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Holiday lollipop adventures



Ava, Indi, lollipop lady Amber Light, Hadassah and Sarah all took part in Sidestep, an all-ages interactive play adventure outside the Lismore Regional Art Gallery. It was created for the Quad and Lismore City Council's CBD activation team by Mullum-based children's theatre company, Roundabout Theatre. Photo Jeff Dawson

Localisation shines as supply chains weaken

Paul Bibby

While Coles and Woolworths struggle with supply chain issues caused by the Omicron outbreak, local farmer's markets and independent food retailers appear to be coming into their own.

Empty shelves have become a common sight at major supermarkets in recent weeks.

Coles at Ocean Shores seems to have been particularly affected, with the meat, cheese and fresh produce sections frequently featuring large gaps.

But they are far from alone, with Woolworths in Mullumbimby and Byron also clearly affected.

The main reason for the barren shelves are COVID-related staff shortages at the large supply centres which service the major chains, as well as a shortage of delivery drivers.

But the smaller supermarkets, such as Mullumbimby IGA, and the farmer's markets, appear to be weathering the storm far more easily. This is because they are less reliant on the major distribution centres, and source more of their products locally.

The shelves at the IGA Mullum store, for example, have been consistently well-stocked.

More flexible

'I think we're just a lot more flexible, and able to adjust quickly to changing situations,' the store's assistant manager, Andrew Kerry, said.

'We do also get a lot of local products and stuff from small suppliers - meat, vegetables, even toilet paper.'

'You just don't know what tomorrow is going to bring, so

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Hospitals under strain

Hans Lovejoy

With ever increasing pressure on health services across the nation and locally, how are health staff coping - and are there enough ICU beds and ventilators to cope with the ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases?

While the Northern NSW Local Health District (LHD) says, 'There are plans in place to surge staffing and ICU capacity, if and when required', the question of how many ICU beds are currently available is not publicly known.

The Echo was told on August 18, 2021 that there were 20 ICU beds available across the region, yet when asked for an update this week, LHD Chief Executive, Lynne Weir, did not provide those figures, nor that of available ventilators.

Zoe Guinea from the Nurses and Midwives Association (NMA) told The Echo she also doesn't know how many ICU beds are currently available.

Ms Weir did say, however, 'From the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Northern NSW Local Health District has been actively increasing its staffing and up-skilling its workforce in readiness to care for COVID-19 patients in our region.'

'Additional training programs were developed for nurses, midwives, and allied health staff, with more than 265 staff attending surge training in Intensive Care, Emergency and Immunisation specialties to provide additional capacity to care for patients.'

Despite the increased numbers in staffing, Ms Guinea from the NMA said that there are a myriad of issues facing nurses and midwives in the north of the state.

She said that nurses in the region are doing a huge amount of

overtime to fill the shift vacancies.

'The health system was already broken before COVID-19', Ms Guinea said. 'The pressure on the sector is all over the State, but is exacerbated by the north coast region having the highest rate of unvaccinated people.'

She said, 'The problems faced by LHD is that just across the Queensland border, health staff are paid better, and have better conditions.'

'Adding to that, there is a lack of housing available in the north coast region. There's no incentive for health professionals to move here.'

One of the issues the union has been pushing for is a staffing ratio of one nurse to four patients, something that is in place in Qld.

She says instead of ratios, staffing is applied retrospectively. As such, health authorities are 'always playing catch up'.

But Ms Weir says, 'Safe and effective staffing in nursing and midwifery involves more than just numbers of staff. It is about adjusting staffing to meet activity and patient complexity'. The methodology for determining staffing numbers is set out in the Public Health System Nurses' and Midwives' (State) Award, Ms Weir added.

Asked if she thinks the NSW Liberal-Nationals government would introduced ratios, Ms Guinea said she doesn't hold any hope that the government will ever listen.

She said, 'There was a strong voice around this issue at the last NSW election, and Labor, The Greens and Shooters Party all supported ratios. Instead, the NSW Coalition government promised 5,000 nurses.'

'While it sounds like a lot, there's also a lot of hospitals to staff. We are still waiting for a large proportion of those nurses to eventuate.'

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Council's planning powers at risk of removal, say staff

With Council's planning department already under enormous pressure to process DAs, Director Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, has said in a report that a new government policy could result in further pressure, and result in Council's planning powers being removed and handed to administrators.

Her report is contained within the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting of February 3, where newly elected councillors have been asked by Ms Burt to 'note and commend' staff on Council's performance on 'development assessment matters, planning proposals and strategic planning, given numerous legislative changes imposed on councils and challenges as the result of the COVID-19 pandemic during the past 18 months'.

The State government's new policy is titled *Environmental Planning and Assessment (Statement of*

Expectations) Order 2021 and provides benchmark requirements for council performance around 'development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning'.

Ms Burt says her staff handle, on average, around 50 DAs each, double of what is the recommended 'best practice'.

Staff retention

Ms Burt also wrote of the difficulty in retaining planning staff.

'Contract staff are necessary to alleviate both the pressure on FTE staff, and to fill a vacancy when it occurs, owing to the lengthy and difficult process of recruiting the right people that can afford to move to the area and live here. Contract staff, however, come at an added cost to Council'.

She writes, 'This new planning regime is the latest in a long line of reforms to the NSW Planning System, and its related administrative practices imposed on

councils with limited notice and or engagement, which continue to adversely affect councils' service delivery'.

'Anyone dealing with councils like Byron Shire knows that it has been a very difficult 12-24 months for our planning teams.

One-size fits all

'The State's one-size fits-all approach ignores the challenges faced by regional councils, as opposed to those in the cities, where pre-existing use and services simplify the planning process.

'Further, the statutory fees that councils can charge under NSW State Government Regulations have not been increased in decades, yet the NSW Planning System has become more complex, requiring a much wider range of technical expertise and input beyond our town planning staff.

'A process which is further impeded by their inability to review projects for adequacy prior to them being lodged'.

Biz step up to feed frontline staff



Catherine Perversi, Sarah Armstrong and Amanda Bannatyne. Photo Jeff Dawson

Paul Bibby

Local paramedics will be able to get free coffee and snacks at selected local cafes, as part of a major community effort to support frontline health workers during the ongoing and increasing COVID-19 outbreak.

Staff in Emergency Departments, ICUs and COVID wards in Byron and Lismore will be provided with tasty and nutritious meals.

Some of the approximately \$25,000 raised so far will also be spent on setting up accounts at local cafes so that paramedics can grab a free coffee and a snack as they rush from one job to another.

'We really wanted to support the paramedics as well, but it's a bit hard to reach them because they're out on the road so much,' said Sarah Armstrong, one of the key organisers of the fundraiser.

'At the moment, we're figuring out which cafes are

the most popular with the paramedics when they're on the road.'

The project has also received incredible support from local businesses, even though many are facing their own struggles because of the pandemic. More than a dozen shops and food-related businesses have put their hands up to help, providing everything from fruit and snacks to a mobile cool room and a coffee machine.

