

## Who is likely to be in charge of Council?

Paul Bibby

As counting continues in the local council elections, a clearer picture is beginning to emerge of who will hold power in Byron and how this will affect the good folk of the Shire.

With preferences yet to be distributed in either the mayoral or councillor races, any prediction about the final make up of the Council is speculative.

But *The Echo's* boffins have been crunching the numbers and we are ready to engage in some courageous conjecture.

With a lead of nearly five per cent at the time of writing, it appears that Independent Michael Lyon is likely to be elected mayor, continuing the role he was filling on an interim basis prior to the election.

Increasing the likelihood of this outcome is the fact that Cr Lyon seems likely to receive a significant number of second preference votes thanks to the alliance he forged with Labor and two other Independent candidates prior to the election – a group known as the United Front.

While Cr Lyon's closest rival in the mayoral race, Mark Swivel (Independent), will also receive some second preference votes as part of the same arrangement, it is unlikely to be enough to get him over the line given Lyon's lead.

### Does the mayor matter?

Even though the mayor only has one vote during the normal course of events, the position is crucial.

For a start, they have significant power to make decisions on their own under delegated authority

when an urgent decision is required. This power has been used on multiple occasions in the past two years owing to the chaos of COVID-19.

The mayor also has the casting vote in situations where a Council vote is deadlocked, a power that Cr Lyon used on multiple occasions as interim mayor.

But perhaps even more important in the context of this election is the fact that, should Cr Lyon be elected mayor, there will be flow-on effects for those further down his Byron Independents ticket.

Put simply, it is likely to mean that at least two of Cr Lyon's running mates – Sama Balson and Peter Westheimer – will also get seats on the Council.

That would create a block of three Council votes.

Obviously this will not constitute a majority on a nine-member Council.

However, it is likely to create a majority for the United Front, assuming that their alliance was more than just a front for political expediency.

Extrapolating dangerously from the current numbers, it looks like that alliance may have a majority on the Council, broken down as follows:

Byron Independents (led by Cr Lyon): three seats; Mark Swivel Team: one or two seats; Labor (led by Asren Pugh): one seat.

Total votes: 5 or 6.

The remaining Council spots look likely to be taken by The Greens (two seats) and independent Cr Cate Coorey (one seat).

Conservative Alan Hunter is still in with a chance of getting a seat, yet it is unlikely for Bruce Clarke.



Octopi in Andy's eye

Andy Forbes's mind has been occupied by cephalopods for some time now, and the result is a large body of amazing drawings that will make a public appearance at his Smoke and Mirrors studio/gallery, located at 3/2 Acacia Street in the Arts & Industry Estate, this Friday night, December 17, from 5.30pm. Well known as a twisted, at times demented, performance artist, Andy is also a formally trained, highly accomplished multi-disciplinary artist. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Local COVID-19 cases surge

Local health authorities have reported an increase in COVID-19 cases in the north coast, with Byron cases being most prevalent.

In the 24 hours to 8pm December 10, Northern NSW Local Health District (LHD) said 35 new cases of COVID-19 were detected.

Northern NSW LHD Chief Executive, Wayne Jones, said, 'We are seeing an increase in cases in the Byron Bay region, and the majority of them are associated with

venues including pubs, clubs and party settings'.

Woody's Surf Shack Night Club has been identified as a venue of concern on the nights of November 30, December 1, 2 and 3.

Forty-six COVID-19 cases have been confirmed from an event at Coorabell Hall on December 4 (4pm onwards).

Other venues considered a concern are the Kiosk Lennox Beach (Pacific Parade) on December 7,

between 7am and 3pm, and No Bones Byron Bay (11 Fletcher Street) on December 7, between 6 and 9pm (nine cases linked).

Another confirmed case of COVID-19 was identified at the Byron Bay campus of SAE Creative Media Institute on December 7.

NSW LHD say two COVID-positive patients are in hospital in Northern NSW, and around 120 cases 'are being cared for by our Virtual COVID Care team'.

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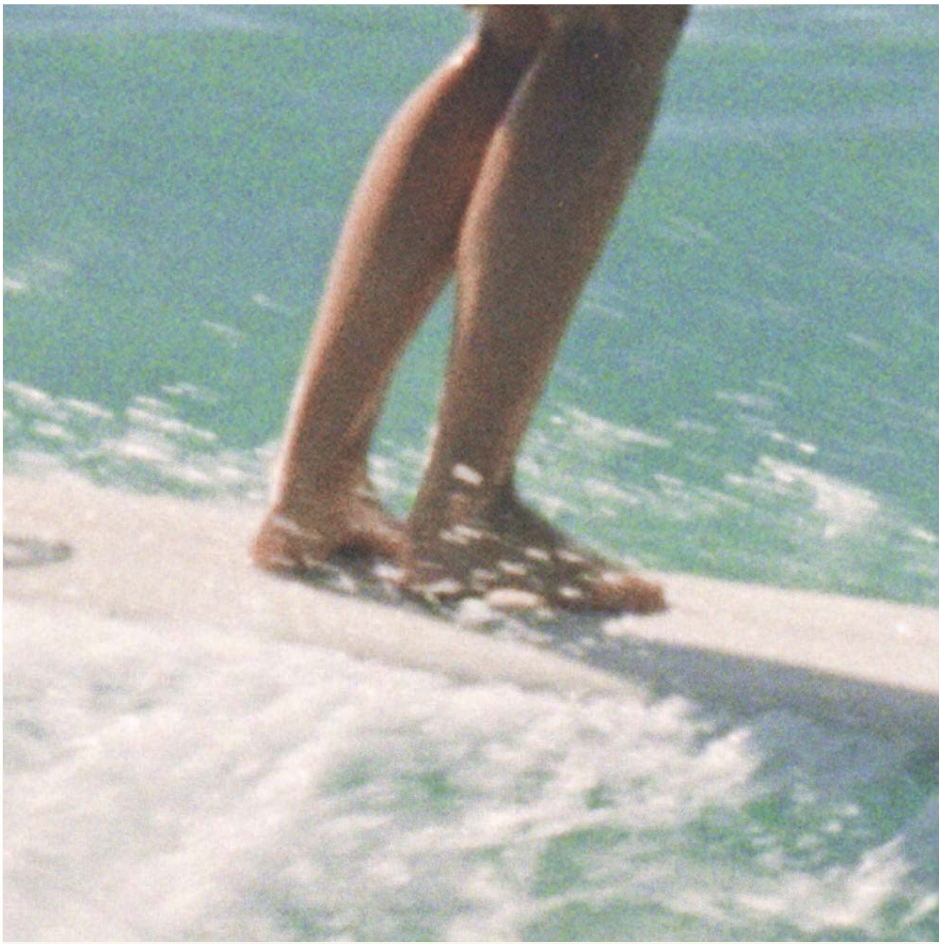
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Photo Jeff 'Drums Not Drama' Dawson



## Defibs a hit

Recent training with defibrillators by Ironman, Guy Leech, was a great success, with around 50 people attending the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce session. 'We will be placing defibrillators at the Mullumbimby Tennis Club, the Brunswick Valley Museum, on the wall of the Mullumbimby Newsagency, and at the Main Arm Store,' said Chamber president, Jenelle Stanford. 'We are still fundraising for two more machines to place at each of the Industrial Estates,' she told *The Echo*. If you would like to donate to the fundraising, contact Jenelle at the Mullumbimby Newsagency or email [jenelle@mullumbimby.org.au](mailto:jenelle@mullumbimby.org.au).

Photo Jeff 'Defibs And Drabs' Dawson

## Artists adapt around virus restrictions

Paul Bibby

The abandoned foyer of an old cinema was not where the graduating class of Murwillumbah TAFE's Visual Arts Diploma course had intended to have their final exhibition.

Two weeks before their showcase was due to open in the TAFE's own building, new COVID safety regulations were introduced, which effectively meant that no one except students and staff would be able to attend.

So the search for an alternative venue began, led by TAFE's Head of Creative Design and Ideation for the Tweed, Sandra Guy.

What emerged was a collaboration between TAFE NSW and Murwillumbah's M|Arts Precinct that resulted in a huge exhibition, called *Blueprint*, by students from 11 different courses spanning two campuses.

Much of their work found a home in the un-utilised foyer of Murwillumbah's



Local artist, Alexandra Diana. Photo Jeff Dawson

grand old Regent Cinema.

'I remember saying "We can do this!";' Ocean Shores-based artist, Alexandra Diana, recalls of the moment she and her fellow students walked into the cavernous old foyer for the first time.

'It's amazing what you can do when you have to adapt.'

A few weeks and plenty of elbow grease later, the exhibition is in full swing and the space is filled with colourful creations from some of the region's finest creative folk.

reception, kids needing to be home schooled... one student lived in Queensland had to try and navigate the border situation, which meant taking the bus.'

For Ms Diana, spending more time painting and creating alone allowed her internal processes to arise - bringing up both gifts and the gremlins. 'Because I didn't have to be painting, it enabled my fear to be very present,' she says.

'The time would come to paint, and I would be like "hmm, I might just go for a walk in nature". At a certain point, I just said "okay, just do it". Somehow that unblocked the process.'

Among the works she created were an emotionally evocative series of drawings titled *Back to Self*, and a stunning triptych: *Emotional Landscapes*.

*Blueprint* runs until December 18 at the M|Arts precinct, Cnr of Brisbane and Wollumbin Streets, Murwillumbah.

It was just one of the challenges presented to the students by COVID-19 over the past 12 months.

Ms Diana and her colleagues have also had to navigate the lack of structure created by fewer face-to-face classes, financial challenges, and feelings of isolation.

'I think we all needed to be more resilient to hold the process gracefully,' Alexandra says.

'One student in our group had very little internet

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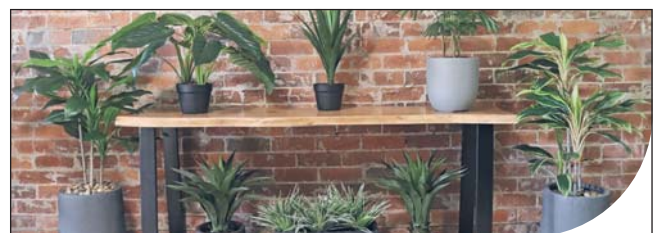
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## Mono wins another Para Surfing gold

Ross Kendall

Para Surfing pioneer, Mark 'Mono' Stewart, claimed his third straight world championship at Pismo Beach in California last weekend.

The surf pumped throughout a dramatic finals day of the 2021 ISA World Para Surfing Championship.

Byron Bay's 'Mono' took out the kneel division that he has dominated over the last few seasons. The USA took out the teams event, with Australia coming in sixth.



Mono on his way to another outstanding result. Photo Sean Evans ISA

## Train protest Thursday

Residents who are upset at the proposed pulling up of railway tracks on the Murwillumbah section of the Casino to Murwillumbah line are gathering to protest at the Murwillumbah Railway Station this Thursday December 16 at 10am till 12pm.

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## Morrisey's book looks at colonial history

A new book by Patrick Morrisey argues colonial Ireland begat colonial Australia, '600 years before Captain Cook skewered a Union Jack into Aboriginal land'.

In *The Great Irish Famine: One Clan's Story*, the former Byron Shire councillor recalls the outrage of an election in County Kilkenny at the end of The Great Famine.

He says, 'Starvation and disease had wiped out around one million souls and forced another million-and-a-half to emigrate'.

'Two of my ancestors left in 1848, finding work in Moreton Bay before heading to the Gold Fields.'

'The rest of the family remained in Ireland, renting a quarter acre off a middleman to grow potatoes, in return for their labour, while some of the better off tenant farmers had been enfranchised with a vote for the first time.'

The book is available at The Bookshop, Mullumbimby, The Federal Shop and at [www.pjpublications.com.au](http://www.pjpublications.com.au).

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**COVID update – there are 28 new cases**

Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) authorities say there were 28 new cases of COVID-19 reported for Northern NSW Local Health District.

**Alcohol-free zones to continue in Ballina Shire**

Four areas of public land in the Ballina Shire are to stay alcohol-free zones for at least another three years.

**Work is starting on Tweed Rail Trail**

The Tweed Council section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is a 24km section that stretches from the Murwillumbah Railway Station to Crabbes Creek and work is starting on the construction.

**NORPA announces stellar 2022 season**

At a special online event, NORPA revealed some of the adventurous, world-class shows that will transport audiences to different worlds in 2022.

**Helping Benny to help Marsha battle cancer**

If you live on the far north coast and you don't know who Benny Zable is, then you haven't 'lived' on the far north coast.

**Virtual reality experiment shows lack of fire preparedness**

Evidence from the Royal Commission into the Black Saturday fires in 2009, where 173 people lost their lives, revealed that 69 per cent of deaths occurred while people were sheltering.

**Tweed bringing their decoration A game for Christmas**

Tweed Shire is getting ready for the big red guy in boardshorts on a mal to come surfing up on December 25 and the street banners and decorations have been installed to welcome him.

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**Fingal Head reserve handed to Aboriginal Land Council**

Aslan Shand

In a NSW first, the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council (TBALC) has been handed the management of the culturally significant Fingal Head reserve, a 2.3 hectare parcel of land.

In a ceremony on December 10, local families gathered with community members and representatives to acknowledge the importance of this event.

'Thank you to the Land Council for inviting us to be here for this historic occasion of being handed over management of the headland,' said Nicole Rotumah-Weir, Chairperson of the Tweed Aboriginal Cooperative.

'It is a massive achievement for our land council.

'This decision could be the start of something really big for our community, and part of historic sites being asked to be handed back for management by our Aboriginal people.'

Following a ceremonial



Aunty Bev Anderson, Aunty Sharon Tui, Uncle Franc Krasna, Aunty Ruth Green, and Aunty Claudia Rotumah. Photo Jeff Dawson

dance, Leweena Williams, CEO of the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council recognised the long fight that has been fought for recognition.

'That was pretty emotional,' she said when the dance completed.

'When we think about all our old fellas that have

fought for this place, our old fellas that are here today, it is an honour to be able to do this work for you, and teach our kids to do this once we've left this Earth.'

'So it's people who we watched as kids and they were part of this fight. The boys showed their emotions

through their dance.'

Ms Williams recognised the work of Silas Southerland from Crown Lands, and local MP Geoff Provest (Nationals).

'Silas Southerland – he was the guy who orchestrated this, along with the land council. He's not just another bureaucrat making

decisions on our behalf that affects us.'

'He actually came up and had a look at the projects, sat down and had a yarn at the Sheoak Shack, here on Country, and really got to understand what we do here, not just to do with the headland but the entire peninsula,' she explained.

**Battle won**

'This is another battle that's been won at Fingal,' said Uncle Franc Krasna.

'From securing housing in the 1960s, to Ocean Blue, and now the government has recognised us today.'

Kay Bolton from Fingal Head Coastcare (FHC) added, 'This community has worked for decades and decades to protect what we think is really special. The reason we have been successful is because we have worked together.'

'The most relevant project is our headland project. It was being destroyed. It was being loved to death.'

**Foreign-owned water entitlements at 11 per cent**

The Productivity Commission, an independent federal agency that reviews and advises on government policy, has released its latest report: *Register of Foreign-owned Water Entitlements*.

It states, 'The level of foreign ownership of Australian water entitlements on issue is now about 11 per cent, with most investment coming from Canada, followed by China and the United States.'

While the authors claim there is support for foreign investment within the agricultural and mining industries, 'a sizeable share of the Australian community has some unease towards foreign investment, particularly foreign "direct"

investment that entails some control of Australian businesses and assets.'

'It is sometimes considered a threat to rural livelihoods, local communities and Australian food security – concerns that carry over to water entitlements. Changes in water resource management and the pressures from prolonged periods of drought have exacerbated these concerns.'

'In response to community concerns and a perception of rapidly rising foreign control of water assets, the Australian Government introduced the *Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements* (the Register) in 2017, to provide transparency about the level

of foreign ownership of water.

'Under the Register, foreign persons are required to notify the ATO if they acquire a specified water asset or if there are changes to their foreign status or water entitlement holdings.'

The threshold for foreign owned water entitlements are: 'if a foreign person, corporation or government has an interest in an entity of at least 20 per cent, or multiple foreign entities have an aggregate interest in an entity of at least 40 per cent.'

The report claims, 'There is no compelling case for major changes to the *Register of Foreign Ownership of Water Entitlements*' as it is fit for purpose

**Govt eases regulations around food trucks and 'dark kitchens'**

The permanent adoption of initiatives introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic will see a '\$3.1 billion productivity boost', says NSW Treasurer, Matt Kean (Liberal).

Kean says the decision followed 'consultation and evaluation'.

'From allowing greater use of food trucks and dark kitchens, to giving workers more flexibility in how they take long service leave – these measures have been providing the extra support many businesses needed during COVID-19', Mr Kean said.

Meanwhile, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes (Liberal), said 'The

disruption of the pandemic allowed us to experiment with how the planning system can work better to drive productivity. We're now securing those benefits in perpetuity.'

**Permanent changes**

The temporary changes made permanent include: 'Allowing digital display of planning documents; Allowing lower-risk licensed venues, including restaurants and cafes, to sell takeaway and home delivery alcohol under the Liquor Act 2007, subject to limitations including purchase with a meal and restrictions on amount purchased'

**Lismore predicted to grow by 14%**

The population of the Lismore Local Government Area (LGA) is forecast to grow by 13.57 per cent to 51,023 over the next two decades, according to research commissioned by Lismore City Council.

