



Biz smashed by new COVID-19 regime

Jay Aarts from Blade Barbers in Byron Bay said he estimated that the shop had experienced a 40 to 50 per cent fall in customers since the new COVID-19 rules came in which, in part, require customers to prove their vaccination status. Photo Jeff 'Dropping Blades Since 1986' Dawson

Paul Bibby

It was proudly trumpeted as 'Freedom Day' by the State Government.

But for much of the local business community in the region, October 11 was anything but.

Far from bringing patrons back to pubs, cafes and shopping precincts, the new rules giving greater freedoms exclusively to the double-dose vaccinated have seen revenues plunge across the Shire.

Many businesses and community organisations have, in

fact, elected to close their doors completely, until at least December 1, choosing to bunker down rather than act as policemen for the government's new regime.

'You probably couldn't have done a worse thing to Byron,' President of the Byron Business Chamber, Mark Ryan, said.

'We don't have the high rate of double dose vaccination in our community that they have in somewhere like Sydney, essentially because the vaccine wasn't available.

'Now with these new restrictions,

we're basically being punished for our lower vaccination rate.'

Revenue down 70%

With sales for local businesses down by as much as 70 per cent, the Chamber is calling on the State Government to amend the rules, so that locals with one dose under their belts can return to non-essential shops and venues.

The government recently amended the rules so that staff with a single dose could return to work. But without any customers to serve,

this has simply resulted in additional staffing costs for business.

'The current vaccination level in the Byron LGA is now over 75 per cent of eligible people having had their single dose', Mr Ryan said.

'Without the ability of these vaccinated people to enter the marketplace, it will mean that local businesses will not have customers to serve, and may be forced to close their doors once again.'

In fact, the roller shutters are already going down.

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After a long, arduous and uninformed debate...

Saddle Road DA approved

Hans Lovejoy

Councillors finally 'got there in the end', interim Mayor, Michael Lyon, told an exhausted audience after many hours of confused meandering at last Thursday's Council meeting.

A DA for six farmstay cabins and a central facility at the southern end of Saddle Road was approved, as per staff recommendation and conditions, yet the bulk of debate centred around road access to either Gulgan Road, near Uncle Tom's, or Saddle Road itself, which has a dangerous intersection on the crest of Mullumbi Road.

The DA is associated with Greens Council candidate and keen Council watcher, Matthew O'Reilly.

His family business, Koresoft Pty Ltd, has been pushing through numerous DAs at 219 Saddle Road, which are all yet to be built.

They include farming, a dual occupancy dwelling, a garden centre (including landscape and nursery supplies), an agricultural processing shed, and a roadside stall.

Mr O'Reilly told *The Echo* the DA for the cabins was the last of the planned DAs by Koresoft, and works will commence once Gulgan Road has been upgraded, as per RMS approvals.

Previously deferred

Councillors had previously deferred the decision to 'investigate traffic and access issues on the site'.

Yet during debate, it became clear that the advice was either deficient,

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Teenage rampage trashes playing fields

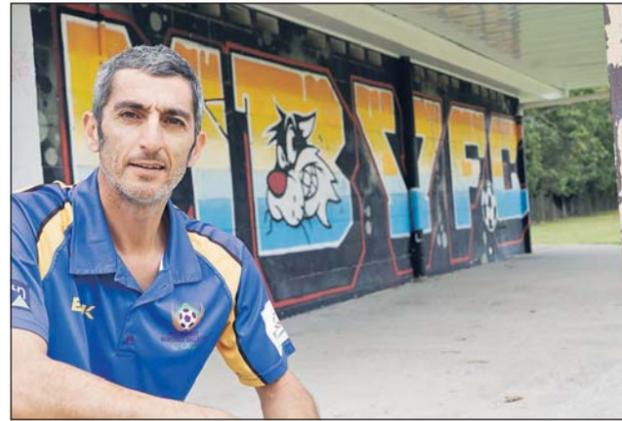
Ross Kendall

Teenage vandals have caused thousands of dollars worth of damage and are regularly leaving broken glass on the Mullumbimby football fields and the adjacent playground, according to the local club.

Graffiti and small time vandalism has been occurring at the sports ground regularly, and for the last several months groups of teenagers have been meeting at the Pine Avenue grounds to drink and smoke on Saturday night, Albert Moses, Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club (MBVFC) head coach told *The Echo*.

But the situation peaked on the first Saturday night of October, the last weekend of the school holidays.

'Up to 50 teenagers went completely crazy, and destroyed thousands of dollars worth of equipment, left smashed glass throughout



Albert Moses, Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club (MBVFC) head coach. Photo Jeff Dawson

the pitch, put graffiti on buildings, broke open transformer boxes on all of the light poles, destroyed the cover of the mains power switch and flipped on the lights,' Albert said.

Financial cost

The financial costs for the community sports club are growing, but the biggest problem by far is that there is so much broken glass left

on the football fields and the playground each weekend.

'We have to go down every Sunday morning and pick it all up by hand. If we miss a piece it could really hurt someone,' he said.

The MBVFC understands it has been a challenging time for everyone.

'We don't blame the kids, mainly 13 to 14 year-olds, for wanting to gather and vent steam. But we want more

support from the community, the parents of these kids, to pay attention to where they are going of an evening.

Shared space

'Everyone needs to recognise that this is a shared community space with a children's playground and sports fields, that it is not "okay" to be destructive there, that it is only through the goodwill of volunteers that it remains an asset,' Albert said.

Police were eventually called on the night, and were asked to do regular patrols the following Saturday. The Club has also asked households in the area to keep an eye out.

So far this month the trouble has not been repeated.

During lockdown the Club thought about leaving its full-sized goal posts out so people had something to do.

Instead, it locked them away because of the vandalism threat.

Uninformed debate sees Saddle Rd DA approved

► Continued from page 1 or the ability by councillors to understand the said advice was deficient.

Cr Cate Coorey made the point during debate that RMS advice had not been sought on the DA, nor had it gone to the local traffic committee (LTC).

That aspect was not included in the staff report, for an unknown reason.

The staff report reads, 'Council's Legal Services team sought external advice on the issues generally and on the Applicant's legal advice.'

Want to see that advice? Nup. It's confidential, say staff, which means the public remain in the dark as to what legal advice councillors were relying on.

So the councillors plodded awkwardly onwards - for hours - which included numerous amendments by almost all councillors being painfully drafted on the fly.

Motions everywhere

Conservative Cr Alan Hunter had a crack, as did Labor's Cr Spooner, who moved an amendment of refusal based on the safety issues (supported by Cr Hunter).

Cr Coorey put forward a motion to defer, pending advice from RMS. Cr Cameron had a motion too, similar to Cr Coorey's.

At one point, Mayoral seat-warmer, Michael Lyon, perhaps reflected everyone's sentiment when he said,

'Sometimes you just don't want to be chair of these meetings.'

He also apologised a few times to the chamber, and at another point reminded Cr Hackett what they were actually debating.

In the end - and thankfully there was one - a motion to support the staff recommendation was put forward by Cr Coorey, which was supported four votes to three.

Those in favour were Crs Coorey, Martin, Hackett and Cameron, while those against were Crs Lyon, Spooner and Hunter. Cr Ndiaye (Greens) was absent owing to a 'significant non-pecuniary interest'.

Mr O'Reilly later told *The Echo* the DA approval requires him to use Saddle

Road as an entry/exit point for those occupying the cabins, adding his preferred option was Gulgan Road, given he had RMS approval.

'I'll have to widen and bitumenise between 250 and 400m, and put in lane markings and a street light.'

A raised concrete island in Saddle Road to prevent vehicles turning left is also a DA requirement.

'My understanding is that requirement has never been imposed on anyone before,' Mr O'Reilly said.

Communication?

He added that communication between himself and councillors on his DA had been non-existent for some time.

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Byron rail corridor works complete



The revamped Byron rail corridor. Photo Jeff Dawson

A new open space in Byron will launch Saturday, with the Byron Bay rail corridor \$1.2m upgrade featuring landscaping and walkways in the centre of town.

The corridor has been fenced off and inaccessible to the community since train services stopped by the NSW Labor government in 2004.

And despite a campaign by Butler Street residents to use the corridor as a bypass instead of their road, Council's Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway, insisted that only an act of parliament would allow a change of use.

The upgraded Rail Corridor space runs along the railway lines from Lawson Street

to the new bus interchange. Council staff say, 'Key features of the project include shady grassy areas and landscaped native gardens, public seating and water refill stations, boardwalks providing safe connection from Butler Street precinct to the centre of town, lighting at key access points for

improved safety, *Memento Aestates* sculpture by artist Giovanni Veronesi, retention of rail infrastructure and celebration of heritage rail features such as signal boxes and switching gear, new shared zone through Byron Lane (now one way) for pedestrian safety, and car park upgrades'.

Community markets close till December 1

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All but two of the region's community artisan markets have elected to close their doors until December because it is virtually impossible for them, or their stallholders, to effectively police the government's new restrictions.

This includes the markets in Bangalow, Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and the Channon.

The organisers of the monthly artisan market in Byron, which supports over 200 local businesses, say they may also be unable to continue running the event.

They're going to continue running Byron's weekly Twilight market, and use it as a barometer to see whether the larger event can work or not.

Byron Markets Manager, Kate Hardman, was unequivocal in her assessment of how the new rules were affecting local business.

Backward step

'This is a backward step for our region and the economic impacts are far reaching,' Ms Hardman said.

Hundreds of stallholders who rely on the markets for their livelihoods are now

facing a very lean six weeks and an anxious wait to see whether they will be able to continue trading when the current rules change again on December 1.

Few are entitled to government support such as the COVID-19 disaster payment, which was effectively limited to those businesses affected by lockdowns.

'I'm okay because I can get the pension, but some people are in all sorts of trouble,' long-term stallholder Mignon Frances said.

'They've got mortgages to pay, with little or no income

coming in to pay them,' said Ms Frances, who is also a member of the stallholder committee.

'If you take into account all of the lockdowns, and now this, it's a lot of lost income.'

Meanwhile, local MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) announced on social media that 'residents from Greater Sydney will not be able to travel to regional NSW until November 1. 'To support businesses during this time, JobSaver will be extended to offer support at the 30 per cent of weekly payroll rate'.

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Boardriders charity event moves to Dec 19

Mark Krackowizer

The Byron Bay Boardriders have reluctantly decided to reschedule the tenth annual Skullcandy BBB charity golf day to December 19.

As our community adapts to the orders in place regarding admission, golfing group sizes and we tackle staff shortages, we determined that we could not put on the quality of event that our participants and sponsors expect from the day.

While it was a tough choice, it is the type of decision that our community is dealing with every day at the moment, and we appreciate the patience everyone is showing through this transitional time.

After some reflection, the club and sponsors are very excited about the new date of December 19. Many people will be starting their time off of work, and will be ready for the holidays.

At that point, we hope and expect that our town will be able to return to a life that is much closer to that we have known in the past. We will be ready to have a great time together. The event is also known for the raffle which is



2020 winner, Garrett Parkes, with his Surf Industry Challenge trophy, designed by Mark 'Mono' Stewart. Photo Krackafoto

as much as 25 per cent of the funds raised in some years.

It is our hope that local businesses will be in a better place to help by mid-December and that they are thriving by then.

Regardless, lots of good presents will be available to win in the raffle. In keeping with the season, the annual Korff Wealth 'Best Dressed Team' has also been converted to 'Most Festive Team'.

From the initial *Echo* story a few weeks ago, we had a good response from new friends like Zulu and Zephyr, Lingerie No5, Fallen Broken Street, Balter and Lennox Gelato, along with lots of other good contacts.

All of the support is much

appreciated.

The club will be bringing back the Surfction Juniors Golf Event on the morning of December 19, with under 15 year-aged golfers of any skill level invited to come out and have a go. All surfing industry organisations, shops, etc are also welcome to come and try to wrest the perpetual Surf Industry Challenge Trophy away from last year's winner, Parkes Surfboards.

The offer for all past sponsors to post signage is also still there. We want to help those who have helped us over the years. To play in the event, contact Byron Bay Golf Club on 6685 6470. For sponsorship or raffle donations call 0431 570 574.

Youth mental health productions go online

With Mental Health Month this October, a local wife and husband team have created an online platform to promote fourteen major productions by Byron Youth Theatre addressing the issue.

Lisa Apostolides, Artistic Director of Byron Youth Theatre, and Nigel Haslam, Director of Motion Circus say www.exposurelive.com.au aims to make the theatre productions accessible, 'with supporting learning resources, to schools, universities, parents, youth and mental health organisations in every state'.

New productions will be added twice yearly, say the couple.

Lisa, who founded Byron Youth Theatre in 2010, says, 'Youth and community audiences told us, over and



Byron Youth Theatre has been running locally for over a decade. Photo supplied

over again, that everyone should see our productions, not just here in the Northern Rivers region'.

The project also has a new partner with SAE Creative Media Institute providing industry training experience for their students.

Lisa says, 'The partnership gives students the chance to gain on-the-job experience, film live

performances, with up to eight cameras, create original soundtracks and design publicity material, and elements for the website'.

SAE General Manager, Dr Luke McMillan added, 'Every year, one in seven young people aged four to 17 years experience a mental health condition. That is why we are honoured to support this valuable work'.

Not Our Business campaign attracts local biz

A series of short videos of local retail owners in Byron and Mullum has been produced by Richie Miller from Dreaded Cheetah.

It is described as a 'campaign for businesses that want to stand for freedom and don't want to discriminate against people based on their medical choices'.

The well produced video for Mullumbimby businesses starts with 'We stand for freedom of choice', 'We do not discriminate', and 'Your medical choices are #notourbusiness'.

It features the owners of Eden's Landing, Hemp Culture, and Lulu's cafe, who have signs outside their shops that read 'Welcome All! No discrimination. All you



A still from Richie Miller's Mullumbimby video.

need is a good attitude'.

No to discrimination

The video ends with the message: 'If your business does not support medical apartheid, let your customers know you say "No" to discrimination. All are welcome. Stand in solidarity and join the movement'.

The Byron Bay video is

similar, and features owner/managers from Fundies Organics, Jing Organics, Budz Burgers and OCA cafe.

Other videos produced by Mr Miller feature influencer Tom Barnett and Meryl Dorey from the Australian Vaccination-risks Network Inc.

Mr Miller was asked for comment, but none was received by deadline.