'So many places that we've sourced food from are already dealing with their own staffing issues as a result of the pandemic,' Ms Armstrong said.

'Some aren't sure whether they can open each day, but they're still willing to help.'

The organisers will, this week, provide their first delivery of meals to Byron Hospital, handing over dozens of pre-cooked dishes prepared by local vegan caterer, Yummify.

Lismore Hospital will also receive their first shipment soon, with local business Mayfield Kitchen providing the meals.

The impact of the project is being felt before the food even hits the plates of nurses and other frontline staff.

'We've had messages from staff saying how much it boosts their morale,' Ms Armstrong says.

'To know that the community is supporting them and expressing their appreciation makes a big difference.'

Organisers are asking locals to who haven't yet donated to visit the project's GoFundMe page Front Up for the Font Line and help them achieve their goal of raising \$50,000.

'We're encouraging people to tune in with anyone they know who might want to donate and point them toward the Facebook page or the GoFundMe page: www.bit.ly/3rrJo70.

Have you registered your Byron holiday rental property?

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

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

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End of an era for Carsburg and his team



Damien Carsberg, Stewie Rose, Anne-Marie Hannon, Jonathon Fox, Pete 'Watto' Watson, Steve Harris and Tony Carsberg. Photo Jeff Dawson

Hans Lovejoy

As a regional manager for General Motors in 1976, the young Tony Carsburg thought he would't end up in Mullum.

But he did – and the town, through his huge sponsorship and community contributions over 47 years – has a lot to be thankful for.

This week, the iconic service, sales and repair business on Argyle Street will change hands, with Tony selling the business to Brendan Lawless, owner of the Middle Pub.

Mr Lawless told *The Echo* plans for the business will be unveiled in coming weeks, and that with the other businesses he has in Mullum, he will aim to keep to the ethos of the town.

The garage is known to have been in operation since the 1930s.

'It's just time to move on', Tony told *The Echo*. 'We've had a lot of fun, and we've all felt very well accepted in the town'.

While working in Brisbane all those years ago, Tony said he was on his way to Melbourne for a job he 'didn't really want to do'.

'I knew the previous owner of the garage, Mel Hansen and his wife, and I took them out for lunch where he told me he wanted to sell'.

Tony said he didn't think about buying very seriously, but circumstances, and a bit of prompting from family and AGC Finance, eventually led him to make an offer.

'When I arrived, I knew no-one in Mullum', he said.

Yet after just two weeks

of having the business, Tony says he was approached by Bob McCann, the local police sergeant at the time.

'He was asking businesses for small donations for Foundation 49, which raised money for treatment and research around premature babies.

'I gave him enough to be a major sponsor. Later, when I was handing out the awards, I recognised many faces of people who came into our garage and sales yard, though I didn't know their names'.

And so began Tony's huge impact on the town as a charitable and active community member.

Tony provided a long list of organisations and events he has supported for 47 years – it was hard to keep up while writing them all down!

Rugby, women's netball, the RSL, the Ocean Shores Country Club, school fetes, surf lifesaving, and the Mullum Show are just a few that have benefitted from years of Carsburg's sponsorship.

And so did all of Byron Shire's bowling and golf clubs, as well as sponsorship of the Tweed District Championships for approximately 35 years.

Friendships developed

'One of the things I remember most about this job is the friendships that developed over the years', he said.

'I'll never forget it. We've sold cars to two and three generations of locals.

Four years ago, Carsburg and Holden parted ways, after Holden ended their dealership arrangement. It was part of the bigger restructure that affected small town dealerships across the country.

Eventually, car manufacturing ceased in Australia.

'It was ridiculous for the government to let car manufacturing go', he says.

'Just before the government pulled the plug, the VF Commodore was winning awards for its quality and design. It was a beautiful car'.

Longest employee

One of Carsburg's longest serving employees is Peter Watson, who recently moved to Casino and is recovering from a brain tumour. Many would know his work with NRMA, which he started doing 'at around the age of 17 or 18'.

'I was born in Wilsons Creek', he says, and went to Mullum Primary and then Mullum High, before starting his apprenticeship at age 15-and-a-half.

'It's been a very demanding job at times', he said.

'There were a lot more calls in the old days, but it got easier with better technology, especially mobile phones'.

Flat batteries, being locked out of cars, and flood waters were some main reasons for callouts, he says.

'Before breath-testing came in, there were a lot of weekend accidents', he says.

As for what changes he has seen in the town over all these years, Peter says instantly: 'Traffic!'

Peter says he is doing well in recovery and hopes to be able to return to his Mullum job a few days a week when he is in the clear.

Localisation shines as supply chains weaken

► Continued from page 1 being able to adapt is really important.'

The farmer's markets are in an even better position to dodge the supply chain issues plaguing the major supermarket chains.

In many cases, it is the farmers themselves who are transporting and selling the produce at these markets, meaning that they have largely avoided the bottlenecks caused by staff shortages in the logistics sector.

At the same time, market staff are mainly working outdoors – both on the farm and at the market – meaning that they are much less likely to contract COVID.

Not surprisingly, the markets – along with the independent retailers – have been extra busy so far this year.

'Fortunately we've got a really good crew of staff', Mr Kerry said. 'They're pretty loyal and they're really good as far as people filling in for others is concerned.'

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Rainbow Temple squeezed by Lismore Council

Paul Bibby

For two decades, the Rainbow Temple in Rosebank has stood as a striking reflection of the region's proudly beating spiritual heart.

But the much-loved temple, and the glow worm tunnel that runs beneath it, are now, seemingly, on a collision course with Lismore Council, which could see them demolished or dramatically reduced in size.

The temple was built without a development application and is not compliant with Council's building rules.

Lismore Council says that rather than demanding demolition, it is simply 'investigating' whether the building and the 65-metre tunnel beneath it are structurally sound.

But fears are growing that Council will force the man who initiated the building of the temple, Guy Feldmann, to tear it down.

In response, the local community has launched a campaign to protect the site, including a petition (with 5,000-signatures so far), calling on the Council to allow the building and tunnel to remain as they are.

Calls for cooperation

The petition demands that Council stops the demolition and 'cooperates with the Temple team giving them time for fundraising, applying for appropriate development approvals and remediation action to take place.'



Guy Feldmann with his beloved Rainbow Temple in Rosebank. Photo Eve Jeffery

They have also announced that they will apply for State and federal heritage listing in a bid to ensure the landmark is protected and preserved in perpetuity.

A GoFundMe page has also been launched to support the campaign financially.

'The Rainbow Temple was built to represent the journey of life on Earth and to the great awakening of consciousness that will allow peace and harmony for mankind with each other and all the aspects of nature,' the petition states.

'It deserves to remain as an inspirational icon to all those that have had the good fortune to experience the wonderful, balanced energy that it provides, a true reflection of the natural and harmonious energy

that the Rainbow Region is recognised for.'

Mr Feldmann said that he believed the temple would survive to welcome in the next generation and many more to come.

