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## Govt proposes film production extensions

Proposed changes by the NSW government to extend the number of days (past 30) for filming as an exempt development has caused alarm for many local residents who have been affected by filming activity in recent months.

The NSW government changes are part of wider reforms aimed at 'Bringing fun back to NSW'.

Other changes include 'a complying development pathway to allow a change of use of retail premises to small live music or arts venues, including developments standards, and amendments to the Building Code of Australia'.

Submissions regarding changes to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* close on November 22. The policy can be viewed at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/the-fun-SEPP](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/the-fun-SEPP).



Affordable vegetable boxes are available every Tuesday from the Mullumbimby Community Gardens from 10am till 1pm, says president Gina Lakosta. She told *The Echo*, 'Our volunteers have created a seasonal organic vegetable garden in order to provide boxes for a small donation of just \$15. As part of our program, we also have food plots where people can pick vegetables directly in exchange for a small donation or some volunteering. We are also running some Syntropic Gardening workshops on Thursday mornings from 9.30am till 12.30pm. The garden is entirely volunteer run; everybody is welcome to come and help too, or to complete Work and Development Orders (WDOs), or do their over 55 Centrelink obligations'. Pictured is volunteer and customer, Amanda Wright, and garden co-ordinator, Ilan Menahemi. Photo Jeff 'Seasonal Since 1986' Dawson

## Emergency housing prospects 'low yield', say Council staff

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will continue to explore the possibility of building emergency housing on Lot 22 in Mullumbimby, despite an independent assessment finding that the site is subject to major planning issues and constraints.

Council has made a number of attempts at finding a way to use Lot 22 - located next to the Mullumbimby Community Garden - to help address the Shire's housing crisis.

The latest plan involved the construction of up to 100 caravan-style dwellings, that could be used for transitional supported accommodation for those at risk of homelessness, especially single mothers with children.

## Major setback

But this proposal has suffered a major setback, after assessor Mike Sviki found that less than one hectare of the 3.4-hectare site could be used as a caravan park.

'Moveable dwelling sites are required to be a minimum of 80 metres square,' a summary of Mr Sviki's assessment says.

'With fire separation distances and the need for roads, landscaping and other infrastructure, the actual [housing] yield is likely to be as low as 40 sites.'

Lot 22 was also subject to significant flooding and road access issues, the assessment found.

'The costs of extending services to the sites, as well as the cost of filling and achieving a flood resilient access across the railway line and back to Stuart Street, are likely

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## Micro solar gridlocked by NSW govt red tape

The proponent behind a micro grid solar farm and green energy storage facility in Byron Shire says that Essential Energy's policy for connecting to the 'poles and wires' grid network is cost prohibitive, and that the government owned corporation does not encourage smaller operators to provide locally produced solar energy for residents and business.

Claims by Dieter Horstmann were put to Energy Minister Matt Kean (Liberal) with no reply.

Mr Horstmann says he is

exploring a 'way of working together and offering a proposal to the Tyagarah community. First, a response is needed from the Tyagarah community to see if they are willing to make the deal with Enova Energy and other involved parties'.

Through Tyagarah Green Energy (TGE), Mr Horstmann says he has approvals and is ready to go with a 5MW solar/battery plant at his property in Tyagarah, called Byron Eco Park (BEP). He also has plans for a hydrogen power plant.

He told *The Echo* he was given

an 'offer to connect' to the State's power grid by Essential Energy for \$30,000, and that there is 'little to no incentive for operators' such as himself, given the price cost parity is similar for coal fired power stations, and that the cost is the same when paying into the grid, regardless of whether it comes from a coal fired station 100kms away, or is locally produced from solar.

## Poles and wire monopoly

Essential Energy have a monopoly on the NSW energy grid,

and according to their spokesperson, are 'responsible for providing safe and reliable energy to more than 875,000 connected customers across 95 per cent of NSW'.

*The Echo* asked Essential Energy if 'legislation needs to change to encourage smaller operators to invest into solar/battery proposals?'

An Essential Energy spokesperson instead outlined their responsibilities as a energy provider and acknowledged the Byron Eco Park proposal.



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Holly Dunn, Sam White, Charli Ridgwell, Carlin Jones, Jazz Web and Tulli Jay. Photo Jeff Dawson

A new piece of street art is about to come to life in Byron Bay, thanks to a group of inspired and talented young artists from the Byron Youth Service's <In.scribe> Youth Arts Project.

The work is being installed on Byron's Tenynson Street utility building, says Byron Youth Centre manager, Karma Barnes.

'The work has been designed and created by the team of young artists to enliven and beautify the area. The artwork responds to our natural environment in Byron Bay, while exploring the whimsical and playful

nature of youth'.

Karma says the young artists will produce a four-sided artwork in partnership with Byron Shire Council.

'The building that is being transformed lies at the southern entrance to the Byron Youth Activities Centre and was previously covered in unattractive tagging'.

The young artists are aged between 12 and 18 years of age and have been participating in the <In.scribe> program since July.

Artist Holly Dunn said, 'The <In.scribe> project has been a great opportunity to make a physical impact with my art'.

'The project has been an uplifting new experience for me', added Naomi Morrison.

Karma added, 'Through the program, the participants have been mentored in creative skills development, community arts, personal and collaborative art processes, art therapy directives and art skills development'.

The program is providing a creative outlet for the participating youth while building self-esteem, personal creative development and increased confidence in the arts.

For more information, visit [www.bys.org.au](http://www.bys.org.au).

**Ideas on COP 26 - Think global act local**

Through Tyagarah Green Energy (TGE), Byron Eco Park (BEP) wants to produce 100 per cent green energy for the community in Tyagarah.

**Green energy**

BEP has land for ECO industries and TGE can build a solar farm and green energy storage including batteries and hydrogen. We are in talks with EPCs, Engineering, Procurement and Construction companies and investors willing to coming on board with TGE. But had a hold back by COVID and Government Rules and Regulations.

We propose for the whole Tyagarah community to use 100 per cent green electricity, which would be the first microgrid in the Byron Shire with potential to be extended. TGE manager Dieter Horstmann would like to talk to Essential Energy as a provider for the infrastructure and talk to energy retailers as the metering and invoicing bodies. We can discuss and find a way of working together and offer a proposal to the Tyagarah community. First, a response is needed from the Byron Shire community to see if they are willing to make the deal with energy retailers and other involved parties.

We need Government support to make these actions. Bruce Clarke, who is running for mayor of Byron Shire, has many of the connections that can assist in making this happen. I would invite him to be part of these conversations.

**We should start with the Tyagarah Community meeting at 10am on Sunday 14 November at Ewingsdale Hall.**

We can then make appointments with energy retailers. In approaching the Government, it is necessary that we have the support and enthusiasm of Byron Shire residents who demand 100 per cent Green Energy. Please participate by signing the petition forms, soon to be available at Tyagarah Petrol Station or email [TGEgreenPower@gmail.com](mailto:TGEgreenPower@gmail.com) and copy this text: **PETITION demanding 100% green power by (your name, place of residence)...**

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**Meet the candidates calendar:**

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Tue 16 Nov	5.30 - 7.30pm	Suffolk Park Hall
Tue 23 Nov	5.30 - 7.30pm	Coorabell Hall
Fri 26 Nov	5.30 - 7.30pm	Mullumbimby RSL
Tue 30 Nov	5.30 - 7.30pm	Ocean Shores Community Centre

# Disability plan needs your input

Aslan Shand

Have you ever experienced a disability, have a family member or friend with a disability, or have you just noticed someone struggling to manage in the community?

Whether you have a permanent or temporary disability, you will have experienced the challenges that come with not being fully able in the broader community and the impact that this can have; from not being able to access shops, or playgrounds, to engaging and accessing services.

Currently, Byron Shire Council are seeking feedback on what makes a community inclusive and 'All Welcome' says local Andy Graeme-Cook, who is a member of Council's Disability Access Committee Working Group.

'We have the survey for the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) that we want as many people with as many opinions as possible to respond to,' Andy told *The Echo*.

Council's Project Officer Collaboration Lead, Dr Claire Baker said, 'We urge everyone



Andy Graeme-Cook and his carer, Tara Jackson. Photo Jeff Dawson

living with disability, whether it's visible or invisible, or a mental health condition, to get online and fill out our survey by November 19.'

Depending on the figures you use, Andy says 27 per cent of the population, or one in five people have a disability, and that including disability in the future and current planning for the region needs to be more than a box ticking exercise.

He says that there are positive moves being made by Byron Shire Council around inclusion.

'In Brunswick, the Electric Mermaid barber, he's gone and purchased a ramp to

ensure people are included and he lends it to other businesses,' said Andy.

'Federal Village sought out our advice on planning their urban spaces for disability.'

'This is really important as around 20 per cent of our tourists have a disability.'

Sharing lived experience and having respectful conversations is vital says Andy's partner Cath.

'People don't understand what they are doing wrong in the development and planning process without these conversations.

'For example, the new Railway Park playground received excellence awards

– yet as a child in a wheelchair you can't enter it'.

'We need as many people with ideas and input from all levels and ages of disability to respond to the DIAP survey,' says Andy.

'This can include parents, aged care workers, care givers and people with both visible and invisible disability.'

Dr Baker said that 'Our theme for this new DISP is "All Welcome" because when something is accessible, everyone can use it, and when something is inclusive, everyone can take part.

'We want to know what things in the Shire are hard to do and what Council can do to help,' she said.

## Easy read version

The Your Say Byron Shire survey is available at [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/all-welcome](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/all-welcome).

The survey is also available in an easy read version that is accessible to a wider audience, such as people with intellectual disability, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and people of all ages with low levels of literacy.

## Meet The Candidates in Bangalow, December 1

With local Council elections coming up on December 4, *The Bangalow Herald* are hosting a 'Meet The Candidates' evening from 6pm till 8pm, Wednesday December 1, at the Bangalow Bowlo.

BayFM journalist, Mia

Armitage, will be moderating a Q&A with candidates live on stage. Organisers say, 'This is a community event, so feel free to stay after, share a drink and have an informal chat with our mayoral candidates and their teams.'

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## SAE student wins at Munich Music Video Awards

SAE Creative Media Institute's David Ciura has taken the world by storm with his film, *Who is Nate Nixon?*

The short won Best Musical Film at the Munich Music Video Awards earlier this year, and featured as part of David's major project for his Master of Creative Industries (MCI) degree.

The film was written and directed by David, and features him as the title character, with his own original music.



David Ciura. Photo supplied

### Metaphor for creatives

He says the film is a metaphor for creatives everywhere, 'that you should never give up on your hopes and dreams.'

'The 12 minute film centres around singer Nate Nixon who's from 1987, and following an incident ends up in the year 2020', David said.

'During the story, Nate connects with old friends he hasn't seen for over 30 years, and collaborates with a woman called Leigh in a new band - and it ends up being this interesting concoction of eighties and present-day

music, which I composed.'

During the course of writing the film, David realised he had to be the one to play Nate Nixon.

He says the cinematography for the film was inspired by Hollywood films like *La La Land* and *Only God Forgives* and was born out of music David was working on separately.

'I had a few instrumental songs that had a distinct eighties vibe to them, and then I had the idea for a time travelling character for my major project.

'As I started to work on the lyrics for the songs more, I realised that the music and

the film were intertwined and complemented each other.'

The SAE graduate said the short was filmed over the course of three days.

'We were on a tight schedule, so we worked long days and got it all done within the three days. We used a lot of equipment from SAE for the film and some other students helped out on it also.

'I was really lucky to get the support of my supervisor, Toby Wren. Toby has a film and music industry background, which meant he gave me some excellent feedback on how to improve certain elements - he really was a great match.'

## 'Low yield' emergency housing prospects

► Continued from page 1 to be excessive and difficult to balance against the low yield while still achieving low-cost accommodation,' the summary said.

The assessment also found that any development application for transitional supported accommodation on the site would involve considerable time and expense, and 'would have a low probability of success' if approved.

However, with the region's housing crisis worsening, interim Mayor Michael Lyon and a bare majority of councillors were not willing to completely give up on the plan.

Cr Lyon moved that preparation of a development application be suspended, but that Council continue to attempt to resolve the access issues on the site.

This included contacting the landowner to the east of the site, and speaking to Transport for NSW about the possibility of gaining access across the rail line.

'Yes we need to look for alternative sites, but we've been looking for a long time,

and there's nothing there,' Cr Lyon said.

'We need to tell our community "This isn't looking good", because it isn't looking good.

'But let's give [hope to] those people in our community that want to try and find a way through.'

The shortage of rental accommodation in the Shire is becoming more acute with the approach of the summer peak period, as some landlords chase quick dollars by moving long-term rental properties (and their renters) onto such platforms as Airbnb.

During the public access section of last week's meeting, Sama Balson from the Women's Village Collective said that in the space of 24 hours the collective had received requests for help from seven single mothers who were facing eviction to make way for holiday letting.

### Not fit for purpose

'The responsibility for helping people in this type of situation cannot lay solely on the shoulders of not-for-profit organisations,'

Ms Balson said.

Labor councillor, Paul Spooner, agreed that the crisis needed to be addressed, but said Lot 22 was not fit for purpose and should be abandoned as a site for emergency accommodation.

'I don't want us to make the mistake of drilling down into something that's going to be far too expensive and far too difficult, at the expense of other options,' Cr Spooner said.

'In an emergency, you don't go following lines that are not going to be productive. Let's send a clear message that, yes, we looked at this, but it's not going to happen.

'The best option is to draw a line under it and then move on to other possibilities.'

In the end, councillors were split four-four on the question of whether to continue exploring the plan or abandon it completely.

Cr Lyon used his casting vote to get his motion over the line, meaning that the proposal lives on, at least for now.

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# Mayoral hopefuls form group to wedge other candidates

Hans Lovejoy

The announcement by three mayoral candidates that they have 'joined forces to bring better government to Council' with the interim mayor has been received as perplexing by other candidates.

While their press release said the group is led by interim Mayor, Michael Lyon, the press release came from candidate Mark Swivel (independent), and lists Labor's Asren Pugh and Bruce Clarke (independent) as the 'United Front'.

Election issues raised by the cohort include the housing emergency, infrastructure (ie reactivating the disused rail corridor), completing a Coastal Zone Management Plan, green infrastructure (bioenergy plant, solar projects) and an Arakwal/Bunjaling Cultural Centre.

All the election platforms come without any detail of how they will be achieved.

Conservative candidate Cr Alan Hunter told *The Echo* 'the announcement for better government beggars belief'.

## Failed leadership?

Cr Hunter said, 'Three of them have yet to sit through a full Council meeting, and the other is our acting Mayor who, by releasing this statement, is saying Council has failed under his leadership'.

'One of the planks fundamental to the success of a governing community body like Council is there are no backroom deals, and that every decision is open and transparent.'

'This coalition, while not illegal, breaks all these principles and sets up a caucus to set "behind closed door"



Some mayoral and councillor candidates gathered after the ballot was drawn last week. Photo Jeff 'Running Away From Council Since 1986' Dawson

deals prior to each Council meeting'.

'The community needs to be aware that it's most likely with a coalition like this they will fall short in their election promises.'

'Nothing replaces experienced and common-sense individuals working in an open and transparent environment, unlike what is clearly happening here'.

## More of the same

Mayoral candidate Duncan Dey (Greens) told *The Echo*, by tightly preferencing each other, it will just 'offer voters more of the same'.

'The Greens do not believe that more of the same is good enough'.

'Let's look at the actions of Labor and the Independents supporting them, rather than their words.'

'The Swivel, Lyon and Clarke groups have chosen to join up with the ALP, with its strong voting record on

Council in favour of development over environmental and social concerns. The self-badged "United Front" is certainly not Green, or even green.'

'The Shire now has a clear choice between these "pragmatic candidates" offering more of the same and The Greens, who have remained Green in name and green in values. We are the only group that guarantee to care more about the environment than over-development and that will always stand up for the best interests of community'.

Mayoral candidate Cate Coorey told *The Echo*, 'No-one could disagree with any of the aims of this group; they're mostly things that I, and my fellow councillors, have already been working towards, and achieving, and which are the aims of progressive candidates across the Shire. I'm not sure why they would need to band together as a separate

group to achieve them'.

The 'United Front' press release ends with 'The next term of Council will only be two and a half years long, and we need a mayor and councillors able to work together to deliver for results from day one'.

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**Alon protests against the loss of his unvaxxed teacher**

Eve Jeffery

With the November 8 deadline for double vaccination for all school staff passing on Monday, the Department of Education says that there are about 3,100 teachers who have 'still not attested their vaccination status'.

Many of the teachers involved believe the figures are possibly closer to 18,000, including all schools staff. These people are no longer allowed on school property.

Yet for one 11-year-old from Ocean Shores, it's only one teacher he cares about.

Alon Refaeli is in year 5 at Brunswick Heads Public School, and on Monday morning he also didn't make it inside the school gate.

Alon stood outside with a handwritten sign demanding his teacher be allowed to come to work.

'I want to show people that I want my teacher back, that I'm serious and I really, really want my teacher back.'

'I wanted to do something about it. The Department of Education said that basically, you need to get vaccinated if you work at school to keep your job, even a pregnant woman like my teacher.'



Ofek and Alon outside the Brunswick Heads Public School on Tuesday morning. Photo Jeff Dawson

'My teacher didn't want to put herself and her baby in danger, so she lost her job and we all lost a great teacher.'

**Unfair mandate**

Alon says that he understands the mandate but he doesn't think it's fair.

'I understand their point of view and their logic, but it doesn't mean I agree with it. I think everyone has the right to make their own decision about their own body, and not be forced or threatened to do it. What is my teacher supposed to do? Start a new career or put herself and her baby at risk?'

