anti-vaccination debate.

'It seems to be another example of collective insanity', she says.

For the full list of this year's OS Art Expo winners, visit [www.osartexpo.com](http://www.osartexpo.com).

■ Elizabeth Allen is from the Ocean Shores Art Expo.

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## Police initiative offers vaccination bus

Story & photo Zoë Duc

On September 28, the Tweed-Byron Police district decided to help the community get vaccinated by driving those willing to receive the Pfizer vaccine to a vaccination centre in Goonellabah.

While I was working on articles at the hostel where I live, two police officers arrived and asked my friends and I if we had been vaccinated.

We answered 'No'. The two police officers then explained to us that there was a bus at the hostel entrance picking up people interested in receiving the vaccine for COVID-19.

My friends and I jumped at the opportunity. The bus was heading to Lismore Workers Sports Club in Goonellabah, a walk-in vaccination clinic.

Curious to know who had set up this initiative, I asked Superintendent Dave Roptell about it.

'It's from our police district, in support of all services which are contributing to having people vaccinated', he said.

This initiative comes first from Acting Inspector Matt Woods, from the Tweed-Byron police, who decided to take time to help the community to access COVID-19 vaccination.

'We did that because we know people are struggling



Police organised a bus to take those unvaccinated, without transport, to get their shots.

to get vaccinated in the region', said Superintendent Roptell before adding 'we encourage the community to help each other'.

With Northern NSW having one of the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates, the local police have decided to help the most vulnerable people in the community.

The bus stopped first in the Tweed area, picking up Indigenous teenagers and vulnerable elderly people, then stopped at different housing accommodations in Byron Bay, such as YHA Hostel and WakeUp Hostel.

With a driver and two police officers, the bus managed to bring in a group of nine people to Lismore who were ready to get vaccinated.

Thanks to the Tweed-Byron Police district's relationships, NSW transport

provided, for free, a bus and a driver to take part in this voluntary local project.

As Superintendent Roptell explained to *The Echo*, the police will see if the community continues to need help reaching COVID-19 vaccination centres and will

provide the bus vaccination tour if needed.

'We will help them [the group of nine] to reach their second doses if they still need transport', added Superintendent Roptell.

■ Zoë Duc is an *Echo* intern.

## BayFM pauses subscriber drive

Radiothon, which is BayFM's major subscriber drive, will not be held this year, says management.

Ange Kent from BayFM 99.9 told *The Echo* the decision was made to 'save on expenses, and we didn't think it was fair to hit up our sponsors for prizes while we are all financially struggling'.

Ms Kent said, 'We'd rather focus our energies on making the station as good as we can, so people subscribe for

the right reason.

As such, lapsed subscribers will be reminded to renew, she said.

'Most people are surprised to learn BayFM is not funded by any level of government. We do win the occasional grant to create programs, but virtually nothing to keep the station open.

'It's our subscribers, donors and sponsors that have kept the station running for 31 years'.



# Youth HQ in need of solar



Sam Jeong White, Charlie Mayall, Charli Ridgewell and Carlin Grierson-Jones need bigger batteries so the BYS centre can run on renewables. Photo Jeff Dawson

Byron Youth Service (BYS) have launched a new fundraising campaign, 'Power to the YAC', that aims to make the facility Australia's first off grid Youth Centre.

BYS General Manager, Christian Tancred, says a major fault occurred early in 2021, leaving the YAC without power.

### Responsibility

'Neither insurers nor electricity suppliers accepted responsibility', he said, which left the independent not-for-profit BYS reliant on a generator to power the YAC.

This created challenges for BYS: to operate its programs and services for the last five months, and a massive bill.

Mr Tancred said, 'The current situation is unsustainable, and has put huge stress on staff and the many users of the YAC. It has made the provision of services for our young people really challenging'.

'BYS staff are not the type to stand around crying over a problem, so we decided to be proactive by going 'off grid', moving to renewable solar energy'.

'We reckon this action sets a good example for

young people, and we hope society's leaders can learn something as well', Mr Tancred said.

He says a successful crowdfunding campaign will help Byron Youth Services recoup costs associated with the fault in the mains supply line, while investing in renewable energy for the future.

'This is particularly important in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Byron's youth are facing a number of challenges, and the need for BYS services has never been higher'.

The GoFundMe link is at [www.gofund.me/d7783146](http://www.gofund.me/d7783146).

# Biz Hardship Review Panel announced

A Hardship Review Panel has been established, by the NSW government, to consider financial support for businesses experiencing financial hardship that do not qualify for COVID-19 business support measures.

The panel will assess, on a case-by-case basis, businesses which did not meet the eligibility requirements for the 2021 COVID-19 Business Grant, Micro-business Grant and JobSaver payments.

Minister for Finance and Small Business, Damien Tudehope, said the panel will include representatives from Revenue NSW, NSW Treasury and Service NSW, and will make recommendations on businesses' eligibility for

relevant support payments and grants.

'Factors that the hardship panel will consider include, for example, whether the business is an employer, in a highly impacted industry, in an LGA of concern, or has unavoidable costs for which no other

support is available'.

'Businesses will be backpaid to the fortnight where they can demonstrate the required decline in turnover to the Panel'.

For more info visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-business-support-hardship-review-panel-guidelines](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-business-support-hardship-review-panel-guidelines).



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## Clear as a muddled government

Good news! Local police will **not** be actively enforcing the government's *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021* when it comes to business activity – see page 1.

Local Detective Chief Inspector Matt Kehoe's statement should give local businesses and residents some relief as to what to expect in coming months.

Yet for the next few months, until December 1, when restrictions again ease as vaccination rates increase, it could well be a testing time for everyone.

Local Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin, posted a 670 word social media post about the latest changes for business owners, staff and customers.

Regarding the vague definition of 'reasonable steps' to prevent unvaccinated people entering certain business premises, he says, 'Reasonable steps does not necessarily require business owners/staff to ask customers their vaccination status, although you are free to do so'.

'Placing vaccination requirements posters and information at the entry of your premises, alongside Service NSW QR code check-in material, for example, may satisfy the 'reasonable steps' requirement'.

He wrote 'Basically, the only businesses/business premises that are impacted by [the] COVID Roadmap changes [and the 'reasonable steps' requirements] are the following (ie. if your business/work is not in the below list then it continues to operate as per [previous COVID Safe requirements]):

- Hospitality venues (eg. pubs, registered clubs, cafes, & restaurants)
- Places of public worship
- Entertainment facilities (eg. cinema, theatre, concert hall)
- Public swimming pools
- Retail premises, but not critical retail premises (I will list these further down in the post)
- Indoor recreation facilities (eg. gyms, bowling alley, squash court)
- Major recreation facilities (eg. showgrounds, racecourses, motor racing tracks)
- Hairdressers
- Beauty/tanning/waxing/nail salons
- Tattoo/massage parlours
- Properties operated by the National Trust or Historic House Trust
- Gaming lounges & betting agencies
- Auction houses
- Markets that do not predominantly sell food
- Information and education facilities

'A person who works at any of the above businesses/business premises must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine (and must have their second scheduled by November 1). For customers, to enter any of the above businesses/business premises, from today, you must be fully vaccinated. You can, however, still access click and collect and takeaways at the above businesses/premises'.

So there will be no vaccination requirements for staff or customers in 'chemists and pharmacies, garden centres and plant nurseries, hardware and building supplies, kiosks, landscaping material supplies, rural supplies, shops that predominantly sell food or drinks (eg butchers, bakeries, fruit shops & delicatessens, but does not include restaurants or cafes), shops that predominantly carry out repairs of mobile phones, shops that predominantly sell any of the following in the course of the normal operation of the shop: (i) office supplies, (ii) pet supplies, (iii) newspapers, magazines or stationery, (iv) alcohol, (v) maternity or baby supplies and (vi) medical or pharmaceutical supplies, supermarkets & grocery shops, timber yards', and 'vehicle hire premises, but not the premises at which vehicles are sold'.

While Ben Franklin's helpful advice may clear some of the confusion his own government has created, he represents a government that has eroded the ability of society to be resilient in such times of pandemics.

The NSW Liberal-Nationals have been in power for 15 long years, where education and the public health system, just for starters, have been considerably eroded.

We rely on, and pay for these institutions to adequately educate our children about science and critical thinking.

We also rely on, and pay for a health system to be able to be resilient when it comes to health emergencies.

Stay safe everyone!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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

## Can we inoculate against the racism virus?

**L**ike many others, I watched with interest the recently screened ABC documentary, *The School that Tried to End Racism*.

The documentary, which examined unconscious racial bias and other associated matters, ignited a broad spectrum of responses; there were those who cited the documentary as a form of child abuse and brainwashing, others saw the documentary as grounds for defunding the national broadcaster, while some wondered whether the documentary would have any impact whatsoever.

But there were also others who thought that it was brave of the ABC to tackle such an issue by documenting a program in which 11- and 12-year-old students participated in a series of exercises that were designed and conducted by qualified and experienced race relations experts and professionals.

The 2021 ABC [ITAL]Australia Talks survey indicated that approximately 76 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement that 'There is still a lot of racism in Australia these days.'

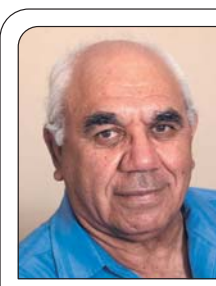
A high percentage of Australians (75 per cent) with non-European ancestry reported that they had been discriminated against because of their ethnicity.

A significant 68 per cent of respondents felt that Australia needs to 'do more to address past and current injustices against Indigenous people', and a majority (57 per cent) thought that discrimination was a factor with respect to impeding the economic growth and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I've had my own experiences with racism, and heaven knows I have witnessed the impact of its poison on relatives, and others, who have been the target of racist attacks.

There's been many experiences, but perhaps the earliest took place at the home of a white school mate, whose house was a short distance from the humpies that we lived in.

We were both around 12 years



*'I have witnessed the impact of its poison on relatives, and others, who have been the target of racist attacks.'*

**Professor Bob Morgan**

old and were in the same class at school.

As kids, we hadn't been infected with the virus of racism yet, so we were oblivious of its poison.

My friend and I enjoyed each other's company, and shared dreams of the wonderful mystery of life and we would often meet to play games in the backyard of his parent's house.

My friend had been to my shanty home many times, kids enjoyed a certain freedom in Aboriginal communities so there were very few places where we couldn't go.

The world was different across the road where white people lived, and my mother often warned me that I must never go inside my mate's house.

One hot day my schoolmate and I were playing in the backyard and both of us were thirsty so my schoolmate suggested that we go inside to get a drink of water.

I was reluctant, but my mate told me that no-one was home so I followed him inside.

Just as we were refreshing ourselves, my mate's mother walked in and she told me to leave.

I saw the fear in my mate's eyes, and heard his mother scold him and that she had told him many times to never bring 'Abbos' inside the house.

My mate and I never spoke about this incident, and our friendship slowly died over the remaining school years we shared.

Perhaps it was the shame on my part and embarrassment on his, or maybe it was simply what happens as kids grow and find their own path in life.

Looking back on this experience, I can't help but wonder if our experience and the friendship we shared would have been different

if we had participated in a program that tried to end racism.

Racism, and indeed racists, have been part of the human experience since the beginning of time, and the signs are clear that change is going to be a slow and arduous process.

Perhaps racism will always be with us, but we can work to limit its poison. I've always been intrigued with the situation that acknowledges the presence of racism, but it's my experience that very few people admit to being a racist.

Perhaps there should be a sort of Racists Anonymous established, a place where people could attend and confess that they are racists.

'I'm Joe Blow, and I'm a racist'.

A 12-step program could be developed to help racists deal with and overcome their racism. Just a thought!

I often find myself pondering; if racism is a sort of virus that is born of irrational fear and notions of racial superiority, would it be possible to develop a vaccine to protect against its toxic infection?

Of course, it is never that simple, or easy, so other measures have to be devised and adopted, measures such as programs to teach school kids about racism and its toxic impact, and perhaps more importantly, the need to eradicate it, in all its forms.

'We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope' (Martin Luther King, Jr.).

■ Professor Morgan is a Gumilaroi man from Walgett western NSW. He is a highly respected and acknowledged Aboriginal educator/researcher who has worked extensively throughout Australia and internationally in the field of Aboriginal knowledge and learning for over forty years.

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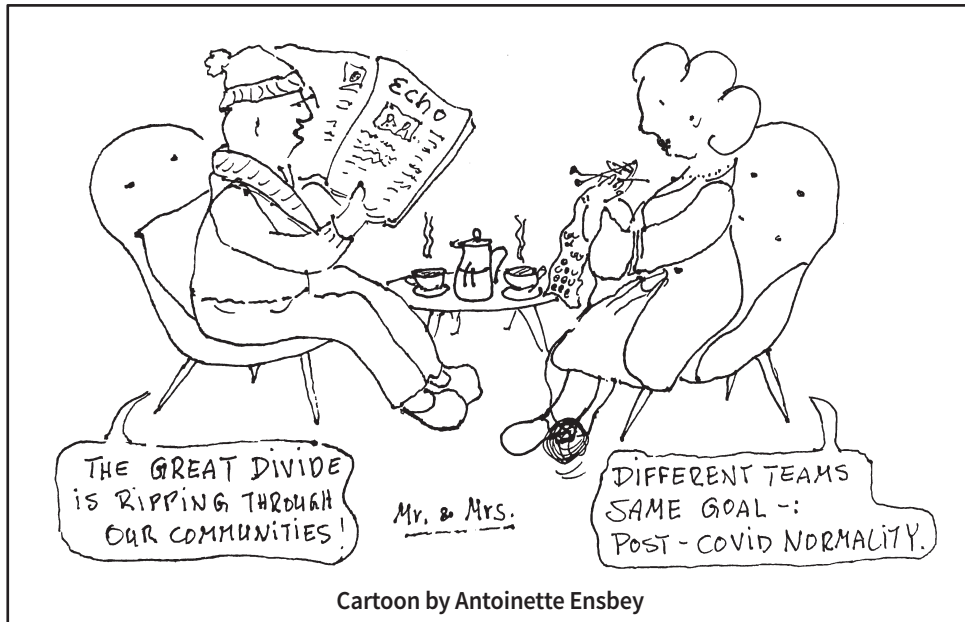
## Thanks Frank Mills

We had lost our highway protest, but during those colourful marches we had the beginnings of a stronger sense of community and cohesion in Ocean Shores. So began the Ocean Shores Art and History Expo in 2004. I got to know Frank Mills who was a treasure in our midst, a local elder and legend. At the Expo he gave historical talks, slideshows, small exhibitions of early artefacts; pouring his knowledge into those of us who wanted to deepen our roots into this magical part of the Shire.