'The Rainbow Temple is meant to be a meeting place belonging to no religion, but devoted to the truth of life on Earth, the complete journey, past, present and future,' he said.

'I foresee a major community reaction if Council tries to tear it down.'

Narrow laws

'Council says it's unsafe, but it's been there for 20 years. We have to change these laws. The laws are too binding and totally narrow.'

'I didn't want to go public with this – I always prefer a diplomatic approach. But

they've got their heads set to demolish and are not willing to change their view.'

A spokesperson for the Council said the Temple's vertical extensions were currently being investigated by Council, and 'no decision had been made with regard to the longevity of the additional floors.'

'Council, as a matter of priority, has initially requested the owner provide a Certificate of Structural Adequacy, to ensure the building is structurally sound and not an endangerment to the owners, any occupants or visitors,' the spokesperson said.

'The matter is on-going.' To sign the petition, go to getup.org.au and search for Rainbow Temple.

To make a donation, visit <https://bit.ly/3249jsO>.

Mentoring program to fund local reforestation

Local youth mentoring organisation, Luminous Youth, is inviting community members who are passionate about their occupation to share their personal journey and passion with young people aged 10–14 years.

Luminous Youth Co-Director Paul Crebar, told *The Echo*, 'The 90-minute mentoring sharing translates into 30sqm of rainforest being planted through the local start-up charity, We Forest Earth, with the current

reforestation site in process at The Pocket.'

'The "Quest" program began in 2021, and supports young people in understanding what inspires them by providing experiences with community members living

their passion, combined with the development of life and relationship-based skills.'

For families wanting to enroll their child in this session, or to be a mentor, contact Paul Crebar on paul@luminouslyouth.org.

Byron Shire tops region for land values

Land values across the North Coast region have experienced a very strong increase since July 1, 2020, according to the NSW Valuer General, Dr David Parker.

He published land values for the North Coast region, and says the total land value for the region increased by 28.7 per cent between July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2021.

Dr Parker said that represents \$89.3 billion to \$115.5 billion in land value.

He said, 'The strongest growth was in Byron (51.9 per cent), followed by Ballina (39.3 per cent), Richmond Valley (38.4 per cent), Clarence Valley (31.9 per cent) and Kyogle (27.4 per cent).'

The north coast local government areas are Ballina, Bellingen, Byron, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Kyogle, Lismore, Mid-Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie- Hastings, Richmond Valley and Tweed.

Property sales are the most important factor valuers consider when determining land values, Dr Parker said.

'Land value is the value of the land only and does not include the value of a home or other structures', Dr Parker said.

Industrial land

Industrial land values for the region increased by 22.6 per cent, he said, with,

'Very strong increases in Byron (37.1 per cent) followed heightened demand for relatively affordable industrial space in Bangalow and Mullumbimby.'

Revenue NSW will use the July 1, 2021 land values to calculate land tax for the 2022 land tax year, which also determines Council rates.

To find more information on land tax, visit www.revenue.nsw.gov.au.

Vale Byron girl, Patricia Marcia Dailhou

Mark Dailhou

Patricia, better known as Pat or Patsy, was born in Byron Bay in 1933 and was the second eldest of nine, to Horace Cecil Vernon Freeman (better known as 'Bluey') and Dorothy Lulu Freeman (nee Daniels).

Patsy was a real Byron Bay beach babe, who, along with sister Kath, were chaperones at the NSW SLS Championships in the late forties.

Her dad, Bluey, coached and refereed in what was then known as the Byron Rugby League, and her mother played for the North Coast in Hockey.

Daniels Street, off Paterson and Massinger Streets, was named after her grandfather; he had owned a parcel of land, just behind The Pass.

Patsy did all of her schooling at St Finbarrs, graduating with an intermediate certificate, securing her first job as a clerical staff member at Norco, before moving on to being a telephonist at the Byron Exchange and working for PMG (now called Telstra).

But this was about to change, as she succumbed to the charms of a dashing



Pat at the Mullum Show (circa 1952). Photo supplied

young butcher from Mullumbimby, Paul Wallace Dailhou.

Pat and Paul married in Byron Bay in 1953.

In Mullum, she quietly became the matriarch of the Dailhou family, raising five children: Peter, John (Mook), Maree, Greg and Mark (me).

Pat and Paul were a big part of the local community.

They were both very community minded, being heavily involved in the Catholic church, footy club and the Lions club.

She was also the secretary for the Catholic Ball and read to the students at school, cleaned the church, was in the church choir, and

wrapped thousands of lucky dips in our loungeroom for the annual Catholic Christmas Carnival, to which everyone in town would go.

Pat was also the local treasurer for St Vincent De Paul for ten years. It was an important role as she helped to determine which people or families deserved assistance.

The footy club was a huge part of their lives, especially as dad had two stints as an A Grade manager.

With all of the boys playing, the family rarely missed a game. We had many football parties, often helping to raise money for injured footballers.

As a kid, I will never forget one impromptu football party after pre-season training on the beach at Bruns, which resulted in a massive Two Up game in our backyard.

We knew every footballer in town, with most new players coming to our place for a baked dinner or a barbie, and sometimes staying the night.

Mum and dad were both heavily involved in the Lions Club, with both becoming life members. Lady Lioness Patricia Dailhou and Lion Paul did have a fantastic time

while doing charity work and fundraising, including at the Chincogan Fiesta.

Two of her brothers were successful jockeys, with Bruce "Spruiker" Freeman arguably the greatest horseman to come out of the Byron Shire.

Patsy's youngest sister, Cynthia, and husband Alan Kirk, were the caretakers at the Clarke's Beach Caravan Park for 25 years, witnessing firsthand, the evolution of Byron from small coastal town to international tourism hotspot.

Wategos sisters

Patsy grew up and was friends with the very popular Wategos sisters, whose father owned a banana plantation at Wategos Beach, named after the family.

Patsy passed away in August last year, at 87, having lived in the family home in Morrison Ave for 52 years.

She spent her last couple of months in Coolamon Nursing Home, fittingly, as her many years of fundraising efforts were rewarded.

Patsy was a much loved member of the Byron Shire, and a local hero.

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Ballina's new Greens councillors ready for action

Although recent local government elections across the Northern Rivers were dominated by the surge of right-leaning candidates, state-wide there was a very successful result for The Greens, with 67 councillors elected (up from 56). Two of these new representatives are in Ballina, Ward C's Simon Chate and Ward B's Kiri Dicker.

An unexpected vote for two Rous representatives from Lismore Council

The new Lismore City Council voted for two Councillors to represent Lismore on Rous County Council, even though the agenda was clear that Rous County Council voting had been excluded owing to the requirement for a minimum nomination period of 21 days.

Community the big winner at Rotary Duck Race

The Richmond River at Fawcett Park in Ballina was full of colour on the weekend for the 30th Rotary Duck Race. The event has raised a quarter of a million dollars for charity over its history in Ballina.