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What's the COVID-19 response plan by health authorities?

Hans Lovejoy

A freedom of information (FOI) request to view the local health authority's COVID-19 response plan has revealed a five-stage process in managing potential case surges, yet it was last updated over a year ago – June 16, 2020.

After a formal request to see the Northern NSW Local Health District's COVID-19 response plan was rejected, *The Echo* was successful in obtaining the document via a GIPA (Government Information Access Application).

When asked if there was a reason why this plan, presumably current, was over a year old, a NNSW LHD spokesperson replied their response plan 'is regularly reviewed and is currently being updated in line with recent significant developments in the pandemic response across NSW'.

'As with many internal working documents, initial response plans are continually reviewed and amended, in part or in full, many times over the course of the pandemic response.'

'Some of these developments include state-wide clinical guidance and risk assessment updates for NSW Health staff as a result of increased vaccination coverage.'

'The updated response plan will include local initiatives, such as our new Virtual COVID Care in the Community service, which provides medical and nursing assessment, care planning and clinical monitoring for people with COVID-19 who do not require hospitalisation.'

'It is important to remember that the vast majority of people with COVID-19 do not require hospitalisation.'

Most will have only mild disease: LHD

'Most will have only mild disease and can safely isolate at their own home, and have clinical staff support them through programs such as our COVID Care in the Community service.'

'Within the 32-page COVID-19 response plan, the five staged process includes: 'level one – business as usual, level two – initial targeted action, level three – peak action, level four – extreme

action', and, 'level five – stand down and recovery'.

It reads, 'Community to community transmission of COVID-19 is a key trigger point for considering escalation from level one to level two'.

When the NNSW LHD Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is advised by the Public Health Unit, of community to community transmission within the District, the EOC will initiate an emergency meeting with key stakeholders to review and implement additional precautions, the NNSW LHD Patient Flow Plan and facility escalation plans.

'At level four, the NNSW LHD Chief Executive (CE) and the Health Service Functional Area Coordinator (HSFAC) will manage operational control in collaboration with the Incident Management Team (IMT)'.

The Echo provided Local MP Tamara Smith (Greens) with a copy of the document, and was asked, 'Are you concerned that what they've provided is light on details?'

She replied, 'I was relieved to join the Members for Lismore, Tweed and Clarence last Friday for a briefing from the CEO and staff of the Local Health District on the next phases of the pandemic response for the Northern Rivers'.

'I have been concerned about what our capacity is to support people in our community with COVID-19 if the number of cases get high owing to a significant number of unvaccinated people coming into contact with an anticipated million visitors between November 1 and January.'

'I was relieved to hear that the LHD has firm plans in place and I have asked them to make those plans public to reassure our community. I have also asked them to undertake further modelling that takes into account the spike in visitor numbers to the region that we will see starting at the end of October.'

'We were updated that most people who get COVID-19 are supported and monitored to recover at home, and do not require further medical support. For those people who do require hospital support, we were assured that the LHD has the capacity to manage them safely in our health system in the Northern Rivers'.

Disproportionate fear over COVID-19: MP

Local MP Tamara Smith (Greens) has told *The Echo* she is disappointed that a collective of North Coast MPs calling on the new NSW premier and new deputy premier for the region 'to stay as we were until the end of October' fell on deaf ears.

Ms Smith told *The Echo*, 'One of the failures I see more broadly, is that we have done very little to support and communicate well with children, and young people,

about COVID-19. With the school outbreaks in Ballina, I have seen how frightened young people are of COVID-19, and yet the scientific evidence in places like Singapore, where a lot of children have contracted COVID-19, is that the majority of children are asymptomatic, and do not get sick from it'.

'Don't get me wrong, I don't want anyone in our community to get sick from any disease, but the level of

fear around COVID-19 we are seeing in children and young people is disproportionate to what the scientific evidence is showing us.'

'It has been incredibly hard for our local businesses to suddenly have to require their staff to be partially vaccinated with only a few weeks' notice. It was equally sudden that patrons who on a Sunday, could go into their local shops, found that on the Monday, they could not go

into their local shops unless fully vaccinated. Supply of vaccine has been an issue, particularly in the Byron LGA.'

'We get that it's about the number of vaccinated in the population, but when we had the freedoms and then were forced to join the Sydney roadmap – with no other changes increasing risk – Macquarie Street lost a lot of people in our community and possibly hardened vaccine hesitancy'.

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Outcry over closure sees two Tweed Council libraries reopen

Library branches at Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah have reopened for limited hours from today, after Tweed Shire Council agreed to fund the additional cost of administering the NSW Government's latest public health order.

Tweed Mayor tries for 180 short term holiday letting limit

At the recent Tweed Shire Council meeting a Mayoral Minute by Chris Cherry sought support from other councillors for a reduction from 365 to 180 days for non-hosted short term rental accommodation in the Tweed Shire.

Lismore Council votes to naturalise Browns Creek

The naturalisation of the stormwater drain running through the centre of Lismore, aka Browns Creek, has been on the cards for several years. This involves the removal of the existing concrete stormwater drain and reconstructing as a more natural watercourse.

Cultural heritage report on Dunoon Dam goes public

A redacted copy of the 2013 Impact Assessment document has been made public clarifying the extensive Widjabul Wia-bul connections with the land which would have been inundated by the Dunoon Dam.

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Nimbin church burns to the ground

Eve Jeffery

On Sunday night, at around 9pm, St Patrick's Catholic Church in Nimbin burned to the ground.

Nimbin resident, Judi Kent, said she knew there was something wrong when she heard the Nimbin fire station alarm going off three times in quick succession.

She said, 'I live on the same street so I went down to have a look. The fire trucks were already there, but the whole thing was on fire. It was burnt to the ground in about 20 minutes.

The fire quickly destroyed the building, which collapsed in on itself. 'It was shocking how fast it burned,' said Ms Kent.

Lismore Diocese priest, Father Bing Monteagudo, said that Masses had not been celebrated at Nimbin for some time.



St Patrick's in Nimbin burned to the ground on Sunday October 17. Photo Judi Kent

The Echo understands the consecrated building is privately owned.

Holy items removed

Father Monteagudo said, 'Though all the holy items were removed, St Patrick's was still a consecrated building and therefore a sacred site in the Catholic Church.'

Originally the church was used as a school, conducted

by the Sisters of St Joseph, who lived in the convent next door. When a priest was not available, the people and the sisters gathered to hear the Gospel of the Sunday and recite the Rosary.

Fire crews successfully extinguished the blaze, and police from Nimbin and Lismore have established a crime scene and secured the area.

Government secrecy around health advice defended by local Nats MP

The NSW Liberal-Nationals government's attempt to block transparency around its health advice with the COVID-19 outbreak in Sydney last June will now become public, thanks to a motion headed by Labor, and supported by the Greens and the cross bench.

NSW Labor in the upper house (Legislative Council) were successful on October 13 with their motion.

Normal procedure for bills which are passed in one parliamentary house is that they are debated and voted on in the other house to become law, yet the office of Greens MLC, David Shoebridge, told *The Echo* the successful upper house (Legislative Council) motion does not require a vote from the lower house of parliament (the Legislative Assembly).

The motion by NSW upper house Labor MLC, John Graham, notes that the NSW government only supplied part of the documents requested by the Public Accountability Committee around health advice provided by the NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant and the Ministry of Health, 'advising on potential or additional restrictions and lockdowns and the timing of potential or additional restrictions, and lockdowns for Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains,

Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour'.

Dr Chant and Health Minister, Brad Hazzard refused to supply the material, according to the motion, because, 'such advice was prepared for Crisis Cabinet, a subcommittee of Cabinet'.

Additionally, the motion says the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) also rejected transparency 'on the basis that they were related to the "Crisis Policy Committee of Cabinet" and therefore protected by Cabinet confidentiality'.

The motion also 're-asserts the importance of parliamentary scrutiny during the COVID-19 pandemic, where residents are subject to increased restrictions by government that impact their lives and livelihoods'.

Legal advice from Michael Sexton SC, was also tabled, which said that 'it is more likely than not that a court would uphold the power of a committee of the NSW Parliament to call for [such] evidence'.

Labor's John Graham told parliament, 'We want everyone in this fight and we believe this is a better way to do it: transparency and trust'.

'The Government says it is Cabinet in confidence. It says it will not release it – not even behind closed doors, not even under privilege, not even in the way that is

customary. We say we support the health advice, but we would like to see it'.

Local MPs voted against motion

Local MLC, Ben Franklin, and Liberal MLC, Catherine Cusack, both voted against the motion.

Mr Franklin told parliament that the Crisis Policy Committee of Cabinet was a subcommittee of Cabinet.

'It had no statutory or regulatory basis for existence. It was created by a Premier, and it could be abolished or amended by any Premier, as we have recently seen. Its roles and functions are referred to in the State Emergency Management Plans, but it was a subcommittee of Cabinet.

Mr Franklin said 'The status of the Crisis Policy Committee as a committee of Cabinet was recognised by the Supreme Court as recently as last month.

'The recent Supreme Court case of *Henry & Ors v Hazzard (No 2) [2021] NSWSC 1235* considered whether a submission to the Crisis Policy Committee and a decision of that committee was subject to public interest immunity'.

Mr Shoebridge's office said they expect the materials to be available by early November.

Anti-DV umbrellas unfurled

Rotary have partnered with NSW Police to design and distribute 150 umbrellas with the clear message: 'Say NO to domestic violence'.

Richmond Detective Chief Inspector, Bill McKenna, spoke at the launch outside Ballina Police Station on Monday. 'People need to talk about it, to family and friends, and most

importantly, report it to the police, so we can assist putting in the support and welfare that is required.'

DCI McKenna said police would be carrying the new umbrellas in their squad cars, to crime scenes and roadside stops, as a very visible reminder that the issue needed to be taken seriously.

Mud Trail this weekend



Artist Suvira McDonald. Photo supplied

Local ceramic artists will be opening their studios across the Byron, Ballina and Tweed Shires over the weekend, as part of the Northern Rivers Mud Trail.

A spokesperson for the Mud Trail said, 'Meet the artists, discuss their work and processes, and find out what inspires these creatives to do what they do'.

'All artists will have work for sale, with no two styles alike, so you will find something to satisfy both

your soul and your budget. Journey into the world of the handmade, and be sure to note the events schedule if you are keen to organise your visit around demonstrations or artist talks on either Saturday or Sunday'.

Some studios that were originally advertised on the map will not be participating owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

Visit www.northcoast-mudtrail.com.au for updates.

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*Budgeram means *story* in Bundjalung language. Thank you to Ninbella Gallery for supporting this monthly column.

Greens promise affordable housing projects if elected

The federal Greens have announced an affordable housing plan, which they say would see 'one million public and community homes, including 125,000 good quality \$300,000 homes for first home buyers, to ensure everyone has an affordable home'.

A press release by local federal candidate, Mandy Nolan, says, 'The major parties won't do anything to slow the big banks and property developers down, because they take

millions in donations'.

'The next election is looking close, and if the Greens win in Richmond, they could be in the balance of power and push the next government to make housing more affordable'.

Five per cent swing

Ms Nolan's team say she could win the local federal seat of Richmond, which has been long held by Labor's Justine Elliot, 'with just a five per cent swing'.

Tandy's Lane cabins approved

Four one-bedroom cabins at 50 Tandys Lane, Brunswick Heads, were approved at last Thursday's Council meeting, but not before the applicant, Stephen Eakin, had a spray at his neighbours during public access.

He told the gallery he was 'completely taken back by fear mongering and lies'.

'We've been accused that we will turn this [tourist and visitor accommodation] into massive tourism accommodation'.

'This DA is our fifth

application over seven years'.

He then accused his neighbours of living in unapproved dwellings. Mr Eakin then admitted that he had 'made mistakes and paid fines' around his own unapproved development.

Neighbour, Terry Davis, responded by describing the remarks as 'inflammatory accusations', adding that the concerns had still not been addressed. These include a 'cumulative assessment, including environmental safety access, and a

relocation of cabins to reduce visual impacts'.

Staff said in their report that 'Twenty-six submissions were received objecting to the proposal'.

Additionally, on September 13, 2021, staff say, 'Community enforcement officers' found five 'significant non-compliance' issues on the property.

It was later revealed that the property owner was in the process of selling the property, while also seeking DA approval.

More acts added to Bluesfest

Bluesfest has announced new acts in their 2022 Easter program.

The new list includes Amy Shark, Casey Barnes, Stan Walker, Kevin Borich Express, Lachy Doley & The Horns of Conviction, Lisa Hunt's Forever Soul, Geoff Achison and the Souldiggers, and Hat Fitz and Cara.

For more information about the lineup and tickets, visit www.bluesfest.com.au.

Critical reasoning conversation Oct 26

Dr Richard Hil

Has reason and rationality been irreversibly replaced by infinite relativism where all perceptions of truth are considered valid? Why do so many of us choose to ignore expert opinion, in favour of ill-informed echo chambers on the internet? Is it unreasonable to expect people to critically dissect their claims?

Why is critical thinking so misunderstood? Does it even matter? What impact does 'post-truth' have on our politics, our relationships and the ways in which we engage with the world?

On Tuesday October 26, Critical Conversations hosts its second live public seminar via Zoom.

We have two leading Melbourne-based intellectuals tackling these issues: Alison Caddick is an academic and author who writes on technoscience, the body, and prospects for social and cultural change. She is also co-editor of the journal *Arena*, along with Timothy

Erik Ström, who is an independent writer using political and philosophical approaches to research the overlapping realms of technology, ecology, colonialism and capitalism, and is the author of *Globalization and Surveillance*.

Together, they will present: *No Rhyme or Reason? Thinking our way through confusion, contagion and conspiracy*.

'Whatever happened to reason and rationality?' Tim and Alison ask: 'Who gets to define what is reasonable or true is no longer agreed.'

'Let's examine the source of today's conspiracy theories and lack of respect for the old institutions as these relate to technological developments that undergird our way of life'.

The Zoom seminar will be held 6.30pm, October 26, and is presented in conjunction with Arts Northern Rivers. It will be hosted by Dr Richard Hil and MCd by Shona Anderson. Register for the free event at www.critical-conversation.com.



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Police raid 'unauthorised events' in national parks

Eleven people have been charged over the weekend following unauthorised gatherings held at national parks, say police.