The research by demographic forecaster .id (Informed Decisions) predicts the LGA will experience annual growth of 0.6 per cent to 2041, adding another 6,000 people to the population.

This reverses the recent trend of a declining population.

Lismore Council's Director of Partnerships, Planning and Engagement, Eber Butron, said 'One thing that stands out in this research is the importance of high-quality facilities like the Lismore Base Hospital and Southern Cross University, as well as our unique environment, as population drivers for Lismore LGA.'

Predictions include another 3,105 dwellings to meet the population demand by 2041, however the research suggests the type of

housing is likely to change.

'Lone person households will continue to grow, increasing from 5218 in 2016 to over 6500 by 2041 which would be 30.4 per cent of all households. As the average household size declines and the number of people living alone increases, Lismore will need smaller, medium-density development close to town and health services', Mr Butron said.

The full report can be accessed via [www.forecast.id.com.au/lismore](http://www.forecast.id.com.au/lismore).

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# Vale legendary local, Allan Yarrington

Elisha Yarrington

Allan Yarrington, local of 33 years, passed away in the arms of his three children at Tweed Hospital.

Infamously known as the The Box King, Allan was an iconic character of Byron Shire.

He first started making a name for himself by selling old soft drink timber Cottées boxes at markets, which paved the way for a successful business employing over 35 staff for ten years manufacturing in the building behind Mitre10.

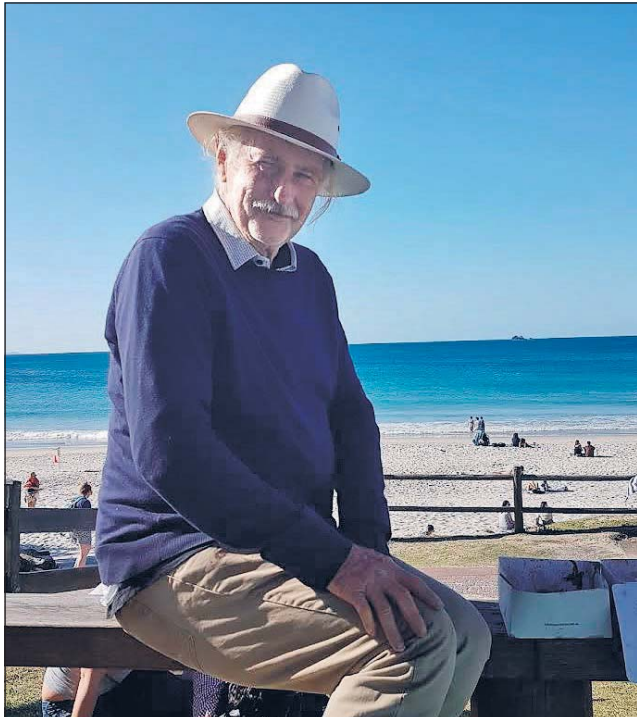
During that time, Allan contributed to many local fundraisers, hosted Sea Shepherd events at his Belongil property, and Africa Leaf fundraisers, among many other local charities.

Allan was passionate about community, human rights and health.

## Box King

After the closure of The Box King, he went on to open up The Conscious Cafe with me, his daughter.

It was the first 100 per cent organic cafe in Australia. The Conscious Cafe



Allan Yarrington. Photo supplied

quickly became the popular number one local gathering spot, hidden in the old Woolworths car park, draped in vines, plants, daybeds, crystals and the like.

It was said that locals of 40 year's residence would come down from the hills to eat at The Conscious Cafe, as it was reminiscent of the old hippie Byron days.

Devastatingly Allan lost

his younger daughter Bonny Yarrington, 26, in an accident at Billinudgel, leaving the family shattered.

Allan's entrepreneurial endeavours also included the big orange, which is still at the local markets 26 years later.

Then there's the Humble Pie van, and Uncle Tom's Pies, introducing its first gluten-free pies, JING shack cafe, The Whitehouse Byron

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All was never short of business ideas.

The entrepreneurial DNA has been passed down to his children; Adam, myself and Daniel.

Allan was a member of Byron Chamber of Commerce, and was very vocal on issues regarding over-development of Byron and social issues like coal seam gas (CSG) fracking and international human rights.

But he was not only known as a business man, he was the life of the party.

## Iconic parties

Hosting the largest, most iconic parties Byron Shire has ever seen at his Belongil property those that attended left in awe. A few of those parties ended in large fines and court cases.

One thing is for sure, Allan knew how to throw a party.

A character larger than life, he will be greatly missed by family, friends and the community. Allan's legacy lives on through his children and in the hearts he touched.

A celebration of his life will be held for Allan on December 21.

## ClubsNSW targets money launderers

Peak lobby group ClubsNSW says it has proposed measures to the NSW government and police, 'to ensure criminals attempting to launder money through poker machines are stopped in their tracks'.

ClubsNSW CEO, Josh Landis, says the industry has a strong track record of compliance with the law, 'but

our laws need to be made stronger and venues need to be empowered in order to score a decisive blow over criminals'.

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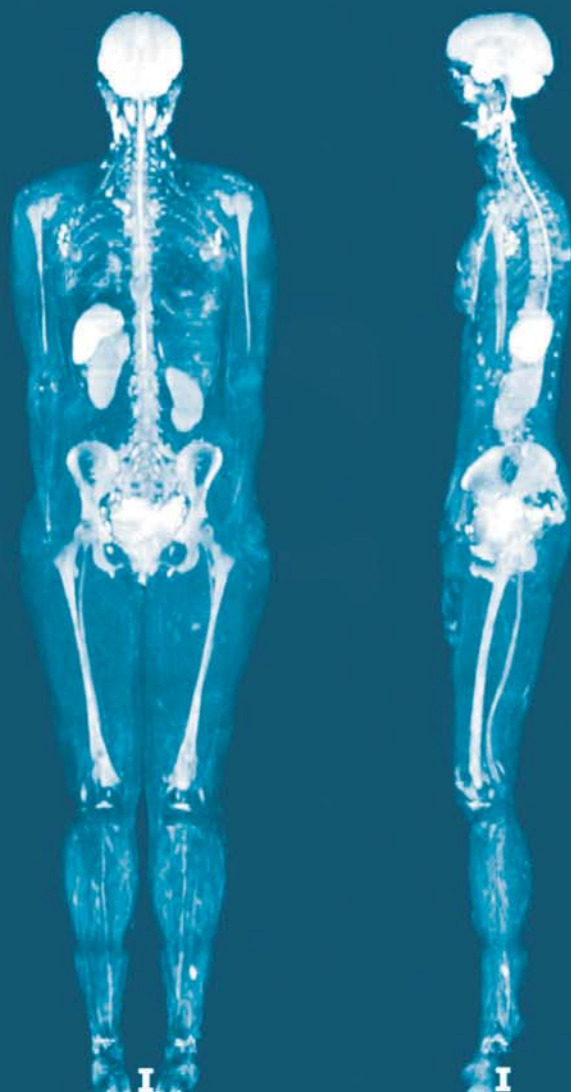
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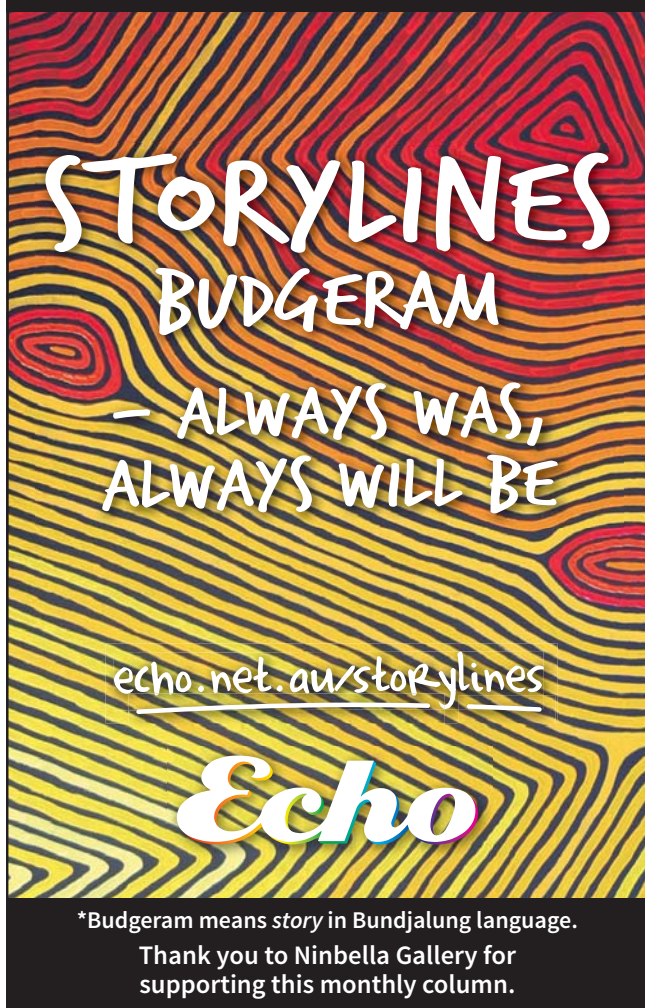
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## A piece of Aussie film on offer for charity

Aslan Shand

*Puberty Blues*: It is a quintessentially Australian coming-of-age movie, starring Nell Schofield, which called into question the roles and behaviours of young people in Australian culture.

For its fortieth anniversary, locally-based Nell is donating 20 framed black and white photos from the movie set to be sold at Ninbella Art Gallery in Bangalow, with the proceeds being donated to the Women’s Village Collective.

The 8x10 black and white images of the movie *Puberty Blues* arrived in a box, delivered to Nell a few months ago.

‘They are all the classic scenes from the film,’ Nell told *The Echo*.

‘Rather than hold onto them, I wanted to pass them onto the public. I’ve been so welcomed here in the last two years, I wanted to give something back.

‘There is such a depth of concern in the community about the housing emergency. The Women’s Village Collective was founded to



Actress and activist Nell Schofield. Photo Jeff Dawson

help find homes for women and help address the housing crisis. Because the film is about women, I thought it was good to donate towards.’

The photos will be on exhibition from Wednesday, December 15 at Ninbella Art Gallery in Bangalow until December 30.

Either drop by, or go online to find out more [www.ninbella.com](http://www.ninbella.com).

### Emma’s travels make it to print

Local author, Emma Scattergood, has written her second book, *Itchy Feet & Bucket Lists*, on her travels that included a rum in Barbados, a coffee in Guatemala and guacamole in Mexico.

Emma and her husband, Darryl, commenced their journey in October 2019 and travelled 24 countries and

57,000km as they attempted to tick off their bucket list, stay one step ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic and make it back to Australia. Regions traversed include Mongolia, Siberia and Russia.

You can pick up Emma’s books at the Mullumbimby Bookshop, or online at [www.daermatravels.com](http://www.daermatravels.com).

## Have you registered your Byron holiday rental property?

The NSW Government has implemented a new statewide regulatory policy for short-term rental accommodation (STRA). From 31 January 2022, the policy will apply in the Byron Shire LGA.

If you own or are a letting agent for a short-term rental property in the Byron Shire LGA, register your property on the STRA register.

John Spencer - Aerial photo of The Pass, Cape Byron State Conservation Area



For more information visit [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/stra](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/stra) or scan the QR code.



## Treeloppers dump rubbish at Broken Head Hall

A spokesperson for the Broken Head Hall committee, Mr Bruce Blackford, says that last Thursday morning, a large pile of wood chips was found dumped in the hall’s car park. This has occurred on several occasions in the past.

‘Broken Head Hall is not

a Council-owned hall’, he said. ‘It is owned by the local community, and run by a small group of volunteers. It operates on a not-for-profit basis, and the car park space is essential for the use of the various groups that use the hall on a regular basis’.

‘The hall committee is

now faced with a bill to clean up the mess, unless those who dumped it come back and pick it up. The committee has limited funds but is now looking at installing security cameras so that, if it occurs again, the culprits can be identified and reported to the authorities’.

## New rate peg for NSW councils

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has announced that the amount that NSW councils will be able to increase the revenue they can collect from rates will depend on each LGA’s level of population growth.

Under the 2022–23 rate peg decision, IPART has set a rate peg for each council, ranging from 0.7 per cent to 5.0 per cent.

Tribunal Chair, Carmel Donnelly, said that in setting the rate peg for 2022–23, IPART has used a new methodology that recognises that some councils face higher costs from growing populations.

She says, ‘We have developed a way of incorporating population growth into the rate peg that balances the need to ensure councils are

financially sustainable, while protecting ratepayers from excessive rate rises’.

‘The methodology we have used will ensure councils maintain the average amount of money collected per person as their population grows.

‘This will enable councils to provide services to their growing communities,’ said Ms Donnelly.

IPART’s rate peg also takes into account the annual change in the Local Government Cost Index (LGCI), which measures the average costs faced by NSW councils.

According to IPART, the rate peg represents the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income.

For almost all councils, general income consists entirely of revenue from rates.

‘The rate peg applies to each council’s general income in total, not to individual ratepayers’ rates. Councils may increase categories of rates by more than, or less than, the rate peg, as long as the total increase in general income remains within the rate peg’.

Individual ratepayers’ rates are also impacted by land values set by the Valuer General NSW.

Byron Shire has a relatively low population for the region, yet high visitation numbers.

Meanwhile, IPART has released its Draft Report to seek feedback from stakeholders on its draft decisions on the regulation of domestic waste management charges.

To have your say visit [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).



# Mullum's Shedding Community seek new digs

Aslan Shand

Mullumbimby's Shedding Workshop has been supporting locals for the last three years with their inclusive carpentry and building workshops and events, but now they need a new home.

Shedding founder and director Sophie Wilksch told *The Echo*, 'We are seeking an acre of rural land in Mullumbimby to lease, from March 2022. We have designed our new relocatable workshop facility and are fundraising \$20,000 to pre-fabricate our recycled, off-grid shed, ready for the big move.'



Sophie Wilksch. Photo Jeff Dawson

## All inclusive space

Over the last three years, Sophie and her team at the Shedding Community Workshop have created an

all inclusive, safe shedding space for people who want to learn about working with power tools, recycled materials, carpentry,

building and creating.

'Our workshop offers a safe and inclusive environment - for all diversities of gender, culture and age. Our focus is mental health and wellbeing. We love building and creating together, celebrating community and connection,' she said.

'We are excited to expand upon all we have created, including our collaboration with other organisations, including The Repair Cafe.'

'We just need 400 people to donate \$50 to achieve our [\$20,000] goal,' said Sophie.

A donation of \$50 or more will give you an 18-month

free membership with the Shedding Community Workshop.

'We can't wait to start construction in January, and share our skills with you, throughout the build process,' said Sophie.

'Please support our big

move, and help us continue to offer valuable life-skills and safe spaces for our community of creators.'

For more information, visit [www.shedding.com.au](http://www.shedding.com.au), or [www.chuffed.org/project/shedding-relocation-expansion-stage-2](http://www.chuffed.org/project/shedding-relocation-expansion-stage-2).

# Seven Mile Beach Road traffic changes

Parking changes, including speed humps, will be introduced for Seven Mile Beach Road in the Broken Head Nature Reserve by Council.

Council staff say the measures will aim to reduce parking problems and keep the road clear, safe and passable for all traffic, especially emergency vehicles.

James Flockton, Infrastructure Planning Coordinator, said the popularity of the area is not only putting pressure on parking, but also on the natural environment, with the nature reserve home

to three endangered plant communities including littoral and lowland rainforest as well as 240 plant species, 12 of which are threatened in NSW.

He says, 'Our long-term traffic counts estimate an average of 400 vehicles a day are using Seven Mile Beach Road, which is extraordinary when you consider that this is a narrow, single lane, dead-end, gravel road in a nature reserve.'

'Because parking is limited, drivers are tending to park wherever they like, often blocking access, which means that the area becomes gridlocked.'

He says permanent barriers are now being installed 'to try to stop people parking on the road and maintain access'.

## Bollards

'We are using rocks and timber bollards that better suit the surrounding natural environment.'

'We will also be installing a radar to remind people of how fast they are going because, unbelievably, some drivers treat the road, which is a crossing for wildlife and used by pedestrians, like it is a racetrack.'

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# BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



## SHINING LIGHT IN DARKNESS

### DECEMBER 17-21

**AFTER A TENSE AND TRYING TWO YEARS** it's time to lighten up and take a load off – and a pre-Christmas night out at the dynamic Byron Bay Film Festival is guaranteed to help you do just that.

Held over and re-formatted from its regular October slot, BBFF2021 is offering a packed and punchy program that will ease you into the season with a fresh sense of optimism and renewed belief in the revitalising power of cinema.

Among the eight feature-length films on offer over five days are several that will inspire delight and hope, and others that remind us that there's a big world out there just waiting to be explored once more.

Preceding all of the main attractions is a selection of short films tailored to the main event – each a stunning work of art in its own right, whether a brief animation, or an allegorical deep dive, or a mini crime drama.

“Join us in celebrating the end of this dark year with our enlightening cinematic feast at BBFF2021,” says Festival Director J'aimee Skippon-Volke. “It's the ideal Christmas gift to yourself.”

For more information and tickets, visit [www.bbff.com.au](http://www.bbff.com.au) and Palace Cinemas.

