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Unauthorised dwellings policy shelved, for now

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's *Draft Unauthorised Dwelling Policy* received almost unanimous support from councillors when it was abruptly brought into existence around 18 months ago.

Last week, the same councillors voted to consign the document to the bottom drawer, and two of them offered conditional apologies to those who were affected.

But it would not be accurate to say that our elected representatives accepted responsibility for the failed policy.

Council staff blamed

Instead, the blame for what happened was placed firmly at the feet of Council staff.

'I apologise that it was misinterpreted by staff,' said Councillor Sarah Ndiaye (Greens).

'That was never my intention.'

'It [the policy] came out of a genuine desire to address the ongoing stress that we were seeing in Council in relation to unauthorised dwellings.'

It was Cr Ndiaye who moved the motion to develop the Draft Policy by tacking it onto a development application for a property in Skinners Shoot.

With all councillors, except Cr Michael Lyon (then Greens, now Independent) having voted for the Draft Policy, staff fired off a salvo of letters to a group of Main Arm residents who they believed were living in unauthorised dwellings.

This was prior to any detailed investigation having been done

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Zombies get particularly bad around this time of year, and Bruns seems to be especially prone to outbreaks of the undead. Authorities recommend using lollies to distract them. Photo Jeff 'Lolly Zombie' Dawson

Concerns raised over the impact of tourist influx

Aslan Shand

The north coast has seen a significant rise in vaccination of people aged 15 and over with more than 90 per cent of people in the region predicted to be fully vaccinated by mid-November.

However, spokesperson for the Cross Border Task Force (CBTF) and Tweed Shire Mayor, Chris Cherry, told *The Echo* that there are significant concerns as people arrive from Sydney.

Cr Cherry said the CBTF met with Northern Rivers Area Health (NRAH), who assured the task force, 'that they do have the contingency plans in place for that increase [of visitors]'

'They have said that the Lismore Hospital is set up to cope with that and we do not need to rely on Qld hospitals. This is a particular issue for Tweed, because we previously relied on the Qld hospitals.'

Meanwhile, Healthy North Coast Chief Executive Officer, Julie

Sturgess, said the region had made great progress in vaccinations in recent weeks.

'As travel restrictions ease across NSW from November 1, the region is now better prepared and protected to deal with the expected influx of visitors. Our first dose coverage is tracking above the national average and is on par with the NSW rate', Ms Sturgess said.

'There is every reason to believe that those who have had their first jab will also have their second. This

is a remarkable achievement, but we can't afford to be complacent. There is still more work to be done.'

Double jabbed

It is not just the influx of visitors that bring the risk of increased COVID-19 infection to the area, but also the need for workers to be double vaccinated by November 1 that has caused concerns in local businesses and the community.

'Second dose coverage is
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Get ready for tourist influx

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Ms Sturgess has highlighted that as the area opens up to tourism again, 'the virus will continue to circulate'.

'Ahead of this influx of visitors, we are also working with GPs and clinics to help them boost their operational planning, and manage the risks'. She also urged people to remain vigilant about personal hygiene and to follow standard safe practices as the borders open to interstate and international travel.

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Chamber crowdfunds Mullum defibrillators

Aslan Shand

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce is looking to install up to ten defibrillators in and around the town, and they are seeking community and business support for the project.

'We are hoping that there will be two in town and eight in the area,' said Chamber President Jenelle Stanford.

'I read a story in *The Echo* about an incident in Brunswick Heads at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, where a man at the river was resuscitated and survived with the use of a defibrillator'.

'This triggered us to look into getting some available in Mullum.'

'Then COVID-19 hit, and it went on the back burner'.

Recently, a defibrillator fundraiser, led by Michael Ibrahim, was successful in acquiring them for local beaches after Phil Jones died at Wategos Beach.

Ms Stanford said, 'We have managed to purchase two so far, and are looking for community and business support to purchase the other eight. We have set up a Go Fund Me page (www.chuffed.org/project/defibs-for-mullumbimby), so we can ask the public to help us purchase the others we want.'



Captain Josh Rushton from the NSW Fire and Rescue Station 388, with Mullumbimby Acting Inspector, Chris Neaves, from the Tweed Byron Police. Photo Jeff Dawson

'Of the first two to be installed, one will be on the outside wall of the Mullum Newsagency, on the corner of Burringbar and Stuart Streets and one at the Main Arm Store,' she said.

A defibrillator is a device that restores the normal heartbeat. By sending an electric shock or pulse to the heart it can prevent or correct an uneven heartbeat, arrhythmia, or restore the heart's beating if the heart suddenly stops.

'This is a project I'm really passionate about because it saves lives,' said Ms Stanford.

'We went for the same type of defibrillator that the Byron fundraiser recently purchased, so that people in the region can be trained to use all the local defibrillators without confusion'.

'We went for the same type of defibrillator that the Byron fundraiser recently

Free training night

There will be a free education night in Mullumbimby for anyone interested in learning how to use the defibrillator.

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How do we enjoy the wonders of this beautiful part of Australia without destroying it?

Given the high tourist numbers that are attracted to Byron Shire, it's a question a group of locals think they may have an answer to.

Responsible tourism principles are the focus of a new group, called the Byron Way Pledge.

Lisa Apostolides, Director of Byron Youth Theatre and Exposure Live, says an inspirational meeting between Wendy Blithell, CEO of local eco-tourism company, Vision Walks, Delta Kay, who runs the Explore Byron Tour, Dr Antonia Canosa of Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University and herself led to the creation of the group.

Lisa says, 'The Pledge is a set of responsible tourism principles, co created with young people in the community, as part of the research and development of the *Our Home Holiday Town* project by Byron Youth Theatre, and the Centre for Children and Young People.



Byron Way Pledge makers. Photo Jeff Dawson

'It's a pledge to respect the local environment and community when in Byron Shire.

'Our research shows that our youth are deeply concerned about the impacts of tourism on an environmental, social and cultural level.

'They have experienced lack of casual employment opportunities, housing issues from rising prices, rubbish pollution and the

lack of respect coming from others who regard Byron as a party town.'

Expectations

'The aim of Byron Way Pledge is to communicate community expectations to our millions of annual visitors and activate more sustainable tourism solutions in the community.'

She says Jason Lasky of Hubway Design and SAE

Creative Media Institute graphic design student, Christel Cherryadi, came on board to create the pilot website, which features shots by well known photographers Jeff Dawson and Kurt Petersen.

It encourages residents, businesses and organisations to pledge, as well as visitors.

■ For more info, visit www.byronpledge.com.au.

Big Bruns subdivision subs close

Submissions close November 3 for a large greenfield urban development at Bay-side, in Brunswick Heads.

The proposal is for 124 residential lots, three medium density lots, one residual lot and three public reserves, 'together with associated removal of 230 trees, earthworks and construction

of infrastructure'.

Public concerns have been expressed around the loss of the trees, and parking and traffic issues around Kollektiv's boarding house development. Additional car parking is requested.

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Cr Cate Coorey eyes mayoral role

Independent councillor Cate Coorey has announced she will run for mayor in the upcoming Council election on December 4.

Cr Coorey leads the 'Community Byron' ticket, which also comprises Kim Goodrick, Bronwyn Morris and Delta Kay.

She says, 'I know I can be a good mayor, and support our community in this time of rapid change and uncertainty.'

'I founded Byron Residents' Group eight years ago, and have experience as a community campaigner, followed by five years on Council.

Experience needed

'I believe someone who runs for mayor should have experience as a councillor.

'They need to understand how Council functions and, in a short term like this one, a new mayor needs to be able to hit the ground running and have the confidence of the community.'

Cr Coorey says her career has largely been in the not-for-profit sector, 'working in strategic communications



Cr Cate Coorey. Photo Eve Jeffery

and advocacy in social justice and human rights contexts.'

'I am experienced as an advocate and have met with, and lobbied, politicians many times, most recently planning ministers and senior bureaucrats about the West Byron issue.

'I am proud of what has been achieved during my term on Council, however I feel that our community needs strong and unifying leadership, focussed on delivering results that improve the lives of the residents of Byron Shire.

'I will be vigilant and defiant in protecting Byron against unsuitable

development and exploitation. I have a track record of doing this in Council already, and have been very vocal in defending our planning laws from those who have sought to override them.

Persuasive

'I am a persuasive communicator, backing up what I say with solid evidence, not just opinion.

'Those who know me know that I can be relied upon to consult and collaborate; they also know me to be fair and to be considerate.

'I am proud of what has been achieved during my term on Council, however

I feel that our community needs strong and unifying leadership, focussed on delivering results that improve the lives of the residents of Byron Shire.

'We are not just a backdrop for a reality TV show or a staged photo opportunity; real people live here and I want to represent them.

'Over the past five years I have demonstrated a firm commitment to dealing with issues raised by the community in an effective, measured and sincere manner.

'I moved a Climate Emergency resolution which resulted in an *Action Plan* to help Byron plan for, and respond to, climate change impacts.

'I have advocated for better protection of wildlife through dog and cat management and for restoration of land and water, particularly through moving for a *Water Sensitive Urban Design Policy*.

'We must heal and restore this land and plan for a climate disrupted future, which presents opportunities for work, food security and education.'

Unauthorised dwellings policy shelved

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Councillors not told

Councillors say it was also done without their knowledge, and that they would not have agreed to the move had they been told.

'What got sent out... none of us were aware that that was going to be sent out... not to that area of the community,' Cr Ndiaye said.

The letters caused considerable stress, anxiety and anger among those on the receiving end.

Some feared that they would be kicked out of their homes and be unable to find a replacement, owing to the ongoing housing crisis.

A little of that angst was reflected in the responses to the public consultation process conducted by Council months after the letters were sent out, which were almost uniformly against the proposal.

Having received this community feedback, staff recommended to councillors at last week's meeting that the policy be converted

to a 'guideline' document for internal use by staff for investigations initiated by complaints and owner-initiated actions.

This was unanimously supported by councillors, and thus the policy finally fell.

However, councillors stopped short of abandoning the policy completely, as requested by the President of the Main Arm Resident's Association (MARA), and Greens Mayoral candidate, Duncan Dey.

Mr Dey said, 'If this is to be put into staff procedures... then Council should ask for a report from staff first.'

Mr Dey also asked councillors to 'please apologise to people.'

'It's not blaming yourselves for what happened, but it would be great to acknowledge that it did happen, so that people can rest assured that their Council represents them,' he said.

Cr Ndiaye acknowledged the 'stress and frustration' that the policy caused.

She then went on to defend it.

'There was that great concern at the time that we were liable,' she said.

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'Wildcard' Tom Barnett to run for mayor

Self described 'left-of-field candidate', Tom Barnett, has joined the campaign trail, armed with the slogan 'Sack the status quo'.

As a holistic health practitioner and activist, Tom says he is standing on a non-partisan solo ticket.

Tom says, 'It's the community I regard as my "team" of collaborators, working towards an empowered Shire.

'We know the system is broken. And people are frustrated because they aren't being heard', Tom said.

'There isn't enough heart, or willingness, from those in power to put themselves on the line, whether that's taking on the State Government, big developers or the profound stress experienced by businesses during the train wreck of the past few years.

'I'm standing for health, freedom and community-led leadership that will allow our iconic Shire to reclaim its boldness'.

Tom says he is running on a 'values-based platform of unity, accountability and integrity at a time when faith in authorities and the existing



Tom Barnett. Photo supplied

system is at an all-time low'.

Tom says he has three non-negotiable policies of ecology, economy and community.

Ecology

Tom says, 'I believe communities will thrive when there is a recognised link between our physical, mental and spiritual health, and the health of the external environment', he said.

'As Mayor, I would represent protecting our precious habitats from development interests, investing in options for food security and exploring fibre optics as an alternative to untested technology'.

Economy

When it comes to his economic focus, Tom says he aims to hold into account Council's financial performance ('No more Disco Dong') and has pledged to donate the entire mayoral salary back to the community.

'Lobbying for funding and concessions for small businesses impacted by recent challenges is also key.

'Now, more than ever, we have to keep the State Government out of our Shire, and prevent them from making decisions that devastate our local economy', he said.

Community

'I am passionate about addressing the affordability and housing crisis by capping holiday letting, establishing land trusts, working with community land owners, and supporting emerging technologies that will foster low cost, high yield eco-communities'.

Another commitment, he says is to work with traditional custodians to re-establish a strong connection to Country.

'Other solutions include developing networks of internal trade, and a redistributed value structure for organic agriculture, reforestation and landcare, with relevant concessions and stimulus.

'It's time to leverage Byron Shire's incredible talent and create new industries and opportunities out of these challenging times.

'I have the guts to stand for a much better system by working with the community to take Byron back from those who don't have our best interests in mind', Tom said.

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Council staff drag heels on NRPP requests

Council planning staff are yet to reply as to how they have fulfilled requests for information from Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) around a large tourist/wellness facility DA at the exclusive Linnaeus estate, located between Broken Head and Lennox Head.

The NRPP are an unelected body that overrides Council decision making with large developments which are deemed 'significant'.

On July 28, the NRPP asked Council to clarify

a range of issues, within a 'suggested' eight week timeframe. These include an outline of the existing permitted use on the site, and how it will interact with the proposed development.

Impacts unknown

The panel also asked Council for 'Permissibility confirmation of the proposed development', saying, 'The Panel requests that the assessment report addresses potential environmental impact of the proposed

development, including consideration of the removal of vegetation, coastal wetlands, ecological and biodiversity values and fire and emergency management measures.

'The Panel requests that the issues raised in all submissions are addressed in the assessment report and a response to submissions is provided by the Applicant.

'Wastewater management, assessment of any site contamination, provision of services for the development

(including drinking water), and engineering requirements'.

The NRPP also seeks a response to external agencies information requests and notes 'that a number of key issues remain unresolved'.

The panel added that 'well reasoned responses are required to all of the issues listed in this meeting record'.

After no reply was received from staff to this request by former Mayor, Jan Barham, *The Echo* sought the information, also to no avail.

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Does Casino want to live with a thermal waste ‘solution’?

The residents of the Richmond Valley LGA have had seven weeks to simmer over the possibility of a waste incinerator coming to town. A proposal that Sydney residents and planning authorities have quite rightly rejected waste incinerators in their backyards.

Alstonville the focus of Ballina Council meeting

Once-sleepy Alstonville is set to further expand and get a safer intersection with its bypass if Ballina Shire Council has its way.

Pottsville woman charged over alleged planned kidnap and assault

A police report says that detectives have charged a woman with allegedly attempting to solicit the kidnap and assault of a man on the state’s Far North Coast.

Tempers flare over libraries in Ballina

Late during yesterday’s epic Ballina Shire Council meeting, there was an intense discussion over the present and future of libraries in the region, brought on by the controversial closure of all local libraries, apart from Click and Collect, by the Richmond Tweed Regional Library.

Confusion around driving tests in Northern NSW

There may be 85.5 per cent first vaccination in NSW, but there is still confusion about how to get booked in to pass the driving test.

Cr Neil Marks: ‘The work of Councillors and Council is so important’

The 2021 NSW Local Government elections will be held on Saturday, 04 December, 2021. Candidates have until noon on Wednesday, November 3 to register with the NSW Electoral Commission.

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Koala casualty – motorists urged to slow down

Temporary signs have been placed at six identified koala-strike hotspots around Lismore Shire, in an effort to inform the public around where koalas are, so we can slow down and watch out for them.

33 deaths this year

Council’s Environmental Strategies Officer, Angie Brace, says that since the beginning of this year, 33 koalas were killed on roads in the Lismore Local Government Area.

‘This is 33 too many’, she says.

‘We want to alert motorists to slow down and be aware of koala crossing, particularly in these areas,



Temporary signs in Lismore LGA. Photo supplied

to reduce the risk of hitting koalas and other wildlife as they move between habitats’.

Ms Brace says the temporary signs, funded by the State Government, will be installed

at six major hotspots, including three new locations. They are Ballina Road Goonellabah, Dunoon Road at Modanville, Wyrallah Road at Tuckurimba, Coraki Road at Ruthven,

Bangalow Road at Clunes and the Bruxner Highway at McKees Hill.

Ms Brace said koalas and other wildlife are out and about at this time of year as they search for food and mates in increasingly isolated pockets of habitat.

‘Koalas are vulnerable to extinction in NSW, and these roads cut right through some of their prime habitat.

‘Our roads were built through their homes, the place they live and raise their young, and they need to traverse between habitats for breeding and feeding. It is up to us as drivers to be vigilant about their presence.’

‘We really want motorists

to do their bit to save our vulnerable animals.

‘Motorists can also be alert for koalas or other wildlife by scanning the side of the road during the day and watch for ‘eyeshine’, which is the reflection from animals’ eyes, at night,’ says Ms Brace.