Just after 9.15pm on Saturday, police say they were alerted to an unauthorised gathering being held within bushland at Tyagarah Nature Reserve.

After police arrived, the crowd dispersed into bushland.

About 1am on Sunday, police were alerted to a separate event at Billinudgel

Nature Reserve and shut down the event, dispersing the crowd.

Police say they spoke with the organiser, a 25-year-old man, and seized sound, lighting equipment and prohibited drugs from the site.

The Byron Bay man was issued a cannabis caution after being found in possession of cannabis as well as a \$1,000 PIN for breaching the Public Health Order, and an infringement for the consumption of alcohol in a National Park.

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Jabby jab jab jabb

As of this week, NSW reached the double vaccination target of 80 per cent!

Queensland announced Monday that when it reaches the same, it will open its borders, perhaps around mid December.

According to www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/data-and-statistics, 80 to 90 per cent of the Byron Shire population has had its first jab. The second jab stats for the Shire vary between 50 to 60, and 60 to 70 per cent, depending on town or village.

It's a pretty remarkable result, considering the vocal resistance of those unwilling to be vaccinated.

Meanwhile, Ballina Shire has a fully vaccinated population of 70 to 80 per cent. And while most of the state is tracking with similar stats, there are pockets of smaller populations in the outback yet to reach above 50 to 60 per cent first jab.

Now that the population is up to near where the health advice suggests for opening up cautiously (that includes masks etc), will the deep division between those vaccinated, and those unwilling, now calm down? Who is happy from all this?

Many businesses required to check customers' vax status are understandably unhappy. They are being asked to interpret poorly written laws by the NSW government around 'reasonable steps' when allowing customers into their premises.

Those who were mandated to be vaccinated, against their will, are also understandably unhappy. Getting jabbed to pay a mortgage or earn a living is by definition coercion.

Those who have chosen not to be vaccinated are truly living in a special bubble. There's perhaps no immediate threat of financial ruin to them, and social ostracism is the only price to pay. It's just waiting till December 1, when everything normalises, right?

Those who are certainly happy



with all of this are bureaucrats and political tyrants. The amount of endless management around procedures, plans and protocols, while coercing the population into endless booster shots, is now writ large.

What is perhaps the most remarkable aspect to the last two years is the uniform compliance by the left thinking class.

Any questioning around the government's COVID-19 response has been left to the worst of political opportunists, such as Clive Palmer and Pauline Hanson.

Sure, many of the myths are easily refutable around vaccination.

And it's important to note that these experimental vaccines have likely saved untold lives across the planet.

What's harder to ascertain is what part comorbidity plays with severe COVID-19 cases. Advanced age certainly appears to be a factor. There is also a lack of reporting on vaccine injuries and deaths by the mainstream media. *The Echo* is aware of local cases, and will be investigating these in coming weeks.

Unaccountable global tech giants banning and removing opinions that don't fit the pro-vaccination narrative fuels distrust.

Distrust in the pro vax narrative is also advanced by governments and medical institutions who are on the payroll of big pharma.

If they all acknowledged that improving your personal health can be a major defence against all illnesses, that would be a great start for improving trust.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Court rejects challenges to vax laws

Sonia Hickey

More than a million people tuned into the live stream of *Kassam v Hazzard*; *Henry v Hazzard* via the NSW Supreme Court's YouTube channel over the past couple of weeks, many hoping for a judgment which invalidates public health orders which mandate vaccines for certain industries, such as healthcare, aged care and construction.

But these hopes were dashed on Friday, October 15, when the court delivered a judgment dismissing both cases.

The proceedings were brought by plaintiffs who sought to remain in their industries despite not being vaccinated.

One of the proceedings was brought by Mr Al-Munir Kassam, and three other people, whose legal team argued that they had made an informed choice not to be vaccinated, that the choice should be respected on grounds of – among other things – protecting bodily integrity, and that the state has exceeded its power by making orders which, in practical terms, amount to a vaccine mandate.

The proceedings were brought against Health Minister Brad Hazzard, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, the State of NSW and the Commonwealth of Australia.

Separate proceedings were brought by Natasha Henry and five other people, and like the plaintiffs in the Kassam proceedings, they also chose not to be vaccinated. These proceedings were brought against the Health Minister only.

Test case

For many Australians, it was an important test case, given concerns raised over mandated vaccination policies being implemented by both the NSW Government and, in some cases, by private businesses.

The intense public interest led Supreme Court Justice, Robert Beech-Jones, to take the extraordinary step of warning the public not to contact him – with the court reporting that over 1,800 emails had been received from concerned members of the public.

In the simplest of terms, the 'no jab, no job' policies have left

thousands of workers with no option other than to receive approved COVID-19 vaccinations or be unable to attend their workplaces.

While the plaintiffs made clear that their employment had been impacted by orders requiring vaccination, additional challenges were made against what effectively amounted to travel restrictions imposed on their LGAs.

To support the challenges, evidence was presented about concerns regarding the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccinations – including that they are ineffective against the contracting or spread of the disease, and the insufficiency of data regarding both short and long term potential side effects.

Arguments were presented regarding the infringement of public health orders on the rights to bodily integrity and privacy, asserting that they amounted to civil conscription, represented a breach of natural justice and were made by Health Minister Brad Hazzard without clear legislative authority.

The court disagreed with every argument presented by the plaintiffs, rejecting all challenges on all grounds.

In the judgement published on the NSW Supreme Court website, Justice Robert Beech-Jones remarked that 'the legislation underpinning the public health orders set out to achieve an abrogation of normal rights in a pandemic', finding that the defendants were doing exactly that with a view to achieving public health outcomes.

The Judge rejected the Constitutional argument regarding civil conscription, and an asserted inconsistency with the immunisation register act, finding no constitutional basis for these submissions.

Bodily integrity

One of the key arguments of the plaintiffs was their 'freedom' or 'right' to their own bodily integrity.

In his judgment, Justice Beech remarked that while the plaintiffs sought to deploy the 'principle of legality' which is a rule of statutory construction to the effect that, in the absence of a clear indication to the contrary, it is presumed that statutes are not intended to modify or abrogate fundamental rights.

No Bill of Rights

However, this country does not have a Bill of Rights, and thus, important as the principle of legality is, it is only a rule of construction.

He ruled that the right to bodily integrity was not violated as the orders did not authorise the involuntary vaccination of anyone, while the degree to which the freedom of movement was impaired differed depending on whether a person is vaccinated or unvaccinated.

'Curtailed the free movement of persons including their movement to and at work are the very type of restrictions that the *Public Health Act* clearly authorises', Justice Beech-Jones found.

He also dismissed claims that Health Minister Brad Hazzard acted outside his powers, by not asking the right questions or failing to take into account relevant considerations.

The case was the first in Australia challenging various limitations on unvaccinated people, although there are several other similar challenges, such as the one by NSW paramedic, John Larter, which is yet to be heard by the courts.

While many see this test case as a significant defeat over the policy of mandatory vaccinations, there are some important takeaways which shouldn't be dismissed.

Public backlash

Firstly, the backlash from the public over these mandates, along with the coercive tactics of the government, is becoming stronger. Businesses too, are pushing back against rules that decree they must only serve vaccinated customers.

Secondly, the legal challenge sends a salient message of accountability to those in positions of power that Australians will challenge laws and rules they don't believe are fair.

Thirdly, and most importantly, Australia urgently needs a Bill of Rights to protect the fundamental democratic freedoms of its people.

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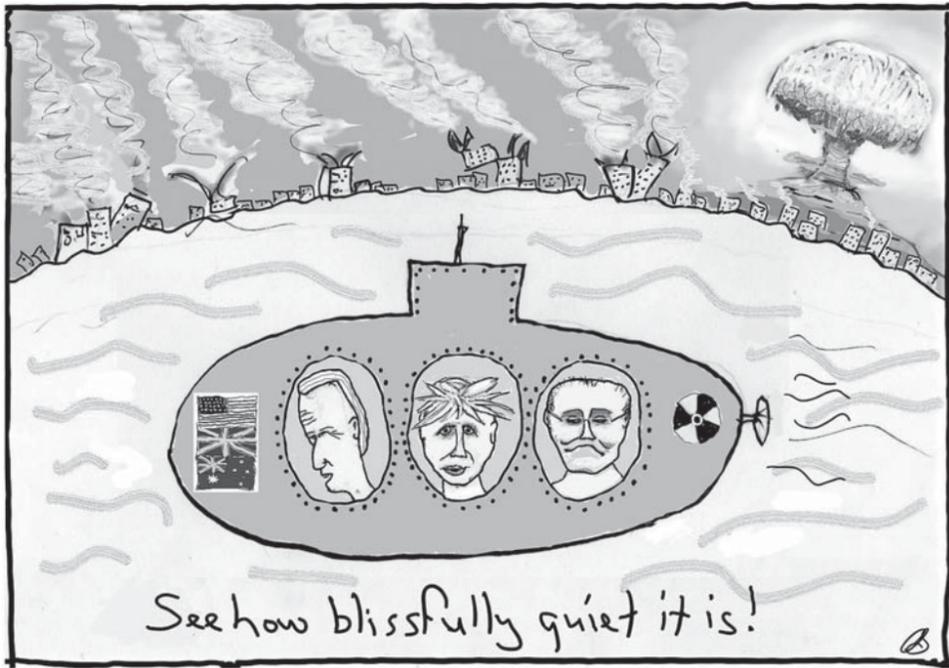
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Thanks to Paul Bibby for his (22 September) story, which addresses the outcome of the Council meeting on 16 September about the proposed 15 lot community title subdivision on Alidenes Road.

I appreciate Cr Cameron's empathy and support conveyed via this article and his words suggesting that our views as a community had not been fully represented. I thank him and Cr Coorey for voting against the proposal.

Of added interest are the sentiments expressed

by a writer in the 'Backlash' section of the same edition of this paper, suggesting that Council neither understand our community, nor the planning laws; and that Council favours developers above the environment and community.

It is not okay for Council to pander to developers, and any 'hinted at' associated rationale, such as, 'so that developers don't take them to court' is also not okay.

More than a month after that meeting, my feeling of extreme disappointment

persists. I continue to question why certain items (regarding input from the Alidenes and Wilsons Creek Residents Association) seemed not to have been accurately represented, and why some had been excluded from the report (received three days prior to meeting).

Beverly Joffe
Wilsons Creek

Blowhard alert

We have endured drought, bushfires, flooding and COVID. However, Australia must brace itself for

something even worse. Something that will swamp Australia and will also reverberate around the world. We are about to be hit with the heaviest deposit of BS that we have ever seen.

'Scotty the announcer' will be unloading his climate change response for COP26 meeting in Glasgow. We can expect an announcement of 'technology not taxes', 'beating not meeting', 'wind doesn't blow, sun doesn't shine', 'hoping to achieve', 'businesses investing', 'States leading the way', 'gas essential for transition', 'coal still has a role', 'carbon capture and storage' etc, etc. In other words 'blah, blah, blah' as Greta has described it.

Anything remotely positive such as 'green hydrogen, green steel, offshore wind' will be aspirational with no intention of commitment.

It will be an announcement of epic proportions, one worthy of the man who does nothing, is accountable for nothing, has more spin than a 'whirling Dervish' and wants your vote at the upcoming election so that he can keep his snout in the trough at our expense.

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LOTS AT STAKE

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 Australians have to decide if they want to be mushrooms for another three years and soak up his BS or do the right thing and vote him out. Easy choice for me.

Gwyn Hooper
 Uki

Poison killing wildlife

Take bird-killing poisons off our supermarket and hardware shelves. Rodent poison containing SGAR is having a devastating effect on our wildlife. The same needs to be said for most lawn-grub-killing poisons. If you think that they will only kill the

grubs, or rodents, think again. This is what really happens: poison gets put out, rodents (and also bandicoots and other native marsupials) eat the poison, they feel sick and are easy prey for our snakes, birds of prey like tawny frogmouths, owls, hawks, kites and eagles, but also our butcherbirds and magpies. They eat the poisoned rodent, or grub, then they die a slow and horrible death. Then the next animal comes along and eats them, and so on, and so on.

What do you think happens when our natural predators disappear from

the food chain? More mice and rats, more grubs, more poison. Look for catching with live traps, or in situations where you have to use poison, like in holiday rental houses, INSIST on using a real estate agency who contracts a professional pest control person who doesn't use systemic poison, or store bought product that doesn't contain SGAR and isn't harmful to birds. I get it, not everyone loves rodents, but who doesn't love our iconic Aussie birds?

Juud Van Schooten
 Byron Bay

Library restrictions

Under the new Richmond Tweed Library restrictions our local libraries are now only offering click and collect, and have stopped patrons from entering their buildings until 1 December. Why?

Acting regional library manager, Lucy Kingsley, says 'It was a difficult decision to make, but one that provided the most equitable service to our community'.

How is it equitable when this decision is so discriminatory towards anyone who isn't on the internet? Many elderly people rely on their regular visits to our libraries not just for collecting books, but for social interaction, and that very old-fashioned activity 'browsing shelves'!

Restrictions are supposed to be eased, but the majority of patrons who have been doubly vaccinated are now being actively discriminated against. This is not equitable!

If our libraries were private businesses, they would have every right to close if they were uncomfortable asking their customers for vaccination proof. However, as our libraries are publicly funded, we the public should not be barred from access to these precious community facilities now that more freedoms are available to the doubly vaxxed.

Barbara Roughan
 Kingscliff

10 point grumble

Hear hear to David Heilpern's recent 10 point grumble, particularly points 7, 8 and

9. If the primary objective of COVID policy is to reduce the number of severe cases overwhelming hospital resources, surely we would employ every strategy available to us?

Perversely, public health measures implemented during the lockdowns have not enhanced public health. Anyone remember 'Life. Be in it' and Norm? We were encouraged to 'get on yer bike, go and exercise in the fresh air and sunshine, eat a more wholesome diet'. The theory was that fewer unhealthy people equalled fewer severely ill patients.

Compensating people damaged in pursuit of the 'Greater Good?' – okay. But what about the moral hazards for the manufacturers of the shots, those who reap profits but bear no responsibility for serious side effects? Some Nordic countries have required that suppliers must set aside some of their profits to cover the costs of compensation.