Alon's father Yuval says

he can't describe how proud he is to see his son acting on what he sees as wrong.

'I have never seen him so determined, so focused. I honestly thought that after sitting outside of school for one or two hours he would give up and prefer comfort. Around noontime, the principal checked to ensure that he was all right and warned him it was about to rain. Alon said "It's not a problem, we brought umbrellas".'

Yuval said he was extremely nervous about the possible responses from parents, staff and random people. 'I was also very concerned about the possible

impact that his actions might have on him at school later on. I was amazed to see how much support he received, and how emotional it was.'

Alon said that people came over and encouraged him. 'They were positive and supportive, they are glad I am doing it. There was one person that came at the end of the day and ripped off my sign and said we shouldn't hang signs on the school fence. We put the sign back together with some tape.'

Another parent at the school said she was moved to tears by Alon's action.

They said, 'I thought he was going to erect the sign at the front of the school for the day, when I returned in the afternoon, I was saddened to not see the sign up. But instead, this brave young boy was standing at the front gate at school holding the sign up. He told me he had stood there all day!'

Alon wants the Department to 'un-decree' the rule.

'It affects all of us and it is unfair. I would like them to check my teacher's case as a person. I want them to respect my teacher's reasons not to get vaccinated and to allow her to keep on teaching.'



**Request for Proposal to licence Mullumbimby Community Hall**

Byron Shire Council is calling for submissions to licence the Mullumbimby Community Hall (former the Mullumbimby Scout Hall) for a term of 5-years for community purposes.

The Request for Proposal document is available by registering on the Public MarketPlace with VendorPanel.

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Byron Shire Council is writing a new Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

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## Four-year-old twins die in housefire

Tragically two young sisters, aged four, died after a fire started inside a house at Goonengerry in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Emergency services were called to the single-storey property on Mafeking Road, Goonengerry, shortly after 4am on Sunday, responding to reports that two children were suffering from smoke inhalation.

Officers from Tweed/Byron Police District and NSW Ambulance paramedics performed CPR on both

children; however the twins, four-year-old girls were unable to be revived.

The building is part of a multiple-occupancy (MO) community, about 30km west of Byron Bay.

Detectives from Tweed/Byron PD said they will be working with fire investigators to determine the cause of the blaze, but initial reports indicate a candle may have been left burning inside the home.

A Gofundme campaign to support the father is at [www.bit.ly/30c0TyG](http://www.bit.ly/30c0TyG).

## Mayoral candidate appeals application rejection to EC

Hans Lovejoy

Self-described 'wildcard' mayoral candidate, Tom Barnett, says a 'bureaucratic hiccup' by the NSW Electoral Commission has led to his mayoral candidacy not being included on the ballot.

He said despite receiving an email from the NSW Electoral Commissioner on October 29, officially confirming that his nomination for mayor had been accepted (well before the November 3 cut off date), 'a bureaucratic hiccup led to the NSW Electoral Commission withdrawing [my] nomination after the fact.'

He told *The Echo* that the mistake was around his statutory declaration.

'Other candidates in other electorates were also left off the roll', he said.

'They are covering their own mistake.'

'My campaign slogan is "Sack The Status Quo", and the NSW Electoral Commission fiasco just reinforces that message', he said.

### Running regardless

'Hopefully the Commission will do the honourable thing and rectify their error. If they don't, my mayoral campaign will keep running regardless, because the community has asked me to represent them at a time when not many in power are doing so.'

A media spokesperson from the NSW Electoral Commission told *The Echo* that Mr Barnett has lodged a complaint, which will take an 'unknown amount of time' to process.

They also said they do not comment on individual cases, nor was it a 'high priority' for the EC.



Tom Barnett. Photo supplied

When pressed as to why it was not a high priority given Mr Barnett says it was a mistake by the EC, they replied that their focus is on the 2,900 candidates who were successful in lodging their forms.

*The Echo* has seen evidence of Mr Barnett's acceptance by the EC for candidacy.

Meanwhile, a Greens candidate has supported Mr Barnett's version of events and supported his inclusion in the December 4 election race, despite 'vehemently' disagreeing with 'many of Tom Barnett's beliefs and policies along with his methods.'

On behalf of the Byron Greens Local Government Campaign Committee, Matthew O'Reilly told *The Echo* 'Democracy works best when everyone can freely participate, no matter what their political beliefs.'

'In all cases, the Electoral Commission should err on the side of including participants and not excluding them.'

'While the Byron Greens do not agree with, or support Mr Barnett's more extremist views, we call on the NSW Electoral Commission to reinstate his nomination and include him on the Ballot for Byron Shire Mayor.'

'For the sake of free and fair grassroots democracy.'

## Greens lose Council candidate owing to housing shortage

Byron Greens candidate for the upcoming December 4 Council elections, Kate Coxall, has withdrawn, owing to what she says is an inability to secure housing in the area.

She told *The Echo*, 'We are in a housing crisis, which I have unfortunately been caught up in, at a time where I had hoped to be serving the community through resilience building, social and environmental campaigning and advocacy for the more vulnerable in our community.'

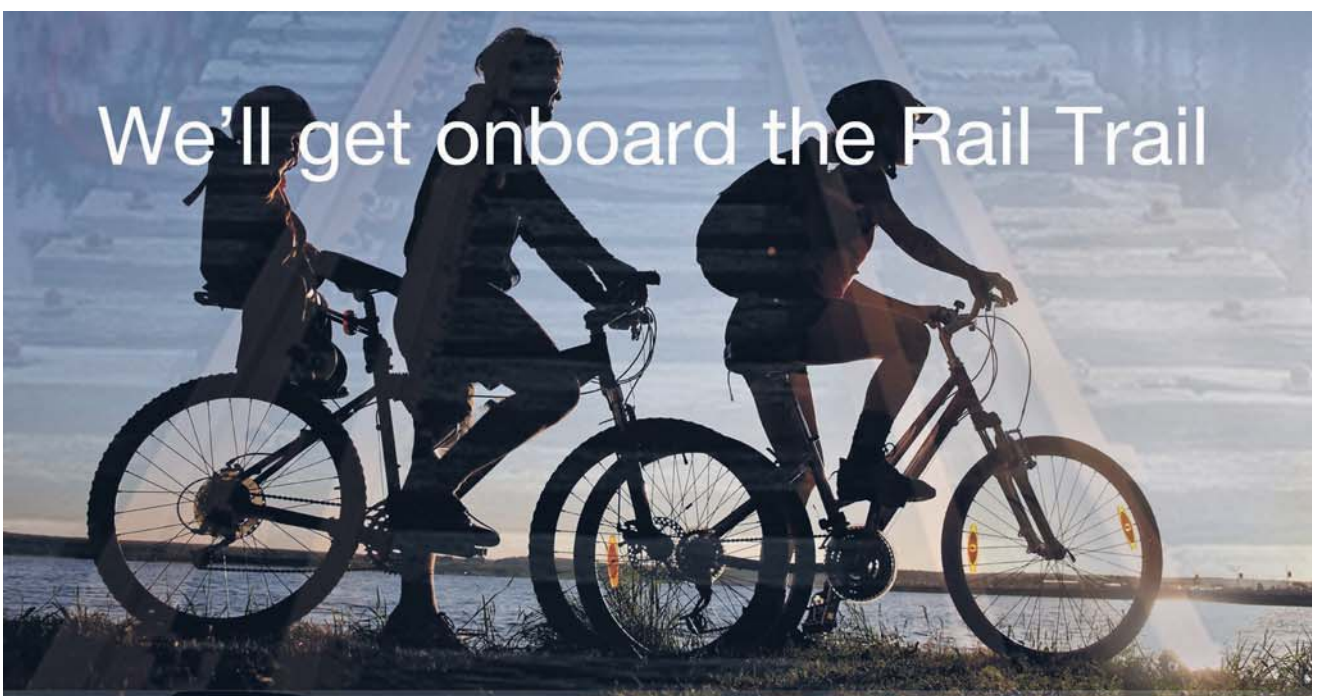
'We live in a shire where women and children are losing their homes faster than we can catch them, property prices are rising by over 30 per cent annually in some areas, and where women's contribution to society is continually being undervalued, downplayed and disregarded.'

Greens mayoral candidate, Duncan Dey, told *The Echo* she will not be replaced and that they will be campaigning with one less candidate.

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## Newcomer Chris Mcilrath campaigns for mayor

Main Arm resident Chris Mcilrath is standing for mayor and the following is his campaign platform in his own words:

'I bought 163 acres in Byron Shire in May, 1971, and moved here later that year to live in freedom. Since then I have often worked internationally in the film industry and for the UN and DynCorp in East Timor.'

'My platform is to restore the many freedoms we have lost recently under the false flag of covid plus those that have been eroded for decades and centuries by the big corporations which are ultimately run by self-confessed eugenicists. Read the Georgia Guidstones if you doubt this.'

'One of my areas of expertise is our financial system and an infinitely better system which will make everyone prosperous almost immediately with zero inflation. How is this possible? Simply by estimating the value of all goods and services in the marketplace and distributing almost equally, free to everyone adequate currency for all those goods and services to be purchased. You may want



Chris Mcilrath. Photo Hans Lovejoy

to read that again.

'The banks, who currently "create unlimited credit from nothing" (as stated to me by the Reserve Bank of Australia) go purple with rage when this idea is raised as it necessarily erases their ability to create endless 'money' from thin air.'

'All this is amid being reduced to slaves with lockdowns, as they experiment on us with dangerous 'medicines', radiations including 4G and 5G and all kinds of control enabled by clever but vacuous propaganda.'

'On the bright side, there are many practical ways to improve life in Byron Shire.'

'We can be a shining example to the world by

swapping the fear for Earth repair. We can start a community bank, which helps fund renewable economies which provide affordable housing from natural materials and powered by the sun with zero waste systems.'

'Let's be seen as the capital of Australia for making a healthy wealthy living from repairing Mother Earth: eco educational tourism; rainforest restoration and protection; biogas and pyrolysis systems to turn our shit into green biogas for power generation, and liquid fertiliser to be mixed with the biochar for carbon sequestration and soil fertility. We can turn tyres and plastics into fuel, carbon for industry

and green electricity.

'This provides jobs growing organic food, bamboo and hemp products plus medicinal and kitchen herbs.'

'The shocking truth is that a very few profoundly evil people have, in essence (we can debate the fine points) renamed flu - which has mysteriously vanished worldwide - into the supposedly terrifyingly deadly 'covid'.'

'This is achieved by the usual suspects controlling media, governments etc. and using that control to make almost everyone's lives vastly less enjoyable. Notably, all other causes of death worldwide were no more than an average year until the covid so-called vaccines were introduced - do the research.'

### COVID-1984

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## John Anderson runs for mayor

Mayoral candidate John Anderson is standing for mayor and the following is his campaign platform in his own words:

'In May this year, Council passed a resolution urging staff to obtain legal advice on the prospect of banning me from Council chambers until the election and beyond.'

'I don't know how much legal research the staff and lawyers did, but they promptly banned me for two years, citing a list of mainly spurious allegations, including claims by a female councillor that I harassed her.'

'My lawyer wrote a letter asserting that my rights had been breached because I was given no chance to respond to said allegations.'

'Council wrote back and claimed that there were no 'rights' involved, only 'privileges'.'

'They also said that even though the decision had been made, I could still offer a defence, and they might change their mind.'

'So I wrote a letter denying almost every claim made, and sent it in. No joy. My lawyer wrote a further letter, but Council ignored it.'



John Anderson

'A third letter was sent, threatening legal action, and this time staff replied that it was not their decision to revoke, it was a decision by the elected Council.'

'This is outrageous because councillors were not supplied with either the staff list of complaints against me or my rebuttal, and there was no further Council resolution.'

### SC advice

'I've now had advice from a Senior Counsel that Council only ever had the power to ban me from one meeting at a time, in response to specific disorderly conduct behaviour at that meeting.'

'I'm not across the complex legal arguments involved, but think the staff decision was in house, ie that they disobeyed the May Council resolution by doing

no serious research and just made it up as they went along, thinking that they wouldn't be challenged

'[Council's legal advisor] Ralph James in particular, might be more than slightly nervous by now.'

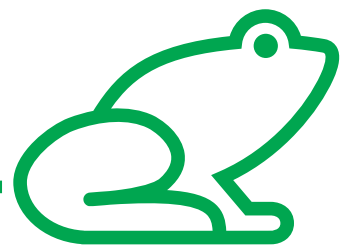
'Senior Counsels don't come cheap. So it'll be interesting to see whether Council caves in, or elects to fight and risk the legal cost they're always bragging about.'

'That decision will have to be made by councillors at their final meeting this month.'

'I think the female councillor involved might have to declare a conflict of interest and recuse herself from the decision on the basis that she has separate, but overlapping legal proceedings against me, and also because she contributed to the allegations.'

'At this stage, I am not sure how Council's decision might impact on the AVO and the breach allegations against me, but the magistrate has been alerted to the likelihood of parallel civil proceedings, and was given Council's list of allegations - but not my rebuttals, of course.'

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- ▲ Better manage our **estuaries, creeks and floodplains** and improve the health of waterways
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# Exclusive coastal residential lots given go ahead

Paul Bibby

For years the grassy meadow next to Elements Resort has been a favourite spot for local walkers, picnickers and – in recent times – the Byron Writers Festival.

But the tree-lined park is privately owned, and the various landholders are seeking to rezone it in order to create a number of large residential lots.

At last week's Byron Council meeting, this plan took a significant step forward with a majority of councillors voting to give the plan a preliminary tick.

This was despite a series of concerns being expressed in relation to the proposal, including flooding, environmental protection and the lack of a broader coastal management plan.

The plan will now go to the NSW Department of Planning for finalisation.

Should it be approved, this would see an area of largely cleared, vacant land immediately to the north-west of the Elements of Byron Resort subdivided to create nine large residential lots.

These lots would have an E4 'Environmental Living'



Land around the Elements of Byron Resort, at the northern end of Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. Image Council Agenda

zoning, which requires future owners to maintain certain environmental standards when they develop the blocks for residential use, and into the future.

A wide pathway allowing beach access through the park is included in the rezoning proposal.

## Flooding concerns

During the public access section of last week's meeting, former Mayor, Jan Barham, presented a series of photos from 2005 that showed a significant part of the site under water during a flood event.

'This site has a history of flood and erosion... that must be considered...'

'The flood modelling [undertaken by the developer] appears not to take into account previous flooding.'

'This is a serious issue that puts Council at serious risk of legal and financial action.'

Partly in response to these flooding concerns, Cr Sarah Ndiaye (Greens) moved a motion that Council not support the rezoning of the land.

Cr Ndiaye also argued that the E4 zoning failed to provide adequate environmental protection, noting that the area was 'critical habitat for some wildlife listed as endangered in NSW and Qld'.

She also asserted that the rezoning was premature given that a coastal management plan for the Byron coastline had yet to be developed, and the land in question was not part of any broader residential strategy for the area.

'I don't see the broader community benefit,' Cr Ndiaye said. '[As] an area that is subjected to flooding, this is an inappropriate use for this site.'

'As pointed out this morning, evidence [of past flooding] needs to be considered as much as modelling.'

Cr Ndiaye also pointed out that, once the subdivided

blocks had been purchased, it would be virtually impossible to ensure that the new owners adhered to the environmental requirements under the E4 zoning.

But Labor councillor Jan Hackett, a long-term user of the site, who previously owned a business nearby, described the case against the rezoning as 'concocted and alarmist'.

'You say the site is heavily flood prone, but all of the Belongil catchment is flood prone, and this is actually the last part of the site to go under,' Cr Hackett said.

'A lot of work has been done on this area, and there has been no more flooding in this area unless the drain is blocked.'

Interim Mayor, Michael Lyon, then moved that the proposal be given a preliminary green light, on the condition that the proponent submit a vegetation management plan, and the width of the beach access through the site be doubled to 20 metres.

This motion was passed by a margin of six votes to two, with Cr Ndiaye and independent councillor Cate Coorey voting against.

# Cr Cameron quits mayoral race

Independent councillor, Basil Cameron, says he will not contest the upcoming mayoral and Council elections, to be held December 4.

He said on social media, 'After thirteen years as a councillor, five years as Deputy Mayor, it is time to pass the baton to others'.

'This has been a difficult decision, because I have loved every minute of being a councillor, and it has been the greatest privilege to represent the people of Byron Shire. Being a councillor is also a very demanding role that requires a big commitment of time to do well.'

'Contrary to what headlines may suggest, the greatest satisfaction comes outside the chamber and working directly with resident, community and business groups on projects that matter.'

'In this term alone the Mullumbimby Masterplan, Bangalow Village Plan, Heritage House refurbishment, Mullumbimby Hospital site, South Golden Beach fitness park, Suffolk Park pump track and Linda Vidler Park have all progressed.'

'As Chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, delivering the Bike Plan,



PAMP and Transport Strategy have been highlights, along with the Byron-Suffolk cycleway and design work for a Brunswick-Mullumbimby cycleway. On two issues close to my heart, I have been able to achieve a better focus on heritage issues and improvements in road safety and pedestrian access as Chair of both the Heritage Panel and Local Traffic Committee.

'I am particularly proud of early Notices of Motion I took to Council that achieved a ban on CSG mining in the Shire, and the establishment of a Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) following the GFC. At the time, Council's finances were in a dire state, and councillors lacked the information to make well judged decisions.'

'Thank you to all the many wonderfully skilled people in our community who are prepared to contribute to our collective wellbeing.'