You can report injured or deceased koalas that you see on the side of roads.

Even dead koalas can provide valuable information to researchers and carers about where koalas are being hit.

To report sick, or injured koalas, or dead koalas call the Friends of the Koala 24-hour hotline on 6622 1233.

Ballina joining rail trail network?

David Lowe

Ballina councillors will consider the potential of linking up with the forthcoming rail trail network with new bicycle routes, but not using the old rail route, which closed in 1943.

Pat Grier AM from the Northern Rivers Rail Trail told councillors at their last meeting that work was underway, with \$35m in the can, and a strong business case that rail trails brought ‘quality tourism’ wherever they were built, with \$2.70 anticipated to be returned for every dollar spent on construction.

Mr Grier said he had recently made a presentation to Ballina GM, Paul Hickey, outlining the ‘fantastic’ benefits of connecting Ballina’s existing cycle path network

with the rail trail at Bangalow, initially using quiet existing roads, such as the now bypassed section of the Pacific Highway, potentially creating a separate circuit that could be marketed in Australia and internationally.

Cr Sharon Cadwallader said the rail trail represented a great job creation opportunity for Ballina Shire.

‘For a long time now, I’ve watched this funding rollout around our neighbours, and been thinking, why aren’t we part of this?’

Cr Keith Williams also spoke in support of the idea. ‘This is actually a really important thing to make sure we start now,’ he said.

‘We need to be planning this stuff now to make sure that as the rail trail is rolled out, and gets closer to us,

that we’re not forgotten.’

Cr Eoin Johnston said that although connecting to the rail trail would be expensive, and require grants, he had seen how rail trails had changed rural communities for the better in New Zealand and Victoria.

Other speakers discussed potentially connecting the cycle path networks of Lennox Head/Ballina and Byron Bay, despite such discussions between the neighbouring councils fizzling out in the past over disagreements about the route.

Ballina councillors voted unanimously to receive a report on linking the rail trail, and also agreed to recommence discussions with Byron Shire Council about building a bikeway between Lennox Head and Byron Bay.

Tweed seeks dual consent for land clearing to protect koalas

Aslan Shand

The NSW government’s impact of the Koala SEPP (State Environment Planning Policy) on land clearing under forestry and Private Native Forestry agreements (PNF) has continued to be a major concern to many councils in NSW.

The new SEPP has been roundly criticised for its failure to ensure that koalas, and other native species in NSW, are adequately protected from habitat destruction and extinction.

In April this year, Tweed Shire Council wrote to Tweed MP, Geoff Provest (Nationals), Lismore MP Janelle Saffin (Labor), and the Minister for Planning & Public Spaces, Rob Stokes, to address potential issues with the Koala SEPP. Of particular concern was the failure of the SEPP to protect hinterland koalas and the decoupling of the Local Land Services (LLS) and PNF agreements.

At the March meeting, Tweed Mayor, Chris Cherry, pointed out that ‘the Koala SEPP would remove Council’s ability to manage Private Native Forestry, and that there is a high likelihood it will lead to ‘pre-emptive clearing’ by developers who were seeking to develop currently forested areas in the future.’

Mayor Cherry also emphasised that connectivity to the region’s National Parks and other areas was vital for healthy koala populations.

At last week’s Council meeting, Mayor Cherry moved a notice of motion (NOM) asking that Tweed Council maintain ‘dual consent provisions for Forestry, including Private Native Forestry in Local Environmental Plans’ and ‘Enable Council to opt into Schedule 1 of the NSW Koala SEPP 2021 and apply the policy in all zones, as per the precedent established for the Central Coast and eight Greater Sydney local government areas’.

Women’s sailing in Ballina

Duncan Dey

Sailboat dinghy racing in the area is confined to the Richmond River at Ballina, and the even smaller Tweed River at Fingal, but both clubs have great female sailors and their numbers are growing.

The Richmond River club held race one in its Women’s Series on October 24, which saw eight crews in the competition.

Boats with women on board compete on their rest-of-season handicaps.

Best race results in the season opener went to four existing eligible crews, led by Sarah and Ian in trailerable yacht *Serenity*.

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Cape Byron Marine Park plan on exhibition

Cape Byron Marine Park is one of five mainland NSW marine parks that will be considered by the NSW government under a 'draft network management plan', which is now on exhibition.

Established in 2002, Cape Byron Marine Park extends approximately 37km along the coastline from the Brunswick River north wall to Lennox Head. According to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au, the 'marine park conserves many subtropical marine habitats,

which support high levels of biodiversity, including some threatened and protected species. It is strongly influenced by the East Australian Current (EAC) as warm waters from the north come together with cooler waters from the south'.

According to *The Draft NSW mainland marine park network management plan 2021-2031*, the plan, 'seeks to deliver win-win environmental, social, cultural and economic outcomes by

managing priority threats to marine park values. It considers all key threats to marine park values whether they originate in the marine park or in adjacent catchments'.

On page 53 of the document: 'Additional Local Actions', for Cape Byron Marine Park, it states, 'Support implementation of the Domestic Waterfront Structures Strategy for the Brunswick River'. And on page 60, another local action is to, 'Identify and

remediate sources of sewage contamination in the Brunswick River to improve water quality and support safe harvest of seafood'.

Another local action (page 72) is to 'Explore opportunities to enhance access for artificial bait and fly fishing at the Mackerel Boulder'.

The authors say, 'Existing management rules prevent recreational fishing at the Mackerel Boulder for eight months of each year to protect threatened species and

marine wildlife interactions'.

Independent NSW MLC Justin Field says the plan is 'now years overdue', and is calling for a commitment 'to maintaining and strengthening marine sanctuary protections'.

He says since the Liberals and Nationals came to Government in 2011, 'They have cut protections to the marine environment in NSW, and this new draft plan offers little to think that trend will be reversed'.

'Today, just six per cent of NSW coastal waters are fully protected in marine sanctuaries.

'The community understands that just like on land in our National Parks, it makes sense to put aside areas in the ocean for protection. Six per cent is simply not enough to protect the marine environment from the increasing threats it is facing'.

■ The draft management plan is available via www.yoursay.marine.nsw.gov.au.

Lighthouse Run returns, with a twist

The iconic Byron Bay Lighthouse Run is back for its 14th year, but with a twist.

Run organiser, Lisa Parkes, explains, 'After cancelling last year, we really wanted to keep the event alive and give the community something fun to look forward to in 2021'.

'COVID-19 restrictions meant we couldn't include everyone - so we're going virtual!'

'This means that anyone around Australia can do the 6km walk or 10km run in their own LGA anytime from November 14-28 and not miss out.

'November 21 is still the 'official' date, and local runners can show their race bib at Beach Byron Bay Kiosk on the Sunday morning to receive a free tea/coffee and a chia pudding, and receive complimentary "goody bags" on completion of the run.

'As everyone's route will be different, there won't be prizes for fastest run times,

instead there are ten fun prize categories to enter: best family crazy hair, largest team, most creative IG story, most scenic run route and more.

'Runners can download apps like Runkeeper or Strava to track their route and times, or for the less tech savvy you could use a Fitbit, or whatever tracking tool you have on your phone, and manually enter your times on the Results Portal. All the details regarding the new format are at the event website.

'This year the Lighthouse Run is supporting "people and the planet" with money raised from event registrations going to headspace, Lismore and Indigenous Carbon Australia, a 100 per cent Indigenous owned not-for-profit who provide employment and income opportunities for Indigenous communities that enable them to stay on Country'.

■ Visit www.byronbaylighthouse.com.au for all details and to register.

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Jessica Smythe
Educator

Venetia Scott
Farmer

Fran Hart
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Miller Metal Imaging, Byron Bay - co-owner
Federal Loves Refugees - co-founder
Proud mother of 3 teenage daughters
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Mark Swivel
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Rule 2 is very important, I said,
'Knowing ***when and *what to spill,**
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– Andrew P Street

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Access and inclusion for everyone **Byron Shire**

Byron Shire Council is writing a new **Disability Inclusion Action Plan. We want your help.**

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Submissions close 19 November 2021

Christmas hamper drive for those in need

Ally Strain from The Kindness Project is again organising 150 Christmas hampers and as many school packs as possible to help local families who are in crisis, homeless, or are fleeing domestic violence.

She says, 'This will be my fourth year organising Christmas hampers for local families in the area of Ballina, Byron, Mullum and Lismore'.

Ally aims to get enough hampers out for more than 550 children among all the families.

Those who would like to organise and put together a Christmas hamper and/or school packs, please email thekindnessprojectaus@gmail.com.



Ally Strain is again organising Christmas hampers and school packs for families doing it tough. Photo Jeff 'Hampered And Packed Since 1986' Dawson

Meet the candidates, Nov 29 at community centre

Bay FM and *The Echo* have partnered to present a Meet the Candidates night, to be held on November 29 at the Byron Community Centre.

Council elections were deferred twice until December 4, owing to COVID-19 restrictions, and so the term for the upcoming election will be shorter than the

normal four year term.

MC for the night is BayFM news presenter, Mia Armitage.

She says BayFM will live broadcast/livestream the event and invites listeners/watchers to submit questions via BayFM's text line and Facebook page.

Recent history

There are nine councillor positions all up, which includes the mayoral spot.

In 2016, Mayor Simon Richardson, Crs Sarah Ndiaye and Jeannette Martin and Michael Lyon were elected on a Greens ticket. Other councillors elected at the time were independent Crs Basil Cameron and Cate Coorey, Labor's Paul Spooner

and Jan Hackett.

Nationals Party aligned Alan Hunter made up the lone conservative voice.

Cr Richardson quit the mayoral role just prior to COVID-19 restrictions earlier this year in April, which led to councillors voting for Michael Lyon to take the seat of interim mayor.

In September 2020, Cr Lyon quit the Greens and became an independent councillor, after failing to be preselected by the Byron Greens for the September election (which was postponed owing to COVID-19 restrictions). Cr Jeannette Martin also jumped ship and quit the Greens to join Cr Lyon's party, the Byron Independents.

Independent Crs Basil Cameron and Cate Coorey will contest again, as well as Cr Hunter, with all three running for mayor. Cr Hackett is also running again on Labor's ticket, led by Asren Pugh.

So who's who in the zoo? Mayoral candidates leading tickets include sitting councillors, those with local government experience, and those without.

The full list is: Bruce Clarke, Duncan Dey, Cr Cate Coorey, Asren Pugh, Mark Swivel, Cr Michael Lyon, Cr Basil Cameron and Cr Alan Hunter. Tom Barnett has also launched a mayoral bid as a 'left-of-field candidate', while John Anderson, aka Fast Buck\$, has also announced his intentions to run.

Bequesting is the best – Will workshop Nov 16

Joanne Heath

As a region, we're a wealthy lot. In the next ten years, over two billion dollars in wealth is expected to transfer to the next generation between Ballina, Byron, Mullumbimby and Lennox Head alone, which is rather a lot of money in anyone's books!

If five per cent of these households bequeathed five per cent of their estate, \$50m will transfer into community within five years, and an additional \$55m in 6-10 years. That's over \$100m for the benefit of our most vulnerable citizens and precious local environment.

Currently, 91 per cent of the wealth across these four suburbs is held by people over 65 years of age, and is expected to rise to 93 per cent in the next 6-10 years,

according to SEER Insights, Intergenerational Wealth Transfer Dataset Key.

With Baby Boomers soon heading into retirement, they will collectively set off one of the largest intergenerational wealth transfers in history.

Transfer of wealth typically occurs at the time of death, and is the moment when legacy giving and community give-back is the greatest. The opportunity for families to share in the joy that comes with investing a portion of inheritance for the benefit of the community that supports them in so many ways is a worthy consideration indeed.

Since 2005, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF) has been responding to the changing needs of our community by connecting those who care

with those in need.

NRCF partners with community organisations and philanthropists seeking to support positive change, build social equity and ensure the success of community development initiatives in the future.

If you or your family are interested in the idea of pledging a bequest to NRCF, comedian and lawyer, Mark Swivel of Barefoot Law is presenting a Will Workshop with a difference on Tuesday November 16 from 2 till 4pm at the Byron Community Centre.

This will be an informative and social afternoon with NRCF Chair, Nicole Weber, sharing the vision of the Foundation for future generations.

■ Joanne Heath is from NRCF.

Parking changes looming

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will explore the possibility of increasing parking meter charges and introducing pay parking into Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Bangalow, as a way of potentially obtaining more revenue from visitors to the Shire.

Following an extended debate at last week's Council meeting, in which one councillor described the move as a 'blatant cash grab', the motion was passed after interim Mayor, Michael Lyon, used his casting vote to break a four-four deadlock.

'We have been very fortunate over the past five years in that we've received a lot of funding from the State Government for infrastructure,' Cr Lyon said.

'A lot of that has come about because we were perceived as a marginal seat.

'But I'm not sure that's going to continue. We need to be able to pay our own way'.

'As a Council, we don't get anything out of tourism financially - we just get the bill for the infrastructure that's needed to support it,' he said.

'I don't think visitors are

going to begrudge paying the similar rates for parking as they do back home.'

Under Cr Lyon's motion, Council staff will prepare a report on how much parking meter revenue Council might expect to make in a normal financial year if charges were increased to \$5 or \$6 per hour.

Potential profits

The report will also investigate the 'potential profit' were parking meter schemes to be introduced into Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Bangalow with hourly rates of \$5 and \$6 an hour.

Cr Lyon also foreshadowed the possibility local parking permits, which exempt the holder from hourly charges, could become free.

'If we're going to expand pay parking, I don't want to put our community in a harsher financial situation,' he said. 'Ultimately it's the tourists who need to start paying.'

Blatant cash grab

But Cr Basil Cameron (Independent) described the motion as a 'blatant cash grab' that went against the intended purpose of pay parking schemes.

'What needs to happen here is an acknowledgment of the way that parking management can influence traffic, congestion and transport,' Cr Cameron said.

'When it's done in a considered way, that considers not just the money that comes from it, but the best thing for our community long term, then parking policy can be very beneficial.'

Cr Cameron moved an amended motion that asked for Council staff to explore 'potential for parking management to reduce traffic circulation and parking demand in town centres'.

This report would also have explored the potential for pay parking revenue to fund projects that encourage walking and cycling, and the identification of potential new parking areas on the edge of town in Mullumbimby.

But his amendment was defeated by five votes to three. In line with Council procedure, Cr Lyon's original motion was then put. The vote was four votes in favour and four against. Cr Lyon used his casting vote as interim mayor to get the motion over the line.

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How we have been deprived of rail services

Lydia Kindred

Did you know that in the 1970s and '80s, we had one of the most profitable rail services in NSW, if not Australia?

There were 1,600 bookings a day and the Motorail service, which took passengers' cars from Murwillumbah to Sydney or vice versa, took 14,600 cars off the road annually.

The service cost \$11 million a year to maintain, but brought in a whopping \$22.5 million per annum.

The man who managed this wonderful service, Mr Neil Morris, was quietly sacked on Christmas Eve, 1980.

Had he embarrassed the government by bringing in too much business? Was this a threat to the powerful fossil fuel lobbyists?

After the sacking of Mr Morris, the service began to be run down, and eventually the 1,600 seat service (with up to eight carriages) was pulled back to 434 seats on the XPT from Sydney, which only ran at night. As a consequence, fewer and fewer people utilised the service. After all, who can use it, if it comes in at 9pm and leaves at 11pm?

Grants of money to upgrade the line were quietly siphoned off to the maintenance of the main line, so our line, especially the bridges, became more and more in need of help.

It seems the gremlins were at work to stop our region from having a rail service and were aided by some dodgy politics. Labor's Michael Costa decided to discontinue our XPT service in May, 2004.

In subsequent elections, the Coalition Party promised to bring back rail services to our Casino-Murwillumbah line if they were elected.

When they were elected, they commissioned a report by ARUP (who was later found guilty of inaccurate costings of a Brisbane bridge, and had to pay millions in compensation).



A train winds its way up above Byron. Photo Bob Richardson

The front cover of the ARUP report states that 'no third party should use the findings of this report, as it was created purely under the instructions of the government'. Yet ever since, \$953m has been quoted as the definitive price of reinstating rail along our already existing Northern Rivers line.

Fudged figures

If this was true, it would cost \$7.25million per km to fix the line – a ludicrous amount when the Byron Solar Train only cost \$500,000 per km to be restored.

Jumping forward to 2020, the protective legislation over our precious corridor was extinguished for both ends of our rail line, from Casino to Bentley and from Condong and Murwillumbah to Crabbes Creek.

The Transport Administration Amendment (Closures of Railway Lines in Northern Rivers) Bill 2020 claims the land would 'remain in public ownership'.