Regarding the 'infodemic', I can only suggest that David acquire a copy of Dr Judy Wilyman's (Phd, Msc, Bsc, Dip Ed) controversial [anti-vax] analysis of the drift in Australia's public health policy. In an epidemic of vulnerability, Dr Wilyman's analysis shows why we will never hear much about building community immunity and wellbeing. Will another Norm ever exhort us to turn off the telly, can the beer and junk food? Fat chance!

Robin Crosby
 Fernleigh

End of Days

Sometimes life would be a lot simpler if I could just believe in God. If I could believe that when I die my soul lives eternally in Heaven, that we are living out the *Book of Revelations* then the so-called End of Days pandemics, climate change and even war with China would all make sense. But I don't believe a word of it.

Instead, I agonise over what can be done about all this shit we're going through. If ever there was a time for informed, inspired and

visionary leadership, it's now. Last week my heart sank when Catholic conservative, Dominic Perrottet, became Premier of NSW.

Our Prime Minister, Scomo, is a Pentecostal who believes in the End of Days, when only people sharing the same beliefs will be raptured away to spend eternity with God in Heaven – while the other eight billion of us burn forever in Hell. If that sounds like an appalling CV for a national leader, it probably is. How does he manage affairs of state within this overarching doomsday narrative?

I don't think anyone who believes in doomsday is fit to govern, particularly at a time when real challenges are on so many people's minds.

Most people can believe what they like and it doesn't affect others – but it's not okay for politicians.

Really, the Abrahamic religions are death cults. They preach that true, everlasting life only begins when we die – and life on Earth is just a test to see if we qualify for the afterlife.

This religious dogma is the biggest conspiracy theory of them all. Yet it sits as a centrepiece of our culture – pious, paedophilic, hypocritical, and untouchable. Believing such ideas displays a worrying lack of critical thinking – and religious conservatives take this same lack of inquiry into every aspect of policy making.

Becoming the head of government is a job that affects the lives of millions. Premiers and prime ministers really should be better than this. The world is crying out for it.

Michael Balson
 Upper Wilsons Creek

Christian basics

Robin Harrison's letter (13 October) made me realise how Christian fundamentals are little known, yet so freely referred to. There are at least three that Christians have long held and experienced.

Firstly, each and every one of us is valued greatly – just as we are. When our human relationships fall

away, we are still loved regardless of who, what or where we are.

Secondly, we are all accountable. We are rational volitional people who make choices, but we are accountable for those decisions and their outcomes.

Thirdly, we are all flawed but forgivable people. There is nothing that is beyond forgiveness. The Cross – bloody, brutal, costly – is a reminder of how serious this stuff is, and a guarantee of its reality.

To Robin and others – criticise individual Christians if you must, but vent your spleen at Christ. You won't be the first to do so!

John Bradley
 East Ballina

NSW – bad to worse

Well Gladys has left the building and we have a new religious fanatic in the job.

Apart from handing out licences for gas mining, the government is allowing logging in koala habitat and burning wood, as well as coal, to produce electricity.

I heard a rumour that they want to burn industrial waste now as well. We are turning beautiful old growth trees into woodchips and exporting them to Japan and Korea to be burned for electricity, 60,000 tonnes per ship. What madness!

Ever seen a photo of a logged site, after Forestry Corp has finished there and burned the leftovers? All the ashes and topsoil are left to be washed into the waterways with the next rain.

While our employees – our pollies – seem to be favouring big industries and not caring for people and country, it is up to us to stand up and speak up. It's time to fight for our forests on a keyboard, on the street, and in the forest.

It seems that after we had the devastating bushfires 2019/20, there has been little study done to assess wildlife and forests. The North East Forest Alliance (nefa.org.au) is taking the government to court and needs your support right now.

21 October will be a global
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Suicide Prevention
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There I was in London in 1973. Busking by day, I'd read poems in the many Pub Poetry Readings at night. **Funny the things U remember.** Just 4 words from a middle-aged man whose poem started 'I drink 2 4Get!'. Predictably, the *subject* was a *lost love*. 5 decades later, he's inspired both this poem and ad. My **Grateful Thanks** go back 2 this Most *Beautiful Man*. x

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Natural Resources Commission using 'propaganda' to log koala feed trees says NEFA

Aslan Shand

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) says that the assertion in a recent Natural Resources Commission (NRC) report that logging of koala feed trees doesn't have any impact on koalas is 'dangerous propaganda'.

'It further threatens their survival by denying koalas the increased protection they urgently need,' said NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh.

NEFA explained that the use of koala recordings that indicate the presence of a koala somewhere in the vicinity is not appropriate for detecting the impact of logging on koalas. They said they do not accept the NRC claim from DPI Forestry's fundamentally flawed study that 'the Coastal IFOA conditions and protocols did not adversely impact koala density'.

'This is contrary to the EPA's 2016 study that found "areas of higher activity positively correlated with greater abundance and diversity of local koala feed trees, trees and forest structure of a more mature size class, and areas of least disturbance"', said Mr Pugh.

Devastating Black Summer fires

'The NRC's pretence that the Forestry Corporation can log the large trees that koalas are preferentially feeding on, and have no impact on koalas, maintains a dangerous fallacy. That fallacy is one of the reasons why koala populations on the north coast had declined by 50 per cent in the 20 years before the 2019/20 fires.'

The significant impact on koalas of the 2019/20 fires has been confirmed by the NRC, however, Mr Pugh said the NRC failed to propose anything 'to mitigate impacts' of logging on these areas.

'Surely there should at least be a moratorium on logging in or near burnt high quality koala habitat until koala populations have been assessed as recovered from the fires?' he said.

'It is particularly concerning that the NRC has not reconsidered its decision in 2016 to override the advice of the EPA and the government's Expert Fauna Panel that minimum retentions of koala feed trees should be 15-25 feed trees/ha greater than 25cm diameter at breast height (DBH) in modelled habitat.'



'The NRC intervention to reduce the retentions to 5-10 feed trees/ha and sizes to 20cm DBH is not supported by this study.'

'Strangely the NRC have not released results from this study on koala preferences for tree sizes, instead stating their results are "consistent with previous studies at sites in northern NSW and the Sydney region that found koalas use trees ranging from 30 to 80 centimetres DBH". This is far greater than 20cm trees.'

Russian Roulette

'This study reaffirms that koalas chose certain tree species for food, and then individual trees with relatively low amounts of toxic compounds, emphasising the need to retain all individuals of preferred feed species rather than the arbitrary 5-10 feed species per hectare specified by NRC (2016).'

'The NRC are playing "Russian Roulette" with koalas, as many of the minimal trees retained may not be suitable for feeding.'

'The study also identifies that koalas use flooded gGum as a feed tree and turpentine as a roost tree, yet the NRC makes no attempt to add these to the species requiring retention for koalas.'

'The NRC were meant to review the adequacy of the existing logging prescriptions, but instead have relied upon a fundamentally flawed assessment by DPI Forestry to claim that logging has no impact on koalas to justify not reviewing the clearly inadequate logging rules. Even though NRC admitted the impacts of the fires, it similarly failed to recommend any changes to account for them. The NRC have failed koalas in their time of greatest need,' Mr Pugh said.



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Lillian Rock

A dumb act

Council is stating that breaches of licence conditions, in part, justifies spending \$10m on transferring raw sewage from Ocean Shores Sewerage Treatment Plant (OS STP) to Brunswick Valley STP. (BV STP). It is argued this is a lesser cost than the \$29m involved in upgrading the OS STP.

Data from the whole of

the catchment area for OS STP including the plant itself, brings into question this proposed transfer. An analysis of 129 pieces of information dealing with breaches of the OS STP licence over an 18 year period showed 17.05 per cent related to contamination from the serpentine channel, 34.11 per cent came from problems in the collection system (pipes, pump stations, inflow in high rainfall etc), 44.96 per cent came from operational failures (operator error, problems with chemical dosing and poor aeration), poor maintenance, whilst 3.88 per cent came from 'other' problems.

This does not justify closure of OS STP. Instead, what is shown is Council's failures in maintenance, monitoring the treatment process and the urgent need to fix the collection system. Together, these represent 81.07 per cent of the breaches of the licence!

It rests with councillors to demand copies of the maintenance records for OS STP and its catchment over, say, the last 10 years, to determine whether or not this public asset has been neglected.

Council has also refused

to acknowledge the serpentine channel and instead insists on calling it a 'wetland.' It was never designed nor constructed to function as a wetland. It is the source of contamination of treated effluent that is currently passed from the UV disinfection plant through the channel and back again through the disinfection plant! This serpentine channel needs to be cut off from the UV disinfection plant.

The BV STP is a biological reduction plant and cannot be 'upgraded'. Instead it has to be duplicated. In the minutes of the Wastewater Steering Committee there is reference to 'upgrading' BV STP as part of the proposed transfer. No cost, or expectation of what is to be 'upgraded', is given. I can only assume the proposed 'upgrade' is the notion of building a massive holding pond for raw sewage during rainfall events.

However, BV STP continues to have problems with its hydraulic load during wet weather events because the infiltration of stormwater has not been resolved. Not only will the transfer of raw sewage and stormwater from OS STP, particularly during wet weather, compound BV STP's problem, but I have yet to find out how Council intends to address any overflow of raw sewage from the pond into the river.

It is obvious that the collection systems of each of the STPs are urgently in need of fixing! STPs should not be treating stormwater - without which the plants would be working like clockwork.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

I'm back!

Over the past few weeks I've stayed out of the limelight in order to rest for the election campaign, but also to make Council staff believe that they've successfully silenced and demoralised me. One never knows what further tricks those people have up their sleeve in order to advance the prospects of their preferred candidates: Lyon, Ndiaye and Swivel.

During the campaign I will mainly focus on the cred of other candidates, particularly their familiarity (or not) with local government culture. The last thing we need is another bunch of well-intending dolts walking right into the open arms of the staff. If they don't understand what's going on then they don't deserve your vote, yet they will inevitably front up with their empty slogans, trust-me smiles and vague promises.

Council staff invariably focus their main attention on the new mayor, who must at all costs be brought to heel, suborned or co-opted. The new mayor invariably comes from a background that provides no insight into politics or local government issues and is therefore vulnerable. Kingston, Wilson and Richardson all succumbed to faux friendship and flattery - and betrayed their constituents. Only Jan Barham stood up to them, to such an extent that their animosity made it impossible for her in the end to go anywhere near the Council chambers if she didn't have to.

The fundamental problem is that probably 50 per cent of councillors only do one term, meaning that whatever they've learned is wasted when they quit. Only a pest

like Fast Buck\$ regularly returns to say to the latest bunch, 'Hey, it doesn't have to be this way' or, 'Hey, you're being shafted, and here's why.'

By contrast Council staff tend to stay most of their lives, generating knowledge and an evolving culture about how to deal with elected councillors. Even if they relocate to another council or state, the culture will be the same: 'treat them like mushrooms, we are the true rulers here'.

The State government does its bit by limiting the councillors pay to a pittance, which almost guarantees that no-one with talent and nous will apply for the job; only blowhards, wannabees and suckers.

Which leads me to my punchline: The Greens have out-embarrassed themselves by serving up four duds out of four. Which is why the Council staff love them to bits. And why the National Party also loves them to bits.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Sock it!

When is a sock not a sock? A sock is not talked about much - it's a simple device that is very well known.

As the world has been changing, another kind of 'SOC' has been evolving alongside the changes happening in society. The SOC, or self-organising collective, has been evolving almost unseen. This name describes itself, in relation to what the future may hold for society as devolution continues.

Robert Podhajsky
Ocean Shores

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Although the 2021 Russian Championship is not yet concluded, there is already one conclusion that can be drawn from the tournament: Aleksandra Goryachkina is the strongest female player in the world.

The 23-year-old from Orsk - the home town of Australia's Julia Ryjanova - is the first woman to qualify for the Russian Championship in two decades and at the time of writing sits half a point off the pace.

'I recognise it as a challenge,' she said. 'I accept that I am not that strong physically, but it does not stop me from competing with men. So, you need to work more and rely on something else instead.'

On the world ranking list Goryachkina lies 50 points below China's Hou Yifan, the only female player currently in the top 100, although Hou has effectively retired from serious competition.

Goryachkina does not hold the Women's World Championship title, having narrowly lost a challenge to Ju Wenjun in early 2020, but there is no doubt that she would win a rematch, if she could

be bothered competing in more gender segregated events.

The big question mark over Goryachkina's chances for reaching the world's top 50, or even top 10, is her attitude to chess. When playing in tournaments and sometimes after games, Goryachkina seems at best bored and at worst seriously unhappy. (Russian sources attribute Goryachkina's demeanour to her father, whom they describe as a disciplinarian.)

So can someone who is unhappy playing chess become a world-class player? Curiously the answer is yes, with the precedent being US legend Gata Kamsky.

As a junior, Kamsky was treated badly by his father, an ex-boxer, but he made rapid progress. By the age of 22 Kamsky was challenging Anatoly Karpov for the 1996 FIDE World Championship, with one second commenting that he could not believe someone who hated chess so much could play so well.

Goryachkina has brushed off queries about her life, saying, 'Sofa experts have no problems evaluating everything from afar, but this picture has nothing to do with reality!'



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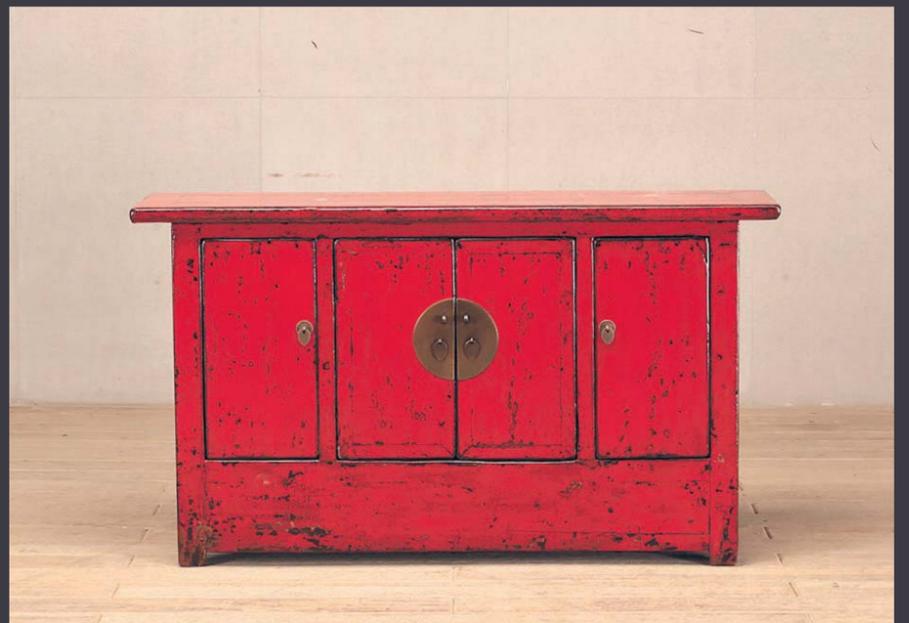
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Vaccinations, politics, Australian sovereignty, and freedom

■ The egotistic rabble of strident anti-vaxxers claim that COVID-19 vaccination violates their individual sovereignty and freedom.

