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# Broken Head community rallies for its church

**Hans Lovejoy**

The newly formed Broken Head Society Inc has put an Expression of Interest (EOI) to buy St Oswald's memorial church from the Grafton Diocese for \$1m, so it can 'be held in trust, in perpetuity'.

The decision by the Anglican Church to sell St Oswald's Memorial Church in Broken Head sparked widespread community concern back in November, given that the 99-year-old church was gifted by residents as a dedicated memorial to three local men killed in WWI.

The Byron Bay RSL Sub-Branch, Byron Shire Council, and the descendants of the

deceased soldiers all strongly oppose the sale.

St Oswald's was built as a memorial to Arthur Beaumont Goard, who was killed in World War I on October 4, 1917, at Ypres, Belgium. St Oswald's also commemorates two other young men from Broken Head who were killed in that war – Frederick Flick and Frank Kimpton. This was a tremendous loss to the Broken Head community which, at the time, consisted of just twelve families.

Simeon Michaels told *The Echo* residents formed the Society 'to build community in the Broken Head area in general, and specifically, to save the church'.

An Anglican Diocese spokesperson told *The Echo* in late November that the sale was

part of a 'major restructuring program', which included meeting 'the costs arising from historical claims of abuse'.

### Sacrifice made by three men

At the time, the Diocese acknowledged the memorial and the sacrifice made by the three men, however said, 'In recent decades however, support for St Oswald's has dwindled to the extent that only three Broken Head residents were attending on a regular Sunday'.

*The Echo* put questions to the Anglican Diocesan Registry as to whether they would accept the offer, but was told they had closed for Christmas.

According to the Society's EOI, which has

been sent to the Anglican Diocese, the group has 'received legal advice and raised funds to mount a legal challenge on equitable and administrative grounds'.

'Julian Burnside QC has expressed interest in acting for us on this matter. We acknowledge the undesirability of a legal battle'.

The residents write, 'We also acknowledge that you are undertaking the sale of properties to meet the compensation for the historical child sexual abuse. We support you taking action to address the wrongdoings.'

'We are therefore offering to purchase the site for \$1 million and enter into negotiations with the Church's Corporate Trustees to

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# Who are the newly elected councillors?

Hans Lovejoy

Eight Byron Shire councillor positions were confirmed last week, following the election of Michael Lyon as Mayor.

Candidates elected as councillors are: (Greens) Duncan Dey, (Greens) Sarah Ndiaye, (Independent) Cate Coorey, (Independent) Mark Swivel, (Independent) Sama Balson, (Labor) Asren Pugh, (Independent) conservative councillor, Alan Hunter, and (Independent) Peter Westheimer.

According to [www.vtr.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.vtr.elections.nsw.gov.au), there was a 73.80 per cent turn out for the December 4 election, with 17,735 total formal ballots and 1,021 informal votes.

So who are these people that have been entrusted to represent the community and work a full time job for as little as \$20,000 per annum?

## Mayor Lyon

Mayor, Michael Lyon, was elected as a Greens councillor in 2016 under former Greens Mayor, Simon Richardson.

Cr Lyon quit the Greens after failing to get party support and assembled a team for the 2021 election. Cr Lyon also replaced Cr Richardson as Mayor after Richardson quit earlier last year.

Prior to politics, Cr Lyon was manager of Santos Organics, and according to [byronindependents.com.au](http://byronindependents.com.au), has 'accounting and business management skills and background'.

## Cr Duncan Dey

It's the third Council term for Duncan Dey (Greens), who has served two terms previously. According to [www.byrongreens.org](http://www.byrongreens.org), he has been a Byron Shire resident since 1994, and for decades has sat as a member of many Council advisory committees. Dey is also a civil engineer, specialised in flood analysis and water and sewerage management.

## Cr Sarah Ndiaye

Like Cr Lyon, Sarah Ndiaye was elected to Council last term under the Greens ticket.

According to [www.greensoncouncil.org.au](http://www.greensoncouncil.org.au), Cr Ndiaye has worked as a journalist and a local high school teacher. The website says she has 'advocated on a range of issues including inappropriate developments, waterway protection and improved public spaces.'

'I'm currently the chair of the Arakwal, Wastewater and Biodiversity committees and



Independent Mayor, Michael Lyon



Greens Cr, Duncan Dey



Independent Cr, Cate Coorey



Independent Cr, Mark Swivel



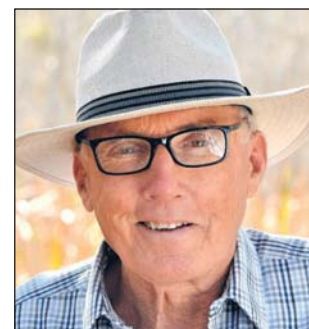
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Labor Cr, Asren Pugh



Greens Cr, Sarah Ndiaye



Independent Cr, Alan Hunter



Independent Cr, Peter Westheimer

value the input of community members. I also serve on the Sustainability and Public Art committee as well as the regional Library committee'.

## Cr Cate Coorey

Independent Cr Cate Coorey is set to serve her second term on Council.

As founder and president of Byron Residents' Group, Cate has led campaigns against the West Byron mega-suburb, and building rock walls on Belongil.

During her last term on Council, Cr Coorey shared a dissenting vote with Cr Basil Cameron over many contentious DA decisions.

## Cr Mark Swivel

Council newcomer, Mark Swivel, was elected on an Independent platform, yet describes himself as Labor leaning, in the Whitlam era, with a modern view to climate change. His first tilt at politics was running for the federal Senate in 2019 under the Together Party banner.

According to [www.markswivel.team](http://www.markswivel.team), he is 'founder of community law firm Barefoot Law, MC of Dustyesky, former Company Secretary at renewables retailer Enova Energy, Treasurer of Spaghetti Circus, and average footballer at Eureka FC.'

## Cr Sama Balson

Another Council newcomer is Sama Balson, who was elected on Cr Lyon's ticket.

According to [www.samakybalson.com](http://www.samakybalson.com), 'Sama is a creative director, designer and producer with an international body of work in the performing arts industry'.

More recently Sama founded the Women's Village Collective, which 'helps women who are in housing distress to access safe and affordable homes'.

According to [www.womensvillagecollective.org.au](http://www.womensvillagecollective.org.au), the group 'do this by providing access to emergency housing and assisting with the associated costs of insecure housing, such as storage and removals'.

## Cr Asren Pugh

As a newcomer to Council, Asren Pugh was elected on the Labor platform and describes himself as a trade unionist at [www.asrenpugh.com](http://www.asrenpugh.com).

His website says, 'I'm currently finishing my MBA and have the experience to lead a diverse and active Council that can finally address some of the big issues we face'.

Previously, Asren ran as a Labor candidate for the NSW seat of Ballina in 2019. He is the son of respected local

artist and environmental activist, Dalian Pugh.

## Cr Alan Hunter

Cr Alan Hunter makes his return to Council, having served as the only conservative in the past five years.

He has been on Council for nine years. On LinkedIn, Cr Hunter says he has been a self-employed farmer for 53 years, and adds, 'I love to work with animals and in the environment. Fresh air and open spaces are very important to me. A job that you can do with your whole family is the perfect lifestyle'.

## Cr Peter Westheimer

Independent Cr, Peter Westheimer, is the second councillor to be elected on Cr Lyon's ticket, and previously served on Council from 2004 until 2008.

According to [www.peterwestheimer.com](http://www.peterwestheimer.com), he is an artist, composer and producer whose music 'spans many genres - world, electronica, chill, ethno-ambient, dance, new wave, neo classical, synth-pop, reggae and rock - mainly instrumentals, some songs and lyrics'.

His focus on Council in his previous term, according to his website, was 'biodiversity, cultural development, transport and renewable energy'.

# Santa's surprise new chariot



Daniel, Evie and Henry Tiffin, with Billy, Daisy and Dean Stanford, and Dylan Beuer were just some of the lucky kids and adults who got to hang out with Santa for a photo, when he came to Mullumbimby last Thursday on a fire truck. Photo Jeff Dawson

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Council has also trialled a new pedestrian crossing near the Commonwealth Bank, slower traffic speeds in the town centre and temporary road narrowing treatments at the Burringbar and Stuart Street intersection.

Additionally, sacred stories of local forest and coastal middens have been brought to life by Arakwal artists, Nickolla and Kaitlyn Clark. The pavement artwork is at the intersection of Burringbar and Stuart Streets.



Jenelle Stanford from Mullum's Chamber of Commerce, with Steve Drake, who was commissioned, along with Suvira McDonald from Creative Mullum Inc, to create sandstone street furniture. Photo Jeff 'Rockin' 'round Mullum since 1986' Dawson

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# Tenfold increase in COVID-19 infections within a week

COVID-19 cases continue to spike across NSW, with the north coast recording 166 cases to 8pm on December 25, according to Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD). NNSWLHD says, 'ten of these cases are being cared for in hospital, with three of these in ICU.'

Byron still leads the north coast with cases, with 80 reported on December 25.

Ballina has 21, Clarence 28, Tweed 17, Lismore 14, Richmond Valley five and Kyogle one. By comparison, on December 22, 102 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed by the district,

with Byron again recording the most cases, with 59.

## Mask wearing

In response to the statewide increase, the Liberal-Nationals government have reintroduced mask wearing 'in all indoor settings' from December 24, as well as COVID-Safe checks for entry into hospitality and retail premises from December 27.

Service NSW also says, 'Businesses should encourage staff to work from home (where possible); hospitality venues, including pubs, clubs, restaurants and cafes will move to the one

person per two sqm rule indoors, with no density limit for outdoor settings. You should remain seated while eating and drinking in hospitality venues, and singing and dancing is strongly discouraged.'

Premier Dominic Perrottet said these measures would help take the pressure off our health system and keep the community safe until more people could get their booster shots.

According to www.nsw.gov.au, between 80 and 90 per cent of the north coast population is fully vaccinated, reflecting most of NSW.



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# Community rallies for its church

► Continued from page 1 transfer St Oswald's to the Community for its ongoing use. This can include, should the parishioners and the Diocese so wish, weddings and other religious ceremonies'.

Great niece of Arthur Beaumont Goard, Kathryn Peart, told *The Echo* that the church was built on land given by her great grandparents, William and Selina Goard, in honour of their son.

Ms Peart added she was 'dismayed by the decision of the Anglican Diocese in Grafton to sell off St. Oswalds' and says the church is listed as a heritage building in Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

The Society says its Constitution 'has been carefully drafted to ensure that St Oswald's will remain in the hands of the Community in perpetuity'.

It states, 'We acknowledge that the offer is less than the market value, but believe there are strong moral grounds to accept it.'

'The acceptance of the offer would recognise the contribution made by the local community; it would honour fallen soldiers



Rob Asquith, Vice President of the Byron RSL, with fellow Broken Head resident, and former Mayor, Jan Barham. Photo Jeff Dawson

and respect the status of St Oswald as a Memorial Church; media recently reported the sale of the Jonson Street property, owned by the church, at over \$10 million.

'Byron Shire represents one of the most lucrative real estate markets in the country. It has been the community fervour and commitment to protecting our Shire that has translated into such high property values, and the

Diocese has reaped substantial benefit. For this reason, we ask you to look at our proposal favourably in recognition that our commitment to this region has already served you well financially.

'We ask you to work with us to reach a noble, morally upright outcome which honours the past and future of our community'.

Over 9,600 people have signed a Change.org petition, which asks for

the withdrawal of the sale, so it can remain 'available for ongoing religious and memorial services, and could be made available as a venue for affordable weddings and other events that contribute to the social fabric of our community'.

The link is [www.change.org/p/save-st-oswald-s-memorial-church-broken-head-a-community-vision](http://www.change.org/p/save-st-oswald-s-memorial-church-broken-head-a-community-vision).

Kathryn Peart's contact is [kathrynreilly5@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynreilly5@gmail.com).

# NSW govt fast tracks capital investment

The NSW Government have enacted changes to legislation to enable business to 'quickly adapt and accelerate planned capital investment'.

Titled *Building Business Back Better Reforms*, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) have amended the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP)*.

It follows upon the release, within the same month of its *Consultation and Engagement Summary*.

Changes that will start from February 1, 2022 include: 'a wider range of land uses so businesses can quickly adapt their offerings to new market demands for things like entertainment facilities, indoor recreation facilities and creative industries; new and larger building allowances to attract more investment; flexibility to carry out site and parking upgrades to accommodate new modes of delivery'; and, 'stay open for longer in certain areas to support night time economies'.

An Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) for the reforms was on public exhibition from March 31 until May 9, 2021.

Regarding 'amenity and enforcement' (page 17), DPIE say some NSW councils expressed concerns about 'an additional complaints and compliance burden owing to the increased range of land uses, and proposed hours of operation'; and, 'noise, with specific mention of the cost and difficulty of enforcement'.

In their response, DPIE replied, 'It is imperative to support the growth of economic activity in the appropriate zones and in turn, business and industry must be aware of their responsibilities in complying with controls. Councils must be supported to use the appropriate legislative tools to manage non-compliance.'

Other concerns raised by NSW councils included the certification process, specifically 'safety and other amenity considerations being overlooked in the certification process'.



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# No debating it – Bangalow is best

Bangalow Public School students have proven themselves very capable at mounting an argument – and winning!

The Education Department reported the Year Five and Six debating team topped all others in the state to take out the Premier's Debating Challenge in that age category.

Glenn Cullen wrote on [www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au), 'The last of 938 teams standing following 1,300 debates, Bangalow Public School argued its way through the finals series online.'

'Bangalow won seven debates in a row to become the State Champions, edging out the 2020 finalists Terrigal Public School.'

'The team would have likely had the overwhelming majority of support from



Bangalow Public School's Year Five and Six debating team. Photo [www.education.nsw.gov.au](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)

fellow public school students when they mounted a case for the negative against the statement that 'primary school students should have to complete at least five hours of homework each week over the holidays'.

'But the Bangalow team

still had to present a compelling case against Terrigal, who mounted a strong argument based around collaborative learning and fun activities.

Bangalow Public School Principal, Caroline Antoun, said, 'I'm so proud of them. It was a massive feat.'

Debating coach, Melanie Hughes, said the team had put in a supreme effort.

'They come and train with me at a lunch or a recess every week. It's been pretty intense, and it was a lot more intense over the past couple of weeks', she said.

# SAE student records Wolfmother

A young SAE Creative Media Institute Audio student has gained experience that most in his field can only dream of – recording, mixing, and mastering a legendary band.

Wolfmother's sixth album, *Rock Out*, recently peaked at number three in the Apple Music Rock Album charts.

20-year-old SAE audio student, Cameron Lockwood,

shared how he was given the opportunity and Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale reveals why he wanted a young audio engineer to work on the project.

He says the connection with the band started out in 2020 when Cameron introduced himself to Wolfmother's front man, Andrew Stockdale at his solo gig at Reasonater Music in Ballina.

Cameron said, 'I'm really grateful for the opportunity Andrew gave me.'

'A lot of other people my age can only dream of working with a band of the calibre of Wolfmother.'

Cameron and Andrew began re-recording existing demos for *Rock Out* at his home recording studio.

'We started with the drums, and at that stage I probably didn't realise he was going to use it for the final cut of the album.'

Wolfmother's Andrew Stockdale revealed why he was interested in getting Cameron to work on the album;

'The younger generation now are a lot quicker to get things done.'

## Quick turnaround

'With Cameron, he was able to mix and master the album in a short period of time, which was really beneficial for us so we could get the album out there.'

'I was in touch with a few labels that were interested in releasing it, but in the end, I decided to use a digital aggregator.'

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# BayFM welcomes new president

Mia Armitage

One of the biggest volunteer organisations on the Northern Rivers has welcomed a new president.

Members at a recent BayFM Community Radio Annual General Meeting endorsed long-time station volunteer, Ange Kent, for the position – unopposed.

Ms Kent takes over from acting president Hudson Birden, and heads up an eleven-seat board that, this year, attracted enough interest for nominations to trigger a ballot draw at the AGM.

The enthusiasm of members to help foster the station through a pandemic recovery period with dynamic cultural, political and economic changes at play on the Northern Rivers suggests a positive culture at the station, where a passion to serve the community appears more infectious than COVID-19.

There have been times in the past when the station was unable to fulfil positions on the board, and finances were dire, but members at the 2021 AGM heard old and new volunteers had used the pandemic period



Newly elected BayFM President, Ange Kent. Photo supplied

as an opportunity to pool resources and maximise opportunities.

The station was part of a Community Broadcasting Association of Australia pilot program for new radio station websites, for example, and was able to draw on volunteer marketing industry expertise to help renew the station's online presence.

The pandemic declaration also coincided with a new uploading and playout system created by station technician, George Ridal, that ended up becoming a key mechanism for volunteer presenters to stay on air and help BayFM stay connected

with its community rather than rely constantly on automated playlists.

BayFM Community Radio marked its thirtieth birthday during the pandemic, with many presenters producing their shows from makeshift home studios.

Members at the 2021 AGM heard that despite the many challenges associated with the pandemic, the station's finances were in the black, thanks to continued community support from listeners and sponsors.

## Gigs, disco to return

'2022 is going to be an exciting year for BayFM,' said

President, Ange Kent.

'We're launching a major fundraising campaign in the first quarter to raise much needed funds to build new studios, the BayFM Discotheque is coming back, and we're planning some music gigs and outside broadcasts,' she said.

She said she'd been involved with the station's management committee for the past four years and was inspired to stand for president after witnessing the board's unflinching dedication to community media in some of the most testing times of the station's history.

Ms Kent is supported by an Executive Board of: Vice President, Hudson Birden, Treasurer, Patrick Campbell, and Secretary, Mia Armitage.

General Board Members for 2022 are Anurag Chakradhar, Jeferson Franke, Renata Guerra, Nick Mercer, Nick Richardson, Philip Shine, and Victoria Sullivan.

Anyone interested in volunteering for or donating to BayFM can email [frontdesk@bayfm.org](mailto:frontdesk@bayfm.org).

■ Mia Armitage is a BayFM member

# South Golden Beach roadworks

Byron Shire Council say the NSW government's \$25 million Roads and Infrastructure Election commitment funding will see eight roads renewed in South Golden Beach: Helen Street, Robin Street, Gloria Street, Peter Street, Royal Street, Redgate Road, Elizabeth Street, Jack Lane and Clifford Street.

Staff say 'Redgate Road will also be renewed, thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Fixing Local Roads program'.

To find out more, visit [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Major-projects/NSW-Government-Roads-and-Infrastructure-Election-Commitment](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Services/Major-projects/NSW-Government-Roads-and-Infrastructure-Election-Commitment).