Lung specialist 'we're doing the best we can'

Concord and Nepean Hospitals lung specialist Dr Lucy Morgan gave an update on COVID-19. Dr Morgan says she works as part of a team of people looking after patients with COVID.

Lismore's Australia Day Ambassadors

Ahead of the Australia Day celebrations Olympians Kaarle McCulloch and Kevin Chavez have been announced as Lismore's 2022 Australia Day Ambassadors.

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Lismore Council chooses by-election option over 'countback' if a position becomes vacant

Aslan Shand

New Lismore councillor, Big Rob, took to the floor of the Council chambers during their first meeting on January 11 to repeatedly speak up about reducing the costs of Council expenditure.

As such, it came as a surprise to many that Cr Rob then insisted that Council should spend considerable money on a by-election rather than the newly introduced 'countback' system that fills the vacancy with preference data from the last election.

All NSW councils have entered into a shorter term, owing to COVID-19 restrictions that prevented earlier elections. Normal terms are four years.

It is the first time that



Cr Big Rob. Photo supplied

a 'countback' option has been made available to local councils by the State Government, and is aimed at reducing the costs to ratepayers should a casual vacancy be created on the council.

The process 'uses preference data from ballot papers from the previous local government ordinary election' and 'uses the same proportional representation method used in the original election', states the NSW Electoral Commission.

The same decision on a 'countback' versus a by-election will be required by each NSW council at their first meeting.

According to Lismore Council staff, the recent Council election cost ratepayers approximately \$400,000 and a by-election would cost \$50-60,000 'as a minimum'.

As such, the staff recommendation was to support a 'countback' rather than a by-election.

Speaking in support of a by-election Councillor Rob said, 'It's a shortened term, I don't think anyone's leaving'.

'And if something does happen, I think it should go back to the voters to decide, instead of letting the preference deals that were done by everyone decide the outcome.'

'Because I believe if it goes back to a countback...

after the preferences have been run, I don't think the results are in line with the way the community has voted. So I think let it go to a by-election.'

However, Councillor Ely Bird pointed out that it 'is not always by personal choice' for a councillor to resign.

'We never know what might happen in an individual's life that would prevent them from continuing to fulfil the role.'

The high cost of a by-election was also highlighted at the Lismore Council meeting by councillor Adam Guise, who told the meeting that 'It's a no brainer in my mind that we don't go down the path of by-elections. The community does not like it. It's a huge expense.'

Speaking to *The Echo* after the meeting, Councillor Bird said, 'A by-election is a costly

process for Council, and for the community that can easily be avoided, and the only reason I can see to make that decision is that there is either a misunderstanding of the countback process, or a concern that a countback would result in a shift in the numbers, and a councillor with a different political position to the majority may join the Chamber.'

The new councillors, Mayor Steve Krieg, Deputy Mayor Peter Colby, Big Rob, Andrew Bing, Jeri Hall, Electra Jensen and Andrew Gordon voted to support the motion for a by-election over a 'countback' with councillors Elly Bird, Darlene Cook, Vanessa Ekins, and Adam Guise voting against. A by-election will be run in Lismore local government area should a councillor resign.

New mayor for Tweed Council

Aslan Shand

Following the election of Councillors Chris Cherry (Independent) and Reece Byrnes (Labor) as the Tweed Mayor and Deputy Mayor at last Tuesday's Tweed Council meeting, the next order of business was to decide if a by-election should take place if a councillor could not continue in their elected role.

Councillors are required to decide if they would have a by-election, or what is called a 'countback' should one of the seven Council positions become vacant in the next 18 months.



Cr Chris Cherry.

See above story for more information.

The vote to support a countback election for any casual vacancies in the upcoming 18 months was supported unanimously by all newly elected councillors.

Disaster prevention pledge welcomed

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has welcomed a pre-election commitment from Federal Labor to invest up to \$200 million per year in disaster prevention and resilience.

President Linda Scott said that ALGA had asked all political parties to support such a program through its 2022 Federal Election Platform.

'Currently, less than five per cent of our nation's disaster funding goes towards mitigation and community resilience measures', Cr Scott said.

'This needs to increase to make sure that our communities - particularly those where exposure to fires and floods is greatest - are better prepared for the increasing number of emergency events we're seeing.'

'Aside from the spiralling human toll, the economic costs of natural disasters now far exceed insured losses.'

'However, independent analysis we've commissioned shows that a \$200 million per year investment in disaster mitigation would create up to 1,833 new jobs and add \$280

million to our nation's GDP'.

Cr Scott said that local governments around Australia would also welcome this pre-election funding commitment.

'We make a substantial contribution to disaster relief, recovery, and management, through investing in evacuation centres, fire breaks, and telecommunications improvements', Cr Scott said.

'If local governments are to reduce and manage the impacts of future natural disaster events, we need increased support'.

Ballina cat people needed for cuddles

David Lowe

Ballina-based animal welfare organisation, Northern Rivers Animal Services Inc, is on the lookout for cat-lovers to help at their cat cottage, and foster carers for both dogs and cats.

The Echo caught up with NRAS President, Jo Parker, and her rescue dog, Maggie, in Ballina on the weekend, at the Rotary Duck Race in Fawcett Park.

'We've got a really close relationship with Ballina on Richmond Rotary,' said Ms Parker, 'and we're actually one of the recipients of the fundraising that they're doing today.'

Jo Parker said, 'We re-home the companion animals, dogs and cats within

the area. We've now got a shelter out at Piper Drive, where we can house dogs for emergency care. We've also got a three room cat cottage, which is pretty full at the moment.'

'We're actually looking for cat cottage people to come in and help us clean up after the kittens, as well as feed them and cuddle them.'

As a self-funded, not-for-profit charity, NRAS has a vision to raise the value of dogs and cats in society, prevent the births of unwanted kittens and puppies, and find safe and happy homes with responsible pet-owners. They target zero euthanasia rates for all healthy and treatable cats and dogs.

With no RSPCA between

Coffs Harbour and Tweed Heads, the organisation fills a vital niche on the Northern Rivers.

'Most of our animals are in foster care,' explained Ms Parker.

'We don't want them to just be in the shelter.' 'So they go to people's homes and get looked after in people's homes until they're ready to be adopted.'

'But with the kitty cottage, we've got a lovely facility where mum can be with her kittens, in a lovely air conditioned area. We've also got outdoor enclosures,' she said.

To volunteer, or find out more about Northern Rivers Animal Services, ring them on (02) 6681 1860 or email: nras@live.com.au.

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Free Skills for Recovery course available

Byron Community College say they have received NSW Government funding as part of the Skills for Recovery initiative.

The college's Krista Fuller says, '\$320 million in funding has been committed to provide fee free and subsidised training to residents across NSW, and Byron College is leading the charge as our Shire's key provider of funded, nationally accredited training'.

Open doors to work

'Whether new to the job market or looking for a career change, nationally accredited certificate training has been shown to open doors to an enviable work/life balance across a wide range of sectors, including massage therapy, permaculture, horticulture, individual support and community services.