However, there's not a beep from them over Australia's loss of sovereignty in signing up to AUKUS, which makes us even more entwined with the US and its belligerent foreign policy.

Even the news that US administrations had considered assassinating Australian journalist Julian Assange has failed to move them.

Clearly this rabble are only fixated on their own egos – and everyone else can get stuffed!

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

■ Craig Kelly was thrown out of the Liberal Party into obscurity, never to be heard of again, for his unacceptable views on vaccines, lockdowns and COVID.

He now heads the biggest political party in Australia,

a party which claims more members than Labor, Liberal or Greens nationally. Obscure and unknown Craig Kelly will control the Australian government after the next federal election.

A new political party is now on top to stop COVID lockdowns.

Clive Palmer tells it like it is. In just five weeks he claims he got more members (60,000) than the other parties did in ten years. Fed up with the lockdowns and COVID jabs? Then join United Australia Party. If they have an election, The United Party will control the balance of power.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

■ Dear teachers and community members. I have recently received an email from within my school community that asks me to place my name on a list of parents who are 'pro-freedom' and 'pro-choice', namely the right for teachers to not get

vaccinated against COVID-19. In return I was promised organised gatherings to 'strengthen the bonds' between us freedom fighters.

In response to this I would like to thank the teachers and community members who have honoured their roles in the community and supported the process of returning safely to school. Thank you for recognising your inherent privileges and freedoms.

Thank you for making the choice to stand up for the safety of the children, pregnant women, the aged, the vulnerable, Indigenous communities, those with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Thank you for your consideration of health workers and the community at large. Thank you for getting vaccinated.

Whilst it makes for tantalising rhetoric, I am personally appalled by the misappropriation of concepts such 'pro-choice' and 'pro-freedom' coming from people who experience such extraordinary privilege within the context of our global society.

And as a person who has experienced considerable domestic violence, it is deeply offensive to suggest that a vaccination mandate designed to protect the vulnerable is in any way battery

or assault. I feel this terminology is being used to bully people into signing up to an anti-vaccination campaign that will only hinder the safe return of our children to school. And God knows we have all had enough of home schooling.

This may make me a social pariah, and I may not get invited to the latest bond strengthening shindig. But I believe it is important to offer an alternative from what has become the dominant narrative in our community. I am totally 'pro-choice' and 'pro-freedom' and I thank those who have used their freedoms to make choices that benefit and protect the entire community.

Freya Chandler
Barkers Vale

■ There is much being said about the pros and cons of the vaccination.

Do we? Don't we? Must we? Must we not?

But the answers are not as forthcoming as they need to be. More questions arise regarding work for the dole/mutual obligation... obligations.

A person on JobSeeker is required to do 'Work for the Dole'. The person is not vaccinated and chooses not to be vaccinated, which is

currently their right to make this decision. The premises at which the 'Work for the Dole' is being done, refuses entry to the unvaccinated person – therefore blocking the person's ability to perform their obligations for JobSeeker allowance.

So, what is the outcome? Does the JobSeeker recipient lose their allowance even though they arrive, but are refused entry? Who is right? Who is wrong? What is legally enforceable here and what is not? Too many questions and too many vague, opaque and contradictory responses, which may well have harsh consequences.

Pat Kent
Lismore

■ I write with dismay but not surprise at the article (6 October) 'Local Greens MP Urges Vaccination.'

As a very active ex-member of the Greens I would like to state that I believe COVID was developed in a joint action between US and Chinese laboratories for the reason to test 'Gain of Function' technology so as to be able to predict how a virus can mutate.

Being able to do this means vaccines could be made for viruses that have not mutated naturally. I wish to ask Tamara

Smith (MP for Ballina) the following questions:

1. Do you know the origins of the virus and how it evolved[...] Please explain?

2. Have you been in touch with any American or Chinese authorities in regards to the evolution of the virus and its spread?

3. Can you please tell us the exact ingredients of the jab? [...]

6. Have you bothered to study alternative COVID pre-treatments or do you just parrot what comes from the government and chemical companies?

7. [...] Do you know that the double or treble vaxxed are dying or suffering less illness in lower numbers? I suggest you don't.

Finally, I most certainly will not be voting for you or any other Greens candidate in any election and urge voters to put you last.

It's time for a real alternative to the Liberal, Labor, Nationals, Greens comfort shop. Perhaps a Renewable Economies Party that stands up for people's freedoms and rights might be timely.

Wayne Wadsworth
Coopers Creek

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Caring for someone with Dementia?

We'd love to see you at our monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Our October meeting will take place on the morning of Wednesday, 27 October in Brunswick Heads. Call Emma White on 66851 619 or email on: emmawhite@byronrespite.com.au. Bring your questions, suggestions and concerns, speak with other carers and meet new friends.

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 Giant Pumpkin and Watermelon Festival is set to go on 15 January 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 paintings or soft furnishings must be submitted by 1 December. Don't forget the melon and pumpkin carving competition. For more information go to the Kyogle Council website: www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au.

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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.

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A history of 'freedom' and the COVID vaccine

Professor Jeffrey Lewis

While issues of COVID-19 vaccine supply are being resolved, there remains a significant portion of the Northern Rivers community who refuse to be vaccinated.

Many 'anti-vaxxers' share a deep distrust of government and authorised knowledge systems, often citing information gleaned from friends, social media and alternative medicine practitioners. Vax-resistant community members commonly claim that the government health directives are eroding personal rights and freedoms.

Paradoxically, 'freedom' is also the central mantra for counterarguments, which insist that vaccination will protect the citizenry and restore our social and economic pleasures.

What's a little freedom cost?

This paradox is not surprising, given the high value that our modern world places on the concept of freedom and personal choice. Much of the community divide around COVID-19 vaccines is embedded in broader debates over the meaning of freedom itself.

These debates over freedom (or 'free will') emerged with the radical changes associated with the rise and spread of agriculture and human settlement. Beginning around 12,000 years ago, these changes altered the ways in which humans conceived of themselves and their social relationships. They also altered the ways in which humans imagined their place in nature and the universe.

Most significantly, agricultural settlement enabled human groups to store economic value through food production and the control of territory and symbolic resources like money and gold. In order to protect (and raid) this value, groups developed military systems and new forms of social power and stratification.

While hunter-gatherer societies were relatively egalitarian, agricultural societies became highly stratified. In seeking to have their needs and pleasures satisfied, individuals within agricultural societies had to confront the needs of other individuals and groups within increasingly



complex social formations like kingdoms and empires. They also had to deal with the individuals and groups belonging to other societies. This social disjunction was usually resolved through the exercise of power and military violence.

So, an individual's autonomy (choices, freedom, free will) was a contingency of complex and stratified social relationships that were themselves the predicate of violence. This disjunctive and violent social system was common to most agricultural societies, forming a broadly based historical and cultural volition which continues into the present.

Power & persuasion

Individuals and groups at the higher level of the social strata deployed their violence and power through strategies of persuasion, threat and cognitive immersion – not simply through the physical exercise of violence. As well as propaganda, élites sanctioned certain types of knowledge and ideology in order to manage the minds of individuals on the lower levels of the strata.

Religion and philosophy emerged alongside this cultural volition of violence, presenting both an explanation, and often a justification, for the subsumption of individual freedom. Ancient Vedic, Chinese, Abrahamic and Western philo-theology, for example, sought to resolve the social disjunction by propagating an imaginary of the individual as servant of a superhuman God and the stratified social whole.

Democracy might claim to have eclipsed this ancient imaginary through the greater veneration of individuals' rights and freedoms. Despite these claims, however, modern democratic societies continue to be organised around social stratification, power and violence.

History demonstrates that parliamentary democracies have been dominated by a particular class of individuals, many of whom have

been born into prosperity and the resources needed for educated participation in the public sphere.

Imagine equality

Creating an imaginary concept of 'free speech' merely obscures the fact that democratic political systems have never had – and were never meant to have – 'equality of speech'. In a political system that is fundamentally communicative, it's clear that only individuals with advanced education; adversarial training; and certain language skills, appearance and ethnicity will have the opportunity to access the resources necessary for high-level 'speech' and media engagement. The ideal of 'right to free speech' disguises the broader realities of political participation where most members of a society are excluded, censored and silenced.

Whatever the rhetoric of 'freedom' might entail, democracy was not designed to endow universal freedom or equality through the deconstruction of social privilege, stratification and power. The nineteenth century mercantile classes designed parliamentary democracy to protect themselves and their capital from the aristocracy on the one hand and the unwashed masses on the other. It was never a surrender of economic power or social primacy.

Poor suffer

If nothing else, the global COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that social stratification remains a fundamental social force, determining the spread of disease and the means by which vaccines are being distributed. The poorest people in the world continue to suffer a disproportionate load of morbidity and mortality.

As we see with other great global crises – climate change, species extinction, warfare, endemic poverty – common citizens have extremely limited capacity for actual choice, because our knowledge systems

are so constrained by the cultural trajectory that began 12,000 years ago. We can only choose from the range of options that the historical volition permits. Our capacity for 'thinking' struggles to break through the prevailing or 'dominant' knowledge systems. Governments, corporations and corporate media will only sanction knowledge that suits their own limited range of interests. But COVID has also demonstrated that social media can be equally constraining, pernicious and self-interested.

Time to vax?

So, the vaccination question isn't a matter of freedom. It's a matter of how this global pandemic was shaped by zoonosis, population pressure and the ceaseless expansion of human economy. COVID-19 is a result of a deep history of humans' unthinking destruction of our life systems.

So, should we all get vaccinated and be compelled to bear our vaccine passports in order to mingle and move?

I can only say 'yes', but not because it will endow – or restrict – my capacity for freedom. Rather, I think it's worth extending human survival a little longer in the hope that we might address the horrors we have inflicted on planetary life and ecosystems.

Beyond that, I suspect that most anti-vaxxers in the Northern Rivers will reconsider when a close friend becomes really sick or they realise that the covid vaccine contains neither live virus nor compliance pills.

Some resistance will remain. But don't fool yourself that you are expressing freedom of choice or your personal rights. You will not affect social stratification or the power of the state. Sadly, you will just be putting yourself at risk for the sake of a fantasy.

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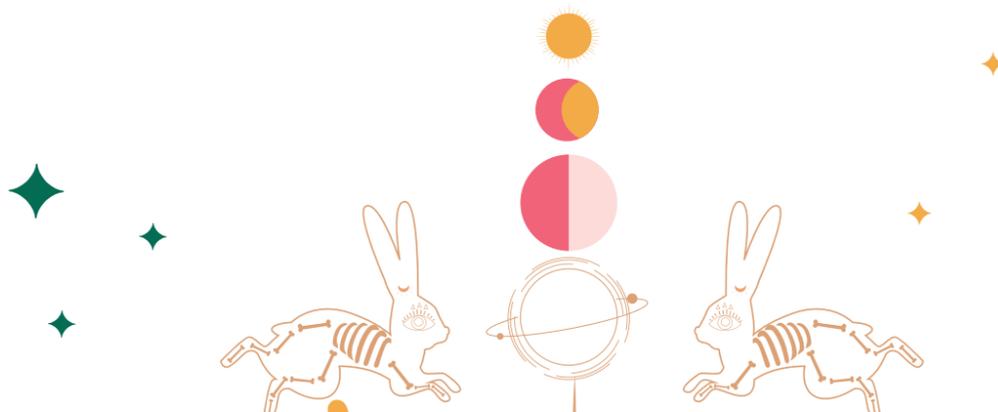
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At Bangalow Headache Clinic they quite often find an overlap between headache and dizziness and/or headache and jaw problems. They possess the expertise to resolve these difficult problems.

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**72 Byron Street, Bangalow
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Bodyhealz membership includes access to all classes, as well as 24/7 access to Bodyworkz gym. They look forward to welcoming you to their beautiful studio and hope to see you soon.

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byronbodyhealz.com.au**

Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre

Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre's purpose built health studio offers exercise physiology. They specialise in delivering exercise prescriptions for chronic disease management, tailored exercise programs for individuals and group exercise classes. Exercise prescriptions can support physical rehabilitation for people with injuries, persisting pain, chronic disease, depression and weight management with behavioural coaching.

Exercise physiology sessions can be accessed with a referral from your doctor (rebates may apply) and privately without a referral. Group classes are kept very affordable. They are excited to support preventative health in our community, keeping people healthy and active, as well as improving social networking and activities in the community.

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**Ruth Smith
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The Good Life

The Great Reopening

S Haslam

What a time to go out in Byron – easy to park and, for the shy retiring types like myself, a less frantic vibe in the restaurants, which are pretty much ‘locals only’ at the moment. The crew at Loft Byron Bay said they had a really great week after reopening on Thursday night, with a lot of locals coming in with a good vibe and good energy. It’s nice to be able to dine out and feel normal again, before the crowds come back, but it was

also good for the staff to be back doing what they do best, especially the kitchen staff



who were getting the good vibes from their new summer menu, which went over really well with the locals. Head Chef Craig McFarland came up with the new dishes over the

break so, if you want to check them out, and perhaps have a cocktail or two, now’s the time – they are open every day from 4pm until late, as they used to be.



Iona Herbs

Pam Morrow from Iona Herbs is a one-woman-show. She has spent her whole life growing herbs and produce on the Tygarah property where she still resides. She was raised growing food with her father and realised at a very young age she always wanted to work in dirt. The property is a beautiful one that has changed over the years, from dairy to small crops and now a nursery.

Certified organic, Pam sells an excellent variety of seedlings and bunches of herbs at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday morning. Pam also sells her own line of seeds, which she harvests from previous crops. She stocks rosemary, thyme, oregano, sage, lemongrass, basil and coriander, as well as seasonal produce, including



leafy greens and Asian vegetables, turmeric and ginger.