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**Echo**

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**Winners of the Ballina Shire Council elections announced**

Ballina Shire Council for the upcoming two years has now been determined with no Labor candidates getting elected and three of recently elected Mayor Sharon Cadwallader's team members being elected.

**Lismore's next Council a majority of newbies**

The results of the December 4 election are no longer speculation as Returning Officer John Arthur clicked the button of fate at 9am December 23. In a chamber of ten councillors and a mayor, Lismore City will have a majority of representatives who have never served before.

**New logo and challenges for Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue**

With an increasing number of sea turtles needing help, Ballina's iconic wildlife rescue charity based on North Creek Road has a new name and a new logo. It's now Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue.

**Police at COVID testing stations**

NSW Police Force say they are increasing their presence at COVID-19 testing sites across the State following reports of a general increase in anti-social and aggressive behaviour as lengthy queues continue.

**Lismore's new Mayor opens bridge at Keerrong**

At his first official gig as Lismore City Mayor, Steve Krieg joined State Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin, to a ribbon-cutting on the new Dudgeon Bridge at Keerrong, which was replaced owing to safety issues.

**Poet's Tree at Wardell recognised**

One of outgoing Councillor Sharon Parry's last actions at Ballina Shire Council was to recommend that council support a new sign to draw attention to a little-known part of East Wardell's history, the Poet's Tree.

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**Christmas packs for Ballina families in need**

David Lowe

Christmas will be a little brighter this year for numerous families experiencing domestic violence, thanks to family packs from the Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond being distributed by Momentum Collective.

Michelle Teece is the Community Support Manager with Momentum Collective in Ballina. She explained there were hampers for ten families, each including a \$50 Essentials voucher for Woolworths or Big W, plus non-perishable food.

'We've got each of the mums and women a moisturiser and facial pack as well,' she said.

'And we've got colouring-in kits for all the kids, plus a heap of toys, age appropriate for each of the children of the ten families.

'We're going to be traveling out to families that can't come in, and actually drop them off to their households in time for Christmas.'

The gift hampers were purchased with \$1,500 from Ballina Rotary, raised at the annual Bowls Day, which was



Reside Living residents, Momentum Collective and Rotary Ballina joined forces to support their community. Photo David Lowe

held recently.

Rotary President, Col Lee, said, 'We're really pleased with the result of the day, and what our members have been able to put back into the community.'

The Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond have been collaborating with Momentum Collective for three years now on a number of initiatives specifically focused on domestic violence.

Michelle Teece told *The*

*Echo*, 'Through COVID-19, lots of other services and community programs actually closed, and shut their doors, because of a lack of volunteers and the vulnerability.'

'But Rotary actually took that as an opportunity...'

'To lift our game!' said Mr Lee. And things aren't slowing down for the club, with a large number of fundraisers and other events coming up in the first half of 2022.

*The Echo* asked Michelle how the crisis accommodation situation was looking in Ballina in the lead-up to Christmas.

**Full refuges**

'It's actually a very tough time of year,' she said.

'We usually see a bit of a lull with DV in December, and then mid-January to February, it really heightens. But this year, we're seeing that happening already. So all our

refuges are full. And we've got women in motel rooms, people in caravan parks, in tents; it's really dire at this moment.'

So there was already a crisis and it's getting worse?

'Yes. After a big year, we're actually winding up by ten fold at the moment. Ten fold literally. We're getting several referrals a day.'

Ms Teece thinks there are a number of drivers of the current crisis, which has been exacerbated by COVID-19.

'There's no stock of rental properties. And people that have been in caravan parks, homeless, they're now having to get out.'

'Because holidaymakers are wanting to take over those spots and are paying over \$1,000 a week.'

She said clients are being forced to look further afield, in places like Lismore and Casino, which becomes another challenge for transport and accessibility.

'So Momentum doesn't close over Christmas,' said Ms Teece. We just go over those public holidays. Because we're seeing an increase every day.'

**Calling on all mariners: new association running in Ballina**

Photo & story David Lowe

Ballina's Allan Watt is looking for new members to join the Northern Rivers Naval & Mariners Association, a social group with an emphasis on getting together rather than protocols and pokies.

Mr Watt told *The Echo* that the old Naval Association had close to 100 members in Ballina, but folded six months ago, so he and a group of mates decided to get together and form a local branch of the Northern Rivers Naval and Mariners Association.

Speaking as the new president, Mr Watt said the

group was designed to be attractive to younger blokes and their families as an alternative to older veterans' organisations.

'The idea is to try and include families too. We meet every Friday afternoon down at the Ballina Anglers Club for a couple of drinks. Blokes can bring their wives along and kids or grandkids.'

Mr Watt says there are lots of younger returned sailors around the region who don't really feel like they have a place to go.

'And we hear all the time about the younger blokes committing suicide, the



Allan Watt, President of the Northern Rivers Naval & Mariners Association.

Afghanistan fellas.'

'We've got a retired Navy doctor who can help members with any claims through

Veterans Affairs and the like. He's volunteered to do that. We've also got a qualified advocate, who will take them

through all the steps that they need to go through, if they want compensation, or they need anything from the Department.'

**PTSD**

Mr Watt said the Naval & Mariners Association aims to help those suffering with PTSD from past conflicts and also raise money for young people in need, such as the local naval cadets, who are 'really struggling'.

Anyone who would like to know more can contact Allan directly on 0402 749 582 or email [jakkncno@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jakkncno@bigpond.net.au).

**Farmer loses court appeal over pesticide misuse**

Eve Jeffery

The NSW Land and Environment Court has upheld the conviction and sentence imposed on the owner and operator of Wingvale macadamia farm in Brooklet.

Macadamia farmer, William Moore, was found guilty of using a pesticide along Friday Hut Road, Brooklet, in a manner that caused injury, following a prosecution by the NSW Environment

Protection Authority (EPA).

The original sentence was the recording of a conviction and the imposition of a fine of \$2,000 plus several thousand dollars in costs.

EPA Director Regulatory Operations, Steve Orr, said the EPA had commenced the prosecution after a person driving a car on a public road was exposed to pesticide spray drift being used at Wingvale Farm.

'This person suffered

injuries including headaches, nausea and restricted breathing,' said Mr Orr.

On appeal from an earlier decision of the Byron Bay Local Court, the Land and Environment Court found Mr Moore guilty of one charge of using the pesticide Diazinon in a manner that caused injury to a person. Justice Pain found that as the spraying occurred as part of a commercial operation, so a high standard of care was necessary.

**Motorcyclist dies near Nimbin**

A motorcyclist died following a two-vehicle crash in Nimbin on Wednesday.

Just before 2pm, emergency services were called to Blue Knob Road near Blade Road, Nimbin, after reports of a Kawasaki motorcycle and a Daihatsu collided.

*The Echo* understands the motorcyclist was Lachie Snadden, believed to be aged in his late teens. The driver of the vehicle – a 41-year-old man – was

uninjured and was taken to Nimbin Hospital for mandatory testing.

The family of Lachie Snadden are asking for donations to help cover the cost of his funeral: [www.gofund.me/68ef25c7](http://www.gofund.me/68ef25c7).

Family friend Iyrrri Salvemini told *The Echo* that Lachie leaves behind his parents Shelly and Brett, sisters Tayla, Mia, brother-in-law Cody, and his nieces and nephews.

# Queerstories debut sells out

Kate Payne

The first three productions of acclaimed Sydney-born event, *Queerstories*, have sold out on the Northern Rivers.

Founded in Sydney by Maeve Marsden, *Queerstories* is a curated event where six LGBTIQ+ people read a short, true story about their lives that defies stereotypes of queer people so often portrayed in Hollywood films.

The events have been a resounding success, with all three so far having sold out at venues seating more than 200 guests, including Mullumbimby's Civic Memorial Hall, Byron's Community Theatre and Murwillumbah's Regent Theatre (the latter event has been postponed).

The Northern Rivers is known for its promotion of alternative lifestyles, but has yet to meet a growing need for LGBTIQ+ community services.

## Queer Family network

The non-profit Queer Family network features regional events where queer people can see themselves represented and included in an otherwise



From left: Jason, Peter, Jex, Huey, Aiden, Sophie, Yalda and Tamara. Photo Liam Wright

heteronormative scene of southerners clad in active wear or fashionable hats, looking for a holiday, a new home or quiet Airbnb to call a property investment.

There are more queer people coming to the Northern Rivers too, and Queer Family says they want to help create community in the region.

## Create community

'Queer Family is here to create safe spaces for LGBTQ+ people,' said Queer Family Director, Aiden Gentle (they/them).

The group has received a positive response to one of its early initiatives, the introduction of acclaimed event *Queerstories* to the region.

Tamara Natt-Walsh performed at Mullumbimby's *Queerstories*, and said, as a teenager growing up in the Tweed, she would have 'benefited greatly' from something like *Queerstories*.

Ms Natt-Walsh cheekily nodded to the Tweed region's lack of queer representation by referring to 'the only two lesbians which she's aware of'.

Lismore DJ, Yaldã Scô, is

originally from Iran, and also performed at Mullumbimby *Queerstories*.

'People in the audience gave me the courage,' Mr Scô said, explaining how hearing the audience laugh at his story helped.

Sophie Wilksch heads a local workspace called Community Shedding, and was one of the final performers.

Ms Wilksch said she felt comfortable performing because she 'felt like the people in the audience were just a few people that I know'.

■ Kate Payne is from BayFM.

# Public subs 'predominantly' oppose proposed dam

Public submissions in response to a future water strategy for the region have been released by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).

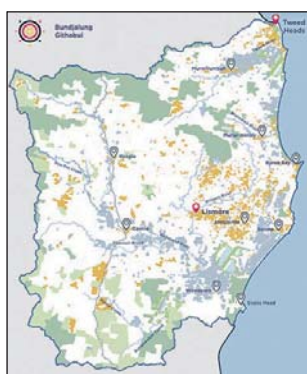
DPIE say of the *Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy*, the feedback received 'was predominantly in opposition to the proposed Dunoon Dam at Rocky Creek (Option 14 of 39 options)'.

There was support for 'proposed desalination infrastructure that is fuelled by green energy options'.

The 142-page strategy was on public exhibition from October 30 until December 13, 2020, and covers 'three catchments of the Richmond River (7,026 km<sup>2</sup>), the Tweed River (1,080 km<sup>2</sup>) and the Brunswick River (512 km<sup>2</sup>)'.

On page 11, the Strategy says, 'The region's population is around 240,000', which includes Tweed Heads, Lismore, Ballina, Casino, Murwillumbah, as well as smaller towns such as Byron Bay, Mullumbimby, Nimbin and Kyogle.

'The Far North Coast's



The area covered by the *Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy*.

water resources are already under pressure', the strategy says, on page 35. 'Changing climate conditions will increase this pressure and the water management challenges facing the region'.

Public feedback on the strategy was broad in 'support for improving the recognition of First Nations/ Aboriginal People's water rights, interests and access to water. There was recognition that inclusion of Aboriginal knowledge of land and water management could enhance the outcomes of many of the proposed options'.

Other public feedback called for the 'adoption of water efficiency projects to increase supply through reduced wastage and for population management'.

## Groundwater knowledge lacking

Additionally, 'Stakeholders expressed that better groundwater knowledge was an imperative and that more work is needed to better understand the relationship between surface water and groundwater resources. There was concern that groundwater sources were being exploited through commercial harvesting for water bottling'.

While Ballina's new Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, has been vocal in her support of Dunoon Dam, it's unclear how the Rous Council, which is made up of members of four regional councils, will eventually vote on the issue.

Nan Nicholson of WATER Northern Rivers Alliance told *The Echo* she commends NSW Water on their report,

and 'its accurate appraisal of the informed community concern about a second dam on Rocky Creek'.

'We also commend Rous County Council on its ongoing program for securing alternative water sources while working to reduce demand.'

'The results of the *Far North Coast Draft Regional Water Strategy* public consultation demonstrate that the Dunoon Dam has no social licence and its imposition on an unwilling community would involve high levels of social disunity and disruption'.

Ms Nicholson added, 'Our innovative and intelligent community deserves better than being dragged back into the past with large, risky and expensive infrastructure projects such as the Dunoon Dam'.

■ To view the report, visit [www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/regional-water-strategies/what-we-heard/far-north-coast](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/regional-water-strategies/what-we-heard/far-north-coast).

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## Apple's, apostrophes and onion's

The Apostrophe Protection Society, founded in 2001, has announced its end.

'Fewer organisations and individuals are now caring about the correct use of the apostrophe in the English language. We, and our many supporters worldwide, have done our best, but the ignorance and laziness present in modern times have won!'

Yes, it's ending. Its Protection Society has closed down because the apostrophe itself is near its end. It's a cryin' shame.

Personally I do weep. Such a useful little diacritic critter to help make meaning plain. It has been used with relative consistency since the middle of the nineteenth century to indicate a missing letter, or some kind of possession.

Surveys have shown that fewer than five out of ten people can use the apostrophe correctly, and of those who cannot, many are employed as subeditors in our daily newspapers. In fact ignorance of the apostrophe is a requisite to work for online news sites.

But it's puzzling how anyone can get its usage wrong. All you have to do is concentrate for a few seconds and ask yourself, am I saying a shortened version of *it is* or *it has* or am I using the word *its* in its other meaning of *belonging to it*? It's not rocket science, or its equivalent, brain surgery.

For over a hundred and fifty years all our printed texts, even newspapers until recently, have used orthography to distinguish the meaning of words that in speech sound the same. No wonder the apostrophe is on its last legs: distinctions in meaning are not popular in the age of fake news and 'how goodery'.

Now that the apostrophe's staunchest defenders have thrown in the towel, I believe it's time for us all to do the same. Let's abolish the apostrophe, and spell everything just as it sounds. This would be

helpful to all learners and users of English.

Better still, let's not have an agreed standard of spelling, as learning it is such a chore: we should go back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries when modern English was being formed. Everyone had their own spelling then. The new-fangled apostrophe was coming in from French and Italian, so early-adopters used it to form plurals, as in *apple's* and *tomatoe's*. Such plurals still appear on signs in markets, four hundred years on, hence it is known as the 'greengrocer's apostrophe.'

In those days there was no spelling authority and no style manuals. When a work was published it would appear in the spelling favoured by the author, the printer, or even the setter of the type. Proofreading then was not for spelling mistakes – there weren't any – it was to watch out for dangerous criticisms of the king or other powerful people. Come to think of it, the cycle of history has brought us disturbingly close to that practice again.

The only objection to freestyle spelling comes from those who have spent long hours painstakingly learning standard orthography. They just think they're better than us.

So im longin 2 c ovr langwidgwe riten simple wiv no hard spelins or funi marx, an awl riten difrent cos rools r eleetist.

When the apostrophe does disappear, sometime this century, it won't of course take with it the single quotation mark, which it resembles. I doubt there's any danger of that; it's just an excuse to end by quoting my favourite sentence. It's in the novel *Enderby Outside* by Anthony Burgess:

'Then, instead of expensive mouthwash, he had breathed on Hogg-Enderby, bafflingly (for no banquet would serve, because of the known redolence of onions, onions) onions. "Onions", said Hogg.'

– David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder

## Human judges! What's next?

So, NSW Coroner Teresa O'Sullivan was brought to tears when hearing from the family in the inquest into the tragic mystery of missing Theo Hayez.

They gave evidence of what a wonderful young man he was, the future foreseen, and the terrible hole left in their hearts.

I heard some legal practitioners tut tutting and frowning and finger pointing about professionalism and objectivity, critical of these tears, this supposed breach of protocol. What rubbish.

I cried too in a coronial matter. It was an inquest prior to smart phones (yes, children, there really was such a time) into the death of an 18-month-old, and the finding was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) – in those days still termed 'cot death'.

Really what that means is 'who the hell knows why' – some babies just die.

Interestingly, the rate of SIDS in Australia has massively declined from 32 per 100,000 in 2009 to 6 per 100,000 currently.

The sweet teenage First Nations couple in my case were not to blame in any way.

They held hands quietly sobbing as I handed down my finding, and as best I could passed on my commiserations.

As was my custom, I broke with tradition and went down into the gallery where we shared a hug.

The father held on to me and his Aboriginal Legal Service lawyer like we could somehow bring his baby back.

I returned to the bench, already close to tears, and as always asked if the family wanted to say anything or had any question before I closed the coronial proceedings.

The young woman raised her hand, like the school kid she not-long was, and asked 'Please sir, could we have the photos?'

I looked at the photos, of their dim apartment, with only a mattress and a few toys, frayed carpet and frayed blinds and frayed sheets and blankets.

There were photos of the parents taken by the police at the scene,



*'You can be a real person and a professional. Indeed, I rather fancy that parties to proceedings would be relieved to be judged by a soul that bleeds rather than an automaton that masks.'*

David Heilpern

with shock, horror and despair eking from their eyes.

I looked at the photos of their dead baby, naked and alone, blue and white and red and purple.

Eyes open, and dull and nothing.

A photo of a dead child is not a sight for the faint hearted. Livor mortis, the pooling of blood to the lower portions, is macabre and disturbing.

'Of course you can have the photos' I said, 'but they are really confronting, and they don't look like your little boy at all. Perhaps I could give them to your lawyer, and he could go through them with the social worker and you?'

Curious, I asked why they wanted the photos. The answer cut me to the heart:

'Because they will be the only photos we've got.'

Silence.

I thought of my own children, and the piles of albums of photos and memories we had kept, and how grateful I was.

### Overwhelmed by sorrow

I was overwhelmed by sorrow that these hollow, ghastly, cold, pre-autopsy photos would be the only ones these loving, innocent, damaged parents would have to remember their only child.

And the tears flowed, tears of sorrow and of anger and of injustice.

I cry remembering and writing these words now.

But so what? I was human showing human feeling, just like the current State Coroner.

And I think me being moved was appreciated by that couple and also by Theo's family.

I reckon people want judicial officers that are human and

shed the false pretence of abject objectivity.

You can be a real person and a professional. Indeed, I rather fancy that parties to proceedings would be relieved to be judged by a soul that bleeds rather than an automaton that masks.

It is time we cut the bullshit that judicial officers have no feelings, and just 'apply the law'.

They do so much more than that. And if that means wearing your heart upon your sleeve, and shedding the odd tear with families, then so be it.

Our justice system is all the better for it.

I had an English teacher once who cried while reading poetry to the class – valé Mrs Forbes – and that changed my life.

I got that these were not just words, they were the product of emotion, and so I read poetry almost daily.

So now we await the outcome of Theo's inquest, heartened by the knowledge that the presiding judicial officer really cares and feels for this family.