However, it states, 'the land may be sold or otherwise disposed of only if the transferee is (a) a transport authority; or (b), a public subsidiary corporation of a transport authority, or (c) a State owned corporation, or (d) the Crown or a person or body acting on behalf of the Crown, or (e) a local council'.

This contradicts the 'rail trail' lobby's and politicians' assertions that it would 'remain in public ownership'.

The protective legislation was taken away and again it seems we have been lied to.

Many strange things have occurred in recent times to lead us to the conclusion that we are being hoodwinked and manipulated:

In the recent vote by Tweed Shire councillors as to whether the proposed 'rail trail' would be built on the railway formation (i.e. on top of where the rail tracks are sited), or off the rail formation (i.e. to the side of the tracks), the Vice President of the Rail Trails Association, and Chair of Destination North Coast, Cameron Arnold, told councillors that he had been told by a senior member of parliament that 'any variation to the existing funding agreement with Tweed Shire Council would need to be re-evaluated by the State Government, and it would likely find it hard to gain support'.

The funding agreement that TSC entered into to develop the Rail Trail was to build it on formation, which some of the TSC councillors where clearly unaware about prior to the vote.

The new legislation does not state that the railway lines must be pulled up.

The majority of the Tweed Shire councillors, of course, voted for pulling up the tracks and accepting the on-formation tender from Hazell Bros.

The company also stated that they had almost completed a tender for off the rail

formation, which would save the tracks for future rail services, and would not cost any more than on the formation.

Additionally, The Tweed Shire Council manager for installing the bike trail, Iain Lonsdale, an avid cyclist himself looking at his Facebook page, had previously stated that the trail should be on formation because putting the rail trail beside the tracks would be much more expensive, but it seems that this is not the case.

Mr Lonsdale had also stated publicly that the trail needed to be situated on the rail formation because people with disabilities would need to access the whole length of the bike/walking path.

[The Echo sought confirmation from Mr Lonsdale, but no reply was received – ed]

When major advocates for people with disabilities in Tweed Shire were asked about this, they expressed great concern that the tracks would be lost, and stated that people with disabilities would rather have a rail service, with partial access to the bike/walking track beside it.

Vested interests

The Northern Rivers Rail Ltd is a recently formed not-for-profit public company and charity. We believe the vested interests of a few have taken precedence over the needs of the many. We, as volunteer representatives for those in our region who are elderly, disabled, the youth, commuters, travellers and tourists, believe we have the potential to create one of the great rail journeys in the world. It would extend the climate friendly services begun by the first ever solar train! To be part of the solution, please join and donate to www.northernriversrail.com.au.

■ Lydia Kindred is from Northern Rivers Rail Ltd.

BayFM finalist for excellence in journalism

BayFM's Community Newsroom (CN) is a finalist for Excellence in Journalism, an award to be announced by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBA) National Awards in March 2022 at their conference in Cairns.

The award nomination is for the episode, *Pandemic in paradise: Byron's housing crisis intensifies*. This is the fourth time Community

Newsroom has been a finalist, taking out three CBAA awards in previous years.

Regular Echo reporter, Mia Armitage, heads up the CN project, which features a weekly news and current affairs show each Friday on BayFM from 11am, as well as bulletins Monday to Friday.

Local volunteer newshounds Kate Payne, Fernando de Freitas, Anny Reed, Suzie Fawcett and Dione Green have

also contributed to CN's comprehensive entry for 2020-21.

YAC Radio is a finalist for Excellence in Innovative and Content Programming.

Lealah Shostak produces this youth focus show in partnership with Byron Youth.

The show broadcasts on BayFM on Thursdays 3.30 till 4pm.

Longtime BayFM volunteer and Belly Show producer, Rasela Torise, has also helped

Ms Shostak share audio production skills with the next gen of Northern Rivers youth.

Vollies welcome

BayFM is one of the largest volunteer organisations on the Northern Rivers, and welcomes community contributions to help stay on air as an independent media outlet.

Past content can be heard for up to five weeks via www.bayfm.org.

Reclaiming the future through self-reliance

Helena Norberg-Hodge

For decades, the people of this region have stood up for ecological, spiritual and community values, often garnering the support of those in local government.

Now more than ever, we need to come together to protect our unique culture and exercise collective decision-making about our future.

In order to do so, we need to become literate about the process of economic development, and make a choice between two divergent paths that lie before us.

First is the well worn path of energy-intensive, top-down, commercial development. We know them as cookie-cutter concrete housing developments, Airbnb, skyrocketing house prices, and the unsustainable growth of commercial centres.

Far from being inevitable, conventional development is the product of a systematic gearing of our economy towards global trade and corporate control.

It's a model that has been supported by subsidies for



fossil fuels, concrete and plastic, and by regulations that favour globally-mobile capital – to the detriment of place-based business.

And through NSW government policies, we are forced to accept large-scale unsustainable developments via the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP), for example.

Path two is pursuing ecological, community-based, bottom-up development.

Localised v global

Around the world, there are countless bottom-up projects experimenting with a new model, including resilient communities, transition towns, ecovillages, and more.

These initiatives – focused on localised development rather than globalised profit-making – simultaneously

create more affordable housing, strengthen food security, regenerate soils and ecosystems, and renew our spiritual connections to one another and the Earth.

We can support this kind of development by pressuring Council to allow the subdivision of properties to release anything from a single acre to much larger plots of land, specifically to allow the development of more land-based communities, in the vein of multiple occupancy (MO) and community title (CT) properties.

Requirements should be prescriptive, and not an avenue for speculating developers to increase housing prices; such subdivisions should only be allowed for the building of affordable, sustainable homes, for people who live and work here.

We need to support people who contribute to the local economy, especially to regional food security by growing food in ecologically-sensitive ways for the local market.

With COVID-19 lockdowns and global supply-chain

breakdowns, this is the strategy needed to build the resilience we need.

It also reduces our collective ecological footprint and increases productive land-use. It can make housing and farmland more accessible, and protect our communities, our local economy, and our collective wellbeing.

There are many organisations and local councils around the world working towards such ends.

In the USA, on the edge of Washington D.C., the Montgomery County Council pushed, through a Re-zoning Masterplan to protect farmland and decentralised towns from commercial/urbanising pressures. Meanwhile, the Agrarian Trust works across numerous states to acquire land to be placed in a trust, where it is removed from speculation and reserved for purposes defined by the community itself.

In Preston, UK, the local Council has reinvigorated the local economy and created many more jobs by getting creative with legislation.

The Council drew upon the

'Social Value Act' and cited the social and environmental benefits of shortening supply chains, allowing them to bypass an EU law that prohibited them from prioritising local businesses in public procurement contracts.

At this crucial time, we can pioneer a path of development based on spiritual, ecological and community values.

■ Helena Norberg-Hodge is from www.localfutures.org.

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A PowerPointless presentation

Last week, after all the sound and fury from the Nationals, the Prime Minister announced that his government would move to net zero emissions in 2050 by printing glossy pamphlets and making PowerPoint presentations. It's called 'the Australian Way.'

Most readers will have seen the outline of Morrison's 'plan' for net zero already.

The trouble is, the plan is all outline and no substance. It consists of spending public money in the next decade on technologies which are either already being developed, or which have been shown to be worthless.

The following decade will see private money inventing further technologies to tackle emissions, and in the final decade before 2050, God will intervene and make the whole meshuggah work by magic.

Of course, he had no plan. Up until a few weeks ago most of Morrison's side of politics did not even accept the scientific evidence of climate change.

The coincidence of Morrison, Murdoch and the Business Council, all staunch climate change deniers, suddenly discovering that something must be done is not surprising.

The PM needed an emissions policy, however ludicrous, to take to the Glasgow conference, and all his right-wing allies want to neutralise the issue before the coming election.

The sheer gall of Morrison's 'plan' got him through the week, but it won't avoid him being humiliated by hard-headed analysts in Glasgow. In fact, he has already been humiliated by French President Emmanuel Macron, saying before the conference, 'I don't think, I know' when asked if Morrison lied to him. No amount of sham outrage can obscure the fact that on the world stage, the Australian prime minister has been called out as a liar.

Surely Morrison's luck has now run out, despite all his lies and desperate political squirming.

Even if electors forget his incompetence in procuring and distributing covid vaccine, his indifference to the safety of women both in the home and workplace, his misuse of public funds over and over again for his party's benefit, his protection of the slush fund thug Christian Porter, his insistence on blanket secrecy for even the most trivial of government procedures – they surely cannot forgive him playing stupid games with the future of the planet for the financial gain of his political backers.

It is hard to see how he comes back from this, but Morrison has survived this far, despite scandals and crimes in his government that would have sunk any other leader.

His belief that God has chosen him for Australia makes him incapable of introspection or shame, and he will bluster on.

Moreover, now that the government has produced its emissions plan, a plan so flimsy you can't see it if you look sideways, it is free to concentrate on the Labor Party's forthcoming policy, which will inevitably contain detail it will be able to attack. The echo chambers of the 60 per cent of our media controlled by Murdoch will reverberate with lies, half truths, cherry-picked statistics and downright conspiracy theories.

The noise will be immense.

But from here on in, all Morrison has is noise.

David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder

Climate crisis in a nutshell

The other day I was retrieving an almond I dropped on the floor. I used this as an opportunity to practice Uttanasana (forward bend) to keep my yoga teacher happy.

I wondered in amazement that I could put my full palm on the floor with my legs unbent in my dotage. Well, unbent in a Possum Shoot Road kind of bent way.

Anyway, as I grasped the almond I had a flash of realisation that this almond, this single nut, symbolised all that was wrong with the world in the lead up to the Glasgow Climate Summit.

To understand the connection, know these few things: A few years ago I won a soy/nut/grain milk maker appliance. They are all the rage in Asia.

Almond milk is a big thing in my household.

My favourite ratio for milk is 100g of almonds, to 1 litre of water. Once the pulp is removed, that equates to around 5 per cent almonds.

And before you criticise, remember how utterly inappropriate and privileged it is to use 'my body my choice', and 'no segregation' in the vegan/carnivore/no-dairy divide as well.

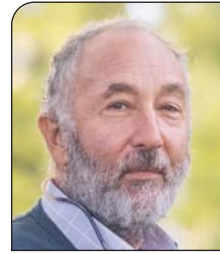
So, it costs me around \$30 a kilo for organic almonds.

And I love Santos and The Source and believe in shopping locally, so sometimes I lash out and buy from them which is, *cough* somewhat dearer.

So, the almonds cost me at least \$3 a litre to make my milk. I use filtered water for the milk, use some electricity for the appliance, then use washing water and elbow grease to clean the appliance. I pour it into glass bottles I have to clean. There is pulp leftover, and I could use it for cakes and stuff but, lazily, I rarely do. The chickens adore it.

Imagine my disgust when I walk down the aisle at the supermarket, and there in the fake milk section is organic almond milk in a pretty Tetrapak for \$2 a litre and sometimes even less. I have to shield my eyes from this abomination.

This week on Amazon there is organic almond milk for \$1.55, delivered free all the way to my actual door! Traitorous bastards! How is it possible that my almond milk, home-made sans



My teacher asked me in front of the class: "If you have twelve apples, and give your friend six, what do you have?" I answered: "A better friend".

David Heilpern

packaging, costs much more than the supermarket or mail order equivalent?

Tetrapaks are made from several layers of woodpulp, plastic and aluminium, with a plastic lid and glue, and printing, then transported to where they are filled with almonds and water and emulsifier and minerals, stabilisers and sugars, and then the Tetrapaks are put in another printed cardboard box and all the cardboard boxes are cling wrapped together and put onto a pallet for transport.

The wood for the pallet is grown in South America, the aluminium comes from Africa, the plastic is made in Asia and the printing inks from Europe.

And then, once filled, the boxes of Tetrapaks are transported to my supermarket by train and truck and then stacked on shelves by my neighbour's daughter and lit and air conditioned until I deny my inner Earth-mother and buy it and take it home.

Then there is all the energy used to dispose of the whole thing, which is supposedly recyclable, but I reckon just ends up underneath new suburbs on the Gold Coast called something eye-twitching, like 'Advancetown', once transported there from Myocum tip.

So I tried to work out the food miles in all of that, but maths is not my strong point – one of my many childhood humiliations was when, during primary school, my teacher asked me in front of the class 'If you have twelve apples, and give your friend six, what do you have?' I answered 'A better friend'.

So, let's just say the quantum of food miles must be in the squillions.

Looking at the almond I had dropped on the floor while making almond milk, I realised that this is the reason for climate change.

It is easier and cheaper to use all that energy and packaging and transportation and crap than it is for

me to just make it myself.

And much as I hate to admit to this out-loud, they actually taste pretty much the same.

How is it possible that we have got to this point of human existence? Surely this is not just about bulk buying. Is it because we have somehow priced environmental destruction so cheaply, or the raw materials so expensively? Probably both. But this has to stop.

Apart from anything else there is the joy of making liquid from solids, of using my prize – what's the point of winning something otherwise – of saving calves and their mothers from separation anxiety, and of knowing that I have done the right thing, even though nobody knows about it (knew about it). Tree, fall, forest, Bruce Cockburn.

So when I can finally manage to stand up straight after my way-too-long pose, I pledge to send my almond to the Queen, because I know She Cares.

And I'm asking her to take it with her to Glasgow and hold it high in her un-handbagged mitt and eat it in front of the world's cameras and explain that this simple little single-seeded fruit is the symbol of all we need to change.

Gracefully and seamlessly, at least in my own mind, I transition from Uttanasana to Prasarita Padottanasana (so concave!), and thence to Tadassana (Me Mountain).

I realise I've dropped the almond again. I'm so sore from my forward bend it's hands and knees for now. Bugger the planet, I'm buying the Tetrapak next time. The nut-milk maker is in the shed. I'll donate what I save on almonds to Greenpeace.



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Vaccination in pregnancy, before and beyond

Dr Who

Since the hippies first arrived in the late '60s, one persisting cultural aspiration around here has been 'to live as naturally as possible'. This aim can take extreme forms.

To a doctor, some demands can be confronting. In particular, the expectations of women around pregnancy and birth have a built-in resistance to medicines, vaccines and even routine preventative testing.

With this history, it's little wonder that our community has a very reluctant uptake and acceptance of the need for the COVID vaccine. Pregnant women are caught in an urgent dilemma – to vaccinate or not to vaccinate?

My adult son told me of his friends who are expecting, or thinking about pregnancy, and are concerned about getting vaccinated. This news did not greatly surprise me because natural pregnancy and birth have long been part of our Byron

and Mullum culture.

In all the hurly-burly about vaccination, I haven't noticed much attention given to this cohort. But it seems that many women in the reproductive stage of their lives harbour deep reservations and are steering clear of vaccines altogether. But what of medical advice? Some nurses say 'you should talk it over with your doctor' but that is no guarantee of consistent counsel.

Current advice

Looking overseas to places with more in-your-face experience of this modern scourge, the English College of Obstetricians recommends COVID-19 vaccination for pregnant women.

Closer to home, Dr Vijay Roach, President of the Australian and NZ College of Obstetricians, has said, 'We want to reassure pregnant women that COVID vaccines are safe and effective. The risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 is significantly higher for pregnant women and their unborn babies. It's critical that pregnant women, their midwives and doctors, are aware of this clear advice and that pregnant women have access to a vaccine'.

The advice is consistent across borders, but suspicions linger among some people as to whether they



can trust the word of conservative organisations that have been historically unresponsive of natural methods, such as water birth.

My informants in and outside the health system say that a sizeable cohort of pregnant and breastfeeding women generally consider the vaccine risk too significant. Also, those women considering pregnancy fear that a COVID vaccine may increase the risk of infertility or miscarriage. According to the College, the numbers of vaccinated pregnant women are still worryingly low, at around 15 per cent.

This doctor has moved out of orbit, and can't give up-to-date pregnancy advice, but still cares for you across a generation of time. Someone currently in the game is Dr Jenny Dowd, an obstetrician with 30 years of experience. She wrote in *The Guardian*, a paper you can trust, 'Vaccination has made me reassess my advice to

pregnant patients. Usually known for my forthright opinion, I have altered my approach to spend time trying to understand my patients' vaccine fears'.

The science is still developing, and that goes with rapidly changing advice. Political purposes compound the confusion. But let's be real. Less than two years has not given science much time to amass sufficient data, so vax hesitation persisting in women of reproductive age is very understandable.

However, the current figures relating to SARS-Cov-2 infection are pretty alarming. One in six critically ill COVID-19 patients is an unvaccinated pregnant woman. Of twenty pregnant women requiring invasive intensive care, 19 were not double vaccinated. Something to understand clearly, intensive care for COVID-19 is a medical treatment you wouldn't wish on anybody, especially a pregnant woman.