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## FEATURE FILMS PROGRAM

### OPENING NIGHT:

#### Meet The Wallers + Q&A

Friday 17 Dec 6.30pm arrival for a 7.30pm start

**Lennox Head Cultural Centre**

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### ALSO SCREENS:

Sun 19 Dec 1.45pm  
Palace Cinemas – \$20

The festival launches with a reminder of the type of treasures we can enjoy at home – the nature, the people, the creativity of the North Coast – in a record of the heroic journey of a well-known and much-loved Lennox Head family.



Mark Waller seems a knockabout, open-faced Aussie bloke, but he has one difference from most of his surfing fellows – a passion for making art. It's a vocation, an almost holy calling, and one he's determined to pursue, despite the difficulties in earning enough to support a family.

He faces trials in pursuit of his dream, including disagreements with wife Nicole, whose priority is getting the kids fed. Mark's smiling determination and inspired creativity drive the 20-year story, but Nic's love and resilience underpins it, and a shocking turn of events pushes the narrative into a whole new dimension: an engaging portrait of a man, a marriage and the creative drive, *Meet the Wallers* changes up a gear to take viewers to a place of enlightenment of their own.

#### The Boys Who Said No! + Q&A

Sat 18 Dec 3.45pm – Palace Cinemas – \$20

Young men taking a stand for what they believe in – and being prepared to pay the price – is also a theme of *The Boys Who Said No!* – a doco about the draft resisters burning their call-up cards during the Vietnam War. As the horrors escalated in south-east Asia, the number of young Americans putting their safety and freedom on the line in acts of defiance also grew – empowered by the civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King, and activist-musicians like Joan Baez.



*The Boys* reminds us both of the horrors of war and the courage some people find in themselves to stand up to the power of a ruthless killing machine – and how, given the numbers, ordinary people can alter the course of history.

#### Green Is The New Black + Q&A

Saturday 18 Dec  
6.15pm & 8.45pm  
Palace Cinemas – \$20

There are more “boys” in the World Premiere of *Green is the New Black* – the musicians in metal core band In Hearts Wake. Byron Shire locals who built up a global following, the band members resolved to walk the environmental talk in the making of their last album, 2020's *Kaliyuga*, and offset every kg of carbon produced. It's a tale of passion and purpose, raw, noisy music and quiet, steely resolve.



#### Aware: Glimpses of Consciousness

Sun 19 Dec 4pm  
& Tues 21 Dec 4pm  
Palace Cinemas – \$20

Quietness blends with astonishment in a study of the human mind and the infinite capacity of consciousness in *Aware – Glimpses of Consciousness*. Often visually mesmerising in itself, *Aware* introduces us to brain researchers and seekers of every kind, including monks, shamen, psychedelic ‘guinea pigs’ and those, such as evolutionary ecologist Monica Gagliano, intent on exploring the consciousness of plant life.



Monica is a research associate professor at Southern Cross University but ventures beyond the academic to study peyote rituals in Mexico – shamanistic events that pre-date by centuries our Western investigations into psychedelics, most recently their use in psychotherapy.

#### I'm Wanita

Sun 19 Dec 6.30pm  
Palace Cinemas – \$20

BBFF is proud to host the Byron Premiere of *I'm Wanita* which took home Sydney Film Festival's Documentary Australia Foundation Award. The film follows Wanita – the eponymous Queen of Honky Tonk – from her hometown of Tamworth, NSW, to Nashville, Tennessee, where she has her heart set on recording an album. But Wanita doesn't like to follow a straight line: this is like going drinking with your most unruly buddy – who also happens to be a sensational singer and entertainer. There's laughter, there's tears, and there's memories of a great night out.



#### A Machine To Live In

Mon 20 Dec 4.15pm – Palace Cinemas – \$20

With a visionary style similar to *Baraka*, this experimental documentary traces the history of highly controlled modernist planning behind the city of Brasilia, and contrasts it with radical projects in mystical architecture – a landscape of UFO cults, pyramids, monuments and transcendental spaces.

It's part history lesson, part entrancing meditation upon what a city promises, and the failings of all large urban centres.



#### The Seeds of Vandana Shiva

Mon 20 Dec 6.30pm – Palace Cinemas – \$20

How did the wilful daughter of a Himalayan forest conservator become the world's most powerful opponent of Monsanto? Vandana Shiva has all the poise, focus, humour and inner strength of a guru – qualities she needs to draw on in her fight to put an end to genetically modified food production in India – a battle that is reported in *The Seeds of Vandana Shiva*.

The beaming but super-tough Vandana is, in the words of the Australian couple who made the film, Camilla and James Becket, an “eco-activist rock star”, inspiring her countrymen and women – and us – to say “No” to the unsustainable practices of industrial agriculture. Its carbon emissions, use of chemicals and destruction of rural community farming contribute to the appalling situation of two billion people facing food insecurity across the globe.

Vandana's activism is effective, and inspiring, embodying the truth about the power of an individual to stand up to Goliaths and bring about change.



#### Only Human (HOMO)

Tues 21 Dec 6.30pm – Palace Cinema – \$20

There are failings aplenty in the drama *Only Human (Homo)*, in which Macedonian director, Igor Ivanov, skilfully juggles six storylines in connected episodes as flawed characters' lives overlap in their struggle to survive – and even perhaps find some kind of love.

Blackly comic to begin, it evolves into an unflinching expose of the dehumanising effects of modern living, with all its indifference and greed.

Part comedy, part thriller and part deep social drama, the styles of Ken Loach, Quentin Tarantino and Robert Altman successfully merge to deliver a unique exploration of the human spirit – shining a light onto darkness indeed, and providing something of a wake-up call to be kind to one another.



## Mullum Psychology celebrates a decade of service

The team from Mullumbimby Psychology are celebrating ten years of providing psychological services and support to the community.

Business owner, Michaela Killips, told *The Echo*, 'We are very honoured to be able to support the local community'.

'Over the ten years the business has grown tremendously, and is now the largest provider of psychological services in the Byron Shire'.

Michaela added, 'We have just recruited three additional psychologists, so we are currently able to provide help very quickly'.

'We are excited to have our first Indigenous psychologist join our team, plus a male psychologist'.

For more information, visit [www.mullumbimbypsychology.com.au](http://www.mullumbimbypsychology.com.au), or phone 6684 4748.



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## Pure Melt Chocolate finds new digs

Paul Bibby

Three months after a rental spike forced Mullumbimby chocolateer, Sarah Wheeler, to close her local cafe, she has secured a new retail outlet and a new focus on bringing her wares to the world.

A fixture on Stuart Street for over five years, Ms Wheeler's Pure Melt cafe closed in September after her landlord asked her to pay 53 per cent more in rent.

Now, Pure Melt is back with a new kitchen in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate, from which Ms Wheeler is focusing on the retail side of her business.

'It was a challenge, and it was horrible the way it happened,' Ms Wheeler said of the cafe's closure.

'But somehow, I knew there'd be a silver lining. I didn't realise quite how soon that would happen'.



Sarah Wheeler, Pure Melt owner.

She has now joined a number of other local artisan food producers at Byron Bay Catering – a growing food hub on Towers Drive, Mullumbimby.

'It was a real challenge to find new premises,' she said.

'This is not a great time to be a potential tenant in the Byron Shire, whether you're looking for a home or a new place of business.'

'I was really lucky that a space came up when it did'.

From this new base, Ms Wheeler is expanding her reach – both locally and globally.

Pure Melt products are now available at the Byron and Mullumbimby farmers' markets, and a host of retail stores across the Shire, including Santos, Brunswick Heads Health Food Store, and Baz and Shaz in Suffolk Park.

Ms Wheeler has also just launched her website, so that those further afield can also get their fix: [www.puremeltchocolate.com](http://www.puremeltchocolate.com).

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## Media shmedia

Do you pay close attention to who owns the news you consume, and what their agenda is?

*The Echo* is locally owned and operated and has been since its inception in 1986. *The Echo's* agenda has been constant throughout those years, and its motto is to 'afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted' (Finley Peter Dunne 1867-1936).

It appears a somewhat rare position to take for modern day media, but *The Echo* can do so because it is a small independent entity.

In the past decade or more, diversity in the media landscape has been contracting, and at a rapid rate.

There is a real danger when concentrated corporate media aligns itself with an extreme political agenda. History is littered with such examples, which don't end well.

A long essay that outlines this danger is the recently released federal Senate report into *Media Diversity in Australia*.

The 304 page document comprehensively examines how our media ended up where it is, and offers some useful suggestions to improve the sector through, (cough), diversity.

Notwithstanding the ABC and SBS public broadcasters, Australia has only three national-scale commercial media voices, according to the Centre for Advancing Journalism (page 81).

US-based News Corporation (Murdoch) controls 'about two-thirds of metropolitan daily newspaper circulation, including monopolies in Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Darwin; regional daily monopolies in a range of cities, including Cairns and Townsville; substantial chains of suburban and rural newspapers; [and] the only subscription television news service, *Sky News* - which also operates as a free-to-air channel in regional areas'.

Nine Entertainment owns the Nine television network, and the previous Fairfax mastheads *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age* and *The Financial Review*. In Western Australia, Kerry Stokes seems to have a fairly strong hold on the state's news (print and TV) with Seven West Media Ltd.

According to IBISWorld, *Newspaper publishing in Australia* (August 2021, page 8), the percentage share of industry revenue puts News-corp way ahead of the pack at 52.5 per cent, then Nine Entertainment (17.6 per cent), Australian Community Media, owned equally by Antony Catalano and Alex Waislitz (10.3 per cent), Seven West Media (6.5 per cent) and then other (13.1).

In short, Murdoch's News Corp has been allowed to expand its already considerable influence in Australia under Liberal-National governments. It's no secret they share similar ideologies and promote the same worldview: Punish the vulnerable, stifle public debate and exploit whatever you can for personal gain.

The Senate report admits that reform 'will be no easy task', and suggests a 'dedicated judicial inquiry with the powers of a royal commission'.

It continues, 'This kind of inquiry would have the power to compel witnesses to give evidence, and would have the capacity, resourcing and expertise to undertake a more thorough investigation than a Parliamentary committee is able to do'.

In a world where justice actually existed, and Julian Assange wasn't locked up for reporting government crimes, this would be a good place to start.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## The rise of emboldened neo-Nazis

Paul Gregoire

**W**ell respected anti-racism activist, supporter of First Nations rights and prominent trade unionist, Padraic (Paddy) Gibson, had three neo-Nazi types, with shaven heads and shirts emblazoned with the Eureka flag, turn up on his front doorstep on the night of Saturday December 4.

The unexpected and uninvited visitors banged on his front door, calling out that they wanted to speak to him.

The three men soon commenced bashing on the door of his Sydney home, ripping at security screens and even broke a window.

Gibson explained that he has been the subject of death threats in the past, and welcomed the support that his multicultural neighbourhood has shown since the incident.

As a member of socialist group Solidarity, Padraic is a key figure on the local social justice movement.

He's also a researcher at the UTS Jumbunna Institute, where he works under esteemed Professor Larissa Behrendt. And his work at the uni directly deals with Aboriginal deaths in custody.

NSW police are currently investigating the matter.

It's been lost on no one that this incident has occurred at a time when far-right groups have been emboldened, owing to their prominent mobilising as part of the 'Freedom' movement.

Of course, not all participants in the recent anti-lockdown and vaccine mandate rallies have been people who align themselves with right wing politics.

Sydney Criminal Lawyers spoke to Paddy Gibson:



Activist Paddy Gibson talks to Sydney Criminal Lawyers after his home intrusion by neo-Nazis. Photo supplied

**You've said that you received death threats last year around the time of the Black Lives Matter rallies. Why do you think you've been targeted now?**

'I've got no particular indication as to why, except that I am a prominent anti-racist activist, and in the sights of these people. As I said, I've received quite a lot of threats previously, including threats to the house.'

'I would say I am known to the far-right, and they've probably got wind in their sails, as they've been welcomed with open arms at these 'Freedom' rallies and demonstrations against lockdowns and vaccine mandates. There's been a prominent far-right presence within that movement.'

'I've had more experienced trade unionists and anti-racist activists contact me, telling me that these kinds of tactics were a lot more common in the late '80s.'

'There was a group, National Action, who used to do "home visits". But people haven't heard about this particular tactic for quite some time.'

**There have been numerous visible displays of a far-right presence around the country. Would you say the attack on your house reflects a failure on the part of the political leadership in addressing this?**

'Absolutely. It certainly reflects a failure of political leadership on a range of fronts. Firstly, the racism that we see in such a concentrated and violent form with fascist and openly far-right groupings, is really something that's encouraged by government policy.'

'We live in a country where there's absolute systematic racism against Aboriginal people, people of colour and migrants. Aboriginal people are demonised and abused by police and government agencies every day of the week.'

'The response to the Black Lives Matter movement was disgraceful. We had the police commissioner Mick Fuller demonising BLM protesters as being violent and responsible for the spread of the coronavirus last year. We had police attacking our attempts to organise these rallies.'

'We have ongoing police killings of Aboriginal people in police custody. That includes the shooting just a few weeks ago in Sydney. And it's sanctioned, really, by the government refusal to prosecute killers.'

'The racist political system in Australia, and the racist policy settings, are what allow the far-right to get an audience for their ideas and confidence in them to grow.'

'That's absolutely the case. Nationalism and xenophobia have been encouraged

through the coronavirus pandemic. We have seen border closures. It is the go-to measure for governments when they try to appear as though they're acting to contain the virus.'

'This is a kneejerk, xenophobic response that's designed to show people they're being tough and protective. But all of it encourages racism and nationalism. That's what you get if you have racism at the top: people on the ground are empowered to carry that out in a violent way.'

'Then there's the failure of the response to the coronavirus. The group that I am part of, Solidarity, has been very critical of lockdowns.'

'We're very critical of vaccine mandates. The government's coronavirus response has been very punitive, and it's done an enormous amount of social damage.'

'We have a very polarised society, where a lot of people have lost work and their livelihoods, and that sort of environment is a breeding ground for the far-right to grow.'

'I'm incredibly pro-vaccine. I've been campaigning for the vaccination since it became available. And I've been heavily critical of the government's vaccine rollout. The government is using vaccine mandates and scapegoating unvaccinated people as an excuse for the failure to properly invest in the health system and the social security system, and actually provide the security and care that we need to get through this pandemic. It's all of those things: a rise in racism and the social and economic pain that has come out of the coronavirus crisis.'

'This is a perfect storm.'

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## Housing balance

Having been fortunate to live in and own a home in this area for 36 years, I know that development is inevitable.

I have also advocated on behalf of homeless people in the area for 20 years. Affordable housing is crucial. I appreciate the complexity and costs of what is needed to achieve this outcome.

Most of us want to maintain the natural beauty and the lifestyle which attracted us here. We want to protect the environment for future generations. We want to maintain and stay in the community we have created.

I also know that developers have rights too. While there are many who consider the existing neighbourhood and environment, there are others who want to gain as much as possible for themselves at our expense and move on. So, how do we get the needs of all these interests met?

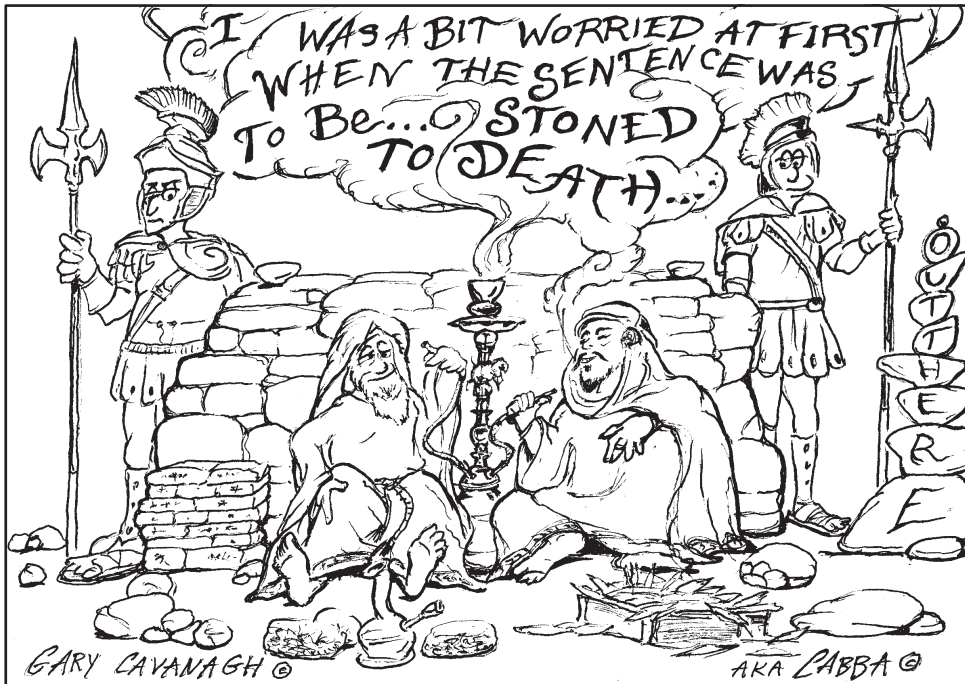
Since the mandates for the new councillors were predominantly around affordable housing and protection of the environment, this is what the majority of us want. It's a massive task ahead. So now is time for clear strategies, policies and procedures to give Byron Shire a framework to move ahead and preserve what we love about living here; rather than random new ad-hoc developments in unsuitable areas.

One such inappropriate proposal is located at 25 Hardy Ave, Ocean Shores. Here, a precedent could be set, as this site is on the edge of a nature reserve, the Capricornia Canal, a riparian zone and a quiet neighbourhood. High density living, environmental impact and decreased amenity will change the character and curtilage of the area.