As does this community – rarely have I been so proud of us as we scoured bush, put up signs, and welcomed the family into our crazy subtropical fold.

Perhaps one day we will have courtrooms where laughter and crying and raw emotion is permissible.

As Khalil Gibran wrote:

'Keep me away from the wisdom which does not cry, the philosophy which does not laugh and the greatness which does not bow down before children'

May the critics be silenced and shamed for the backward-thinking traditionalists they are.

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**Pirouette**

Politicians in other States may perform a backflip. Here in NSW, it is more of a pirouette.

**John Greenham**  
Ewingsdale

**COVID testing staff**

A very big thank you to the people who test us for covid infection. For hours every day they continuously wear masks and look at computers and throats and noses. It's not a glamorous job. It's indoors and it has health risks.

Apologies to them too. Many of us are agitated, stressed, desperate to get tested so our lives can proceed, and we can appear rude and it makes their job harder.

**Denise Nagorcka**  
Byron Bay

**Electric drinking**

Thank you Ewan Willis for 'Electric Boogaloo of EVs on the Northern Rivers' last week. As a very happy newly minted EV driver, I appreciate all the attributes described of driving an EV.

Even better, when driving out of the Shire, to ensure adequate charging, I may have to take up drinking scotch again.

**Yvonne Jessup**  
Byron Bay

**Julian Assange**

The silence is deafening. Where are the Australian journalists who should be afraid of the latest development in the extradition case by the USA against Julian Assange?

The lower court denied the US Julian's extradition on the grounds of the state of his mental health, fearing he would commit suicide if taken to the US and sentenced to up to 175 years in jail in high security jails. On appeal by the prosecution to the UK High Court, the US gave assurances to the two judges that Julian would not be subject to harsh punishment in the US - which were accepted at face value by the judges.

The problem is the US is notorious for breaking verbal promises on extradition cases - and indeed on political issues. Remember the assurances US Secretary of State Baker and President Bush gave to Soviet leader Gorbachev re NATO expansion; and what really happened?

If the US are able to get this extradition it means anyone, anywhere, who reports on or publishes articles deemed to have violated US laws, even though the person is not a US citizen nor having been on US soil, the US can jail them in the US. This is a dangerous precedent!

Full marks to Barnaby Joyce for speaking out. Scott Morrison needs to get involved as does ALP parliamentary leadership. Just imagine if China or Saudi Arabia wanted to extradite an Australian journo? The reaction would be huge! Why is America different?

**Frank Ball**  
Tweed Heads

**Thank you**

Many thanks to Byron Council for putting in a good path through the Sandhills Estate (extension of Cowper Street). Great Xmas present. Especially appreciated by Ferris residents.

**Wally Hueneke**  
Byron Bay

**Parking story**

Absolutely loved the story about parking recently!

When we arrived in Mullumbimby a long time ago, a laid-back local shared her local knowledge regarding parking and many other vital hints for this blow-in.

She said that I had to chant to myself as I approached town; 'open little flower', over and over to myself, or out loud to amuse my passengers.

I did, and I do, and I ALWAYS find myself a parking spot.

I have chanted my thanks to her for this piece of advice for more than fifteen years now and passed it on.

However, it doesn't work if the person hoping to park mutters under her breath 'open fkg... little fkg... flower' as I found out when another blow-in friend complained to me that she STILL couldn't park in Mullum and it gave her the shits!

It's always in the interpretation isn't it?

Who doesn't love Mullumbimby? Blessings to all.

**Carole Gamble**  
Mullumbimby Creek

**Axelsen magic**

Congratulations to Stephen Axelsen (stephenaxelsen.com.au) for his beautiful front cover on the recent



Cartoon by Gary Cavanagh. Instagram: @gary\_cavanagh

big holiday edition of *The Echo*. The taming of the coalition monster is devoutly to be wished before its hot, stinking breath wilts all the landscape.

For decades Stephen has been delighting children and adults alike with his thought-provoking, whimsical illustrations and writing. It is a vocation to be greatly admired. Thank the fickle gods of art he never got a real job.

**Michael McDonald**  
Bairnsdale VIC

**Sharks**

*While Australians debate culling the great white shark Americans run riot in the southern gothic nation's stone-cold muzzled, throttled black heart*

**Jon Summers**  
Suffolk Park

**Appreciating gratitude**

I also enjoyed Lynne West's letter about gratitude and agree with Gerry Gleeson, from last week's letters, that a dedicated space for gratitude in *The Echo* would be a wonderful inclusion. *The Echo* is a community newspaper and reports the news and we all know that bad news gets top priority. However, it would serve our community well to be able to read more good stories. A little bit of regular happiness to uplift us from the doldrums.

You could ask for readers' contributions and someone could simply choose one each week. It could even be a volunteer so *The Echo* would not have to pay someone to do it. *The Nimbin Good Times* runs its fabulous newspaper

completely by volunteers.

Please, for goodness sakes, give us a dedicated 'Good News and Gratitude' section.

Happy New Year  
**Magenta Appel-Pye**  
Mullumbimby

**Right to life**

Was down at the Equestrian Centre, a few of the horses said they wouldn't take Ivermectin and wanted AstraZeneca instead. I think they were influenced by the new Head of Stables who appears to have got his job by shamelessly exploiting the Right to Life of Worms vote. I told the horses that AstraZeneca doesn't kill worms, but they still said 'neigh'.

**John Lazarus**  
Byron Bay

**C-Rap music**

Thanks to Matt Hartley for highlighting the musically illiterate culture that masquerades as hip and groovy music entertainment.

Any basic high school academic analysis will tell you that a repetitive, narrow range vocal melody (rap) against a simplistic, repetitive bass and drums is technically poor and amateurish. Local venues with the ever-growing number of DJs please take note.

That a so-called musician like Tyler the Creator actually gets publicity and traction in the entertainment industry defies belief to any remotely caring person who takes an interest in music culture.

Splendour in the Grass merely represents our ever-growing, dumbed down society and music culture, and if alcohol was taken out of the equation I don't think half these shows would even exist.

**Rod Murray**  
Ocean Shores

**Moving Byron**

A big congratulations to Moving Byron.

We all dream and hope for a route into the future,

without ever quite knowing how. Council's new transport policy is groundbreaking; it is stripped of bureaucratic 'blah blah' to core practical approaches. It speaks clearly to our human, economic and ecological needs, focusing on smart integrated ways to deal with access and mobility for all. It works constructively with our community strengths, while keeping a clear eye on information-driven approaches, or demand management.

It resists the easy binary approaches of cars versus public transport, or bikes versus trains, rather, it challenges us to explore sophisticated approaches. It's terrific.

Well done to all those who have worked hard to make good, practical, visionary public [transport] policy.

It is a great starting point for our new Council. Hopefully, staff and councillors will see its value and compete to champion the cause.

**Malcolm Price**  
Durrumbul

**Living life**

While the population of planet Earth grapples with the novel coronavirus situation, everyone is facing the ancient learning; what to do and what not to do?

Life continues regardless of circumstances people create in their participation with life.

One nagging reported situation that raised its head at the beginning of 2020; where did COVID-19 come from? Sadly, this question has taken the back seat while the process of ignoring and removing the

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NEXT ON OUR NEWS UPDATE... SOME GOOD NEWS...!

WHAT HAPPENED...?!

I THINK THE SHOCK KILLED HIM...!

# Vale Desmond Tutu

Baden Offord

I'm immensely grateful to this extraordinary, beautiful and wise person who had the greatest depth of humanity and love.

In great measure, his insights helped me orient my career in human rights advocacy and education from a life-changing and profoundly healing morning I spent with him. As he said to me at the end of our chat:

'I have, in the latter part of my life, been surprised that although I have experienced or seen people who have experienced very considerable suffering, that I go away not as one filled with despondency but filled with a great deal of hope.'

'Hope that people are in fact fundamentally good, and even a hard, cynical world, amazingly is attracted by goodness and compassion... We don't talk in the same almost hushed reverential tones of a big tycoon or a military powerful figure as we do of the Mother Theresa, Dalai Lama or Nelson Mandela.'



Archbishop Tutu at the COP17 'We Have Faith: Act Now for Climate Justice' Rally on 27 Nov 2011 in Durban, South Africa. Photo Kristen Opalinski/LUCSA

'We do in fact seem to have an instinct for goodness and that may be due perhaps to my faith, but it is also due to the people I have encountered who have nurtured my belief in human beings. Human beings are fundamentally good.'

■ Excerpt from interview with Desmond Tutu in Sydney on 1 December 1999, from my book *Homosexual Rights as Human Rights: Activism in Indonesia, Singapore and Australia*.



► Continued from page 11 question altogether is being implemented.

As long as authority does not peruse this question, with open and honest debate with the rest of the population, are we not all following the blind men of authority to get results only they can see?

SARS-CoV-2 can't be seen without specialist equipment, thus identification remains in the control of the

few. What the equipment reveals to the experts who use it is shrouded in the secrets of their processes and laws. The same people who are making the rules for the pandemic... er, is that a conflict of interest like robodebt and sports rorts etc?

What is going to change this process to reveal these secrets to all people? What is going on with the secrets they are keeping?

What are the reasons? Doubt remains about where SARS-CoV-2 came from; is it natural or unnatural? What have, and what are the bio labs doing, besides making the vaccines?

The morality of their actions we are listening to and following are leading to unknown situations, we can believe, or not believe, the information they give. It still remains the blind person, following the blind person,

## On The Horizon

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### Byron Book Fair

Friends of Libraries are about to host a larger-than-ever before Book Fair in the new year, with a wonderful new collection of books, which are all in good condition. They include old and rare books, fiction, non-fiction, history, geography, art, cooking, children's books of all ages, plus many more genres. It will be held at the Byron Bay Surf Club over four days from Friday 14 January to Monday 17 January 2022 at 9am to 4pm each day.

### Stay healthy

Are you looking for some help to stay active and healthy as you get older? If

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### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am-12pm and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367.

**Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Cafe** is open Wednesday to Friday 10am-2.30pm, Saturday 8.30am-12.30pm. Enjoy home style cooking, fresh baked scones and more. Monthly meeting 9.30am on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Heritage House Bangalow. Info: 0429 882 525.

### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Practise public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun supportive environment. We meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday at 6.45-9pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, 58 Dalley St Mullumbimby. Contact Ashni, 0439 843 657. New members and guests welcome.

## Regular As Clockwork

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### Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include: **Community support/emergency relief:** Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.**

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

### Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services including meals, advocacy and counselling

to connect and uplift our local community. **Homeless Breakfast:** 7.30-9am Wednesday Fletcher Street kitchen, Byron Community Centre. **Homeless Showers:** Monday and Wednesday 10am-12pm (book in at breakfasts), Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle Street. **Women's Support and Counselling:** Feel Good Fridays 1-3pm, Community Cabin, Carlyle Street. **Free Community Counselling** for Byron Shire residents. Face-to-face, by phone or via Zoom. Book a session at 0415 322 064. **Seniors Computer Club:** Friday 9am-11am, Community Cabin Carlyle St (school term only), Carlyle Street. **Laptop Library:** will loan a laptop to seniors and provide tuition on how best to be connected. Call (02) 6685 6807 on Monday and Tuesday. **Seniors drumming, yoga, ukulele, art and drama:** 6685 6807 for booking and time details. **Community Support Worker:** Emergency relief and assertive outreach casework for those experiencing homelessness.

### CHESS Ian Rogers

2021 was a dire year for Australian chess, with dozens of tournaments, including adult and junior Australian Championship events for 2021 and 2022, cancelled.

The less populous States and Territories managed to conduct their events without interstate visitors, though even Queensland lost their strongest tournament, the Gold Coast Open, to a snap lockdown in late June. That lockdown also closed the national junior training camp, JETS, which was moved online after many children and their families had conducted a mad dash back to their home States.

The events that did take place, most notably the Begonia Open in Ballarat in March and Canberra's Doeberl Cup in April, enjoyed record fields. Many entrants were playing their first live tournament for a year and were desperate for a fix of crossboard chess after so long playing only online.

Apart from online tournaments, only a handful of players managed to represent Australia internationally: Perth's Temur Kuybokarov, who won a strong tournament in Turkey earlier this month, Sydney's Bobby Cheng, who reached the third round of

the World Cup in Sochi in July, and Melbourne's Julia Ryjanova, who lasted two days in the Women's World Cup and then was forced to stay in Russia for two and a half months before she could enjoy a seat on a flight home (and then quarantine in Adelaide for two more weeks).

As chess in the two most populous States atrophied, so did the Australian Chess Federation, which failed to replace their major events with online alternatives. The ACF also abandoned selection panels for Australians wanting to compete in international events, on and offline, lazily using largely out of date Australian ratings to decide Australian representation.

2021 also saw the death of Naum Levin, the strongest player to emigrate from the Soviet Union and one of Australia's best players in the 1980s. However, the local chess scene could not provide the thrills to compare with a career which featured opponents such as Boris Spassky and Viktor Korchnoi, and Levin soon retired from tournament play to become a well-respected coach.

Player of the year must go to English Grandmaster Daniel Fernandez, who tied for first place both at Ballarat and at the Doeberl Cup, while also winning some lesser events in NSW and Queensland.



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This forces you to swivel your body and brings any cyclists approaching from behind into view, thus avoiding 'dooring' them and perhaps saving a life in the process. This is known as the Dutch Reach, and has protected many cyclists from a world of pain.

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# Jingle all the way?

Richard Hil

**W**ell, here we are: careering through the festive season in the wake of one of the most miserable years in living memory. Or was it? Granted, we've all had enough, haven't we, of virus talk, testing regimes, lockdowns and now mandates. We're tired of the bickering over vaccinations and whether the unvaccinated should be summarily executed, or not.

The early days of the pandemic were kind of fun – or at least interesting. We were glued to our TV screens, absorbing the latest COVID numbers and grave warnings by haggard premiers and health ministers. Some of us dove into the internet and became overnight experts on all things viral and vaccination. Others spent their days exhausting everything Netflix and Stan had to offer. Many of us felt lonely, depressed and disconsolate.

## Opportunity knocks

But in the middle of all this there emerged a whole new world of boredom-busting activities. Old hobbies were dusted off and complete novices took to painting and drawing, gardening, and shed building. For the first time in years, I had a go at using an electric saw and even tried my hand at electric sanding. My partner went as far as purchasing a leaf blower, which, according to the instructions, was easy to use, but which I found impossible. Each time, the leaves would end up scattered anywhere but the neat pile for which they were intended. I ended up using a rake.

I even had a go with an unwieldy hedge trimmer: a large, vibrating device with a crocodile's snout that should only be used in an emergency. Suffice to say, after I finished, the hedge looked as if it had been attacked by a herd of wild elephants. Undeterred, I then took to my ageing Chinese-made lawn mower, only for the wheels to fall off before I could get it out of the shed.

Although a terrible failure when it comes to anything mechanical, I did gain some pleasure from the hammer drill. This splendid device is a must for anyone holding a grudge. It's guaranteed to exhaust all your violent tendencies. After securing the drill 'bit' into the 'chuck',



Photo David Lowe

I approached a breeze block wall with fierce determination. The experience, let me tell you, borders on the erotic. Such is the ferocious jack hammer action, that the bit overheats and begins to emit plumes of smoke. This is followed by a violent juddering that encourages a soft yet purposeful entry into the cavity of the breeze block. My testosterone levels soared as a feeling of triumph swept over me, until my partner pointed out that, 'you've drilled in the wrong place, dear. The hole needs to there'.

I soon got bored of cumbersome tools, and decided to rediscover my legendary culinary skills. Armed with a recipe, I headed to the supermarket only to find most of the shelves empty and lacking the essential ingredients I needed. Just as I was about to stomp off, I spotted one of the best gastronomic creations in human history: baked beans. The last time I partook in this delicacy was in the 1970s when, as a destitute student, I would place large dollops of what looked like orange grapeshot onto two slices of toast, topped with cheddar cheese and a liberal sprinkling of pepper. It still tastes great but it's vital to remember that baked beans (*phaseolus vulgaris*) are in fact steamed, and each tin of over 450 beans is loaded with sugar, salt, additives, and it's produced by a fast-food conglomerate. Romance over.

## Time of revival

The revival of things long forgotten has been a feature of the pandemic experience. Things like: hanging out with the kids, playing board games, going for long walks, talking to long lost friends, or simply being still, meditating, or reminiscing and day dreaming. It wasn't like this for everyone, of course. Not by a long shot. The shit work still had to be done; people

still needed jobs; services had to be provided. We know that the poorest were most impacted by the lockdowns and that some peoples' rights, especially in more disadvantaged communities, were trampled on. Many lost their jobs, domestic violence increased, as did substance abuse and alcohol consumption – including my own! Tens of thousands of people were exiled. The pandemic exposed the fissures present in Australian society – the three million or so in poverty (including 700,000 kids), the plight of precarious employment, the creaking health system, unaffordable housing and the enduring inequities experienced by First Nations people.

The sad reality is that while some of us were fortunate enough to indulge in various distractions during lockdowns, others did it mighty tough. And continue to do so. It's always been thus, has it not? I think of the many intellectual grandees of the past, or celebrated politicians like Thomas Jefferson, whose claim to fame came on the back of others doing the shit work for them. Jefferson, for example, had slaves working for him, while some of the great enlightenment thinkers had domestic servants doing their dishes, washing clothes, and the rest. I'm not suggesting that everyone in lockdown was so provided, not at all, but you get the point. So, my Season's Greetings go to all the sight unseen, underpaid, exploited, and often unappreciated 'unpeople' – the cleaners, labourers, sweat workers and countless others who help make the world go round.

Happy festive season! PS. My dear mum was a cleaner in a cancer ward for years. One of my best mates has just lost his casual job at uni. My other mate is washing dishes for next to nothing.

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# I believe in dog

David Lisle

An elderly aunt recently told me how, after a decade in the spiritual wilderness, she had found her way back to god. In return, I told her how, after more than four decades of dog aversion, I found my way back to dog.

I fell out with man's best friend as a preschooler when my dog Rudy fell out of an old farm ute on the Monaro Plains in southern NSW. Rudy was tethered to the tray by just enough rope to swing him under the rear wheels. Dad unceremoniously deposited the broken little body in a gully a short distance away and we continued our morning rounds. I have never had another pet.

Rudy's demise gave rise to my dog problem. I developed a new default response to dogs – which was to kick them. The antipathy became mutual and I've lived life being bailed up by dogs.

When we moved from the Monaro Plains to Sydney, my paper round brought me into conflict with the neighbourhood hounds. They routinely chased and occasionally bit

me, as I delivered the local news on a red BMX with a milk crate strapped up front.