Reading of Frank's passing I felt a wave of gratitude. Born in 1928 he had fascinating stories of the early farming communities and the arrival of surfers and hippies. He talked of the interface between white settlers and the First Nations people in the district. The Ocean Shores Art Expo only dropped 'and History' when Frank was unable to attend anymore.

The intention of this show was to bring all of our community together, to deepen our connectivity, to learn of our past and together create an inspiring future for Ocean Shores, which had in the past a bit of a second-rate reputation. Themes of our annual exhibitions were intended to preserve what we have (the first one remembering our soon-to-be-demolished historic bridge), the river, our environment, the sense of belonging (the year of the Apology to the Stolen Generations) and to include everyone within the artistic framework. School kids had a venue for exhibiting their amazingly fresh pieces. Everyone could enter the open show. Prizes were awarded, but money took second place to the main aim of connecting us all via participation – as volunteer, performer, artist or local business. People made friends, entered art for the first time, sold or won unexpectedly, enjoyed the art, dancers, musicians and performers, and added a dab of colour to the Community Artwork.

I met so many generous volunteers who were the backbone of this show. However, I want to again acknowledge Frank Mills in the foundation of this event that will go down in Ocean Shores history as weaving a



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbey

beautiful community fabric here. Frank is irreplaceable, but he has so many Mills descendants who know his love of place and know his stories. Thank you, Frank. Long may your legacy live.

**Henrietta (Ri) Fraser**  
Ocean Shores

■ Frank Mills obituary page 4

## Byron cycling

Somewhere there is a book of rules for cycling in Byron, but I haven't had any luck getting hold of a copy. To help other confused cyclists here is some guidance based on my observations:

**Handlebars:** Misleadingly named because your hands should not touch these under any circumstances. Riding with no hands not only looks cool but leaves you free to text, roll cigarettes or eat takeaway noodles with chopsticks.

**Lights:** An unnecessary luxury. Drivers need to stay alert at night and they enjoy the element of surprise. Just remember – it's their fault if they hit you, so you're pretty safe.

**Which side of the road?** Doesn't matter. If you're from another country just ride on the side you normally would at home.

**Helmets:** Mandatory in all of NSW except Byron. If you're risk averse you can carry one on your handlebars and slip it on when in danger.

**Signalling:** Not necessary. If you want to turn left or right – just do it. Drivers in front and behind will just have to work it out.

**Riding on Footpath:** In the rest of NSW you're not allowed to do this unless you're under 16 but, again, this doesn't apply to Byron. Pedestrians can sometimes get a bit annoyed and try to

hold their ground. The best thing to do in this situation is to accelerate and look a bit angry, this usually gets them to move.

**Drunk or stoned?** Leave the car at home because it is very dangerous to drive when under the influence. Take the bike instead.

**Pat Campbell**  
Suffolk Park

## Koalas and dogs

I want to thank Byron Council for including the flyer in *The Echo* about koalas and dogs. There is so much ignorance when it comes to protecting our wildlife. I know a man who traps and kills cats on his property, yet lets his dogs run wild and kill koalas.

Australia is a cruel backward country for animal protection. Most Australians love animals and almost every home has a dog or a cat.

When it comes to the Council election in December, I will vote for the person who has a compassionate and intelligent approach towards animals, because a government who is indifferent to animal suffering will not care for its people.

Thank you for everything you do.

**VA Thompson**  
Byron Bay

## Taking care of shit

The proposal is to close Ocean Shores Sewage Treatment Plant (OS STP) and transfer its load to Brunswick Valley STP (BV STP), a centralised facility built 15 years ago to replace Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads STPs built in the 1960s. OS STP was built 30 years ago and is in need of repair or replacement.

BV STP has capacity in dry weather for OS flows,

but not in wet weather. So the proposal included what is politely called a 'Balancing Pond' at the BV STP. Because our sewer systems leak stormwater into them in heavy rainfall periods, the BV STP is too small to treat combined wet weather flows from OS and BV. Excess sewage would be stored in the new 'Pond'. When the storm period ends and daily sewage production eventually drops back below BV STP's capacity, the 'Pond' contents would be treated. That's called 'Balancing'.

Council's Water Sewer & Waste Committee, of which I'm a member, met on 30 September and resolved a hybrid strategy instead for the two STPs but without the Balancing Pond. We don't believe untreated sewage should sit around for days in an open pond. And it isn't 'best practice'.

The Committee agrees with the transfer pipeline but wants the asset of OS STP retained and repaired, to handle flows up to its wet weather capacity of say eight

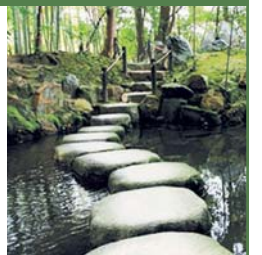
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## CHESS Ian Rogers

World Champion Magnus Carlsen took home \$100,000 after winning the 2021 Meltwater Champions Tour, a tour he himself set up in 2020 after finding nothing to do during the pandemic.

The final turned out to be a non-event thanks to a ridiculous scoring system where Carlsen started with so many bonus points from earlier events that he was able to score badly and still win first prize easily. ("The system was rigged for the best player to win #sorrynotsorry," tweeted Carlsen after his victory.)

The final tour event was supposed to be played in person but the proposed venue kept changing so much that Carlsen's world title challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi decided to drop out and make his next game against Carlsen the first of the World Championship match in Dubai next month.

With travel difficulties affecting many players, in the end only two of Carlsen's seconds, Anish Giri and Jan-Krzysztof Duda, travelled to Oslo to compete in person – and even then they sat face-to-face with computers between them when playing each other.

The real worry for Carlsen will be his form going into the world title match. In the Meltwater Final he lost to the players who finished

second and third, Teimour Radjabov and Levon Aronian, in the antepenultimate and penultimate rounds and looked a far cry from the dominator he will need to be in November.

The only east coast state that has been holding face-to-face tournaments in recent months has been Queensland. At last week's Qld Championship favourites Peter Froehlich and Stephen Solomon, both IMs, were overshadowed by a younger generation. 24-year-old Yi Liu won the state title, though he had Sravan Renjith to thank, the 13-year-old taking down leader Dusan Stojic in the following game.

2021 Queensland Championship  
White: **D Stojic**  
Black: **S Renjith**  
Opening: Petroff's Defence  
**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.dxe5 d5 5.Nbd2 Nxd2 6.Qxd2!?** A curious system made popular by 2021 world title challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi. **6...Be7 7.Qf4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Qg3 Re8 10.Bh6!?** Provoking complications when 10.0-0 was fine. **10...Bf6! 11.Bb5?** Initiating a long tactical sequence which turns out to be good for Black. The humble 11.Bf4 was necessary. **11...Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5+ 13.Be3 d4! 14.Bxc6! 14.0-0-0 would lose to 14...Rxb5. 14...dxe3 15.fxe3 Qe7! 16.0-0-0 Rg5! Not 16...bxc6 17.Qxe5 and the tables are turned. 17.Qf3 bxc6 18.Qxc6 Rb8 19.h4 Rc5 20.Qe4! Bf5!! The refutation of White's hopes. 21.Rd8+!?** Stojic tries a last trick. **21...Qxd8! 0-1**

# Gladys Berejiklian's resignation and ICAC

The entrenched corruption that tied senior politicians and police to notorious underworld figures in NSW for decades from the 1950s until recently shows the need for an ICAC with strong inquisitorial powers.

Yet, quite recently, the secret deal was still tried on by Ministers like Messrs Obeid and Macdonald in respect of mining leases being granted to an acquaintance, John Maitland. When the ICAC recommended prosecution former NSW Premier, Mike Baird, it was reported to have said: 'Ultimately, what you need to see is prosecutions... Those prosecutions... (are) going to give great confidence to the community. That is exactly what they want to see – if someone does the wrong thing and if they abuse public office, if they act in their own interest, if they undertake corrupt activity, well, there are consequences and they need to face them' (SMH 20/11/2014).

So while I personally feel sympathy for the erstwhile premier, considering her heroic efforts during

bushfires, pandemic, and her stoicism in the face of embarrassing revelations about her private life, for her to apparently question the timing of ICAC's inquiry is more a reaction born of frustration than consideration. I'm sure she would agree with Mike Baird, and the timing... well when is a good time?

Frank Lynch  
Wilson's Creek

Corruption, neither noble, nor unavoidable, nor the fault of the ICAC – the NSW premier messed up!

Our premier has resigned because of the need to establish her involvement in high-level corruption involving millions of dollars of taxpayers' money, and whether she helped to misappropriate any.

Take that together with the blatantly admitted 'pork-barrelling' by her Deputy, Mr Barilaro, which is nothing other than using our hard-earned money to try to buy their own re-election. It shows the contempt of this NSW government for fairness, ethics and the rule of law, obliging them to act in

the best interest of all of the people of NSW, not just their favoured electorates.

The only saving grace for our former premier is that she actually resigned prior to the investigation of her involvement in wrongdoing – something the coal-and-power-hugging Morrison government doesn't even know how to spell. Luckily the worldwide reign of King Coal is coming to its end, hopefully taking the associated corruption with it.

Ulf Steinvorth  
Dunoon

For Liberal Party luminaries it's obviously been a heart-wrenching experience watching Gladys Berejiklian bite the dust and they are stupidly blaming the ICAC, for doing exactly the job it was established to do.

The ICAC did not force her to quit, the only power the ICAC has is to investigate and force people to attend hearings and answer questions under oath. One can reasonably assume that Gladys knew that she was now in serious trouble and was desperate to limit damage to

her government.

Documentary evidence obtained under FOI requests indicate that Gladys may have previously misled the ICAC about what she knew about former boyfriend Daryl Maguire's corrupt business dealings; especially brokering property deals and lobbying the NSW government for grants in his Wagga electorate.

Secondly, and possibly the worst example of political expediency, was the way Berejiklian tried to brush off the massive roting of the Stronger Communities Fund where 95 per cent of government grants were funnelled into Coalition seats, prior to the 2019 election, as 'mere pork-barrelling' – which wasn't, in her opinion, 'illegal'. That view may not be correct, as it has never been tested in court. Those decisions meant that many needy councils received nothing. Just imagine what a mess these corrupt Federal Coalition MP's would be in if a federal corruption watchdog had the same power!

Keith Duncan  
Pimlico

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megalitres per day. It currently receives peak inflows way above that.

The hybrid solution makes economic sense but there are other factors as well. The BV STP was approved on the basis of an Estuary Management Strategy (EMS) which indicated 20 years ago that the Brunswick River would cope with discharges from OS and BV STPs. The EMS must now be

updated for the new proposal, because it shifts STP discharge from one part of the estuary to another. People flushing their toilets in town want to know they are not bugging up our river (the so-called 'receiving environment').

Council must also focus, as the Committee has said for decades, on getting STP discharges out of the river. This is easily done by re-using treated effluent for irrigation or to replace fresh water for urban consumption, most of which is not used for human ingestion. It's called closing the loop, a basic principle of environmental management.

Duncan Dey  
Main Arm

## Fence sitter

Fence sitters, when given a tickle, will generally tumble off on the side of self-interest. So it's interesting to read that *The Echo's* 'Fence Sitting' teacher (30 September) has decided to abandon their career and income rather than make a decision. Really?

Even schools have exams and assignments with deadlines. How long does it take to give the issue 'more informed consent'? COVID vaccines first became available in NSW in February (to

the aged). While everyone wasn't covered back then, surely six months to think about it is long enough?

FS's arguments don't seem to be those of a fence sitter.

'Science is not our God.' Well, no, but it is taught in schools. Would we accept a school teacher who didn't 'believe in' maths?

'By nature, [the pandemic] is relative and evolving.' Yep, it is evolving: to be more contagious and more life threatening. And it's heading our way. The unvaccinated will be more likely to pick it up and more likely to pass it on.

If I had school-aged children I would not want them cooped up in a classroom with a teacher potentially spreading dangerous germs – and ideas.

Chris Dobney  
Binna Burra

## Poor Mandy

Poor Mandy indeed (Letters, 29 September). Glenn, it sounds to me like you're trying to put Mandy IN her Soapbox instead of allowing her to stand (or sit) on it! Why does Mandy have to only be funny? Why can't she also be heartfelt, conscious, caring, distressed, concerned, angry, intelligent and political while giving her honest opinion?! Actually, only a couple of

Echoes ago, I found Mandy hilarious with her dicks and pricks and cocks. But you're right, Mandy's column last week about Byron being for sale was not at all funny. That is exactly the point – there is nothing funny about it.

What we often find funny are those things we think (or aren't even aware that we're thinking) and don't dare to say, that are, in fact, true! Perhaps you don't find Mandy funny anymore because you don't think the same things are true. That is another real problem that our community currently faces. What is the truth? And who's speaking it?

Mandy please stay on your Soapbox. Thank you for being a brave, articulate, vulnerable voice for many of us, on so many issues and in so many different ways.