'There is a focus within these industries on supporting community, both



Byron Community College students. Photo supplied

on an environmental and personal level.

'So if that's something you feel an affinity for, you now have a good chance of being eligible to earn your qualification at little or no cost'.

Previous student, Marcus Irwin says, 'Not only did the

massage therapy course provide me with a brand-new career later in life, it also gave me the confidence to start my own business'.

Krista added, 'Graduating with a nationally recognised Certificate is designed to set you up for success. Starting out on the front foot with

subsidised fees, supervised field work and the skills to handle any job interview, or run your own business, is what the Skills for Recovery initiative is about'.

Learn more at www.byroncollege.org.au, or call 6684 3374 to see if you are eligible.

Hard hitters in Bruns



The Bruns Woodchop Festival was held last weekend, and pictured is Jamie Head as he chops his way to winning the 300mm Hard Hitting championship. Photo Jeff Dawson

Daintree buyback sees more forest retained

Aslan Shand

Over the last two-and-a-half years, the Mullumbimby based Rainforest 4 Foundation has had a mission to buy back parts of the Daintree Lowland Rainforest that were subdivided for sale in the 1980s.

They have now bought back 20 properties in those short years, totalling 50ha of the forest that were excluded from the Daintree National Park and World Heritage listing.

Rainforest 4 Foundation founder, Kelvin Davies,

says the achievement is owing to the passion and commitment of everyday Australians and people from around the world.

The organisation also works with Jimmy Halfcut from the not-for-profit, HalfCut, to help raise money

for the buybacks.

Prior to the Christmas break, three more blocks came up for sale and were bought. To make a donation to purchase future properties in the Daintree Lowland Rainforest visit www.Rainforest4.org or call 8005 6995.

Ocean Shores DA threat to biodiversity, say residents

Hans Lovejoy

A proposal to subdivide one lot (2,097m²) into three lots, and build two dwellings and three secondary dwellings, in densely forested riparian land in North Ocean Shores would create 'Gold-Coast-style overdevelopment', say residents.

One of the residents who contacted *The Echo*, Catherine Lane, said that their homes are adjacent to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve, which is 'the last significant stretch of bush left on the coast, between here and the border. It is home to 170 species of fauna, (mostly birds), many are vulnerable and endangered'.

According to the plans submitted by Howard Porter, the build will require the removal of eight trees, or the clearing of 300m² of land.

While the Statement of Environmental Effects report claims the land does not contain biodiverse vegetation, or high environmental

value vegetation, Ms Lane is not convinced.

'When the Tread Lightly Estate in Hardy Avenue on Capricornia Canal was developed years ago, (knowingly on the flood plain and adjacent to the Billinudgel Nature Reserve), a riparian buffer was established as a wildlife corridor.

'Still in place today, it extends beyond the waterline and along the western edge of the watercourse. Landholders have always been under strict instructions to maintain existing vegetation in the zone. Domestic pets were excluded; human access to the water was not prioritised'.

She says, apart from the loss of trees, the proposal is 'inordinate with current residential density', is a 'visual affront', has 'serious parking issues, [threatens] noise pollution', and has the 'potential for holiday letting'.

Yet the developer, Howard Porter told *The Echo*, 'The proposal before Council is

compliant with the Byron Shire Council LEP, with densities well below the LEP maximums'.

The Echo asked how the traffic would be managed with five dwellings, as it appeared 'there was only enough car spaces for the two primary dwellings, but none allocated for the secondary dwellings'.

Mr Porter said, 'With easy walking distance to Ocean Shores Primary School and a cycle to the beach, the site is well suited to support three multi-generational families within both the spirit and intent of the LEP in the Byron Shire'.

LEP compliant

'Parking is as directed by the LEP.

'A key element of the proposal involves the removal of non-native, invasive species such as bamboo and a 10-1 planting of native species for any tree removed'.

When asked if there were

plans to offer this as affordable housing, he replied, 'I have three children, and my family has been in the Shire for over 20 years. As to which of the granny flats I end up in is yet to be determined, as my children seem inordinately single. Prospective in-laws are welcome to apply and change that situation, I had not considered arranged marriage, or advertising as an option previously, but your unexpected email with this kind offer of free copy seems timely'.

Ms Lane added, 'While the developer will profit from the work of residents who have preserved the integrity of the landscape, they in turn will lose environmental and economic value in something they have worked to protect'.

'This DA mocks the intention of the Tread Lightly Estate. If allowed, this Gold-Coast-style overdevelopment will put extreme pressure on an important natural space and its biodiversity. It should not be allowed'.

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Dear Committee Secretariat

The federal Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts has commenced a new inquiry into Australia's regional newspapers (print and digital).

According to its terms of references, the Committee will consider: 'The impact of decisions in a number of markets in regional and remote Australia by large publishers such as News Corp and Australian Community Media to suspend publication of print editions; The extent to which there has been entry into these or other markets by new operators, particularly small businesses; The impact of the News Media Bargaining Code for regional and remote newspapers'; and, 'The degree to which there has been economic recovery in regional and remote markets from the impacts of COVID, and whether this has led to advertising revenue improving'.

As the committee says it 'is keen to receive the views of the community and stakeholders', herewith is my humble submission:

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Dear Committee Secretariat,

Large publishers, particularly News Corp, have played a major role in diminishing not only news content and social cohesion in this country, but have also had a corrosive effect on the same in the the UK and the US.

News Corp works for the interests of the ruling one per cent, and under chairman Rupert Murdoch, have poisoned the well of news gathering.

In its simplest terms, news media should 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable' (Peter Dunne).

Instead of holding the powerful to account, News Corp's influence has led to incompetent and corrupt Liberal-Nationals Governments being re-elected on lie after lie.

In turn, incompetent and corrupt Liberal-Nationals Governments have rewarded News Corp with even more power, to the extent that the ABC is now too frightened to speak truth to power.

There was once strict laws around media ownership because there was an understanding that too much concentrated power is not in the best interest of the nation.

Laws were changed by incompetent and corrupt Liberal-National Governments to allow News Corp to buy up as much media as it wanted, including regional newspapers. They then shut them down in 2020, and Australia has been poorer for it, ever since.

Since Fairfax was swallowed into Nine Entertainment in 2018, the result has been less quality news gathering. Their independence is questionable, given Nine's close ties to the Liberal-Nationals Governments (Nine Entertainment chairman is former Liberal MP, Peter Costello).

If the government is serious about improving news for regional Australia, they could instead start by looking at the whole of Australia.

Corporations that hold monopolies and duopolies, including foreign big tech, need to be broken up and actually taxed, and not be allowed to 'avoid' tax. Investment of said taxes should go into education, health and sustainable infrastructure. It's the best insurance for the future.

PS: The News Media Bargaining Code was always a joke, wasn't it?

Hans Lovejoy, *Echo* editor

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The Lord and that 'dance'

Two things happened during the last week that perfectly illustrate the federal government's position on religious discrimination in Australia.