In my early twenties I was assailed by a frothing Tibetan mastiff in a remote village in Nepal. By the time I'd found my way to the rabies clinic back in Kathmandu my shredded hand was mostly healed and the serum I was injected with was likely wasted. Nonetheless, mangy mutts continued to haunt my wanderings.

As my eco-anxiety blossomed in the late nineties, I came upon a factoid concerning the environmental impact of dogs. The energy value of food consumed by an average pet dog is apparently sufficient to feed a dozen chickens. The difference in output though, between a dog and a dozen chooks, is the difference between a large pile of shit, and a couple of thousand eggs a year (in theory).

## Mountains of shit

There are about one billion dogs on the planet. While most are free-ranging village, street or feral dogs, there are roughly 200 million



Dozer relaxes with the author during an afternoon farm round. Photo David Lisle

pet dogs globally, five million of these are in Australia, and 10,000 in Byron Shire. This equates to a vast mountain of shit, and an enormous potential supply of eggs for human consumption.

Unfortunately, I've been unable to track down the source of the dog/ chicken energy comparison. But it seems consistent with recent research indicating

a medium sized dog has a carbon footprint double that of an SUV driven 10,000km a year. And like SUVs, dogs pose a potent threat to wildlife when given free rein by their human guardians.

Keeping dogs seems indefensible when the world is viewed in such stark, rational terms. But not everything succumbs to hard-headed analysis. We humans are emotional creatures and decisions are made in our guts as much as our brains. Dogs have been our close companions for at least 15,000, possibly 40,000 years. They are not accoutrements but fellow travellers, as deserving of Earth's bounty as we humans.

Which brings me back to

how I found myself believing in dog again.

## Believing in dog

Two years ago, upon returning from travels abroad, I came to be living in Goonengerry on a friend's farm. They keep bees, chickens, cows, three horses, three children, and three dogs.

The dogs – River, Dozer and Ziggy – are very friendly to humans, and somehow, quite inadvertently, I started perambulating the property with them in the late afternoon. Soon a solid ritual was established. The boys take it very seriously and so do I. It is dog work, not just a dog walk.

Before I knew what

had happened, my guard dropped and a strong bond had developed between the boys and I. We are mates. They might not always be obedient, but they're absolutely loyal and ever enthusiastic for company. When I'm feeling good, the afternoon lap is a joy. When I'm not, the boys' carefree demeanour, their casual disregard for anything not on their olfactory agenda, is deeply comforting. And they're great listeners.

Like my aunt finding her way back to god, my journey back to dog involved not thinking but doing. I let go, and man's best friend returned faithfully to my side. It feels so right believing in dog.

## Anything positive about the pandemic? Perhaps...

### Cosmos Magazine

In a finding with implications for everything from climate change to the future of wildfires, researchers from the US and India have found an unexpected knock-on effect of COVID-19: a significant reduction in the number of lightning bolts worldwide.

It happened because COVID-19 produced lockdowns which, in turn, caused people to use less fossil fuel, says Earle Williams, a physical meteorologist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

'So, there was less pollution,' he says.

That's important, because fossil fuel burning produces aerosols that play a role in thunderstorm build-up by acting as tiny particles around which moisture can condense.

When they are few in

number, they produce big droplets that quickly fall out as rain. When there are more of them, the droplets are more numerous, but smaller. This allows them to rise high enough to freeze into ice crystals. Turbulence among these ice crystals and small, hail-like particles called 'graupel' produce the static electricity that powers lightning bolts.

The effect, Williams says, showed up most strongly during the height of COVID-19 lockdown, in March, April and May of 2020.

Meanwhile, two different networks for monitoring global lightning strikes showed 10-20 per cent reductions, depending on whether they were counting cloud-to-ground strikes or all lightning bolts, including those that ran cloud-to-cloud.

These found that the places with the biggest

reductions were China, Southeast Asia, Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Maritime Continent – exactly the places where COVID-19 lockdowns had produced the biggest improvements in air quality.

Williams says, it appears that temperature plays a major role in thunderstorm formation. 'There is every indication you will have more lightning in a warmer world.'

But temperature isn't the only factor. Overall, Williams says, 'it depends on whether the future is cleaner or dirtier.' And since efforts to reduce climate change should also reduce pollution, he adds, 'that alone should reduce lightning activity.'

■ Read more in *The Echo* online [www.echo.net.au/pandemic-weather-the-effect-of-covid-19-on-lightning](http://www.echo.net.au/pandemic-weather-the-effect-of-covid-19-on-lightning).

**Time is of the essence...**

The time to speak up, act up and protest is now.  
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# Ten years gasfield free – what did it all mean?

David Lowe

Recently I've been wading through hundreds of hours of archival material from the successful struggle to keep the Northern Rivers gasfield free. The collective optimism and unity in the face of what seemed, at the time, like an unstoppable opponent, is inspiring.

The title of our triple screen multimedia project, *Confusing Them With Our Joy*, was coined by S Sorrensen at one of many epic rallies, and it sums up the community's approach to fighting off this corporate invader, which planned to industrialise the region in the same way as it did the Darling Downs, Texas, and many other places, with predictably disastrous consequences for water and health.

In 2022 it will be ten years since the gasfield-free movement began, with humble origins at the village of The Channon, in the hills between Byron Bay and Nimbin. The concept spread from there across most of the Northern Rivers, before jumping to other coal and gas affected communities elsewhere in Australia, and then overseas.

The idea, for which much credit must go to Annie Kia, was deceptively simple. Get community members together in the local hall, explain the threat, then doorknock the entire community and ask everyone if they want their area to be gasfield free. Once the numbers are tallied (majority figures over 80 per cent were common), get everyone together for a big community event and celebrate the result, then mark the community as gasfield free with prominent signs on houses and roads before moving on to Sstage two.

All of this underpinned the rallies and blockades that followed (and occupied the media spotlight), while the solid strategic work underpinning the movement continued.

Much was made, at the time, of the region being 'different', with protest and activism in its DNA from Aquarius and then through Terania and the environmental fights that followed, but the subsequent success of the gasfield strategy in deeply conservative places like Casino, Queensland and

coastal Victoria proved that there was something else going on.

## How could a strategy with no legal force be so successful?

It came down to the power of symbolism, story and community. Collectively, these underestimated old energies were able to outmanoeuvre the combined forces of corrupt governments and the industries that control them.

United by the threat of invasive gasfields, traditionally separate groups of people (farmers, highly educated urban dwellers, 'alternatives', original people and so on) were able to see the collective danger and forge alliances that were unthinkable during previous environmental struggles. Old political boundaries were blurred as people focused on what united rather than divided them.

It was all very exciting to those involved, and threatening to those in charge, who decided to cut their losses and run at Bentley rather than risking the movement exploding into the mainstream and revealing the whole fossilised house of cards for what it was.

While more recent protests have focused on the rights of individuals and their bodies, the gasfield-free movement of 2012 was all about looking after your neighbour.

Unfortunately, the strategy wasn't perfect, and the unconventional gas industry has gone on to devastate many other areas. The Pilliga and Northern Territory are next in the firing line, and coal also remains a major threat.

For success, the defensive community has to be not too spread out, with enough members willing and able to put themselves in harm's way when things step up. Penalties have become much more severe, and COVID has made large rallies and other energy-focusing events increasingly problematic.

Social media was used as part of the gasfield strategy in a way that's not really possible now, and it is much harder to mobilise communities to face existential issues like climate change than



Top: Anandan Mcewen up a pole at Bentley blockade. Right: March led by Lock the Gate President Drew Hutton, Lismore May 2012. Photos David Lowe

clear short-term physical threats like drilling rigs.

While the Bentley area is safe from unconventional gas, for now, it faces a barrage of new threats, including a massive proposed quarry across the road from the blockade site, a toxic waste incinerator at Casino, and logging of the patchy remaining koala habitat in the area. Northern Rivers communities have become very fragmented again, and there seems little appetite or energy after all the fires, floods, and pandemic for us to stand together when needed. But there's no other way. History is made by those who turn up. Perhaps the most inspiring (if indirect) legacy of the gasfield-free strategy is the 'Voices Of' independent political movement, which led to the election of Cathy McGowan in Victoria, and is likely to bring a slew of community-based Independents across the country at the next federal election. The same ideas of politics from the ground up are at work here, from kitchen tables, to community halls, to electorates. It's based on ideas not individuals, and progress, not parties.

In March 2022, come and see *Confusing Them With Our Joy* to remember how we made history in the Northern Rivers, and consider what we might achieve in the future, with that same level of unity, passion and community.



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We wanted to give a big thank you to all the people and businesses that have helped make this day happen. Feeding so many wouldn't have been possible without the donations so generously given by our suppliers; Coca Cola, PFD Foods, Pirlas, Bidvest, Coastal Fresh, Sol Breads, Stone & Wood, and Erwin's Hospitality. A big thank you to all the people who volunteered their time on Christmas Day, community members and FishHeads staff. And lastly to Liberation Larder for their ongoing support.

It was such an amazing day we truly feel lucky to be part of a community of people and businesses that have worked together to support us and our mission to bring some joy to all the people who are sleeping rough in the Byron area. It really is an example of our community at its very best.

Happy New Year from the team at FishHeads!



# What is modern monetary theory?

Jason van Tol

**M**odern Monetary Theory (MMT) is an approach to economics that views money as a human relationship, rather than a thing in our wallets.

Any theory of money must at least explain how it gets its value and why people use it: anyone can create an IOU and issue it as money, so why do people use the government's money?

The MMT answer is: to pay taxes. To understand this it is first necessary to understand what is meant by 'sovereign money'.

## Legal monopoly

A sovereign government is one who has supreme authority within the jurisdiction of its internationally recognised borders with other sovereign governments. A sovereign government that issues its own currency and has a floating exchange rate (i.e. its currency is not pegged to another government's currency, nor gold, nor anything else), has what is called a sovereign currency. That government has a legal monopoly on the issuance of its currency (counterfeiting is a serious crime) and can issue as much as it wants – that is, it has no nominal limits to the amount it can spend.

This is only the case for the



federal or national government – it is not true for local or state governments, who, like any individual or business, are a user of the currency, rather than the issuer.

Most governments today meet the sovereign currency criteria, including Australia's. The flipside of a sovereign currency is a legal monopoly on the use of force – a key part of the MMT money story, which I tell now.

## Use of force

Part one of the MMT money story is that a sovereign government wants to provision itself: it wants an army, a police force, doctors, teachers etc. To achieve this, it first imposes a tax liability, which must be paid in the sovereign

currency. If the tax is not paid, the government can dispossess someone of their land or property, put them in jail etc.

In this way the flipside of a sovereign currency is a legal monopoly on the use of force, and according to Jason Hickel, Europeans commonly used this method of imposing tax liabilities in their colonisation of Africa. With a tax liability having been imposed, the government creates unemployment, which by definition is people looking for paid work: since people do not want their land or property to be taken from them, nor to go to jail etc., people are now looking for ways to pay the tax.

It's important to emphasise here is that it is not so much our taxes

that the government wants, but our labour, and this opens up the big question of what sort of work we value and want done in our society.

## Creating unemployment

Now that there are people looking for paid work (i.e. unemployment), the next step is for the government to use its power to spend money into the economy, offering the sovereign currency for jobs it wants done: army personnel, police officers, teachers etc. While a sovereign government has no nominal limits to spending, there are real limits to the size of the economy relative to the containing biosphere.

A few other corollaries follow from the nature of a sovereign currency. First, the government's debt is the public's credit; as such, government debt is both bad, but also necessary, and potentially beneficial, depending on what it is spent on – eg is the government spending to invest in schools and hospitals, or to finance wars?

The second is what is called the 'household fallacy': the government should not operate its accounts by trying to 'balance the budget'. Users of the currency must do this (including state and local governments), but a sovereign government is the sole issuer of the

sovereign currency and can always afford to buy anything for sale denominated in its own currency, whether material or labour, and it can never go bankrupt in its own currency. Finally, government must spend at least as much as it demands in taxes, otherwise unemployment results.

The final step is for government to redeem the currency it spent by collecting taxes and extinguishing its debt.

In summary, while the conventional wisdom is that government must first raise taxes in order to spend, MMT argues that the opposite is true: government must first spend before we can pay taxes. For instance, the Australian Government spent hundreds of billions of dollars in response to COVID-19 without any need to raise taxes first. We all know this, but MMT draws out many important social and political conclusions, some of which I will explore in a follow up article. In the meantime MMT literature and YouTube videos are aplenty; some of its pioneers are Warren Mosler, Bill Mitchell, and Randall Wray. Interested and respectful readers are invited to participate in a discussion of these and related matters. Please email [jayveetee@gmail.com](mailto:jayveetee@gmail.com) for time and venue.

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## Northern Rivers residents can help save koalas

The World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia says researchers will be looking for koala scat, deploying detection dogs and heat-seeking drones, and calling on local residents to report koala sightings as part of a major survey to determine koala distribution in the Northern Rivers following the 2019-20 bushfires.

The World Wide Fund for Nature-Australia has funded the koala search in partnership with ecological consultants Biolink and local councils, including Tweed Shire, Lismore City, Ballina Shire, Byron Shire, Kyogle, and Richmond Valley.

Biolink's Supervising Ecologist, Amanda Lane, said that while they have great baseline data for some areas, such as the endangered koala population on the Tweed Coast, other places have not had funding to support any koala surveys, so we don't know what we'll find. Fingers crossed, there will be lots of fluffy bums up trees.

## Distinctive scats

'The survey involves searching for koalas' distinctive eucalypt-scented scat



Photo M Matthes

below large trees. This is a great technique because it allows us to determine not only where koalas are but where they are not, with a very high level of confidence.'

Dr Lane said locals can also help with the search, as many koalas live on private land.

'Citizen science has so much to contribute to koala conservation and is an integral part of the Northern Rivers koala search. We encourage people who see a koala to report it using one of the many wildlife apps such as I Spy Koala (<https://koala.nsw.gov.au/i-spy-wide>).

'We ask, if local landholders are approached, that they allow ecologists to

conduct a quick one hour survey looking for koala scats. This will also allow us to gain an understanding of the health of our local koala populations.'

## Elusive and difficult to detect

WWF-Australia's Koalas Forever Project Officer, Daniel Armstrong, said koalas are elusive and difficult to detect as they spend much of their time asleep and camouflaged high up in trees.

Mr Armstrong said the search will provide insight into how the Northern Rivers koalas are faring right now.

'We'll also use the survey data to target our management approaches, planting and protecting koala habitat and corridors where they are needed most. The knowledge we gain in the Northern Rivers will aid the recovery of this iconic species right across eastern Australia.'

■ Read more at *The Echo* online [www.echo.net.au/northern-rivers-residents-can-help-save-koalas](http://www.echo.net.au/northern-rivers-residents-can-help-save-koalas).

# So long, 2021!



A memorably forgettable year captured by *The Echo's* photographers, Jeff Dawson and Eve Jeffery.  
 1. Cheeky Caberet, having fun is half the fun.  
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9. Long-time local women can't find a home.  
 10. Byron Shire lost Arakwal Elder Aunty Dulcie Nicholls in September. 11. Aaron Styles, Mullumbimby's Mullet Man.  
 12. Masked markets. 13. Scarier than Covid?  
 14. Alex and his 100-year-old mum Nina.  
 15. Lisa Hunt's costly festival.

16. When too much nudity is never enough – the World Naked Bike Ride. 17. Oil and water don't mix.  
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The Earth Beer story started on a working avocado farm overlooking Wollumbin, with an old tin packing shed, and a vision forged in this same red earth of the Tweed Valley. Fuelled by the love of the land, Earth Beer Company believes in making time for the good things life has to offer; a morning surf and a cool, crisp

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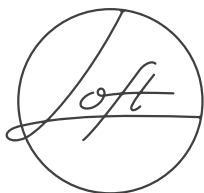
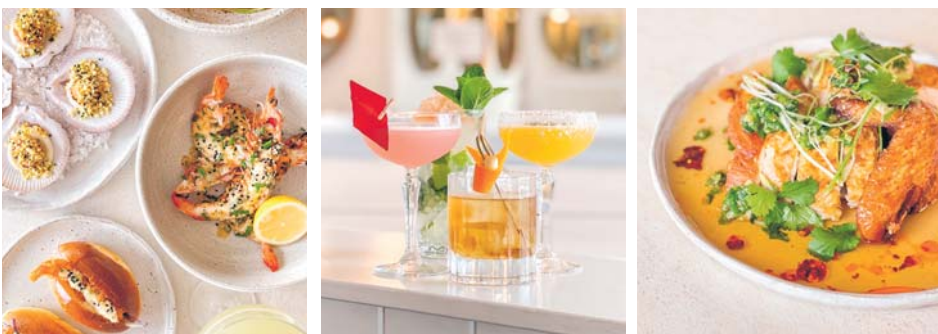
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## Byron Farmers Market offers parcel pick-up

After a couple of weeks back at Butler Street Reserve, the team at Byron Farmers Market has made a few changes as the market settles back into its old digs - including introducing a parcel pick-up system!

Byron Farmers Market manager, Tom Carey, said it was great for the market to be back on home turf and in town, however there had been a couple of teething issues which they are overcoming.

'The first week back was following the wettest November on record and it rained almost continually for a week after that, so we were dealing with pretty wet grounds,' he said. 'However, that's all dried up now, which is great.'

'The other issue is that part of our licencing agreement is that there is to be no vehicle movement outside of the market footprint as it has the potential to disrupt ground contamination. This means we had to move the free off-street parking area to the back of the Reserve, near the toilet block - about 50m



Byron Farmers Market at Butler St Reserve.

further away from where it used to be.'

So to ease the load for customers carrying large amounts of produce, Byron Farmers Market has introduced a parcel pick-up service. You can now drop off your market shopping at the manager's tent at the southern end of the market near Somerset St where you will be issued with a pick-up number. Then you simply drive into the allocated 'Parcel Pick-Up' area in the parking spots near the manger's tent and pull up and load your produce.

Mr Carey pointed out that there is also nearby parking

available at the Lawson St South car park, which is less than 100m across the road from the market grounds via the railway corridor walkway.

'It's all a work in progress to make everyone's life easier,' he said. 'We knew we would need to make some adjustments, but our stallholders were always committed to coming back to Butler Street and we still believe being back close to town and on grass under the trees is the right place for the market.'

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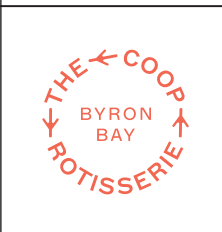
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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

### STANDING UP TO CANCER

'I died'. That's what we say as comedians when we don't do well on stage. A lot of the language around our performance has a life/death metaphor.