I am aware that Council has responsibilities to ratepayers to reduce court costs that come with fighting inappropriate development, however, they also have some power to modify and change the parameters of these developments.

I am hoping we can get it right so it's a win for us all. No easy job. I am relying on the new councillors' experience, expertise and values to create this map forward. I trust they can do it.

Penny Cooke  
Friends of Capricornia Canal



Cartoon by Gary Cavanagh. Instagram: @gary\_cavanagh

## Big booster

Elon Musk's rocket has only one booster that will handle ongoing flights, but the pharmaceutical companies expect us to have a new booster every six months. I'd prefer to escape COVID using Elon Musk's booster.

Sapoty Brook  
Main Arm

## Ode to gratitude

This year I believe gratitude is the greatest gift I can give. I am grateful that I am able to live in Byron Bay and for the community that I experience here, despite the huge changes over the years.

I volunteer where I can and I see others doing the same; I am grateful for that. In our street, we meet every few months, literally on the road, and bring a plate to share with each other. I appreciate our neighbours. I am grateful for all the business owners throughout the Shire who navigated the huge challenges over the last two years and stayed respectful, while juggling the many points of view in our community.

I thank our school leaders who've acted with compassion and care in our schools when the mandate was handed down. To the workers who stayed and those who could not. I am grateful to all those who ran for Council with a desire to serve our community. It is a thankless task, but you held onto your visions and stepped bravely forward.

I thank the workers in Woolies who have served with a smile as my children grew up here over the last 14 years. Your small kindnesses

matter. You matter. And I thank you.

To the frontline workers who stood in their protective gear to take our COVID test samples – and still do – with all the risks that entails. I thank you. To our lifesavers who watch over us as we swim, thank you. To those who support the homeless and make their lives a little lighter – thank you.

To the woman who pushed the abandoned shopping trolley to the top of the hill on the sandy path out of the Arakwal National Park to the roadside for collection, I tried to call out my thanks, but you were too fast for me. To the First Nations People who understand how to work in harmony with the Earth, my deepest thanks, and I hope we can become better listeners to your wisdom.

There are lots of challenges to work on in our area; it is far from perfect. But I am so grateful to live here and I thank all those who continue to contribute positively to our community. I hope we can find ways to make it more affordable for others to share its beauty. Thank you.

Lynne West  
Ocean Shores

## COVID solution

The main issue the 'Freedom Fighters' have with the state governments is that they believe COVID poses minimum health risks, if indeed it exists at all, whereas the established view is that COVID is a real danger and lifting all restrictions will cause hospitals and in particular ICUs to be overwhelmed.

There seems to be no common ground on which a compromise can be reached, each side believing the other is dangerously misinformed. It comes down to a matter of faith in the information one holds to be true.

This paradox can never be fully resolved, but a solution could be found to satisfy both sides.

All mandated restrictions could be lifted, but only vaccinated people would have access to treatment in hospital or at healthcare facilities for COVID. This would provide a high level of protection for everyone working in healthcare and reduce the call on ICU beds to an acceptable level (see \*note below).

Although this would pose an increase in risk for the vaccinated they could still maintain precautions such as mask wearing and social distancing, as they choose. People who choose to be

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**CHES** by Ian Rogers

Magnus Carlsen's defence of his World Championship title (which may already have been completed by the time you read these words) was a victory based on the mental disintegration of his challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi.

The first five games of the title match in Dubai were tight contests, with both players missing chances. Then came the epic sixth game, running for 136 moves and seven hours 40 minutes. This was the highest number of moves for a single game in a World Championship contest, but about five hours short of the longest game (due to quickening time limits in modern times).

Over those 136 moves the advantage swung back and forth until Carlsen reached an endgame where, despite his opponent being the only player with a queen, the Norwegian had slight winning chances. Nepomniachtchi made the decisive error on move 130.

'At some point I decided I should make the game as long as possible so that we would both be as tired as possible when the critical moment came,' Carlsen

explained after the game. 'That turned out to be a good strategy. He added, 'It wasn't easy and, frankly, nor should it be in the World Championship.' Yet suddenly it was easy. Nepomniachtchi was only one point behind with eight games to play but, as became apparent, he was a broken man.

After a quiet draw in the seventh game, which enabled both players to gather their strength, Nepomniachtchi collapsed. In the eighth game he blundered a pawn and went one worse in the next game, giving away a bishop – the sort of mistakes the Russian would make once in a blue moon.

Nepomniachtchi could not explain his lapses: 'Two one-move blunders in a row – there is a lot of work to do to understand the reason. Lack of concentration, maybe, or insanely bad luck?'

Carlsen, who takes home \$A1.9m to Nepomniachtchi's \$1.25m, was asked if he felt sorry for his opponent and reacted strongly: 'It's the World Championship! You prefer to beat an opponent who's playing at his very best, but if he's not, you take it, any day of the week.'

► **Continued from page 13** unvaccinated and who fall ill with COVID would be cared for at home, and would be free to avail themselves of information and medication from people they trust, such as Craig Kelly, George Christensen, Pete Evans or Jesus. They would still be admitted to hospital if suffering any illness other than COVID and symptoms of the disease.

\*Note: If you believe October's 'official' figures for NSW, of the beds in ICU taken by COVID patients, 84.4 per cent were occupied by unvaccinated patients and 9.1 per cent by the fully vaccinated. If you don't believe the 'official' figures then it doesn't really matter.

**Patrick Lenfesty**  
Ballina

**Rail trail reality**

The Northern Rivers Rail Trail will soon be a reality with three sections, 54km of the planned 130km, now fully funded by the State and federal government.

Riding or walking along this amazing corridor, free of cars in beautiful nature, will be ready with the first section opening by the end of next year. We anticipate the trail will draw tourist dollars inland creating supplemental business every day of the

week. The success of these three sections will further strengthen the support for the completion of the rest of the trail.

We are very excited that the physical trail will soon be experienced by all, connecting villages, towns and shires across a spectacular world class heritage region!

**Marie Lawton**  
Byron Bay

**Rape and horror rap**

The rape rapper who refers to himself as 'Tyler the Creator' (Tyler Okonma) has again been booked by the Splendour in the Grass organisation. Why JJJ also chooses to support the rape and horror rap genres has never been answered by the ABC.

Triple J's brief is to bring new music to young audiences. For reasons best known to themselves they largely ignore the entire world, with the exception of a few postcodes in Los Angeles and London. There are thousands of better rappers in each of those cities, and millions across the planet. These are ignored by the ABC, which prefers a person who built their career on vicious vilification of women and incitement to rape.

Splendour in the Grass has repeatedly invited this

individual to perform. The fact that he is a rapper with an obsession with rape is beyond deplorable.

**Matt Hartley**  
Byron Bay

**Power down**

Thank you to all the essential energy and traffic management people who worked tirelessly on the weekend to restore power to the east side of Ewingsdale.

The storm on Saturday evening was intense and created conditions that were extremely hazardous. We lost power for just over 24 hours, others were not so fortunate. I understand that crews came from other regions to assist, owing to the extensive damage.

**Chris Sheridan**  
Ewingsdale

**What the eye can see**

On Tuesday 7 December, as I was turning at what is known as Uncle Tom's corner, the main road into Mullumbimby, and what did I see? A large flood sign. And oh yes, it was flooded!

Just before though, casting one's eye to Everitt's Creek, what does the eye see? Well, of course, just the same as has been for years now – that's right – a creek totally blocked and full of

massive head-high reeds.

Ah well, the water and floodwaters have to go somewhere; hence over the main road into Mullumbimby, blocking traffic going in or out. The same with the massive drainage area north of Brunswick Heads. Creeks and drains blocked, the river that was at New Brighton is now massively silted as it has been increasingly becoming for a number of years now.

The health status of this river now is a question that needs to be answered, as 'it ain't what it used to be' and especially at low tide, with stinking, putrid mud, especially along the river banks opposite Casons Road and across from the shop.

The same with the South Arm of Brunswick River – a lost river there too at Brunswick Heads.

Five minutes from Billinudgel, Crabbes Creek is the same. Completely full of lantana, scrub, a huge mulberry tree, high reeds and an updated flood height measurement gauge that was changed some 12 months or so ago – but actually, nothing to do with cleaning an important waterway though.

What the eye can see.  
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# Perspective after four years away

Sian Grigg

Four years is the longest I've been absent from Australian shores – plenty seems to have happened since I last set foot here. Juanita presents the news from Gadigal Country, and there are all sorts of new accents on TV, people 'check in' as religiously as they saved water during the decade of drought. There was a new drought – so severe my home town of Tenterfield ran out of drinking water – there were crazy fires, and then the best season any farmer has seen in their lifetime.

Road crews seem to now be half female, and Marrickville has become trendy. Byron has gone beyond trendy and entered some kind of stratospheric zone where no normal human dares to tread!

Some things of course remain resolutely the same: Sydneysiders discuss house prices, secretly pleased their homes are worth so much, wondering in the next sentence how their children (let alone their cleaners) will ever afford to live there.

I forget, and am reminded every time I come home how great Jatz are, and how great Aussie coffee, is while organic food remains hard to find for any reasonable price.

## Aussiness

Eighteen years living in Europe has accustomed me to absences from all that Aussiness, but this was the longest stretch. I've never been one for homesickness but it was starting to weigh on me. A slight sense that the thread connecting me wasn't just stretching, but perhaps fraying, definitely fragile in a way I hadn't previously felt.

I searched out Australian-made series on Netflix (limited when your IP address is in France). I monopolised a client when I realised he had no accent (ie, he had an Aussie one) – so desperate was I to hear a voice that sounded like home. In March I delivered my 18 year old to Frankfurt airport – how comforting it was to put him on a Qantas repatriation flight full of people sounding like us.

## Changing country

When my turn to return came in late September, instead of the usual full immersion experience once you land we were instead ferried through an empty terminal, onto a socially distanced bus, and into a hotel



Cartoon Charlie Hebdo – www.charliehebdo.fr

for two weeks of recycled air with not even a hint of Sydney breeze.

It gave me time to notice the multitude of Australian accents on ABC news reporting, and the recognition of Aboriginal countries. Sydney as Gadigal Country has now entered my brain. What a joyful thing that this seems to have permeated Australian life.

On emerging from the hotel I visited the *Unsettled* exhibition at the Australian Museum, which was confronting and thought provoking. Often we feel frustrated and despairing at the slow pace of change, but this feels like the start of something big and new.

Is it just lip service? Tagging along with *The Echo* last week to a ceremony celebrating the Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council taking over management of Fingal Head, it felt real and grounded. The speakers stressed the strength of the cooperation between Coast-care groups, the local Tweed Council and the Aboriginal Land Council. It was heartening and I hope they are, as the first in the State to make such a transition, a model for others to follow.

## COVID life

Moving around NSW I've been struck by the extraordinary level of compliance with COVID regulations and general cautiousness. I felt out of sync. Australia has been protected and 'living with COVID' remains an idea rather than the reality it is in France. Everyone signs in; something the French wholeheartedly

rejected! Perhaps because there were so many cases in France no-one had confidence the contact tracing system could keep up (they were right – it didn't), whereas in Australia it has.

Vaccination rates in France and Australia are now roughly the same, so, however it happened, people have responded to the call. I suspect the long summer coming up (generally a low risk period), and the booster shots, will loosen everyone up and living with COVID will become a reality.

## Building futures

The elephant in this article is the submarines! I wonder if Australia has missed a trick in so roundly humiliating France. Our relationship feels like it is summed up by tensions over atomic testing in the Pacific and now the submarines.

With a large presence in the Pacific (French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna), France is surely a useful partner. More relevant than the British in any case, but language and cultural barriers make it all seem difficult. Maybe we could try harder?

Last but not least, why do Sydneysiders spend so much money on their houses and fail to put in double glazing? Winters are short but very cold and houses are open plan and poorly heated. Inner Sydney is noisy, and it sometimes feels like you are literally living on the street. The only homes with double glazing I've encountered belonged to two sciency buddies. Invest, and you won't be disappointed!

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# Electric Boogaloo on the Northern Rivers

Ewan Willis

After several years of consideration, 2021 was the year that we got an electric car (EV). Six months later and with rising fuel prices we have no regrets. But what's it like to own an electric car in Byron Shire?

Firstly, there are the things you expect: the quiet ride; the guilt free travel, but there are also some surprises. Our maiden journey, for example, was a trip to Tweed and we were so excited that we didn't fully charge the car. On the way home we managed to limp back as far as Brunswick Heads where we made a surprise visit to a friend and enjoyed a bottle of wine while the car charged at the end of a chain of extension cords coming from the front of her house.

We left Bruns after dinner feeling that our battery charging incompetence had only served to make a mundane trip into something that was much more fun.

It did take us a little while to move beyond charging the car at home to using the chargers that can be



Photo Pixabay

found 'in the wild'. Charging locations can be found fairly simply by using either the Chargefox app or the Plugshare app. For us the closest option is in the car park of the offices of Byron Council but this comes at the cost of getting the car covered in pigeon shit while it is charging.

## Range anxiety

The phenomenon of 'range anxiety' is the fear your EV will run out of charge before you get to your destination. Sometimes the world conspires against you. On a recent trip to Kingscliff I was planning to charge the car while my eldest son played soccer, but the charging station in Kingscliff was not working. Through the Chargefox app I was able to call customer support for the

charging station and after they rebooted the charging station the problem was not resolved.

I collected my lad and headed to Tropical Fruit World where there is another charging station... and this one wasn't working either. The customer support people were, again, lovely but in the end all they could suggest was that I get as close to home as I could, then call the NRMA to tow me the rest of the way.

Luckily we made it to Ocean Shores where - déjà vu - we enjoyed a glass of scotch on the verandah with friends. The experience was a reminder that infrastructure can let you down.

It would be a shame if EV owners had to resort to carrying portable generators with them, so it is good to

hear that the State government has pledged to spend \$171m on more charging stations across the State.

Owning an EV means you need to be mindful of the vehicle's battery life, but for us that does not detract from the joy of having it. When you put your foot down it really moves (don't forget to dodge the potholes) but as time has gone by the joy of going fast has been replaced with the pursuit of energy efficiency.

It is fun to make full use of the regenerative braking and I find myself driving below the speed limit (very unlike me) to try and find the most efficient speed and feeling happier for it. Maybe the thing I don't enjoy is seeing the projected range drop when I turn on the air conditioning, however, most of the time this is not a worry.

I really think that one day petrol will be something that is only found in museums of the 20th century where school children will wrinkle their noses when they get a foul whiff of authentic 20th century hydrocarbons.

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Willow Hallgren

For three days in August, seven billion tonnes of rain fell across Greenland – the largest amount since records began in 1950. It's also the first time since then that rain, not snow, fell on Greenland's highest peak.

This is alarming. Greenland's ice sheet is the second largest on the planet (after Antarctica) and any rain falling on its surface accelerates melting. By 15 August, the amount of ice lost was seven times greater than is normal for mid-August.

This is just the latest extreme climate event on the island, which sits in the North Atlantic Ocean. In a single day in July this year, the amount of ice that melted in Greenland would have covered the US state of Florida with five centimetres of water. And last October, research showed ice in Greenland is melting faster than at any other time in the past 12,000 years.

Melting ice in Greenland threatens to significantly hamper humanity's efforts to mitigate climate change. That's because, after a certain point, it may create catastrophic 'feedback loops'.

Let's look at the issue in more detail.

### Rising temperatures in the Arctic

Greenland's vast ice sheet comprises almost 1.7 million square kilometres of glacial land ice. It covers most of the territory and contains enough ice to raise sea levels by more than seven metres if



Greenland. Photo Jens Buurgaard Nielsen

all of it melted.

The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets lost a combined 6.4 trillion tonnes of ice between 1992 and 2017. Melting in Greenland has contributed to 60 per cent (17.8 millimetres) of the Earth's overall sea-level rise owing to melting ice sheets, even though Greenland is much smaller than Antarctica.

This may be, in part, because half of Greenland's melting is the result of rising air temperatures, which cause surface melting. In Antarctica, most ice loss is from ocean water melting glaciers that spill from land into the sea. And the rate of ice loss in both Greenland and Antarctica is accelerating – increasing sixfold since the 1990s.

Rain falling on ice exacerbates this process. So what's behind the recent unprecedented weather?

Temperatures in the Arctic are rising twice as quickly as the rest of the planet for a number of reasons, including; changes in cloud cover and water vapour, the reflectivity of the surface, and how weather systems transport energy from the tropics to the polar regions. This has made extreme weather events more common.

In recent years, in Greenland, rain has fallen further north, and more rain has fallen in winter. This is not normal for these regions, which usually get snow, not rain, in below-freezing temperatures.

This month's rain is the result of warm, moist air flowing up from south-west of Greenland and remaining for several days. In the morning of 14 August, temperatures at the 3,216m summit of Greenland's ice sheet surpassed freezing point, peaking at 0.48°C. Rain fell on the summit for several hours that morning, and on 15 August.

This was particularly shocking given the above-freezing temperatures occurred so late in

Greenland's normally short summer. At this time of year, large areas of bare ice are exposed from a lack of snow, which leads to greater runoff of rainwater and meltwater into the oceans.

### When melting is self-reinforcing

Rainfall makes the ice sheet more prone to surface melt since it exacerbates the so-called 'ice-albedo positive feedback'. In other words, the melting reinforces itself; When rain falls, its warmth can melt snow, exposing the underlying darker ice, which absorbs more sunlight. This increases temperatures at the surface, leading to more melting.