Monica Gauci  
Crabbes Creek

## Thanks David

Thank you David Heilpern for elucidating so eloquently a raft of issues that succinctly cover the current political climate... particularly in respect to the lack of clear forward-thinking leadership.

I hope to see further opinion pieces of this ilk.

Gaida Macs  
Kingscliff

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# Covid Cassandra peers into the future

David Lovejoy

As the COVID lockdowns draw to a close, there are still people who profess themselves unwilling to vaccinate under any circumstances, and who object to bearing any consequences that may arise.

But, the vaccinated majority argues, if your profession mandates vaccination and you refuse, you have ceased to be eligible for that profession. Only in some libertarian dystopia would there be an absolute right to remain unvaccinated if your job involves treating the sick, caring for the old or teaching the young.

## Citizenship limbo

Therefore, when we open up, the refuseniks will find themselves in a citizenship limbo, as without vaccination certificates the law may exclude them from travel, certain occupations and some public places. However, as governments do not have, and should not have, the machinery to enact this level of surveillance, it is easy to foresee serious conflict if enforcement is left to small business retailers and employers.

Already anti-vaxxers see themselves as oppressed men and women of principle, like the political prisoners of dictatorships. Some are framing themselves as crusading Davids against the corrupt and corporate Goliath state. They imply that if you do not stand up for their rights you are complicit in the depravities of the government.



The US 'Save Australia' anti vaccine protest on October 5, 2021. Image SBS/EPA

Their numbers may be small but they are not insignificant, and therefore they will come to be represented politically in one way or the other. And what kind of politics best accommodates a movement based on distrust?

In the USA anti-vaccination has been adopted by the Republican Party as an implicit policy. The further towards Trump and the far right you go, the more anti-science the political rhetoric becomes.

America has apparently split into two camps, those who support public health measures, including mandated vaccination, and those who do not, because well, freedom. Both sides are represented in their political and media systems.

Moreover, in the USA there is a correlation between Republican states and high COVID death rates. So far we have not had a political party here committed to the anti-vaxxer cause, but if the Nationals or Liberals see electoral advantage in adopting Republican

memes, as some of their crazier members already do, then we could see a sudden upsurge in cases, hospitalisations and deaths.

## Move to the right

More likely, with better COVID antibody treatments becoming available, we will be spared catastrophe, but there will be a general movement to the right in politics.

WTF? A pandemic has caused us temporarily to restrict personal freedom, and from that circumstance derives a trend towards anti-science and right-wing politics?

Well, there is a clash between the right not to be vaccinated and the right of others not to be infected. Such conflicts of rights are common, and we traditionally accept constraints on personal liberty for the principle of the greater good. But if one is heavily invested in the right not to be vaccinated, and yet this right can be overridden by the public safety principle, the only explanation is that there must be something

wrong with the principle.

This cognitive dissonance is one of the reasons for the concerted attack on medical science. If the pandemic demands of you an unacceptable course of action, then it is necessary to believe that the vaccines don't work, or the virus is not real, or the dangers are exaggerated for the profit of corporations and politicians. No evidence to the contrary can be entertained, for that would lead to an admission that public health trumps private liberty, instead of the other way round.

## Restoring freedoms

The danger is that people who believe this fantasy might form a radicalised group of outsiders who feel they have no place in society. Such a group would be natural recruits for the far right.

Therefore, when the health emergency subsides, it is imperative to restore, without delay, the freedoms we have curtailed. Otherwise it is possible that 2022 might see even more irrational politics than we've seen so far.

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# A prisoner of hope – healing possible as Country returned

John Stevens

In a recent conversation, with a dear friend, Gumi-laroi educator Professor Bob Morgan, my spirit was lifted when he told me that after 50+ years of struggling for justice and equity for First Nations' people in Australia and overseas that he remains 'a prisoner of hope' despite the glacial speed of progress and change. I am filled with this sentiment following the recent announcement that over 160,000 hectares of country, stretching from Mossman to Cooktown, Qld including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Daintree National Park has been handed back to the traditional owners, the Eastern Kuku Yalanji. The traditional owners wept as they celebrated the 'return of Bubu to Bama'.

As a non-Indigenous man living in Mullumbimby NSW, I will never fully appreciate the spiritual and emotional significance of this event that returns 'Bubu to Bama'. It is a concept that was explained to me by a number of the Kuku Yalanji people last year during an On Country smoking ceremony in the Daintree. I hope I do justice to the telling of its meaning off country:

Bubu, the land, is Country. Country is more than a western appreciation of Country as real estate. It is the mother. It is life.

The Bama are the children, the people that have sprung from Bubu. The relationship is circular. One does not exist without



Left: Part of the Daintree Rainforest that has been preserved by the hand back of 160,000 hectares of Country to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji. Photos by John Stevens

Top right: Eastern Kuku Yalanji smoking ceremony as part of the Welcome to Country for people attending the hand back ceremony.

Below: The signed agreements held up in celebration by Elders of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji.



the other. All of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji ancestors are living among Bubu. All of the culture, lore and resources required for the children of Bubu to survive and flourish for 60 thousand years or more are located here. It is Bama's job to care for Country.

It is well known in the scientific literature that dispossession is a leading up-stream determinant for the health gaps that torment every one of the 90+ remaining First Nations' populations of the world, including Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The phenomenon is literally universal: that all First Nations' populations do worse on all health and welfare measures than their non-Indigenous counterparts. On average,

there is 10 years less life expectancy for instance, and it doesn't stop there. Infant mortality, obesity and malnutrition, diseases like diabetes, kidney disease, mental illness, suicide, poverty, unemployment, incarceration rates, substance abuse, domestic violence, and the list goes on, are significantly higher in First Nations people. The source of this inequity can be traced back to colonisation and dispossession.

It is not just the physical removal from the land, it is the brutal severing of the connection with it that has devastated First Nations people. It results in the loss of Elders and knowledge keepers, language and customs, and the knowledge of self and who your mob

are. Continuing to have to justify and explain the unexplainable loss of generations past to a dominant non-Indigenous community, whose view of the world is to see Country as something to exploit and dominate, leads to, what Professor Morgan calls 'spiritual fatigue'.

Dispossession leading to meaninglessness, alienation and loss of culture and identity is seen as the root cause and source of the intergenerational trauma that has created the gap. The divide cannot and will not heal while the physical, social and spiritual wounds caused by dispossession remain untended and ignored. The failure to close the gap is not for want of effort or desire by a large number of people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous who seek truth telling, justice and equity for all. Nor is it for lack of money thrown at well-intended solutions. It has been owing to our failure to understand and address the cause of dispossession and social and political marginalisation and the resulting inequities experienced by First Nations people.

The return of 'Bubu to Bama' is more than a transfer of real estate, it is more profound than that. At its core it is a journey of reconnection and a celebration of identity of Aboriginal people; the Eastern Kuku Yalanji. The hand-back provides a window for us to witness the healing of land and people that will follow over the years as the Kuku Yalanji are able to exercise their rightful and now legally ratified role as custodians and carers of Country. This act of

restorative justice will have implications well into the future. We will see, in years to come, declines in physical, mental and spiritual illness within the community. We will see the land once again being treated with respect, and the love needed for it to heal and repair and provide us all with a little more protection against climate change, if nothing else. And we have lost nothing. We who are not Eastern Kuku Yalanji will still be able to visit and immerse ourselves in the embrace of the Daintree rainforest both physically, and as a destination in our minds. When you close your eyes and imagine the rainforest, the light, the sounds, the smell, the crystal-clear creeks, the giant trees and ancient animals like the cassowary, your body is in tune with therapeutic essence, you relax! Your mind is more at peace and breathing comes more easily.

Global phenomena such as: the rise in the incidence of infectious diseases such as SARS 2-Cov-2, the cause of COVID-19; diseases like obesity and diabetes; mental illness that is leading to record rates of suicide; the recent trend to decreasing life expectancy in many populations; degradation of ecosystems and the threat of mass extinctions; pressure on food systems and water supply are not coincidences. These phenomena are all linked, these are all outcomes related to a type of dispossession and loss of connection from our universal Bubu – the planet, and each other.

The hand-back therefore, is not just a story about an

isolated case of restorative justice in far north Queensland, it is a vision and a template for what can be achieved for, and by all, if we move together united in purpose and resolve.

This hand-back is not just a feel good story for a news cycle, it is the way forward if we want a future. It is our legacy and indeed our gift to future generations.

In this act are the seeds of the solution to our survival and prosperity. In the act of restoring justice and equity across the planet, we save each other and we save ourselves. The most obvious lesson from the current pandemic is that we cannot be well until we are all well. We cannot be safe until we are all safe.

Organisations like the Mullumbimby-based Rainforest 4 Foundation are part of a growing movement providing a platform for the public to contribute to the purchase of at-risk freehold land in the Daintree Rainforest to be owned and managed by the Kuku Yalanji Traditional Owners, adding to the recently announced hand-back.

That we are finding ways through all of the many and complex hurdles and obstacles to hand Bubu back to Bama lifts my fatiguing spirit and keeps me a prisoner of hope.

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# Love Island takes over Federal – time to test the law?

Hilary Bone

The NSW government legislation has provided a permit for screen filming on private land in NSW without any Council oversight or accountability. This has led to Federal Village currently being overrun by the ITV film company. This is extraordinary given that the local community have successfully fought hard over many years to ensure that the RU1 and RU2 zones in Byron Shire remained exempt from function centres (weddings and events). Clearly what is currently happening in terms of exploitation of the law by film companies was not the intent of the legislature.

At an Ordinary meeting in 2017 Byron Shire Council (Council) resolved to amend the LEP to permit function centres in zones RU1 and RU2. Following what they called community consultation, Council caved in to pressure from the wedding lobby group but appeared to have, in part, heeded community concerns with regard to RU1. In June 2019 Council met to vote on a proposal to forward to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment the amended policy to approve functions in the RU2 zone. At this meeting Crs Cameron and Coorey moved that Council not proceed with the proposal 'as the proposed clause is inconsistent with the zone objectives of RU2'. The motion was defeated.

Richardson and Martin then 'slipped in' an amendment seeking a Determination to provide an approval mechanism for rural event sites in the RU2 Rural Landscape zone and RU1 Primary Production Zone.

Crs Martin, Lyon, Ndiaye, Richardson and Hunter voted in favour of the amendment. Crs Coorey, Cameron and Hackett voted against the amendment. The proposed inclusion of RU1 was refused by the NSW Department of Planning (DOP), Industry and Environment who stated; 'The removal of the RU1 Primary Production zone has been required as this land represents the most significant farmland in Byron Shire, and it is considered sufficient area is available in the RU2 Landscape to facilitate rural event sites. This is also consistent with the Department of Primary Industries advice to Council that its preference is to avoid these types of development in the RU1 Primary Production zone.'

## Fight to preserve community

Many in the community fought hard and long to preserve the RU1 zone from the proposed degradation. Few would be aware that gratitude is owed to them, to Coorey, Cameron and Hackett and to the DOP for this preservation. No credit is due to Byron Shire Council.

This sorry saga is not yet over. We now have, in the village of Federal, a massive film company squeezed into three small rural properties two of which are zoned RU1. All that is required for their unfettered presence on private land is the permission of the property owners, none of whom reside on these properties. It is not hard to imagine the enormous amount of money that has been offered to the owners for the right to occupy this land, especially the film site at 28 Blackbean Lane Federal. Most people would not be able to resist



the temptation.

Legislation pertaining to screen filming in NSW was amended in 2009 enabling a film company to film and carry out major construction work without a development application (DA). This means that there are no consent conditions. Construction work on the film site at 28 Blackbean Lane, Federal, has been going on continuously for eight weeks. Allegedly actual filming commenced on 5 October. The legislation strips Council of most of its powers but not all. Council has been silent on the matter except for the Mayor, Michael Lyon, who appears to be the spokesperson.

TV Tonight reported, 'Michael Lyon has already been through his own break-up and make-up with producers in relation to *Love Island*, first admonishing production for undertaking major earthworks and road building without a DA or COVID Safe plan, then praising a comprehensive COVID Safe plan put in place by producers'. Lyon then stated on Facebook, 'I am looking into our options this morning to rescind Council approval for the *Love Island* production, from the same studios that brought *I'm a Celebrity* and COVID to the region. As part of that approval issued recently, which allows them

to film longer than 30 days in Federal, I insisted on a 14 day-isolation period whereby any cast or crew coming from an area with cases would not come into contact with people from our region. It is clear this is not possible to implement given what has happened in the last few days. Council approval was only one part of the process. It hasn't yet had Ministerial approval so I'd say it's unlikely to proceed'. It is probable Michael Lyon still does not know that the cameras are rolling, or are they?

## Love a loophole

The ITV Studio boss, David Mott, told the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 'They (the company) had originally

applied for an exemption to film *Love Island* beyond those 30 days, as a fallback if something were to go wrong. We didn't need that long, but in an ideal world we were hoping to get approval to allow for contingencies. The Byron Shire Council is aware of this loophole of sorts, and as the saying goes, the show must go on. They're aware of that and they're not going to get in the way of it. All I want is to get on with the show now.' Karl Quinn, journalist, reports Mott as saying, 'ITV and Nine spent much of last week rejigging the show to ensure filming could be retained within that 30-day window. With a tightened production schedule, an exemption is no longer necessary, meaning Cr Lyon has been able to withdraw his begrudging support for the show, while ITV can go ahead and make it regardless.'

## Testing the law

The reason the company is behind schedule is because it was left to a neighbour to notify Council that illegal earthworks, including road building by the company, had been

going on for three weeks. A Stop Work Notice was issued by Council and then retrospectively approved ensuring a delay of just one week. After eight weeks of on-site activity the local community, including neighbouring property owners, received a generic letter with a generic address hand delivered to a receptacle on the street advising that filming commences on 5 October and will be 24/7.