For example, when we do really well we say 'I killed' or a colleague might say 'you slayed them'. It's extreme language, and I guess as a life-calling comedy is an extreme sport. To survive in the industry you have to develop a certain resilience. An ability to die and live again. Well at least metaphorically.

When it actually happens it's not a joke.

My friend and colleague Jonathan Atherton has just been diagnosed with advanced cancer that the specialists have defined as 'inoperable' or 'incurable'.

That's not a heckle you ever want to hear.

I can't imagine what its like to hear those words.

To hear the medical profession say they can't help you.

You don't live as a comic for more than 30 years though without defying the odds, without pushing through adversity and making it when other people thought you wouldn't. You can't survive without fostering a deep resilience, without developing and maintaining too your human frailty; that crazy vulnerable heart that you need to keep going.

I remember when I first saw Jonathan perform. It was in his first few gigs – here in Byron at the Rails. His energy was electric. His brain ticked faster than I could understand what he was saying. He was riding a wave of energy – the zeitgeist, the commentary, the culture – it was crashing all around him but he was staying on. It was wonderful. I was so jealous. I wished I could do that.

Jonathan is not a conformist. He's always done things his way. From starting the first comedy club in Kuala Lumpur, actually the first ever dedicated comedy club in Malaysia, in fact, the first ever club in all of SE Asia; including Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore. He mentored over 100 comedians from India to China; where they call him the Laugh Guru. Two of his protégés have gone on to make their own Netflix series! And then there are the humble, down-to-earth comedy projects – taking comedy to 'the people' with some of the best gigs I've ever been to held here, at the Corndale Hall. Unpretentious, in your face, sometimes shocking or unexpected. Jonathan always delivers.

He once turned up and performed for me with broken ribs after falling down stairs while on a ship in a rolling sea. He could barely speak, he was ashen faced, but when his name was called he stepped into the spotlight and he performed. You would never have known he was in pain. Being on stage transformed him. It's definitely one of his happy places. That and being with his kids and his fabulous wife, Beatrice. In a way, being with family is a spotlight on a very different stage; one where we don't often have a clue what to perform.

So, is Jonathan's cancer inoperable? Incurable? To western medicine, yes. But maybe, like his life, the answers lie elsewhere. They lie in the countries that have given him so much inspiration and learning. Perhaps they also hold his healing. Jonathan has discovered an Ayurvedic clinic in India that has had success treating cancers like his, but to go he needs some \$. It would be amazing for him to go there, because you can be assured that this experience, navigating one of life's deepest, hardest ravines, will be narrated by his comedic self.

I have him booked for a gig this week. In his usual offhand style he said 'I should still be alive and kicking for Kingy'. I love that. When it comes to spirit I think he is incurable. But cancer? Not if he can help it. And if anyone can take this trip – he can.

Please help a friend, a father, a husband, a well-loved comic, on the journey of his life.

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In 2000 Rick and fellow UK guitarist and Feramones regular, Alan Limbrick, established their homes in Byron Bay. When another Feramones veteran, Alan Park (keyboardist and musical director for Sir Cliff Richard) joined the boys in Byron, the nucleus for a more permanent lineup was established.

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Following that, Morris penned breakthrough hits such as; 'Sweet Sweet Love', 'Wings of an Eagle', 'Rachel, Part 3 into Paper Walls', 'The Girl That I Love' and many, many more...

Constantly in demand, Morris stills tours nationally throughout the year as well as appearances internationally.

In 2012 Morris released *Sharkmouth* a collection of tunes written about Australian historical characters.

*Sharkmouth* reached #1 position on the iTunes Blues Charts and #1 on the Australian Blues Radio Charts, and won Morris the 2013 ARIA award for Best Blues and Roots album.

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# GIG GUIDE



## WEDNESDAY 29

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **JOE CONROY**, 2.30PM **TIM STOKES**, 5.30PM **JEROME & LEXI**, 9.45PM **GIRL AND GIRL**, 10PM **GARY COLLOCOTT BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **BURN BYRON BAY**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- 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**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 2PM **LITTLE STEVIE & THE TAIL FINNS**

## THURSDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3 **PLAY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **BROADWATER**, 2.30PM **DU' EAST**, 5.30PM **JESSIE WITNEY TRIO**, 9PM **THE 4'20 SOUND**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MEOW MEOW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, **OPEN MIC**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - MC MANDY NOLAN MC: WITH DAN WILLIS AND SANDEEP TOTLANI**

## FRIDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **HARRY NICHOLS**, 4PM **JUKE JOINT WAY**, 8.30PM **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NEW YEARS EVE AT THE BEACHY! FEATURING THE BAMBOOS**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **THE GLITTER LOVE BALL - BYRON NYE 2021 PRESENTED BY RHYTHM SECTION & BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE**
- NO BONES, BYRON BAY, 5PM **NAKED NINJAS**
- CLUB BYRON 6PM **SOUL'D & RAGGA JUMP**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **THE SWAMPS**, 8.30PM **THE SCREAMING EAGLES**, 9.30PM **TIM MITCHELL, MICK BUCKLEY AND JOHN HILL**, 10PM **DJ LOVE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 8PM **THE NYE GLITTER LOVE BALL**
- HARVEST, NEWRYBAR, 4PM **FUN FRIDAY NYE EDITION - SHORTY THE CLOWN, THE MARK CHAPMAN BAND AND DJ SAMMYK**

## ILLUMIN8 ARTS YARD, BANGALOW, 7PM **FUNKY FREAKS FIESTA**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **THE WHARVES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **CATCHPOLE & DJ KIRBY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 9PM **MEOW MEOW NYE GALA SPECTACULAR**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7.30PM **SCI-FI KARAOKE**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 2PM **SYMBIOTIKA, MILK & PHIL SMART**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8.30PM **SABOTAGE**
- CLUB LENNOX 8PM **TWO TEARS IN A BUCKET**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE **BRUNO BAH NEW YEAR'S EVE, 9PM LATE FOR WOODSTOCK & THE FERAMONES**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB MAIN LOUNGE 9.45PM **GROOVE ROBBERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 8.30PM **FIRE N ICE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 9PM **UNDERCOVER BLONDE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **N.Y.C.E.**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 6PM **JEZ MEAD**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 5.30PM **ROCK CITY SAINTS, JUNIORS 6PM MAX HOORN, THE STAGE 10PM THE FROCKS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM **BARN'S STORM PLUS JET CLUB EFFECT**
- CLUB BANORA 8PM **THAT 70S SHOW**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 9PM **TITANIX**

## SATURDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MAGESTIC NIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NEW YEARS DAY PARTY FEAT. GENESIS OWUSU / SPECIAL GUESTS, JONO MA, EVA J**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM **JUZZIE SMITH, LUCILLE, DEAD SET**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **JESSE WITNEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **PUSH**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MEOW MEOW**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7.30PM **FBI**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **SUNSET SOIREES WITH FELICITY LAWLESS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **FAVOURITE SON FT. CHLOE WEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 5PM **ROCK CITY SAINTS**, 9.30PM **THE FROCKS**

## SUNDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BEACH PARTY FEAT. BABE RAINBOW / BUDJERAH, ROYAL OTIS & VINYL DJS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE FERAMONES**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **MEOW MEOW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **LIAM**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 1PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 2.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 4PM **WORLD MUSIC SESSIONS WITH JOLANDA MOYLE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **LISA HUNT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 1PM **ONE OF US IS LYING, THE STAGE 3.30PM THE FROCKS**, 8PM **ROCK CITY SAINTS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **ADAM HARPAZ**

## MONDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **A MUSOS NEW YEAR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **SIMON WRIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **RHYDIAN LEWIS**

## TUESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KALLIDAD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **ALICIA TODD**, 7PM **HARRY NICHOLS DUO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM **KITTY FLANAGAN - BUCKET LIST**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 7PM **TRIVIA**

## WEDNESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ADAM BROWN DUO**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **FOXY LUU'S WEDNESDAY REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM **KITTY FLANAGAN - BUCKET LIST**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- LA FAMILIA, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**



## RUSSELL MORRIS CONTINUED

After five decades on the road, an album can almost write itself. It might arrive in the space of a few months, fully formed in vision and texture in the mind of the vigilant creator. But it takes a rare combination of talent and circumstances to realise that vision as vividly as *Black and Blue Heart*.

In 2021, Morris joined Rick Springfield and formed The Morris Springfield Project. The Morris Springfield Project released *Jack*

*Chrome and the Darkness Waltz* in October, which debuted at number 34 on the ARIA Charts.

In 2022, Morris is on the road and he is playing the Ballina RSL – a show not to be missed and a great way to get your year on the right track.

**Russell Morris and Band, plus Ash Perrow. Ballina RSL, 8pm Friday, 7 January, 2022. For more info or tickets, visit: ballinarsl.com.au.**

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# BYRON THEATRE

## January 2022



**Dancing in the Shadows of Motown**  
Wednesday 5 January  
8:30pm



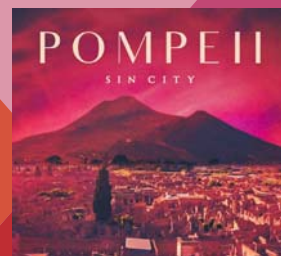
**Liquidelic special guest Empress Katia**  
Thursday 13 January  
7:00pm



**Bandaluzia Flamenco Music & Dance Showcase**  
Friday 14 January  
7:30pm



**Wild Thyme The Other Side of Song Tour**  
Saturday 15 January  
7:30pm



**Pompeii: Sin City Art On Screen**  
Wednesday 19 January  
2:00pm



**Orishás An Afro-Brazilian odyssey**  
Friday 21 January  
7:00pm



**No Man's Land NT Live Screening**  
Saturday 22 January  
11:30am



**The Desert Said Dance Screening + Live Q&A**  
Saturday 22 January  
7:30pm



**Byron Supper Club**  
Thursday 27, Friday 28 & Saturday 29 January  
7:00pm

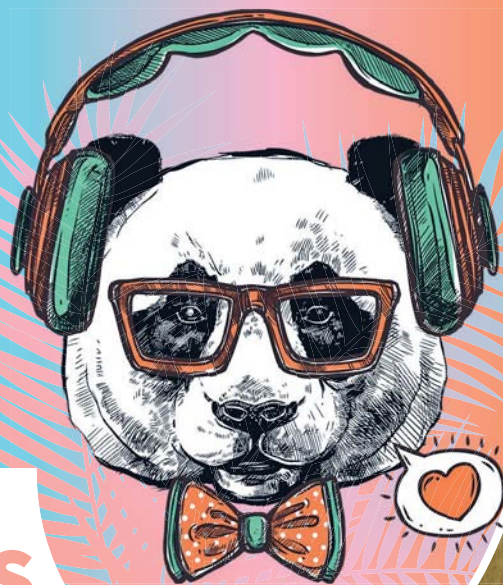


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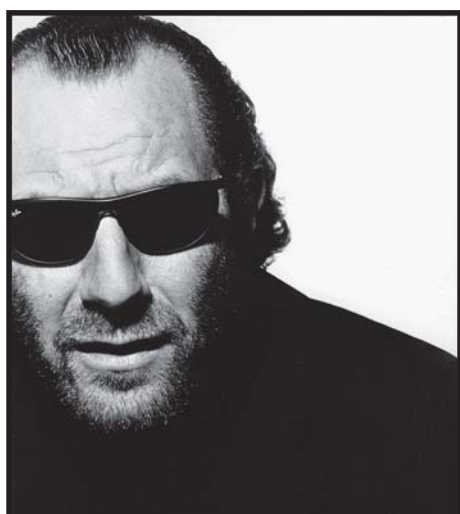




ENTERTAINMENT



# AUSTEN TAYSHUS - I WAS BORN FUNNY



Wikipedia says: Austen Tayshus, born on 17 March, 1954 (despite what he says) is the stage name of American-born Jewish Australian comedian Alexander Jacob Gutman. He is best known for the 1983 comedy single *Australiana*, a spoken word piece that is filled with Australian puns; it is Australia's best-selling single ever.

A tall man at 6'6", he appears on stage wearing a black suit and dark sunglasses. He is characterised by a resonant deep voice. He is often moody, and taunts his audience and the venue staff.

Mandy Nolan says Austen Tayshus is dangerously funny. 'Austen likes to make people think, push them to the brink of their comfort zones and sometimes way over the edge. He is a lone wolf – but be warned – he's a lot more dangerous. There are few comics with the tenacity and killer instinct of Austen Tayshus.'

*Seven* wanted to find the man behind the comedian and asked Mr Tayshus a few important questions – the tone of the answers was not unexpected.

### Does being Austen Tayshus ever get old?

I have been doing this thing for 40 years, hard to believe I'm 41 on Friday. It seems like yesterday that Scummo became PM and Hillsong is only 35 years old. Time for him to go. Bring back John Curtin or David Williamson. Vote 1 Mandy Nolan. Never get sick of this. Dying on stage at 107 is the plan. Not in Tea Gardens.

### Is finding new things to be funny getting harder as you get older and the world gets more jaded?

Being funny has never been an issue. I was born funny, unlike Elon Musk. That's the thing with Stand Up, you got it or you don't got it. If you don't, give it away, give it away, give it away now. You don't want to end up like George Smilovici.

### Do you find things in life that can make you laugh?

Everything comes from living. Being a human is a great source of humour, particularly those who take themselves seriously, like Barnaby Joyce and Tony Abbot for example. Unfortunately there isn't an alternative to being vulnerable, so we are all fűç#éd. Why not be funny about it all? This is why I have been so successful and become so rich.

### Do you bump your head on lots of things?

COVID is very frustrating – as a very attractive 35-year-old male I hate being hit on and abused by so many people for not wearing my mask. I think only ugly people should wear masks. Makes sense.

### What brings you joy?

My grandkids bring me joy, even though I have none. Also unvaccinated people are great to argue with because they are unmovable. I make it a point to engage them publicly and loudly. This brings me immense pleasure.

See Mr Tayshus with special guest, Mandy Nolan.

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, Mulum Ex-Services, 8pm.

Tickets \$30 on trybooking or mandynolan.com.au



## BYRON THEATRE BACK ON THE MAP

With the NSW Roadmap ending, Byron Theatre is excited to present an incredible lineup of live events in January at the theatre following the festive holiday season.

On **Thursday 13 Jan at 7pm**, join a collaborative performance project between three artists from complementary disciplines. **Liquidelic** showcases the vibrant spark that occurs when these three complimentary mediums collide. It is common for audience members to be moved to tears during the show that has been described as powerful colour-therapy.

On **Friday 14 Jan at 7.30pm** revel in the sounds of **Bandaluzia Flamenco!** Led by ARIA nominated Flamenco guitarist **Damian Wright**, Bandaluzia will present a spectacular new show that showcases contemporary flamenco dance and music whilst displaying the essential characteristics of the flamenco tradition. The recently founded **Regional Venue Collective** is very excited to bring you their inaugural collaborative music event on **Saturday 15 Jan at 7.30pm**. **Wild Thyme – The Other Side of Song Tour** is an exciting meeting between three of regional Australia's most talented and captivating female artists.

Byron Theatre's next **Art On Screen** film is **Pompeii: Sin City** on **Wednesday 19 Jan at 2pm**. A cinematic journey through one of the world's most famous archaeological sites. Leading us along its cobbled streets is the extraordinary narrator: **Isabella**

**Rossellini**. Directed by **Pappi Corsicato**, discover the secrets, the stories, and the masterpieces between eros and myth.

**Meninas da Lua** presents **Orishás** – an Afro-Brazilian odyssey of rhythm, dance and culture on **Friday 21 Jan at 7pm**. Meninas da Lua is a cultural development project created with the main purpose to break cultural barriers and promote feminine empowerment among women from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

Byron Theatre presents an ENCORE screening of National Theatre Live's **No Man's Land** on **Saturday 22 Jan at 11.30am**, with **Ian McKellen** and **Patrick Stewart** leading the cast in this glorious revival of Harold Pinter's comic classic.

Then, in the evening, on **Saturday 22 Jan at 7.30pm**, **Garage Entertainment** presents their next adventure film, screening **The Desert Said Dance** followed by a **Live Q&A** with the director and producers; hosted by **Robbie Warden** of **The Good Ride Club**.

The famous **Byron Supper Club** returns to the Byron Theatre on **Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Saturday 29 Jan**. Be sure not to miss this ultimate immersive cabaret experience, with spectacular theatrical performances by Australia's top musical theatre artists. Uniquely staged in the round, audiences are taken into an immersive experience full of surprise and delight at every turn.

For more information of tickets, visit: [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au).

## PALACE CINEMAS

NFT = No Free Tickets

### CHECK WEBSITE FOR SESSION DETAILS

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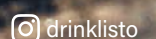
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# Hello Summer



## WA Live Pro Wrestling comes to Mullum

IWA Pro Wrestling is Australia's most popular sports entertainment show for over 20 years and is performed at leading venues across Australia.

It's a two-hour, family friendly, action-packed show, filled with singles matches and a tag team event. The show features a great new fan experience for patrons, with VIP tickets that allow fans first access into the arena, an in-ring photo (with own camera) along with front row seating and a tour poster.

VIP door will open at 7.15pm.

General door opens at 7.30pm.

Show time will be 8pm.

It's a bone crushing, back breaking, body slamming show and the best part is... it's family friendly action.

**Tickets from the Club direct or online at**

**[mullumexservices.com.au/what-s-on](http://mullumexservices.com.au/what-s-on)**

**58 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby**

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## The ORACLE

Ever since I can remember, I have been able to see, sense and know energy.

I would predict things, or talk about the dead relative, appearing behind the person my mother was talking to, (which was quiet unnerving to them to say the least!)

At 15 I was reading Tarot professionally and even now my passion for it has not dimmed.

I absolutely love it.

I love the interaction with the client; the way the patterns inform and impart wisdom.

I love seeing the confusion or cloud they come in with dissipate and diffuse over the session.

I love to see a sense of purpose and direction renewed, and inspiration ignited from within.

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## Happy holidays from Mimi and Flo

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Hello summer



## 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**

## Byron Beachside Market

The Byron Beachside Market is on Wednesday 5 January and will showcase products from almost 200 creative artists from our local region who make it, bake it, sew it and grow it.

Enjoy a fun day out as you browse an array of unique artisan products including ceramics, homewares, clothing, cutting edge fashion, jewellery, and so much more. Revel in the vibrant atmosphere as the community comes together for some good vibes, gourmet food and live music featuring OKA, Phoebe Jacobs and Prhlad.