Affect on fertility

The scientific consensus, at present, is that the COVID-19 vaccines do not affect fertility or the chance of a normal pregnancy and does not cause miscarriage. It is safe for breastfeeding women and can be given at any stage of pregnancy. It may provide some immunity to the unborn as well, and reduces the chance of premature birth.

All that a reproductive woman can reasonably do is balance the small risks and more significant benefits of the vaccine against the known risks that go with serious illness.

Premature labour

Last but not least, severe COVID-19 infection is known to increase the risk of premature labour. Our Byron bubble has been largely untouched by the spread of COVID owing to public health order restrictions and luck. But that karma may change very soon as the locks come off and contagious people travel here from far and wide.

Once this virus takes hold in the body, it's too late to change your mind. The vaccine is not a treatment but a preventative medicine. It can only work ahead of that time.

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

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► Continued from page 13 my dying shame I climbed aboard that helicopter which took us to Baucau. From there we were flown to Darwin, but Max stayed on and filmed the ongoing butchery and the wholesale burning of villages. RIP (Rise In Protest) Max!

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

Squid Games – horses

If you're unfamiliar with the Netflix program *Squid Game*, it's a series where contestants play children's games and risk death during the competitions.

The Spring Racing Carnival is *Squid Game* for horses; each new race is a lethal contest. In fact, one horse died every 2.5 days on Australian tracks last year.

The Squid Games mastermind created the games for 'amusement and entertainment.' Such is the justification for racing horses.

And I can't help but liken the horses being paraded in front of cheering racegoers, to the Squid Games

contestants being paraded before their wealthy voyeurs, aroused by the very real risk of a sensational death in the ensuing minutes.

Squid Game has raised ethical questions and debate about what contestants are willing to do for money. Of course here in lies the difference between *Squid Game* and horse racing, as competitors in *Squid Game* have the choice to participate.

Thousands of horses each year who've survived racing without death by catastrophic injury are still slaughtered for their meat. Anybody who believes this process is humane is kidding themselves.

Winner takes all, losers die, and participants have no choice but to play. *Squid Game*'s radical meritocracy is just the same as horseracing.

Elise Brese
East Ballina

Coastal erosion

Byron Shire Council politics keeps moving slowly, mysteriously and pandemically towards the 4 December

election, a bit like the current 'sand slug' at Main Beach Byron slowly moving northwards putting sand back on the beach. Nature always embodies and displays, like local politics, constant change. It should temporarily protect Main Beach with more sand. But periodic storm pressures will persist or increase.

New dunal revegetation, with appropriate species, will help as well but a foreshore protection plan is still needed. At stake is keeping open the long-term access to Wategos, the Lighthouse and in fact the whole Cape area.

The erosion line is now only about 50-60 metres away from Lighthouse Road. That's just one issue amongst many that we as a community, or for those elected onto a new Council, will have to grapple with. As a part of the Byron Independents team running for Council I know we have thought hard about what we stand for on issues that are considered important or vital for the long-term future of our microcosm on the planet.

We will support zero emissions, wildlife corridor and riparian revegetation, and moving from overgrazing to regenerative farming. We believe that arts, culture and creative industries are at the core fabric of being a strong, cohesive and innovative community and economy. Public transport, especially bus services, need to be radically overhauled. The completion of a cycleway between Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby, and the reactivation of the rail corridor from Mullumbimby to Byron, preferably with park-and-ride hubs to improve access to Byron Bay, are high priorities. We are proactive in addressing the housing crisis that is plaguing the Shire and much of Australia.

We aim to make ecological integrity, biodiversity management, climate change adaptation and public safety underpin all our planning decisions.

Peter Westheimer
Byron Independents

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Time to take off the rose coloured glasses!

By John Anderson,
Council election candidate
(sometimes mysteriously
referred to as Fast Buck\$)

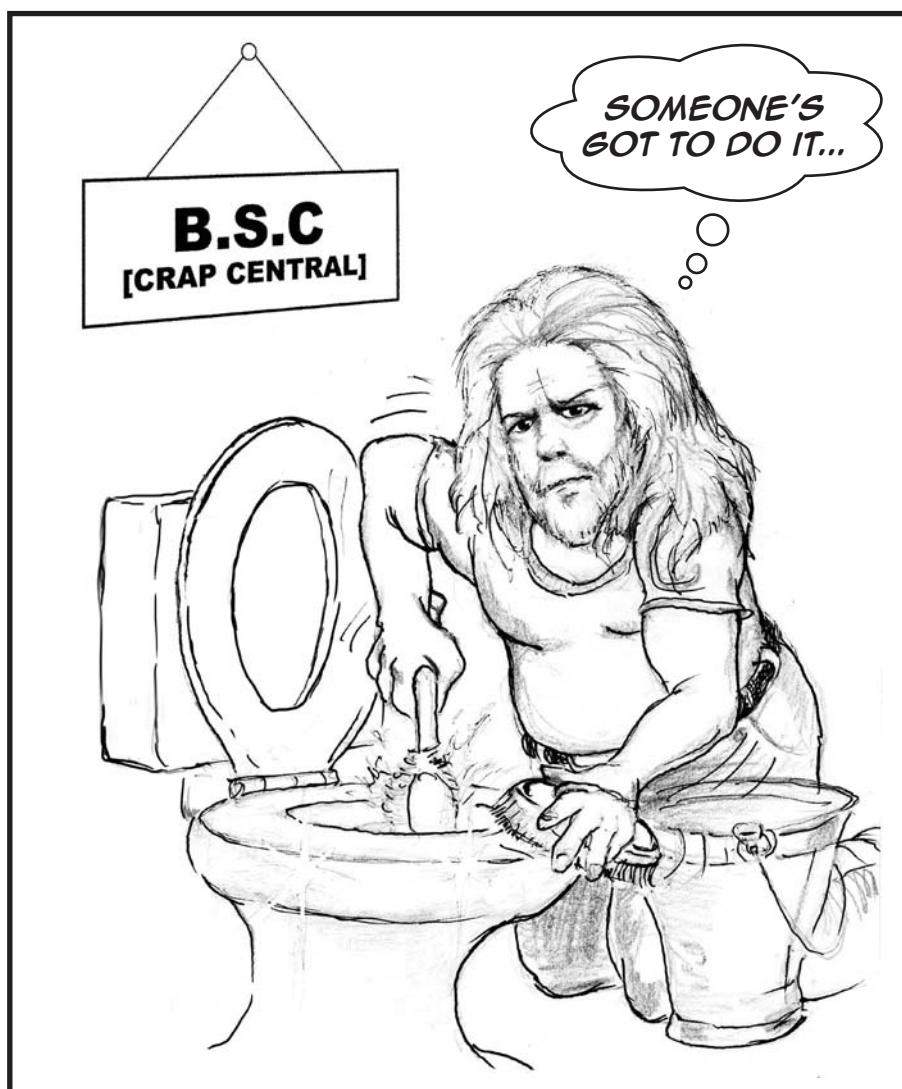
The central problem in the Shire for the last few years has been the willingness of the councillors, the Greens in particular, to uncritically accept everything the permanent staff tell them to think and do.

I illustrate this gullibility by commenting on last week's letter from Cr Jan Hackett. Let me say from the outset that Jan is a lovely lady who means well, but is way too nice to be in politics, she's out of her depth. Being nice about Michael Lyon is particularly offensive to those who know what's really going on.

She says that Michael has turned out to be a "team player" who is "capable of listening and changing his mind" and who has transformed the mood of the chamber and made it "respectful and collegiate".

I'll certainly agree that Michael is capable of changing his mind. After he joined the Greens he soon changed his mind about what the Greens stood for and went instead for the Simon Richardson pro-development line as touted by the permanent staff. Then the Greens membership, no doubt responding to certain rumours about him, voted him into an unwinnable position on the Greens ticket, thereby forcing him to again change his mind, this time about the usefulness of remaining in the Greens. (He also changed his mind about the fairness of the Greens voting system. Bad loser.)

To top all this off he changed his mind about the merits of democracy by subscribing to a quiet little manoeuvre by Simon Richardson and the Council staff that bypassed Sarah Ndiaye and put Michael in the mayoral chair instead. (Sarah still hasn't twigged that she was shafted by the boys' club.) So now Michael is mayor without having been elected to that position by the popular vote. Can't Jan Hackett see that Michael Lyon is a garden variety political opportunist? He can afford to be "nice" because right now he's sitting pretty. He's also basking in the glory of helping to banish me from Council chambers, an honour he of course shares with Sarah Ndiaye.



The above should make it clear that Jan's assertion that Lyon is a "team player" is patently ridiculous. There's only one councillor who's on Michael's team, and that's Michael Lyon himself. This, of course, excludes his mates on the Council staff, who are legion. Who can forget his claim that it is "councillors' responsibility to protect the morale of staff"? This concept has no basis in either law or tradition; he stated it simply because the staff wanted him to state it. Michael seems to read from a script prepared for him by staff. He calls himself "independent" but is merely a pawn, a very ambitious pawn.

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Now to compare Jan's rose-coloured view of the world with my own as quoted in a legal submission I have been writing:

"...planning law and environmental law are seriously compromised, due process is routinely flouted, ratepayer funded projects are always way over price, government grants are squandered, tenders are rorted, tabled figures are rubbery, mates are favoured, opponents are bullied, developers trash the environment with impunity, resident submissions are ignored, and illegal developers are merely slapped on the wrist. This is not a green Council, far

from it, and more resembles a National Party free-for-all..."

"...The senior staff seem incapable of truthfully answering a pointy question, resorting instead to evasion, side-stepping, misinformation, omission, misdirection and ambiguity. Their staple is to earnestly answer a question you didn't ask and present it as an answer to the one you did ask. These lawyerly tactics keep the public and the elected councillors in the dark..."

Of course I am quite pleased that Jan has been having a more relaxing time of it. I mean it's really important that as the planet goes down the gurgler we don't lose perspective, eh? In fact I suggest Council employs smiling Mark Swivel of Barefaced Lawyers to do a public campaign of happy happy smiling just to keep morale up. After all, it's only taken a billions years or so for the life-force to get us to where we are now, and there's still an infinity of time available if we have to restart the process. No big deal at all!

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Lets now turn our attention to the opposite end of the gullibility scale by examining Cr Alan Hunter's cynicism, which is typical of the Nationals. It is a time-honoured conservative assertion that Council has

"wasted" money, and is in a "bad financial situation" - which of course only the conservatives can fix. Recently, Council was asked to borrow an extra \$1.75 million to pay off the Byron Bypass. Various excuses were offered for the shortfall, such as the pandemic, the sit-in by objectors, endangered frogs etc, yet not a single one of these was individually costed. I don't need to listen to a recording of the debate or examine the minutes of the meetings to know that Cr Hunter voted unreservedly for the loan and neglected to ask for any better details. My view is that millions were wasted on the bypass, and Alan Hunter was right in there cheering it on. Now he's posing as fiscally responsible.

Cr Hunter further asserts an "increased number of legal challenges, a lot of which we've lost." No numbers or details of course, just an assertion. It is typical of the Nats to advocate any and all development, one of the arguments being that developers might challenge refusals in court. Simon Richardson came up with that very proposition last year when he asserted that when they appeal, developers get 80 per cent of what they applied for anyway, so we may as well give them what they want! Simon, of course, never attended a single court case in his entire 14 years on Council, nor did he read written judgements. Instead he just rattled off the staff version of events. This epitomises his intellectual laziness and complacency, bad traits that infected the other councillors.

Then there was Sarah Ndiaye's assertion that Council "can't afford to prosecute holiday letters." What the staff obviously neglected to tell Sarah was that when Council successfully prosecutes such a case, it is the offender who pays all costs. So much for relying on the staff version of reality.

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Getting back to Jan Hackett, what's clear to me is that the main reason for supporting Lyon is to fend off Labor's real "enemy," the Greens. Sound shabby? Well that's party politics. What evidence does Jan have that Duncan Dey won't do a good job as mayor, anyway? Supporting Lyon, when a good man tried and true is available, seems highly dodgy to me. Please explain.

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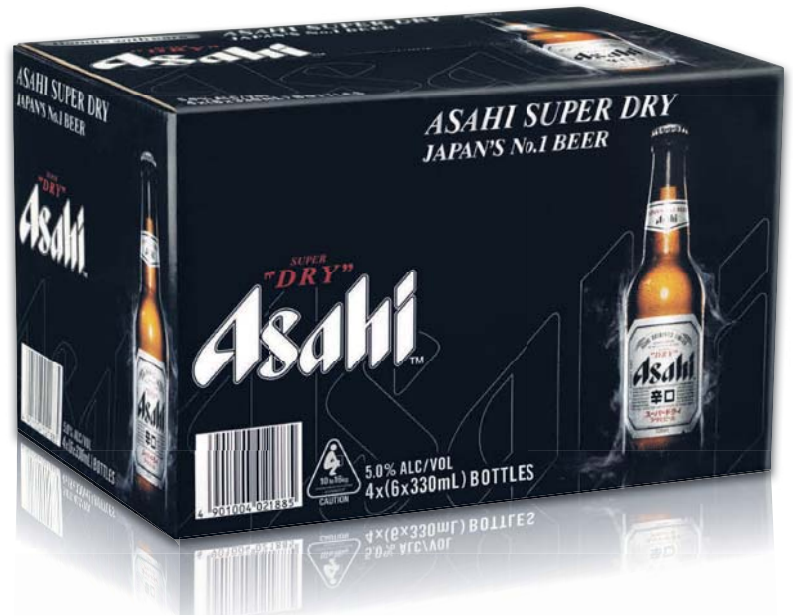
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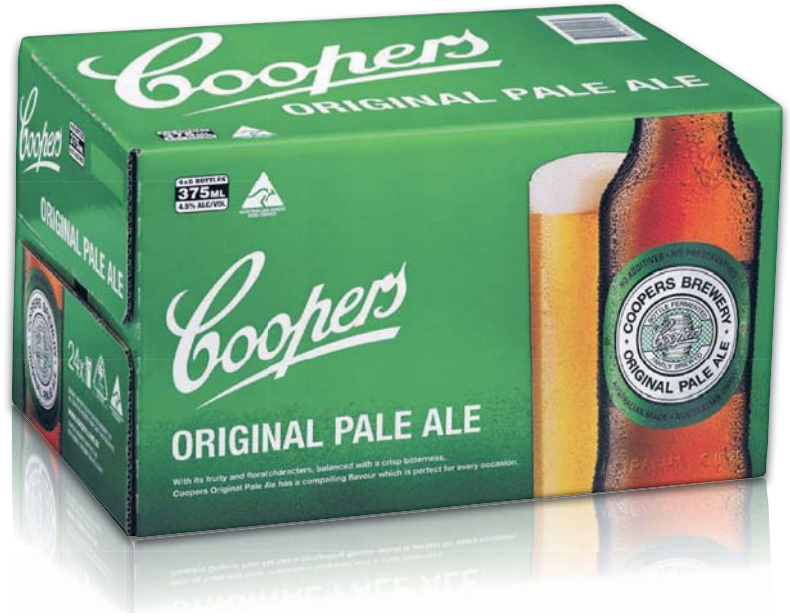
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Treating the sewage we all produce remains a challenge for Council

■ Thank you to the Byron Shire elected Council for not endorsing Water & Recycling's (W&R) recommendation for an irresponsible large expenditure for the transfer of sewage from Oceans Shores STP (OSSTP) to Brunswick Valley STP (BVSTP).

Councillor Ndiaye, a member and Chair of the

Water, Waste & Sewer Advisory Committee (WWSAC) showed in her questions that she is across the issues put forward in the committee's recommendation.

One of the main concerns from the committee is a ten million dollar expenditure pipeline from OSSTP to BVSTP into a thirty megalitre

balance pond. This will be designed to hold raw sewage during rain events when the inflow exceeds a certain volume, raising the question as to why this is needed.

It is obvious the director of infrastructure is looking for a centralised treatment, but they cannot keep ignoring the inflow/infiltration (I/I) issue in Mullumbimby. This issue has been raised for over thirty years now.

I considered there was too much emphasis placed on getting the clause 45 moratorium lifted in Mullumbimby inclusive of building BVSTP.

The then director of W&R spent years focussing on this change rather than ensuring that W&R was being managed effectively. The numerous restructures undertaken weakened the ability of W&R staff to maintain infrastructure.

I believe, if the I/I issue was removed, that the original Mullumbimby Trickling Filter Plant would have lasted another fifty years with interim upgrades being applied, as should have been happening at Ocean Shores STP in the previous years.

Alan Dickens
Ballina

■ The proposal by Byron Council water and sewer staff to shut down the Ocean Shores Sewage Treatment Plant (OSSTP) should be of great concern to the people of Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Ocean Shores.