Iona Herbs produce is grown in punnets in a covered nursery with her organic soil, using only warmth and water

to raise the crop. 50 per cent of the produce comes from purchased certified organic heirloom seeds, and the rest using Pam’s own seed line.

‘I believe growing in natural conditions means the seedlings are better adapted to our local climate and will be stronger and healthier plants to raise’, Pam says.

On Thursdays Pam wanders through her nursery selecting the plants she feels are ready to go to the market, which are sold in punnets or bunches with no plastic packaging.

Marketgoers who are looking for locally-grown, organic food they can raise at home make a bee-line to visit Iona Herbs – because they know the advice they will receive on selecting and planting the seedlings will be extraordinary.

Having a successful backyard garden can depend on many things, but healthy seedlings

are a very important start.

When asked for suggestions for planting at this time of year, Pam advised ‘soft leaf vegetables, which require afternoon shade, or Mediterranean herbs that enjoy full sun. In the summer months – corn, cucumber, pumpkin, capsicum and eggplant. Just make sure your soil is moist, and remember mulch is excellent for retaining moisture. Observation is key!’

‘I love manning my stall at the farmers’ markets, I enjoy meeting and talking to customers, getting to know them over the years and building a connection. Some women would come to buy seedlings when pregnant and I now get visited by their children too, it’s wonderful’, she says.

Iona Herbs is at Mullumbimby Farmers Market, Friday mornings from 7–11am.

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1 Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens

Looking for a place to walk in beautiful subtropical rainforest just three kilometres from the Lismore CBD? The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens, 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore, are full of wonderful local flora and fauna.

Opened officially in 2013, plantings began in the 1990's and are maintained by an enthusiastic group of volunteers, who plant, propagate, construct, weed, laugh, learn and chat about nature every Wednesday morning from 8am to 11am. They'd love you to join them! Guided walks are held on the last Sunday of the month from 9.30am or by appointment.

Email publicity@friendslrbg.com.au to book or ring 0450 596 705.

313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore
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2 Lismore Regional Gallery and the Quad

Lismore Regional Gallery is one of the longest-running cultural organisations in the Northern Rivers. They have an innovative and inclusive artistic program, and present bold exhibitions and unique public programs for everyone. Their vision is to be a place for everybody, and they are committed to bringing the community on a shared journey of making and engaging in contemporary art. Adjacent to the gallery is the Lismore Quadrangle, a dynamic community space with a curated program of cultural events. The Quad is an outdoor green space for new work to be developed, presented, and enjoyed by all, right in the heart of Lismore.

lismoregallery.org
lismorequad.org.au



Image: Opening of Lismore Regional Gallery, 2017.
Photo: Kate Holmes



3 Vistara Primary School

Vistara Primary School's grounding in ecological education is evident everywhere in the beautiful, colourful classrooms and surrounds. This school engages students to develop and broaden their intellectual and emotional connections between their personal worlds (of home, school, community and locality) to the Earth as a living whole.

The school's compassionate culture is also expressed in their daily yoga, meditation, and relaxation practices, and in their adherence to a vegetarian/vegan diet within the school. The 'child-centred' approach can be seen everywhere; from students learning through nature-based play, to their beautiful and stimulating learning environments.

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To get the COVID-19 vaccine, please book an appointment via their online booking tool or by calling 02 6626 9131. Pfizer is available to everyone 12 years of age and above.

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7 Book Warehouse

Book Warehouse is an independently owned bookstore in Lismore, part of a larger north coast locally owned group, with shops in Coffs Harbour, Ballina and Grafton. Their staff are passionate readers – and it shows!

Their stores stock the latest in new release books and they have an incredible range of specials, bestsellers, literary prize winners and classics. From the littlest tiny tot to the most well read senior, there is something for everyone.

They also stock a large selection of awesome art supplies, jigsaw puzzles, specialty games, beautiful greeting cards (many by local artists) gift wrap and a wide selection of bookish gifts.

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8 Tiles, Mosaics & More!

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The mosaic range is like a lolly shop full of colourful glass, ceramic and mirror mosaics perfect for your next creative project. Bookings are available for beginners' mosaic workshops, and mosaics are now available for purchase online!

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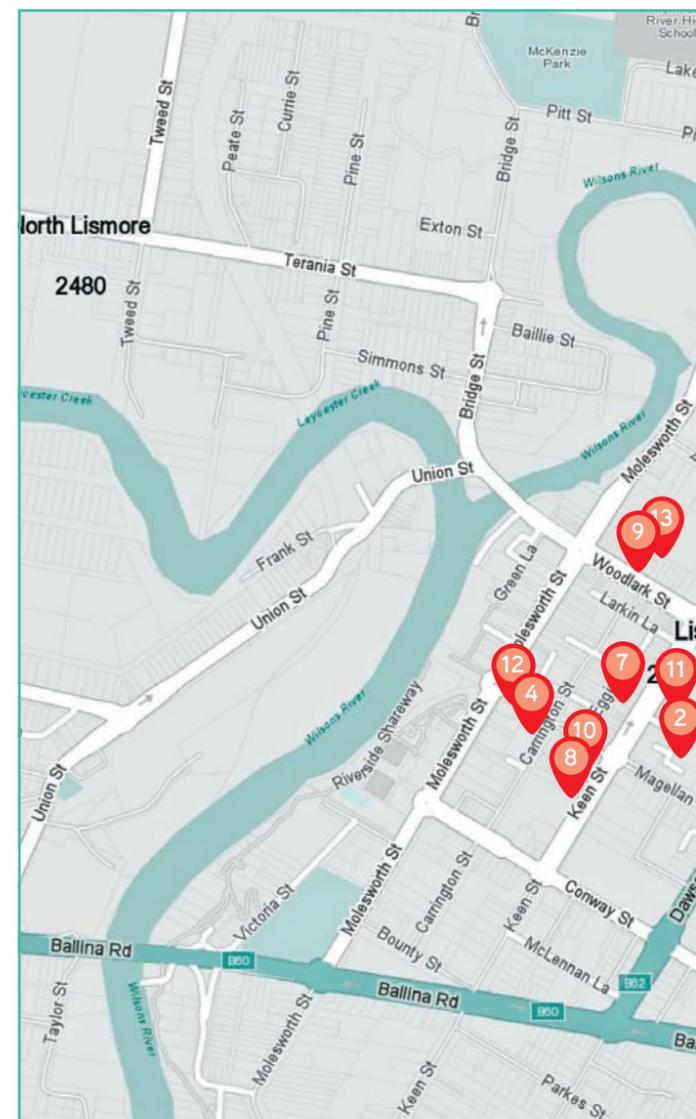


9 Toy Kingdom

When visiting Lismore you can't go past Toy Kingdom's flagship store located in the CBD opposite Flock. With an emphasis on play-based learning and educational toys, the ethos of this locally owned and operated store is one that has stood the test of time in a world where toy fads come and go. Operators, Carey and Carmel, have enjoyed a strong local following for over 26 years and customers of their Byron and Ballina locations regularly travel to Lismore to shop the larger range and big-ticket items not carried in their smaller coastal stores.

Boasting the largest range of toys, games and puzzles on the north coast, including hard-to-find brands for kids and collectors, this is a store where kids are king and parents enjoy friendly expert advice. Generous layby terms are available, and items will be shipped to your store of choice for pickup within 24hrs!

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10 Professionals Lismore

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The team are proud of their social responsibilities including being a Diamond Partner of the National Breast Cancer Foundation for over 16 years, helping to raise over \$3.5 million funds for breast cancer research.



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13 The Rainbow Health Centre

The Rainbow Health Centre was established in Lismore in 1983 by renowned naturopath Chris Russell. After her well earned retirement at the end of 2018, naturopaths Lee Vassella and Anna Lusty have now taken on the practice, having worked with and been mentored by Chris for almost twenty years. They are joined by naturopath Claire Patterson, and together the three are continuing to help clients achieve and maintain the best of health. Treatments are tailored to the individual and encompass several modalities including homeopathy, herbal medicine and nutrition. The centre continues to offer electrodermal screening, with an upgraded Bioscan system. This tool helps to collect information from the body which may help to identify areas of weakness or overactivity, as well as food or environmental sensitivities.

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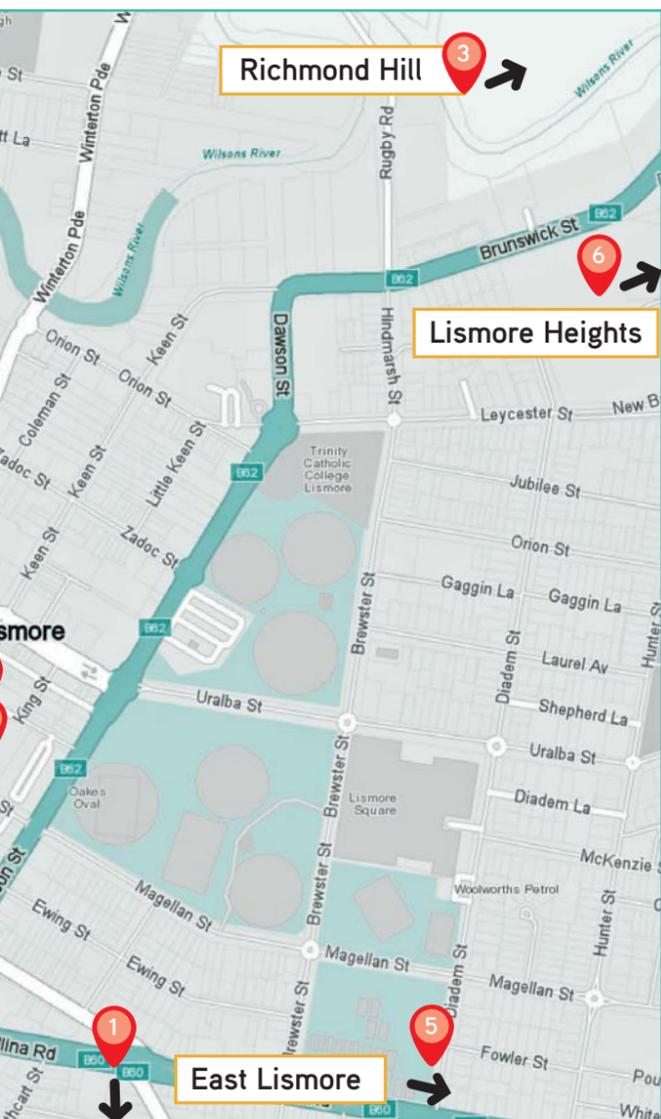
11 Fundies Organic Wholefood Market

Founded in 1979, Fundies Lismore strives to keep the community well with nutritious food and naturopath recommended supplements – no matter where you are on your wellness journey. Inside you'll find fresh seasonal certified organic fruit and vegetables, gluten free pasta and bread alternatives, plus organic skincare and a huge vegan food range. Free naturopathic support is available in store, offering a mainly plant based vitamin and supplement range. The team can help guide you in this area based on your individual needs or what has been prescribed by your own practitioner.

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12 Northern Rivers Stained Glass

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Their centrally located shop offers a wide range of glass equipment, including a beautiful glass sheet range with great prices. The shop is also filled with locally made gifts and art.

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IF YOU CAN'T BE ITALIAN, AT LEAST YOU CAN WATCH SOME

Screening from 20 October, Palace Cinema and ST. ALi coffee are thrilled to announce the full lineup for the 2021 ST. ALi Italian Film Festival.

After another disrupted year, it is with great anticipation that this hallmark event celebrating Italian culture, stories and language hits screens around the country, just in time to provide a much-needed escape and the chance to become immersed in another world.

This year's festival will be screening in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Byron Bay and tickets are on sale now.

The ST. ALi Italian Film Festival will open with the Australian premiere of Daniele Luchetti's *The Ties (Lacci)* which opened last year's Venice Film Festival and is a sumptuous marriage-in-crisis drama spanning several decades.



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Closing the 2021 Festival will be the Roberto Rossellini classic *Rome, Open City* in a stunning 4K restoration. The film, which was conceived and directed amid the ruin of World War II in Rome, will be part of the Rossellini Retrospective presented by the Italian Cultural Institute Sydney, alongside screen gems *Amore, Journey to Italy, Paisan, and Stromboli*. In addition to this retrospective, the programme will also feature a celebration of classic Italian screen goddesses Sophia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida and Claudia Cardinale, with some of their most loved performances in *Marriage Italian Style, Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell and The leopard*.

The Centrepiece selection is recent winner of the Director's Fortnight in Cannes, *To Chiara (A Chiara)*. Jonas Carpignano's searing drama tells the gripping story of a 15-year-old girl from Calabria, whose family life starts to unravel when she discovers her beloved father may have criminal ties.

This year's Special Festival Presentation is acclaimed director Nanni Moretti's (*Mia Madre, The Son's Room*) latest film *Three floors (Tre Piani)*. Featuring a tremendous ensemble cast, the film traces the disparate lives of three families who reside in the same apartment block in Rome's stylish Prati neighbourhood.

Family films also feature in the programme with *Glass Boy*, a heartwarming tale of courage and adventure, for all ages, about a young boy usually confined to his bedroom setting out to prove he can live like a normal kid. Also *When Mum is Away... with the Family* is a Christmas-themed sequel to the 2019 Festival hit *10 Days Without Mamma (10 Giorni con Babbo Natale)*, the misadventures of the Rovelli family are back in this entertaining road movie, starring Fabio De Luigi and Valentina Lodovini.

For kids fifteen years and older is *Cam's War*, a tale of survival and the struggle between good and evil, which follows a young boy and his sister on a dangerous journey through an apocalyptic world.

Cam's War is also part of The Female Lens sidebar, presented by the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Melbourne, which features contemporary films from female directors. The other is *Sirley (Maledetta Primavera)* from up-and-coming director Elisa Amoruso, and is a highly personal story, based upon her adolescence and a special friendship she forms when she moves to the outskirts of Rome.

Other highlights for the 2021 ST. ALi Italian Film Festival include: *Everything's Gonna be Alright (Cosa Sarà)* wherein a sudden revelation about

his state of health leads a man to reevaluate his relationships with his family in this personal story from director Francesco Bruni, starring Kim Rossi Stuart.