**8am-3pm  
Main Beach Foreshore  
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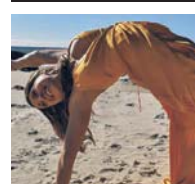
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A small selection of over 100 Starlight Festival workshops, all included with entry. See full program at [starlightfestival.com.au](http://starlightfestival.com.au)

### Thursday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> highlights



**Rocket Yoga**  
Brooke Barrett  
10-11.am  
Rocket yoga sequence is fast paced and has a similar structure to Ashtanga yoga.



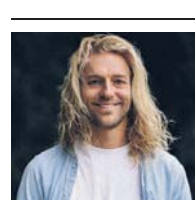
**Heart opening breathwork**  
Sophie Saemrow  
10.30-11.30pm  
Experience a heart opening breathwork meditation.



**Qi Gong**  
Aimo Javier  
11.15-12.15pm  
Explore the meditative aspects of internal martial arts & become a more realised & conscious being.



**Shifting Emotions, Breathwork & Sound**  
Matty Rainbow  
12.45-2.45pm  
Techniques to raise vibration & release what no longer serves.



**Finding Your True North**  
Tom Robb  
4.30-6pm  
A series of powerful exercises & activities. Combining discussions & self-reflection.


### Friday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> highlights



**5 Dimensional Flow**  
Simon & Jennifer  
11.30-1.30pm  
Simple spinal movements that can be done standing or sitting. A safe, accessible meditative flowing practice.



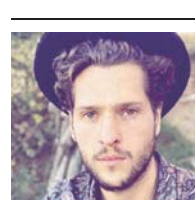
**Cultivate a Thrive Mindset**  
Patricia Escalon  
11.45-12.45pm  
Developing a daily yoga practice which helps you to cope with difficulties.



**Intuitive palm reading workshop**  
Mario Alam  
4.15-5.45pm  
Intuitive palm reading for the average psychic.



**Medicine Dance**  
Marnie Devi Hudson  
4-5.30pm  
The power of free-style dance, supported by an incredible musical soundscape.



**Liberate your voice**  
Moshe Topol  
4.30-6pm  
Using your divine instrument, your voice! Combining mantra and vocal exercises.

### Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> highlights



**Taoist Cosmic Sound Journey**  
Eeka King  
11.15am-1.15pm  
Lay down & let the sounds of 8 gongs, crystal & tibetan bowls guide you.



**Cleaning Our Trauma**  
Yemi Penn  
12.15-1.15pm  
Yemi shares her short documentary & talk on what it means to 'Clean our Trauma'.



**Mindful Movement + Meditation**  
Gabrielle McMahon  
3.30-4.15pm  
Reconnect with the mind & body to bring wisdom & compassion.



**Singbowl hands on workshop**  
Anup & Brinley  
2.45-3.45pm  
Learn how to use singing bowls for meditation, healing & clearing.




**2022 Purpose Circle**  
Lauren Sifas  
4.30-6pm  
Learn how to re-discover your new normal, your true inner joy & purpose for 2022.

### Sunday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> highlights



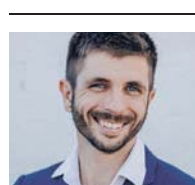
**Shamanic Circle Of Fire**  
Sally Newton  
10.15-11.15am  
Accessing & enhancing your connection to the universal forces of nature.



**Sound Healing**  
Seriya & Matty  
10.15-12.15pm  
A deeply nourishing sound healing weaving breathwork, kinesiology, intention & sacred instruments.



**Mantra Taiko Dance**  
Mayu Akiba  
11.45-12.45pm  
Whole body movement with giant Taiko drum & bamboo flute.



**Embodied Speaking**  
Miroslav Petrovic  
1-2.30pm  
Find your voice using Miroslav's message and 'off the beaten path' approach.



**Cacao Ceremony**  
Dunja Vairaktaris  
3.45-5.45pm  
Cacao ceremonies are a type of shamanic healing - which is one of the oldest holistic healing practices.

TICKETS ONLINE & AT THE DOOR. (KIDS FREE) FULL PROGRAM [STARLIGHTFESTIVAL.COM.AU](http://STARLIGHTFESTIVAL.COM.AU)



\*Two for one with full price entry only. Kids under 13 free with paying adult. Program subject to change by divine intervention.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE

## 2021 – a wedgie in an annus horribilis

Eve Jeffery

I think, if it's good enough for the Queen of England, then it's good enough for *The Echo* – 2021 was an *annus horribilis*.

I mean really, if we hear the word COVID one more time...

COVID, COVID, COVID! Was there a day that went by that we didn't hear about it? It's become the new 'C' word! And as one of my friends commented: 'There was once a time if you farted, you coughed to cover it. Now if you cough, you fart to cover it'. We had well and truly had enough of the damn virus even before the end of January.

We were locked up, locked down, had our toilet paper purchases limited, had swabs up our noses, masks around our necks and QR codes everywhere we looked – like snowflakes of static.

There are a lot of people on the 2021 *horribilis* bandwagon. Gladys Berejiklian and her southern counterpart Dan Andrews will be nodding their heads like those bobble headed dashboard dogs no doubt, as will our PM as he packs one faux pas on top of another... but then, he's a bit thick – things wash over him like a Hillsong hymn. *You are forever in my life, You see me through the seasons.*

The famous and infamous died from COVID – Colin Powell, Shinichi 'Sonny' Chiba, Captain

Sir Tom Moore, Larry King, Phil Spector, Charley Pride, Dave Prowse a.k.a Darth Vader, and John Prine, to name a very few.

But, not everyone died from COVID – some got sick, some got old and some just couldn't take it any more – Carla Zampatti, Bert Newton, Stephen Sondheim, Halyna Hutchins, who at just 42 tragically died on the set of the movie *Rust* when a prop gun fired by Alec Baldwin killed her; Cicely Tyson, after a career that spanned over 70 years, Charlie Watts (whoever thought the Rolling Stones would ever die?), Larry Flynt, the stellar Olympia Dukakis, Gloria Jean Watkins (nom de plume, Bell Hooks), our own John 'Strop' Cornell and truly, sadly, David Dalaithngu at just 68 years of age. Of course, 2021 was a frontrunner for the Queens 'this year was shit' list after the loss of her consort of almost 70 years, Prince Philip – aged 99.

But on the good side, the environment benefited in having a break from humans running everywhere, and people in their droves rediscovered their love of fungi – what amazing organisms they are.

So the best thing we can do is look onwards AND upwards as we enter the new year because, in the words of Samwise Gamgee and Cicero, 'While there's life, there's hope'. Here's to 2022, we hope it's your *annus mirabilis* (that's a remarkable year for all those who failed Latin).

## Byron Bay's Soul Street

Byron Bay's Soul Street has everything a family could ask for to help them celebrate the end of 2021. Apart from engaging interactive things for the kids, there will be plenty of great music to bring in the new year.

Awesome local acts, including Felicity Lawless, Hayley Grace and The Bay Collective, Jesse Morris Band, Animal Ventura, Melon the Human, and Sky Eater will keep your feet moving, while VC Builds (Michael Richardson) – whose works explore the connection between light, sound, and the world that surrounds it – puts artistic control in the hands of the audience.

Japanese performance group Byron Taiko will bring Samurai rhythm, movement, and spirit to the stage, and the EcoBeats Workshop deliver their environmentally friendly drumming program – all materials are 100 per cent recycled and all programs are 100 per cent fun!

As well as great music there will be roving street performers, community acts, food stalls – and more! – across Jonson Street and Dening Park.

This is a wonderful family friendly environment allowing the whole community to welcome in the new year in a safe space.

For more information visit the Soul Street website: [soulstreetbyronbay.com.au](http://soulstreetbyronbay.com.au).



## Traffic and Parking Byron Bay New Year's Eve

### 31 December 2021

#### Roads closed

**From 6am on 31 December**

- Bay Street
- Main Beach car park

**From 8am on 31 December**

- Jonson Street between Marvell Street and Lawson Street
- Lawson Street south car park

**The Byron Bay bypass will remain open to traffic**

**Expect traffic delays**

#### Parking and public transport

- **Taxi rank** - Jonson Street near Marvell Street intersection
- **Free parking** all day between Tennyson Street and Massinger Street
- **Free parking** from Kendall Street to Wordsworth Street from 5pm, 31 December – 9am, 1 January

### NYE in Byron Bay is a community and family friendly event

- Byron Bay town centre is an **ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE**
- **NO ALCOHOL** will be allowed on the streets. On-the-spot fines apply.
- There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for anti-social behaviour.
- **ZERO WASTE** - Soul Street is a zero-waste event. Please BYO cups, plates, cutlery.



# NEW YEARS EVE

## Soul and Jump into 2022

Soul'D and Ragga Jump are joining forces to help you say goodbye to 2021 – Byron favourites Ragga Jump play a mix of classic tropical party music, bringing the flavour of the islands to the dance floor. From Calypso anthem 'Hot Hot Hot' to Bob Marley and UB40, their Reggae is both sexy and irresistible, before a morph into '70s funk from Hot Chocolate and James Brown, and a segue into 'Get Lucky' and 'Valerie'. Throw in swampy Latin hits from Santana and Lenny Kravitz and – ahhhh!

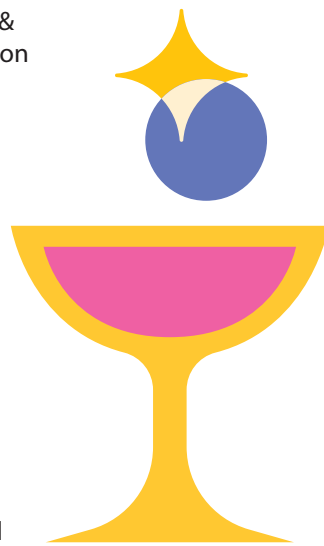
But wait! Soul'D perform classics from the legendary soul, Motown, funk, blues rock and RnB artists heard on the Atlantic, Stax, Motown and Savoy Labels of the late '50s, '60s and '70s; the likes of James Brown, Aretha Franklin, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Martha Reeves & the Vandellas, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Booker T, Wilson Pickett, Eddie Floyd, Otis Redding, Jackie Wilson, Earth Wind & Fire, Joe Cocker, Chicago, Blood Sweat & Tears, The Blues Brothers, and The Commitments. Yeah baby!

Soul'D is Australian Soul featuring ten musicians famous for recreating retro sounds from right across the eras.

With Ragga Jumps 100 per cent dancefest delivered with punchy percussion breaks and Soul'D's irresistible boogie vibes, there's no better way to ring in the new year.

This great night begins at Club Byron, 31 December from 6pm.

Tickets only online: [www.soul-band.com/gig-guide.html](http://www.soul-band.com/gig-guide.html)



## Funky Freaks Fiesta in Bangalow

Your chance to get freaky at the Bohemian New Year's Rhapsody of 2021 starts at Illumin8 Arts Yard in Bangalow featuring two dance zones; an indoor and an outdoor area.

Getting you pumped this Friday, Jason Zahlu brings his *Stella Electra* feel-good organic dance music sounds; fusing '70s funk, Nu Disco, '80s electro, '90s house and 21st century Funk Rock.

The Johnny Guitar Surf Show will also be at Illumin8; he's a complete media presentation show with surf music that captures the sound of summer, surf, and the waves.

You also get great tunes from DJ Miles Jackson, DJ G Force, DJ Werner, DJ Dennis L, and DJ Marilyn.

Great food and soft drinks available, BYO intoxicants, good vibes, dancing shoes, and fire and light toys to play with – from 7pm 31 December till 2.30am 1 January, 2022 – yew!

Limited tickets available before the event on Eventbrite.com. Illumin8 Arts Yard, 99 Lismore Road, Bangalow. Find out more at [Byronbaydjs.com](http://Byronbaydjs.com)



Byron Bay Locals NYE

# 2021 NEW YEAR

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Entry \$50 : Dinner \$25 : Tickets Online Only

Scan QR Code or visit [www.soul-band/gig-guide.html](http://www.soul-band/gig-guide.html)

# NYE 2021 FUNKY FREAKS FIESTA

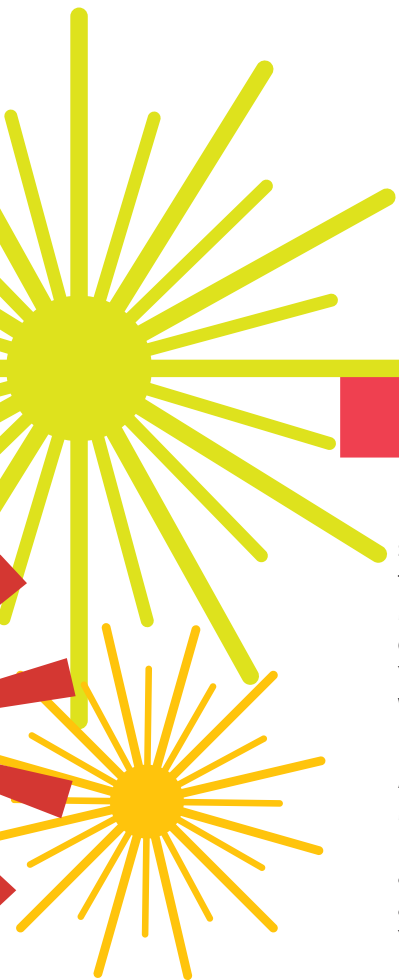
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Zahlu Stella Electra\*  
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## BOHEMIAN NEW YEARS RHAPSODY

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# NEW YEAR'S EVE



**Tribal, Latin, galactic cumbia, electronic, house –**

## **Naked Ninjas at No Bones**

## **Meow Meow miss Melissa**

New Year's Eve at the Brunswick Picture House is going to be something special. International superstar Meow Meow is coming to town. Post-post-modern diva Meow Meow (a.k.a. Melissa Madden Gray) has hypnotised, inspired – and terrified – audiences globally with unique creations and sell-out seasons from New York's Lincoln Center and Berlin's Bar, Jeder Vernunft, to London's West End and the Sydney Opera House... and now: Brunswick Heads Picture House.

A graduate of the Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts, Meow also has a Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Fine Arts and German from the University of Melbourne, and was awarded a DAAD scholarship to study theatre in Berlin, *and* she was a soloist with the Young Dancers Theatre (Victoria) for six years – YES *that's* who's going to sing you into 2022.

If that wasn't enough, say, if Ms Meow were the dessert that came first, then the main meal will follow with a month of world class comedy at the Picture House, with the 'who's who' of Australian comedy appearing on the newly renovated Picture House stage. Think Kitty Flanagan, Tommy Little, Wil Anderson, Judith Lucy, Denis Scott, Akmal, Sam Simmons... the list goes on.

For more info and tickets: [Brunswickpicturehouse.com](http://Brunswickpicturehouse.com).

No Bones are dishing up their scrumptious deliciousness this New Year's Eve with a stellar plant-based menu and wines – but wait, this 31 December you also get Naked Ninjas! The DJing duo (Patricia Berlioz and Elena Marcigot – aka MsEleneous) are wicked warriors dedicated to the art of music and dance. Notorious for igniting dance floor fire without giving a fk! They blend Latin beats with live sax, clarinet, flutes, and percussion.

Ninja Patty has evolved her electro cumbia to include Latin beats and other styles of electronic music.

Ninja MsEleneous has been performing for over 20 years, with eclectic experience that crosses genres and continents... from reggae to Latin, classic to gypsy, tango to flamenco, from Europe to South America, Africa, and Oceania. MsEleneous infuses Patricia's beats with live saxophone, traditional flutes, clarinet and percussion.

The Ninjas are on a mission to conquer the world and spread good vibes through music.

Two incredible menus; one of food and one of music to carry you safely into 2022, from 5pm on Friday, 31 December.

Visit: [nobonesbyronbay.com.au](http://nobonesbyronbay.com.au) for more information and bookings.

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# NEW YEARS EVE

## Sabotage your NYE

### into the '80s

Local rockers, Sabotage, will have you up and on your feet at the Mullum Ex-Services this Friday for the club's NYE bash. Sabotage members have been in the north coast music scene for over 20 years and play anything from the '60s to 2021 licks and include music from such bands as Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Jimi Hendrix, The Divinyls, Guns N' Roses, Nickelback, Bon Jovi, Green Day, Pink, Foo Fighters, AC/DC, Cold Chisel, Melissa Etheridge, Metallica, The Living End... and on and on and on.

Sabotage can be seen having the most fun in the room and they will make your New Year's Eve pump in the club's '80s themed fancy dress event.

The Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club are giving a \$100 bar tab to the best fancy dresser and the Societa Bistro will be ready to take your order for snacks or meals.

Free live music from 8.30pm until the new year.  
Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club – visit:  
[mullumexservices.com.au](http://mullumexservices.com.au) for more information.



## Get back to the Garden for 2022

The Secret Garden is the perfect location to celebrate the end of the year – with four DJs to transport you into 2022.

In a garden styled to the max, Abel Toro, Fauve Scott, James Owen, and Oh! will keep you spinning. Lighting installations, sexy stage dancers, delicious drinks, and yummy food will keep the rest of your senses sizzling.

If you want to dance in the new year, this is the place to do it.

Pre-sale tickets \$150 include one free cocktail and a pocket curry.

See you in the garden, Jonson St, Byron Bay.

Tickets via Humanitix –  
[events.humanitix.com/new-years-eve-party-2022](https://events.humanitix.com/new-years-eve-party-2022).

## FREE BAND NEW YEAR'S EVE

### SABOTAGE



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NEW YEARS EVE

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# Hello Summer



Hello summer

## Reset, revive and reconnect at the Starlight Festival.

Give yourself space to start 2022 with purpose. Join practitioners, healers and presenters from far and wide in gorgeous Bangalow at the Starlight Festival. Create your own itinerary, sample over 100 workshops featuring: soundbaths, yoga classes, breathwork sessions, talks and more, all included with entry. Then browse the main hall, home to local and nationally renowned healers, practitioners and artisans. Enjoy a healing, reading or massage, then try on some handmade crystal jewellery. Whether you reconnect for one day or immerse in the diverse program for all four days, transformation awaits you!

**Starlight Festival**  
**A&I Hall Bangalow**  
**6-9 January**  
Full program at [starlightfestival.com.au](http://starlightfestival.com.au)  
Tickets \$30 online or at the door.

## Red Ginger

Walking through the doors of the Red Ginger stores in Byron Bay and Bangalow is a delight to all your senses. Like walking the lanes of a Chinese market surrounded by the sights, smells and flavours of Asia.

The steamed dumplings are famous, and it's a treat to sit in the store or on the lovely veranda in Bangalow to eat with free green tea, or take them home for an Asian treat.