The water and sewer staff want to shut down the OSSTP claiming it no longer conforms to EPA standards. The plan is to build a large holding pond at the Brunswick Valley STP (BVSTP) at Mullumbimby to contain the raw untreated sewage that will be pumped along a multi-million dollar pipeline from the catchment of Ocean Shores, population in 2016 census 7,000.

This will be in addition to the sewer load from Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads, 2016 population 5,000. The plant will be the only treatment facility for an estimated 2021 population load of 13,500, plus holiday populations.

The sewer staff are not explaining how the BVSTP can cope with this. During high rainfall the BVSTP is overloaded with stormwater inflow inundation from the drains of Mullumbimby. This causes untreated sewage to

overflow from the plant and enter the Brunswick River. It can be seen at Brunswick Heads floating down the river.

The Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) calls for answers to the following questions: What are the faecal coliform levels at the OSSTP after leaving the plant at the end of its treatment cycle? Do they conform to EPA requirements? How has this changed from the past when these levels consistently showed zero or very low faecal coliform counts? Why is this clear effluent then made to enter an open 'serpentine' channel to the river, which is contaminated from birds and other wildlife? Are these the faecal coliform levels given to EPA?

OSCA calls for an independent inquiry, available to the community, into what appears to be the mismanagement of the Ocean Shores and Brunswick Valley sewage treatment plants.

Jan Mangleson
OSCA

■ Thanks Council for listening to your Advisory Committee on Water, Waste & Sewage about the plan to connect Ocean Shores

Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to Brunswick Valley STP, which services Mullumbimby and Bruns.

Community members on the committee want Council to recommit to what we think is the top issue: leakage of stormwater into the sewers during heavy rainfall events - Inflow & Infiltration.

Councillors last Thursday chose the Committee's recommendations over those provided by staff. Leaking sewer systems in our Shire mean that STPs get overloaded during heavy rain events. Shunting the Ocean Shores load to Brunswick Valley means that BVSTP's wet weather capacity is reached and exceeded. Ways around this include enlarging the STP or storing tens of megalitres of sewage in a 'Balancing Pond' awaiting drier days when it can be processed. The Committee don't favour having a 'Balancing Pond'.

An update to the 20-year-old Estuary Management Strategy for the Brunswick River is needed. This indicates if the estuary can receive more treated effluent.

Duncan Dey
Main Arm

CHES by Ian Rogers

A few weeks ago it seemed that former World Champion Anatoly Karpov's long political career had come to an end.

At September's Russian election, despite standing on the United Russia ticket of Vladimir Putin, Karpov had failed to win a place in Russia's lower house, the Duma, for the first time since 2011. (Karpov had been part of a parliamentary oversight body, the Civic Chamber of Russia, for six years prior to that.)

However, earlier this month Karpov was rescued. As in Australia's Senate, vacancies in Russia are also taken by politicians not popular enough to be directly elected. So a few weeks after the election Karpov was offered and accepted a vacant 'mandate' in the Duma.

Karpov has been political since his chess career began in the 1970s; as a prominent figure in Russia during the Cold War this was almost unavoidable.

He would praise President Leonid Brezhnev after his victories, and the favour was returned when in 1978 Karpov played defector Viktor Korchnoi for the


world title and Brezhnev jailed Korchnoi's son shortly before the match. After winning this match Karpov was awarded the Order of the Red Banner of Labour and three years later, after beating Korchnoi again, picked up an Order of Lenin.

As World Champion Karpov could choose who was allowed to travel abroad with him, and these players were obliged to help him win tournaments, if necessary by throwing their games.

With the arrival of Mikhail Gorbachev and the subsequent breakup of the USSR, Karpov lost political power, though by then he was a multimillionaire thanks to a series of lucrative world title matches against Garry Kasparov.

The coming of Putin offered new opportunities and Karpov decided to become a serious politician, supporting Putin on controversial subjects such as the annexation of the Crimea. In 2019 he was handed a new political role, as a Deputy of the Eurasian Peoples' Assembly.

Karpov has not, however, allowed politics to completely take over his chess life: recently he took time off to sign autographs at a supermarket in Spain.



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On The Horizon

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Earth vigil

Unite in a fierce love for our sacred Earth at St Bartholomew's, The Avenue Alstonville, on Wednesday 3 November, anytime between 8am and 8pm. All people of every faith or no faith are welcome to come for quiet thoughtfulness. Enquiries 6628 0231

AIR

The Association of Independent Retirees (AIR), Far North Coast Branch's next meeting will be held at Ballina

RSL Club on Friday the 5 November at 9.30am for a 10am start. The guest speaker is Shayne Hayes from Aged Care.

Time for a chat

Friends of Libraries are hosting a book event for Belinda Jeffery in conversation with Victoria Cosford on Friday, 12 November at 2pm on her book *A Year Of Sundays: a cookbook and reflections on the world around me*. It will be held at the Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showground and afternoon tea will be provided by Bangalow CWA. Bookings are essential. Tickets \$25 at www.byronbayfol.com.

BEC AGM

The Byron Environment Centre is holding its AGM and general meeting at 2pm on Monday 15 November via Zoom. RSVP Sharon: securry@outlook.com if you want to take part.

All members are invited. For more info call 6687 1538.

Liberation Larder AGM

Liberation Larder AGM to be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre at 2pm on Wednesday 10 November. All financial members are invited and any monetary support or in kind donors are welcome too. All enquiries and to register interest please call 0435 879 778

CWA Brunswick Heads

Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meet Fridays 10am-2pm, corner Park and Booyun Streets, Brunswick Heads. Learn new crafty skills from the experts! Ring Mary 0431908 063 for more information.

Toy Library in OS

Byron Shire Toy Library now in Ocean Shores at the Ocean Shores Community Centre, Rajah Road, opposite Coles, every Wednesday from 10am till 12noon. Contact pippymom@gmail.com for more information. Volunteers welcomed!

BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club will meet for luncheon and guest speak at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club on Thursday, 11 November. Our club supports seven disadvantaged

students in The Smith Family's Learning for Life program. VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women. Apologies and acceptances to Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com.

Mullumbimby CWA

The Mullumbimby Country Women's Association (CWA) will have their next branch meeting at 10am on Wednesday, 10 November at the CWA rooms on the corner of Tincogan and Gordon Streets. New members are very welcome to join us. For more information call 0427 847 282.

Rosebank C'ty AGM

This longstanding not-for-profit community group, which oversees *The Village Journal*, will be holding its AGM on 18 November at 6pm at Rosebank Hall/ Community Preschool. Residents of Rosebank, Repentance Creek and surrounding hinterland villages are warmly invited to attend. Enquiries/ to register interest please call Aletha on 0410 380 496.

Caring for someone with Dementia?

Our monthly Northern Rivers Carers Coffee Club on Wednesday, 27 October in Brunswick Heads. Call Emma White on 66851 619 or email on; emmawhite@byronrespite.com.au.

Regular As Clockwork

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

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

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

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Assange persecution

The persecution of Julian Assange is a concerted effort to punish him for his role in exposing the corruption and criminality of state actors, in particular the US government and its ruling elite. We now know the FBI used perjured testimony to accuse Assange of computer hacking, and the CIA spied on him after he was granted political asylum at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. They even planned to assassinate him and eventually kidnapped him from the embassy after convincing the Ecuadorian government to revoke its grant of asylum to Assange.

But his ongoing torture and indefinite detention

in Belmarsh prison at the behest of the US government is about more than just punishing Julian, it's also meant to send a message. It's meant to discourage and deter others from following Julian's example. It's meant to silence critics and crush dissent. It also sends another message, about the system of government we live under, which is not a freedom loving democracy that respects the rule of law, but rather a system based on lies, riddled with corruption and ruled by vicious sociopaths.

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Governments condemn citizens to suffering for specialist interests

Alejandro Aleman and Marcus O'Mullane

Part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has once again leaked a document showing more than 10,000 requests from governments, scientists, meat and fossil fuel lobbyists to modify the final draft of the Report, which will be sent to the UN for modification (censorship), approval and final publication.

These leaks are in addition to those published in June 2021 through the Agency France Press (AFP) and which, among many other aspects, emphasised the statement that the planet would continue to warm regardless of our reductions in CO₂ emissions. This calls into question the possibility of limiting the temperature increase to 1.5°C with respect to pre-industrial levels.

Tipping points reached?

This is mainly owing to the fact that several tipping points, or points of no return, have already been exceeded. Tipping points are where some ecosystems have changed to become net emitters of CO₂, such as the Amazon rainforest, or the boreal forests of Siberia that contain large areas of permafrost.

Regardless of our 'commitment' to reach a scenario of zero net emissions by 2050, parts of our ecosystems are no longer in balance. This has been foreseen for many years, and brings us closer to scenarios that are very far from the possibility of mitigating climate change. It is therefore easy to recognise the increasingly common use by governments and the press of the term 'adaptation to climate change' rather than that of 'mitigation of climate change'.

These new IPCC leaks were sent to Greenpeace for media coverage. The BBC has reported that: 'one senior Australian government official rejected the conclusion that closing coal-fired power plants is necessary, even though ending the use of coal is one of the stated objectives of the COP26 conference'.

The report goes on to say: 'Australia asks IPCC scientists to delete a reference to



Fire fighters battling flames on the Woombah to Iluka road in November 2019 during the Black Summer fires. Photo Ewan Willis

analysis of the role played by fossil fuel lobbyists in watering down action on climate in Australia and the US'.

But Australia is not alone in its lobbying to have the IPCC's report altered. OPEC or the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries also entered a plea: 'OPEC also asks the IPCC to delete 'lobby activism, protecting rent extracting business models, prevents political action' according to the BBC.

It is understandable that the Australian government, acting to protect economic interests, issue these types of requests. Australia is the largest coal producer and exporter in the world. It is one of the few coal exporters who continue to approve new large-scale coal mining projects in direct contravention to the agreements made in previous COP meetings.

Australia continues to duck and weave

Coal is considered the dirtiest of all fossil fuels and thus the mitigation and eventual elimination of its use is an important, if not the most important, step towards climate change mitigation.

In addition, the current Australian government continues to avoid its agreed COP responsibilities towards climate action and the abandonment of fossil fuels. Notably in 2020 Australia became the world's largest exporter of liquefied gas with 80 million tonnes, surpassing Qatar and almost doubling the amount exported by the US.

Australia's affection for fossil fuels is highlighted by its dependence on fossil fuels domestically, generating 76 per cent of its electricity in 2020 by burning coal

on a last-ditch, hit-and-miss 'techno-optimistic' attempt to avoid their previously agreed to obligations to move towards an ecologically sustainable world.

Australia is the country with the highest per capita emissions on the planet, surpassing China by nine times, the USA by four times and India's per capita emissions by thirty-seven times. According to 2017 data, Australia has the fifth highest total emissions on the planet with a population of only 25 million inhabitants.

We live in a time when freedom of choice has become a hot topic as a result of lockdowns and vaccines with the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years. 'Freedom' has always been the slogan of our capitalistic economic system; a freedom that is built upon the enslavement of the planet's ecosystems, but this is a more complex discussion for a later time...

Our only question for Australians today is: Why are you choosing this destructive path forward?

■ Alejandro Aleman has just finished a Masters in 'Humanidades Ecológicas, Sustentabilidad y Transición Ecosocial' (Ecological Humanities, Sustainability and Ecological Transition) through two Spanish universities UPV and UAM. Marcus O'Mullane has a Masters in large scale algae biodiesel production.

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It's time to recognise Centrelink's role in creating poverty

Michele Grant

I asked Centrelink for an exemption from mutual obligations. It was a simple request but apparently, there is no one anywhere in the organisation, not even the relevant Ministers, who have the authority to grant me an exemption without a medical certificate to say I'm unfit or mentally unwell. It's the law.

By law, if I want to receive the JobSeeker payment, I must continue to look for work, study and/or volunteer. Whether you're 23 or 63 years old, the same rules apply. There are no exceptions without a medical certificate, and I'll need to renew those medical certificates every three months. Centrelink will cancel my payment if I don't comply with their rigid, inflexible rules.

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Coercive control?

It's like having an abusive boyfriend; it's all about coercive control. If I don't do exactly as they say, I will be severely punished.

When I explain that I don't think it's helpful or beneficial to compel me to look for work or volunteer for free, I hit the wall. It's just as painful, spiritually and emotionally, as banging your head on brick.

I'm 63, but not disabled enough to warrant an exemption – just a lower expectation of hours volunteering and fewer jobs to seek.

As a Centrelink recipient, working 20 hours a week, my income increased by \$140 a week.



No Fixed Abode gives a voice and face to the many homeless people in Byron Shire. Photo s p a c

I've spent the past seven years working part time (four hours a day, five days a week) as a cleaner at our local high schools. I'm one of those essential workers, who kept turning up through bushfires in that long hot summer, and a year of COVID. I didn't get a bonus or a pay rise, just extra workload, a buggered elbow and creaking knees along

with the aerobic workout. I've been unemployed since Easter, because I've had enough.

There is no incentive to work when half your income is lost with Centrelink's sliding scale of taxation. My wages are already taxed, so the government is double dipping in the poorest purses. Centrelink recipients pay the highest effective marginal tax rate in the country and can't earn more than the maximum \$550 week and keep that health-care card and access rent assistance. That's the rules!

Poverty trap

Perhaps I am mentally ill because I was willing to put my life on the line for \$140 a week for seven years. That's how desperate we job-seekers are, we'll do anything for an extra \$100. Centrelink rules create this poverty trap, an underclass of scavengers and gleaners and scammers. Whether you work or not, you're still struggling to survive.

If Centrelink offered me \$100 to volunteer for eight hours, I'd do it tomorrow, but there are no incentives in Centrelink, just punitive threats and coercive bullying. Clients are always under duress.

I'm spending 75 per cent of my income on rent, it went up \$30 a week in August, so I figure my landlord should do the volunteering. Clearly the JobSeeker payment and rent assistance (\$35 per week) are hopelessly inadequate, but there's no increase in sight. Neither state nor federal governments have introduced any safeguards to

cap rent increases or protect tenants from eviction. No one appears to take the affordable housing crisis seriously, except those living it. People are asking for the right to die with dignity. Well, Centrelink clients would actually like to live with some dignity. It's an abuse of our human rights to be denied safe affordable housing and adequate food, yet most rely on charity, not Centrelink, to get through the week.

Our lives are in perpetual lockdown every day.

My savings are dwindling, my car and teeth need repairs. I don't have an iphone, Netflix, or NBN. I can't afford a haircut or a beer. I go for walks to the park and beach each day because it costs nothing and keeps me fit and sane. I don't know how I'm going to keep a roof over my head, or food in the fridge over the coming year, and I've got four more years to survive on JobSeeker before I'm eligible for an aged pension.

Forcing us to wait until we're 67½ for a pension is another unnecessary cruelty, expecting old women to linger in abject poverty to help the Liberal party balance its budget. We're being screwed to save a few bucks.

The future is looking pretty grim for anyone stuck on JobSeeker, and a lot of us are going to die from neglect, homelessness and suicide. Centrelink doesn't keep those statistics. The impact of this harsh regime on the wellbeing of clients has never been assessed or reviewed.

Yet everyone can see

what's happening, they can see the growing numbers of the desperate, destitute underclass, living in our streets and parks. Our useless politicians don't care or do anything to fix this tragic situation. They're too busy enjoying their freedom and privileges at public expense.

I want an exemption, not because I'm sick or mentally ill, I simply don't want to do it anymore. I've volunteered for 25 years now and I've had far too many poorly paid part time jobs. Expecting me to do more, to keep smiling and be civil, is asking a bit much, I reckon.

Pointless runaround

It would cost Centrelink nothing to concede to my request and may actually save funds.

Instead, I'll be sent on an expensive, pointless runaround, a common tactic used by Centrelink, forcing me to get medical certificates and convince doctors I'm sick or suffering mental ill-health. It's onerous and embarrassing, and most would give up and do the job-seeking and volunteering.

But I am mad; furiously enraged and frustrated at the way we're being treated. It's demeaning, insulting and depressing. I'm tired of being browbeaten, patronised and demoralised by a system designed to alienate and oppress and punish people for being in need.

Centrelink is killing us, making life not worth living, forcing people to subsist in such miserable poverty, under constant threat of income loss and homelessness, battling to provide the most basic needs and coping with the slow collapse as everything falls apart. We've got nothing to look forward to, except more of the same.

Isn't that a crime – for Centrelink to slowly starve and strangle their anxious, stressed-out clients with their woefully inadequate payments, their oppressive rules and laws and punishments?

We deserve better, much better, but unfortunately that's how Centrelink operates under the current laws. Clients must dutifully comply, they have no choice, no autonomy and no freedom at all.