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**Photos from a visit to Lismore's Sleeping Lizard**

Last weekend a group of photographers and conservationists made a trek up Banyam Baigham, Lismore's Sleeping Lizard, to capture images of the landmark reptile for posterity.

**Tweed's greyhound megatrack an 'economic disaster'**

There are so many people opposed to the prospect of having a greyhound track in the Tweed area, it's a wonder it's still on the table, yet the plans for the 'megatrack' appear to be moving forward.

**CSIRO to look at Northern Rivers water security**

Water is the lifeblood of any community and it is essential to ensure that it is clean and drinkable, not only for the sake of agriculture and human consumption, but also for the sake of local non-human populations and ecosystems.

**Call for removal of 'illegal' election signs**

Three Lismore mayoral candidates have united to publicly call for the immediate removal of oversized signage, which they say has been illegally installed by another candidate's team.

**Tweed local council candidates also told to obey signage rules**

With less than four weeks to go until the NSW Local Government election, candidates and their supporters are being reminded that they must comply with State and Council regulations when erecting signage.

**Albert Park's ground #3 now known as Shailes Field**

In Lismore, local softball identity Kayleen Shailes was honoured by having one of the grounds at the Albert Park Baseball Softball Complex, named after her.

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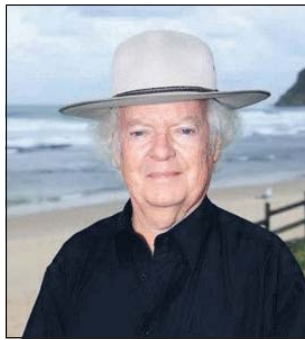
**Ballina's David Wright hangs up mayoral hat**

Mia Armitage

After 34 years serving on Ballina Council, eleven of them as Mayor, Cr David Wright successfully delayed answering repeated questions, throughout much of 2021, as to whether or not he would run again.

Back in September when elections were at one point due, Cr Wright said he wanted to wait until the official deadlines for announcing candidature.

The long-serving mayor told *The Echo* at the time he was focused on Ballina's 'movie industry' and to be fair, he was literally on the phone from a movie set.



Ballina Mayor, David Wright. Photo supplied

The Ballina Shire Council had recently approved leasing an old quarry site to Byron Studios and Cr Wright said he was busy doing all he could to fast-track the process so film production could continue.

The mayor's obvious energy and enthusiasm for getting involved in significant local issues are enduring qualities that have earned him an Order of Australia Medal, not that Cr Wright cares too much for such gestures; he didn't even bother attending the ceremony.

**Flamboyant, humble**

The flamboyant yet humble man with wild hair, often constrained by an iconic wide-brimmed hat, has long been known for his candid manner with media and direct rapport with constituents, even when they disagree with his views.

He says he is still deeply

affected by a deadly 2015 shark encounter on Ballina's Shelly Beach.

Forty-one-year-old Japanese Australian, Tadashi Nakahara, died after a shark, suspected to be a great white, attacked him in early February 2015.

The mayor has been in contact with the first responder, Darren Rogers, ever since, and speaks of a plaque dedicated to Mr Nakahara at a lookout over Shelly Beach.

He named drone surveillance as the 'gamechanger', but said increased smart drums and helicopters were also a huge help.

'Ballina Shire has the

best beach safety program in the country,' Cr Wright said, before explaining how conversations with Tasmanian Greens Senator, Peter Wish-Wilson, led to the introduction of counselling services for surf life-savers otherwise left vulnerable to post-traumatic stress disorder after rescue efforts.

After eight elections, and dealing with all sides of state politics, Cr Wright said it seemed strange to be missing in action from the campaign trail but expressed no regrets.

'It's been an absolute privilege serving this community,' the outgoing mayor said.

**Spring sale for Bruns this weekend**

The Brunswick Heads business community says its positive COVID-19 recovery comes with new and exciting initiatives.

Brunswick Heads Chamber spokesperson, Kim Madai told *The Echo* that businesses have been very grateful for local support that helped them rise above the enormous challenges created by severe staff shortages, as well as vaccination and border restrictions.

Kim said, 'To celebrate, we're staging an All-Town Spring Sale, similar to the very popular All-Town Clearance Sale last year, and the Old & Gold, which sadly had to be cancelled this year.'

'We welcome locals and visitors to Bruns this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, from 9am-5pm to enjoy a spring picnic or meal, a cruise, paddle, massage, swim or walk.

'And while you're here, have some fun shopping for bargains and deals at our great range of retail outlets', she said.

'Make sure you pick up a passport at any of the sale locations, and be in the draw to win \$200 worth of Bruns Gift Vouchers that you can spend in any Bruns business.

'When you spend \$10 in any participating shop, you receive a Love Bruns sticker for your passport. Collect 10 stickers, and pop the completed passport into the draw box by 5pm Sunday or first thing Monday, at convenient locations around the town. The winner will be announced on November 19'.

Cherie Heale, the Chamber's Marketing Manager, instigated the creation of the

new 'Taking Care of Bruns' website, [www.takingcareofbruns.org.au](http://www.takingcareofbruns.org.au), as a portal to encourage shop local initiatives to support businesses during the lockdowns and restrictions.

'All the not-to-be-missed special offers available during our spring sale weekend will be listed on the "Bruns Doing Business Page" as well as on social media platforms', said Cherie.

**Vollies wanted**

'We've lost a few volunteers during Covid and we are urgently seeking new enthusiastic team members to be trained up before summer', she said.

'Please call Melinda on 6685 1003 if you're interested in supporting the Visitor Centre and town'.

'We're now greatly

looking forward to welcoming our visitors'.

**Free booklet**

Cherie added, 'The Visitor Centre created a "While you are here" booklet, which is being given out at accommodation on arrival, encouraging our temporary locals to support as many of our tourism providers as possible. Those who do, will go into the draws to win \$100 worth of Bruns Gift Vouchers at the end of November, December and January.

'Each project has been focused on helping one another, with the hope that local residents, businesses and visitors will all chip in to do whatever they can to buy local and keep the money multiplying in the local community to recover from COVID-19'.

**Tweed rail trail project received 'no consultation'**

Tweed councillor, Katie Milne, has supported comments from Northern Rivers Rail representative, Lydia Kindred, regarding the lack of public consultation around Tweed Council's rail trail project.

Last week, *The Echo* published Ms Kindred's opinion piece on how the public had its rail services eventually taken away, owing to 'vested interests'.

Cr Milne told *The Echo*, 'There has been no consultation about an on-formation [track removal] versus an off-formation [leaving the

tracks] option, ever since the inception of the idea from Barry Longland in 2009, ie not just since I was mayor, except for the adjacent landholders, and yes, most of them objected very strongly'.

'And yes, we were threatened on the day of the meeting with losing our funding by the funding authority if it wasn't on formation. [Chair of Destination North Coast] Cameron Arnold also advised on the day of the meeting this was a requirement supported by [then deputy premier] John Barilaro'.

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Numbers are limited and subject to public health orders. Entry by donation. This event will also be live on Bay FM 99.9 and via [www.bayfm.org](http://www.bayfm.org) from 6pm.



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The Bangalow Herald are hosting this evening. BayFM journalist, Mia Armitage, will be moderating a Q&A with candidates live on stage. Organisers say, 'This is a community event so feel free to stay after, share a drink and have an informal chat with our mayoral candidates and their teams'.



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# Election wedges

Since the ballot was drawn last week, all the candidates are now presented on a platter before a hungry electorate.



**One of the ugliest aspects of politics (and there are many) is when a group of actors conspire together to wedge their opponents. How will the voting public respond on December 4?**

Are you hungry for change?

Voters looking for fresh, new leadership after the December 4 Council elections will likely be disappointed to learn that three mayoral candidates, who are not currently councillors, have joined themselves at the hip to acting Mayor, Michael Lyon.

A 'United Front' press release by four candidates said the group is led by Cr Lyon, and includes candidates Mark Swivel (Independent), Asren Pugh (Labor) and Bruce Clarke (Independent).

It's a confusing message because the election issues the 'united' four raised are popular issues everyone would support. They include reactivating the disused rail corridor (without saying how), completing a Coastal Zone Management Plan, green infrastructure (bioenergy plant, solar projects) and an Arakwal/Bunjalung Cultural Centre.

If anything, these candidates look to be aiming a little too low.

Are these four candidates closet underachievers?

Their announcement seems less about election issues, and more about their preference deals and united support for each other.

Boys' club united!

As the only female mayoral candidate, Cr Cate Coorey pointed out on page 5, that the election issues they've raised (except the Cultural Centre) is stuff Council have been working on for some time.

Anyway, dear voter, it's all so confusing, because the three candidates buddying up to Cr Lyon are calling for change of leadership, while appointing him as a 'leader'.

Candidate Bruce Clarke wants a 'refreshing' of Council, according to his PR. Candidate Asren Pugh's first press release opined, 'we need a Mayor, and a Council, that will drive a positive vision that puts our community at its heart'.

And candidate Mark Swivel has said in one of his many, many press releases, 'Byron needs change and energy, a more professional and positive approach to Council'.

The problem facing Bruce Clarke, Mark Swivel, and Asren Pugh is that Cr Michael Lyon is dead weight. And part of the problem.

He was elected as a Greens councillor in 2016, then quit because he wasn't supported by that party. He is the protégé of the former Greens mayor, who undermined that party by supporting National Party politics.

The former mayor, and now the current one, have done little to improve trust, transparency and accountability. Both looked to staff for opinions and acted as their protection racket.

Executive Council staff have firmly been in control for a long time, and this announcement by these candidates - so far - offers nothing new in the slightest. If anything, shouldn't this campaign be about trust?

Other candidates running are current councillors Cate Coorey (left of centre) and Alan Hunter (right of centre), former councillor Duncan Dey (Greens), Chris McIlrath (Independent) and longtime Council agitator, John Anderson (Independent).

Candidate Tom Barnett ('Wildcard' Independent), is yet to settle his dispute with the NSW Electoral Commission (see page 7).

Should be a fun couple of weeks!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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

# Horse trading the planet's future

With the excitement of the horse race that stops a nation, the Melbourne Cup, ringing in my ears, it seems appropriate to reflect on the position adopted by Prime Minister Morrison and his coalition government on net zero emissions by 2050.

The PM seems to be having a bet each way; on one hand he appears reluctant, or unwilling, to be the leader we so desperately need.

Morrison also seems to be blind to fossil fuels as a potent force with respect to mitigating carbon emissions, but curiously he acknowledges that change is inevitable declaring: 'For Australia, it is not a question of if for net zero, but how'.

After reaching an agreement with the Nationals the PM has taken a net zero 2050 emissions target to the Glasgow COP26 climate summit, but the details and modelling are at best scant.

I would have been more comfortable if Australia's message to COP26 represented a mandate from Australians, rather than simply a deal hatched between political parties.

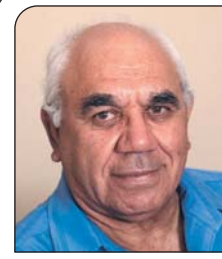
There is no debate about the important role that fossil fuels play with respect to employment and economic growth, but equally important is the need to acknowledge how destructive and unsustainable these particular energy sources are.

In light of this, surely it behoves governments, industry leaders, indeed humanity, to adopt a future proofing view on such matters by committing to renewables as an energy source if the planet, and therefore humanity, is to survive.

This is not scaremongering, it's climate science.

I confess that I remain cynical about whether there is genuine political and industry resolve to accept and deal with climate change as a quintessential threat.

My cynicism is fuelled, in part, by the vision of Morrison, then Federal Treasurer, marching into parliament in 2017 with a lump of coal in hand and taunting the house with quips such as: "Don't be afraid, don't be scared, it won't hurt you."



*'I spoke about my experiences with racism and poverty and the fear and uncertainty that many young people of my generation had'*

**Professor Bob Morgan**

The stunt came after South Australia had experienced a devastating blackout and the then treasurer warned '...if Bill Shorten becomes the prime minister, all the lights will go off around the country.'

This political lunacy and theatre contrasts with a conversation I had with some young people over dinner one evening.

We discussed a number of matters, including the issues that had worried us older ones as we were growing up.

I spoke about my experiences with racism and poverty and the fear and uncertainty that many young people of my generation had, including the Vietnam war, Apartheid in South Africa, and the possibility of a cataclysmic global nuclear war.

I shared the fear I felt as a young 13-year-old in 1962, when the USA and Soviet Union squared off over the Soviet's plan to install missile launching capabilities in Cuba, just over 100 miles off the southern coast of the USA.

These were tense times, and the world held its collective breath as it watched with fear and uncertainty the unfolding events.

Thankfully the threat of nuclear oblivion was avoided, but the fear has never been completely eradicated.

After a few more stories, laughter and food I asked the young ones what their concerns were as Australia, and the rest of the world, marches headlong into their future and the 21st century.

They identified two main issues that concerned them; climate change and social inequality.

I had a sense that the young ones genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to share their views because their

voice is often ignored, underestimated and mostly reduced to notions of unpragmatic idealism.

Similar sentiments were shared by US National Youth Poet Laureate and activist, 23-year-old Amanda Gorman, speaking at US President Joe Biden's inauguration where she shared her poem *The Hill We Climb* reciting:

'And yes, we are far from polished, far from pristine, but that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect.

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And so, we lift our gaze, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.

We seek harm to none and harmony for all.'

Ah, the wisdom of youth.

I hope that the current generation of decision-makers, many of whom will unlikely be around in 2050, realise they have no right to deny youth, nor the planet, their common and shared future.

'We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.' - Native American proverb

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## Exploitation

A big thanks to Michele Grant for expressing the deadly circumstances deliberately imposed upon many thousands of vulnerable Australians (*Echo*, 3 November).

Indeed the discriminatory policies applied by the Centrelink Corporation towards the sick and unemployed are a crime against humanity.

I am a 63 year old grandmother trying to support a family that has been excluded from home ownership through the implementation of government monetary policies that are only for the benefit of those who are not in need. Centrelink's demands to perform voluntary work are not affordable on Newstart Allowance owing to transport costs and health issues that also make this impossible for me. The fact that this would also create greater hardship for my family is not worthy of consideration either.

The Robodebt case is proof that Centrelink strives to exploit the disadvantaged by any means, lawful or not. The government is now scrambling to regulate against ever being held



Cartoon by Alister Lockhart [www.alisterlockhart.net](http://www.alisterlockhart.net)

responsible for the human consequences of their own savage policies.

The pandemic has shown that the 'balancing the budget' excuse for financial persecution is just another lie.

During this traumatic time so called 'public servants' have enjoyed further salary increases, and corporations received the funding desperately needed by those without assets.

However, the incorrect assumption that financial status correlates with intelligence gives grounds for hope. The underprivileged majority are painfully aware of the magnitude of our

national theft, despite media censorship. Insatiable greed, by its very nature, cannot be forever sustained, and it seems that our political and corporate parasites don't even realise that they are actually dependant on their 'hosts' for their own survival.

Lisa Purnell  
Pottsville

## True colours

What an enormous week we had with our PM showing his true colours. He was lying, as he quite often does, to the Australian public with the support of the Murdoch press, about the submarine contract change, and the French PM said quite clearly that he did.

Is it really true that Santos, a known gas and oil company, was allowed to be front and centre of the Australian pavilion at the COP26, advertising their carbon capture model? Is it really true that most delegates left the room when our PM held his

speech there? What shameful moments for Australia on the world stage!

Here, on the local level, I just learnt from Nan and Hugh Nicholson, well-known authors of books about Australian rainforest plants, who've been walking around the Lismore CBD with a sandwich board, offering to answer questions about the proposed Danoon Dam, that all independent candidates in Lismore are in favour of the proposal with its inherent destruction of Indigenous heritage sites and rainforest! Bye bye clever country, welcome to the banana republic.

Chibo Mertineit  
Lillian Rock

## Vote for Clive Palmer

I have been shocked to hear that some locals may vote for Clive Palmer, the mining billionaire who intends to buy the next election through spending mega

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The Byron Shire has approximately 25,000 eligible voters, of whom about 20,000 voted in 2016. Most voters are residents, but non-residents (like property owners or ratepaying lessees) can also vote if they are on the non-residential roll.

Byron Shire is one of 35 local government areas in NSW that has a separate direct election for mayor, as well as the elections for the remaining eight councillors, so there will be two ballot papers on December 4.

### Byron Shire 2016 results

There were 24,856 electors last election. The mayor was elected first (Richardson) from a field of six, followed by eight councillors elected from a field of 36: Lyon (Greens at the time), Spooner (CLP), Martin (Greens at the time), Ndiaye (Greens), Cameron (OSF), Hunter, Hackett (CLP), Coorey (IND).

The importance of being grouped shows here, as once Richardson (number 1 on the Greens ticket) was elected mayor, he was no longer a councillor candidate, and therefore if people just voted '1' above the line for Greens then all Richardson's councillor votes went to the number 2 Greens (Lyon) and so on down the Greens ticket. The top three Greens in 2016 (Richardson, Lyon, Martin) are no longer Greens, and only the last Greens elected (Ndiaye) is recontesting as a Greens in 2021.

### How to vote

For the mayoral election, you simply number the boxes in your order of preference. Both the mayoral and councillor elections are optional preferential, so if your first-preferred candidate is knocked out, or if they have spare preferences after they are elected, those preferences will go to your second-choice candidate and so on. Therefore if you want to maximise your voting impact it's important to keep giving preferences rather than just put a single '1'.

### Above the line

You can vote above the line, or below the line, but not both (if you do, your vote may be declared invalid). Above the line voting makes it easy to

vote for a 'group', and your preferences will be allocated within that group.