Red Ginger is your one stop Asian grocery and homewares shop, including locally sourced products, fresh organic Asian produce from Boon Luck Farm and locally foraged seaweeds. For anyone who is cooking Asian food, they have the best brands.

Teas, teapots, Japanese ceramics and many beautiful Asian-inspired furniture items, homewares and gifts fill the store.

**111 Jonson Street, Byron Bay | 6680 9779**  
**38 Station Street, Bangalow | 6687 2808**

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Mark Tuckey is an Australian timber furniture company dedicated to creating product that is loved and lasts. Each piece is custom made at their Melbourne or Byron Bay workshops – designed with integrity; simplicity and strength using recycled and sustainably managed timbers.

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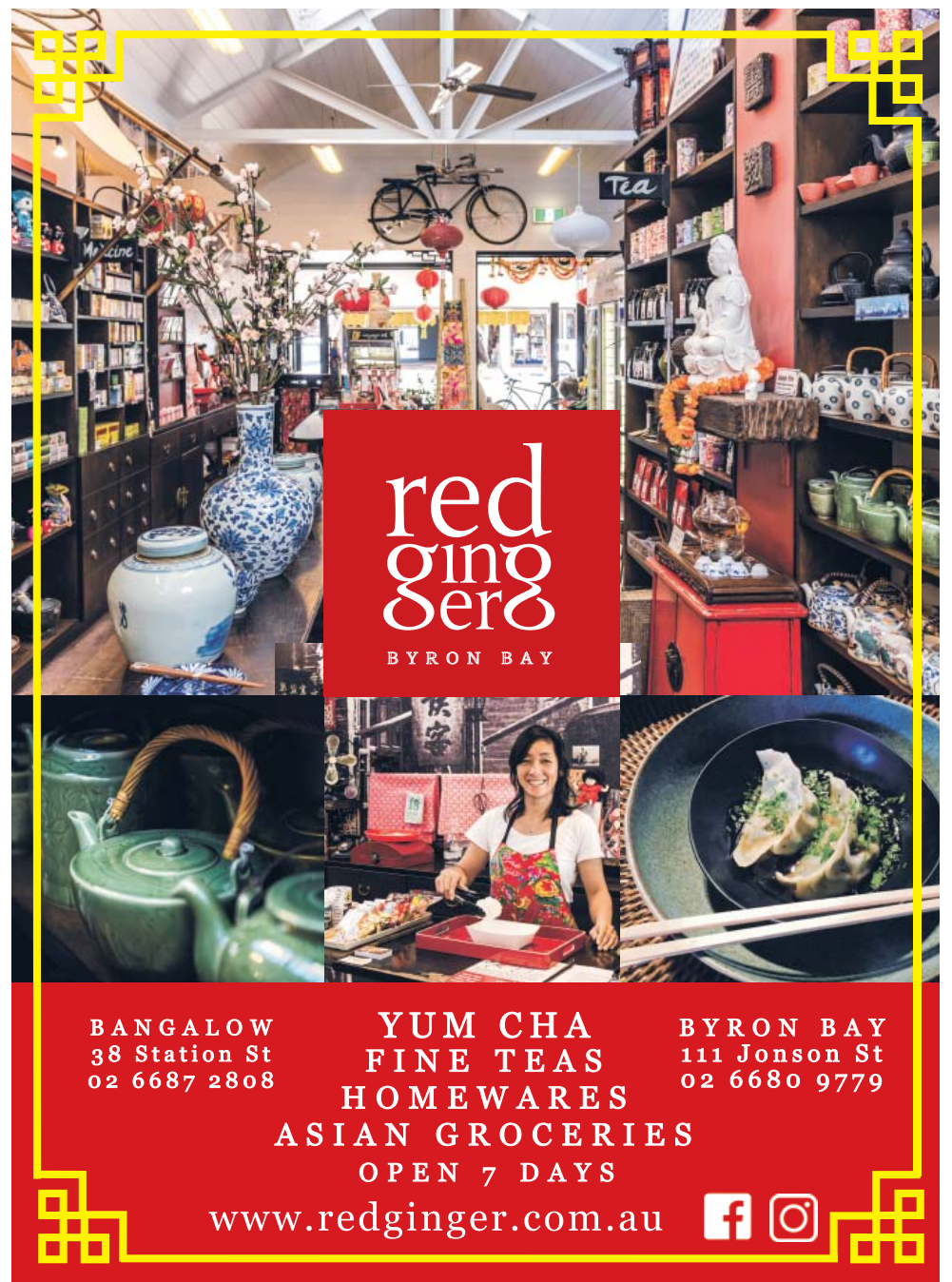
Tuckey pieces encourage gathering and memory making. Their aim is to make bespoke timber pieces to span generations. A curated selection of complementary seating, homewares, lighting and artwork can be found at both Byron and Melbourne showrooms.

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# Hello summer



## Happy Herb Shop

The newly opened Ocean Shores Happy Herb Shop is busy creating a community hub contributing to education, transformation and fulfilment, providing natural integrated healthcare and holistic wellbeing, while promoting the appreciation, education, benefits, culture and freedom for all plants and herbs. The shop offers a wide range of products with expert knowledge, advice and ever friendly service.

They also have wonderful collections of gifts, including journals and diaries, quality Japanese, Tibetan, Indian and resin incense, a range of local and imported smudge sticks and bundles, body oils and perfumes, essential oils and burners, salt lamps, statues, teapots, candles, unique clothes, singing bowls, books, tarot and oracle cards, fire and circus gear and more.

**Shop 10, Ocean Village Shopping Centre  
Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores  
0468 853 774**



## VAMPT ~ Absolute enthusiasts of quality vintage!

Have you had enough of looking at your space as it is?

Perhaps you just need to shake things up a little after this crazy year we've all had?

Vampt Vintage Design, now located in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate, has a great new shop filled with original mid-century pieces from Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Brazil and beyond.

At Vampt they are passionate about restoring the old and giving it new life, and if your taste changes, you can also trade back in the future.

From styling to hire, to worldwide sourcing, they are your go to.

Vampt pride themselves on authentic pieces from the mid-century era.

**BY APPOINTMENT 24 Dec-5 Jan. (Usually open Mon-Fri).**

**Call Dave on 0414 806 549**

**vamptvintagedesign.com**

**Instagram: @vamptvintagedesign**

**3/18 Centennial Act, Byron A&I Estate**

**Bodhi Living Complex**

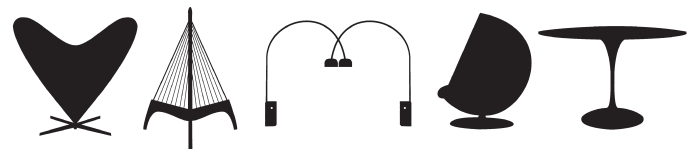


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## Wandana Brewing Co.

Wandana is a small local brewery situated on the outskirts of the eclectic township of Mullumbimby. With a family friendly tap room and beer garden, it's the perfect place to kickback with friends whilst gazing out over the paddocks at the iconic Mt Chincogan.

Lovingly crafted small batch beers are all made on-site and in full view of visitors, if you're in luck you might get to taste an upcoming brew directly from the tank.

A large roster of local DJs and musicians set the scene for sunset. Don't miss out on tickets for the NYE bash!

The ever-changing lineup of delicious food trucks offer culinary treats from around the world.

Take-away beers and growler fills available. Open every day till 9 January (closed on New Year's Day).

[www.wandanabrewingco.com.au](http://www.wandanabrewingco.com.au)  
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## The Regent

Happy new year from The Regent! They're presenting fabulous films and magical music in 2022, starting at 6pm on 1 January with Felicity Lawless appearing for The Sunset Soirées. Tickets are \$30, complete with cocktail and canapés. Enjoy a Frozen Margarita to complement her gypsy vibes. Sunday 2 January from 4pm features Jolanda Moyle's ethereal Sarangi and ambient vocal loops for the World Music Sessions, \$15/12. The Regent Cinema offers entertaining films for all ages, including family favourites *Encanto* and the cute and comical *Clifford, The Big Red Dog*. Adult choices includes *Dune-It Begins*, and *No Time To Die*, plus many more. Enjoy the Regent Cafe and Bar, offering SE Asian food and crusty pizzas, organic wines, Slosies, and selected craft beers.

[the-regent.com.au/live-events/](http://the-regent.com.au/live-events/)  
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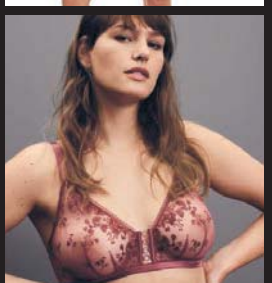
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# Hello summer

## Balloon Aloft

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Spectacular views span from native treetops through to the Mt Warning caldera, green valleys and ocean beyond. Their professional team of pilots and crew will accompany you throughout the morning, making for an unforgettable fun experience.

Exclusive and group bookings available upon request and all flights include a delicious breakfast after the flight at Three Blue Ducks, The Farm.

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## No Bones – newly renovated!

No Bones has recently expanded and just finished an incredible renovation, timed perfectly with a new summer menu. The mission is to bring everyone together over good food – meat eaters and vegans alike. Imagine dining at a restaurant where you can relax knowing that your choices will be ethical, no matter what you order, and where you can be proud knowing that you've contributed to a better Earth in this moment, without compromising on flavour.

The new summer menu is served alongside an incredible drink selection perfect for summertime sipping. Like all good things in life, the delicious morsels of goodness at No Bones are designed to be shared... try a little of everything. Be sure to book online.

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## PEEK Gallery

Established by artist Gabrielle Pool, PEEK Gallery represents a select group of established artists and emerging talent, as well as delivering a dynamic contemporary program. Located in the heart of downtown Byron Bay, PEEK is focused on exhibiting the finest art being created.

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'.

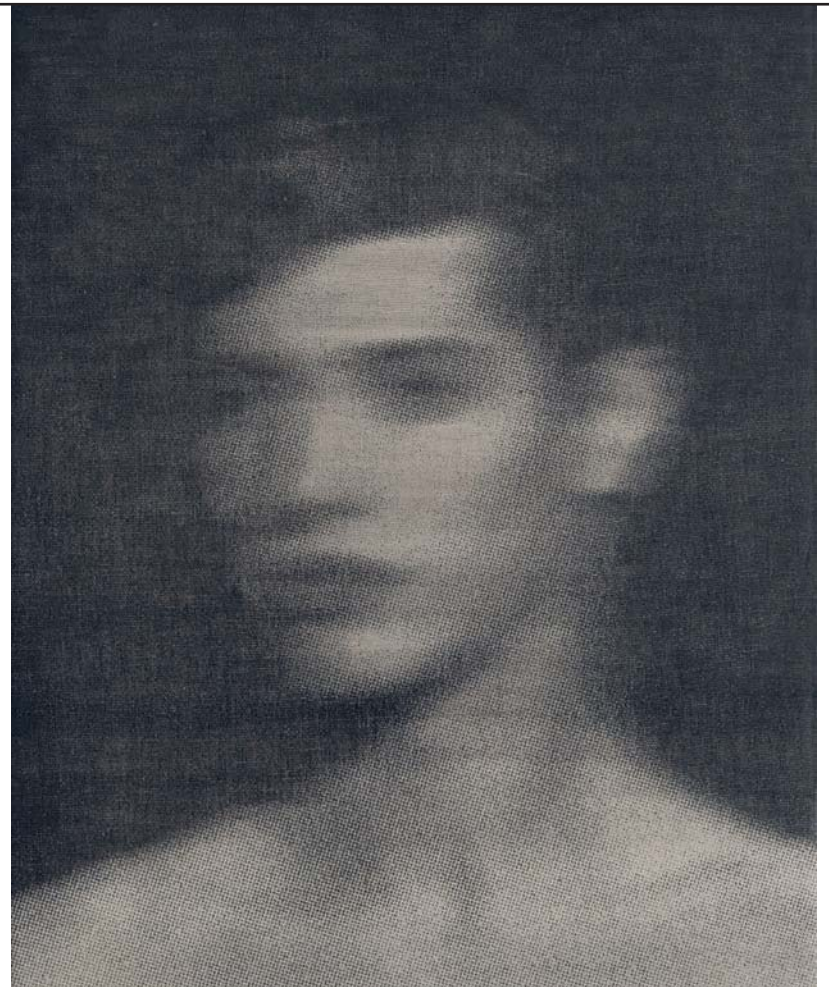
Please contact the Peek Gallery for a digital catalogue, request a local measure and quote, or to arrange an after-hours appointment at the gallery.

**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.

**52 Jonson Street, Byron Bay**  
**Website: wildforestfolk.earth | Insta: @wildforest.folk**



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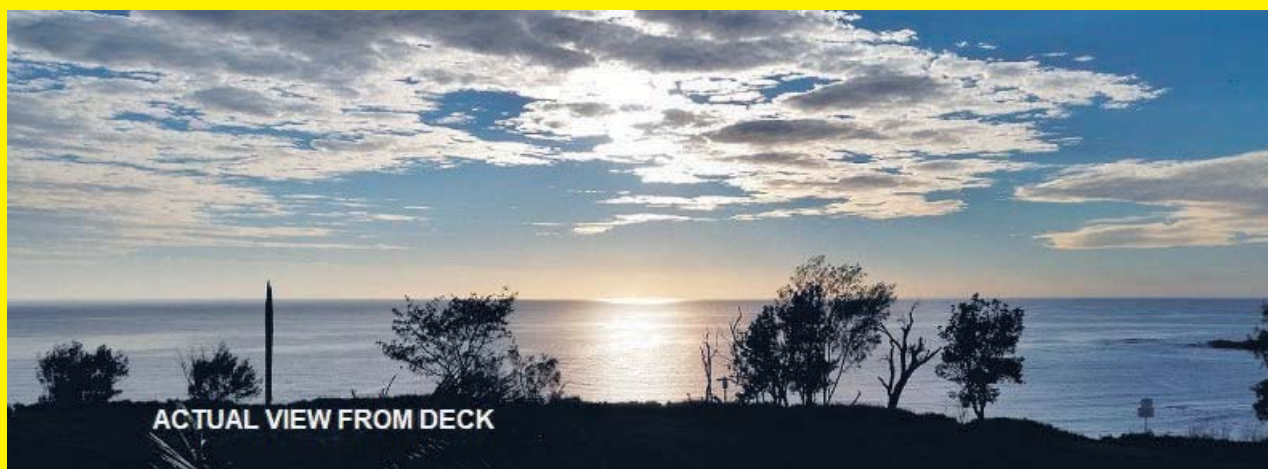


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**1 York Street, Murwillumbah**

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**Sale** Just Listed

**Private Retro Home with Views & Storage**

Nestled on a private corner block, this gorgeous retro-style home enjoys lovely views across nice, green farmland out to the misty Border Ranges.

- Land size: 603 square metres
- Renovated eat-in kitchen with stainless steel appliances



**Elizabeth Hickey**

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elizabeth.hickey@murwillumbah.rh.com.au



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**67 Howards Road, Burringbar**

**View** Scan QR Code

**Sale** Expressions of Interest

**Pocket Herbs & Produce - North Coast Freehold Business & Lifestyle Opportunity**

Set in the pristine foothills of Burringbar NSW, a largely undiscovered gem of the Far North Coast, this private 5-acre property offers an unprecedented lifestyle and business opportunity.

- Environmentally controlled greenhouses cover 4000 sqm.



**Jason Dittmar**

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**21 Jarrah Crescent, Ocean Shores**

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**Sale** Expressions Of Interest

**Opportunity Plus - Home with Ocean Views**

Beyond the private hedging and well-established gardens of this large corner block, you'll discover an appealing brick and tile residence with loads of potential. There's plenty of scope to renovate and add a second storey (STCA).

- Land size: 911 square metres



**Elizabeth Hickey**

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**33 Robin Street, South Golden Beach**

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**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



**Adrian Howe**

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**55 Walker Street, East Lismore**

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**Sale** \$750,000 - \$800,000

**Dual Living / Brilliant Returns / Extended Family**

Whether investing for a great return, or needing space for a large family, a BIG home with a whole lot of options is the best way to describe 55 Walker Street East Lismore.

- North facing aspect in a non-flood location
- Land size: 607 square metres



**Brett McDonald**

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brett.mcdonald@oceanshores.rh.com.au



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**61 Balem Drive, Ocean Shores**

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**Sale** Auction

**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



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4/15 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay

### A Boutique Byron Strata

Strolling along Fletcher Street, weaving in and around the throng of shoppers, it's easy to see why national retailers are lining up to rent shops and keen investors are moving on opportunities quickly. It's quite possibly the most popular street in Byron. On offer is a boutique strata title shop occupied by a secure national tenancy and surrounded by highly successful businesses. Located in the BayWhalers

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complex and with high visibility to the Lawson Street roundabout, its central position underpins its value.