Unfortunately, this isn't the only positive feedback loop destabilising the Greenland ice sheet.

The 'positive melt-elevation feedback' is another, where the lower height of the ice sheet leads to faster melting because higher temperatures occur at lower altitudes.

Also worrying is when higher temperatures cause coastal glaciers to thin, allowing more ice to slip into the sea. This both speeds up the rate of glacier flow towards the sea and lowers the ice surface, exposing it to warmer air temperatures and, in turn, increases melting.

### What does this mean for the planet?

These positive feedbacks can lead to tipping points – abrupt and irreversible changes in the climate system after a certain threshold is reached. We are more likely to reach these tipping points as emissions increase and global temperatures rise.

While the science on tipping points is still emerging, the most recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said they cannot be ruled out. The report identified likely tipping points, such

as widespread Arctic sea-ice melting, and the thawing of methane-rich permafrost.

Recent studies show what humanity may be up against. A study from May this year showed a substantial part of the Greenland ice sheet is either at, or about to reach, a tipping point where melting will accelerate, even if global warming is stopped. Scientists are concerned reaching this point may trigger a cascade effect, leading to other tipping points being reached.

Melted ice from both the Arctic Ocean and Greenland have caused an influx of freshwater into the North Atlantic Ocean. This has contributed to the slowing of a system of crucial ocean currents, which carry warm water from the tropics into the colder North Atlantic. This current, called the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), has slowed by 15 per cent since the 1950s.

If the AMOC slows down any further, the consequences for the planet could be profound. It could destabilise the West African monsoon, cause more frequent drought in the Amazon rainforest and accelerate ice loss in Antarctica.

### Existential threat

The rising likelihood of tipping points being reached beyond 1.5°C of warming represents a potential, looming existential threat to human civilisation. However, even if we've already crossed some tipping points, as some scientists suggest, how fast the impacts unfold is still within our control.

If we limit global warming to 1.5°C this century, we give ourselves longer to adapt to heating already locked into the Earth's system. But the window is rapidly closing; estimates indicate we may reach the crucial 1.5°C threshold as soon as the mid-2030s.

The message for humanity is urgent: hard science, not cloying political spin, needs to dictate climate action in the coming years. As with COVID-19, listening to the scientists gives us the best hope of saving the planet.

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# MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

## FAILING OUR MOTH TEST



Once, when I was on stage, a large moth flew up my skirt. Everyone in the front row saw it. It was very funny. And embarrassing. I quipped, 'At least it's not flying out. Then I tagged it with '- of course it's a bogong'. Everyone laughed because it sounds like 'bogan'. I kind of always thought of the moth as a bogan; loud, out on the street, bumping into things. They're nothing fancy. They're a plain old moth. If a bogong wore a shirt it would be a flannie. It would be smoking a ciggie and drinking VB. It would tell you to 'get fucked' but more as a greeting than an insult.

Bogong moths were common when I was growing up. They were everywhere. When I was a kid, every summer there would be about a hundred hitting the porch light. Big clumps of them would pile up around the street lamps like a brown powdery winged sea. I was always pulling them out of my hair, or capturing them in one of those plastic bug catchers so I could frighten my friends who had moth phobia; Mottophobia to be exact. You know, back in the times when it was acceptable to taunt friends with insect anxiety...

But now they've been added to the global red list of threatened species! Bogong numbers have declined by 99.5 per cent making them one of 123 new entries of

Australian wildlife on the endangered species list. While the Mottepobes are probably breathing a sigh of relief, the rest of us should be very worried. Bogongs are the canary in the coalmine, the moth in the methane.

Thanks to drought and land clearing their numbers have dropped from four billion to maybe a couple of million. Climate change has claimed the Bogong. I would have thought that tough old moth would have hung in there. I guess it shows how vulnerable our ecosystems are to human impacts and how connected everything on this living planet is. You can't have years of drought followed by fire followed by clearing of what habitat remains, without devastating affects on many other species. Oh, and then add some persistent harmful farming practices like using pesticides and we really are the cane toad of this country.

You don't take out a species like the bogong without impacting the food chain. The moth is an important food source for many birds and for the pygmy possum. They have been found starving, many dead with young in their pouch. Another result of our failure to act, our failure to recognise the real impacts of climate change. It's still a concept that we argue about, with some convinced it's a

conspiracy, and governments convinced it's something we can negotiate our way around without the need for any proper action. But the bogong is well on the way to gone and I doubt a 30 per cent or 43 per cent emission target by 2030 will do much to save this species. It's sad. They're really an extraordinary creature. A food source too for Aboriginal communities in South East Australia, who would roast moths or make moth-meat cakes. Apparently they taste a bit like walnuts. But walnuts with wings.

The bogong moth can travel up to 965 kilometres on their migration journey. They do it nocturnally and somehow manage to arrive at their destination without GPS. It's thought they may use a combination of an internal magnetic compass aligned with the Earth's magnetic field, and recognisable landmarks, to navigate their route. Pretty extraordinary for something that was only recently a pupae.

The bogong is at risk. We need to stop using insecticides, stop land clearing, stop pumping out emissions. You don't need to do the maths to know we need our moths. Another huge climate fail.

I want to see people get passionate about climate. Maybe we could become the champions for particular species? Bring on bogons for bogongs.

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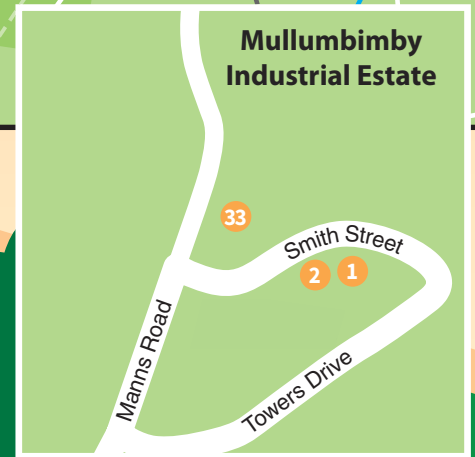
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Stephen is putting a call out to all his hospo friends, and the wider community, to join in the challenge; with all funds raised going to the Heart Foundation.

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Swim, walk, run, bike ride as much as you can with some other work friends, get together and chat and start the day off in a healthy way. It is a simple way to raise money and stay healthy.

The challenge kicks off now and will end with a six-course degustation at Ballina RSL prepared by six of the region's finest chefs at a Charity Dinner on the 9 February, 2022. Bookings for the degustation can be made via [www.ballinarl.com.au](http://www.ballinarl.com.au)

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Stephen urges hospos to dive in.

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Join Belinda Jeffery for *A Year of Sundays* as she shares the

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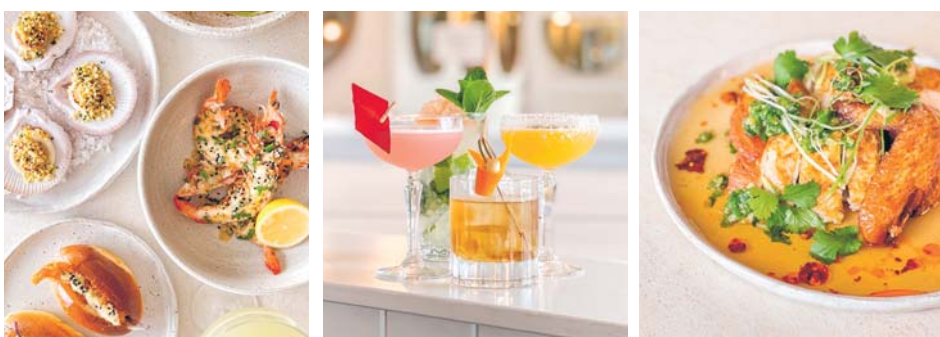


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# SEVEN

ENTERTAINMENT

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## BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL'S SECOND OUTING

The **Bangalow Film Festival** has announced the program for its second annual festival, which will take place across multiple venues from January 13–29.

Premiering award-winning films from across the globe, the 2022 program offers a diverse and inclusive film festival experience. The festival is expanding its footprint to deliver screenings and events in Murwillumbah and Lismore, and pop-up locations across the Byron Shire.

With a line-up of critically acclaimed films, the program presents 18 feature films along with panels, art exhibitions, and the finest locally sourced food and beverages.

One of the many titles featuring this year, and making its regional screen debut, is environmentally moving documentary *River*. Directed by **Jennifer Peedom**, who will be attending the festival, this cinematic and cultural experience reflects on how rivers have shaped human existence and Mother Nature's elaborate landscapes.

The Showgrounds will come alive with regional premieres from two internationally renowned filmmakers, including **Pedro Almodovar's** newest film *Parallel Mothers*, starring **Penelope Cruz**, and **Celine Sciamma's** tender coming-of-age ghost story *Petite Maman*.

Not to be missed is Australian film *Little Tornadoes*, a period drama that depicts a newly single father weathering turbulent times. Director, **Aaron Wilson**, will be in attendance as the film makes its NSW premiere.

Thought-provoking documentary, *Green is the New Black*, is a film

that hones in on music and sustainability. The documentary follows internationally renowned Byron Bay band **In Hearts Wake** as they strive to become the first carbon neutral band in the world. The film is the directorial debut by Bangalow local **Jake Taylor**, who also fronts the band. The screening will be introduced by a panel discussion with special guests discussing sustainability in the arts.

**More films are yet to be announced. You can find out about the films and tickets at: [bangalowfilmfestival.com.au](http://bangalowfilmfestival.com.au).**

## FROM SHARE HOUSES TO GRITTY TOWN

Born in the share houses of Paterson Street circa 2015, Byron Bay band **Drop Legs** have just released their second album *Manic Monk*. Mixing their signature coastal dub sounds with psychedelic and indie elements, the 12 tracks wander through a vast selection of moods and genres. From a laid back barbecue jam to a bitey political anthem – this album is a reflection of the manic/ monk, Yin/Yang sides of our modern lives and personalities.

Unlike the share houses the band have kept their gritty eclectic style and are rearing to go at playing gigs post-COVID.

**Drop Legs are playing a run of shows, including the Great Northern on Friday, before they head south to Sydney and Melbourne in 2022.**



## ART MARKET CELEBRATES BUNDJALUNG CULTURE

**Arts Northern Rivers** presents the **Art on Bundjalung Market**, celebrating the creative and cultural heritage of the Bundjalung region.

The free family event showcases authentic Indigenous artwork and a chance to meet the makers. Works feature traditional and contemporary materials including weaving, ceramics, carving, photography and painting and textiles.

The line-up of creatives includes **Kay Lee Williams** and **Jugan Dandii** who make wearable art and homewares, **Nan & I**, **SOPHT Studio** and **Clarence Valley Artists** present a stunning range of ceramic works, and **Kristina Davis**, **Jenny Fraser**, **Clinton Roberts**, **Raelene Mirindo** and **Tracey Estridge**, and artists from **Amarina Gallery** and **The North Lismore Plateau Protection Association** are offering original paintings, prints and photographs.

There is also a collection of beautiful Indigenous designed and themed jewellery from **Rosie Vesper**, **Rouline Ferguson** and **Jill Rock Designs**. **Connection City**, **Toys Change Lives** and **Yidabal Galii Maa** have sculptural works and traditional crafts for sale, including coolamons, boomerangs, didgeridoos and hand painted wooden toys.

Casino's **Wake Up Time** group will be host a weaving workshop and have a stall selling garments, jewellery, bags, wall hangings and more.

The event features a **Welcome to Country**, and there will be live music from **Uncle Billy Smith**, **Jason Sines**, **Kerry Mcleay** and **Sione Senior** with **Sione**, **Sisoaia**, **Sisilia** and **Mafleo**. Enjoy dance performances from **Nini Nahri Gali** and **Deadly Bunarhms**, didgeridoo performances, delicious native food stalls featuring Currie Country, Bakarindi and Natural Ice Cream Australia, plus face painting and kids activities.

**Celebrate the cultural heritage of the Bundjalung region at Lismore's Quadrangle on Saturday, December 18, from 10am to 4pm. For more info visit [artonbundjalung.com](http://artonbundjalung.com).**

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Sunday 19 December 5:00pm

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# GIG GUIDE



## WEDNESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **OLE FALCO**, 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **THE BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OCA OPEN MIC**
- ILLUMIN8 ARTS YARD, BANGALOW, 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- LA FAMILIA, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **QUIZEME TRIVIA**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

## THURSDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM & 5PM **'NOSTALGIA' PRESENTED BY ENCORE PERFORMANCE STUDIO**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **PASSANDO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **STEVE BANKS AND THE SIDEMEN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, **OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM PUB 8PM **ELTHAM HOUSE BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **OCA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 10.30AM 2021 **NSW SENIORS CONCERT**, THE STAGE 2PM 2021 **NSW SENIORS CONCERT**

## FRIDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **DUSTY BOOTS**, 9PM **AUSTIN MACKAY**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **TIME TO SHINE PRESENTED BY INSPIRE DANCE STUDIO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PHIL JAMIESON + BAND**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **DROP LEGS**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **EAGLE & LION**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ IAN HAYES**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **TEN THIRDS - ART SCHOOL GRADUATES EXHIBITION CLOSING EVENT**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE HOMBRES**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **WEEKLY WIND-DOWN WITH BILL JACOBI**, 8.15PM **HUSSY HICKS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DJ CHRIS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **BROADWATERS DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF COMMUNITY HALL 7PM **REST IN THE GARDEN - DYNASTY8 CHAMBER CHOIR & PLANET GONG**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 5PM **SOLID GOLD DUO**, THE STAGE 7.30PM **BUBBLE & FRY**, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **ARJ BARKER**

## SATURDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **A CLOCKWORK ORANGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON BAY, **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **CHASING RAINBOWS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ NAKED NINJA**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **LEMON CHICKEN**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **RELOADER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM **JASPER & NELSON**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 10AM **ART ON BUNDJALUNG MARKET**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **SUNSET SOIREES WITH ILONA HARKER**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 10PM **DJ DANNY B**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **REMEDY**
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **TRISH WILSON & TINA APPLEBY**

## SUNDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATTY ROGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **BUNYARRA CULTURE COLLECTIVE PRESENTS AINE TYRRELL AND GUESTS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE NINTH CHAPTER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM **HAYLEY GRACE & THE BAY COLLECTIVE**, **GUY KACHEL AND SENANI**

- MEMORIAL HALL, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM **REST IN THE GARDEN - DYNASTY8 CHAMBER CHOIR & PLANET GONG**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **BEN WHITING**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **SWITZERLAND BY JOANNA MURRAY-SMITH**
- ELTHAM PUB 2.30PM **WARREN EARL**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 3PM **ASH GRUNWALD**, 4PM **WORLD MUSIC SUNDAY WITH LEIF LARKIN'S REALM OF MUSIC**
- UKI MARKET, 8AM **ROGUE ELEMNTS WITH BILLY JAMES, BILL JACOBI AND NICK CHURKIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 2PM **DJ DORFSTA & THE MIRRORRED ZEBRAS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 1PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**, THE STAGE 2PM **MARCUS HARTUNG**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET**

## MONDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BOHEIMEN COWBOYS & GOODRICH**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

## TUESDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DUDU MARTINS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 6.30PM **TRIVIA TUESDAYS AT THE TAV**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **DUSTY & THE DIVAS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7PM **TRIVIA**

## WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **GUY KACHEL**, 8PM **JAMES D'KHAN**
- BYRON THEATRE 3PM **LUCIAN FREUD: A SELF PORTRAIT - EXHIBITION ON SCREEN**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- LA FAMILIA, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **RENEE SIMONE & MATT DAY DUO**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 7.30PM **QUIZEME TRIVIA**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **DANCE ON DUO**

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ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUED OVERLEAF



# NORPA 2022

NORPA has revealed some of the world-class theatre shows it will be bringing to the region in 2022, with more to be announced in the new year. NORPA Artistic Director and CEO, Julian Louis, sat down with Seven Editor, Eve Jeffery, to take us through what's in store for us at NORPA next year.

### Is there a theme that links the shows together in the 2022 season?

We always aim for diversity when putting a season of shows together and there's a bit everything on offer in 2022 - comedy and political satire from The Wharf Revue, classic theatre from Bell Shakespeare, powerful drama with *Sunshine Super Girl*, *The Boy Who Talked to Dogs* and *King of Pigs*, joyous cabaret from Sprung!! with French Café and magnificent physical theatre from Gravity and Other Myths.

A theme that has emerged is the power of theatre to transport you to different worlds. For *Sunshine Super Girl* the stage becomes a tennis court with seating all around, for *The Boy Who Talked to Dogs*, we enter an Irish pub and the work is performed on five stages.

### Do you think audiences are becoming more sophisticated as time goes by?

The audiences that come to NORPA are sophisticated and diverse. There's a trust

that has built up where people know that the shows in our season will be high quality. There's also a willingness to take risks in that they will come and see a show at NORPA, even if it isn't what they might usually go for. Touring companies that perform here always remark on how engaged and responsive the NORPA audiences are - so they always want to come back.

### You say this announcement is like Act I of the 2022 Season, what is Act II?

NORPA is unique in that we are one of the few theatre companies in regional Australia that creates original work. Creating theatre is at the heart of what we do. Act I of our 2022 Season is all the shows being performed by other companies, Act II is all about the work we are creating here, inspired by our stories and the country around us.

We're planning a big welcome back event in February to announce some very exciting additions to our 2022 Season as well as our First Nations program, developed by Rhoda Roberts, our NORPA Youth Program and new, ambitious NORPA works in development. There's plenty more to come in 2022!