If you vote above the line, you need only place a '1' in that box. But be aware that, especially if you vote for a relatively unpopular group, your preferences will be 'exhausted' before counting is finished, so if you have a 'second-choice' group then you should put a '2' or even keep numbering squares above the line for as long as you can bear it.

### Below the line

If you want to vote for 'ungrouped' candidates, you need to vote 'below the line'. However, once you've started voting 'below the line' you can also vote for 'grouped' candidates, you just can't number anything 'above the line' (or your vote may be declared invalid). To make a valid vote, you need to number at least four squares 'below the line'. It's always a good idea to keep numbering squares below the line for as long as you can, otherwise your voting preferences may be 'exhausted' before the counting has finished.

### Postal voting

You can only vote 'in person' in your own LGA. So, if you'll be out of your LGA on election (for example you'll be in Sydney on December 4), you need to do a 'Postal Vote'. You can get the form online from now, but the forms will be mailed to you, so apply early. Or you could 'iVote' online. Because of COVID, polling will not be conducted in, for example, retirement homes, but those residents can apply to postal vote.

### Online voting (iVote)

People who are out of their LGA on election day (or are otherwise eligible for online voting see [https://elections.nsw.gov.au/Voters/Online-voting-\(iVote\)/Eligibility-for-iVote](https://elections.nsw.gov.au/Voters/Online-voting-(iVote)/Eligibility-for-iVote)) can apply to vote online from 22 Nov. You need to set a password, and receive an email for online voting.

### Pre-poll

Anyone enrolled can vote early from November 22, but only in your own LGA.

► Continued from page 15 millions on advertising, and spin on policy.

Think twice – we may have our very own Trump clone ruling the nation through balance of power or even, as he intends – forming government! Just like Trump he is promising 'to do politics differently' and make 'Australia Great'. Yet in his previous forays into government he became known for doing the opposite of what he promised and for falling asleep in and not attending most government sittings.

Famous for last minute, high drama, chaotic, contradictory negotiations that played to the media and made no sense – just like Trump – his senators ended up leaving his party.

He would attend the chambers I am sure in order to get approval for his proposed open cut coal mine north-west of Rockhampton. This is next to wetlands that feed into the waters of the Great Barrier Reef. It will produce 10 million tonnes of coal per year, involves developing Abbot Point into the largest coal export facility in the world. It will only employ 250 people because of automation, compared to the 57,000 now employed in Great Barrier Reef tourism.

The WA premier has described Palmer as an Olympic-scale narcissist and his reputation is one of leaving a trail of destruction and shattered lives in the wake of his corrupt and failed business projects. His hobby is drawn-out litigation, and in some cases he has not paid his workers millions due to them in wages and entitlements. Initially taxpayers had to pick up the bill, until he was legally mandated to meet his responsibilities.

In 2020 he was summoned to ongoing court proceedings in Brisbane on charges of fraud and other corruption. Please don't vote for Trump Palmer when the time comes!

Christina Henry  
Bangalow

### Tit-for-tat

We humans spend time wiping out the creatures that we don't like from all over the planet and now something has turned on us and is wiping a lot of us out. Tit-for-tat it seems to me.

I've had two shots of the vaccine, even though I don't think it's been trialled for long enough, because if it helps me protect other people I'll chance it. I believe in science.

Some people have their

own ethical reasons for not having the vaccine, and in a country that is still a relative democracy, I think that's their right.

I do know that locally, those in aged care and disability, volunteers and paid workers alike who haven't been immunised, can't at the moment work in their fields. This means that those who need the care aren't getting the same attention because the remaining workers are too stretched. Tough times.

Hannah Grace  
Ocean Shores

### Feasibility of trains

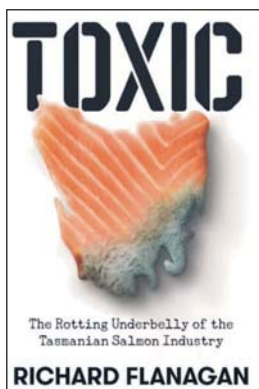
Thanks for Lydia Kindred's article (3 November) dispelling myths about the Northern Rivers train service.

The anti-train lobby, usually state government apologists, often argue that the Casino to Murwillumbah train line was unprofitable. Of course in the years immediately before closure in 2004, it was. That is because the XPT train service was based on a Sydney timetable.

However, a train service connecting our local towns to the Gold Coast, with trains running at the regular hours that people travel would be a huge success.

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## John's Much Loved Books in 2021



The decision by the NSW government to identify books as a non-essential item has led me in 2021 to read more about the misuse of power and the failure of our institutions to protect and support our communities.

Most notable is Richard Flanagan's *Toxic*. A searing account of the Tasmanian salmon farming industry and its repeated disregard for, even abuse of, local communities - be they human or ecological, Richard tracks the tragic failure of government and regulators to protect the same. As with Chloe Hooper's *Tall Man*, *Toxic* may well be most accurately placed in the True Crime section of any bookshop.

It seems entirely appropriate that the next book on my list is *Bewilderment* (Richard Powers). *Bewilderment* immerses us in the world of fathers, sons and the experience of being different. With self-effacing honesty, good humour, and sensitivity, the father narrator tackles grief, love, bullying, over-diagnosis, parenting – all within the framework of astrobiology.

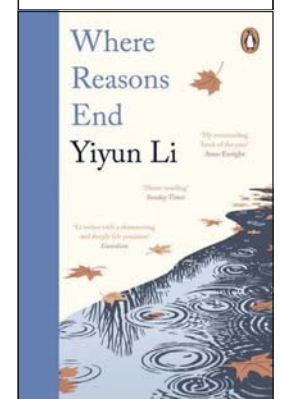
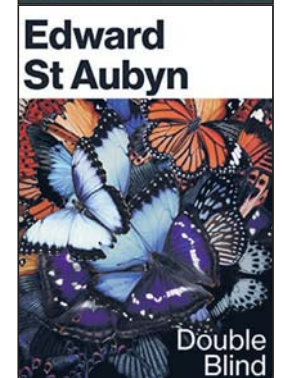
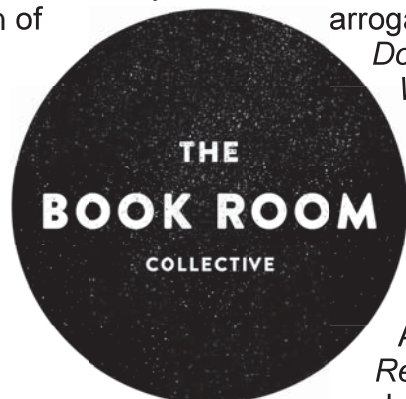
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Kate Grenville's *A Room Made of Leaves* dares to re-tell the history of Elizabeth & John Macarthur embedded in a story of courage, power and love. Kate points out that the work is fictional but the obvious depth of research behind the novel gives rise to the Zizek claim that "...beyond the fiction of reality is the reality of fiction." The depiction of power in Elizabeth's first sexual encounter with John is simply magnificent.

To complete the list of books on abuse of power, *Double Blind* takes aim at the intrinsic narcissism of venture capitalism and scientific arrogance. Playful to the point of farce, *Double Blind* is a modern *Alice in Wonderland* in which Edward St Aubyn effortlessly leaps between the worlds of epistemology and psychoanalysis.

Two other titles have shone for me this year, *Mayflies* by Andrew O'Hagan and *Where Reasons End* by Yiyun Li. Both explore contemporary issues around death, euthanasia and youth suicide. Both are astonishingly beautiful. And both are harrowing.

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# Cate Coorey

## Byron Shire Mayoral Candidate

*Listening and acting with kindness*

### About Cate Coorey

Cate's working life reflects a career that has sought social change, human rights and social justice. Some of her past roles include being media liaison officer for the East Timor resistance organisation (CNRT) during the Indonesian occupation, the Communications Director for the St Vincent de Paul Society and for the overseas development agency Union Aid Abroad/APHEDA. She has also worked for NSW parliamentarian Ian Cohen as a Media and Policy officer and for the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia.

For five years Cate produced and presented a radio program on issues in international development on Sydney's radio 2SER.

Since moving to Byron with her partner and two sons in 2011, Cate has worked in the VET sector firstly at TAFE and now at Byron Community College where she has taught Employability Skills to Permaculture and Horticulture students as well as devising courses in caring for and regenerating waterways and sustainable fashion.

Cate holds a Bachelor of Arts, an MA in Communications and Cultural Studies, and a Graduate Diploma in International Development.

Cate founded the Byron Residents' Group, driving the campaign to oppose the massive overdevelopment of West Byron, a sensitive site on Belongil Creek, where koalas and endangered frogs live and which would make Ewingsdale Road traffic unbearable. Holding three huge rallies, each of them over a thousand people, and getting 5000 signatures in opposition to the proposed subdivision, Cate and BRG led the community opposition that resulted in the JRPP rejecting the proposed subdivision. During the campaign Cate met with consecutive planning ministers, senior DPIE staff and elected representatives at State and Federal levels.

In 2016 Cate formed the Community Alliance for Byron Shire (CABS), forming a united front consisting of thirteen community and environmental organisations to advocate jointly for community and country.



***"If you run for mayor you should have experience as a councillor first and I have 5 years of it. I understand how the council functions and, in a short (3-year) term like this one, a new mayor needs to be able to hit the ground running and have the confidence of the community. I think people have seen what I have done so far and trust me to be a leader who will do the best that I can for this place we love, and its people."***

## VOTE 1 - Cate Coorey & Community Byron (Group B)



**Kim Goodrick**



**Bronwyn Morris**



**Delta Kay**

*"I have worked with, and learned from, some of the best and smartest people in the Shire in opposing overdevelopment and environmental destruction. I now have an amazing team running for Council with me in Kim Goodrick, Bronwyn Morris and Delta Kay. I am so honoured to have these women on my team. We are committed to doing the best for Byron Shire - and all its inhabitants."*



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Train travel, complemented by bus services, would be a huge bonus to the region. Many hinterland towns are being held back by the severe lack of public transport.

Simon Alderton  
Murwillumbah

**To John Anderson**

Interesting advertisement from John Anderson (3 November). Many thought I'd be upset reading it, but no. I'm just surprised that John believes I am that gullible when it comes to the political game.

I'm also more than surprised that he was unable to read between the lines of my letter. There was much more to it than defending Michael Lyon from *The Echo's* attack the week before.

John was right however, with a couple of points – I don't belong in the political arena and I hate the game play. It angers me that it has to be that way – the clash of egos instead of facts and ideas. It really is like 'Yes Minister'/'Yes Prime Minister', and staff rule – of course they do. Councillors come and go. An isolated individual councillor has little chance of 'making a difference', especially if they are also under

attack by other councillors. And finally, John, your last paragraph couldn't be more wrong. It was Duncan Dey who brought me to Council and encouraged me to become involved. We are sympatico on a number of issues close to my heart and I do support him.

That said, Asren Pugh would make the strongest mayor, by a long shot, in my books. The rest – much of a muchness! Lots of enthusiasm, little on-the-ground experience. It's hard to go past him. You said it John, Vote REAL!

Cr Jan Hackett  
Byron Bay

**Unrestrained dogs**

I am 77 years old and I have a registered Assistance dog. Twice, in two weeks, I have had to rescue my dog from being carried away and drowning in the Richmond River off the ONLY 'unrestrained' dog beach in Ballina. The beach is short, has very little flat space for ball chasing and is so heavily populated with dogs it engenders aggression.

At low tide, at waters edge, there is an immediate two metre drop. And a very strong current.

Not more than 300 metres away is Lighthouse Beach,

which, at low tide is approximately 50,000m<sup>2</sup>, with rarely more than a dozen people on it. Yet dogs have to be restrained there!

Lennox Head has a long, very wide dog beach, and Byron has two of similar size. Ballina Council, however, has previously refused to de-restrict any of the several suitable and sparsely used beaches for dogs. I'm advised that the Council has a number of anti-dog members.

More than 40 per cent of households in this region have dogs. A very large voting block. Many dog owners want change.

I suggest to Ballina dog-owning residents that you lobby the prospective candidates for the upcoming election, and vote only for those who will change this outdated, discriminating and restrictive situation.

T Parker  
Ballina

**Vax no brainer**

In Melbourne and Sydney right now there are hundreds of unvaccinated people hospitalised with COVID-19. Many are in ICU. Some will die. Some will get long COVID and suffer long-term debility. Others have chosen not to be vaccinated or seek help

when sick and have died at home. They are not all elderly.

Statistically you are many, many more times likely to be killed in a motor vehicle accident in Australia than to die by any vaccine complication – most of which are easily treated now.

As has been described elsewhere, this will be a pandemic of the unvaccinated, which is why most frontline health care workers rushed to get vaccinated as soon as we could. Sadly it is a race, and we did it for ourselves, our loved ones, as well as the community. Our small hospitals will be quickly overrun if our vaccination rates continue to lag – as happened in Shepparton Victoria – from whose experience we can learn. Or we can wait until our loved ones are very unwell, or don't make it to hospital at all.

A family member sees this on a daily basis at RMH. The COVID ward has expanded four times to take over much of the hospital, and ICU is full. The staff are burning out and patients with other problems have to wait longer to receive attention.

Dr M Cannon  
Suffolk Park

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# Time to turn Australia, and the world, around on deforestation

Aslan Shand

The news that Australia has signed the Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forest and Land Use, committing the nation to halting and reversing forest loss and land degradation by 2030 is cause for celebration. However, the fact that Australia has been declared one of the world's worst deforestation hotspots, along with Brazil and the Congo, is shameful.

'Eastern Australia has been identified by WWF as one of the world's worst deforestation hotspots,' Nature Conservation Council Chief Executive Chris Gambian said.

Signatory countries collectively account for more than 80 per cent of the globe's forests.

Just last week it was reported by the BBC that a study of forests that are protected as UNESCO World Heritage sites revealed that ten of the world's most protected forests have become net emitters of carbon, meaning that they had emitted more carbon than they had locked away, over the past 20 years 'as they are

degraded by human activity and climate change.'

## Australia no better

In April 2020 it was reported by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) that land clearing in NSW had jumped by a staggering 1,300 per cent under the new (weakened) biodiversity and conservation laws that were implemented in late 2017 by the NSW Liberal-National government.

The 'Latest land clearing data shows 150 hectares of wildlife habitat is bulldozed or logged every day in NSW, almost twice the average annual rate recorded before the Coalition overhauled nature laws in 2016,' said Mr Gambian.

'The annual Statewide Land and Tree Study (SLATS) data shows 54,500 hectares of forest were destroyed for farming, forestry and development in 2019.

'Deforestation is not only driving climate change, it is pushing species to the brink, including koalas, which are on track for extinction by 2050 without urgent action.'

Nineteen billion dollars has been committed as part of the Declaration,

however, this is not enough according to Federica Bietta, co-founder of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, when interviewed on the BBC World Service.

'Unfortunately, [over] the past 15 years working on these issues we saw so many commitments and so many statements from leaders. But if it is not backed by tools, by implementation and real finance [it won't achieve its aims] - and we're not talking about the \$19b committed today,' she said.

'We have done analysis, and to reduce and reverse global deforestation in the next ten years we really need \$100m per year. So, we are talking about a trillion for the next decade. Unless we pay to keep these [trees] standing and we pay [loggers and farmers] more than the opportunity cost that is there [to cut them down] we are not going to reverse deforestation.'

## End land clearing

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) has called on the NSW Government to immediately act on Tuesday's COP26 commitment to stop clearing NSW forests.

'The United Nations Environment Programme's Production Gap Report identifies that by 2030, governments' production plans and projections would lead to around 240 per cent more coal, 57 per cent more oil, and 71 per cent more gas than permitted [if we're going] to limit global warming to 1.5°C,' said NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh.

It also identifies that Australia is now the world's largest coal exporter and the second largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) exporter, and that from 2019 to 2030 the Australian government intends increases in coal, oil, and gas production of 4 per cent, 32 per cent, and 12 per cent, respectively.

'Given that forests take up 31 per cent of the world's annual global carbon emissions it is vital that we retain and enhance their vital contribution to reducing atmospheric carbon and mitigating climate heating,' Mr Pugh said.

'It is essential that as well as stopping clearing, we actively restore forests and enhance their ability to sequester carbon. Logging has more than halved forests' carbon storage. By

stopping logging we avoid additional emissions and allow forests to sequester ever increasing volumes of carbon as they recover.

'This is a planetary emergency, as a developed state in a developed country NSW has no excuse to delay forest action.'

'Last financial year 54,500 hectares of native vegetation was cleared in NSW; it is past time that this was stopped.'

'We also need to follow the examples of Victoria and Western Australia and urgently phase out the logging of public forests by 2023.'

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### CHESS by Ian Rogers

Since the 1950s, chessplayers finding themselves in Los Angeles knew to head down to the Santa Monica Boardwalk to enjoy a game on the beachside chess tables at what became known as the International Chess Park.

The Chess Park, which could host up to 60 games, formed a backdrop in many Hollywood movies, including *Pawn Sacrifice*, and indeed was visited in real life by the world's best when the Piatigorsky Cup, featuring Bobby Fisher and Boris Spassky, was played in Santa Monica in 1966.

Visitors to Venice Beach over many years noted the extraordinary mix of players: besuited lawyers playing against unkempt homeless people, barely clad surfers taking on elderly Russian immigrants.

Over time the small park was allowed to run down. Graffiti scrawled on some of the chess tables was not removed and accessing the storage area containing the pieces for the giant board was also a matter of luck.

In addition, chess's accessibility proved its weakness. Local drug dealers and prostitutes also

enjoyed a game (and sometimes plied their trade) in Chess Park, while some of the homeless chessplayers used the chess tables and benches as beds overnight.