It's a topic they spent months focussing on last year in preference to less vital issues, like how to handle opening the country during a still-active pandemic, or whether maybe ordering some of those Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) would be a smart idea.

Firstly, Attorney-General, Michaelia Cash, released the newest iteration of the *Religious Discrimination Bill*, thereby confirming that yeah, all those supposed protections that she'd promised regarding preventing gay teachers and students getting summarily kicked out of private schools weren't happening after all, soz.

Secondly, a video was leaked of a Revival Camp, held by mega-church Hillsong in the Newcastle region.

The video showed a close-packed crowd of maskless congregants dancing and singing to live music, at a time when public dancing and singing in NSW is banned at all venues (even while masked, seated, and socially-distanced), owing to well-founded concerns about public safety.

With artists and venues once again taking financial and professional punches for the greater good, this wasn't merely maddening; it was an unambiguous insult.

Especially when it became evident that Hillsong was subjected to exactly zero consequences for this breach, aside from an announcement from Premier Dominic Perrottet that he was shocked – simply SHOCKED, I tells you! – that such a thing was going on, and that NSW Police had given them a stern admonishment not to do it again.

One might assume that the Church wasn't overly concerned about a public finger-wagging from a government clearly disinclined to do anything as gauche as actually policing their activities on public health grounds.



'This is about politically-connected organisations demanding the right to be exempt from rules they don't care for'

Andrew P Street

At a guess, Hillsong is probably rather more interested in hunting down whoever leaked that footage and doing some policing of their own.

Taken together, these two events paint a deeply unsettling picture of the state of religious thought of a certain flavour of conservative-leaning Christianity in Australia.

And it's important, because this proposed new law isn't about levelling a playing field or righting an existing wrong. This is about politically-connected organisations demanding the right to be exempt from rules they don't care for, no matter the consequences.

After all, this was a bill that was promised in 2017, in the wake of legislating marriage equality following the same-sex marriage postal survey not-actually-a-plebiscite, in which gay folks were finally allowed to marry and where religious conservatives lost precisely nothing and still loudly demanded to be compensated.

And it's worth remembering also that the postal survey not-a-plebiscite wasn't a good-faith process to come to a conclusion on an important social question.

It was a dirty trick by the Coalition government of Tony Abbott to be seen to be doing something – about legislation that a majority of Australians supported – without actually doing it, and was deliberately designed to be non-binding in order that the government could merrily ignore the result if it ran counter to what Tony preferred.

Indeed, the only reason the *Marriage Act* was eventually amended at all was that the non-homophobic Malcolm Turnbull had become PM in the interim,

while Abbott and other men of supposedly deeply-held principle (including deputy PM Barnaby Joyce and current PM Scott Morrison) literally scurried out of the House of Representatives so they wouldn't have to cast a vote.

You know, because they totally respected this very important process.

That's the spirit we see in a law that seeks to out children to their potentially unforgiving parents by permitting them to be expelled for something they can't possibly change, and the spirit we see when a church smugly pretends that a virus can somehow distinguish between a live gig at a pub and a live gig in a Revival Camp.

There are very real issues of discrimination against people of faith in Australia, as anyone who has worn a hijab on a train, or been publicly Jewish on the internet, can attest.

Expanding the *Racial Discrimination Act* to accept cultural identity as being equivalent to and often indistinguishable from national or racial identity would seem to be an obvious starting point.

However, that doesn't seem to be the main concern driving the Morrison government's legislation.

Instead, we have a proposed law that seeks to punish and ostracise people for their sexuality, which is being supported by organisations that don't themselves adhere to laws when they don't suit them.

For a nation supposedly dedicated to the Fair Go, it seems distinctly un-Australian.

And in any case, doesn't the Lord Himself detest the use of dishonest scales?

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For all matters, when it matters most.

Food for thought?

'The fundamental cause of the trouble,' he wrote, 'is that in the modern world, the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt.' Bertrand Russell said this. I wonder if Mr Perrottet has read it?

M Easton
Ballina

COVID strategy

Our PM and premier have decided to fall back on the old 'Dunkirk Strategy': Retreat, withdraw and claim a victory.

Harald Ehrlich
Balmain

looked like immediately after the inflation and dark matter period and before gravitas dominated attraction.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm Spaced Centre

Happiness

Mick woke up this morning to a great epiphany. So, we've decided to forget all our activism, we're going to join the Hillsong Church, and organise a dance/singing party, which will go on for eternity, and make the world a much happier place.

'Be glad be glad for the song has no ending.'

Deborah and Mick Stacey
Ballina

Astrological gravitas

The Mullum Aeronautics and Space Administration (MASA) will soon launch the Spiders Webb telescope, which will break through to deeper levels of Advanced Astrological Psychodelics – looking right back in thyme to the origins of love in the sinoatrial node.

The launch will be propelled by 42 precisely positioned blowflies fuelled by an enormous load. Once it is positioned in the correct golden orb it will unfurl a shady supercool birth chart of the multiverse. The team is very keen to see what love

Boat people we are

We here in this country, now called Australia, need to be reminded that we started off as 'boat people'.

The First Fleet arrived (including my ancestors, Major Johnson and Esther Abrahams) without an invitation from the Indigenous inhabitants, and most certainly without a visa. For the next 140-150 years everybody came here by boat – without an invitation from the First Nations people who had lived here for 60,000 years – and none of them had a visa.

John Howard said 'We

will decide who comes to this country and the circumstances in which they come' yet his own ancestors came in boats, including a convict, William Tooley in 1816.

John Howard is a descendant of 'boat people'. So is Peter Dutton. Without 'boat people' many of us wouldn't be here.

Kate Smorty
Byron Bay

A new Mungo needed

A new Mungo is needed to investigate, report and comment, because the major media sure as hell ain't!

When is the Australian

Government (via the Therapeutic Goods Administration) going to register the COVID-killing nasal spray Viralezze by Melbourne's ASX listed company Starpharma? (I have shares, but that don't alter the realities of what it could do for Australians).

It's registered for use in New Zealand, and other countries. The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has been dragging its feet for months in Australia.

I certainly think people should have the option of using it (a bit like using the Ventolin lung spray) when going into shops and bistros etc.

If New Zealand has registered it, I can't think

why Australia wouldn't. It's needed.

With all the virus breakout in coastal areas where some people are anti-vax, perhaps this nasal spray might be a little more agreeable to them.

Maybe it's time Starpharma itself stood up and commented?