It is interesting to note that in all media posts I have read there has not been one mention of community or neighbouring property owners' rights. There has been no mention of damages. This is an interesting area of law as yet untested in the courts. There will be a precedent case to iron out definitions, conflicting legal rights, relevant environmental law and damages. Meanwhile it's full steam ahead for the film company and a big 'up yours' to Council, Federal Village and the rest of NSW. The film companies are moving in, and it is now time for lawyers and the legislature to turn their mind to tossing them out again.

## Speeding traffic

In Suffolk Park there are a number of problems including getting out of Clifford Street onto Broken Head Road heading north, but the biggest problem is speed. This is impacting on all sorts of people, including wildlife, and the problem is getting worse.

The speed limit for Broken Head Road and local streets is 50 km/h. This is unsafe, particularly when drivers exceed that limit. There are negligible footpaths, verges are uneven; some in a very poor state.

Pedestrians are forced onto the road where parked

cars and trades vehicles (of which there are many) jut onto the street.

People pushing prams, or in wheelchairs, have no other option. Groups out walking need to walk single file or stop altogether when cars zoom by. Dog walkers, runners and cyclists are all vulnerable.

Brandon Street is experiencing particularly heavy, fast traffic, as it is used by some as a bypass.

As we approach the bedlam of holiday season, and with Council elections coming up, it would be really great to see some conversations and initiatives

to help address the problem and issues of traffic safety. Residents should not come off second-best to cars whilst abroad in their streets.

There are creative ways of slowing traffic down. A few more speed humps in strategic places is a start.

Lynne Richardson  
Suffolk Park

## Let's get real

AFL Aussie Rules Grand Final in Western Australia...  
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Ready to get out of the house, explore your creativity and meet new people? Byron Community College has some great new courses on offer this term!

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Whole-body CT scans can detect cancer early and pick up on spread, and they enable diagnosis of 'slipped discs', which are commonly misdiagnosed as 'arthritis'.

NCVS are making their CT scanner available to patients from other clinics. 'Your vet is able to refer your pet to us for the scan and then you can keep their treatment with your regular vet, who you know and trust.'

CT has placed North Coast Veterinary Services at the cutting edge of medicine, providing their vets with another tool to be the best diagnostic vets!

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Mullum SEED is a not-for-profit charity that aims to build a respectful, supportive and resilient community that protects and enhances its natural environment. Mullum SEED supports projects, start-up initiatives and community organisations that promote environmental awareness and deliver on-ground activities involving: chemical free bush regeneration, dune care, renewable energy, alternative building techniques, soil health and carbon farming, organic agriculture, waste

minimisation and more. They also provide Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. They have a large membership base, including HalfCut, Rainforest4, Reforest Now, Firesticks, Mullum Community Gardens, plus many more. They are looking for a new board member to join their team!

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## French hypocrisy and the AUKUS plan

■ A military conflict between China and the USA would very likely result in global nuclear war, a major setback to human civilisation and possibly extinction for our species. Who could possibly want to risk that?

Fundamentalist Christians look forward eagerly to the End of Days when their great bearded sky daddy will take them all off to their fairy tale heaven, leaving the rest of us to burn in their equally fictional hell. They're clearly not invested in a future for this world or our species, as this is just their deity's waiting room.

It's somewhat disturbing to think that people with those beliefs may well have their fingers on the button in the Pentagon, and that Scott Morrison, the valiant warmonger, is a member of the recently disgraced Hillsong cult and apparently shares those same beliefs.

Maybe it's time to give peace a chance, we already know that economically it's by far the smarter thing to do. Warmongering is only profitable for the few, at the expense of the rest of us.

**Robin Harrison**  
Binna Burra

■ Over the last 20 years or more, Australia has benefited greatly from its economic relationship with China. You may have noticed that most of the goods in our shops are made in China. We have willingly and cheerfully profited from cheap Chinese labour and abundant Chinese investment as we've enjoyed the privilege of affordable goods and

a reliable market for our primary resources.

But none of this was considered relevant by the idiotic incompetents that are ruining our country, when they hitched their political wagon to the Americans' imperial locomotive. Rather than put Australia's economic interests first, they slavishly devote themselves to serving US warmongering adventurism by fomenting hostility against our primary trading partner, China.

It should be obvious to anyone who can view the current state of international relations from an informed, objective and impartial perspective, the raucous AUKUS is heading for an excruciatingly painful and humiliating catastrophe that will make their defeat in Afghanistan look like a picnic.

The Anglo-American imperium is in a death spiral, and there's nothing ScoMo, BoJo or Joe Dementia can do to avert the inevitable demise of the Empire.

My fellow Australians, the real threat to the health and well-being of yourselves, your children, your community and your economy comes not from China, but from your government and the inept, corrupt plutocracy that controls it.

**John Scrivener**  
Main Arm

■ The French are understandably upset about being stabbed in the back by Australia's sinking of the submarine contract. They pontificate about the need

for trust in international affairs and now claim countries trading with Australia must beware of being double crossed.

French Foreign Minister, Jean-Yves Le Drian said. 'I'm very angry today, and bitter... This is not something allies do to each other'.

Correct, Monsieur! But neither do allies bomb civilian ships, which is exactly what French Secret Service agents did in July 1985 when the Greenpeace anti-nuclear protest ship, *Rainbow Warrior*, was bombed in Auckland harbour, killing Fernando Pereira. It was preparing to protest French nuclear testing at Mururoa atoll. In 1989, outside the National Press Club, Canberra, three of us pelted rock (M Rocard!) cakes, coloured yellow with turmeric (symbolising yellow cake uranium) at the then French Foreign Minister, Michel Rocard. Our banner carried Dreyfus' famous words, 'J'Accuse!'. We were arrested and charged with 'throwing a repulsive substance to wit an orange pastry like substance' at an internationally protected person.

Magistrate Michael Ward wrote, 'The actions of the defendants are not such as would necessarily lead any right-minded person to be offended. In short, it was a peaceful protest, with actions by the defendants not necessarily inappropriate to the situation as they perceived it'. Unlike the French, we were found 'not guilty'.

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Byron Bay

## Perrottet & Opus Dei

Bugga! Just when we don't need to expect the Spanish Inquisition, out pops its wolf-in-sheep's clothing remake: Opus Dei. New Premier, Dominic Perrottet is closely affiliated with this extreme, conservative, secretive and politically influential, Catholic organisation.

Perrottet's early statement that freedom is innate to us all and not a gift of government sounded promising. That implies we have inalienable rights, beyond the prerogative of government to deny, to exercise choices for our own lives, provided they do not trespass on the rights of others. Perrottet's record shows the opposite. He opposed the decriminalisation of

abortion, and marriage equality and intends to oppose voluntary euthanasia. As Premier, Perrottet will have more than his one vote to influence 'conscience votes' by Liberal MPs.

This is typical of right-wing sleight of hand. It resonates with the Taliban's proclamations that women have rights - within the misogynistic prison of Sharia law!

The following paraphrases Wikipedia: Opus Dei supported repressive, right-wing regimes including Franco and Pinochet.

Franco's regime included Opus Dei members, and its founder, Josemaria Escriva, wrote to Franco rejoicing 'as a priest and Spaniard that Spain's Head of State

should proclaim that Spain accepts the law of God according to the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, a faith which will inspire its legislation'.

According to Opus Dei whistleblower and former priest, Vladimir Felzmann, Escriva remarked that 'Hitler had been "badly treated" by the world' and he further declared that 'Hitler couldn't have been such a bad person. He couldn't have killed six million (Jews). It couldn't have been more than four million'.

**Adrian Gattenhof**  
Mullumbimby

## Truth

The truth doesn't mind being questioned. A lie does.

**Margot Hays**  
Bangalow

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The North Coast Mud Trail is ON, with revised dates, of the weekend of **October 23 and 24, 10am-4pm**

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Everyone is doing what they can to keep afloat in these difficult times - we ask for your patience in following the requirements of being doubled vaccinated, wearing facemasks inside and maintaining social distancing. We ask that you stay at home if you are not vaccinated or are feeling unwell.

Christmas is not far away, so if you cannot visit personally, be sure to check out the work on-line. This is your opportunity to support these passionate local artists as they strive to maintain their creative practices.

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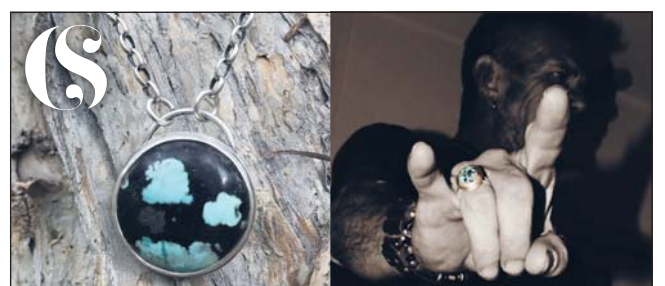
A new exhibition by one of Australia's most recognisable artists, Ken Done AM, titled *Up to 80* will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre from Friday 1 October to Sunday 28 November 2021.

The exhibition will bring together a vivid collection of works completed by Done from the last two decades.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said, 'We are delighted to host this exhibition of beautiful work by iconic and well-loved Australian artist Ken Done.'

'This exhibition will represent many of the artist's favourite and best-loved subjects, and I am certain the colourful and fun works will bring joy to our visitors - something we all need a bit of right now.'

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Ken Done *Ultramarine coral head* (detail) 2010-2018  
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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

### MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

The other day someone called me a sheeple. I was offended. Not personally, but on behalf of sheep. It's a term meant to denigrate my agency by suggesting I have herd stupidity. Sheep are incredible, and surprising beings. Before you start denigrating sheep, you should know they are emotionally complex animals who can self-medicate! They can smell with their feet! They recognise faces, both sheepy and human. And civilisation has sheep to thank for their tireless generosity in feeding and clothing us. So when you are coming up with a word to imply that people don't do their 'research', maybe you should do a little first; Sheep are awesome. And by definition it's misaligned with the intent of the insult. Herd behaviour in individuals, or a group, is when they act collectively without centralised direction. Generally, if someone says you are a sheeple it's because they think you are under the sway of Big Pharma, or Big Gov, so that, technically, is a centralised direction. It's a woolly metaphor.

And while I am on the subject of language, can people stop saying medical 'apartheid'. It isn't appropriate to use the Afrikaans word that denotes a social system in South Africa that segregated black people from the white minority to describe what is the minority of unvaccinated people. The white minority government in South Africa ruled from 1948 to 1994, where they enjoyed higher status at the cost of black freedoms. You can't compare not being able to get into a pub to being incarcerated for 26 years for speaking out against injustice. During Apartheid, the white people, who were 10 per cent of the population, owned more than 90 per cent of the national wealth, and the black South Africans, making up 80 per cent of the population, owned nothing at all. People were detained because of their skin colour, jailed, tortured and in some cases murdered. To be a white person living

in a privileged country like ours, you cannot use the word 'apartheid'. It is offensive, and it trivialises the 46 years that black South Africans suffered under the most shameful prejudice.

And can the antivax movement stop using our feminist phrases for bodily autonomy? 'My Body, My Choice' belongs to feminists who have fought long and hard for reproductive rights for women. It goes back at least 50 years. That was our catchcry when we marched to demand our right to safe and legal abortion. A slogan we continue to need going by a recent law being passed in Texas that allows anyone who helps a woman to get an abortion to be sued. An eavesdropping stranger can now sue the clinic where the abortion is performed for up to \$10k, and also the person who lent the patient the money for the procedure, and even the person who gave the patient a lift to the clinic. In Texas, even if you get raped you cannot get an abortion. This illustrates the powerful need for the 'My Body, My Choice' cry. It belongs to our feminist movement. I have seen images of male antivaxers with these signs – the same men who demonstrate outside fertility clinics against a woman's right to choose, are now using our slogans. So, at a push, the Right to Life guy that raped you in Texas could attend a 'freedom rally' holding a 'My Body, My Choice' sign.

And 'sovereignty'. White people in this country just shouldn't be using this word. In this stolen country 'sovereignty' is a concept that allows for the recognition of Aboriginal people's inherent right to self-government, and provides guarantees that their rights would have constitutional protection and thereby not be subject to the passing whims of non-Aboriginal governments. We shouldn't steal the land, and then steal the word being used to highlight the power of and need for Indigenous self-governance. The current 'sovereignty' moniker, as antivax, anti-mask protesters use it, has its roots in the Sovereign Citizen movement that came out of the US in the '70s – which was anti-government, with some white supremacist elements. It's pretty much a right wing libertarian ideology that uses harassment, intimidation and sometimes resorts to violence. Sound familiar?

And 'freedom'. That one makes me uncomfortable too. The word just feels too big. It was used for those fighting generations of slavery and cultural genocide. I've just finished reading Behrooz Boochani's *No Friend But the*

*Mountain*, which is all about his time on Manus Island in 'detention'. When you read about the inhumane incarceration of asylum seekers, the world's most vulnerable people, to then speak of 'freedom' with regard to our access to an overseas holiday or entry to an RSL club seems trite. This is a time of a global pandemic, and those of us who live in an affluent country like Australia have access to resources and supports (even under lockdown) that many of the world's population do not. It's opportunistic to hitch your political cart to the long histories of race, gender and class struggle when your issue with the covid vaccinations is about none of these. Perhaps when it comes to conversations about 'the right to choose', we should consider carefully the words that we use, being ever mindful of the powerful legacy of language, because history has shown us: find the right words and the world will listen.