Five years ago local residents started lobbying to have Chess Park, at the foot of the Santa Monica Pier, closed for bringing down the tone of the neighbourhood. The locals videoed various unsavoury incidents, usually occurring after dusk when the chess boards were deserted, and gave the footage to local media.

Last week the hammer fell on Chess Park, with the local Recreations and Park Commission voting unanimously to remove the chess tables and benches and close the park down for an indefinite period.

Chess Park supporters had requested that the area be fenced off so that it could be locked up at night. However, only now, after the park has been stripped to nothing, will a fence be erected.

Chessplayers would normally have the option to wander along Santa Monica Boulevard to the equally venerable Los Angeles Chess Club, but the LACC closed at the start of the pandemic and has never reopened.

## Scotty spins a new 'Australian Way' at COP26

■ Yes, you've trashed other countries' trust in us. You have helped ruin our reputation as a caring welcoming country for desperate people. But now, yes, now you have the chance to etch your name in history with a sensible approach to climate change. I'm not hopeful, but you could give it a red hot go.

**Roland Dickson**  
Bangalow

■ Is anyone else embarrassed by The Plan to Deliver Net Zero? Especially when it's got the crass and totally inappropriate marketing slogan 'The Australian Way' slapped on the cover?

Is it 'The Australian Way' to take credit for other people's contributions and success?

This plan is blatantly piggybacking off reductions from state targets, business innovation and solar uptake by everyday citizens. It's also taking credit for reductions during the time where we had a price on carbon – a policy that this government actively campaigned against, and then completely dismantled.

Is it 'The Australian Way' to rest on our laurels, to

passively hope and pray for the best?

This plan relies on improvements to carbon capture technology to get us to net zero. This technology doesn't even exist yet, and including it as part of the plan has already been called out as a 'gross manipulation' of data.

Don't fall for the hype. It's just another smoke and mirrors campaign by Scotty from marketing. This last minute, self-congratulatory, hypocritical and non-committal plan is not 'The Australian Way'.

I wish our PM would pull his finger out, stop trying to evade responsibility and actually do some work. Doesn't he know that's actually 'The Australian Way'?

**Demi Barclay**  
Byron Bay

■ One hundred nations have committed at the Glasgow Climate Conference (COP26) to cut methane emissions by 30 per cent by 2030. But Australia, together with China, Russia and Iran, have refused. Why are we refusing to cooperate? And what is methane?

Methane is one of the most potent greenhouse gases. It is short lived, warming the planet for about twenty years before breaking down.

Since most calculations of global warming are calculated on 100 years of emissions, it has not been considered so dangerous – over a whole century.

But we don't have another century. The science is clear – we need to cut emissions, and particularly methane, by the end of this decade, not 2050 or 2121. Why wouldn't we cooperate with that?

Money, of course. Australia's 100 million cattle and sheep are the problem. Research in the *International Journal of Climate Change* makes it clear that, measured over twenty years, animal agriculture, including deforestation for pasture, savannah burning and cattle/sheep centeric fermentation, is the source of over half of Australia's emissions.

The deputy PM let the cow out of the bag this week, saying that the only way to reduce methane by 30 per cent by 2030 would be 'to go grab a rifle (and) start

shooting your cattle'.

Not true of course. At any one time, around half of the cattle in Australia are less than a year old. Stop eating them and stop buying milk, and farmers will stop breeding them. That will dramatically reduce toxic clouds of methane, and the political hot air.

**Mimi Bekhechi**  
PETA

■ The only thing Morrison took to Glasgow besides an overly inflated ego and his marketing ability was a blue book with 'plan' written on it, (nobody knows what it actually is), and a planeload of bullshit. The only 'plan' the coalition has ever had regarding climate change has been to do nothing while egregiously instilling fear into Australians that the cost of electricity and the price of necessities will become exorbitant, and everybody will lose their jobs [if we 'go renewable'].

This sudden policy backflip by Morrison is a devious political fix to attempt to steal another election.

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# Storylines: 50 years of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy

Belle Budden

This 26 January 2022 will be the 50th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, Ngambri-Ngunawal Country. This is an iconic moment in the history of the struggle for justice for Aboriginal people in the country because the Aboriginal Tent Embassy remains as relevant and necessary as ever for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Situated on the lawns of Old Parliament House, in the Parliamentary Triangle in the nation's capital of Canberra, the Embassy provides a unique opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take their concerns directly to government.

The 26 January is always referred to at the Embassy as Invasion Day and it is a focal point and a platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to voice their dissent to government in relation to our Country, communities and culture.

On the eve of 26 January 1972, the McMahon government announced the implementation of a new system that rejected granting independent ownership of traditional land to Indigenous peoples in favour of 50-year general purpose leases for Indigenous communities, provided they could demonstrate a social and economic use for the land, and excluding any mineral and forest rights.

After the announcement, many protest groups sprang into action, including a group from Redfern in Sydney. Four members of this group – Michael Anderson, Billy Craigie, Bertie Williams and Tony Coorey – drove



Top: A smoking ceremony at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Photo Benny Zable



Left: Establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on Australia Day, 26 January 1972. From Left: Michael Anderson, Billie Craigie, Bertie Williams and Tony Coorey. Photo Noel Hazard, courtesy SEARCH Foundation and State Library of NSW

to Canberra and set up a beach umbrella on the lawns opposite (what is now Old) Parliament House. This was the start of a 50-year legacy of protest and support for grassroots campaigns for the recognition of Land Rights, Aboriginal Sovereignty and addressing the injustices of the genocide against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a critical part of the history of the struggle for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this country. The campaigns and the activists who've run them are too many to list here and many of the advancements gained for our people have been poorly recorded in mainstream media.

In 1992, on the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy it became a permanent fixture, representing the ongoing struggle for Aboriginal

Sovereignty and land rights. In 1995, the Australian Heritage Commission recognised it as a site of special cultural significance and it was entered in the Register of the National Estate – Australia's list of natural and cultural heritage places. It is the only place recognised nationally for the political struggle of Aboriginal people. It is also the longest continually run protest site in the world.

## Aboriginal Embassy

The Embassy also has the diplomatic function of supporting grassroots actions, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples travelling to Canberra for business with the government. It ensures they have a safe space to land, have a cuppa and gain some support and insight into the workings of government. It is essential for all Australians to

acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a different cultural framework to mainstream Australians and that they should have access to support in navigating important meetings with government around Country, community and culture. There are 80 other embassies in Canberra for people from foreign countries and cultures to go to for support navigating processes with the Australian Government, and 50 years of evidence demonstrates this same need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Activists from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy were pivotal in making genocide a crime in Australia. Australia ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide on 8 July 1949, but did not legislate to make

genocide a crime in Australia until 2002. Aboriginal activists worked with barristers from 1999 onwards to bring about this legislative change in 2002. Until this happened it was not a crime to commit genocide in this country.

The Black Lives Matter movement, and the continued abhorrent rates of Black deaths in custody in Australia demonstrate one of the continuing struggles for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the relevance of institutions like

the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Sadly, the prime minister's comments following the mass protest movement from BLM in 2020 demonstrated that we, as a nation, still have a long way to go in achieving justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this country.

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## Women's sailing underway in Ballina

Duncan Dey

Sailboat dinghy racing in our region is confined to the Richmond River at Ballina, and the even smaller Tweed River at Fingal, but both clubs have great women 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*.

Fifth place went to the normally single-handed *Casper* sailed by the author and fellow Byron Shire resident Hannah Pike.

'Welcome to small boats Hannah,' I said after the race. 'Surfers just get it, when they splash around the river under sail.'

## Local football team enters premiership division

Ross Kendall

For the first time in 30 years the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club (MBVFC) will enter a team in the area's top Premiership Division for the 2022 season.

'This is something we have been working towards for around 10 years now, and is the culmination of the efforts of many people, not least the players and coaches from last and previous seasons,' club registrar, Albert Moses, said.

It is also a big validation for all the recent off-the-field achievements for the club, including field upgrades and new facilities, which help make the Pine Avenue ground



The MBVFC team of 1957 were known as the United Nations team because of their ethnic diversity. Photo supplied

one of the best in the region.

Mullum has had teams since 1933, but the MBVFC had its first team in 1957.

The last time MBVFC made an appearance in the Premier Division was in the early 1990s. In the history

of the Football Far North Coast competition, MBVFC has never registered a men's top-tier trophy.

'With everything happening at the club, we feel like it's finally time to put an end to that,' Albert said.

## Wright nominated – NSW sports award

Ross Kendall

Byron Bay surfer Owen Wright has been named as a finalist for the NSW Sport Awards to be held in Sydney on Monday, January 24.

The Awards celebrate the achievements of NSW athletes, coaches, administrators and organisations across 12 categories.

Wright captured the inaugural men's surfing bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games in July.

Wright is one six finalists for Athlete of the Year and he will contest the Award with fellow Tokyo



Owen Wright in full flight. Photo supplied

Olympic team members, three-time NSW Athlete of the Year winner, Tokyo Olympic Games paddling gold medallist Jessica Fox, swimming gold medallist, Cate Campbell, high jump

silver medallist, Nicola McDermott, rowing gold medallist, Spencer Turrin, and double Tokyo Paralympic Games wheelchair racing gold medallist, Madison de Rozario.

## The Lighthouse Run is on, virtually

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Lighthouse Run is back for its 14th year but as a virtual event over November 14-21.

'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 restrictions meant we couldn't include everyone

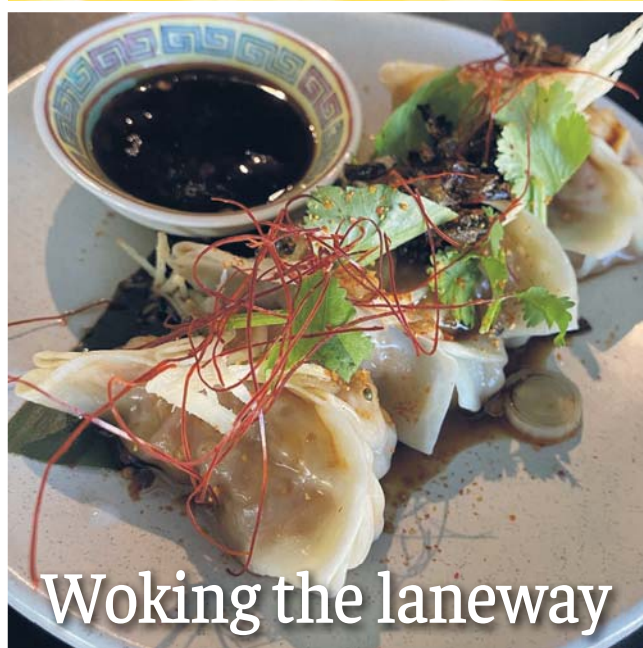
– so we're going virtual instead,' event organiser Lisa Parkes said.

This means that anyone around Australia can do the six kilometre walk or 10km run in their own area, at anytime over the two week period.

Participants map out a ten or six km route in their local government area, adhering to any restrictions

that apply, gather with friends and family if possible, get dressed up and make it fun, take some snaps, post them on social media and then upload their times to the online portal. [www.byronbaylighthouse.com.au](http://www.byronbaylighthouse.com.au).

The last actual Lighthouse Run held in 2019 attracted around 800 entrants from all over the east coast.



## Woking the laneway

Wok This Way serves up the fast and punchy street-style food found across Asia, showcasing an array of modern and classic Asian dishes, accompanied by a wide range of Yulli's Brews.

It's in the heart of town, in a laneway just off Jonson St, near 1 Carlyle St, in the base of the old Byron English Language School, and as the crowds pick up they're really excited to be getting ready for their first summer in Byron.

They have large indoor and outdoor spaces that can be kept separate or easily integrated to accommodate groups, both large and small; allowing them to host an intimate dinner for 2 and large group celebrations at the same time.

They have a wide list of craft beers, ciders and kombuchas available at the bar as well as a number of vegan wines, local spirits and cocktails. Their chefs have developed different menus for different occasions; from dining a la carte, to a curated set meal, on to packaged canape menus. With so many options, Wok This Way is the ideal venue for Christmas parties or indeed for any celebrations, big or small.

## A new chapter, a new chef

It has been three years since Di Vino opened its doors to the Byron Bay community, and while most aspects of the original vision have remained, a new head chef has reinvigorated the team behind the local Italian joint.

Established in 2018, Di Vino was the brainchild of two locals, Joe McMahon and Felix Mckenzie, who teamed up with Roman import Achille Martino, and long-time Byron Bay restaurateur Will Ennis. Achille, or Achi as he is affectionately known by his mates, brought the crew together with the vision of bringing the Italian style dining table to Byron. His vision emphasised a short simple menu capturing the essence of classic Italian cooking, with a smattering of well-known classic dishes, while steering diners to explore new territory in Italian flavours they may not have tasted before. Settling on the name Di Vino, meaning 'of wine', naturally meant there would be an



emphasis on showcasing the best wine Italy has to offer, while textbook Aperol spritz and Negroni would always be recommended to begin the meal.

Fast forward to 2021, and Di Vino has ridden the wave of the pandemic, while also saying goodbye to long-time Head Chef, Bruno Conti. The kitchen is now led by young gun Lucio Grassi. Hailing from



Lucio Grassi.

Naples, Lucio has honed his skills in local restaurants Beach and Elements. Staying true to Di Vino's ethos, while bringing his own flair to the restaurant, we jump into his menu this November. Don't miss the Grilled Sardines enriched with a sumptuous Bagna Cauda sauce, or delicate Beef Carpaccio finished with peppery wild rocket and marinated egg yolk, while a spring inspired Spaghetti alla Chitarra with clams and bottarga finds its home in the pasta section.

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## The Italian Byron's secret ingredient

Simon Haslam

The Italian Byron Bay, started by William and Laurie Rose about 11 years ago, is one of those 'favourite' restaurants that people keep coming back to. It used to be next to the Beach Hotel, but is now in its new location under the cinemas in Jonson St.

The venue has a classic feel with a simple and stylish longline bar and plenty of seating, a moody interior that opens out to the street as well as some relaxed, street side dining. I was there last Saturday night and the restaurant was full, not only with diners but also with that exciting, busy atmosphere that I've missed from a night out in Byron lately.

The menu showcases modern Italian fare with fresh, innovative elements. The menu includes entrees like Pork Belly with beetroot puree, Kingfish Carpaccio with blood orange, pickled fennel, chilli and basil, and mains such as; Snapper with white aubergine, broccolini and caponata; Duck Leg with house made truffle gnocchi; Pickled Lobster spaghetti with tomato confit; Pumpkin and Goats cheese Ravoli with purple cauliflower, sage and burnt butter; and a rich Rigatoni with lamb shoulder ragu and confit onions. They also have a kid's menu.

Byron Bay's restaurant scene is pretty competitive and fast-changing. It takes a range of skills, and probably some mental toughness, to survive. The Italian Byron Bay, is one of the longest-standing owner operated restaurants in town and is right at the heart of it is owner-chef-manager, William Ennis. He has been a chef for more than 25 years, a restaurant owner, with others, of a couple of Byron restaurants, and has now made the transition from Head Chef to being the Chef and Daily Operations Manager.

Whilst COVID has been a struggle, bookings have bounced back immediately now that visitors can come to Byron again. Looking through the Christmas bookings, Ennis spots people who are coming back for their sixth Christmas.

'I think the biggest factor in being a success is consistency', says Ennis. 'plus quality, obviously, but you can normally tell when a restaurant has a new head chef, or new owner, and we're not like that - we've been consistent from day one I think.'

That doesn't mean it's the same each time, though. 'I used to do a big menu with loads of things, but now I

have 3-4 pastas, with fresh pasta, and 3-4 main courses that constantly change, every three weeks or so.'

Making the menu has become more of a collaboration now, with longstanding staff members Jaume (now the Head Chef), and Malin (now the Restaurant Manager) becoming actual owners of the business to which they have contributed.



The Italian has been doing a collaboration with the Italian Film festival, and are planning to do more pre-cinema deals where patrons can sit at the bar and have a nibble, or have a bowl of pasta and glass of wine before the movie.

He's no longer the head chef of a 'favourite' restaurants for decades of visitors, but Ennis hasn't exactly taken

his foot off the pedal. He's still in the kitchen on these busy nights leading up to summer, and when I called he seemed to be packing a lot of the operational side of a successful restaurant into the daylight hours - trying to find staff, especially vaccinated staff, doing the payroll, being there for the plumber's visit... all the glamour of the Byron scene.

'Owning a restaurant is like having a "to do list" that's never done,' he says. 'You're always building a team, and that's never finished. While I'm taking more of an interest in the financial side, the business side, over the busy time I'm very happy to jump back into the kitchen.'

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## Organic flowers are the future

Rod and Tanya Bruin, along with their sons and a dedicated team, farm Summit Organics, a 338 acre organic produce farm in Tyalgum. They have been farming 50 different types of vegetables for 30 years, selling exclusively through farmers' markets.

You couldn't help but notice that, more recently, Tanya has added her fabulous fresh blooms to the stall. Fresh as can be and very long-lasting, they look incredible in the baskets of browsing marketgoers.

'I just began playing with flowers. We had been growing vegetables for so long I was really just having fun and looking for something different. I established a small flower patch and it has just grown from there. I really love it,' says Tanya.

'I was trialling everything, just trying to find my niche, but I find myself returning to dahlias. That is the joy of growing, if it works - great - but it's fun to see what eventuates'.

The Bruins are committed organic farmers, they use no chemicals or artificial fertilisers, 'Everything is grown with lots of compost and lots of love'. You will also only find seasonal produce at their stall, as 'produce was never meant to be available year-round, that's only possible if it's imported. Although we do always have flowers if Mother Nature allows it'.