Berlin International Film Festival Silver Bear winner, Elio Germano, delivers a powerhouse performance in the multi award-winning biopic *Hidden Away (Volevo Nascondermi)*, about the troubled life of celebrated artist Antonio Ligabue.

A man with a knack for accidentally setting off catastrophes decides to help out the people around him, but proceeds to cause them even more trouble in *If You Care for Me (Se Mi Vuoi Bene)*, an entertaining comedy about friendship, starring Claudio Bisio.

Like a Cat on a Highway 2 (Come un Gatto in Tangenziale – Ritorno a Coccia di Morto) is the sequel to the comedy smash hit *Like a Cat on a Highway*. Paola Cortellesi and Antonio Albanese return as Monica and Giovanni, whose lives become intertwined again, three years later.

In *Padre nostro* (Presented by MIFF), a 10-year-old boy witnesses an assassination attempt on his father (Pierfrancesco Favino in a Venice Best Actor-winning role) in Claudio Noce's personal drama, inspired by his own family trauma.

Paolo Conte, Via Con Me is an enthralling documentary following the life and work of Italian singer and composer, Paolo Conte, interwoven with concert footage, interviews, and reflections of the singer by friends and colleagues, such as Roberto Benigni and Isabella Rossellini.

The Predators (I Predatori) – winner of Best New Director at the 2021 David di Donatello Awards, Pietro Castellitto's black comedy takes aim at class antagonism in contemporary Italy when two Italian families on opposite ends of the social ladder collide.

Tigers (Tigra) is the enthralling true story of former Inter Milan player Martin Bengtsson's rollercoaster ride through the cutthroat world of professional soccer.

In *Three Perfect Daughters (È per il tuo bene)* Marco Giallini (Perfect Strangers, God Willing) is back – alongside Vincenzo Salemme and Giuseppe Battiston – with a comedy hit that sees three friends try to hinder the love affairs of their daughters.

You Came Back (Lasciami Andare) was the Closing Night film of the 2020 Venice International Film Festival. This dramatic thriller, set against a backdrop of Venice's mysterious lagoons, stars Stefano Accorsi as a man who finds himself torn between the past and the future.

And at selected theatres is, *Fellini Forward: From The Creative Genius Of Federico Fellini* presented by Campari. Direct from its Venice premiere, this pioneering project explores Fellini's creative genius, using new technology to emulate the works of one of the greatest filmmakers of all time in a new and unique movie set in Rome.

For the second year running, the ST. ALi Italian Film Festival eTicket Bundle (5 eTickets for \$65 or 10 eTickets for \$125) will be available as a pre-sale offer exclusive to Movie Club members and valid at all Palace Cinemas locations.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OCA OPEN MIC**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **QUIZEME TRIVIA**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

THURSDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SALVE JORGE**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTER 1PM **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**, 7PM **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TIAGO FREITAS**
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- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DJ SOLI B**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DJ CHRIS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **VENUS ENVY**

SATURDAY 23

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ JASON LEWIS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **CATH SIMES BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **FAT ALBERT AND SKINNY GINNY**

SUNDAY 24

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **HARRY NICHOLS**

MONDAY 25

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 26

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KATIA DEMEESTER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **TRIVIA**

WEDNESDAY 27

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
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This week Scotty was dragging his feet about going to Glasgow. I'd thought of a tweet: Bozo Scomo's Glasgow No Show gives Australia climate change FOMO. But it looks like a bit of public pressure from Prince Charles, mining magnate Twiggy Forrest and a Croc Dundee styled billboard in New York Time's Square calling him a Coal-a-phile, another one saying 'Come to Australia - cuddle a koala before we make them extinct' has hit hard. He's going. And he's got a plan. Jenny found it scribbled on the back of a BHP investment portfolio. It was simple. It said 'Ask Barnaby'.

While the government scrambles to agree to the 2050 net zero plan, a target that has already been deemed too late, the rest of us are asking: What the fuck are we going to do? I mean, if they can't agree to a target how the f**k are they going to manage the action part of the equation?

One sure way to impact on reducing emissions is to transition to electric vehicles. Other countries are leading the way. Norway has more electric vehicles per capita than any other country. Something like 74.8 per cent. In 2020 we had 14 253 EV's in Australia; or 0.1 per cent of 19.8 million registered motor vehicles. We are really fucking this up.

In order to transition from a fossil fuel powered car industry I think we need to address our car culture. We're petrol heads.

Mad Max would have been a very different movie if Mel had to find a charging station instead of fuel.

There's no thrill doing 'maineys' and

burnouts with an electric engine. How does a bloke get to feel like he's got a massive penis if his car is silent? Will EVs signal the end to a cock dominated car culture? Is patriarchy under the pump? The whole 'fill er up' approach is very penetrative. If we are to hit net zero in the next 20 years the fossil fuel phallus needs to become extinct.

I often dream of our zero emissions future. I imagine a bikie gang coming into town; The Renewable Rebels. They can co-ordinate their drug drops with charging stations. Earth, Wind & Ice. I wonder if they'll even be terrifying anymore? A swarm of bikers are always accompanied by the noise of their engines. And stink of their petrol filth. Big, dirty, noisy bike gangs.

What happens when they slip into town on their EV cycles, quiet as mice?

Maybe a couple of blokes are going to have to make petrol motor noises by blowing raspberries. The kind of 'broombroom' that a toddler does when they push matchbox cars on the carpet.

It's a brave new world! Imagine Satan's Choice Motorcycle Club now powered by solar. The devil really is in the detail. I love the idea of working the solar panels into the insignia stitched on the back of the jackets. Or seeing bike helmets with wind turbines. Just because you are a badass doesn't mean you have to be a carbon emitter. Like a modern day Ned Kelly you can still steal from the rich, but you need to be putting it back into the grid.

I really want an electric vehicle. I don't want to be left behind.

I don't want to be a wowsler at the bowser.



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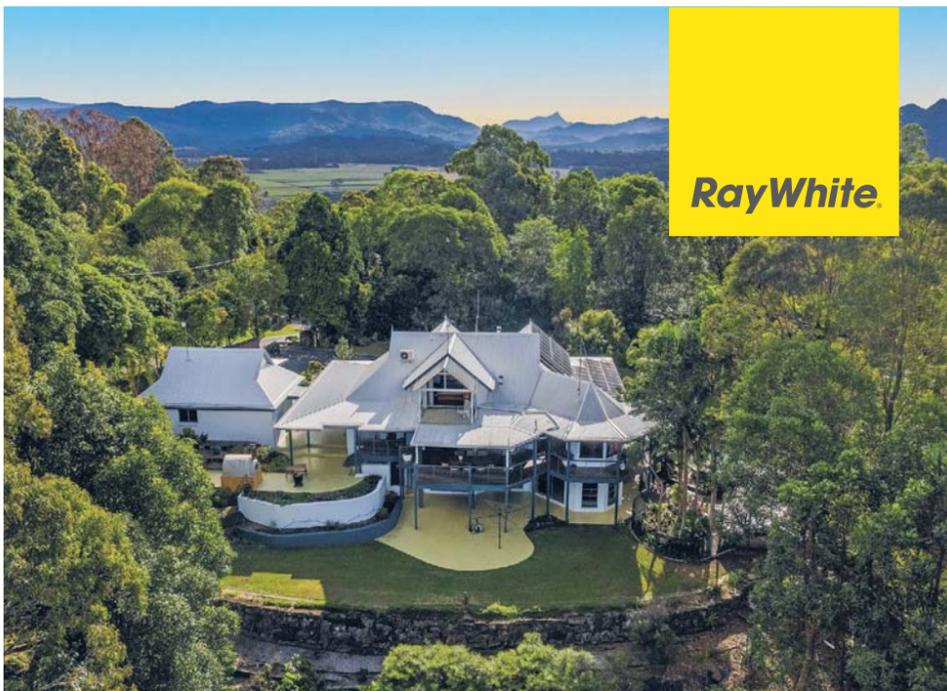


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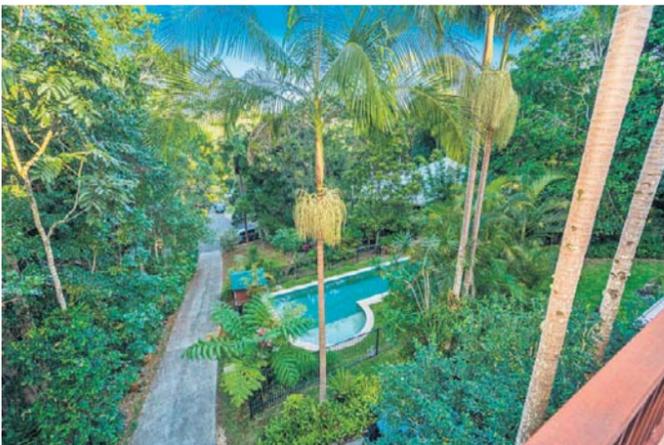
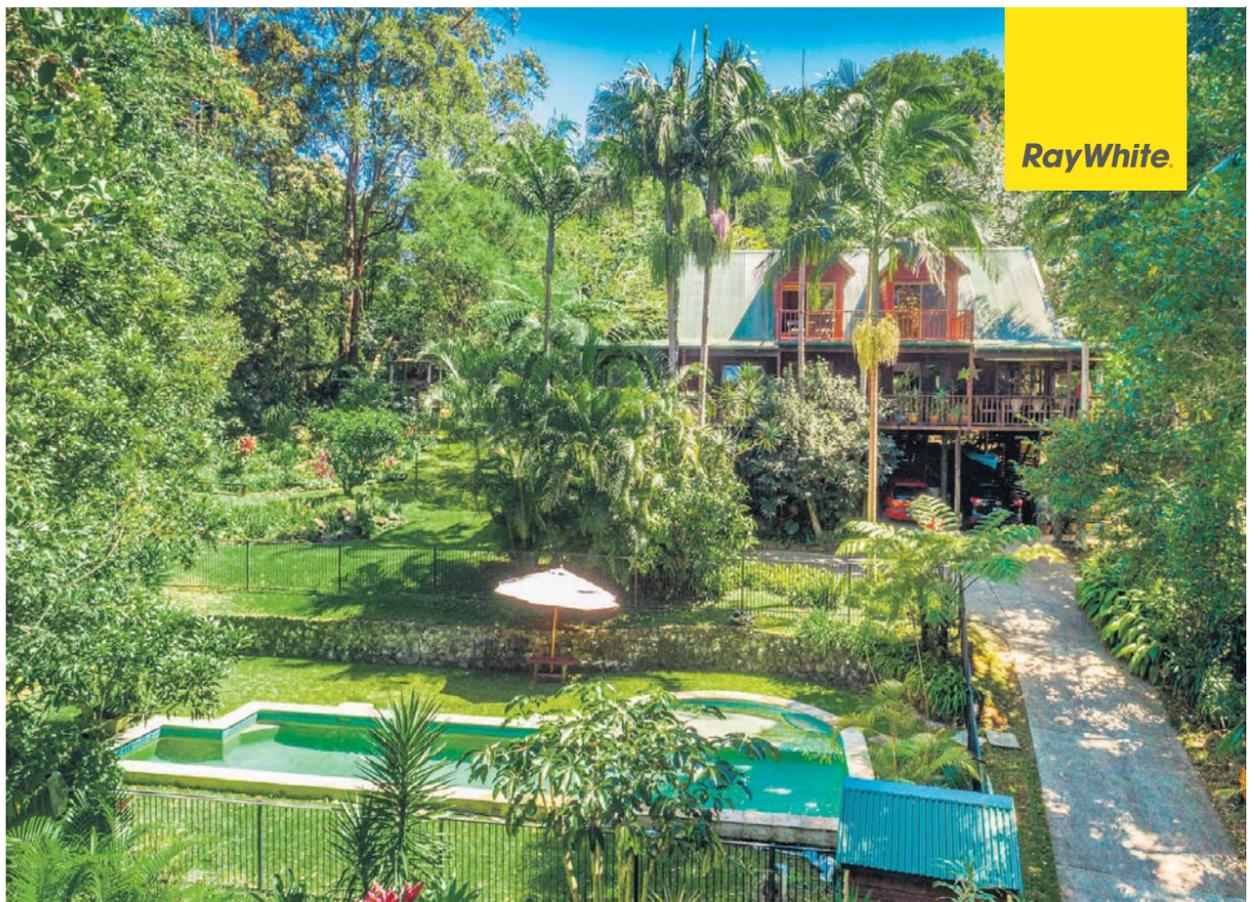
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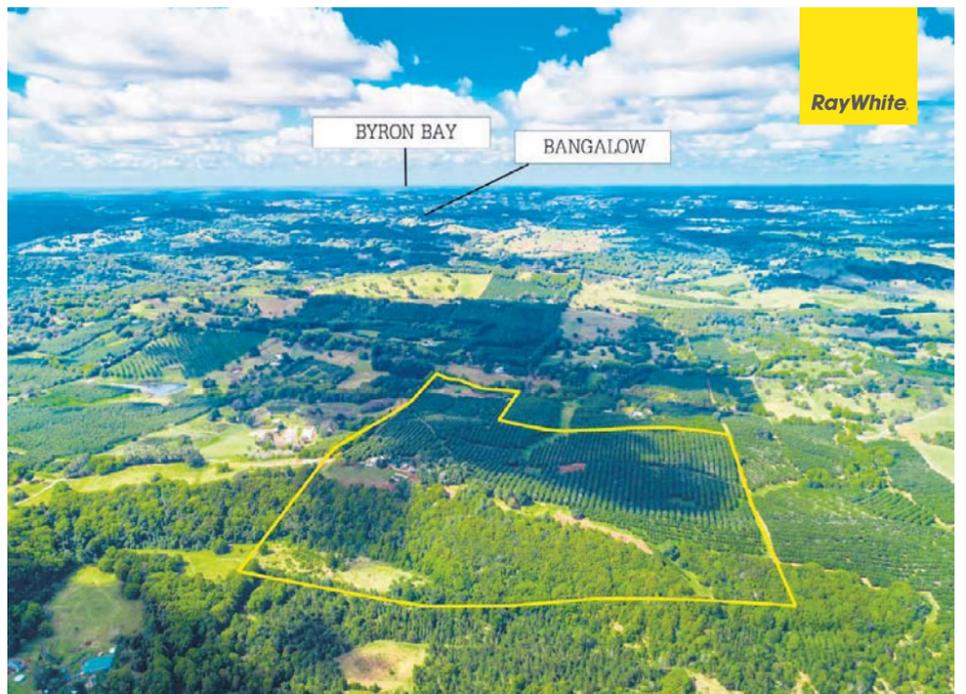
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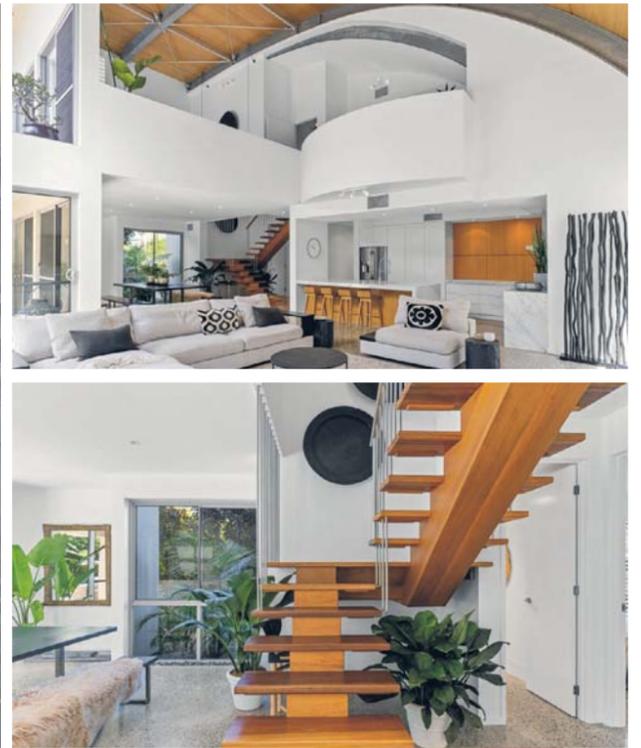
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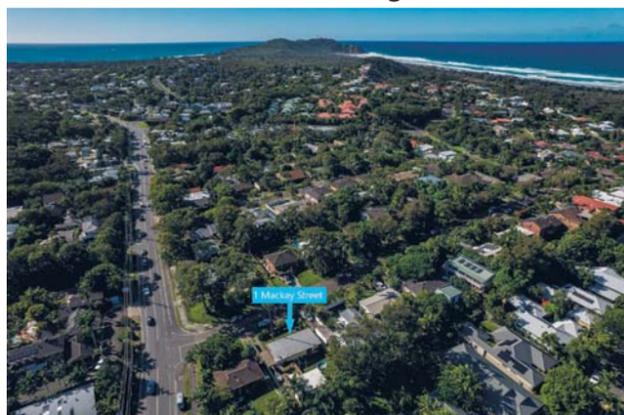
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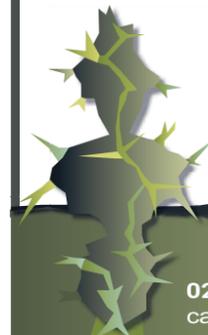
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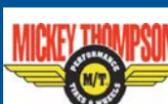
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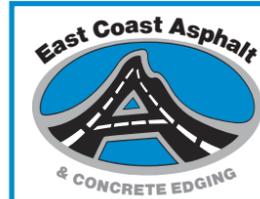
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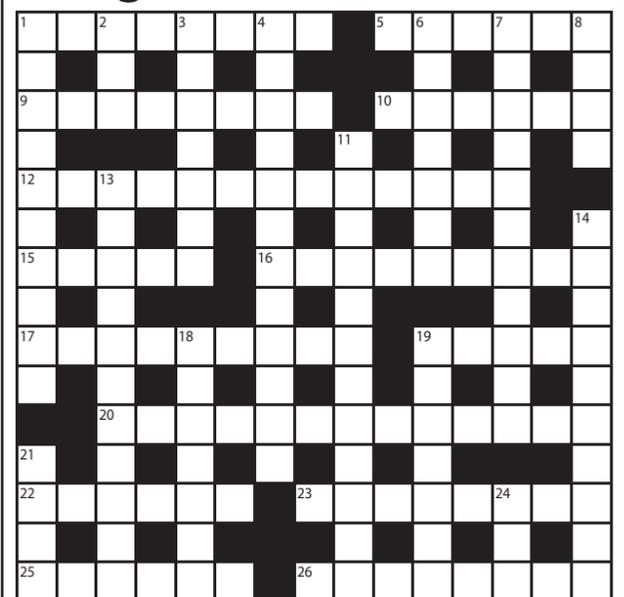
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Answer: 50050100, a hundred unknown - advice needed! (8)
- Small writer, all right at the core, it has been said (6)
- Ancient mariner on a quest for noble gas and gold territory (8)
- Irishman traded with Englishman for Tristram's girlfriend (6)
- Pet farce - everything came together to create a disaster (1,7,5)
- Return to argue against a potato (5)
- Sat pining unhappily for art (9)
- Performed annual rut - but it's not normal (9)
- Vestige of a trail (5)
- Some into conflicted reactions (5,8)
- Game retreats - evil trap! (6)
- Individual in a setting for drama - a very long time ago (5,3)
- Dad, with a ship and directions, gets permits (6)
- Nut with two drugs (8)