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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM QUIZEME TRIVIA
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO

**THURSDAY 14**

- SUFFOLK PARK COMMUNITY HALL 7PM KIRTAN – DOCTORS OF DEVOTION
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM JAM NIGHT

**FRIDAY 15**

- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL – TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ PAPA BITCHO
- WORKER'S CLUB, LISMORE, 7.30PM NOY BEN AMI
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM JON J BRADLEY
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM THE LAZY LEIS

**SATURDAY 16**

- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM CHASING RAINBOWS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ XUANXUE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM ANTHOLOGYS

**SUNDAY 17**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM LATE FOR WOODSTOCK
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM CRAIG ATKINS
- UKI MARKET, 8AM-2PM BILL JACOBI'S ROGUE ELEMENT

**MONDAY 18**

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM TOMMY MEMPHIS

**TUESDAY 19**

- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM MUSICAL BINGO
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM TRIVIA

**WEDNESDAY 20**

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# Selected ENTERTAINMENT

## BACK TO THE MOVIES

*'Films can make you dream. They allow you to imagine a different world. It's why I decided to become a filmmaker. I wanted that, even though it seemed impossible.'*

Nadine Labaki – actress, director and activist

Oh how we have missed the movies – yes we still had our little screens at home, but there is nothing like watching something on the big screen and luxuriating in beautiful sound and projection and all that goes with a session at the cinema. It's magical!

Not only is it good for our entertainment, it is good for the film industry, which has really suffered in many places over the last 18 months with blockbusters that rely on a great opening weekend to recoup some of their outlay having had to postpone premieres until... the never never... in the hope that they can, at some stage, get an audience.

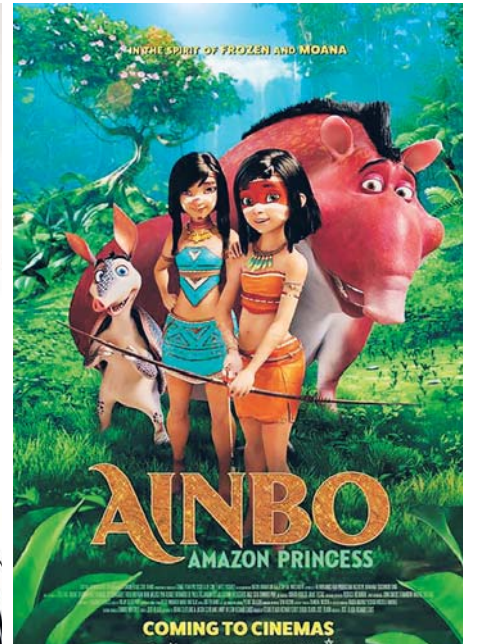
And it's not only international companies and Hollywood who have suffered. One local filmmaking company had three-and-a-half years of hard work left in limbo by COVID-19 and have had to reschedule until March next year. Things are pretty tricky.

But, now that going to a show is part of the NSW roadmap, both Ballina Cinemas and The Palace Cinema in Byron Bay are putting on the good stuff to get you back into the movie groove.

Next week we'll be giving you all the news on the **Italian Film Festival at Palace Cinema Byron Bay**, but this week they are featuring a special event – **Craft Beer and Lamb on Thursday** – where they invite you to step into the wonderful and slightly terrifying world of **Lamb**, **A24's newest supernatural folktale**.

*Lamb* is a vivid, impossibly original story about an Icelandic couple who make an eerie discovery in their sheep barn.

María (**Noomi Rapace**) and Ingvar (**Hilmir Snær Guðnason**) live with their herd of sheep on a beautiful



but remote farm. When they discover a newborn baby with the head of a lamb (yes, really) in their barn, they decide to adopt and raise the child as their own.

The unexpected prospect of a new family brings them much joy, but they soon face the consequences of defying the will of nature. *Lamb* showcases the unwavering nature of a parent's love amidst dark and mysterious animal-human relations.

Winner of the Un Certain Regard – Prize of Originality at the Cannes Film Festival, *Lamb* is a bold, atmospheric experience from debut feature director **Valdimar Jóhannsson**.

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As she fights to save her paradise from greed and the exploitation of children, from logging, and illegal mining, she begins to struggle to reverse this destruction and the impending evil of the Yucuruna, the darkness that lives in the Amazon. Guided by her mother's spirit, Ainbo is determined to save her land and save her people before it's too late. **Ainbo starts on Thursday.**

If you are looking for something for actual grownups, you can't go past **Respect, the life story of legendary R&B singer, Aretha Franklin** that follows her rise, from a child singing in her father's church choir, to her international superstardom – it's the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice. *Respect* stars Jennifer Hudson, a woman with literally dozens of awards for both singing and acting (her awards actually have their own Wikipedia page). The film is directed by Liesl Tommy in her feature directorial debut.

For more information about what's coming up at **Ballina Fair Cinemas**, visit: [ballinafaircinemas.com.au](http://ballinafaircinemas.com.au).

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**RESPECT (M)**  
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**RIDERS OF JUSTICE (MA15+)**  
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# COVID-19 hospital horror – opening up and the dangers ahead

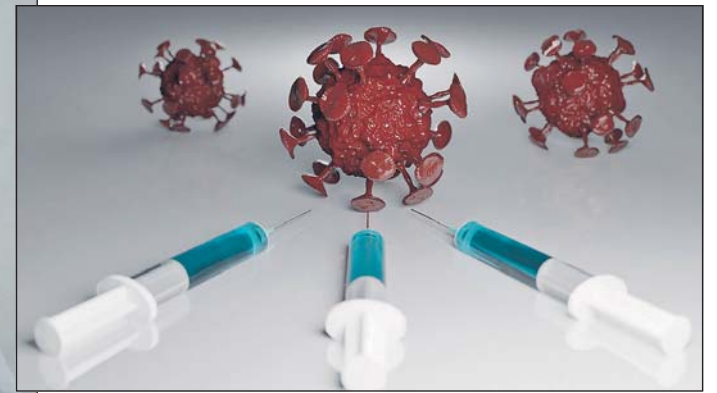
Dr Who

## The Problem

A hospital is not a health farm. For a start, the food has a terrible reputation. Seriously though, when life is on the brink, a hospital is the destination. Staff are trained and equipped to deal with a range of human mishaps, injuries and illnesses.

Healthy minded people see hospitals as a last resort, with good reason, because they are not without risk. Over the years, I have even heard people say, 'I wouldn't go there unless I was dying'. Cross-infection with antibiotic-resistant bacteria can occur, for example. Pain, trauma, loss, fear, powerlessness or medical incompetence make foreboding prospects. Anyone who needs acute hospital care has to surrender personal power.

If you do need to go to hospital, it's a good idea to have a competent companion at the bedside, someone to hold a hand or advocate; to speak up if the patient is incapable. For example, if it gets frantic with other emergencies, a



Above: Vaccine or Indian arrow poison? Image Pixabay  
Main image: Patient in hospital with COVID-19.  
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patient may be forgotten in a corner cubicle or left lying on a corridor trolley.

## In the time of COVID-19

As if all that is not enough, the COVID-19 era has layered on a sense of weirdness. Staff have to confront an extra raft of protocols to prevent the spread of COVID Delta variant. This more contagious variant has radically raised the stakes. Its attack profile includes younger adults and even some kids. Protective

clothing and other precautions can be intimidating to patients and be stressful and tiring for hospital staff. Under COVID rules, relatives and friends are frequently not allowed inside at all.

So, what can we expect as our society, businesses and travel open up, at the height of the pandemic, as planned for NSW? Government advisors reassure us that hospitals will gear up to cope with the expected increase in demand.

Another outlook comes from *The Medical Journal*

of *Australia*, independent of the government. Its editor, Emeritus Professor Nick Talley has forecast 'a tsunami of hospitalisations when Australia opens up on COVID restrictions'.

## Code black

And the *Australian Doctor Magazine* has issued a warning. Professor Raina Macintyre and a panel of 48 pandemic experts, the Ozsage group from the Kirby Institute, stated that 'hospitals could be swamped under the NSW Government's "roadmap to freedom" policy'. They forecast that around Christmas, it will be code black, meaning full occupancy of intensive care. Warnings of 'tsunamis' and 'swampin' of the hospital system telegraph possible hospital conditions in the months ahead.

The usual mix of health problems is sort of forgotten in COVID task fixation. Add to this the raft of physical and mental illnesses, exacerbated by lockdown. For the ten thousand things that afflict humans, we will still need hospital services, but it's hard to see how the system will continue providing quality service.

## An answer...

Even though we are less than two years into this pandemic, unfolding knowledge provides some welcome reassurances. One happy surprise is that a fully vaccinated person is unlikely to become sick enough to require admission to hospital, specifically, not to need ventilation in intensive care.

As recently as the of August 13, research from the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US confirmed that vaccinated adults over 65 are 96 per cent less likely to require

a ventilator and intensive care. An obverse finding is that the chance of death in unvaccinated people is greater by a factor of eleven.

A doctor's job is not to save the world but to look to the individual interests of their patients. In this light, the best reason I can find for getting the vaccine is avoidance of the need for ventilator intervention.

Any person of advanced age, or with an underlying condition, who is sick enough with COVID to require ventilation is already in deep shit. From survivors' stories, the outlook for a return to robust long-term health is far from rosy.

## We have to talk about intensive care

Let me take you on a Cook's tour of a ventilator in intensive care units (ICU) because, for me, it was a central issue in vaccination decisions. Years ago, I walked the floor of a busy ICU in London. I recall our nickname for this place – 'the Expensive Scare Unit'.

The Ventilator was a cutting edge machine in that era, before computers. Of course, technology has improved out of sight in the digital age, but the human machine is the same. The Ventilator does not work like a Thermomix in the kitchen with predictable results. Stories published by COVID survivors who have needed ventilation confirm that the road to recovery is unpredictable or long-term when this virus gets its claws in.

## It works like this

The Ventilator takes over control of natural breathing. The essence of the treatment is an intimate joining via a tube in the patient's larynx to the machine, which provides rhythmical positive pressure inflation of the lungs. A drug modelled on Curare, a tribal

South American Indian arrow poison, is used routinely to paralyse the whole body, including the diaphragm muscle, to prevent the patient from fighting with the machine.

In everyday life, even the most committed couch potato naturally exercises this diaphragm for breathing, to stay alive. On a ventilator, the diaphragm cannot exercise, and it undergoes disuse atrophy very rapidly.

Survivors of ventilation need prolonged specialist physiotherapy rehabilitation for muscle wasting in the whole body. The longer the treatment, the more complex the recovery.

By the way, a side effect from positive pressure ventilation can include clotting in the lungs. Please don't think I'm knocking the Ventilator because this treatment has preserved many lives. It gives nature time to catch up, for example, in cases of near drowning.

But even if politicians can deliver a thousand ventilators, each machine requires a team of highly expert operators and close supervision of an unconscious patient. Meanwhile, the stress of burnout syndrome under COVID conditions is decimating these skilled staff.

For those who feel that the vaccination jab is a danger or a Bill Gates conspiracy, spare a thought for the arrow poison alternative.

## A prediction

On the eleventh of October, when Sydney comes out of lockdown, watch out for the stampede of bulls on fire galloping northwards. There is no time to vacillate over the vaccine, because they may be coming for you.

■ Dr Who has written previously for *The Echo* and has had their credentials checked to confirm the expertise of opinion.

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Pulp Fiction is a little gem of a shop that has a wonderful, eclectic mix of offerings. Their unique secondhand store is home to an abundance of funky clothes and fiction, perfect for the unique individual! Whether you're a complete bookworm or a fearless fashionista, you're bound to find something to enjoy at Pulp Fiction & Fashion.

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Fossick further to explore rooms full of



eclectic fashion items - nostalgic fabrics and styles from bygone eras in Pulp Fiction & Fashion's extensive collection of vintage and secondhand clothing and accessories.

Visit them for extreme literary fiction, non-fiction, and eclectic funky fashions.

309 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah  
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## Murwillumbah Wreckers

Established in the early '70s, Murwillumbah Wreckers has been serving the local community under the current owner for over 20 years.

They have a courier network that can transport your much needed car part to all corners of Australia. For local customers they have fast and reliable couriers servicing the Northern Rivers.

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With over 60 years of combined automotive experience, they look forward to your call.

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# Magic Murwillumbah



## BP Murwillumbah

If you could dream up the ultimate service station stop then this place is it! So much more than a fuel stop, their shop pretty much has it all. They not only have amazing coffee and a great range of delicious, healthy, fresh food on offer, as well as pantry items and freshly made take home meals (including gluten free, organic and vegan options) – they even stock a range of eco friendly gifts.

If you're looking for a yummy healthy treat, you're sure to find one to recharge and refresh you. Don't feel like cooking? This is the ideal place to pick up a healthy snack for your drive or take home a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner for your family.

216 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah  
02 6672 8355  
Facebook: bpmurbah



## Mayberry Meldrum Anderson

Mayberry Meldrum and Anderson have been servicing the Northern Rivers region for over 37 years. Their custom built office overlooks the stunning views of Murwillumbah, where they offer accounting assistance and business consultancy. They have helped local clients grow from an entrepreneurial idea into large national and internal businesses. 'We believe in delivering excellent advice at a fair and reasonable price, and we don't just see our clients as customers, but take a genuine interest in their financial and business lives.'

Since the recent lockdowns, they have continued to help their community by offering up-to-date information and details for the ongoing COVID-19 Grants. If you are interested in keeping up to date with the grants, tax tips and much more, register for their monthly MMA newsletter using the link below!

[eepurl.com/g-9KAz](http://eepurl.com/g-9KAz)  
315 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah  
02 6672 4044  
Email: [administrator@mmaacc.com](mailto:administrator@mmaacc.com)  
mmaacc.com

## Gifting at its finest

This 'News, Lifestyle & Gift Emporium' boasts a carefully selected range of luxurious and versatile gifting options for the entire family – all within a restored 1908 building.