Summit is most renowned for their leafy greens, including kale, silver beet, rocket, herbs, English spinach and broccoli. The vibrancy of their



**Tanya Bruin from Summit Organics - her small flower patch has really grown.**

greens is testament to their farming; good compost, soil and a lot of hard work.

You will not only find Tanya out in the fields, she also runs the stall. Her favourite part? 'Easily the customer relations, I love seeing the way people react to the produce. It is really important for people to understand that local food is the way of the future. If we are going to live a more sustainable life we need to understand, shopping direct from the farmers benefits everyone, it keeps the money in the town, it educates shoppers when they can talk to growers and understand what it takes to produce their food, and we get to learn what the customers want'.

The good news is that as more people become aware of the importance of sustainable food, they are also becoming aware of the importance of local, sustainable cut flowers.

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Thurs–Sun 7am–10pm  
11 Marvell Street, Byron Bay  
[swaay.com.au](http://swaay.com.au)

SWAAY is a new cafe / bar restaurant offering an experience of great food & drinks, quality service & good music. Come dine inside on one of our leather banquettes, hang amongst the plants at the bar, or chill outside and enjoy afternoon happy hours with one of our signature cocktails. Our ever evolving menu is focused on modern cuisine using only the best seasonal local produce.



**No Bones**  
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11 Fletcher Street  
**6680 7418**  
Book online:  
[www.nobonesbyronbay.com.au](http://www.nobonesbyronbay.com.au)

OPEN THURSDAY – SUNDAY FROM 5PM  
Please book online via our website.  
**Happy Hour from 5–6pm**  
**\$12 cocktails / \$5 beers / \$7 wines.**  
Our whole menu is available for takeaway.  
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**THE ITALIAN**  
BYRON BAY

**The Italian Byron Bay**  
21, 108 Jonson St, Byron Bay  
Open Wednesday to Saturday - please check website or call us before dining with us  
**5633 1216**  
[www.theitalianbyronbay.com](http://www.theitalianbyronbay.com)

The Italian, Byron Bay, provides a bustling, atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine and some of Byron's finest cocktails and wines.  
**OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY – PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE OR CALL US BEFORE DINING WITH US.**



**Loft Byron Bay**  
4 Jonson Street, Byron Bay  
**6680 9183**  
Book online:  
[www.loftbyronbay.com.au](http://www.loftbyronbay.com.au)


Incredible cocktails, locals beers & all-day snacks and food to share, with ocean views.  
**Happy Hour** | Every day 4–6pm  
\$6 Loft lager or wine, \$10 Aperol Spritz, \$14 Margarita  
**Espresso Martini Nights** | Every day 9–11pm  
2 for \$25 Classic Espresso Martini.  
**Open every day from 4pm till late.**



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Eat in or take out.  
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[www.chupacabra.com.au](http://www.chupacabra.com.au)  
@chupabyron



**Fresh authentic Mexican in a relaxed atmosphere. This is food made with love, all produce sourced locally.**  
**Margaritas and tacos all night long!**  
**Family friendly totally GF menu.**  
Dinner 5pm–9pm  
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**Legend Pizza**  
Serving Byron Bay for 30 years  
Open 7 days and nights  
Delivery from Suffolk to Ewingsdale  
90–96 Jonson Street  
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[www.legendpizza.com.au](http://www.legendpizza.com.au)

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Locally owned and operated.  
Scan code for menu.

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Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner.  
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@mainstreet\_burgerbar  
18 Jonson Street  
**6680 8832**


Open for takeaway daily, 12 midday until dinner.  
Menu and more details  
@mainstreet\_burgerbar  
**'Make a meal of it'**  
**Add chips and a drink, just \$5.**



**Success Thai Food**  
Mon–Fri lunch & dinner  
closed Sundays  
Lunch 12 noon–3pm  
Dinner from 5–8.30pm  
3/31 Lawson St, Byron Bay  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Success-Thai-Food/237359826303469)


All your favourites, every lunch and dinner. Experienced Thai chefs cooking fresh, delicious Thai food for you.  
BYO only.  
Welcome for lunch, dinner and takeaway.  
Menus available on Facebook.

## BYRON BAY continued



**Barrio**  
1 Porter St, North Byron  
**Opening Hours**  
Mon–Sat: Breakfast 7am–11pm; Lunch 11am–3pm  
Thu–Sat: Aperitif Hour 3pm–5pm; Dinner 5pm–late  
@barriobyronbay

Barrio takes its inspiration from locally sourced produce and Middle Eastern cuisine.  
Offering daily bakes, breakfast cakes, classic sandwiches, vibrant salads, smoked fish, wood-fired meats and cocktails.  
Keep an eye on our socials for daily specials.



**Lord Byron Distillery**  
4 Banksia Drive, Byron Bay  
**8646 4901**  
[www.lordbyrondistillery.com.au](http://www.lordbyrondistillery.com.au)

**\*\*Discounted Gin Classes\*\***  
with 10% off for locals for the rest of October, chat to our friendly staff today  
**Takeaway cocktails available 10am–5pm, Tues–Sat**  
Free tours of the distillery with any drink, cocktail or flight ordered in our tasting room.  
@LordByronDistillery




**The Rocks**  
Brunch  
7am–12 noon, Mon–Sun  
16 Lawson St, Byron Bay  
**6685 7663**  
Menus at  
[therocksbyronbay.com.au](http://therocksbyronbay.com.au)  
@therocksbyronbay

**The Rocks is back in business!**  
Brand new summer menu! We have a range of freshly sourced dishes, Byron Bay coffee, and hand-made juices and smoothies at locals prices. Fully licensed, and offering \$7 mimosas all day, and \$6 schooners during happy hour! Check out our new dishes on Instagram!  
We are registered as COVID Safe, and complying with all NSW health legislation.



**KARKALLA Byron Bay**  
Native Indigenous Restaurant  
Cnr of Bay Lane & Fletcher St, Byron Bay  
**5614 8656**

**Food with history, story & connection.**  
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**Bookings recommended via our website**  
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@karkallabyronbay



**Fishheads**  
Restaurant & Takeaway  
Byron Bay  
1 Jonson Street, Byron Bay  
**6680 7632**  
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**New summer menu & cocktail paddle.**  
**Happy hour with free tapas**  
Every day 4–6 pm.  
Enjoy our fresh, local Seafood & our region's best beers & liquors at a beachfront table on Byron's famous Main Beach.  
[www.fishheadsbyron.com.au](http://www.fishheadsbyron.com.au)

## MULLUMBIMBY




**Yaman Mullumbimby**  
62 Stuart St, Mullumbimby  
**6684 3778**  
[www.yamanmullumbimby.com.au](http://www.yamanmullumbimby.com.au)

Coffee, malawach rolls, pita pockets, falafel, traditional Yemenite spices and all your favourites, always freshly made.  
**Currently open for takeaway, feel free to call ahead with your order.**



**The Empire**  
20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby  
**6684 2306**

Something for all tastes, from epic burgers to vegan delights. Enjoy delectable treats and good vibes at this Mullum icon.  
**Order and pay online!**  
Scan the QR code to view menu and order online through Mr Yum.  
Phone orders welcome. Takeaway is available on the whole menu.

**PASÉYO**

**Paséyo**  
Corner of Stuart and Tincogan Streets, Mullumbimby  
**0498 010 881**  
Monday–Friday 6.30am–2.30pm  
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Healthy, fresh, balanced and nutrient dense meals that create a sensory delight for our customers.  
Buddha bowls, smoothies, coffee, cold-pressed juices, and so much more.


## NEWRYBAR



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18–22 Old Pacific Highway  
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**02 6687 2644**  
[www.harvest.com.au](http://www.harvest.com.au)  
@harvestnewrybar

**HARVEST RESTAURANT, DELI + BAKERY**  
Culinary creativity that harnesses the connection between food and nature.  
Restaurant  
Lunch: 7 days 12–3pm  
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Weekends: Sat + Sun 8am until sold out  
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## CATERING



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**P: 0414 895 441**

# the SCOOP

## Byron Community College

Looking for a way to stretch out, expand your life and the opportunities within it? Byron Community College has over 100 courses on offer and Term Four is still going strong.

From nationally recognised, accredited qualifications right through to short courses and workshops, there is something for everyone.

If you love to create art with plants, Floristry Intermediate starts on 19 November. Learn how to craft stunning modern bouquets, wired flower crowns and gorgeous statement arrangements, all of which are yours to take home and enjoy.

This training is subsidised by the NSW government and with limited places available, get in touch and apply today.

**Check out the website [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au) or call 6684 3374 for details. RTO 90013.**



## Farmcare Demo Day

Farmcare will be holding a Demo Day at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds this Saturday, 13 November. Everyone is welcome to go down and try the great products on offer. They will be featuring products from the following participating brands: STIHL, Hustler, John Deere, Honda, Masport, Grillo, Hansa, and Westinghouse.

This is the perfect day if you need new lawn and garden equipment, farm machinery, generators, and more. Head on down to try for yourself some of the best brands, with friendly local help and advice.

There will be a barbecue lunch and a Farmcare Lucky Door prize. The event starts at 10am, and finishes at 1pm.

**For all enquiries about the day contact Farmcare on 6684 2022.**



## Luxe Pacifique

A new hair and beauty supply store has opened in Byron Bay. Byron born beauty therapist Lauren Beaumont and engineer husband Petrus have returned after living in Europe, to support hairdressers and beauty therapists in the Northern Rivers.

They are starting a training facility and education hub so professionals in the area can have a world class training facility, attached to the products they endorse. They'll offer workshops, make-up tutorials, nail tech education, hairdressing refresher courses, and beauty modules.

All of the products Luxe Pacifique sell are from ethical and sustainable companies with strong environmental views, cruelty free and vegan where possible.

'The beauty industry owes it to the next generation to start making changes, and as a supplier, we can facilitate this change,' says Lauren.

**Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm.  
Unit 5/17 Tasman Way, Byron A&I Estate.  
[luxepacifique.com.au](http://luxepacifique.com.au)**

## Sprung!!

Sprung!! Integrated Dance Theatre is delighted to be back in front of a live audience for one evening only on Sunday 14 November at 6pm at Lennox Head Cultural Centre for their 2021 Gala.

After another year of cancellations, lockdowns, and online classes, the performers are raring to go and have a program packed with individual dance performances, group dance, theatre and physical comedy performances, and original poetry readings, in a joyful celebration of diversity.

**Doors open at 5pm for drinks and refreshments in the courtyard, showtime is 6pm sharp! Get your tickets and pre order your wine and cheese platters at [www.sprung.org.au](http://www.sprung.org.au).**

This event is supported by a qualified Auslan interpreter.



## Northern Rivers Rail Trail

Eight years ago, a not-for-profit community group, the Northern Rivers Rail Trail, came together with a vision to preserve 130km of neglected rail corridor between Murwillumbah and Casino, and convert it to a car-free pedestrian connection through the region's spectacular landscapes.

Now on the precipice of fruition, from unwavering dedication, and fueled by funding coming from all levels of government such as State, Commonwealth, regional and tourism development, a very healthy 56km is now fully funded with completion slated for 2022.

'The significance of this project, from a community and visitor perspective, will be felt for generations to come. Reinvigorating the disused corridor for all to use, whilst ensuring it remains in public ownership, is a huge win,' says Vice President Cameron Arnold.

**[www.northernriversrailtrail.org.au](http://www.northernriversrailtrail.org.au)  
@northernriversrailtrail**

## Day of the Dead Ceremony

The 15th annual Day of the Dead Ceremony of Love and Remembrance is happening again. This is a free community event to honour our dead and dying and is especially relevant this year for those who were unable to be at the deathbeds or funerals of their loved ones nationally or internationally.

Bring a blanket and mementos to help create a shrine in the roots of the great tree. There will be community art making with Sam Moss, and the Biggest Little Town Choir will sing.

Created by 2021 Byron Citizen of the Year, Zenith Virago, and the Natural Death Care Centre.

**[naturaldeathcarecentre.org](http://naturaldeathcarecentre.org)**

**The Fig Tree, Heritage Park, Mullumbimby.  
3pm-6pm. Ceremony @ 4pm Sunday 21  
November 2021.**



## Device Trader

Device Trader Byron Bay continues to evolve after 6 years of repairing and selling mobile devices in the Byron Shire. The company now offers a full range of new and refurbished devices in store and online. Founder Duane Tutchten said, 'Like most businesses we've been hit pretty hard during the COVID lockdowns, but it has allowed us to focus on our new website and we now offer great deals in-store and online across a wide range of products. You can even trade in your old device! Device Trader now offers Macbooks, Apple Watches, AirPods and virtually every current iPhone. They really do have something for everybody! You can now see all products and services online and find huge discounts on refurbished devices and repairs.'

**1/ 130 Jonson Street, Byron Bay  
[www.devicetrader.com.au](http://www.devicetrader.com.au) 6685 5585**



# THE Arts

## Have you ever wanted to learn the skills to create a portrait drawing?

Join artist Brett Belot for this fun and practical portrait drawing workshop. Brett will guide you through a series of exercises to help you understand proportions and anatomy, features of the face, tonal values, and how to create a three-dimensional effect. The workshop is suitable for all skill levels.

0448 182 342 | [bbelot25@gmail.com](mailto:bbelot25@gmail.com)

## The Ballina Art Society's 2021 Exhibition

Since 1972 locals and visitors have enjoyed The Ballina Art Society's annual exhibition. This year they are delighted to be opening their doors once again at the Tintenbar Hall to display over 150 new artworks by talented local artists. With a wide variety of subjects, mediums, styles, and techniques there is something for everyone.

This year their feature section is '2478'. Each artwork in this category has been created to capture quintessential places or things from within this wonderfully varied and spectacular local postcode area. These 30 x 30cm artworks are priced at \$70 each and would make a wonderful gift.

**When: Friday 26 – Sunday 28 November.**

All artworks are for sale and light refreshments and home-made treats will be available for purchase.



*'Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.'*

**Pablo Picasso**

**Brett Belot Art** **PORTRAIT DRAWING WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 4th December**  
**North Lakes Community Centre,**  
**North Ballina, 9am – 3pm**  
**Cost: \$185**  
 (All materials, morning tea and workbook supplied)  
**Limited places available.**  
 Register by phone **0448 182 342**  
 or email **bbelot25@gmail.com**

[WWW.BRETTBELOTART.COM](http://WWW.BRETTBELOTART.COM) | [@BRETTBELOTART](https://www.instagram.com/brettbelotart)

**Mud Trail Potters**

**Christmas Ceramic Exhibition & Market**  
**Sat 27 & Sun 28 November**  
**9am – 3pm**  
**Federal Hall**  
 Cnr. Federal Dr. & Roses Rd. Federal  
 (COVID Safe, double vaccination event)

**Exhibition**  
**Ballina Art Society**  
 26, 27 and 28 November – Free Entry

**Tintenbar Hall**  
 Tintenbar Road,  
 Tintenbar  
 Friday: 1pm–5pm  
 Saturday: 10am–6pm  
 Sunday: 10am–4pm

All artworks are for sale and light refreshments and home-made treats available for purchase.

Sponsors: Bunnings, Still@ the Centre, Be Framed.  
 Artist credit: Meg Egglestone

**at home**  
 Margaret Olley & Ben Quilty

**12 November 2021 – 20 February 2022**

Ben Quilty Multi Vitamins and Surface Spray (detail) 2020, oil on linen, 132 x 112cm  
 Tweed Regional Gallery collection, Gift of the Tweed Regional Gallery Foundation Ltd., 2021 © The Artist

**TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY**  
 & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE | MURWILLUMBAH

Flowerista  
 Byron Bay Regional Council  
 Margaret Olley Art Centre  
 The Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre is a Tweed Shire Council Community Facility and is supported by the NSW Government through Creative NSW

Open Wed – Sun | 2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah South NSW | [artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

# ARTISTS IN FOCUS

## At Home: Margaret Olley & Ben Quilty

In a new exhibition exclusive to the Margaret Olley Art Centre at the Tweed Regional Gallery, the work of Ben Quilty and Margaret Olley, two of Australia's most celebrated artists, will be exhibited together for the first time from 12 November 2021 until 20 February 2022.

At Home tells the story of mentorship, art and friendship between Margaret Olley (1923 – 2011) and Ben Quilty (b.1973).

Confined at home during Australia's first COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, Quilty made a sublime collection of still life paintings that connect to Margaret Olley's enduring career.

Margaret Olley dedicated her extraordinary life to the genre of still life painting. For nearly 50 years her famous Duxford Street home, re-created in the Gallery, was both her site and subject for painting.

**2 Mistral Rd, South Murwillumbah  
02 6670 2790**



Photo: Ben Quilty and Margaret Olley in front of Quilty's Archibald Prize-winning portrait of Olley, 2011. Photo: © Art Gallery of New South Wales.

# Arts

## PAUSE/PLAY BSA 2nd Year Students' Group Exhibition 2021

The Byron School of Art second year students would like to welcome the community to view their forthcoming exhibition, PAUSE/PLAY, at The BSA Project Space from 13 to 21 November. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the incredible, diverse range of work these students have been able to produce during a year of interruptions.

[byrnschoolofart.com](http://byrnschoolofart.com)

## Cristina Art Silver

Cristina Art Silver is available at the Hammer & Hand Metalsmith collective located in Station Street, Bangalow, open seven days.

She is fortunate to have access to some of the best metalsmith artists in this community within the Hammer & Hand collective, with access to ten mentors from jewellery, sculpture, and blacksmith backgrounds.