- An extremely well cared for building
- National tenant on a 5-year lease
- Approx size is 60 sqm
- On site car parking and great amenities
- Highly desired footfall position

Price: Contact Agent  
Inspect: By Appointment



David Gordon  
0418 856 222



Boundary line approximate only

105 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

### Byron Iconic Freehold

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

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**Beachside Terrace Apartment**

- 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

Price: Contact Agent  
Open: By Appointment

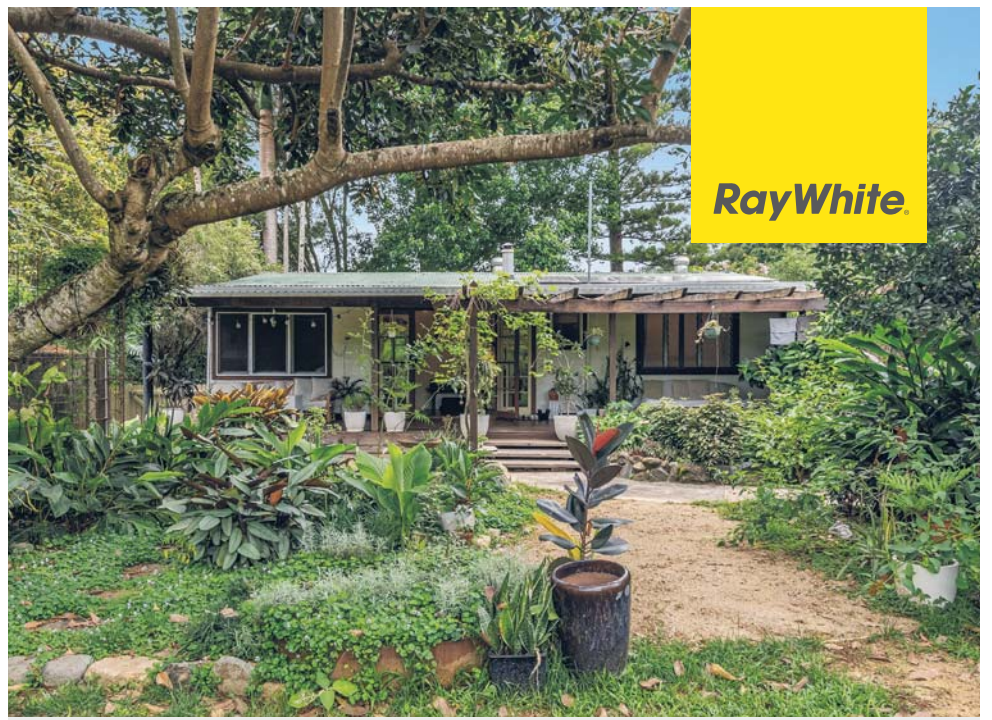


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898 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

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**Charming Home in Peaceful Main Arm Village**

- 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)

Auction : Pending  
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3/3-4 Cape Court, Byron Bay

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**Beautifully Renovated Byron Bay Pad**

- Timber laminate floors throughout living & kitchen
- Recently renovated bathroom with shower & tub plus separate toilet
- Reverse cycle air conditioning
- Crimsafe screens
- Lock up garage with internal access plus attic storage area
- Enclosed rear patio room providing a beautiful extra living space
- Generous & private back yard with side access
- Boutique block of only 9 villas

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1/17 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

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**Modern beach house with fresh interiors close to town**

- Large covered entertaining deck at rear (Two separate decks)
- Double glazing partial/air-conditioned
- Minutes from a great coffee and food at the General Store or the Bay Grocer
- Timber floors, stone benchtops, high ceilings
- Room for a pool / Private gardens / low maintenance
- 1.5 kW Solar system
- Easy walk to town and beaches

Price: Contact Agent  
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Michael Gudgeon  
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Matthew McCormack  
0400 468 587

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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**

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Opens: By Appointment



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**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: \$1.295m to \$1.395m

Opens: By Appointment



Tara Torkkola  
0423 519 698



**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

Opens: By Appointment



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Luke Elwin  
0421 375 635



**'Hoopla' – Stylish architecturally-designed house totally off-grid on sprawling estate an easy bike-ride to Byron town centre**

- Tucked away down a country lane only moments from renowned beaches, is the stunning and utterly private 'Hoopla' estate, set on 7.8 acres of sub-tropical and native gardens - secluded, yet a mere 3km from the vibrant hub of Byron Bay
- No expense has been spared with top quality appliances, fittings & craftsmanship throughout – including a separate hoop-ply, lined, utterly self-contained cabin
- Bi-fold doors open to the covered, wide, wraparound deck with 13.5m solar-ionised pool, pavilion and ensuite - enjoy quintessential Australian living
- Approx. 2/3 of Hoopla is zoned Wildlife Habitat which requires no maintenance
- Byron Lifestyle properties of this calibre and in this location make this a rare offering

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**43 Raywards Lane, Skinners Shoot**

Price: Contact Agent

Opens: By Appointment



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0412 332 232



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

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- 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!

**63 Lizray Road, Federal**

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

Opens: By Appointment



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**Dream Beachside Home**

3 3 2 770M<sup>2</sup>

- This private beachside home, just metres to Tallow Beach is an exceptional opportunity to own your very own piece of paradise
- Backing directly onto native bushland reserve, and set over 3 levels, this architectural home offers 3-beds (plus additional rooms), 3-baths, multiple living spaces, solar heated pool and double garage
- Outdoor dining space plus pool area, positioned as though amongst the treetops
- Nothing left to do but move in and start living the dream beachside lifestyle

**26B Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park**

Price Guide: \$3.85m

Opens: By Appointment



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**Charming home on 5-acres of undulating land with horse arena – Just minutes to the coast!**

- Perfectly positioned between Byron Bay and Brunswick Heads, rests this fabulous 5-acre parcel with beautiful rural views - moments to the pristine coast and beaches
- It is a horse enthusiasts' dream, with paddocks, stables and equestrian arena
- In summer, enjoy alfresco dining under the covered patio and days lounging around the swimming pool, whilst cosying up to the fireplace as a family in the cooler months
- With views across your property and the rolling hills beyond, it is easy to forget you are in arms reach of all the Northern Rivers has to offer!

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**198 Tyagarah Road, Myocum**

Price: Contact Agent

Opens: By Appointment



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

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- 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)
- 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!

**27 Pinegroves Road, Myocum**

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

Open: By Appointment



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**Townhouse in the Heart of Mullumbimby**

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- This modern, well-considered and highly liveable loft-style townhouse offers the ideal space for investors, downsizers and first home buyer alike - opportunities to find 1-bedroom, single or coupled living opportunities are extremely rare
- Situated in central Mullumbimby, within walking distance to the eclectic hub of Mullumbimby with popular cafes, yoga studios and organic grocers
- This townhouse is a solid investment offering simple, contemporary living

**Unit 3/28 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby**

Price Guide: \$500,000 to \$550,000

Opens: By Appointment



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# thank you!

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# Katrina Beohm

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### KEITH HALL

56 Keith Hall Lane South

Price: Contact Agent

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### PRIME POSITION COASTAL ACREAGE

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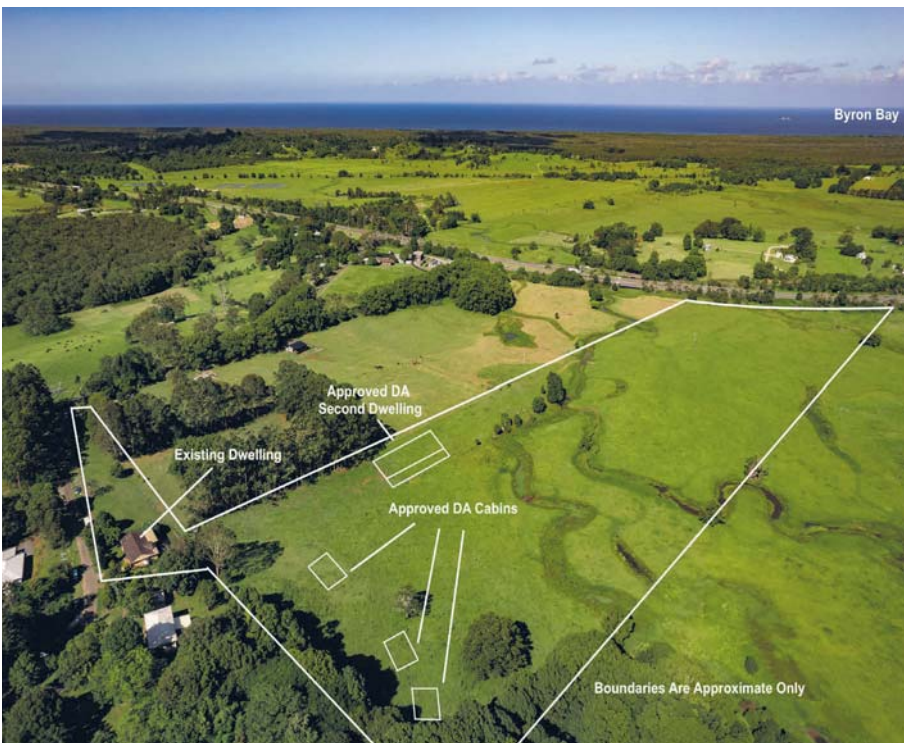
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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Top monarch's frolics (6)
- Makes a vow: I'm back in writing, son (8)
- Dating handy, schedule 24/7 (5,3,3)
- Against the swindle (3)
- Arraign the little devil, every one (7)
- Later on is absurd – ready for action (2,5)
- Choose Barassi – unlikely master of beta rays (8,6)
- Chart included in individuals in holy books – actually books about people (14)
- Indicate fieldsman, circles territory (5,2)
- Not available thanks – small chuckle for Rostov's daughter (7)
- Bad air for the revolutionaries (1,1,1)
- Discordant, horrid music for the famous author (4,7)
- Basic ingredients – silver and gold for starters (8)
- One southern graduate in alternative to a line on a weather map (6)

#### DOWN

- Convict penalised and imprisoned (8)
- Dog – is he a boxer? (3)
- Withdraw regarding the pamphlet (7)
- My radiator soon fell apart – try electronic stargazing! (5,9)
- Posh suburb but a spellbound chief councillor, according to Spooner (7)
- Covert sign for office workers (11)
- A tense encounter in the upper house (6)
- A student of humanity – and defender around the shattered north (14)
- Pate recipe, it needs fixing – do it in a hurry! (11)
- This rare accident exists to a certain extent (2,6)
- John's in the army (7)
- Bombs cats and dogs around a thoroughfare (7)
- Bet ceremony is for a fairy (6)
- Turn up, little brother, for the ball (3)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Escapades (6)
- Undertakings (8)
- Around the clock (5,3,3)
- Jailbird (3)
- Charge with misconduct (7)
- Paying attention (2,5)
- Beam of negatively charged particles (8,6)
- Lists of written sources of information (14)
- Draw attention (5,2)
- Former MP, ... Stott Despoja (7)
- Irish paramilitary group (1,1,1)
- Irish-born British writer (4,7)
- Components (8)
- Line joining places of equal air pressure (6)

#### DOWN

- Cramped; restricted (8)
- Short-nosed dog bred by the Chinese (3)
- Take back (7)
- Study of celestial objects using radio waves (5,9)
- Monopoly's most expensive property! (7)
- Clerical workers (11)
- Parliamentary body (6)
- Scientist who studies humans (14)
- Bring about; hasten (11)
- To a degree (2,6)
- Camp toilet (7)
- Small explosives (7)
- Elf (6)
- Globe (3)

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18 Grandchildren.

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of 29 Great Grandchildren.

Loved Sister of Maureen, Tom,  
Agnes, Aidan, Betty and Marie  
(all deceased).

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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)
22	W	5:45 19:43	22:17 7:55	11:19 1.67 23:20 1.07	04:13 0.30 17:51 0.40
23	TH	5:45 19:43	22:56 8:52	11:58 1.64	04:52 0.35 18:31 0.41
24	F	5:46 19:44	23:32 9:50	00:03 1.06 12:37 1.60	05:34 0.40 19:15 0.42
25	SA	5:46 19:44	10:47	00:54 1.06 13:19 1.55	06:23 0.46 20:00 0.42
26	SU	5:47 19:45	0:06 11:45	01:52 1.08 14:05 1.50	07:21 0.52 20:49 0.40
27	M	5:48 19:45	0:37 12:43	03:00 1.13 14:59 1.44	08:30 0.57 21:41 0.36
28	TU	5:48 19:45	1:09 13:44	04:11 1.23 15:58 1.38	09:46 0.59 22:32 0.32
29	W	5:49 19:46	1:42 14:46	05:15 1.37 17:00 1.32	11:05 0.56 23:22 0.26
30	TH	5:50 19:46	2:18 15:53	06:15 1.52 18:05 1.28	12:21 0.50
31	F	5:50 19:46	3:00 17:03	07:12 1.67 19:08 1.25	00:13 0.20 13:30 0.41
1	SA	5:51 19:47	3:49 18:15	08:06 1.81 20:08 1.23	01:02 0.15 14:32 0.32
2	SU	5:52 19:47	4:46 19:26	08:59 1.91 21:04 1.21	01:51 0.12 15:29 0.24
3	M	5:52 19:47	5:50 20:30	09:49 1.97 21:57 1.21	02:41 0.10 16:21 0.20
4	TU	5:53 19:47	7:00 21:26	10:39 1.97 22:47 1.20	03:30 0.11 17:12 0.20
5	W	5:54 19:47	8:10 22:13	11:27 1.93 23:38 1.19	04:20 0.15 18:00 0.22

Data sourced from Bureau of  
Meteorology. Times adjusted for  
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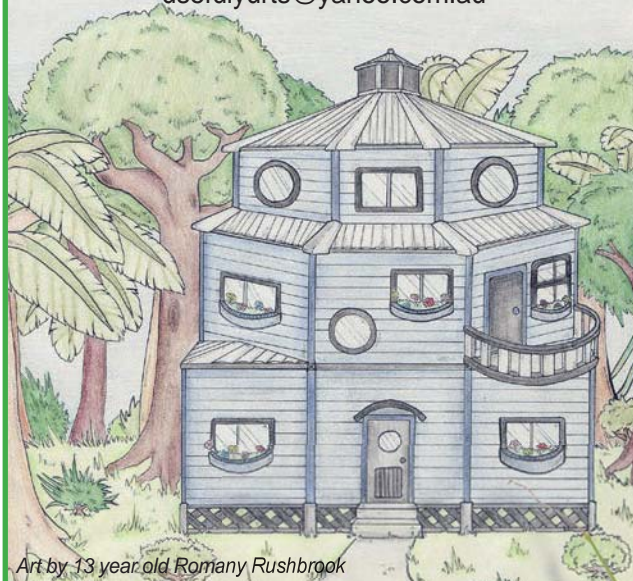
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1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
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3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
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## STARS BY LILITH

Hoping for a drama-free  
exit/entry from old to  
new year these holidays?  
We all are, so use your  
astro-talents to make it  
happen...



CAPRICORN  
THE GOAT

**ARIES:** With Mars in the domain of the  
Archer, plans are best kept flexible.  
Taking on too much is a recipe for stress,  
meltdowns and winding up cranky or  
frazzled. Getting creative with just one  
signature interesting thing at a time is  
enough: like maybe an early start on that  
2022 vision board.

**TAURUS:** Let Venus, principle of grace  
and goodwill, guide you through the  
seasonal rapids. On no account engage  
in stiches about politics or health that  
divide and polarise. Do instead what  
comes naturally: address yourself to the  
food table consumables and offer lavish  
compliment to the chef or host. Happy  
new year.

**GEMINI:** Disseminating the latest, up to  
date news and interesting chitchat has  
always been one of your superpowers. But  
these days when so much information is  
simply opinion, it's increasingly necessary  
to run holiday conversations through  
three basic filters: Is it true? Is it kind? Who  
will benefit from sharing? Good luck.

**CANCER:** You love holiday-hosting  
traditional festivities at home, and who  
could deny the keepers of the clan the  
right to shine in their element? Whether at  
chez Crab or out on the town, if things get  
itchy and scratchy, stick with the kiddies -  
your sign has an innate gift with the littlies.  
And stay hydrated.

**LEO:** Leos love to be in charge, so if you  
aren't asked to play event planner, don't  
sulk, just find a niche something to reign  
over and offer your talents wherever  
they're needed. Pitch in as prep cook,  
decor aid or guest greeter. Or best of all,  
kick back and let others do the hustling.

**VIRGO:** First: Stop saying I'll do it, then  
stewing because everyone's taken  
advantage of your helpful ways and left  
you with the dishes. Second: Allow others  
to wrest responsibility away from you who  
know best and let them do it their way.  
Third: Loosen up, get a little messy, bless  
the mess.

**LIBRA:** Keep your camera at the ready  
these holidays Venusians, because among  
your many stellar achievements are the  
stylish media shot and top-notch video  
skills. Attention to detail, coquettish poses  
and a desire to do everything beautifully  
add up to a supremely artful trifecta. You'll  
be loved for treasured memories in which  
everyone looks good.

**SCORPIO:** A few clues to avoid festive  
fallout? Let someone else tell the first  
raunchy joke. Avoid arguments. If the  
convo declines into tired old stories of  
better times or lacklustre flipping through  
phone photos, spearhead an initiative to  
move somewhere else so everyone can  
end the evening with a feelgood buzz.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Ready to say goodbye  
to the sky gods delivering yet another  
eclipse, retrograde or planetary  
challenge? Sagittarius moon on New Year's  
Eve couldn't be a more auspicious avenue  
through to the start of 2022, and alert  
Mercury jetting through your airwaves  
stimulates some exciting ideas re future  
options and possibilities.

**CAPRICORN:** With strategic Pluto, planet  
of transformation, meeting Mercury  
the mind influencer, and Venus, our heart  
intelligence all in your master-planner sign  
for a powerful end-of-year truth moment,  
expect a prophetic vision of your next big  
chapter. Then when 3 January kicks off  
2022 with Capricorn new moon, get busy  
with the to-do list.

**AQUARIUS:** If a clash between authoritarian  
Saturn and rebellious Uranus disrupts end-  
of-year arrangements, be prepared to do  
things differently, which is your forte after  
all. Biggest no-nos? Playing devil's advocate  
or arriving with unexpected guests; so run  
those plus-twos and threes past whoever's  
in charge in case more isn't merrier.

**PISCES:** As expressive Mercury and love  
planet Venus align, and generous Jupiter  
lights up Pisces for the year's finale, you  
- the zodiac's most understanding and  
engaged listener - will feel confident about  
sharing your feelings without overwhelming  
others. Don't be shy either to offer praise,  
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Echo photographer, Jeff Dawson, snapped this happy, enlightened home in the lead up to Christmas. Here's hoping everyone got what they wished for, and not a virus.



Thanks to all the health care workers, who are on the front-line over the holidays, as virus cases rise exponentially.



Observed by the Hon DumbBlonde on Twitter: 'Should we deny healthcare to the unvaccinated, to those who smoke, those that drink too much, drive too fast, take too many drugs? The answer is NO! We live in a society, and unfortunately in a society, people make bad decisions. That's how we got Scott'.



Correction from last week's editorial – upper house Nationals MP, Ben Franklin, was just appointed NSW Minister for Arts, Aboriginal Affairs and Regional Youth (not parliamentary secretary). As a result, his yearly taxpayer funded pay packet goes from approximately \$200,000 up to around \$300,000.



Australia now has a COVID-19 vaccine claims scheme. The scheme is available at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-claims-scheme](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-vaccine-claims-scheme).



Lock The Gate reports that the NT Environment Centre and the EDO Lawyers have won their case against Federal Resource Minister Keith Pitt's decision to grant \$21m of taxpayer money to fracking company Empire Energy.



Crikey's Bernard Kean writes, 'Australia's gas exports have increased tenfold since 2003, but we're getting much less revenue from the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) than we did back then, and fossil fuel multinationals now boast of how they'll never pay any PRRT'.



With the government spending \$600,000 of taxpayer money on an Arts RISE grant for the upcoming Guns 'N' Roses tour, Labor MP, Tony Burke, pointed out there is 'Still not a dollar to support a COVID-19 insurance scheme for Australian artists'.



'To forgive is not to forget. It is to remember, without falling prey to the past' – Vale, Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu. As a South African anti-apartheid and human rights activist, he was also a supporter of the Palestinian cause.

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