DOWN

- Turkish official with rustic god - consequently the Lily of the Nile! (10)
- Tramp against a general (3)
- Fir cone withering on a tree (7)
- Party game includes old city, imperial honour and phosphorus. It is held on Sunday in the army barracks (6,6)
- Faint authorisation to return (4,3)
- Join a lark - I'm playing on the mountain (11)
- Require directions for journalist (4)
- Mill creosote, locating a device to measure the shaking (12)
- Putting monies into the NAB or the ANZ? Actually they are levees, not levies (11)
- Female donkey reportedly intended valuation (10)
- Material to send SMS message to French atoll? (7)
- Doomed ship, like Hyperion for one (7)
- End small summit (4)
- A small, gentle snake (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Support (8)
- Oral (6)
- Golden Fleece seeker (8)
- Legendary Irish princess in Wagnerian opera (6)
- Catastrophic combination of events (1,7,5)
- Underground plant storage structure (5)
- Pictures (9)
- Freakish (9)
- Track down (5)
- Ambivalent feelings (5,8)
- Barty's sport (6)
- Neolithic period (5,3)
- Elapses (6)
- Eccentric person (8)

DOWN

- African flowering plant (10)
- Vagrant (abbrev) (3)
- Cone-bearing plant (7)
- Religious procession of military personnel (6,6)
- Lose consciousness (4,3)
- Hemmingway short story "The Snows of ..." (11)
- Necessity (4)
- Instrument for measuring oscillations (12)
- Earth walls that prevent flooding (11)
- Appraisal (10)
- Fabric (7)
- Colossal (7)
- Cease (4)
- Serpent (3)

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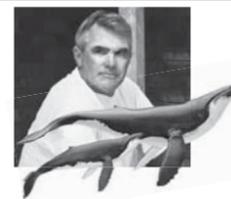
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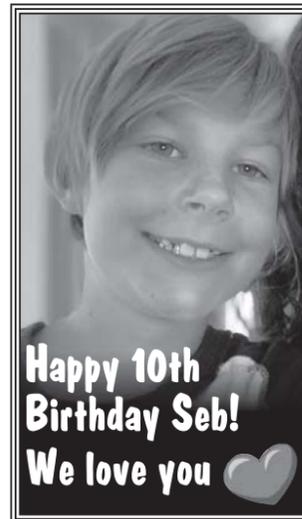
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DATE (Oct/Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
20	W	6:04 18:57	18:36 5:53	09:04 1.50 21:10 1.44	02:41 0.18 15:00 0.29
21	TH	6:03 18:58	19:31 6:22	09:38 1.54 21:41 1.37	03:09 0.18 15:39 0.31
22	F	6:02 18:58	20:25 6:53	10:11 1.57 22:12 1.29	03:35 0.19 16:17 0.34
23	SA	6:01 18:59	21:21 7:26	10:45 1.57 22:43 1.20	04:02 0.22 16:57 0.38
24	SU	5:59 19:00	22:16 8:03	11:19 1.56 23:15 1.11	04:30 0.27 17:38 0.43
25	M	5:57 19:01	23:11 8:43	11:57 1.52 23:53 1.02	05:00 0.33 18:24 0.48
26	TU	5:58 19:01	9:28	12:38 1.47	05:32 0.40 19:17 0.53
27	W	5:57 19:02	0:03 10:18	00:39 0.95 13:28 1.41	06:14 0.48 20:23 0.56
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3	W	5:51 19:07	4:43 17:16	07:56 1.51 20:03 1.56	01:31 0.14 13:49 0.24

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

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1st SAT	Brunswick Heads	0410 785 554
1st SAT	Alstonville	0429 019 407
1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT	Flea, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT	Woodburn	0439 489 631
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SUN	Federal	0433 002 757
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	0422 094 338
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4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631
4th SAT	Wilsons Creek	6684 0299
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4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month)	Coolangatta
5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000

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Each THU	8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each THU	2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
Each SAT	8.30-12am Blue Knob	
Each SUN	7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

STARS BY LILITH

Mercury and Jupiter on the move again in air signs Libra and Aquarius suggest clearer thinking, more social activity, and a possible increase in airborne pathogens...



LIBRA THE SCALE-BALANCER

ARIES: Feeling like a bold new move? Your annual full moon winding up a twelve-month cycle gives full permission to toot your own horn as a long-time project reaches completion. It also decrees time to break free from draining alliances in favour of collaborators who are a more joyful fit.

TAURUS: Full moon energy in your zodiac house of completion combined with the intensity of Scorpion-time launching could mean a relationship turnaround or release is on the star cards. And the recent retro reshuffle of friends, advisors, allies and competitors might see some surprising realignments or new partnering.

GEMINI: Mercury's direct again in Libra and it's virtually impossible for you Twins to focus on just one single thing (especially during weekend Gemini moon), so narrow it down to your two highest heart priorities. And keep in mind that while passion planet Mars fires desires, Jupiter insists on a broader, more panoramic picture...

CANCER: With Mars rebooting your mojo and Venus sweetening the social scene: so far, so fabulous. But wait, there's more; this week kicks off with fabulously life-affirming full moon in Aries, which supports realigning the me-we dynamic, as in finding a new balance between personal and relational time.

LEO: The current cosmic power surge issues a director's call to your theatrical hormones, and centres around your domestic sector. If you're moving, buying, selling, restructuring, renovating or making any kind of change to your living arrangements, this week suggests stepping away from drama hooks and staying negotiable, Majesties.

VIRGO: With your mentor planet Mercury the Messenger direct again, it's high time to give your inner critic the flick and take advantage of the present transit's amnesty on guilt. Go ahead, take a walk on the wild side. Flaunt your flaws. It's liberating... intoxicating... exhilarating... Now doesn't that feel better?

LIBRA: Libran stylist Oscar Wilde once described making a good salad as requiring diplomacy; knowing exactly how much oil to mix with your vinegar. Developing this week's salad into a piquant taste treat will be easier now Mercury's stopped playing communication games - and after all, isn't getting the balance right your premier pursuit?

SCORPIO: El Sol lights up your sign for the last week of October with some serious steam heat and its annual boost to your personal powers. As the recent retrograde stages of your personal purge-and-purify journey complete, you're emerging as fire-phoenix rising; morphing, transforming, drawing moths to your flame... Happy birthday Scorps.

SAGITTARIUS: Others not being as straightforward as you'd like? It's more important that you're honest with yourself. If people seem devious and secretive this week, then pay attention to what isn't being said. Better still, listen to joyful Jupiter and breezy Venus saying 'Hey you, come out and play.'

CAPRICORN: Pluto's been excavating old hurts and habits. Now it's back on track, with Jupiter providing a necessary nudge in your house of money and powerful Mars in your sector of ambition, this is an auspicious time for career moves. Choosing the power of love over the love of power will attract this week's rewards.

AQUARIUS: Following last week's Saturn reboot in your sign, now it's expansive Jupiter's turn to move forward in Aquarius. This double dose of planetary momentum plugs Waterpourers into a personal super-charged cosmic green light to start putting a plan behind recent ideas, perhaps in an updated, more contemporary format.

PISCES: From deepest mud the purest lotus grows, from rainforest compost, exquisite orchids - you get the picture. Recent weeks have proffered that kind of slime-to-sublime scenario, and this week offers more of the same. Meanwhile Mars powers up professional teamwork prospects, plus Venus has you mischievous as monkeys and cute as new boots.

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Imagine if the govt supported an EV industry instead of coal? According to www.drive.com.au, the Toyota Mirai can travel 1,360km on one hydrogen tank, yet there are just 20 of these cars in Australia. 'While fuel-cell technology has several distinct advantages over battery electric vehicles – such as increased range, and shorter 'recharging' times – it has failed to develop comparable mass-market appeal, largely owing to high manufacturing costs and a lack of infrastructure'.

This week marks the anniversary where five Australian war correspondents were murdered by Indonesian soldiers in Balibo, East Timor, on October 16, 1975. In 2014, the AFP dropped their investigation into the deaths of Brian Peters, 29, Malcolm Rennie, 28, Gary Cunningham, 27, Gregory Shackleton, 29, and Anthony Stewart, 21, owing to a lack of evidence.

The NSW premier made a decision about Australia's international borders last week, just to let us all know who is in charge of the nation.

ICYMI Murwillumbah and Tweed libraries have reopened owing to 'overwhelming community anger at their closure', says Tweed councillor, James Owen.

Imagine having to be the one to explain to an alien species that we knew about climate change and did nothing



Ewingsdale Hall will be available for Christmas parties and events for local businesses. Organisers say the hall is not-for-profit and relies on hire income for its upkeep. 'Events would be subject to COVID-19 restrictions, including the number of attendees'. For more information, visit www.ewingsdale.org.au. Photo Jeff 'Halls' Dawson

about it because some of us wanted to make more money.

The modern political actor, by and large, does not exhibit shame. It's actually the opposite, the less competence they exhibit publicly, the more confident they are. Case in point is last week's Council meeting. Despite five long years of being 'inside the tent', the meeting led by Cr Michael Lyon was slow, painful, confused and lacked clarity. Other meetings he has led haven't been much better. Cr Lyon wants to be elected mayor in his own right on December 4. Does he, and the other councillors wanting to be re-elected, deserve another term?

Hemp foods took a big step forward recently after an application was accepted by Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) to alter the Australian Food Code to meet internationally accepted standards. Industrial hemp

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