Inspired by the natural beauty of this area and influenced by the conscious and ethical awareness in this area, she tries her best to source local stones and use recycled metal to create unique bespoke jewellery.

Available at Hammer & Hand Jewellery Collective, Shop 8/10 Station Street, Bangalow.

Open seven days,  
10am–3.30pm.

**Insta@cristina\_art\_silver  
Facebook @cristina  
www.cristina.com.au**



## ART GALLERIES

Please check with gallery for any changes owing to COVID restrictions.

### ARTIST'S HOME GALLERY BYRON BAY

Landscape inspired works imparting a 'spirit of place'.  
Open by appointment  
**6685 5317**  
[jaypearse.com](http://jaypearse.com)

### ARTIST STUDIO GALLERY

Belongil Beach  
Open by appointment.  
**0409 604 405**  
[www.janrae.com.au](http://www.janrae.com.au)

### BILLINUDGEL PICTURE FRAMING & PICCOLO ART GALLERY

7/1 Wilfred St, Billinudgel  
**6680 3444**  
[billinudgelpictureframing.com.au](http://billinudgelpictureframing.com.au)

### BSA PROJECT SPACE

112 Dalley St, Mullumbimby  
**0487 362 141**  
[byrnschoolofart.com/exhibitions](http://byrnschoolofart.com/exhibitions)

### FOXY LUU'S ART & BAO

Featuring Benjamin Noah's surrealist and photorealist acrylic and oil paintings  
Every day 11.30am–8.30pm  
**90-96 Jonson St, Byron Bay**  
Old woolies carpark next to the bottle

### HEALING ART DESIGN & NEW AGE GALLERY

Azura Kingscliff  
Shop 2B, 60 Marine Parade  
**0408 868 793**  
[www.healingartdesign.com](http://www.healingartdesign.com)

### KARENA WYNN-MOYLAN FINE ART

Bangalow Studio  
By appt: **0414 822 196**  
[www.karenawynn-moylanart.com](http://www.karenawynn-moylanart.com)

### LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY

Wed–Sun: 10am–4pm  
Thurs: 10am–6pm  
Mon & Tues: Closed  
11 Rural St, Lismore  
**6627 4600**  
[lismoregallery.org](http://lismoregallery.org)

### LONE GOAT GALLERY

28 Lawson Street, Byron Bay  
Gallery closed Nov/Dec for construction works & changeover  
Reopening January 2022  
[Lonegoatgallery.com](http://Lonegoatgallery.com)

### MACKAY HARRISON GALLERIES

79 Bayview Drive, East Ballina  
Open Wednesday–Saturday:  
11am–5pm  
Artist/Sculptor  
**David Harrison**  
**0412 664 284**

### MIST GALLERY CONTEMPORARY ART

Shop 3, 2–6 Pandanus Parade, Cabarita Beach, NSW  
Thursday to Monday: 9am–2pm (or by appointment)  
**0419 870 305**  
[www.mist-gallery.com.au](http://www.mist-gallery.com.au)

### MULLUMBIMBY CLAYWORKERS GALLERY

Drill Hall Complex  
2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby  
Open Thursday–Saturday:  
10am–2pm  
[www.mullumclayworkers.com](http://www.mullumclayworkers.com)

### NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY

Cnr Cherry & Crane Sts, Ballina  
Open Wed–Fri: 10am–4pm  
Sat/Sun: 9.30am–1pm  
**02 6681 0530**  
[nrcgballina.com.au](http://nrcgballina.com.au)

### PEEK GALLERY

Open Tuesday–Sunday  
7/8 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay  
**0488 646 464**  
[hello@peekgallery.com](mailto:hello@peekgallery.com)  
[www.peekgallery.com](http://www.peekgallery.com)  
[@peekgallery](https://www.instagram.com/peekgallery)

### STUDIO SUVIRA CERAMICS & SCULPTURE GALLERY

Home Gallery and Sculpture Garden  
28 Left Bank Road Mullumbimby  
**0402 125 922 (call/sms first)**  
[suviramcdonald.com](http://suviramcdonald.com)

### TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

Gallery hours: 10am–5pm  
Cafe open: 9.30am–4.00pm  
2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah  
**6670 2790**  
[artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au)

BSA BYRON SCHOOL OF ART

## PAUSE/PLAY

An exhibition by  
BSA 2nd-year students  
showing 13 - 21 November

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Available at HAMMER & HAND  
Jewellery & Metal Collective (Bangalow)  
10 Station St, Bangalow | [@ HammerAndHandBangalow](https://www.instagram.com/HammerAndHandBangalow)



## WANGERRIBURRA COUNTRY TO HOST THE LONG SUNSET IN FEBRUARY

Featured in the lineup are, clockwise from top, Angus & Julia Stone, Brisbane dream-pop act, Hatchie, Ball Park Music, and The Babe Rainbow.



### THE LONG SUNSET IS A RADIANT NEW BOUTIQUE LIVE MUSIC DESTINATION EVENT TAKING PLACE IN FEBRUARY 2022.

Home of the Wangerriburra people, the event will be held at the Elysian Fields at Canungra, just a short hour's drive from Surfers Paradise, Byron Bay and Brisbane.

In its inaugural year, The Long Sunset – the latest event from the creative brains at Queensland Music Trails – welcomes Australian indie-folk duo Angus & Julia Stone, who will perform together in Queensland for the first time since their sold-out performance in Brisbane back in 2018.

The brother-sister duo's performance at The Long Sunset will also mark the first opportunity for audiences to experience the band's latest record, *Life Is Strange*, live and in person.

'It's been a really long time since Angus and I have had the chance to make our way up to Queensland to perform together,' says Julia Stone. 'It's a truly beautiful part of the world. We can't wait to head north again and perform as the sun sets and the night comes alive. It's going to be electric.'

Five-piece Brisbane indie-rock outfit, Ball Park Music, will also be joining the debut lineup, promising to deliver a quintessentially fun performance for their home-state punters, having not performed live in Queensland since September 2021.

Following on from the release of their new album *Changing Colours*, Byron Bay-based psychedelic group, Babe Rainbow, will also be performing at The Long Sunset, alongside Brisbane dream-pop act, Hatchie, who will be landing in Australia, direct from New York.

### Carefully curated lineup

Focused primarily on providing audiences with a carefully curated lineup of Australia's best live acts, a vast selection of local food and art and a wholesome, unique experience for all ages, The Long Sunset also doubles as a signpost for those looking to embark on a much larger adventure in one of Australia's natural wonderlands; the Scenic Rim.

A region of true abundance, the area is filled with breathtaking vistas, fertile farmlands and warm and welcoming hospitality. Surrounded by environmental beauty and charming towns, the Scenic Rim's stunning national parks, bountiful farmlands, restaurants and cafes, boutique wineries, craft breweries and distilleries and unique, hidden gems make it the ideal location for The Long Sunset to debut.

**Queensland Music Trails Presents The Long Sunset on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Elysian Fields, Canungra, Queensland.**

**The Long Sunset is an all ages event, gates open at 3pm. Onsite camping is available.**

**For event details and to book tickets, visit: [www.thelongsunset.com](http://www.thelongsunset.com)**



## STARS BY LILITH

With Sun, Mercury and Mars in Scorpio making this week an edgy detective novel, art of war principles apply, as in, knowing when it's wise to give ground...

### SCORPIO THE SCORPION



**ARIES:** This is a prickly cycle, so tread carefully in sensitive situations, especially during weekend and early next week's moon wobbles. If hurt feelings are pushing you to address something you'd rather not, because it feels like hard work, then it's time. Don't let them harden into spiky things that could damage your system.

**TAURUS:** Cosmic weather warning; anger levels are on the rise this week, yours and other peoples'. If the current intense Scorpio continuum flushes out shadow projections, it might take some humbling introspection to own and sort them. It's hard to think diamonds when you're down in the mine, but keep that image in mind

**GEMINI:** Don't let this week's undertow drag you down. Dodge the drama divas and rabble rousers agitating to press your buttons. Spend all the time you can with similar-minded spirits. Take care not to push yourself to exhaustion. Remember to pay extra attention to those who love you.

**CANCER:** This week's best focus is on mastering your emotional landscape. Start by clearing out stagnant energy and psychological toxins in a kind of interior spring clean. Then do it in your outer environment as well. Proceed carefully, walk cautiously and talk sparingly, especially during the super-sensitive weekend moonscape.

**LEO:** An eruption of flame-thrower tongues is not unlikely during this week's testy Mars/Uranus face-off. As the stage set breaks and crumbles under the breakdown of supportive structures, the world needs your creative flame more than ever to operate courageously in a time of not-knowing.

**VIRGO:** This week's trio of planets in the most focused of zodiac signs asks; What is simply not sustainable in your life anymore? What do you need to let go of and consign to the rearview? It's that time of year again for a spiritual stocktake and strategic repositioning.

**LIBRA:** This week's assertive Mars asks 'Where do you want more privacy?' And conversely, 'What makes you feel more isolated?', insisting you combine enough precious, quiet you-time with the requisite dose of social connecting. So start crunching numbers for the healthiest mix of productivity, playtime and retail therapy...

**SCORPIO:** Mercury in Scorpio is suggesting an eyes-wide-open assessment of what you can control and what you can't. If fiery Mars in your watery sign heats steamy emotions (some less than lovely), use its courageous capacities to raise the bar and take the high road – even if that's the one currently less travelled by others

**SAGITTARIUS:** Probably best this week to play the waiting game. Sit tight. Say as little as possible. Hold off on promo or big reveals till late November Sun and Mercury announce your time to shine. There's only a few more learning curves left before the world turns triumphantly Sagittarian.

**CAPRICORN:** While you practical goat folk rightly prize reliability and like to plan ahead, your own exacting standards sometimes prevent you from enjoying the moment. As our wild planetary ride continues, spontaneity is an increasingly useful survival strategy, and this week Venus in Capricorn is saying 'Hey, come out and play...'

**AQUARIUS:** The agents of change are busy again, and what we have the most resistance to can lead to our greatest breakthroughs. Look for common ground between people with wildly divergent worldviews, even if others roll their eyes – because this week's star scenario favours fearless thinkers, and who's that if not you Aquirkyians?

**PISCES:** With insistent Mars parked in psychic Scorpio issuing directives in the form of signs, serendipities, synchronicities and coincidences, first do your research, and then follow your gut. Try visualising the outcome you want with all your senses and every erg of that powerful Piscean imagination, and this week could finally open a closed door.

# Gig Guide

PLEASE CHECK WITH INDIVIDUAL VENUES RE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

## WEDNESDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM SAMIR SHAH, 8PM JESSE MORRIS DUO
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 11.30AM ART & BAO FEATURING BENJAMIN NOAH, 5.30PM WEDNESDAY REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO

## THURSDAY 11

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM RICHIE WILLIAMS, 8PM JASON DELPHIN
- SERENE EARTH SANCTUARY, MYOCUM, 7PM DOCTORS OF DEVOTION FOR BHAKTIATSU KIRTAN
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM KARAOKE

## FRIDAY 12

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM KARUAH, 6PM JORDAN MAC, 8.45PM TAJ RALPH WITH GARY COLLOCOTT BAND, 10PM BEATDUSTA
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM DAN HANNAFORD
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ RAHEL
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPPYOKEE
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 9.30AM DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATED MORNING MELODIES
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM DJ SOLI B
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM ROCKIN' RON
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM JASON DELPHIN
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM ANTHOLOGYS

## SATURDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM SHEA MULLIGAN, 2.30PM JASPER & NELSON, 5PM WILL HENDERSON DUO, 7.30PM THE LIQUID SEARCH, 9.30PM DJ LONGTIME
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM MARSHALL OKELL
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM HAYLEY GRACE
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ MILK
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM THE BILLY GUDGEON BAND
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM TROY COX
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM JON J BRADLEY, 10PM DJ CORY HOTLINE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM ROCK OF NATIONS

## SUNDAY 14

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM ADAM HARPAZ, 2.30PM GUY KACHEL, 5PM 3 PLAY, 8PM DJ SLIM RUSTY, 10PM DJ LONGTIME
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM BEN WHITING & THE PACIFIC NATIONALS
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM SUNDAY JAM
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM AL TILLY
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM JON J BRADLEY
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM SPRUNG!! INTEGRATED DANCE THEATRE - END OF YEAR GALA

## MONDAY 15

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM TOMMY MEMPHIS

## TUESDAY 16

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM TRIVIA
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM MUSICAL BINGO
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM TRIVIA

## WEDNESDAY 17

- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM MUSICAL BINGO

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### STOP LOOKING

*'The current trend of fillers and procedures, and this obsession with filtering are wiping out generations of beauty.'*

This is a quote from Jamie Lee Curtis, the 62-year-old Hollywood actress who's speaking from experience. She's had a bit of work done herself. She knows it doesn't work. That it's just making many women look the same, and beauty has become as industrialised as any other capitalist monoculture.

What if we have done the unthinkable? Eradicated true beauty because of our perception deficit? It's like having the exact same perfect sunset every day. Without variance - it's meaningless.

Why are beauty standards for women so unrealistic? Is it the patriarchy at work? Or are women guilty of driving it too? Do old women really just 'disappear'? Or do they disappear themselves into a surgeon's office... reappearing as a perennial 35 year old? And if you are 55 - but you look 35 - is being seen as 35 actually being seen at 55?

It seems ironic that as technology starts to focus on AI and Virtual Reality that so many are sculpting their faces in a way that looks computer generated. Women are starting to look a bit like bots. And this has meant boomtown for plastic surgeons. Some say it's a Covid-based consequence: a Zoom boom.

The rise in video conferencing during the pandemic has led to a 'Zoom Dysmorphia' and an increase in the demand for plastic surgery. You see, for the first time ever in conversations with our peers and colleagues we have had to look at ourselves. There are many in the Zoom room who can't take their eyes off themselves. For the last two years we've basically been having meetings staring at our own reflection; we have become narcissists fixated with the screen version of ourselves. Although, unlike Narcissus, most of us haven't fallen in love with ourselves. We are appalled.

It's like, the more we see ourselves, the less idea we have of what we look like, or how we 'should' look. I once spoke to someone who talked about working in a

traditional community that didn't have mirrors. People in that community didn't need to know what they looked like. Their presence was reflected back in their relationship with others. I think that's beautiful. To me it describes connection and an understanding of what you actually look like. Can you read who you are in the face of another? I can't when I am on Zoom. I am too busy going 'Wow, I didn't realise my nose was that big!'

I started to wonder how much I look at myself in the mirror or on a Zoom call. I counted and came up with around 50 looks over the day: the bathroom mirror, the Zoom call, facetime, the rearvision in the car, the reflective glass, the decorative mirror at the cafe, I can't get away... even when I'm trying not to, I keep seeing myself. And the more I see myself, the louder the voice gets that tells me what's wrong.

Is that the voice that also rings the plastic surgeon and books a procedure?

Australia is a 'plastic positive' nation. We spend \$1b on cosmetic procedures. That's 40 per cent per capita more than people in the US! Our exposure to these augmented faces has normalised surgery. It means we perceive altered faces as ideal. It means we are losing, as Jamie Lee points out, our beauty diversity.

We all need to go on a 'face fast'. No looking at yourself for a week!

A few years ago I made a pledge to not say anything negative about my body. It really made a difference. Snapchat and Instagram filters, Photoshop... they're all poison for self-esteem. Some people say that they've had procedures done because ageing makes them invisible. But I wonder if the way to become visible, to really be seen, is for us to stop looking?



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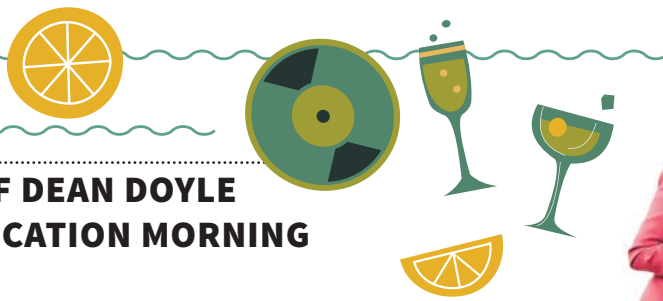
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## THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AT THE BALLINA RSL PROMISE A STELLAR CAST OF DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT



Dean Doyle and the band swing into Fridays at Ballina RSL.

### THE RETURN OF DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION MORNING MELODIES

This Friday at the Ballina RSL you can enjoy the return of Dean Doyle with Sophistication playing morning melodies. Dean, Narelle and Paul are back where songs old and new are played in that style called swing. Featuring classics from Frank Sinatra to Dean Martin, to Sting; sweet songs from the '30s through to the '70s and more.

The 90 minute shows are on the second Friday of the month and feature the good vibes of a band in fine form as they work their way through the set, engaging the audience on and off the stage. After the concert the band likes to meet and greet the patrons.

**12 November**  
Doors: 9.30am, Show: 10am  
All Tickets: \$15

### A SWINGING SESSION

Dean returns later in the month with Sophistication to bring you *A Swinging Session*. Featuring Brian Pamphilon and Bruce Rollo this show delivers an evening of swinging music and great vocals as they salute the fabulous Big Band Crooners. The modern Big Band vocal style peaked with Frank Sinatra's *Songs for Swinging Lovers* in the mid-fifties. Since that album, singing with a laid-back delivery in front of a swinging band has never gone out of style!

You can also expect vocal and piano solos from the fabulous Narelle Harris, and classic drumming from Paul Belsham.