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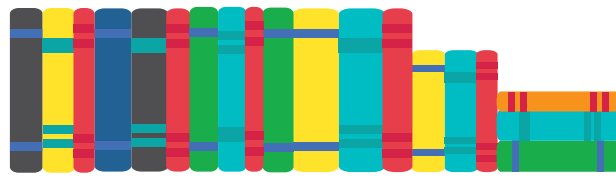


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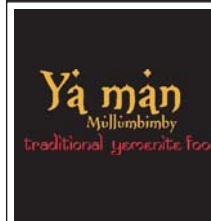


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Top views at 'Mezza' Ballina : The cocktails are superb, view is amazing, and the food is clicking its heels waiting for you! See article page 28.



The Good Life

Benjamin Noah at Foxy Luu's

As we enter this hopeful new phase with the easing of restrictions, it's so heart-warming to see art and music begin to flourish once again. Even in this new unknown realm, there is much to be appreciative of. Foxy Luu's once again is curating visual arts, live music and food – all the things we love – in their tucked away art haven in the old Woolies car park on Jonson St, Byron Bay.

Throughout the month of November, the walls at Foxy Luu's will host work by the local artist Benjamin Noah (McCorquodale). Benjamin believes art can heal our Earth. Using the mediums of acrylic and oil paints, he blends photorealism and surrealism.

'I have been an admirer of Ben's art for many years



Benjamin Noah: see his Art and Bao talk. 6 Nov at 4.30pm

now,' says Foxy Luu's owner, Utku Ayhan. 'He has produced some spectacular pieces, particularly after his Mongolia visit. I am stoked that he has agreed to come on board to share his inner world with us.'

Benjamin travelled to Mongolia as part of The Mother Ocean Eco Arts and Activism Tour to help gain world heritage listing for the sacred Lake Khövsgöl. Off the back

of this, he founded Be Cause Artivism, a platform built to support artists to create positive change in the world. Thirty per cent of the profits from all artworks sold on the platform go towards the partnered causes and charities. His latest piece features a scene from the day he was at the Standing our Ground blockade of the Adani/Bravus Mine. The piece aims to raise

funds and awareness for the movement, and for the protection of Wangan and Jagalingou country.

So don't miss out on his upcoming Art and Bao talk on the 6 November, Saturday at 4.30pm. Ben will be there to talk about the heart, soul and techniques of his craft. Live music will kick off at 5.15pm. Local's favourite Bhakti (B Goode) Nectar Cow will play deliciously lush flavours from around the world with his bamboo flutes.

Grab a mate, a beer from next door, and a juicy handmade bao. And let's be a part of this new world journey together.

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Tweed Artisan Food weekend

The weekend of 18-21 November will be a great chance for those frustrated by lockdowns to get out and spend a weekend eating, drinking and cruising the Tweed, checking out the local producers, and supporting the local economy at bespoke food events in unique locations.

There are pop-up picnics on the lawns at Husk Distillers, long-table brunch by Baker at Ancora; a glass-fronted restaurant overlooking the Tweed River, and other events involving farmers, chefs and restaurateurs of the Tweed, a rich natural food bowl.

Recently awarded the 'Outstanding Region' Trophy in the Delicious Harvey Norman Produce Awards (shared jointly with the Gold Coast Hinterland) the Tweed region produces some of the most unique produce in Australia. According to Husk's Harriet



Left: Lolitas. Right: Wollumbin Spirit.



Messenger, the artisan weekends are 'a valuable chance to collaborate with other producers and creates opportunities to further educate people of what we are growing in this stunning destination we get to call home.'

You'll not only get to meet the local producers at these events, there's also great opportunities to, for example, cruise the Tweed River on the Wollumbin Spirit cruise. This will be an experience on water; the 'Dreamcatcher' craft departs from Tweed at 11am and sails up to Tumbulgum.

Along the way you will be welcomed with talks by locals about the region, and music from local artists. At Tumbulgum you will disembark for a three course meal at House of Gabriel (expect seafood and some other special surprises) before a leisurely return to Tweed back along the river.

After a challenging year, the hospitality industry needs our support more than ever, events like the Artisan Food Weekend intend to boost the local economy.

Destination Tweed's Industry Development Manager

Amy Colli, said 'We're keen to support our local food and beverage industry to start to recover as soon as possible. The Tweed Artisan Food Weekend is a collaboration of the people and producers of the Tweed, from the farmers to the chefs to the restaurateurs, and we are excited to play a part in opening up our beautiful region.'

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Belinda Jeffery in conversation with Victoria Cosford

Friends of the Libraries Byron Shire and the Bangalow CWA, present Belinda Jeffery with her new book; *A Year of Sundays...My Weekly Kitchen Offerings*.



Belinda's 8th book is a little different from her previous ones; in fact this one is 'as much like a conversation with a friend as it is a cookbook'. Every Sunday morning Belinda shares a post with her 34k Instagram followers. The posts are made up of stunning images of Belinda's week of food accompanied by the most engaging words describing those images. Each post is a feature in itself and that is why some posts attract up to and over 500 comments from her followers.

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No Bones is the brainchild of Tahlia, Yasmina and Laurie, with a vision of bringing people together over good food; meat eaters and vegans alike, in an attempt to change the way we think about what we put

in our mouths. Let's face it, the future of food must be one of sustainability, and every time you choose a vegan meal, you're helping reduce your footprint and helping to fight climate change. So every meal counts.

No Bones are always trying their best to work with local farmers, using the abundant produce and products we have in our region. They are part of a plant-based movement and invite you to join them on their expedition to save the Earth one Brussels sprout at a time – by dining at No Bones you will have taken one small step for mankind!

You'll want to make sure you bring along as many friends as you can gather. From Penang 'Duk' curry with

som tum salad and kaffir sticky rice, to Buffalo Fried 'Chick'n' with ranch, blue cheese crumble and pickled celery; it's obvious that No Bones is on a mission to change the way people think about vegan food. The menu is best enjoyed when shared, and they promise to look the other way while you lick your plate. Oh, and let's not forget the delightful taste explosions from their cocktails (some say the best in town) – they say that the secret ingredient is 100 per cent LOVE. So very Byron!

No Bones vegan bar and kitchen
11 Fletcher St, Byron Bay
nobonesbyronbay.com.au
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Coopers Shoot Tomatoes

Tomato season has well and truly kicked in and it's a big one! Tom Armstrong is the fifth generation to farm on his family's property in Coopers Shoot. The land has been in the Armstrong family since 1880 when his ancestor arrived from Ireland to knock down Big Scrub and establish a dairy farm, which was the first in the area to supply to Norco. Since then it was a cattle farm, until 25 years ago Tom's parents set aside land to raise tomatoes.

Tom grows heirloom varieties including Beef Steak and Black Russian, as well as gourmet and cherry tomatoes.

When asked why his family decided to diversify with tomatoes, Tom laughs, 'I'd say no one else was crazy enough to do it. There are serious ups and downs, and I'd say they saw a gap in the market'.

Tom also grows cucumbers, zucchini and eggplant. 'I wanted to focus on the heirloom varieties. Last year I also grew capsicum, but thought that was quite difficult, so this season I focused again on tomatoes, but now with so many, I wish I grew more capsicum! That's just the nature of agriculture, there can be too little or too much'.

Originally the Armstrongs sold to supermarkets until they realised this wasn't feasible, so aligned with other local growers to establish our beloved farmers' markets.

'Supermarket tomatoes are picked green and kept in cold storage, they are then trucked and gassed with ethaline to ripen, it's no surprise they then lose their flavour.'

'They are also often hybrid varieties. Heirloom are pure-bred and their taste is original, and of course the longer they are on the vine the better they taste.'

They now sell only in the farmers' markets, picking the tomatoes the day before. Tom has established a production process where he can deliver fresh, locally-grown, quality tomatoes year-round.

Right now is peak time for tomatoes, and this year they have an overabundance. This is owing to a number of factors: the relatively low rainfall, consistent temperatures and lots of on-farm maintenance.

As we speak Tom is looking at the tonne of tomatoes he is packing to take to Mullum Farmers Markets tomorrow. 'It's lucky mum is a gun at the markets, she



Tom Armstrong of Coopers Shoot Tomatoes.

just has a gift. We also reduce prices for bulk purchases of those that are a little more ripe, and we definitely encourage local chefs to come down to pick up their supplies'.

Tom aims for zero waste where possible and gifts surplus to Liberation Larder.

Coopers Shoot Tomatoes is at New Brighton Farmers Markets Tuesdays, and Mullumbimby Farmers Markets Thursday, 7-11am.

Top views at 'Mezza' Ballina

Mezza at The Point is right by the river in Ballina and is a classy place with fantastic views over the water. (See photo on page 26). Owners Anne and Andrew took over in September last year and have turned what was formerly known as The Point into a stylish new lounge bar and dining venue.

Guests are blown away by the stunning view from the restaurant as soon as they enter, the designers have really made the most of their location.

There are plenty of options to sit back, relax and enjoy a casual but elegant dining experience, whether you are holding a family get-together, catching up with friends, or having a business lunch.

Their vision was to create a premiere bar and dining venue in Ballina, serving guests a mix of tapas and share plates inspired by owner Andrew's Lebanese background, hence the name, Mezza, which traditionally means 'to share'.

But the menu also offers the best in local seafood, and delicious pastas, salads and desserts to die for. With just a hint of flavours from the Middle East and the Mediterranean, Mezza at the Point offers a unique dining experience in the Northern Rivers.

The venue also caters for weddings, functions and group bookings. At the time of writing, residents of Greater Sydney have just been freed to travel to our region, and owners Anne and Andrew are expecting a busy summer

period with people travelling to the area from interstate, as well as looking forward to the restrictions easing that have caused so many issues for the hospitality industry.

'It has been hard finding qualified and experienced staff, and keeping our business afloat during this period,' say Anne and Andrew, 'so we are really excited about getting our business back to normal and to serve all our loyal customers and visitors again.'

'We have to have a strict booking system to meet capacity requirements, so people are encouraged to book online or call ahead in advance. We are getting quite a lot of enquiries at present from workplaces booking their end-of-year celebrations and also enquiries for Christmas lunch'. So, book early people!

Mezza at The Point are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day from 8am until late, which means they are open for locals and visitors to get a meal or a coffee after 3pm, when many other venues are shut.

There's also a great vibe on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays with happy hour from 3-6pm and live music. Ask a local, they'll confirm Mezza has become known for fabulous cocktails and tapas and it's a great new dining and entertainment venue in the area.

Mezza at The Point (reopening 4 Nov)
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STARS BY LILITH

As Mercury joins Sun, Mars and new moon in Scorpio, there's a bit of a sting in this week's tail...



SCORPIO THE SCORPION

ARIES: Feeling the need to keep it real? Then speak your truth, but soften this week's sharpish Mars edge by engaging your inner editor first. Words carry extra heft right now, so combine honesty with being kind. Let November's powerful energy strengthen your spirit and morph those flammable passions into compassion.

TAURUS: With your prima planet Venus booking into the sign of acquisition and status for an extended staycation, long-range goals become more important than instant gratification. A slow, steady pace and small consistent shifts in daily routines will net the most beneficial rewards over the next four months.

GEMINI: While your mentor planet Mercury changes its mind back and forth during November, this week it supports deep thought: as in, focussed research, concentration, meditation, introspection, retrospection... Avoid groupthink and don't believe everything you read. Or make snap judgements, because it's likely you don't have the full story.

CANCER: Are November's astral vibes intense? You bet. And for moon-ruled Cancerians, your lunar aspects are equally potent. Ardent new moon on 5 November issues a passionate, creative and sexy invitation to intimacy, which might even be a dive into your own inner ocean for new insights about an old situation.

LEO: In this time of polarised opinions and combustible tempers, dramatic intensity can escalate in nanoseconds. Remember this when posting or uploading. Also that nothing is sometimes the wisest thing to say. Don't underestimate the education available from listening, learning and checking how invested you are in needing to be right.

VIRGO: Virgo's an earth sign, so in terrestrial terms your ruler Mercury in water sign Scorpio brings a fortnight of replenishing reassessment. Smart Virgos will see this as downshift rather than buzzkill; a pattern interrupt and necessary pause to revisit the drawing board for more research, to dig a little deeper before locking in plans.

LIBRA: November's balancing act is between lust and trust, asking the celestial question: is that thing you lust after really a must? And that proposition you're considering, just how much do you trust it? And finally, shop-happy Venus in cash-savvy Capricorn wonders if you're sure you can afford that adorable item?

SCORPIO: This year's birthday card? Take a look at Hokusai's iconic painting of the *Great Wave of Kanagawa*. Note the centrally situated mountain: enduring symbol of solidity, tranquility and continuity. As November kicks off with sun, new moon, Mars and Mercury in Scorpio, consider whether your investments – social, emotional and financial – have these qualities.

SAGITTARIUS: Expansive Jupiter and restraining Saturn are exerting their stop-go energetics... You're a mutable sign, so be ready for a quick pivot around sudden changes of plan. Should something hit a roadblock just before take-off, step back and review; you might find this brief pause actually reveals something you needed to see.

CAPRICORN: Breaking news at Chateau Capricorn? Venus, pleasure planet of affection, personal tastes and relationships is launching a four-month revamp of your status-conscious sign. How good is that? Her lesson, till March next year, is to cultivate joy and demonstrate elegant resilience, which you have both the wit and the grit to accomplish.

AQUARIUS: Seize-the-day Jupiter and rein-it-in Saturn are exerting their contradictory push-pull dynamic in Aquarius, but yours is the sign of paradox, and November's existential exercise is getting these opposing energies working in synch. How? By complying when Saturn says 'prune dead weight', then letting Jupiter's enthusiasm override your natural stubbornness in favour of new directions.

PISCES: Been feeling the need to upgrade your filters and strengthen those boundaries? This is the week to do it. Because discussions and negotiations could get argumentative it's worth conducting a reality check to establish exactly what you are, and aren't, willing to settle for before important talks or big decisions.

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MANDY NOLAN GETS HER GUESTS TO TELL ALL ON BYRON LIVE...

There is something about Byron. This wildly eclectic creative community has been the media's muse for the last decade. Everyone wants to talk about us. Our real estate. Our celebs. Our beaches. Our influencers. Our anti-vaxxers. Our lives. So instead of them talking about us – how about we share some of the colour of who we are? That was the creative genesis that saw the creation of *Byron Live*, hosted and co-created by Mandy Nolan and Astronaut Media.

Mandy Nolan is as iconic in Byron Bay as the lighthouse itself. Her opinions and humour have warned many philosophical travellers about dangerous terrain... and sometimes she'll lead you straight onto the rocks!

Mandy Nolan hosts a chat show with a difference. For a start, it's live; with a swinging three-piece house band, aka The Lovejoy Trio; an opening dance routine choreographed by Danni from Sassy Salsa, with the big girl herself busting some moves; and one you didn't know was on your bucket list until you've seen it – a live penis painter! Yes, Pricasso, the world-famous bloke who paints portraits with his penis. He'll be on stage capturing the moments throughout the show.

Byron Live's featured guests are author and award-winning journalist, Kerry O'Brien; Australian comedy sensation and local dweller, Akmal; media personality, actor, activist, glorious and original surfer chick, Nell Schofield; the extraordinary power duo of Hussy Hicks, Leesa Gentz and Julz Parker; as well as Byron's very own ADFAS Young Musician of the Year, Francis Atkins.

Byron Live is music, dance, conversation, comedy, inspiration... and it's off-the-wall funny!

Mandy Nolan, the Greens candidate for Richmond, is giving it her all. If Mandy gets voted in next year she may not get to host another *Byron Live*, so she is giving this show EVERYTHING! 'There is also a surprise guest,' says Mandy. 'Can't say who yet, just waiting to announce!'

Byron Live. Thursday 2 December. Byron Theatre, Community Centre. Tix mandynolan.com.au or byroncentre.com.au. Doors 6.30pm, show 7pm. Early bird tix now \$45. Full Price \$60

SHARE A YEAR OF SUNDAYS WITH BELINDA

Mullumbimby's Belinda Jeffery is one of Australia's best loved cookery writers and teachers – if you patronise local produce markets, then you've probably bumped into Belinda at a fresh food stall.

The most popular of Belinda's bestselling cookbooks is the classic *Mix & Bake*, but there might just be a new title holder for that honour.

In *A Year of Sundays* Belinda shares the recipes, musings and memories that inspire her cooking. This book is a collection of Belinda's much-adored and anticipated Sunday morning Instagram posts accompanied by beautiful recipes. *A Year of Sundays* holds recipes gathered from Belinda's cooking school on the Far North Coast and those crafted from the harvests of local producers and her own garden, and others embellished with the imprint of personal memories.



If you seek to cook from the heart, to relish in the beauty of just-picked produce, or to simply indulge a craving, Belinda imparts her recipes with both encouragement and genuine joy.