John Dobinson
Brisbane

Bioenergy precaution

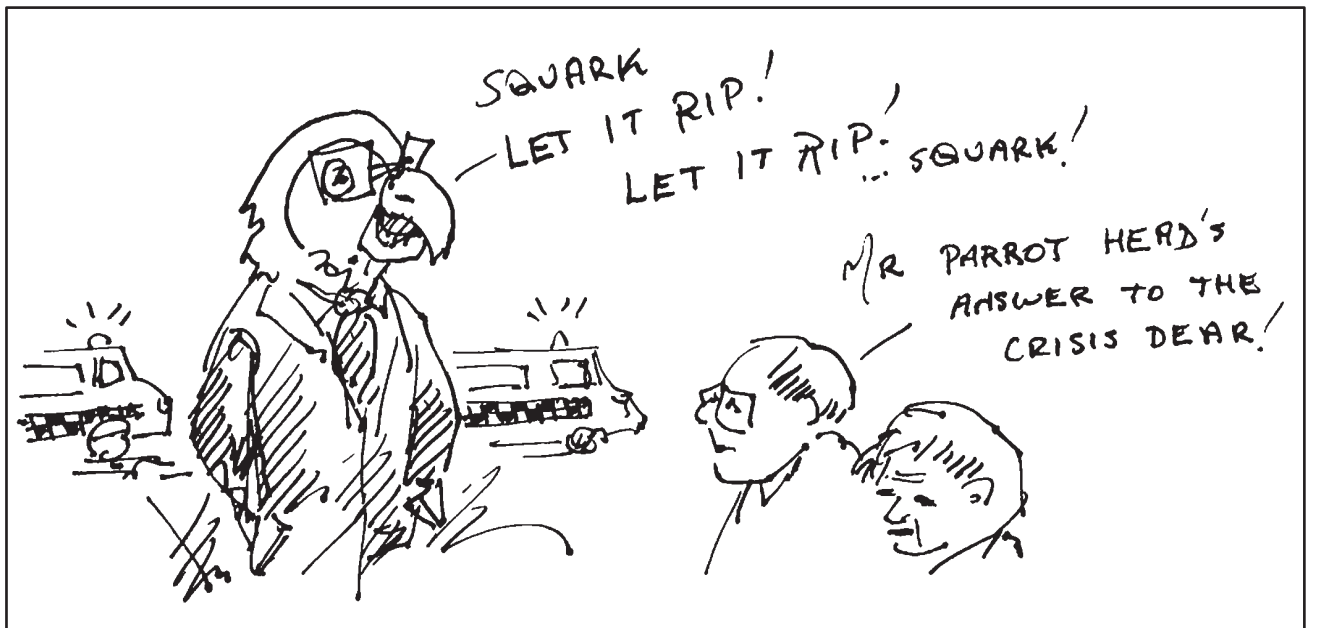
The notion of 'Green Energy' has recently excited business investors and no doubt the public. We need positive solutions to pollution / pollutants as we face the sixth extinction. Air pollution has, for many years, been labelled the highest cause of

death in humans. Australian politicians ignore the hazards of air pollution, clinging to political power aided by business concessions from, and to, the fossil fuel merchants.

Client Earth Lawyers in the United Kingdom raised the issue of air pollution, caused by vehicles in urban areas, many years ago. They took their case to the international legal arena and won. Instant changes were implemented addressing air pollution in the United Kingdom, which continue to this day with the closing of many burning stacks that produce methane emissions.

The proposed Byron Bay Bioenergy Installation may prove to be a worthy production but if we address the latest research on air pollution as the major killer of sentient species we must be earnest in our duty of care. Health experts have linked a demise in cognitive function to air pollution. It is also linked to an extra

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CHESSE by Ian Rogers

Kingwalks - Paths of Glory by Seirawan and Harper is a stand-out among the array of quirky chess books to come out recently.

The idea that a king, the piece supposedly most in need of protection, could charge up the board seems ridiculous, but a famous Short v Timman game showed it could be done successfully.

Kingwalks reminded me of one of my most horrible chess experiences. In the Australian Junior Championships of 1976, I had a perfect score when I played my club teammate Guy West in the ninth round.

Soon after the opening West began moving his king into the line of fire and, though I managed plenty of checks, his steel king survived and later won the game for him. Not only was losing such a game acutely embarrassing, some players decided that the game was so crazy that it must have been fixed.

The embarrassment is now worldwide, as Seirawan and Harper have included the game in their book, describing it as 'lighter fare'.

It wasn't for me!
Melbourne AUS U/18 Championship 1976
White: G West
Black: I Rogers
Opening: Four Knights Game
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nd5!? The ambitious Belgrade Gambit. 5... Nxd5 6.exd5 Nb4 7.Bc4 Qe7+ I did not even

consider White's reply. 8.Kd2!!? Qc5 After the game we agreed that 8...g6 was best, intending 9.Re1 Bb6+! However, computers showed that the king walk after 9.Nxd4! Bb6+ 10.Kc3 is good for White. 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Qe2 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Qe5 Bxd5! 13.Qxd4! 13.a3! was both safer and stronger. 13...0-0! 14.Rxe7! Qxe7 15.Bxd5 Rae8! 16.Bb3! West knew he was in trouble and so begins a brave king walk. 16...Qe2+ 17.Kc3 Nc6 18.Qd3 b4+ 19.Kc4 (See diagram) 19...Re4+? If Black realised he did not have a checkmating attack, he might have found the sober 19...Qxf2! 20.Kb5 Rb8+ 21.Ka4 Qxd3! Too late Black sees that 21... Qxf2 22.Qxe4 Qb6 allows 23.Bxf7+! vacating a retreat square. Yet Black could still play 21... Re5! 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 23.Qd5 Qe8! with counterplay. 22.cxd3 Rg4 23.g3 Rb6 24.d4 Kf8 25.Bf4 d6 26.d5 Nb8 27.Rc1 Nd7 28.Rxc7 Nc5+ 29.Rxc5 dxc5 30.Ne5 Rxf4 31.gxf4 Ke7 32.Ka5! White has been much better since the queen swap, but it is appropriate that the brave White king provides the finishing touches. 32...Rf6 33.Kb5 Rxf4 34.Kxc5 Rxf2 35.d6+ Kd8 36.Nxf7+ Ke8 37.Kc6 Rd2 38.Be6 1-0



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5.5 million premature deaths globally in 2015. It has well established links with heart attacks, strokes and asthma and is a carcinogen known to cause lung cancer. Air pollution is associated with other health impacts too, eg kidney disease, psychiatric illness and Alzheimer's disease. It is caused by anything that combusts fuels; eg vehicle exhausts, power plants, incinerators.

'The implications for public health, societal and economic costs of air pollution are immense,' write multi-disciplinary scientists from Monash University, Victoria (www.echo.net.au/the-staggering-impact-of-air-pollution).

The recent *What is Bioenergy* video released by Byron Council is not satisfactory. A child narrates, as a truck is driven into a large shed and empties rubbish! No narrative follows addressing the most concerning issue; Where do the emissions go? What evidence addressing emissions exists in Council that satisfies public interest and health imperatives? Does evidence exist that has been analysed by independent scientists?

The Sunrise community have been active in addressing concerns to noise pollution, and excellent research has been offered by Mr Dixon addressing economic issues and noise pollution.

Now that the great dangers of air pollution are proven by health scientists and medical practitioners it is essential that the community call for greater input, research, and transparency when addressing the installation of the proposed bioenergy plant.

The new Byron Council would be very wise to demand that the precautionary principle be legally implemented until such time as all contradictions are independently addressed and satisfactorily assessed.