**NORPA's 2022 Season now on sale at [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au).**



**DROP LEGS NEW ALBUM OUT NOW**

Great Northern this Friday





### AUSTEN TAYSHUS – DANGEROUSLY FUNNY

Every January, **Austen Tayshus**, the legendary white pointer of Australian comedy makes his way to Byron Bay. It's his favourite show of the year. 'It's a smart crowd' he says. And he's right. Not everyone is going to 'get' a Tayshus show. But Byron, he reckons, and the towns that fringe her, do.

Austen likes to make people think – to push them to the brink of their comfort zones. And sometimes way over the edge.

It's why he's such a fierce figure in the Aussie comedy scene, a scene where many comics and promoters are terrified of him. Austen, aka Sandy Gutman doesn't play safe. He doesn't suck up to venue owners. And he certainly doesn't stroke the ego of other performers or promoters. He is a lone wolf. At times smarter, funnier, and more experienced than anyone else in Aussie comedy. But be warned. He's also a lot more dangerous. There are few comics with the tenacity and killer instinct of Austen Tayshus.

The comedy superstar who first came into being in 1981 has the ability to take a room hostage, just with his tongue. Every Austen show is unique. He has the ability to weave together current politics, what's happening in the room, philosophy, anthropology, religion and of course sport, and let's not forget the Pope, all into one gag.

There is no subject he won't dissect. Uncomfortable, confronting, but always illuminating, an Austen Tayshus show is both comic and cleansing. He doesn't need you to like him. In fact he'd probably prefer it if you don't.

It's 'Bewdy and the Beast', with **Mandy Nolan** as feature MC – and a special guest!

**Wednesday 5 Jan, Bangalow Bowlo, 8pm.**  
**Thursday 6 Jan, The Regent Murwillumbah, 8pm.**  
**Monday 10 Jan, Byron Ex-Services Club, 8pm.**  
**Thursday 13 Jan, Federal Hall, 8pm.**  
**Friday 14 Jan, Mullum Ex-Services, 8pm.**  
**Tickets \$30 on trybooking or mandynolan.com.au**

### SONG DYNASTY SINGING REVIVAL

After months of silence, **Janet Swain of Song Dynasty** is going full steam ahead with great concerts and singing opportunities.

On **Friday 17 and Sunday 19 December**, the chamber choir, **Dynasty8**, presents *Rest* – classical choral music for high vibrations. Bring cushions and mats if you want to lie down – but chairs will be provided. Dynasty8 will be accompanied by **David Bennett** from Planet Earth Gongs. Concerts will be held at the **Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall** and **Kingscliff Community Hall**.

Again this Christmas there will be *Real Carols at the Right Time* with special guest **Bobby Alu**. This will be your first chance to check out the brand spanking new **Brunswick Picture House**. Kicking off at **4pm**, come and sing along – songbooks provided. There will be a carol rehearsal with Janet on Monday 20 December from 6pm at the Memorial Hall.

Janet's popular *Big Song Sessions for Wellbeing* start on **Monday 17 January 2022** in both Brunswick Heads and Kingscliff, and the **Big Voice Choir** also starts in the evening at the Picture House. This big hearted choir will be open to new members from January. **Check out [www.songdynastymusic.com](http://www.songdynastymusic.com).**

### GET YOUR LEMON CHICKEN AT THE COURTHOUSE

It's Christmas time and what better way to celebrate than with a traditional **Lemon Chicken** gig at the **Courthouse**. Lemon Chicken have been marinating some new tunes and are ready to finally play to the masses, and for those who've tasted the Chicken – let all your friends know – and let's make it the biggest night ever. They've got everything covered from Paul Kelly through to Rage Against the Machine, and the fabulous **Dave Power** is doing a warm-up set.

**Lemon Chicken are bringing live music back to Mullum – so get your pants on and come on down.**  
**Lemon Chicken at the Courthouse, Sat 18 December, 8pm.**

### A BIG WEEK IN BALLINA

A big week is coming up at the **Ballina RSL** with free live entertainment from **The Hombres** on **Friday, Jasper & Nelson** on **Saturday** and Christmas week special guests **Renee Simone** and **Matt Day Duo** on **Wednesday 22 December**, and the **Soren Carlbergg Quartet** on **Thursday 23 December**, and don't forget to kick your NYE weekend off early with the **Big Gig** live comedy on **Thursday, 30 December**.

A highlight on the free entertainment calendar this week is **Sebastian**, on **Friday 17 December**, bringing back the days of Frank, Dean, Roy and Elvis, mixed with some Nat King Cole. Sebastian performs songs that will take you back to the time when swing was the thing and crooners had mastered the art of entertainment.

On **December 22, DJ Danny B** and his seemingly endless catalogue of epic tunes and his ability to slip just the right track into any situation will have you up and dancing to an awesome pre-Christmas playlist.

**Reserve a table for dinner at any of these gigs:**  
**[ballinarsl.com.au](http://ballinarsl.com.au).**



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## PALACE CINEMAS

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<b>BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL</b> SAT 18 - TUE 21 DEC Please check Palace Cinemas website for full programme.	<b>ENCANTO (PG)</b> Thu/Mon-Wed: 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 Fri-Sun: 10:00, 1:00pm	Wed: 10:50, 3:40, 6:45, 8:30pm
<b>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</b> LA SCALA: IL TURCO IN ITALIA (CTC) Sun: 1:00pm Wed: 11:00am	<b>SING 2 (PG) Sneaks</b> Fri: 10:10, 12:30, 3:30, 6:00pm Sat: 10:10, 12:15, 3:30, 6:00pm Sun: 10:10, 3:30, 6:00pm	<b>NO TIME TO DIE (M)</b> Thu/Mon-Wed: 12:50, 4:00, 7:15, 8:30pm Fri: 12:50, 7:15, 8:20pm Sat/Sun: 12:50, 4:00, 7:15pm
<b>DELICIOUS (M) Sneaks</b> Fri-Sun: 2:00, 6:00pm	<b>WEST SIDE STORY (M) Sneaks</b> Fri: 4:15, 6:00pm Sat/Sun: 4:15, 7:15pm	<b>RESIDENT EVIL: WELCOME TO RACCOON CITY (MA15+)</b> Thu/Mon-Wed: 1:00pm
<b>FAMILY FILMS</b> <b>A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS (PG)</b> Thu/Mon-Wed: 10:30, 2:00pm Fri: 10:30, 2:40pm	<b>ALL FILMS</b> <b>SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME (M)</b> NFT Daily: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 8:00pm <b>DEAR EVAN HANSEN (M)</b> Daily: 10:15am	<b>THE FRENCH DISPATCH (M)</b> Thu/Wed: 10:40, 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:50pm Fri: 10:40, 1:00, 7:30, 9:00pm Sat/Sun: 10:40, 1:00, 8:30pm Mon/Tue: 10:40, 1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 8:50pm
<b>CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG (PG) Sneaks</b> Sat/Sun: 10:45am	<b>DON'T LOOK UP (M)</b> Thu/Mon-Wed: 6:00 Fri: 4:45pm	<b>THE LOST DAUGHTER (MA15+)</b> Thu/Mon/Tue: 10:00, 3:30, 6:00 Wed: 3:30, 6:00pm

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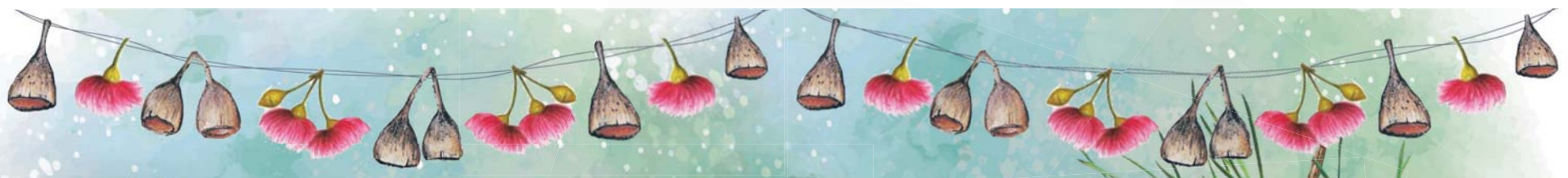
## BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

Thursday Dec 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>

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 Adults: \$14  
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# FESTIVE SEASON



## VAMPT ~ Serious lovers of quality vintage

Vampt Vintage Design has a keen eye for original Mid-Century furniture and is now located in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Vampt owners Dave and Maxine Beeman have been sourcing authentic vintage for 20 years and still have a large shop in Sydney, which means access to a great range of furniture, lighting and collectables.

They are excited to announce that their next container is on its way, filled with an incredible array of Italian lighting, stunning Brazilian furniture and, of course, very stylish Scandinavian pieces arriving early next year.

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## Art on Bundjalung Market

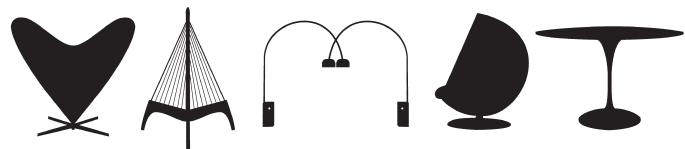
Arts Northern Rivers' Art on Bundjalung Market is returning to the Lismore Quad on Saturday the 18 December to celebrate the creative and cultural heritage of the Bundjalung region.

The free family event from 10am-4pm is a unique opportunity to purchase authentic Indigenous artwork and to meet the makers. The combination of established and emerging artists and collectives will feature traditional and contemporary materials including weaving, ceramics, carving, photography, painting, textiles; perfect for this year's Christmas gifts.

The event features a full cultural program including a Welcome To Country, live music, dance performances, didgeridoo performances, delicious native food stalls, face painting and kids activities.

For more information visit [www.artonbundjalung.com](http://www.artonbundjalung.com).

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The Quad, Lismore

SATURDAY  
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Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 December will be our hammiest ham raffle ever with 50 hams on the Wednesday and 55 Hams on the Friday to be won. Tickets will sell from 5.30pm and drawn at 7pm, with the Members Draw straight after the raffles.

New Year's entertainment will be local Northern Rivers band, Sabotage. One of the premier cover bands on the far north coast, this four-piece band draws on music from the '60s through to today's hits. The '80s were the height of fashion. Seriously, who can forget those colourful parachute tracksuits, short frilly skirts, big, teased hair and best of all – leg warmers! Come dressed in your '80s attire to win a \$100 bar tab for the two best dressed on NYE.

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Honey Hunt would like to THANK YOU for all your incredible support. To show their gratitude they are offering a 10 per cent locals discount as local support has been a huge part of their business. 'The way locals have shared the word about our fashion has been incredible and it has really helped our growth' said founder/artist Jules. Our vision is to dress the outer woman in colour, pattern and design, and nurture the inner woman with self-care and self-love. Our offer is simple: making it easy to buy well made clothes that last and are beautiful to wear. Call into their gorgeous Byron store and you'll see why women are sharing the word about this ever so comfortable women's wear.

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# SEASON

## The Brunswick Heads Record Fair

Matt the Vinyl Junkie is back with another five day mega record sale. With close to 40,000 records in stock the Vinyl Junkie fairs are some of the best in Australia, filled with amazing tonnes of wax in every genre. There will be DJs on the decks most days so come and have a listen and have a dig. Despite not being able to travel to the USA owing to covid Matt has managed to secure through a contact in the states two pallets of fresh wax, due to land before the fair. There will be heaps of discounted records as well as five dollar bargains. The fair starts on Tuesday 28 December and runs till Saturday 1 January. Open 10am-6pm every day.

**Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall  
Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads**

## Love Byron Bay

Elevate the joy with the finest selection of divine chocolate this Christmas.

When it comes to exploring chocolate varieties suited to connoisseurs, vegans and devotees of cacao this is the place to venture.

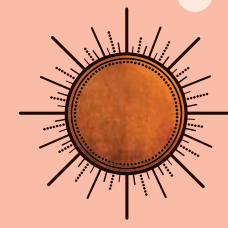
For seven years, Byron Bay has been home to this unique little business dedicated to igniting the imagination with exquisite chocolate encounters. Love Byron Bay Creperie & Chocolate Boutique has been voted by chocoholics as their favourite sweet spot for gifts, treats and dessert.

Serving French inspired crepes, (L'Ultime) cakes, pastries and offering artisan collections of divine chocolate, every taste preference, artistic whim and dietary requirement is catered for.

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# FESTIVE SEASON

## Linen House

Summer styling has never looked so promising.

At Linen House's Mullumbimby store, discover fabulous bed linen and homewares at up to 70 per cent off.

Ideal for summer is Aria – breathable quilt covers and sheet sets in silky, 600 thread bamboo/cotton, promising a stunning feel and drape, which launders beautifully and dries fast.

Invest in an everlasting interior aesthetic with our rattan furniture. From bedheads to side tables to armchairs and more, each piece exudes a contemporary style, crafted by skilled artisans in Indonesia.

With the store fitted-out beautifully to inspire your dream home, it's inevitable you'll leave with something to transform any space.

**Visit us at 33 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby. Monday: 9am–5pm, Saturday: 10am–4pm – here to inspire you to make your house a home.**

## EARLY BIRD

### 15%\*discount at Byron Community College

2022 Term One program is now open for enrolments online!

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**For more information visit [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au) or call 6684 3374. RTO No: 90013.**

**We hope to see you at the College soon!**

**\*Not valid on any courses already subsidised or funded.**

## Evergreen Décor

Nestled in amongst local traders at Alstonville's historic Buttery, Evergreen Décor is now open.

The brainchild of Alstonville local Louise Marshall, Evergreen Décor was inspired by her own experience in fitting out retail outlets and office space. 'It is always great in theory to have arrangements of natural plants around the home and workplace, however the maintenance can be too much. The alternatives were not good enough for me so I decided to do something about it,' says Louise.

Being local to Alstonville, Evergreen is primarily focusing on the Northern Rivers with a more personalised offering. 'It's not just the products, it is what you do with them. Meeting with my customers in person and understanding what they need always makes me feel good.'

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# FESTIVE SEASON

## The Greatest Showperson Holiday Performance Extravaganza

Do you have a class clown in your household? Or maybe the next Meryl Streep? Know a young person with a yen for acting, storytelling, dance, singing, comic flair or in need of a chance to get on stage? *The Greatest Showperson* Holiday Performance Extravaganza is for them!

*The Greatest Showperson* is three days of all things performance taught by two industry professionals in the heart of Byron Bay, with a performance for parents on final day.

Madeline West from *Underbelly*, *Neighbours* and *Satisfaction* teams up with Rachael Beck, queen of the musical stage, from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hey Dad* and *Les Miserables*, to lead students in this once-in-a-lifetime workshop, from 24–26 January at Marvel Hall, Byron Bay.

Cost is \$500

Email [rachael@rachaelbeck.com.au](mailto:rachael@rachaelbeck.com.au) to book.

## Studio Suvira

Visit Studio Suvira's home gallery and sculpture garden for a newly installed summer exhibition of outstanding ceramic pieces from 2021 firings plus his collection of sculptural works.

As an artist, Suvira is a potter and a sculptor driven by a passion that holds materials of making at the heart of the process. His ceramic works, produced by processes uncommonly found in today's ceramics. The sculptural works construe found objects assembled with other elements produced in wood, metal or stone.

Summer Exhibition shows a top shelf collection previously unseen; large sculptural vessels as well as his unique tableware and others for the everyday rituals of eating, drinking and flower arrangement.

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## The Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop

It's that time of year again! With Christmas and the holidays fast approaching, The Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop has got you covered. You'll find all kinds of treats and treasures including Secret Santas wrapped and ready to go, foiled chocolate Santas, beautifully handcrafted gourmet chocolates, gift boxes, unique stocking stuffers, gift hampers, complimentary wrapping and much more. Don't forget their old fashioned Lolly Bar with over 100 lollies! They also have a fantastic assortment of premium locally made chocolate covered nuts and fruits, gourmet chocolate truffles and pralines, chocolate bars, fudge and Turkish delight, plus an old fashioned range of sweets in jars and a great range of the newest ones too, along with premium Gelato and slushes! See you at 'The Sweetest Shop in Town!'

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## Olli Ella Sample Sale

Join us at the Olli Ella Sample Sale this Saturday 18 December, 8am-1pm in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate.

You'll find kids toys, décor and homewares, plus our Wares apparel range at up to 80 per cent off RRP!

Discover discontinued lines, seconds and many more sample bargains! Enjoy a browse in the sun and tick off that Christmas list while you're at it.

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While primarily showcasing artists in the region, PEEK also carries an eclectic inventory of artists from all over the world, inviting art collectors and the culturally curious to 'engage and experience something new'.

Please contact the Peek Gallery for a digital catalogue, request a local measure and quote, or to arrange an after-hours appointment at the gallery.

7/8 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

peekgallery.com

0488 64 64 64

## Wildforest Folk Emporium and Curios

Created by storytelling naturalist, ecotherapist, and permaculturalist, Claudia Grati, Wildforest Folk Emporium and Curios is the most magical little shop in Byron Bay. Claudia's mission is to deeply connect beings of all ages with the 'more than human' world; fostering infinite inspiration and a desire for true environmental stewardship. This beautiful and whimsical space, in the heart of Byron Bay showcases gorgeous global artisan handmade fair trade items, Steiner/Montessoriri toys, jewellery, books, a stunning array of deep time treasures (crystals and fossils), organic seeds, fresh organic flowers, and so much more. The shop will also serve as an information hub for Claudia's ecotherapy events and offerings, and permaculture consulting. The shop is usually open Thursday to Monday, but check socials as times may vary slightly.