From her reassuring instruction in the art of pastry and baking to her relaxed approach to everyday dishes made from the freshest ingredients, *A Year of Sundays* is as much a conversation with a friend as it is a cookbook, and you can join the conversation when Friends of the Libraries Byron Shire, and the Bangalow CWA, present Belinda Jeffery and *A Year of Sundays* next week in Bangalow.

Numbers will be limited owing to COVID Safe conditions*. So get in quick.

A Year of Sundays – Moller Pavilion, Bangalow. Friday, 12 November at 2pm.

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THURSDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
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- OCA, BYRON BAY, 4PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 5

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM **GUY KACHEL**, 4.30PM **JORDAN MAC**, 7PM **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**, 10PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ZAC HUBBARD**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- BYRON ENVIRONMENT CENTER 7PM **JOHNNY GUITAR SURF SHOW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ MO ALOHA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYKEE**
- AUSTRALIA HOTEL, BALLINA, 6.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **DJ CAWS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DJ CHRIS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **TO THE SKIES**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **HARVEY AND HARVEY**

SATURDAY 6

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 2.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**, 5PM **JOSH HAMILTON DUO**, 7.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**, 10PM **DJ REIFLEX**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **ART & BAO**, 5.15PM **BHAKTI NECTAR COW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ AL ROYALE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **DOC ROCK**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **JORGE PEREIRA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **UNDERCOVER BLONDE**

SUNDAY 7

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **BEN WHITING**, 2.30PM **CHRIS DEL MAR**, 5PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**, 8PM **DJ KIRA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **OOZ**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **ST. ALI ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **SARAH GRANT**

MONDAY 8

- NO SHOWS TODAY!!!

TUESDAY 9

- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JAY SQUIDGE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM **TRIVIA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**

WEDNESDAY 10

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



BLUE OR PINK, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Have you ever wandered down the girl's toy aisle? It's pink suffocation. The toys in the 'girl's aisle' tell us everything a little girl needs to know about complying with the gender code. It tells her that beautiful girls tend to be blonde. And they wear tiny sheer fairy dresses. They have big pointy boobs and cinched in waists and most of the Barbies still stand on their toes – like cis gendered dominant culture aspirants. Even they look like they are reaching for something unobtainable. How must a small brown girl feel?

How must a boy feel who wants a doll, but the pink aisle tells him it's just for children with vulvas. It's hard to cuddle a truck. He must go to the aisle for children with penises, where someone in a corporate marketing agency has decided he loves toys with big wheels, things that are noisy and go fast or dig hard. Things he can't nurture his softness with.

From before children are even born we start coding them with a prescribed gender. The 'baby reveal' is a whole new phenomena where a child's gender is revealed with a balloon pop, where guests are invited 'wear blue or pink, what do you think?'. It suggests, before the baby enters the world, that there are only two choices. It isn't cognisant that some children are born intersex, that some are born with male genitals and identify as female, and that others are born female and they identify as female but they fucking hate pink.

This 'blue and pink' code is the seed of a toxic gender culture that attempts to bind our children to a heteronormative world. Where girls are beautiful and magical and they nurture babies and do pretend washing and cook plastic sausages and boys love Hotwheels and dragons and stuff you can smash. We

limit these small limitless beings into complying with binary projections of what our society expects gender to be. And how society expects these two to behave.

In California they have introduced a law that will force retailers to have a 'gender neutral' toy section. It all happened because a 10-year-old girl asked her mother why some toys were off limits to her as a girl, but would be okay to play with if she was a boy? She was the daughter of a California lawmaker who used this question as inspiration for a bill that doesn't prohibit a boys and girls section but requires toy stores to have a reasonable selection of toys in a gender neutral section. 'The segregation of toys by a social construct of what is appropriate for which gender is the antithesis of modern thinking'. Thank you.

Some might think this is paternalistic. Trivial. But I believe it's much more potent. There is something sinister in pink for girls, blue for boys. Having your gender prescribed by your parents, by your community, and by corporations before you know who you are is toxic. It hurts kids.

When we stop modelling hyper-feminine and hyper-masculine role models to children through the clothing we make them wear and the toys we allow them to choose from, we can give them the space to discover who they are, what they love, how they interact and learn about the world. Imagine who they could become; boys who love babies, girls who love building, children who love the freedom of free play.

We need to go back to the beginning and break the binary gender code. This is how we stop domestic violence.

ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUED FROM P29

OCHRE SERIES - THE DIS/ CONNECTION OF LOCKDOWN DAYS

Born and raised local, artist Rhiannon Power is showing her most recent paintings in *Ochre Series* at the Lennox Arts Collective from the 5-18 November.

Figurative and botanical, we see realism suspended in the abstract, and themes of dis/connection, belonging, and an experience of our lockdown days.

River ochre gathered from her local creek brings warmth; anchoring each piece with a direct connection to the earth and to Country. With these raw minerals, the surfaces are embedded with a richness and energy Rhiannon says is not found in store bought paint.

The exhibition features both small intimate pieces and larger works, along with a range of hand signed prints and cards, all available for sale.

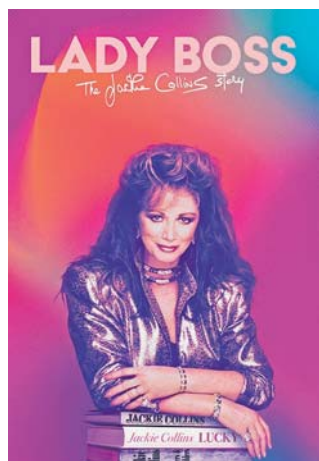
Ochre Series
Friday 5 till Thursday 18 November. Open every day 10am-3pm,
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THE BRITS ARE AT THE PALACE!



The Palace British Film Festival's full programme is a stunner, celebrating the best of British in a remarkable lineup of 31 films – a number of which are screening for the first time in Australia.

Excellent performances from Festival favourites and brilliant newcomers will delight audiences and ignite their senses in a lineup that includes the best contemporary cinema, and documentaries, as well as the chance to experience some of the most significant British films of the 1970s on the big screen.

The Festival opens with the highly anticipated Australian Premiere of *The Duke*, a heart-warming tale based on a 1961 true story of 60-year-old taxi driver, Kempton Bunton, who steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. *The Duke* features beautiful performances from Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Kenneth Branagh wrote and directed *Belfast*, a personal eulogy to his home town. Starring Jamie Dornan and Judi Dench, the film is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood, set amidst the music and social turmoil of Northern Ireland in the late 1960s.

Edgar Wright's psychological horror fantasy, *Last Night in Soho*, starring Anya Taylor-Joy and Thomasin McKenzie, follows an aspiring fashion designer who is mysteriously able to enter the 1960s where she encounters a dazzling wannabe singer. The director has issued a message for patrons, urging them not to divulge the plot so as not to spoil it for others.

Premiering at this year's Cannes Film Festival's Directors Fortnight, writer-director Clio Barnard's *Ali & Ava* is a compelling contemporary love story set in multi-cultural Bradford. Enveloped in music and imbued with humour, the film stars Adeel Akhtar and Claire Rushbrook.

Documentary highlights include *My Father and Me*, a personal film from acclaimed documentary filmmaker Nick Broomfield about his relationship with his father, renowned industrial photographer Maurice Broomfield.

For music lovers, *Eric Clapton: Lockdown Sessions*, is an intimately staged concert film from Clapton and his band, following the recording of a new live album, featuring acoustic renditions of past hits, and filmed in the English countryside during the pandemic.

The amazing life story of legendary author, Jackie Collins (sister of Joan), is told in *Lady Boss: The Jackie Collins Story*, which reveals the untold story of a ground-breaking author and her mission to build a one-woman literary empire.

Food and wine lovers will rejoice in *Sparkling: The Story of Champagne*, a documentary exploring the world behind the pop of the cork, narrated by Stephen Fry, plus high drama over one evening in a restaurant in *Boiling Point*, which follows an emotionally scarred London chef who struggles to keep it together, starring Stephen Graham.

Comedy drama *Best Sellers* stars British icon Sir Michael Caine as a cranky, retired author who reluctantly embarks on a final book tour. The hilarious *Off The Rails* (Kelly

Preston's last film) follows three female friends in their 50s as they attempt to recreate an inter-rail journey across Europe they made three decades earlier, with their friend's 18-year-old daughter taking her mother's place. Also starring Sally Phillips.

This year's Festival features a special sneak preview of the highly anticipated *Operation Mincemeat*, starring Colin Firth and Matthew McFadyen, based on the Allies' deception effort to keep the Allied invasion of Italy hidden and to outwit German troops in WWII. Also centred around true events, but during WWI, is *The War Below*, which focusses on a group of British miners called upon to dig a strategic tunnel in no man's land.

Some notable films are in the retrospective, 7 From the '70s, featuring a selection of the best British films from the 1970s, four of which celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2021, *A Clockwork Orange* (1971), Stanley Kubrick's cult classic, and *Barry Lyndon* (1975), also from Kubrick, starring Ryan O'Neal as an Irish rogue.

Other films from the '70s are John Schlesinger's multi award winning *Sunday Bloody Sunday* (1971), *Straw Dogs* (1971), *Quadrophenia* (1973), *The Go-Between* (1971) and *The Railway Children* (1970).

Previously announced, *The Last Bus* is a touching adventure across Britain starring Timothy Spall, which follows the journey of a pensioner who travels from Britain's most northerly to its most southerly point, using only local buses.

Olivia Colman, Colin Firth, Josh O'Connor and Australian star, Odessa Young, star in *Mothering Sunday*, a romantic period drama set in post-World War I England about a maid who secretly plans to meet with the man she loves before he leaves to marry another woman.

There are other great films like *Falling for Figaro*, *To Olivia*, *Benediction*, *Miss Marx*, *It Snows in Benidorm*, *Nowhere Special*, and *The Electrical Life of Louis Wain* and *The Obscure Life of the Grand Duke of Corsica*; an intriguing meditation on life, love and architecture set during a pandemic in two different eras.

For Bowie fans, there is the biopic *Stardust*, which follows a young David Bowie, played by Johnny Flynn, on a 1971 road trip across America when he was developing his Ziggy Stardust persona.

This is going to be a great festival – for full programme and tickets for the British Film Festival are now on sale, including the limited pre-Festival release of specially priced eTicket Bundles, exclusively at Palace Cinemas.

The British Film Festival will be hosted at the Palace in Byron Bay from 3 to 21 November.

To find out more and to book tickets, visit: britishfilmfestival.com.au.



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\$2,900,000

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- + Walk barefoot to the patrolled beach - what a dream!
- + Open plan kitchen / living space leads to relaxing deck
- + Established tropical gardens give a resort like feel
- + Dual access yard & room for pool or granny flat STCA
- + Playground, skate park & cafe all within metres for you

SUFFOLK PARK

Site 18 / 143 Alcorn Ave

Contact Agent

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Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122

- + Charming beachside cottage - your own little paradise
- + High ceilings which allow light & sea breezes to flow
- + Established gardens & enclosed front deck for privacy
- + Open plan kitchen / living area perfect for entertaining
- + Water, garbage & use of all amenities included in fees



Katrina Beohm
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Sales Admin



We found Katrina and her team very helpful with the preparation in the sale of the property. It was a pleasure to get to know them. I feel a friendship even developed in the process. We highly recommend Katrina to handle property sales. Good advice was given, guidance was much appreciated. Thanks Katrina and team. You guys rock.

- Ann, vendor



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3 North Head Road, New Brighton

Unique & Expansive Beachside Lifestyle Home

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- Master with large ensuite and adjoining timber deck
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17 Skyline Road, The Pocket

Tropical Lifestyle with Substantial Income

This beautiful property comprises 5 acres with a pretty, babbling natural creek plus stands of majestic trees and Balinese-style gardens. There are multiple dwellings which generate a high occupancy rate and healthy returns for the current owners.

- Owner's residence renovated rustic charm with high ceilings Two bedroom villa
- Self-contained studio with bathroom and kitchenette
- Two bedroom bliss cottage



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24 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores

Easy living in Ocean Shores

This elevated 3-bedroom home on a large 1,783 m² block on a leafy street in Ocean Shores is a sea change and a tree change rolled into one! This beautiful home and thriving edible garden are ready and waiting for you to move in and simply enjoy.

- Beautiful lifestyle location in a great street
- 3-bedroom house on a large 1,783 m² block.
- Open plan family, living and dining room with access to a covered deck.



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Landmark Freehold Building, **Bangalow**

Iconic Main Street Location

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

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Tropical Treetop Estate, **Bangalow**

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Family Resort Close to Town

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

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Hobby Farm Lifestyle Acres

- 15 acres of rich red soil ideal for home orchards and grazing
- Rustic timber cottage with mains power and septic connected
- Choice of several level homesites overlooking your own private swimming holes
- Verandah views across Byrangery Creek to wide fertile paddocks and pockets of bushland
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Big Family Home on Huge Block, Clunes

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- Room to grow on leafy, peaceful plot
- Huge open plan family spaces flow seamlessly to outdoor living areas
- Walk to school, shop and cafe amenities
- Plenty of room to expand with swimming pool and studio options galore

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Build the Dream in..., Mullumbimby

- Larger level building block of 740 m2
- Situated in quiet cul-de-sac position
- Walking distance to Mullums main street, cafes and stores
- Schools and sporting fields only a short stroll away
- Handy delayed settlement available

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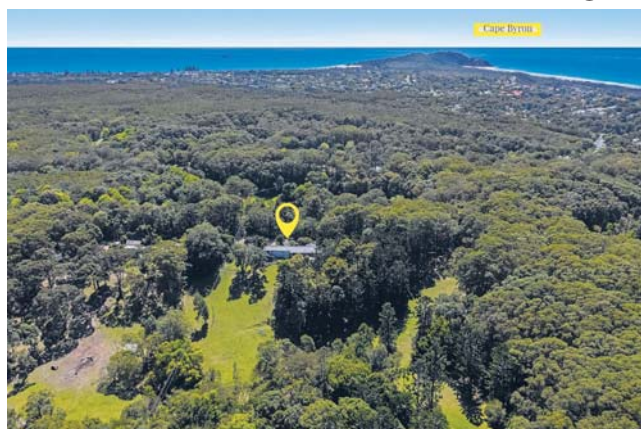
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Incredible opportunity in Byron

9 Hamiltons Lane, Byron Bay

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Price: Contact Agent



Located in Byron Bay close to beaches and the CBD, this lovely 5.7 acre property offers privacy and quiet in a rural setting. There are two separate homes enjoying elevation and views over bushland to St Helena and Coopers Shoot. Both homes are meticulously renovated and feature multiple indoor and outdoor living spaces. Listen to the surf in the distance while enjoying the North Coast rural feel. First time to the market in over 30 years, this property offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the benefits of country living with the convenience of Byron Bay close by.



- Elevated position with extensive views
- Town water connection (Rous Water)
- Fully fenced, neighbours cattle take care of the grass
- 2.34 hectares / 5 acres mixed pasture and forest with dam
- Main residence 5 bed 3 baths second residence 2 beds 2 bath
- 2 freestanding sheds
- Amazing established trees and wildlife

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Quality infrastructure ensures an easy transfer into the next crops-positive cash flow.

With pockets of unspoilt rainforest as a backdrop and a long frontage to Yankee Creek, 'Forest Hill' is a wonderful hinterland farm investment for those seeking a new way of living.

Full on-going management assistance is available and an inventory of the current plant and machinery will ensure a seamless transition to the new owner of 'Forest Hill'.