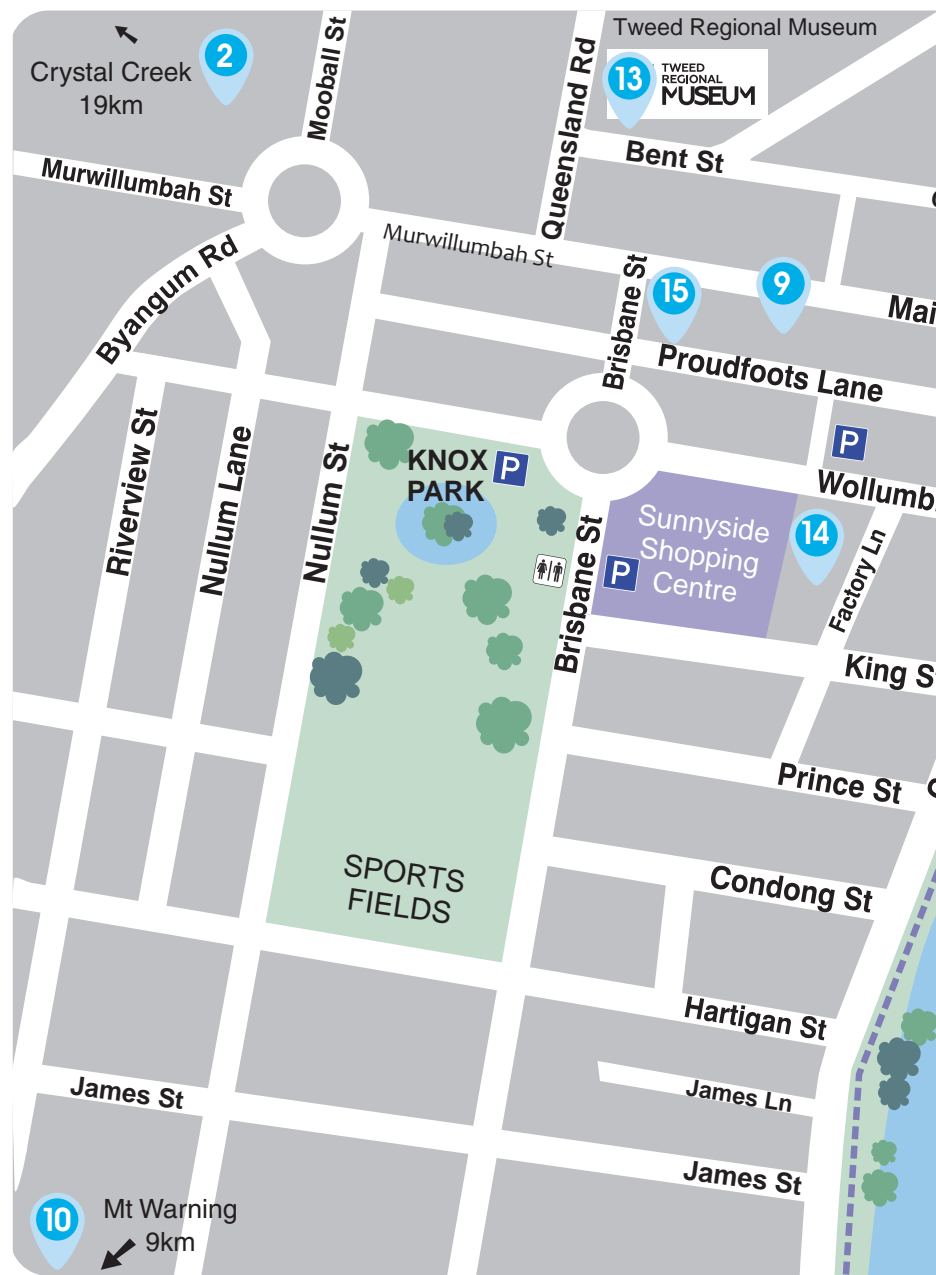
Seeking gifting inspiration for someone special? Your senses will be engaged and excited as you enjoy browsing the beautiful range of giftware, home fragrances, gardening accessories, cards, magazines and books, diaries and journals, toys, games, confectionery, local tourist mementos and more.

There has never been a better time to explore The Foundry Murwillumbah.

**The Foundry Murwillumbah – News, Lifestyle & Gift Emporium**  
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## Discover Mu



Murwillumbah was surveyed in 1872 and took its name from an Aboriginal term meaning either a 'good campsite' or 'place of many possums.' Development was slow until the town was reached in 1894 by a rail extension from Lismore to the south.



Main Street of Murwillumbah.

Murwillumbah, circa 1905.

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| 1. Tweed River House  | 6. Murwillumbah V  |
| 2. Crystal Creek Rainforest Retreat   | 7. BP Murwillumb   |
| 3. Bowerbird Emporium   | 8. Mayberry Meld   |
| 4. Cabin Life (go to <a href="http://www.cabinlife.com.au">www.cabinlife.com.au</a> ) | 9. The Foundry     |
| 5. Pulp Fiction   | 10. Mavis' Kitchen |



# Magic Murwillumbah



## Christmas Holidays @ Mavis' Kitchen

This year the team at Mavis' Kitchen have put together a few menu options for delighting teams of people to share in their locally sourced, Mavis made produce and dishes.

Visit their beautiful property and host your crew with a private long table and private fire cooked feast around the custom fire pit in their kitchen garden.

Or just watch the kids, in the new play area, from the famous verandas of Mavis' Kitchen, with views of Wollumbin, Mt Warning.

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maviskitchen.com.au

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## Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre

Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre in the heart of Murwillumbah offers pools to suit everyone.

They have:

- a warm hydrotherapy pool to help ease those aches and pains.
- a heated 25 metre indoor pool for laps and aqua programs.
- a wonderful teaching pool for learning to swim and family play.

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Everyone is welcome!

6-8 Tumbulgam Rd,  
Murwillumbah  
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trac.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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# Murwillumbah



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## The art of sharing knowledge

To coincide with the exhibition *Shared Knowledge* Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is delighted to host a special evening for artists in our region.

Learn more about the arts industry in a fun and relaxing environment including tips on submitting an application, approaching galleries, entering prizes and more.

Test your knowledge and be in the running to win a gift voucher from Yellow Brick Studio, and a mentoring session at Byron School of Art.

To be held on Friday 22 October at 5.30pm-7pm (DST) | \$20

Booking essential:  
sharedknowledgesunsetsession.eventbrite.com.au

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This event is presented in partnership with Byron School of Art and Yellow Brick Studio.

The exhibition *Shared Knowledge* showcases the work of four BSA Directors: Michael Cusack, James Guppy, Emma Walker and Christine Willcocks; and four long-course teachers: Chris Bennie, Michelle Dawson, Travis Paterson and Kat Shapiro Wood.

Exhibition on display until Sunday 5 December.  
Gallery open Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm.  
artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au



- 1. Wreckers
- 2. Murwillumbah
- 3. Murray Anderson
- 4. Cabins
- 5. Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre
- 6. Tweed Regional Gallery
- 7. Tweed Regional Museum
- 8. Aura Gardens Nursery
- 9. Northern Rivers Property Group



Artful street seating in Murwillumbah



# Magic Murwillumbah

## Tweed Regional Museum

Visit Tweed Regional Museum's latest exhibition, *Fight for the Right*, which explores the Tweed's long history of activism and protest, targeting political, environmental and social change. The exhibition highlights the community's response to issues that united and, at times, divided the Tweed. It includes social justice campaigns of the 1960s, right through to current day issues, and reflects the passion shown by the community on a wide range of issues, including protection of the local environment.

Image: Byrrill Creek Blockade, 1987. Photographer Hugh Kearney.

2 Queensland Rd, Murwillumbah  
(02) 6670 2493  
museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au



## Aura Gardens Nursery

Mark is a qualified horticulturist with 30 years' of experience in retail and wholesale nurseries. He has the greenest thumb!

Anthony has a creative business background with a passion for great customer service.

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Murwillumbah  
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W: auragardensnursery.com.au  
FB: Aura Gardens Nursery



## Northern Rivers Property Group



### What their clients say:

'Adrianna and Paul were incredibly helpful. It's not often that you can say that compassion comes into the process of buying a new home, but they have it in droves. They were honest and to the point, prompt in replying and always pleasant. They made the process easier for us.' – Michelle, Dustin and Madeleine.

'We couldn't recommend Adrianna and Paul highly enough. Having entrusted our beautiful home to them to sell, we were delighted with their professionalism and class. They kept us informed, respected us, and paid due respect to our property. From the outset, they had a firm marketing plan, which achieved a sale we could only have dreamed of. These two are an awesome team and we would invite anyone who is wanting a stress-free process with sincere and dedicated agents, to engage them to get the job done.' – Rod and Llewelyn

Paul 0448 191 351 | Adrianna 0422 265 871  
Suite 2A, 114 Murwillumbah St, Murwillumbah  
northernriverspropertygroup.com.au

## Natural Bridge

Located 30km north-west of Murwillumbah, off the Nerang-Murwillumbah road, is Natural Bridge. It is a beautiful, small valley, and grotto in which an arch, formed 23 million years ago by lava from Mount Warning, has created a cavern. Erosion from a creek created a hole in the lava and formed a waterfall through the roof of the cavern. To appreciate the scale of the volcano, at the time of the eruption; it was 80km across. The basalt rock bridge seen today was once the lip of a waterfall. Beneath the hard basalt, a softer rock form, called agglomerate, was eroded by the waterfall, forming a cave beneath. Upstream from the fall, a deep pool was drilled in the creek bed by the swirling action of rocks in the water. This pool eventually broke through the cave roof, allowing the water to plunge through the hole into the cave below.



## Murwillumbah District Hospital

Murwillumbah District Hospital is a local community hospital, established in 1903, that provides the local community with a range of services including: Emergency Department, Operating Suite, Day Surgery, Medical and Surgical Inpatient Units, a Women's Ambulatory Care Unit comprising Birth Centre, Antenatal Clinic and Gynaecology Clinic, and a well-appointed rehabilitation unit.



### Location:

8-10 Ewing Street, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484, Australia

### Hours of Service:

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### Visiting Hours:

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### Contact:

Phone: (02) 6672 0000; fax (02) 6672 0299

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Barrio's canteen takes its inspiration from locally sourced produce and moorish cuisine.  
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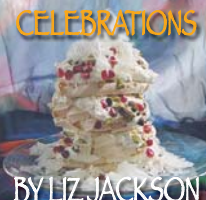
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## The Glasshouse

A driving holiday, inland from Byron, often serves as a healthy reminder that we're spoilt for choice here with good restaurants, wine and service. On a recent trip, the Glasshouse restaurant at Goonoo Goonoo Station near Tamworth was a highlight. You drive through the cows to reach it, it's beautiful architecture is lit up at night and it's a stylish place serving good food and wine. Well worth a detour.  
See [goonoooonoostation.com](http://goonoooonoostation.com)



# The Good Life



## Mediterranean artisanal food

S Haslam

There's something very romantic and appealing about Provence, about French and Spanish food, about eating the sort of delicious cheeses and other delicacies that the French might enjoy. But right here in Byron you can eat the foods that a person from the South of France might choose from their local farmers' market, because Antoine from Byron Bay Olive Co. used to sell the best local cuisine at his parents' market stall in Sanary-sur-Mer in the Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur region in south-eastern France.

Antoine, who first tended the stall from five years old, feels fulfilled being able to bring that offering to Australia. Whilst many of us might dream of living on the Cote d'Azur, Antoine fell in love with Byron on a visit and moved from there to here. Of course, in Europe food miles are not such a thing, getting Sicilian or Spanish olives is easy, from somewhere that has perfected growing olives over thousands of years. But, in a sustainable way, Antoine now offers both European and NSW organic award-winning olives here.

Of course, once you understand how to source quality ingredients, you have the chance to use them to create your own delicacies, and he doesn't just sell olives, he also makes a terrific black tapenade. One remarkable success story is his sweet, slightly pickled garlic, even young babies love to eat them in the pram, and old blokes like myself like them with beer! Spot the difference.

They began making olive oil this year, squeezed from the organic olives they sell; a new product that's great for cooking but also tastes great on meals, or on salads, now that it's getting warmer, or on baked fish or vegetables.

Isn't it amazing how many innovative food companies start up here? Antoine's first sales were at the local markets, and they still have a stall at the Byron and Bangalow markets, although the operation is now Australia-wide.

The crew make all their products from the kitchen behind 'La Cuisine', their French Deli on



These ancient Spanish olive trees are around 3000 years old.

the roundabout opposite Buntings in Byron.

Come and say 'Hi' to Julian and the rest of the crew at their deli and kitchen, who are vigilant in making sure that the flavours and quality of the produce is kept high.

You can buy a carefully selected range of French cheeses like La Raclette from their French Deli, and takeaway olives and other gourmet food, but soon you'll be able to sit down again in the garden out front and eat a delicious baguette or have a coffee there as COVID rules relax.

And, if you are a Byron restaurant owner or food retailer, ask the crew at Byron Olive Co. about sharing their product range.

**byronbayoliveco.com**  
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La Cuisine is the deli in front of the Byron Bay Olive Co kitchen, and is full of their wonderful products

## Satvik Foods simply: sauté, simmer & serve

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A fusion of Indian influences with our fast paced western lifestyle, their family creates delicious whole food products that are super quick and easy to prepare. The mindfulness and care they put into their products is obvious, confirming you can cultivate business that is both ethical and sustainable.

Operating on a ley line between the two houses, sisters Rada and Kat have honed their approach over the last decade, so they've got it pretty right by now. With compostable packaging, Australian grains and Ayurvedic spices this small business nourishes and feeds a community.

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Sisters, Rada and Kat, in the kitchen

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## Radiance Kitchen

Congratulations to Dexter and Linda, operators of Radiance Kitchen, who are celebrating their tenth anniversary of selling the region's most delicious rainbow dumplings at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market.

Dexter lives by the mantra, 'Persist in doing one thing and doing it very well' and this has certainly been the case with his dumplings. The couple moved to Mullumbimby from Taiwan with the encouragement of Dexter's sister, who was already living here, and from the start they were attracted to the natural way of life and the outdoor lifestyle; so different from Taipei.