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FESTIVE SEASON

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Tuckey pieces encourage gathering and memory making. Their aim is to make bespoke timber pieces to span generations. A curated selection of complementary seating, homewares, lighting and artwork can be found at both Byron and Melbourne showrooms.

**marktuckey.com.au**  
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**14 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay**  
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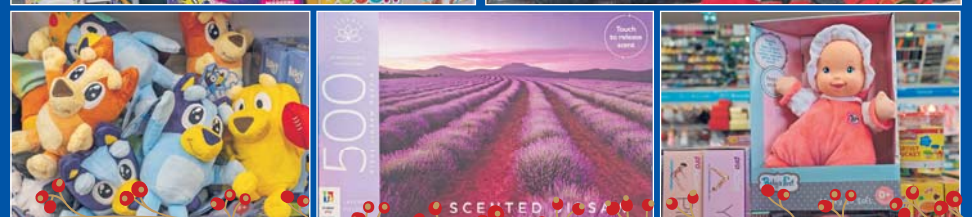
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## Christmas with the Anglican Parish of Byron

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This year we welcomed Rev Grahame and Rev Brenda Yager, who together with Rev Rosie Wynter and the lay ministers now complete our Ministry Team. We invite you to share this Christmas Season with us.

Our special gift to the Community this year is the up lighting of All Soul's Church, Bangalow, St Paul's Church, Byron Bay and St Martin's Church, Mullumbimby.

In partnership with North Coast Events the churches will shine from 16 December 2021 until 4 January 2022.

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## Anglican Parish of Byron CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

### 17 December

7pm Friday, St Paul's Byron Bay  
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight  
14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

### 23 December

6pm Thursday, St Thomas' Brunswick Heads  
Holy Communion, Christmas Eve Worship (a day early). Family Worship and Holy Communion  
21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

### 24th Dec Christmas Eve

6pm St Paul's Byron Bay  
Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play  
14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay  
7pm All Souls Bangalow  
Family Worship and Holy Communion  
1 Ashton St, Bangalow

9pm St Martin's Mullumbimby  
Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play  
38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

9pm St Columba's Ewingsdale  
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### 25th Dec Christmas Day

7.30am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads  
Holy Communion  
21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow  
Holy Communion  
1 Ashton St, Bangalow

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby  
Holy Communion  
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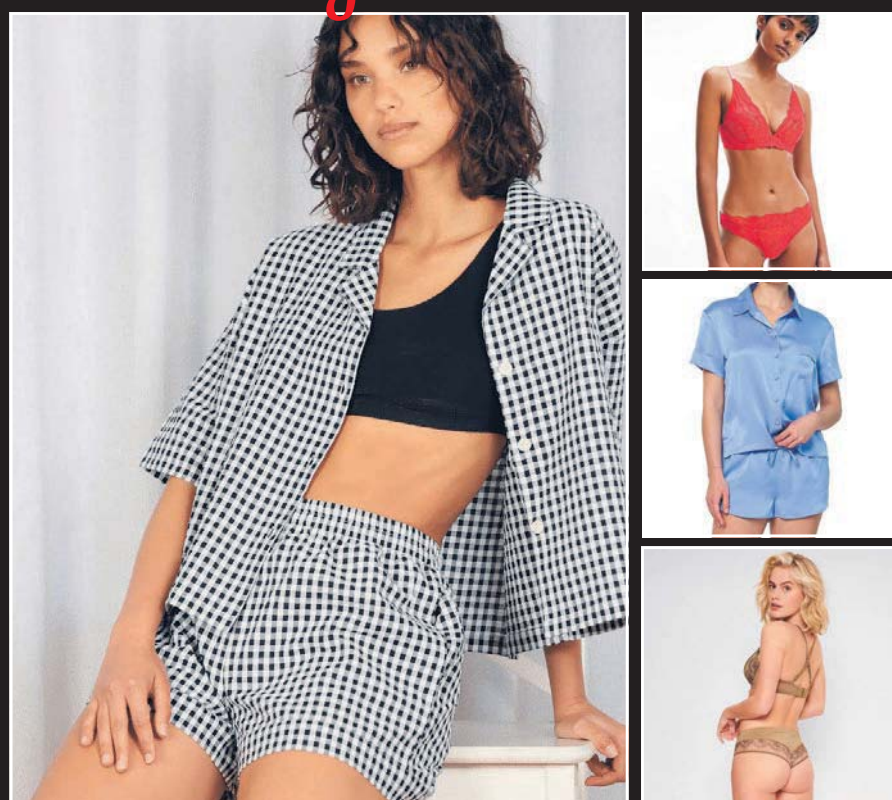
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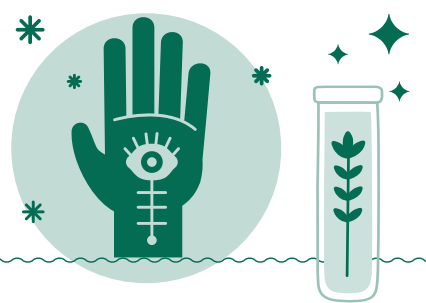
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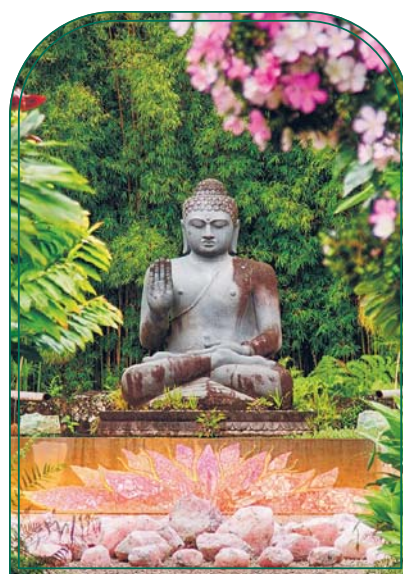
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Dr Khanna has been practising medicine for more than 20 years. He has adopted an integrative approach, using nutritional and herbal medicine to support his patients.

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View: Saturday 18th December, 10am

Price: Contact Agent

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**Harcourts** Northern Rivers



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At the very centre of what is destined to become Byron's newest retail and accommodation precinct is this quaint and original freehold commercial opportunity. The unprecedented demand for commercial properties in Byron Bay has completely outstripped the supply and opportunities like this will not last long. With its origins starting in the 1930's the site has been home to some of the most iconic businesses that have

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served the community well. None more than the present tenant Santos Food Supplies and the adjacent Barber. Located directly opposite the Mercato centre and surrounded by some of the most popular shops and Cafes this position benefits from the huge traffic flow.

- Great "Byron style" building with potential
- Land size is approx 392sqm
- Tenancy size gl of 186sqm
- Secure tenants on leases to 2029

Price: Contact Agent

Inspect: By Appointment



Damien Smith  
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5/37 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

3 2 1

**Beachside Terrace Apartment**

Price: Contact Agent

- Open plan living space opens to covered balcony
- Large master bedroom with balcony
- Secure undercover parking with secure storage
- Large kitchen with dishwasher
- Excellent potential for holiday letting
- Short stroll to shops and restaurants
- Great Investment or Holiday home

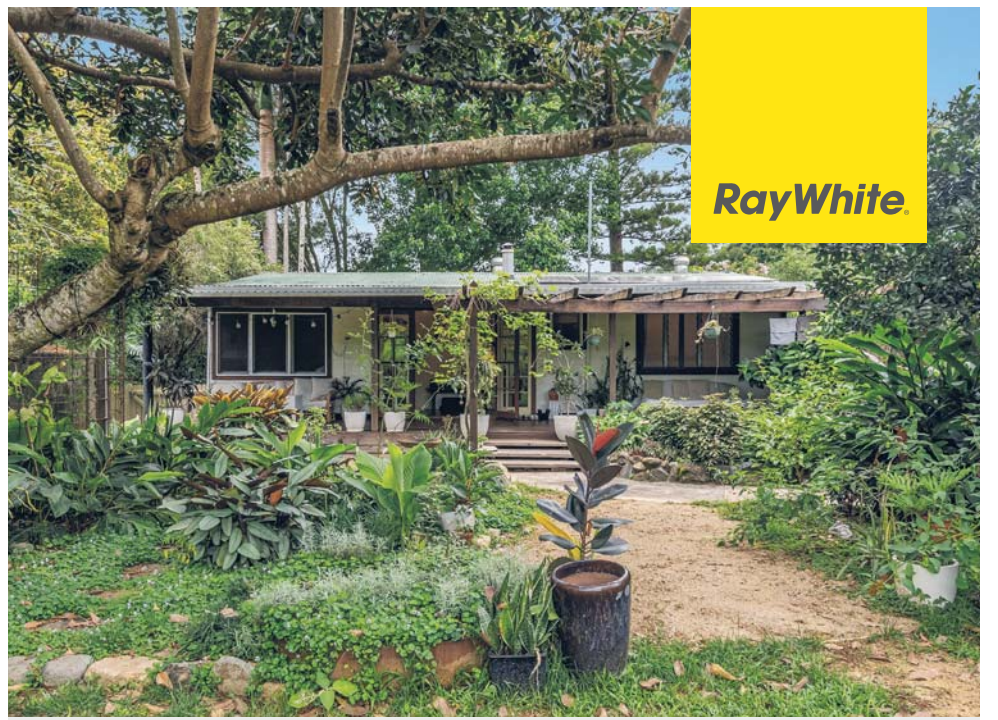


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898 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

3 1 2

**Charming Home in Peaceful Main Arm Village**

Auction : Pending  
Open: Saturday 18th Dec  
12.00 - 12.30pm

- Private & peaceful location on 939 sqm level block
- Hardwood floors & high ceilings
- Newly renovated kitchen & bathroom
- Fireplace, ceiling fans & plenty of shade trees
- Water filtration & structuring system
- Solar power (approx 2kw)



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22 Parkes Avenue, Byron Bay

2 1 1

**Habitat Live/Work Opportunity**

Price: Contact Agent  
Open: By Appointment

The spacious two-story live/work townhouse is modern, light, and airy. The top floor is home to the one-bedroom apartment, with high ceilings & louvre windows allowing the whole space to fill with natural light. There is a north-facing private deck, built-in robe, dishwasher, solar hot water and separate access from the workspace and second bedroom downstairs providing great separation. The ground floor provides a great space for retail or commercial use for a tenant or your own business.



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280 Picadilly Hill Road, Coopers Shoot

3 2 6

**Perfect position and aspect in Coopers Shoot**

Price: Contact Agent  
Open: By Appointment

- Exclusive enclave with views and privacy
- 2.02H easy to manage land
- Finished Late 2018 - design by architects - Prestige property design
- Potential to seamlessly create extra living or granny flat
- Amazing master bedroom retreat with loft
- Living areas and bedrooms all with a view
- Large decks and 10m long pool



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**A unique family home to last the ages**

**3 Sanctuary Lane Lawrence**

- Impressive home with views of the Clarence River and natural Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Positioned almost exactly halfway in between Yamba & Grafton, being 32kms to each
- Beautiful Black Butt timber floors throughout the whole upper level of the home
- The main bedroom, lounge and separate dining rooms all have direct access to the verandahs through the bi-fold plantation shutters.
- Your own 9.5m In-ground pool plus 6 seater Sauna to alleviate the stress after a hard day's work.



**Sale**  
By Negotiation

**View**  
Saturday 10am – 11am

**Agent**  
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**Tallow Beach Motel, 108 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park**

**Tallow Beach Motel**

Perfectly positioned to take full advantage of our wonderful lifestyle, this freehold motel is just metres from the beach and is set in one of Byron Bay's premium holiday areas. The motel is set on 1543m<sup>2</sup> of residentially zoned land offering a variety of development options. The position on a beachfront street compliments this unique opportunity and might never be repeated.

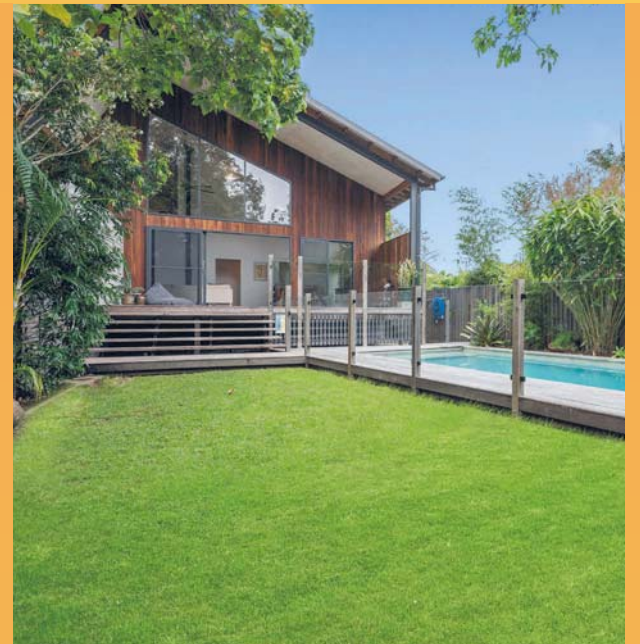
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- Less than 50 metres to Tallow Beach
- Nine ground floor rooms with one suite
- Managers residence, office, reception and courtyard
- Beautiful in-ground pool and onsite car parking
- Sunny corner position with easterly aspect
- Minutes to shops, cafes and restaurants
- Long standing and very loyal clientele

Land: 1543m<sup>2</sup>  
Price: Contact Agent  
Open: By Appointment



**David Gordon**  
0418 856 222



4 beds 2 bathrooms 4 cars

### 9 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Auction Via Openn Negotiation

#### Opportunity Knocks, Elevated Ocean View Home, Large Block

Perched up high on desirable Yalla Kool Drive, this inviting family home offers picturesque north-east facing ocean views and cool sea breezes.

- 2864 square metre block
- Large, covered alfresco entertaining area, ideal for parties or



**Jason Dittmar**  
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4 beds 3 bathrooms 4 cars

### 22 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Expressions Of Interest

#### Elevated Ocean Views in this showstopping Architect Designed Family Home

This incredible home is situated on a large, elevated 755 sqm block with expansive decks to showcase the stunning natural vistas.

- Coastal inspired kitchen with large island bench



**Tania Sheppard**  
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3 beds 3 bathrooms 2 cars

### 49 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Expressions Of Interest

#### Contemporary Coastal Living with Waterfront Access

Capturing the very essence of contemporary coastal living, this stylish, near-new family home with private water access is ideal for those who want to move in, unpack and simply enjoy everything the beautiful Far North Coast has to offer.

- Private waterfront access for your kayak or paddleboard



**Adrian Howe**  
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4 beds 3 bathrooms 4 cars

### 61 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Just Listed

#### Elevated, Spacious Coastal Family Home on Large Block

Set in a private, elevated position, this large, solid, two-storey family home offers the perfect space for you and your growing family to chill out and enjoy the laidback lifestyle on offer in the idyllic coastal village of Ocean Shores.

- Land size: 968 square metres



**Craig Griffin**  
0476 911 127

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4 beds 2 bathrooms 5 cars

### 108 Laurel Avenue, Lismore

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Price Guide \$500,000-\$550,000

#### High-Set 1930's Family Home in the Heart of Town

Located in the heart of Lismore, this retro-style property would ideally suit a busy tradie or car enthusiast looking for plenty of garage and workshop space.

- High-set weatherboard home with Colorbond roof
- Open plan living area and refurbished kitchen



**Sam Owen**  
0408 871 400

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3 beds 2 bathrooms 1 car

### 33 Robin Street, South Golden Beach

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Expressions Of Interest

#### Beachside Escape with Income Potential

This is a rare opportunity to purchase an established home with the bonus of a Council-approved studio in the coveted, unspoilt haven of South Golden Beach.