Price: On-site Auction Saturday 27 November
Open: Call to arrange an inspection
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Ray White Rural Bangalow



6/18 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay

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Potential in a great location

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

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Open: By Appointment



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18/21-25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay

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Perfect home or investment opportunity

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

Price: Auction
Open: Saturday
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Auction: 6th November
at 1pm

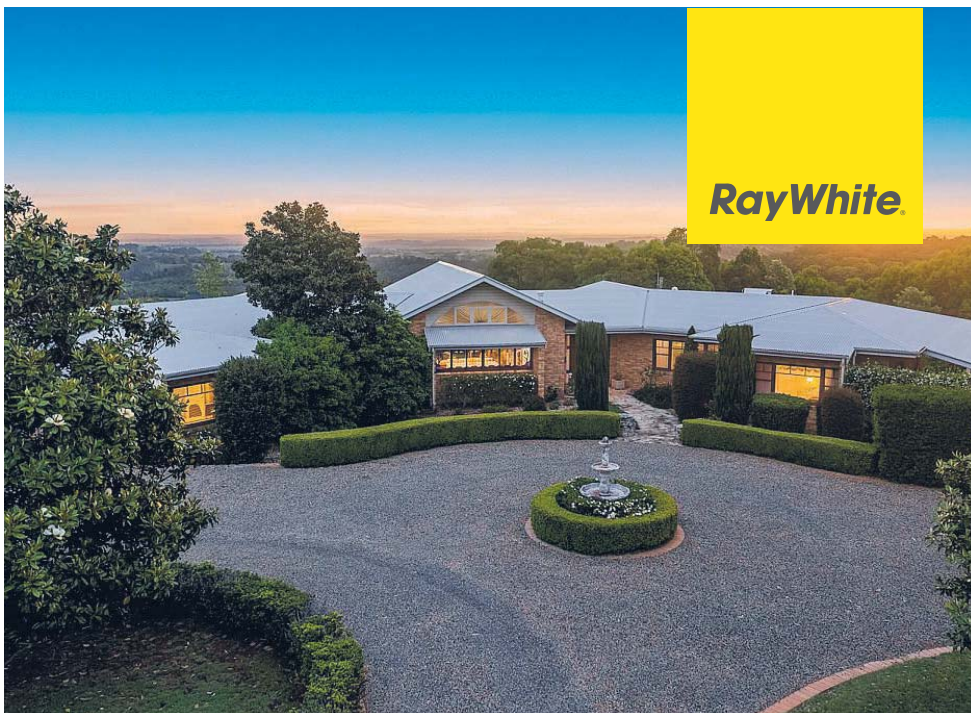


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Rural lifestyle estate w/ vast valley views

- Master built home, architect Gina Ghioni, built by Greg Lyon.
- Tree-lined driveway opens to manicured gardens w/ feature marble fountain
- Private home w/ extensive valley views
- High ceilings, large rooms and Blackbutt hardwood floors
- Home cinema enjoys inbuilt projector & surround sound system
- Native gardens attract birdlife & local Koalas
- Freestanding guest cottage & space for dual occupancy (STCA)
- Veggie gardens, open paddocks and finger lime orchard

Price: Contact Agent
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214 The Manse Road, Myocum

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Rural Lifestyle Opportunity

- Elevated 8.97 ac with beautiful views
- Renovated cottage with high ceilings
- Large shed with views over grassland
- Ideal for sustainable hobby farm or horses
- Spring fed dam & cooling sea breezes

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103 Paterson Street, Byron Bay

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Last acre in central Byron Bay

- Large modern four bedroom home
- Bedrooms open to private deck w/ large pool area
- Large solar system & in-ground magnesium/chlorine pool
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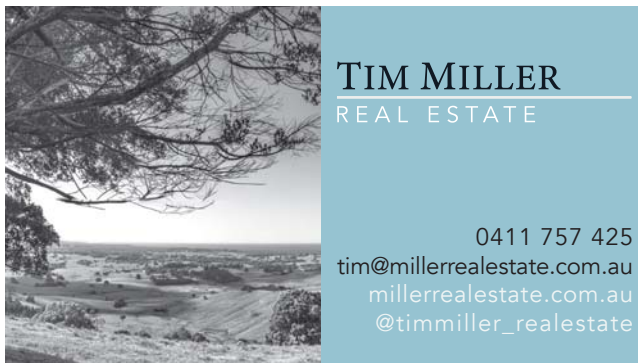
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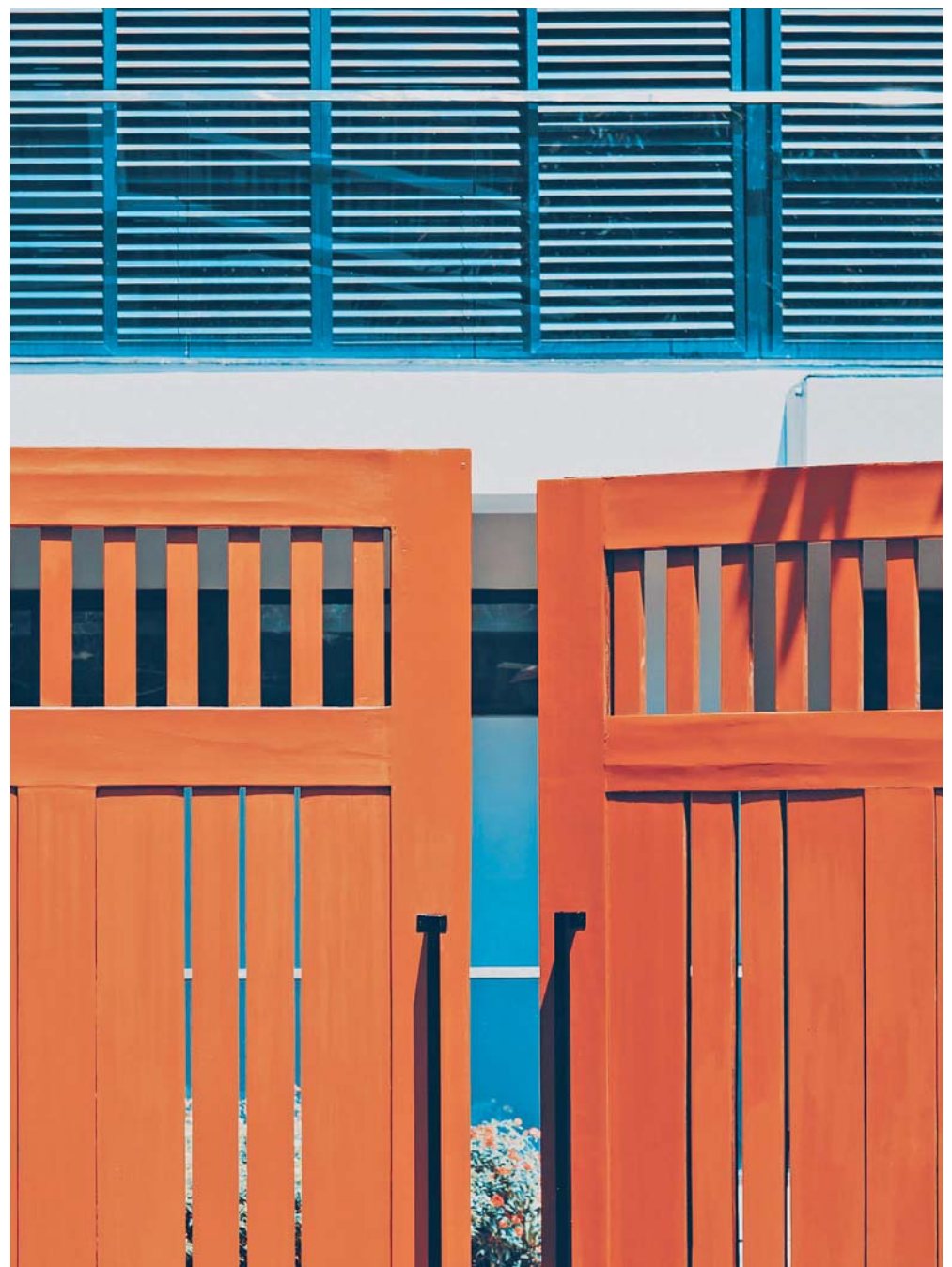
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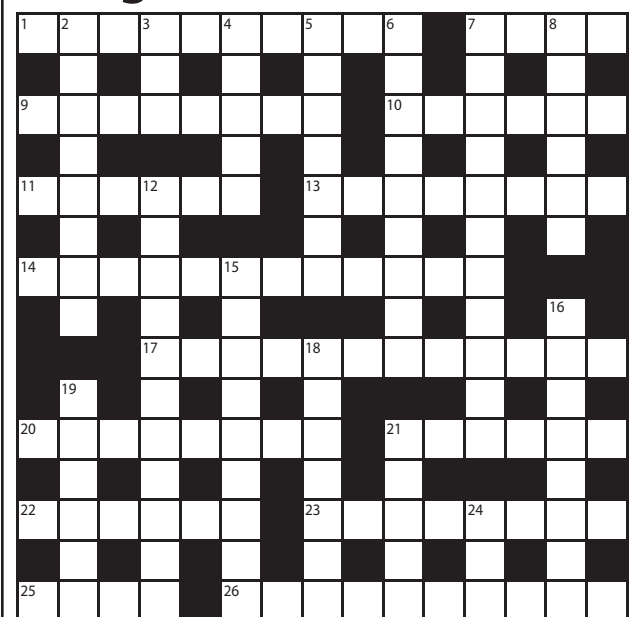
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Classic shot - but put the lid on ambition (5,5)
- Roman bear founds old city state (4)
- Boss, the French politician, provides help for underground miners (8)
- Cargo for Los Angeles - minor collision (6)
- A Spanish noble with one son, a beautiful young man (6)
- Popular in safe, cushy job (8)
- Captured bum? Dismissed! (6,6)
- Deadly honest conception - the past as seen through rose coloured glasses (3,5,4)
- Put aside group with a role in the drama (3,5)
- Most modest inclusion in wishy-washy estimates (6)
- Request British award to include 51 thousand (6)
- Angry vampire - they say it's risky and reckless! (5,3)
- Pulse, could be jumping or a runner (4)
- Moons, perhaps, as Ali settles uncomfortably (10)

DOWN

- Go into debt - finished, stalemate (8)
- Conclude objective (3)
- Trades in dubious leads (6)
- Another stalemate - I'm over it! (7)
- Briar rose in elegant profusion (9)
- In an irresolute sort of manner, peacekeepers and detectives in action over the fringes of larceny (11)
- 19, perhaps - and you can do it to a tomato! (6)
- Bargaining for the country includes self-importance, territory and unity (11)
- Irrational anger in supports for adolescents (9)
- I call myself a ghost - it provides cover (8)
- Dead end - it's hard to play! (4,3)
- Plead, fib, exhorts Spooner demanding extra (3,3)
- Loot - betting on fossil fuel (5)
- Yes, Italian embraces a thousand in winter sport (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Cricket stroke through the off side (5,5)
- Constellation; can be Major or Minor (4)
- Vehicle's front light (8)
- Freight carried by ship (6)
- Very handsome man (6)
- Paid position requiring little work (8)
- Wicketkeeper's mode of dismissing (6,6)
- Yesteryear (3,5,4)
- Distinguish (3,5)
- Most diffident (6)
- Compel (6)
- Horizontal cricket shot (5,3)
- Edible seed or seedpod (4)
- Orbiting artificial bodies (10)

DOWN

- Exceed one's bank balance (8)
- Finish (3)
- Agreements (6)
- Deadlock (7)
- Briar rose (9)
- Hesitatingly (11)
- Various (6)
- Discussion leading to agreement (11)
- Youths (9)
- Sun visor (8)
- Cricket shot played behind the batter (4,3)
- Cricket run after the ball has only hit the pad (3,3)
- Mar (5)
- Travel over snow (3)

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DEATH NOTICES

Sarah Jane Millyard 21.4.1981 to 26.10.2021

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Private cremation. There will be a celebration of Sarah's life at a later date.

FUNERAL NOTICES

THOMPSON DR NEIL GEORGE HUGH

07. 03. 1940 ~ 30. 10. 2021
Passed away peacefully in Byron Bay, with his wife and children by his side.

Dearly loved husband of Elaine for over 51 years, much loved father to Alison, Eve and Stephen, grandfather of 6 and brother to Pam.

A devoted and respected doctor in Lismore and the surrounding community for more than 25 years, he will be deeply missed. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Neil's funeral service to be held at St Paul's Anglican Church, Kingsley Street Byron Bay on Friday (November 12, 2021) commencing at 1.00pm. After the service a private cremation will take place.

No flowers by request. In lieu of flowers donations to the Lung Foundation would be appreciated via the link 'https://bit.ly/3w2V16m' or may be left with funeral director on the day.

GUARDIAN FUNERALS
BALLINA 6686 7036

Mary Elizabeth Gibian nee Hawkins
Late of Ocean Shores Formerly of Tamarama NSW.
Passed away peacefully on Thursday 21st October 2021. Aged 90 Years.

Dearly loved Wife of Joe (dec'd). Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of sons John & Ron and Mother-in-law of Cathy. Cherished Grandmother of Lauren, Johnno, Michelle, Samantha, Luke & Bonnie.

Loving Great-Grandmother of Joey, Aurora, Pearl & Ollie. Loved Sister of Ron, Jean, Henry, John, Brian, Rose & Marion. Family and Friends are warmly invited to attend Mary's Funeral Service to be held at White Dove Funerals on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 2pm.

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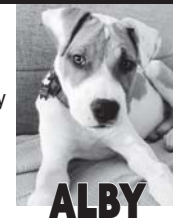
THEIA

To meet gorgeous Theia, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

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18-week-old male Bull Arab x puppy ALBY is ready for adoption. Alby is currently all legs, clumsily and cute as can be. He is a sweet, well-mannered, chilled, smart little pup who adores hanging with his humans. Alby is going to mature into a very BIG boy. He would love and suit a family who can give him lots of attention, dog socialisation and training. Alternatively, he'd make an excellent constant companion for a tradie or similar.



ALBY

Please contact Shell on 0458 461 935.
MC: 982091065070306

DOUG is a one year old male desexed pug. His new family must be experienced with pugs, someone who knows the breed and someone who will meet Doug's needs and give him enrichment that an intelligent dog like Doug needs. Doug is a good natured family dog, who loves playing with other dogs. Doug would be best without cats and would be ok with older children. Apply on line at: friendsofthepound.com/adoption-expression-of-interest
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DOUG

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DATE (Oct/Nov)	DAY/MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
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
4	TH	5:50 19:08	5:18 18:23	08:41 1.65 20:47 1.52	02:08 0.07 14:40 0.19
5	F	5:50 19:08	5:57 19:33	09:26 1.75 21:32 1.44	02:45 0.03 15:32 0.17
6	SA	5:49 19:09	6:40 20:45	10:12 1.82 22:18 1.33	03:23 0.04 16:27 0.18
7	SU	5:48 19:10	7:30 21:57	11:00 1.84 23:07 1.21	04:03 0.08 17:25 0.22
8	M	5:48 19:11	8:26 23:06	11:51 1.81 23:06	04:46 0.16 18:29 0.28
9	TU	5:47 19:11	9:29 00:01	12:46 1.74 00:11 1.10	05:35 0.26 19:35 0.33
10	W	5:47 19:12	10:34 0:07	01:04 1.01 13:48 1.65	06:32 0.37 20:45 0.37
11	TH	5:46 19:13	11:40 0:59	02:23 0.97 14:56 1.56	07:44 0.47 21:53 0.38
12	F	5:45 19:14	12:43 1:44	03:47 1.01 16:03 1.50	09:08 0.52 22:54 0.36
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Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

MONTHLY MARKETS

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

4th SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	
4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631
4th SAT	Wilson's Creek	6684 0299
4th SAT	Kyogle Bazaar	kyogletogogether.org.au
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

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE	New Brighton	6677 1345
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED	7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
Each WED	3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
Each WED	4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
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 Bluff Knob	
Each SUN	7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

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Psst – Another peaceful #reclaimtheline protest will again be held at the Qld border at Twin Towns on Sunday at noon. Spokesman Christian Marchegiani, from National Education United, said the mandates were profoundly affecting the lives of workers across multiple industries, including teachers, whose vaccine deadline is looming on November 8.

Some hot takes from the ICAC hearing with former NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian include Kate McClymont reporting that, in a call to her secret boyfriend in May 2018, Gladys suggests that Daryl Maguire, 'start bugging Health Minister Brad Hazzard to get extras for the hospital'. Perhaps the best observation goes to Daniel Bleakley, who tweeted, '[Counsel assisting ICAC] Scott Robinson has done more to hold corrupt politicians to account in the last couple of hours than the entire Australian media over the last five years'.

Vale Max Stahl, who died last week. He was a pioneering filmmaker who brought the 1991 East Timor massacre in Dili to the public's attention. Max also covered the mass murder of civilians in Serbia during the Balkan war of the '90s, and filmed countless antiwar actions in England, Europe and across the planet.

The annual review of the performance of Council's general manager was debated in secret last week by councillors who are tasked with the job. It's a document no one has ever seen outside the political tent, and we the public are left to, ahem, trust



For two decades, The Cat Empire have poured juice into our dancing shoes and joy into our hearts. But nothing lasts forever, and on the opening night of Bluesfest 2022 (April 14) the band's original line up will step onto the stage for the last time. For full Fest lineup, visit www.bluesfest.com.au. Photo supplied

councillors to make informed decisions on such matters. There's a Council meeting this Thursday and an election December 4 for those taking notice.

Patagonia says it is no longer buying Facebook ads, and is encouraging others to join them 'because Facebook spreads hate speech and misinformation about climate change and our democracy'. Patagonia tweeted on Friday, 'The internal Facebook documents released over the last few weeks have made it incredibly clear that they know the irreparable damage that their lack of accountability causes their three billion users, and the corrosive effects that has on society itself'.

A car parked outside St Martins Church in Mullum on Saturday night or Sunday morning was smashed in,

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