Keen to continue their connection to their Chinese culture, they began cooking their traditional dumplings at home to celebrate Chinese festivals, before launching Radiance Kitchen. After many requests for gluten free versions, Dexter developed his four different varieties recognisable with their signature



Dexter Chou and Linda Hung - radiance in the kitchen

vivid colours.

'I am originally a graphic designer so the look and colour of the dumplings was very important to me. I researched natural and organic food colourings to develop the four varieties,' he says. All your senses are in for an adventure: they use turmeric (yellow for chicken), butterfly pea flower (blue for prawn), dragonfruit (red for pork) and kale powder (green for vegetable).

'Our fillings are all organic, locally-sourced and very good quality and often come from other stallholders, or in the case of prawn, from local Brunswick fishermen. We are hands-on every step of the way, we chop all our ingredients ourselves on Mondays and Tuesdays. Wednesday and Thursday we prepare and make the dumplings, and then on Friday we are at the markets selling them to our customers.'

Radiance Kitchen also sell their fresh, delicate and authentic dumplings in frozen packs you can take home to steam yourself. Dexter is very happy to explain how to get the best results.

'Dumplings to us, are not just food, they are a part of all family celebrations.'

People have loved going to Radiance Kitchen for their weekly dumpling fix for a decade. Be sure to also look out for their special 'potstickers and badzang!'

**Radiance Kitchen is at Mullum Farmers Markets Friday 7-11am.**

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- Gina, vendor

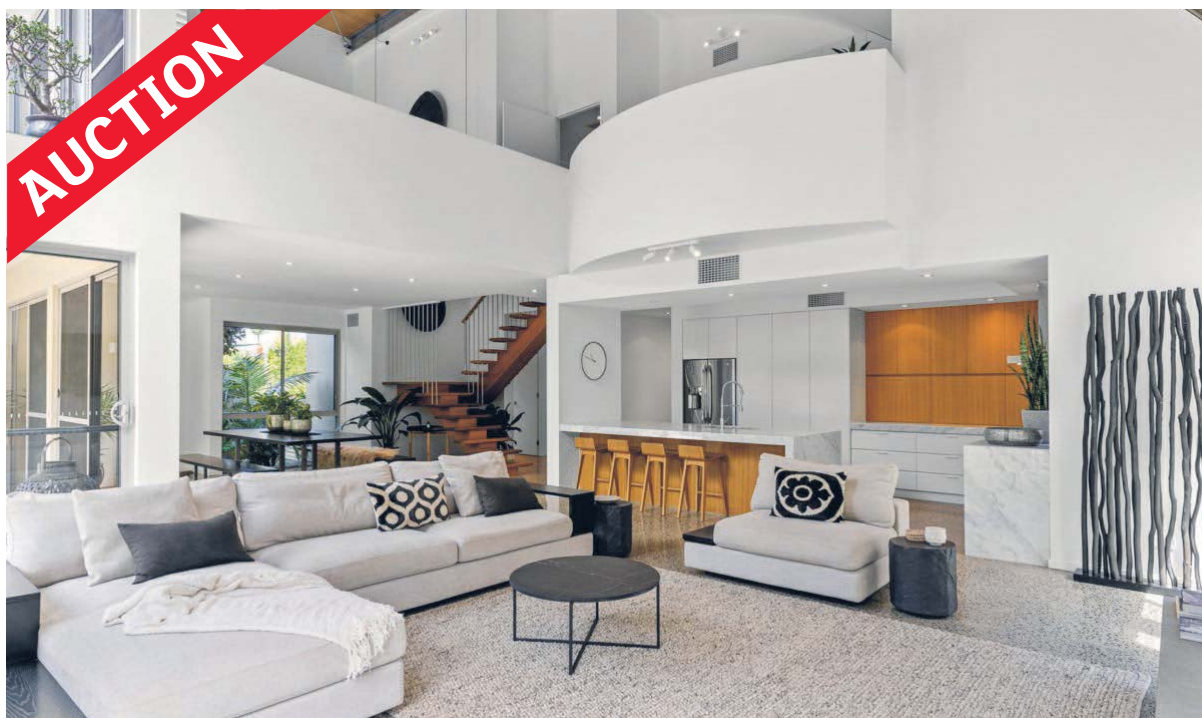
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The title says it all! Combine sophistication, luxury, lifestyle, architecture & elegance with a private position adjoining a nature reserve with direct beach access, architecturally designed landscaping, pool, entertaining, catering for all seasons including winter with the fire pit & you have infatuation.

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6/18 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay

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**Potential in a great location**

- Easy walk to Tallow Beach.
- High ceilings with skylight features.
- Upstairs views to Mt Warning, Mt Chincogan, and the Nightcap Range.
- Split level lounge and dining room.
- Separate laundry and WC downstairs.
- Potential to expand and create a lovely garden.

Price: Contact Agent  
Open: By Appointment



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18/21-25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay

4 2 2

**Perfect home or investment opportunity**

- Naturally light, free-standing home.
- Privately sits within a tranquil complex.
- Open plan living and kitchen opens to covered balcony.
- Hardwood timber floors and high ceilings.
- Downstairs studio space perfect for work or guests.
- Walk to Tallow Beach through Arakwal National Park.

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139 McAuleys Lane, Myocum

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**Ocean Views, Amazing Lifestyle**

- Ocean, Lighthouse and Julian Rocks views throughout the home.
- Solid Anstey home with vast, high ceilings, and natural light.
- Neat 2-acre parcel with manicured gardens and veggie gardens.
- Large lagoon pool, covered inset spa.
- Outdoor entertaining with multiple decks, gardens and pizza oven.

Land: 8,896m<sup>2</sup>  
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3 Tahra Crescent, Ewingsdale

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### Perfect Byron Bay Lifestyle Property

Privately set in a peaceful position, just 5km from beautiful Byron Bay beaches.

- Timber flooring and new paint in the living area.
- Fantastic indoor-outdoor flow with doors to the entertaining area
- Spacious kitchen with gas cooking
- Wood heater, reverse cycle A/C and solar system.
- Tropical pool surrounded by multiple living spaces and fire pit area.
- Mature tropical fruit trees, and garden shed.
- Separate cottage with its own access, electricity metre and septic, fully fenced.

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Area: 4,000m<sup>2</sup>

Price: Contact Agent

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57 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park

5 2 2

### Luxury Living in an Exclusive Area

- Prime position with elevation and aspect, ensuring a light-filled home.
- Ducted air conditioning throughout.
- Gas cooking and top-of-the-line appliances.
- First time the property has been offered to the market since built 5 years ago.
- Established tropical gardens, plenty of room for a pool.
- Double lock up garage.
- Peaceful and quiet street in a great neighbourhood.

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Price: Contact Agent

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## Landmark Freehold Building, **Bangalow**

### Iconic Main Street Position

- Once in a lifetime opportunity to own prime hinterland commercial property of this calibre
- Profitable mix of 11 individually leased shops and office suites
- Originally built in 1912, this solid historical building has been well maintained and tastefully refurbished
- Dual street frontage, off street parking and an internal leafy courtyard add value and character

### Auction

Sat 6 Nov at 2pm

### View

By Appointment

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## Deceased Estate Sale, **Bangalow**

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### Peaceful Retreat in the Heart of Bangalow Village

- Open plan living flows seamlessly to wrap around north-east verandahs
- High ceilings, polished timber floors and loads of character
- Upstairs parents retreats opening to leafy balcony
- Easy care established grounds, paved intimate courtyard and double carport
- Move straight in and enjoy or value add with a creative update
- Vendor declares reserve of \$1.3m

### Auction

Sat 30 Oct at 1pm

### View

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Tuesday 4.30 - 5.00pm

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**Tropical Treetop Estate, Bangalow**

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**Family Resort Close to Town**

- Stunning 1,341m2 block with lush tropical gardens
- Beautiful outlook from elevated covered balconies that wrap around this gorgeous Western Red Cedar home
- Large family inground pool nestled in a paradise setting
- End of cul-de-sac location backing onto a council reserve and neighbouring farmland
- Easy walk to cafes and shopping precinct

**Auction**

Sat 6 Nov at 12pm

**View**

By Appointment

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**Hobby Farm Lifestyle Acres, Goonengerry**

**Traversed by Pretty Byrangery Creek**

- 15 acres of rich red soil ideal for home orchards and grazing
- Rustic timber cottage with mains power and septic connected
- Choice of several level homesites overlooking your own private swimming holes
- Verandah views across Byrangery Creek to wide fertile paddocks and pockets of bushland
- Short scenic drive to Federal village amenities

**Auction**

Sat 6 Nov at 10am

**View**

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**"The Hidden Valley", Repentance Creek**

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**Privacy, Birdsong and Atmosphere**

- Over 48 acres bordering Nightcap National Park w/- panoramic valley views, approx 8 acres of rolling pasture and a second dwelling site backing onto 40 acres of pristine rainforest
- Set amongst a stunning leafy palette, the beautifully presented timber home is filled with birdsong from dawn to dusk
- Walk your own bushland traks and trails to Minyon Falls, establish your self sufficient dreams or just sit back and enjoy

**Auction**

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- Solid well maintained farmhouse with potential for a second home-site offering amazing mountain outlook
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## Byron Bay 39 Lilli Pilli Drive

815sqm 6 4 4

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- Brand new contemporary chefs kitchen featuring 60mm stone bench-tops & Fisher & Paykel stainless steel appliances
- Impressive upstairs master-bedroom with walk-in-robe and Juliet balcony overlooking the Lilli Pilli nature reserve
- Ground floor flows through lounge & dining area
- Additional three spacious bedrooms. Two with built-in robes and centre the main bathroom & separate WC and another large bedroom on the right wing of the home.
- Open plan living seamlessly blends into screened outdoor alfresco entertaining

- The Bali style backyard fill with plenty of nature sun throughout the day, perfect for friends and family for outdoor bbq this coming summer
- Fully self-contained architecturally designed cottage (Council Approved) with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and its own private backyard space. Perfect for extended family or for extra rental returns

#### Location Benefits (all approximations):

- Across the street Lilli Pilli Nature Reserve
- 5min walk to the Ionic Roadhouse Cafe
- 10min bike ride to Tallow beach
- 5min drive to the Byron Bay Centre & School & all your Amenities
- 25mins to Ballina Airport
- 45mins to Gold Coast International Airport

You will be impressed with the size of block, quality, and unbeatable location. Contact Steven Liu on 0423 115 778 for more information. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity.

**Open:** Saturday 16th October, 2021 at 1 - 1.30pm

**Auction:** Saturday 30th October, 2021 at 10am

*Steven*

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17 Main Street, Clunes

3 1 2 Price guide: \$720,000-\$780,000



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### Perfect Byron Lifestyle Property

3 Tahra Crescent, Ewingsdale

6 3 4 Price: Contact Agent



Settled in tranquil surroundings, this property has generous proportions throughout, combined with light-filled interiors providing an excellent sense of space, while the flowing floor plan is ideal for our coastal lifestyle, ideal & practical for a large family.

Main house:

- Fantastic indoor-outdoor flow with doors opening up onto the entertaining area
- Spacious kitchen with gas cooking
- Tropical pool with recently re-done decking and surrounded by multiple living spaces & fire pit area
- Mature tropical fruit trees, & garden shed

Cottage:

- As new- completed in July 2020
- Completely separate with its own access, electricity metre & septic
- Beautifully designed kitchen with SMEG appliances
- Fully fenced with 1000m<sup>2</sup> of land

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Contact:** Damien Smith - 0418 123 393  
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- 5 Green Frog Lane, Bangalow. Thu 4-4.30pm
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- 1 Nightcap Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 5 Green Frog Lane, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 5/7 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 83 McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-1pm

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- 4/34 Beryl Street, Tweed Heads. Sat 10-11am
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- 1 Nightcap Court, Mullumbimby

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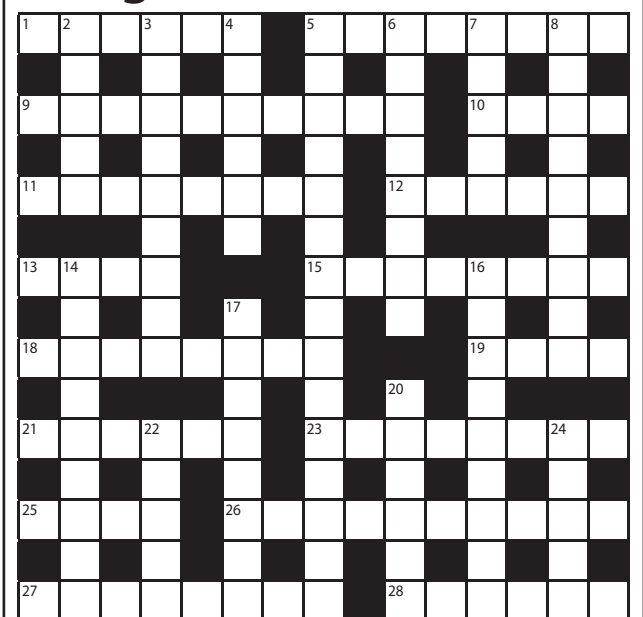
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## Mungo's Crossword

N408



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Entertains Australian sources of inspiration (6)
- Smart girl coming into society - broadcasting! (8)
- Refused to admit the truth, and expired around a sickly colour (9)
- A bad time for a small arachnid (4)
- Shapeshifter - used to be mutant fowl (8)
- Take for granted a ship for you, they say, and me (6)
- An award for ME! (4)
- Scripture class entertains, but falls back (8)
- Geoffrey follows hoboes in summary dismissal (4,4)
- Eastern Australia, Sydney surroundings - simple (4)
- Watches intently, turns to quarter traitors (6)
- PARIS and ROME (8)
- Small vehicle for a strikebreaker (4)
- Water down grown up English tax (9)
- Gone west - hot weather can't be separated (4,4)
- A cry, a cry of pain - cowardly! (6)