- Land size: 639 square metres
- Large, covered timber deck for entertaining



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**Gorgeous 100-acre Estate Offering the Dream Hinterland Lifestyle**

- Nestled in amongst 100 acres of pristine land and manicured pecan tree orchard
- The home has been renovated to the highest standard and is a gorgeous example of country chic style with traditional features including French doors and windows, timber floorboards and wall lining - creating a welcoming farmhouse atmosphere
- In addition, there are the converted dairy bales and separate dwelling with fireplace
- With substantial outbuildings/sheds and farm machinery, this property is a complete package for both lifestyle and rural production/income

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**204 Tooheys Mill Road, Nashua**

Price: Contact Agent

Opens: By Appointment



Su Reynolds  
0428 888 660



Helen Huntly-Barratt  
0412 332 232



**Charming Home Plus Brand-new Second Dwelling**

4 3 2 584M<sup>2</sup>

- Wonderful 3-bedroom family home with separate, brand-new, fully-approved second dwelling plus additional garage/storage space and huge backyard
- Tucked away in a quiet cul-de-sac, close to schools, public swimming pool and community gardens, walk to the weekly farmers markets and enjoy the atmosphere
- The light-filled interiors encompass a fresh open-plan kitchen/living space
- The fully approved, self-contained second dwelling offers the perfect one-bedroom home and sees excellent rental returns on your investment

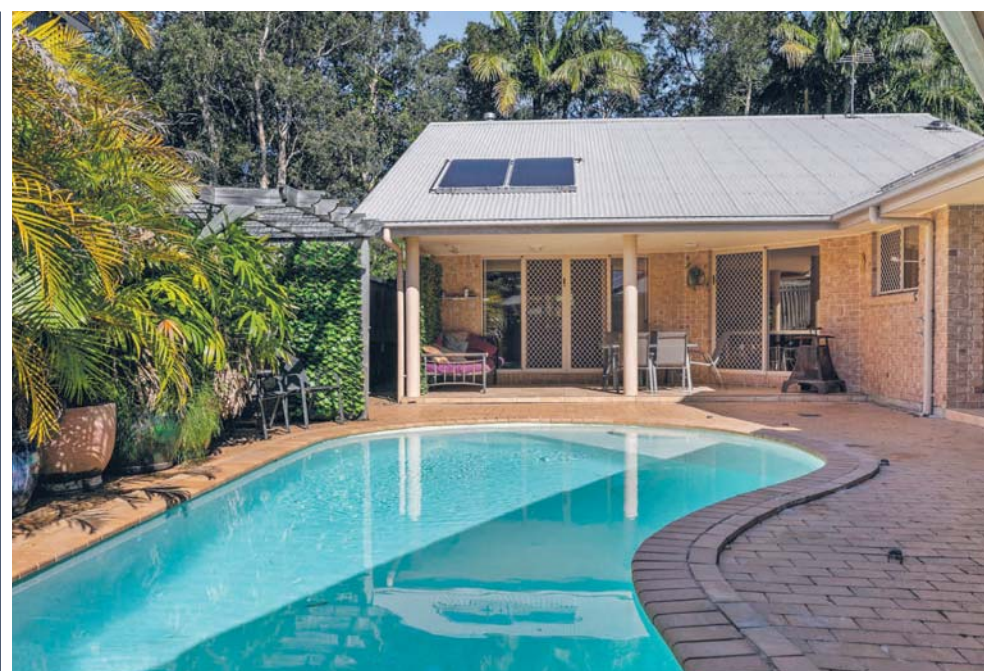
**14 Rush Court, Mullumbimby**

Price Guide: \$1.375m to \$1.5m

Open: Saturday 18th December 9-9.30am



Tara Torkkola  
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**Spacious Home with Pool and Studio**

4 3 2 664M<sup>2</sup>

- Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, this convenient location is within a comfortable walk or bike ride to Byron Bay's CBD, Main Beach, Tallow Beach and local schools
- Set on 664m<sup>2</sup>, this versatile home features 4-bedrooms, inground swimming pool and a separate studio - making the most of the relaxed coastal lifestyle and potential for excellent rental returns on your investment
- Alternatively, it offers excellent bones to renovate, re-build or re-imagine your dream coastal home (STCA) - this an excellent investment

**19 Oakland Court, Byron Bay**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 18th December 10-10.30am



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Luke Elwin  
0421 375 635



Boundary lines are approximate

**Unbelievable Opportunity to Build Your Dream Home in Beautiful Mullumbimby**

- This could be your perfect tree/sea change - the chance to build your dream home, so close to the eclectic Mullumbimby town centre
- 2-acres of vacant, usable land is almost entirely level and cleared, offering the perfect-sized parcel that is both manageable alone or as a family
- Excellent location - just a 4.5-minute drive (2.9km) to Mullumbimby town centre, 13 minutes to Brunswick Heads with its river and beaches

8093M<sup>2</sup>

**Lot 7, 11 Davidson Place, Mullumbimby**

Price Guide: \$1.25m to \$1.35m

Open: By Appointment



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**Character Home in the Hills with Lighthouse Views**

5 3 3 3.2 AC

- This unique hinterland oasis is within walking distance to warm and welcoming Federal village and community plus 25-mins to the famous beaches of Byron Bay
- Immaculately renovated and lovingly maintained, this beautiful Queenslander circa 1900's oozes the feeling of luxury in the hills with elevation and breezes
- Wonderful corner block with the main residence, 2 pavilions for guest accommodation or teenage retreats, 3-bay shed, horse paddocks and chicken pens
- Owners have purchased elsewhere and are keen to sell before Christmas!

**63 Lizray Road, Federal**

Price Guide: \$2.7m to \$2.95m

Open: Saturday 18th December 9-9.30am



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0423 519 698



**Luxe Apartment with Rooftop Balcony in Town Centre!**

2 1 1

- Located right in the centre of eclectic Mullumbimby village this chic apartment features a rooftop deck and exquisite sunsets looking over to Mt. Chincogan
- Simple, yet elegant, the mixture of warm timbers, polished concrete floors and crisp white interiors creates a relaxing atmosphere
- Bi-folding, timber framed glass doors peel back to connect indoor and outdoor living
- The zoning allows for commercial use - perhaps the perfect space for art gallery or record store with cafe on the deck - the sky is the limit!

**2/53 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby**

Price Guide: \$900,000 to \$975,000

Open: Saturday 18th December 10-10.30am



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**Surfers Hideaway Nestled in the Myocum Hills – All Offers Encouraged**

- Best of all worlds: It's both a peaceful sanctuary that celebrates nature, while still offering easy access to Belongil Beach (13 mins) and Byron Bay (15 mins) with all the convenience of Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Bangalow in close proximity
- Featuring two original timber bungalow-style houses divided by a central carport with approved dual occupancy - fantastic rental return opportunity
- Fruit trees, veggie gardens and a cleared, fenced paddock at the rear of the property is perfect for a horse or hobby farm - unbelievable Myocum value!

5 2 4 6.8 AC

**27 Pinegroves Road, Myocum**

Price Guide: \$2.1m to \$2.3m

Open: By Appointment



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**Historic Charm Meets Sleek Modernity**

5 3 2 3724M<sup>2</sup>

- The picturesque 4-bedroom 1890s timber cottage is the epitome of quiet country living - offering a stunning synergy of historical charm and sleek modernity
- A contemporary pavilion designed by Dom Finlay Jones houses the kitchen, living and dining, connecting both buildings and out to the in-ground pool and grounds
- Banks of large sliding doors, peel back to promote a seamless indoor/outdoor way of life, blending the two zones to create one cohesive home
- This perfect 1-acre block backs onto cleared open farmland offering rural vistas

**10 Ballina Road, Bangalow**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



Denzil Lloyd  
0481 864 049



**Half-Acre Property, Close to Newrybar Village**

5 3 3 2685M<sup>2</sup>

- Set on over half an acre and surrounded mostly by farmland, this property offers a low maintenance, rural lifestyle just a short stroll into Newrybar village
- Offering excellent value, featuring a family residence with stunning pool, self contained granny flat and separate garage/media space
- The gardens are well-established with room for vegie patches and chook sheds
- Private country estate with the convenience of being able to walk to the Harvest Cafe for a coffee or meal, or you can drive a few minutes to Broken Head beach

**46 Broken Head Road, Newrybar**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 18th December 1.00-2.00pm



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'Lenadur' 526 Huonbrook Road, **Huonbrook** 297 acres

Own one of the largest rainforests in the Shire. Nestled between two national parks in Byron's hinterland, 'Lenadur' is a tropical oasis brimming with natural beauty. With waterfalls, creeks, cliffs and caves, exploring 'Lendadur' is like stepping into a mystical wonderland.

**Inspect**  
By appointment only  
**Price**  
Expressions of interest  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**



132 Middle Pocket Road, **Middle Pocket** 2+ 2 1

This stunning, level 5.4 acre lot offers approx. 360m of meandering creek frontage. The land is full of beautiful and unique native and exotic gardens along with mature trees. Whether you're a renovator or looking to build your dream a home this canvas is full of potential!

**Inspect**  
Saturday 18th December 10am  
**Price**  
\$1,700,000 to \$1,850,000  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**



OPEN  
FRIDAY 3pm

NEW  
LISTING



89A Kingsford Drive



NEW  
LISTING

89A Kingsford Drive, **Brunswick Heads** 187m<sup>2</sup>

This small block is the only vacant lot available in the whole of Bruns. There's approved plans to build a 2-bedroom house, perfect for the downsizer. In the 2021 the average price for any home in this development is well over \$1,000,000 & the market is still trending upwards.

**Inspect**  
By appointment  
**Price**  
\$650,000  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**  
**Agent declares interest**



112 Bayside Way, **Brunswick Heads** 4 2+ 1

Situated close to the village this stunningly renovated home is ready to move straight in to! The relaxed, beachside Hamptons inspired finishes include VJ lined walls, concrete tiled bathroom floors, vinyl planks, French doors, and weatherboard façade.

**Inspect**  
Friday 17th December 3pm  
**Price**  
Expressions of interest  
**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**



OPEN  
FRIDAY 3pm



NEW  
LISTING

10 Banksia Place, **Mullumbimby** 3 2 1

Nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac, a short stroll to town, is this single-level brick home on a 753m<sup>2</sup> block set back from the road. With a mid-century groove, this house has potential galore! The layout of this home is focused on the pool area, which all the rooms face out to enjoy.

**Inspect**  
Friday 17th December 3pm  
**Price**  
\$1,400,000  
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- 5 Jarvis St, Clunes. Sun 2.30pm on site

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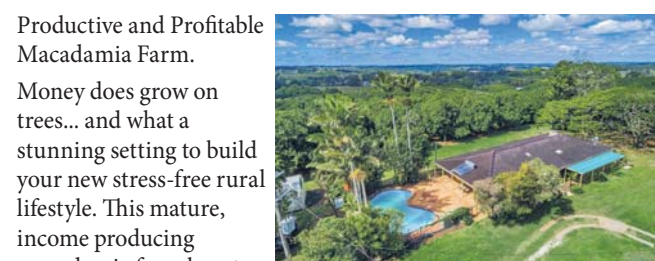
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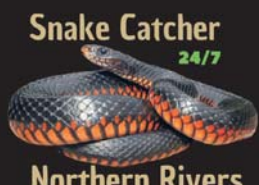
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**Jayne Denise Anderson**  
13/11/1951 – 08/12/2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Jayne announces her very sudden passing. Dearly loved wife of Steve. Dearly loved mother of Eve, Samantha and Olivia. Jayne will always be deeply missed and forever loved.

*Adrian Albert Bryant*

Late of Banora Point. Formerly of Uki.

Passed away peacefully on Saturday 4th December 2021. Aged 91 Years.

Dearly loved Husband of Josephine (dec'd).

Much loved Father and Father-in-law of Wendy, Joanne, Gayle, Allison & Alex and Raymond & Hannah. Cherished Grandfather of Conrad and Madison.

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An iconic character who was always up for a party and good time, yet equally involved in social issues especially those regarding human rights. Al was a deep thinker, a practical 'doer' with a sharp mind and compassionate heart.

A Life Celebration will be held on the 21st December at 681 Myocum Rd, Myocum 4pm. A GoFundMe site has been set up to help raise money to cover costs. [gofund.me/cb6a1821](https://gofund.me/cb6a1821). We greatly appreciate your donations during this significant time. Please RSVP to 0404 808 154.

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

DATE (Dec)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
15	W	5:42 19:39	16:14 2:58	07:00.145 18:48.120	00:15.031 13:08.056
16	TH	5:42 19:40	17:08 3:29	07:40.153 19:31.117	<b>00:50.028</b> 13:58.051
17	F	5:43 19:40	18:03 4:03	08:17.160 20:11.115	<b>01:24.026</b> 14:42.046
18	SA	5:43 19:41	18:59 4:40	08:53.165 20:49.114	<b>01:56.025</b> 15:22.042
19	SU	5:43 19:41	19:53 5:22	09:29.169 21:27.112	<b>02:29.025</b> 16:00.039
20	M	5:44 19:42	20:45 6:09	<b>10:05.170</b> 22:03.111	<b>03:01.026</b> 16:37.039
21	TU	5:44 19:42	21:33 7:00	10:42.169 22:41.109	<b>03:36.028</b> 17:14.039
22	W	5:45 19:43	22:17 7:55	11:19.167 23:20.107	<b>04:13.030</b> 17:51.040
23	TH	5:45 19:43	22:56 8:52	11:58.164	04:52.035 18:31.041
24	F	5:46 19:44	23:32 9:50	00:03.106 12:37.160	05:34.040 19:15.042
25	SA	5:46 19:44	00:54.106 10:47	00:54.106 13:19.155	06:23.046 20:00.042
26	SU	5:47 19:45	0:06 11:45	01:52.108 14:05.150	07:21.052 20:49.040
27	M	5:48 19:45	0:37 12:43	03:00.113 14:59.144	08:30.057 21:41.036
28	TU	5:48 19:45	1:09 13:44	04:11.123 15:58.138	09:46.059 22:32.032
29	W	5:49 19:46	1:42 14:46	05:15.137 17:00.132	11:05.056 <b>23:22.026</b>

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

### MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323	4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911
1st SAT Alstonville	0429 019 407	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	<a href="http://kyoglettogether.org.au">kyoglettogether.org.au</a>	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	0466 415 172
		Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
		Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

**ARIES:** Your mentor planet Mars barging into Sagittarius brings a spirit-lifting surge of optimism to light Aries' end-of-year fire. Mercury and Mars both in entrepreneurial mode could spark ideas for an indie business or project, so note down those creative ideas before they get lost in the thought stream.

**TAURUS:** Venus retrograde in Capricorn is actually a good thing, because with the state of the world so wild atm, it's more important than ever to have people and relationships you can rely on. The real caution is that this week may strain classic Taurean tolerance to its limit, in which case, watch out world!

**GEMINI:** Circle Sunday's Gemini full moon as this week's prime time to benefit from online opportunities, social media meetups and old-fashioned facetime. Expect a certain amount of negative nellys trying to bring things down, but don't allow it. Keep your levity levels and joie de vivre high and magic can happen.

**CANCER:** This weekend's full moon spotlighting the wind-up of cycles prompts an end-of-year audit to finalise outstanding debts, material or otherwise, and tie off those dangling threads in life's rich tapestry. It could be a very productive week getting stuff done and having fun - best with a crew and not just you.

**LEO:** Remove your gaze from the device, look up, and you're likely to find what you were searching for hiding in plain sight. This week's straightforward Sagittarian vibes could score you a chance to pitch one of your grand ideas, or have a breakthrough conversation where you can finally be honest.

**VIRGO:** Take regular refresher breaks this week to recharge from too much input, rushing and doing. Working around the clock isn't actually uber-productive, and counterintuitive as it sounds, letting yourself downshift (even sleep/[if that's needed] allows you to download the visionary ideas that make work and life easier.

**LIBRA:** With love planet Venus heading into a reflective retreat for the rest of December and beyond, she's reminding you of the importance of balancing head decisions with heart, of being relaxed and productive at the same time, and that overexerting in one area means something else will be short-changed, and do you really want that?

**SCORPIO:** With motivated Mars lighting a fire in your belly, this week's warrior vibes tend to be notoriously unsympathetic to pleas of 'Poor me, I can't cope, it's all too overwhelming', which can unfortunately, but understandably, make you keener to treat them meaner. It's very much in your own interests not to.

**SAGITTARIUS:** When Mars arrives in your sign this week with a feisty, can-do vibe and you're telling it like it is sans filter, don't find it surprising if temperatures are rising. And don't be too fast deleting people from your contact list; at least give them a chance to self-correct.

**CAPRICORN:** Venus retrograde in your sign signals time for relationship reviews. Can you still make something work? Or is it time for the grateful goodbye? The ex factor could reappear in the form of a past connection, missed opportunity or ongoing partnership problem; asking is it worth another go, or no?

**AQUARIUS:** You love brainstorming, so if you don't have a dream team yet, then it's a good week to start auditioning. With Mars issuing a call to action, you might inspire others to think about socially conscious spending, buying ethically-sourced, eco-friendly festive fare and recycled gifts, and doing business locally rather than supporting online corporations.

**PISCES:** Dealing with fatigue as a long year winds down? Then make the most of the hours when you're at your sharpest. If a stormy mood starts brewing, press whatever nectar's available from the situation and focus on remaining in the flow state. Consider checking out a copy of *The Artist's Way* by Pisces, Julia Cameron.

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Artist Suvira McDonald poses with Emma Anna Chatter's WORDPLAY series, located near Federation Bridge in Mullum. The installation had financial support from Council. Emma was also a winning sculptor in the recent Brunswick Nature Sculpture Walk at Brunswick Heads. Photo Jeff Dawson

With COVID-19 cases increasing locally, it's a good time to be mindful of hygiene, social distancing, dancing, art, gardening and whatever floats your boat. Stay safe, peeps, seriously.

Is Julian Assange the first person in history to face extradition for correctly reporting that governments and their armies had committed crimes? According to his organisation, Wikileaks, Assange suffered a stroke while in solitary confinement. The message is clear from the governing one per cent: 'Do not expose our crimes or else we will kill you'. It's similar to what the Saudis did to journalist Jamal Khashoggi - just slower.

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Cabbage Tree Island (South of Ballina) Public School principal Dyonne Anderson has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to Aboriginal education in NSW public schools at the 16th annual Nanga Mai Awards. NSW Department of Education says, 'Her work focuses on Aboriginal languages, embedding Aboriginal perspectives and content within school programs and facilitating the design and delivery of initiatives in Aboriginal Education Policy'.

With former NSW Premier Bob Carr believing the unvaccinated should pay for their COVID healthcare if they end up in hospital, it's a good reminder that a doctor's oath is to treat everyone equally. And thankfully, Bob's not in power anymore.

A judicial inquiry into media diversity will not be ALP policy going into the election. The party fears a savage campaign would be waged against it by News Corp (Murdoch) if it were to adopt the senate report, *Media diversity in Australia*, recommending action. Anyone spot the problem with this? See page 12.

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