**20 November**  
Doors: 7.30pm, Show: 8pm  
All Tickets: \$25

### FAULTY TOWERS THE DINING EXPERIENCE

The first week of December will see the Ballina RSL host *Faulty Towers, The Dining Experience*. Straight from London's West End via the Sydney Opera House, this international sensation is returning to Ballina RSL. Officially the world's most sought after tribute to the BBC sitcom, *Faulty Towers, The Dining Experience* is simply unmissable – and outrageously funny.

Become part of the action as Basil, Sybil and Manuel serve up mayhem on a plate alongside a three-course meal and two hours of non-stop laughter. Expect nothing short of guaranteed fun and a brilliant night out as you climb inside the BBC's iconic TV show and experience it from the inside out... With over 70 per cent improvised action, this is a completely immersive and highly interactive comedy spectacular where anything can happen – and usually does!

**Faulty Towers, The Dining Experience**  
**3 December**  
Doors: 7pm, Dinner and Show: 7.30pm  
Tickets \$125 Dinner, Drinks & Show (18+)

### DISCO DIVA FUNDRAISER

You can't miss the *Disco Diva Fundraiser* – hosted by Ballina RSL and Breast Friends FUNdraising, this is a fun get together, featuring Lisa Hunt, Candy Surprise, DJ tunes and more. Tickets include finger food and a drink on arrival.

**4 December. Doors: 6pm, Show: 6.30pm**  
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### BALLINA REGION FOR REFUGEES FUNDRAISING EVENT

When Afghanistan fell to the Taliban the world was shocked by images of thousands of Afghan people at Kabul airport trying to flee. Those who managed to escape face a different set of challenges as they begin life in another country, whether it be temporary, or for the rest of their lives.

Ballina Region for Refugees (BR4R) have sponsored two Afghan families (11 people in total) whom they hope will eventually settle in the Ballina/Byron Area.

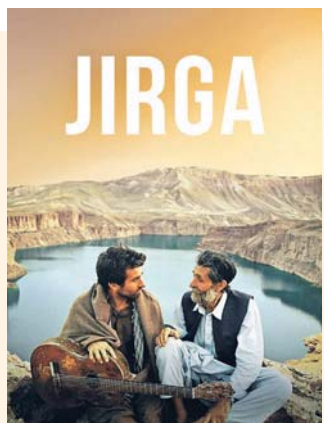
Byron Shire local and filmmaker, Benjamin Gilmour, is actively campaigning to have a further 50 artists, film directors and musicians be given humanitarian visas. The hope is that a number of those people will also settle in this area.

To assist BR4R in raising the money needed for this resettlement, Benjamin Gilmour's *Jirga* will be presented for a special fundraising screening. The film will be followed by a Q&A with Benjamin, together with Mark Isaacs, author of *The Kabul Peace House*. Copies of Mark's book, and Benjamin's books, DVDs and CDs, will be available for purchase, and both Mark and Ben are kindly donating \$5 from each sale to the appeal. All funds raised at this special event will go towards resettlement of Afghans in the Northern Rivers area.

*Jirga* tells the story of a former Australian soldier who returns to Afghanistan to make amends with the family of a civilian he accidentally killed during the war. Seeking forgiveness, he puts his life in the hands of the village justice system – the Jirga.

**Jirga will screen at the Byron Theatre, Wednesday 1 December, 7pm.**

**Tickets for this fundraising event are \$25 and are available at Byron Theatre or online: [byrontheatre.com](http://byrontheatre.com). For more information on Ballina Region for Refugees, go to [www.br4r.org.au](http://www.br4r.org.au).**



## JIRGA

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Session Times: Thu 11 Nov - Wed 17 Nov NFT = No Free Tickets

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<b>RON'S GONE WRONG (PG)</b> Daily: 10:40AM, 4:30PM	<b>ETERNALS (M)</b> Daily except Mon: 10:30AM, 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 8:20PM Mon: 10:20AM, 1:00, 3:50, 7:15, 8:20PM	<b>THE LAST DUEL (MA15+)</b> Daily except Mon: 1:20, 7:00 Mon: 1:20PM
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**Last acre in central Byron Bay**

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**A Habitat Beauty**

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- Prime position with elevation and aspect, ensuring a light-filled home.
- Ducted air conditioning throughout.
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- First time the property has been offered to the market since built 5 years ago.
- Established tropical gardens, plenty of room for a pool.
- Double lock up garage.
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- Octagonal vegetable garden and chicken pen / summer house,
- Extensive gardens including fruit trees, deciduous ornamental trees
- Variety of rainforest and cleared land
- Potential dam spots STCA
- Approximately 20 minutes to Mullumbimby

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PRICE GUIDE \$1,250,000 - \$1,350,000  
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### 108 Orana Road, Ocean Shores

#### Panoramic Ocean Views from Retro-style Home

Opportunity knocks at this classic brick and tile home with picturesque ocean views, spanning all the way to Cape Byron Lighthouse. The choice is yours: There's scope to renovate and add your own decorative touches, you could potentially redevelop the sizeable block into two dwellings (STCA) or simply move in and enjoy the home as it is.

- Set on a spacious 1037 square metres
- Family living and dining area



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#### Potential Packed Beachside Escape

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- Set on a level, 639 square metre block of land
- Well-presented bathroom with luxurious bathtub
- Vibrant kitchen with timber benchtops, gas cooking, Smeg stovetop and dishwasher



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### 24 Matong Drive, Ocean Shores

#### Easy living in Ocean Shores

This elevated 3-bedroom home on a large 1,783 m<sup>2</sup> 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 m<sup>2</sup> block.
- Open plan family, living and dining room with access to a covered deck.



## Just Listed

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#### Prestigious, Elevated Beachside Family Home in Gaggin Street

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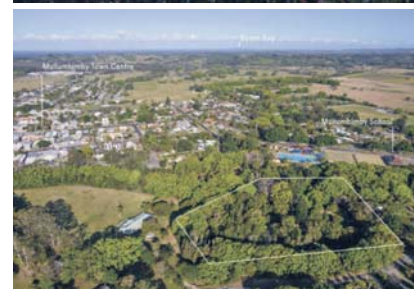
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3/174 Fowlers Lane,  
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- Separately keyed and dual occupancy
- Beautiful north aspect with sunny balcony
- Access to pool, business facilities & restaurant
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- 2/53 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 9 New City Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 26B Alcorn St, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30am–12pm
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- 3 Camden Ln, Ballina. Sat 10–11am
- 68 Dolphin Dr, West Ballina. Sat 11–11.30am
- 9 Gorton Ave, East Lismore. Sat 11–11.30am
- 22 Quays Dr, West Ballina. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 4 Summerhill Cres, Cumbalum. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 11 Lindsay Cres, Wardell. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 1/163 Fox St, Ballina. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 7 Oak Ct, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30–1pm

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- 39 The Manse Rd, Myocum. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 3/174 Fowlers Ln, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 88 Balemo Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 27 Kalemajere Dr, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am

#### North Coast Lifestyle Properties

- 18 Nurubuan St, Mullumbimby. Wed 4–5pm; Sat 10–10.45am

#### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- 26 Oakbank Tce, Murwillumbah. Thu 1–1.30pm
- 7 Yalla Kool Dr, Ocean Shores. Thu 1–1.30pm; Sat 12.30–1pm
- 4 Condong St, Murwillumbah. Thu 2–3pm; Sat 12.30–1.30pm
- 55 Walker St, East Lismore. Sat 11–11.30am
- 44 Lalina Ave, Tweed Heads West. Sat 11.15–11.45am
- 2 Kanandah Ct, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 61 Riverview St, Murwillumbah. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 24 Matong, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–1pm
- 16 Clifford St, South Golden Beach. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 108 Orana Rd, Ocean Shores. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 426 Tweed Valley Way, South Murwillumbah. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 568 Tregagle Rd, Tregagle. Wed 4–4.30pm; Sat 10.30–11am
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- 9 Rosewood Ave, Bangalow. Wed 11.45am–12.15pm; Sat 9.15–9.45am
- 187 Cameron Rd, McLeans Ridges. Wed 1–1.30pm; Sat 1.45–2.15pm
- 95 Dunoon Rd, Nth Lismore. Thu 1.15–1.45pm

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- 4 Henderson Dr, Lennox Head
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- 265 Tyagarah Rd, Myocum
- 9 New City Rd, Mullumbimby
- 2/53 Stuart St, Mullumbimby
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- 11 Dalley St, Mullumbimby
- 18 Nurubuan St, Mullumbimby
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- 361A Huonbrook Rd, Huonbrook
- Lots 389/390 Middle Pocket Rd, Middle Pocket

#### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- 30 Somerville Cct, Murwillumbah
- 2 Condong St, Murwillumbah

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#### First National Real Estate Byron Bay

- 3/60 Lawson St, Byron Bay. Sat 20 Nov, 1pm onsite
- 9 New City Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 27 Nov, 12pm onsite
- 14 Bangalay Ct, Bangalow. Sat 4 Dec, 11.30am onsite
- 1 Mona Ln, Brunswick Heads. Fri 3 Dec, 10.30am onsite

#### Raine & Horne Ocean Shores/ Brunswick Heads/Murwillumbah

- Lot 4 Quarry Rd, Murwillumbah. Sat 10am

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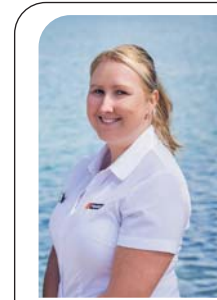


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## Mungo's Crossword N412

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Wager over a donkey and a dog (6)
- Standard Australian situation: tick! (8)
- Cover dogs - they say followers hang on to them! (4,5)
- Worker in charge of caper (5)
- Savage guard maintains her hemp gardens (6,8)
- Get on board a big hill (5)
- Tidied, and again issued instructions (9)
- 7 and 11 for instance - incongruous link (3,6)
- Extreme skill - left turn, go back! (5)
- Wild rhino would fish for a big dog (5,9)
- Colder - 99, that's right (5)
- It's the centre of town! (5,4)
- Now's the time for gifts (8)
- British bird dog (6)

#### DOWN

- Support smoked pork and game (10)
- One in a heavenly body, one in flight! (5)
- Part of a former leaflet (7)
- I shall, they say, need a passage (5)
- Ashamed of a tree in a garden plot? (7)
- Explain the meaning of new, prettier version (9)
- Not right to vomit - dig in! (4)
- Broadcasts tour of landing area (8)
- Inland explorer nervously eyed reward (6,4)
- Stress, beneath the queue (9)
- Distraught lover in association with leftist literary journal (8)
- Old boy dish up eyeball (7)
- Throw him off the mount - use horn vigorously! (7)
- Become leaner around the middle (5)
- They say you confess employing ... (5)
- ... a thousand! Within the record - that's slack (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Short-legged, long-eared hound (6)
- Sponger (8)
- Ride on these to achieve success! (4,5)
- Prank (5)
- Alsatian dog (6,8)
- Ascend (5)
- Purchased again (9)
- Strange pair (3,6)
- Radical (5)
- Very tall dog from Ireland (5,9)
- More chilled (5)
- Central area of a metropolis (5,4)
- Introduces (8)
- Ship that carried Charles Darwin (6)

#### DOWN

- Board game (10)
- Set of steps (5)
- Draw out (7)
- Corridor (5)
- Embarrassed (7)
- Translate (9)
- Incise (4)
- Runway (8)
- English explorer who named large Central Australian lake (6,4)
- Emphasise (9)
- Cross-country (8)
- Notice (7)
- Dislodge from the saddle (7)
- Girth (5)
- Utilising (5)
- Droopy (4)

### Last week's solution N411

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1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT	Flea Market, 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	Wilsons Creek	6684 0299
4th SAT	Kyogle Bazaar	<a href="http://kyogletogogether.org.au">kyogletogogether.org.au</a>
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month)	Coolangatta
5th SAT	Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000

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Each TUE	New Brighton	6677 1345
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED	7-11 am M'bah	6684 7834
Each WED	3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
Each WED	4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
Each THU	8-11 am Byron	6687 1137
Each THU	2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
Each FRI	7-11 am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11 am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT	8.30-11 am Lismore	0466 415 172
Each SAT	8.30-12 am Blue Knob	
Each SUN	7-11 am Ballina	0493 102 137

## SUN, MOON & TIDES TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
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
13	SA	5:45 19:15	1:44 2:22	04:59.1.10 17:06.1.46	10:28.0.53 23:44.0.32
14	SU	5:44 19:15	2:56 3:07	05:57.1.21 18:00.1.42	11:36.0.50
15	M	5:44 19:16	4:13 3:27	06:45.1.33 18:46.1.39	<b>02:25.0.28</b> 12:33.0.47
16	TU	5:43 19:17	5:36 3:56	07:27.1.43 19:27.1.36	<b>01:00.0.25</b> 13:23.0.43
17	W	5:43 19:18	7:05 4:25	08:05.1.51 20:03.1.32	<b>01:31.0.22</b> 14:08.0.41
18	TH	5:43 19:19	8:45 4:55	08:40.1.57 20:37.1.27	<b>02:00.0.20</b> 14:49.0.38
19	F	5:42 19:19	10:14 5:27	09:14.1.62 21:11.1.22	<b>02:29.0.19</b> 15:30.0.37
20	SA	5:42 19:20	11:41 6:02	09:47.1.65 21:45.1.17	<b>02:57.0.21</b> 16:09.0.37
21	SU	5:41 19:21	13:04 6:41	10:22.1.65 22:19.1.12	<b>03:26.0.23</b> 16:47.0.38
22	M	5:41 19:22	14:38 7:24	10:58.1.64 22:56.1.06	<b>03:56.0.27</b> 17:28.0.41
23	TU	5:41 19:23	16:13 8:13	11:35.1.60 23:35.1.01	04:30.0.33 18:10.0.44
24	W	5:41 19:23	17:58 9:05	12:15.1.56	05:06.0.39 18:57.0.47

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

# DAY OF THE DEAD

**Day of the Dead Ceremony**  
**Fig Trees, Heritage Park**  
**Sunday 21 NOV**  
**Shrine making @ 3.00**  
**Ceremony @ 4.00**

**Zenith Virago & NDCC**  
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## BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Birthday Sassy Lady!



Love the Echo crew xx

## DEATH NOTICES

### Nola Elizabeth Gartner nee 'Carroll

Late of Ocean Shores.  
Passed away on Monday  
1st November 2021.  
Aged 82 years.

Dearly loved wife of Max Gartner. Loved mother of Dianne (King), Robert and Lisa (Ford).

## LORNA ANN CONDIE

20.10.1950 – 2.11.2021

Wadjanbarra Yidinji Elder (North Queensland).

Beloved mother of children Todd, Craig, and Lana. Grandmother of Jordan. Ex-partner of Athol.

Resident of Mullumbimby and Ocean Shores for over 30 years. Friend to many and sorely missed by her extended Joseph family.

Lover of life, laughing, and learning. Believed in education for her children who attended Mullumbimby Primary School, Mullumbimby High School, and then went to university.

Herself graduated from SCU Lismore in later life with Assoc. Degree in Aboriginal Health.

Teacher, role model, and Aboriginal activist who loved all people. But especially her Indigenous brothers and sisters as she could relate to their struggles.

Sadly passed away at Cairns Hospital after bravely fighting cancer and forever resides in her ancestral lands on the Atherton Tablelands.

**'The ones we love are never gone, they live within our hearts.'**



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Thousands turned up last Sunday to peacefully protest the government's mandated vaccinations and promote freedom of choice. It follows a recent march at the same location. Photo Jeff 'Sailing The Unmasked Seas Since 1986' Dawson

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ICYMI Meet the Candidates meetings will be held at the Byron Bay Community Centre on November 29, while in Bangalow, it will be held December 1 at the Bowlo from 6pm till 8pm. BayFM journalist, Mia Armitage, will be moderating both events. See the page 12 ad for more info.

Comedian Jordan Shanks, aka Friendly Jordies, has settled a defamation claim, out of court, with former NSW deputy Premier, John Barilaro. As part of the deal, Jordan gets to keep his videos on YouTube, but will stop selling merchandise that features a depiction of Mr Barilaro as a scrotum.

The Bank of England just became the first central bank in the world to exclude coal from its bond buying programs! It's a precedent that will hopefully be adopted by other radical left, pinko financiers.

First they came for broadcaster Alan Jones. And I did not speak out, because I was laughing. Adios, to the brightly dressed parrot. He decided to

quit, rather than take a lesser offer on his contract with Sky Network (Murdoch).

Whistleblower Edward Snowden observed last week: 'The "great works" of Bezos-money are ruthlessly unimaginative. You could construct vertical gardens the size of skyscrapers - in the greatest cities of the world. You could colonise the ocean floor! Nothing is impossible. But Bezos builds a boring baby cruise ship for \$500m'.

Nothing to see here: PM Scott Morrison leaks text messages to undermine the French president, who had accused the PM of being a liar. Journalists instead then get blamed for destabilising national interests by Liberal MP Simon Birmingham. Next comes the lie that the gaslighter-in-chief never campaigned against electric vehicles (EVs), despite the PM doing so on TV.

Andrew Laming MP and fellow Liberal MP, Christian Porter, along with Rupert Murdoch 'journalist' Peter van Onselen, have launched defamation proceedings

from the same legal firm against academic, writer, and child sexual assault survivor Gemma Carey. She deleted and apologised for abusive tweets. Sounds fair? If not, you can donate to [www.gofundme.com/f/enough-defamation-defense-legal-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/f/enough-defamation-defense-legal-fund).

A golf tournament fundraiser for The Shift Project will be held December 3 at the Byron Golf Club. To get involved with the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce event, visit [www.events.humanitix.com/bccgolfday2021](http://www.events.humanitix.com/bccgolfday2021)

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