#### DOWN

- One in a labyrinth? Corny! (5)
- Tiger, for one, keeps watch on a pair of pips (5,4)
- Models stumble rarely (6)
- Out cold - provide feathers for the nobleman! (4,3,3,5)
- State, but it's offensive! (3,5)
- Titles elevate small English chap (5)
- Makes suggestions about close friends (9)
- Have to agonise about band - it's got whiskers! (9)
- Choose by mouth - it's to do with voting (9)
- Stars possessed eastern parasol (8)
- Look at surrounding territory - it's dappled! (6)
- Artist to make an offer - foaming at the mouth! (5)
- Big Preminger has a gamble (5)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Diverts (6)
- Suave (8)
- Inadmissible (9)
- Tiny amount (4)
- Mythological, hirsute man/beast (8)
- Take on (6)
- TV trophy (4)
- Withdraws (8)
- A forcible ejection (4,4)
- Trouble-free (4)
- Gawks (6)
- Principal cities (8)
- Layer of dried blood (4)
- Taint (9)
- Draw; tie (4,4)
- Golden (6)

#### DOWN

- Cereal crop producing long ears (5)
- Two ones on two dice (5,4)
- Hardly ever (6)
- Defeated in the ring (4,3,3,5)
- Vulgar or crude (3,5)
- Designates (5)
- Confidants (9)
- Soup-strainer! (9)
- US College that elects the president (9)
- Canopy (8)
- Speckled (6)
- Fanatical (5)
- Sweepstake (5)

### Last week's solution N407

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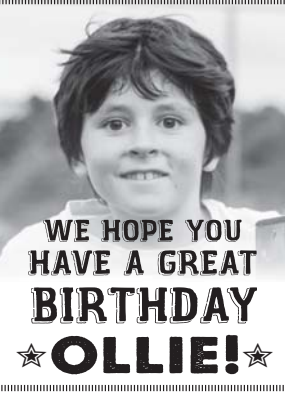


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1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month)	Coolangatta
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Flea, Byron YAC		Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
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**STARS BY LILITH**

With Saturn the second outer planet to move forward from retrograde in October, this week heaves a collective sigh of relief...



**LIBRA THE SCALE-BALANCER**

**♈ ARIES:** You, Aries, certainly aren't immune to this week's charm, and anything-goes Uranus may very well pop a life-changing proposal. Even without that, there's plenty to think about and consider before your annual full moon in Aries power point prompts a significant rerouting of the way you live from now on.

**♉ TAURUS:** This week's about love. In all its many-splendored contradictions and practical applications: romantic love, family love, everyday love, tough love, unconditional love. Business is brisk, but trickster Mercury still retrograde means you'll need to double-check information, equipment, agreements, arrangements and travel plans.

**♊ GEMINI:** Your mentor planet Mercury in likeable Libra attracts crowds of attention your way - or could that be crowd funding? Either way, its retrograde glitches continue operating, but with five planets in airy mind signs, quick thinking outside the box is your personal key to this week's success.

**♋ CANCER:** Last week's new moon in the sign of partnerships set the stage for a cycle of re-teaming up. If a group endeavour's been on shaky ground, conditions are now more auspicious for getting your crew aligned again. And if some old friendship threads fray - honestly, isn't it better that way?

**♌ LEO:** As this week filters harmony and balance back into your interactions, is it time for a peace offering? To let Venusian vibes smooth over recent rough patches in relationships and make amends? The gracious diplomacy of Libra season will render others more amenable to accepting apologies.

**♍ VIRGO:** Mercury running its retro course is still a dicey time for technology, travel and communications, especially as this week could uncover information that suggests waiting till later in October before making a major move. If addressing any tricky issues, examine all the angles first, then step aside for a private chat.

**♎ LIBRA:** With Venus in Sagittarius playing Sporty Spice, this week sees you getting out and about. If not, then keep the scales balanced with any light exercise of the Venus kind: power flirting, bending over backwards to keep the peace, or wrist-to-lip reps with a weighted champagne flute...

**♏ SCORPIO:** Does Venus in adventure mode have you itching for new connections and experiences? If travel's not possible, sign up for something outside your usual interests, or broaden social parameters. Indecision isn't your favourite mood improver, but adaptable's the new smart, so if others have to switch agendas, then join them by altering yours

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** This Venus-influenced week couldn't offer more suitable conditions for employing Libran Marshall Rosenberg's Nonviolent Communication, a method of conflict resolution that emphasises deep listening, combined with compassion for others, and ourselves. Who couldn't do with a little bit of *that* right now?

**♑ CAPRICORN:** Last week, shadow planet Pluto moved into forward gear after a five-month retrograde in your sign. This week your guiding planet Saturn, also powered down since May, shifts back on track again in the sign of teamwork, technology and social change. What else could go right?

**♒ AQUARIUS:** This week, exacting Saturn, retrograde since May, completes its annual backpedal, which this year has brought lessons around cooperating, collaborating and co-creating to your sign. But wait, there's more! Next week Jupiter, planet of expansion, hanging fire since June, also powers forward in Aquarius - yay

**♓ PISCES:** If weekend Pisces moon finds you wearing your rose-colored specs, best not filter out those flapping red flags. Consider the whole picture instead of just selective scenes. While you'll attract plenty of pleasurable attention, make clear boundaries. And if physical energy's low, then go with the flow. Don't push or rush.

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

#### Bruns Brekkie

The Brunswick Heads Breakfast Club (Bruns Brekkie) provides a free breakfast every Tuesday and Friday morning 8–9am at the Brunswick Heads Community Centre (the one near the surf club). We have toasties, tea and coffee, fresh sandwiches and rescued cakes and croissants from Bruns Bakery and Kisos cafe. Everyone is welcome.

#### BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will meet for luncheon at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club on Thursday, October 14. Come along at 10.30am for a cup of tea and catch up with friends, after two missed monthly luncheons due to lockdowns. Bush poet Ray Essery will entertain during the luncheon. Our VIEW club supports

seven disadvantaged students in the Learning for Life program. Apologies and acceptances to Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com.au. More information from Presiden, Margaret on 0429 966 894.

#### Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is to be held on Monday October 18 from 10am till 12 noon at the Ballina Cherry Street Bowling Club. Men diagnosed or newly diagnosed with prostate cancer and their partner or carers are most welcome to attend. Enquiries, phone Bob Corney 6628 1527 or 0400 747 630.

#### Kyogle Festival

The Summerland Gian Pumpkin and Watermelon Festival is set to go on January 15 2022 and now is the

time to be preparing your plantings to join in the fun. The heaviest or longest fruit competition will run for tomato, butternut pumpkin, round watermelon, zucchini and cucumber. Artists and crafters this years theme is On The Vine and entry forms for of painting or soft furnishing must be submitted by December 1. Don't forget the melon and pumpkin carving competition. For more information go to the Kyogle Council website: www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

#### Mullum Community Gardens

The Mullumbimby Community Gardens project for a new shelter at the Children's area are looking for good reclaimed hardwood post donations: 4 @ 90 x 90 x 3200; 3 @ 90 x 45 x 3800; 7 @ 70 x 35 x 2400 Contact Sarah 0473519450 or email: skboule@gmail.com.

#### Ballina Community Market

East Ballina Lions Club warmly welcome the community to the Ballina Community Market on Sunday 17

October at Canal Road Ballina at 7am to 1pm. The Ballina Concert Band will play from 9.30am and live music will be provided all morning from Cameron a young Ballina musician. BBQ, kerbside and a range of stalls will be on site. New stall holders are welcome. For enquiries and bookings contact Wayne on 0410 565 477 or email ballinalionsmarket@gmail.com. Join us for morning tea.

#### South Tweed Over 50s Club

South Tweed Over 50s Cclub meets every Friday at 12 noon behind the swimming pool in Hefron Street South Tweed. We play Ppony, 500, and Rumikins. If interested just turn up with your own mug for a supper or ring Brian on 0410 810 750 for more information. Cost to play is \$5.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Friends of Libraries AGM

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are holding their Annual General Meeting in conjunction with their monthly meeting on October 20 at 10am at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell Street Byron Bay. Presenting guest speaker Gulcin Cribb, FOL is lucky enough to have Gulchin as a member who has been in the library profession since 1976, and has worked in nine different academic libraries in four different countries.

**Please note:** This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

## 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–Thursday 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. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** **Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.** **Financial Counselling:** outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. **Information, referral and advocacy.** To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

#### Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services including meals, advocacy and counselling to connect and uplift our local community. **Homeless Breakfast:** 7:30–9am Wednesday Fletcher Street kitchen, Byron Community Centre. **Homeless Showers:** Monday and Wednesday 10am–12pm (book in at breakfasts), Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle Street. **Women's Support and Counselling:** Feel Good Fridays 1–3pm, Community Cabin, Carlyle Street. **Free Community Counselling** for Byron Shire residents. Face-to-face, by phone or via Zoom. Book a session at 0415 322 064. **Seniors Computer Club:** Friday 9am–11am, Community Cabin Carlyle St (school term only), Carlyle Street. **Laptop Library:** will loan a laptop to seniors and provide tuition on how best to be connected. Call (02) 6685 6807 on Monday and Tuesday. **Seniors drumming, yoga, ukulele, art and drama:** 66856807 for booking and time details. **Community Support Worker:** Emergency relief and assertive outreach casework for those experiencing homelessness.

#### 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.

#### Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

#### Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

#### ACA

Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in Lismore every Friday 10–11.30am, Red Dove Centre, 80 Keen Street. Byron meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom - meeting ID 554 974 582 password byronbay.

#### 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.

#### Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for

up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

#### End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings, currently online. Attendees must be Exit members. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

#### Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Susanne 0428 716 431.

#### 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.

#### Social sporting groups

**Mullumbimby:** Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. **Byron:** Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm. Wednesdays: Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukulele 11.30–12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.com or call 6685 6807. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** Women's table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

#### Contact Improvisation

Contact Improvisation Saturdays 11am–1pm at Gondwana, 23 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah. All levels of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564.

#### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10–12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367. **Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** is open Wednesday to Friday 10am–2:30pm, Saturday 8:30am–12:30pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 9:30am on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow. Info: 0429 882 525.

#### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Practice public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun supportive environment. We meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday at 6.45–9pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, 58 Dalley St Mullumbimby. Contact Ashni, 0439 843 657. New members and guests welcome.

#### Meditation

**Dzogchen meditation** and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 7pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Byron Bay Meditation Centre,** Tuesday 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: byronbaymeditationcentre.com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

#### Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. Small cost. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

#### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop,** Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 9am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Prue Harrington 0420 316 610. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 9am–12noon. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Friday 11am–3pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

#### Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall is open Thursday to Saturday 10am–2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am–4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au.

#### CWA Bangalow

Bangalow CWA has reopened and our hours are Monday–Friday 10am–2pm and Saturdays 8am–12 noon.

#### Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

#### Up your skills

Come to Upskill in Mullumbimby, a free introductory building and carpentry workshop. Workshops are held every Saturday, 9am to 1pm at Shedding Community Workshop. Bookings Essential via shedding.com.au. Contact Sophie Wilksch via email at shedding.communityworkshop@gmail.com.

#### Muslim prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu'ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 1:30 pm. Tto the remembrance of Allah.

#### Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at Shedding (Mullum Commons), 91 Main Arm Rd on Saturdays 1.30–4.30pm. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

#### Bosom Buddies

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

#### Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at <http://emerge.org.au/>.

#### Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critical soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap for recycling to Kim at Raine & Horne Byron Bay 39 Fletcher Street 0499 839 566. Small and large quantities welcome. <https://soapaaid.org>.

#### Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit [www.slaa.org.au](http://www.slaa.org.au).

#### Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Monday, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors welcome. See [bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html](http://bridgewebs.com/brunswickvalley/home.html) or for partner ring Lesley 0468 807 306. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club.

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It's tick season, so be on the alert, pet owners, farmers and those living in rural areas – these little critters can kill and make you and your animals very sick. For animals, initial signs are a lack of coordination or 'wobbling' in the hind legs, which then progresses towards the head, affecting breathing muscles and the forelimbs. More info can be found at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Nothing screams corrupt like a prime minister, aided by a corrupt media, who vehemently oppose an anti-corruption body.

The Mullum Comprehensive Health Centre says a free vaccination clinic for both Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccinations will be available to the public this Saturday, between 9am and 11.30am. The centre is located at 60 Stuart Street.

A Council planner, a councillor and a developer walk into a hotel... oh yes, that's another storey.

New Premier, Dominic Perrottet (Liberal), and Deputy Premier, Paul Toole (Nationals), are off to a cracking start with their new jobs, having shown the entire world their lack of care, or knowledge of the laws they have enacted



While the self-isolating is over for now, there's possibly more headwinds ahead, as the NSW government lurches about with its COVID-19 response. Photo Jeff 'Iso' Dawson

around COVID-19. They invited the media to celebrate the state reopening at a pub, then proceeded to breach section 2.19 of Division 6, (Miscellaneous) of the *Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021*. You can't stand up while drinking in a pub, boys. But seriously, these blokes must be chuffed that their boys club is back now Gladys is gone, and the ladies are at home looking after the kids and cooking dinner.

Since the NSW lockdown lifted, Virgin Australia wasted no time in announcing \$49 flights from Sydney to Byron. A Perth to Byron Bay route has also been touted by a new airline startup, Bonza, which is backed by 'huge US private investment firm 777 Partners', according to [www.airlineratings.com](http://www.airlineratings.com).

While it's great to see Westpac handing out cash via its foundation (see page 7), it shouldn't be forgotten that it, like most major banks, has

an appalling record in fossil fuel investment. According to [www.marketforces.org.au](http://www.marketforces.org.au), Horizon Bank 'does not directly invest in, or provide

loans to, any company in the fossil fuel industry'. Westpac however, has loaned \$6,689m to fossil fuel companies globally since 2016.

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