Developers cannot use fearmongering on this issue, eg going to the Land and Environment Court, should community hinderance arise. Dismissal of community concerns is deserving of legal class action. Air pollution kills and sentient beings must exercise the custody of their own minds on this danger.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Validity of a visa

As a 90-year-old, I have travelled many years since I was 18 years of age; to America, the UK and Europe on a 'visa', ever recognised as a 'valid entry' to countries being visited.

Currently, it seems Djokovic was provided a 'visa' valid for entry to Australia.

Surely, it seems the federal government has neglected ensuring key visa-issuers have been informed or updated on any current changes to Australia's regulations?

Under such circumstances, it surely cannot be the 'fault' of a visa recipient who has to bear the brunt of deportation when the government has been deficient in vital informative contact with all concerned.

Roma Newton
Kingscliff

Empty shelves

The local supermarket has no toilet paper, rice and little pet food. This is not merely a local event, nor even a national event, it is an international event, whereby global public health restrictions have resulted in this situation.

Unless voters show their displeasure with this situation it will continue, and get far worse. WA Premier Mark McGowan has announced the restrictions and rules will remain in place for years to come: it is the restrictions and rules that have led to the empty supermarket shelves.

Vaccinated people can spread the virus. *The Lancet* (Dec 2021) says it is 'grossly negligent to ignore the vaccinated population as a possible and relevant source of transmission when deciding about public health control measures.'

If a change is not produced at the next elections, then history shows that eventually, after a longer period of suffering, revolution sometimes becomes inevitable.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Discourse

Dear Editor, good on you for your piece reminding us about the importance of public discourse.

Like you, I find Drs McCullough and Malone pretty credible (can one ever know for sure?). Though in these troubled times I often keep quiet about my explorations into

non-mainstream narratives, even with some dear friends.

I am relieved to read an acknowledgement in our local paper that censorship is eroding our civil rights.

But thank you most of all Hans Lovejoy, for your willingness to look at your own 'intellectual tribalism'. As a member of the 'thinking left' tribe I am an environmentally aware feminist who is concerned about social justice and climate change. Good, sensible, people who believe in science - that's us.

However, nowadays, if I express concerns about, for example, mandatory vaccination, Big Pharma, government surveillance, vaccine injury, social media censorship, or dare to question medical orthodoxy - I am suddenly a pariah (in fact, even writing this I fear hostility coming my way).

I have, in this polarised version of things, defected to another 'tribe' - an awful one! The deluded, misinformed, whacko, right-wing, Trump-ian, sexist, and racist loonies cohort of 'conspiracy theorists' and 'anti-vaxxers'.

What about the open space in between somewhere? How great it would be if we could all be curious and open to different perceptions, to get beyond us vs them labels, blame, and the illusion of certainty, of being 'right' - to welcome nuance, paradox, different versions of our stories. Challenging, but surely worthwhile.

Jane Abercrombie
Mullumbimby

Vax the child

I am writing about the upcoming COVID-19 vaccinations for children. I am and remain a vax-sceptic. My reasons are many, but hinge around the fact that we are still [within the time frame of] a provisionally approved medical product.

So, if for no other reason, that is good enough to say, 'Let us adults, driving this experiment, take any consequences... but not our children!'

But I see two other driving imperatives. They are; first, that children are barely affected by covid, especially in terms of fatality. Around two per cent of children are infected, they are 20 per cent of the population see (www.health.gov.au) and to the

covid deaths by age group. And then try to count the numbers... it's impossible... the colour barely shows on the graph!

The second argument used to promote vaxxing them is so we can stop them transmitting to us... the adults. Okay, let's get factual. What about transmission? In *The Lancet* ([www.thelancet.com/journals/lanep/article/PIIS2666-7762\(21\)00258-1/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanep/article/PIIS2666-7762(21)00258-1/fulltext)), 'transmission may be equal between the vaccinated and unvaccinated'.

Other studies reinforce this with a mitigating line which runs along the lines of; 'but the vaccinated are less likely to contract the virus or get it in a lesser form'. Well, if they get it in a lesser form they... still are capable of transmission!

As I look at these reasons I am almost overcome by a grief... we want to vax our children, knowing it will be of little benefit to them as they are barely affected, it's so that they don't infect/harm us!

Robert Hessel Strengers
Ocean Shores

Israel and Palestine

As an apologist for Israel, Michael Burd (Letters, 12 January) conveniently ignores the harsh truth of Israel's brutal oppression, while claiming there are two sides to the conflict and that Palestinians are treated equally.

I believe that only one side colonises. Only one side demolishes homes, crops, schools, and hospitals. Only one side determines citizenship and belonging. Only one side travels freely. Only one side dominates the airwaves. Only one side has a nuclear arsenal.

As Netanyahu said: 'Israel is not a state of all its citizens. According to the Nation-State Law that we passed, Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish People - and them alone.'

Mr Burd recommends dialogue, but for Palestinians that means continually going backwards, more oppression, more violence, more land stolen. They know that Israel didn't come to live with Palestine, it came to replace it. This is the settler-colonialist strategy, which for all the sugar-coating of Mr Burd, is at the heart of Zionism.

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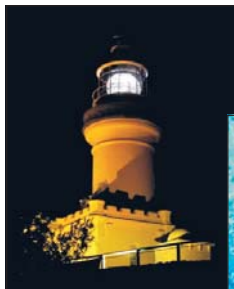
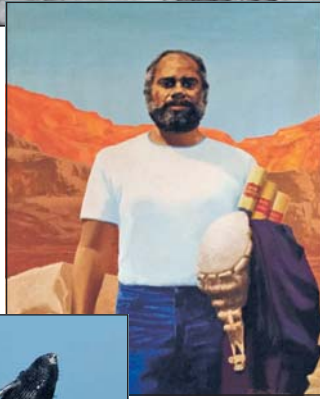
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The Byron Shire Quiz:

1. What is the name of the vessel that became 'The Wreck' in Byron Bay, and in what year did it run aground?
2. When the NSW government sold the old Mullumbimby Hospital site to the Byron Shire Council in 2018, how much did it sell for?
3. Who was the sculptor who created Byron Bay's infamous 'Disco Dong', and in what year was it erected? (pun intended).
4. In the 1950s Byron Bay was occupied with the slaughter of which two animals and what type of mining activity?
5. Where in the Byron Shire will you read this inscription: 'Their creed: I pass this way but once, any good thing I can do or any kindness I can show, let me do it now. For I shall not pass this way again.'
6. Which rolling stone has read *The Echo*?
7. Does the Wilsons River, that flows under Keys Bridge (Coorabell Rd) near Federal, flow all the way to Lismore?
8. Jo Breen is a character who makes a sea-change in the book called *Mullumbimby* (2013). Who wrote this book? Hint: They also won the inaugural long-form Walkley Award for an essay published in the *Griffith Review*.
9. In April 2019 the Byron Shire received a commendation from the Danish ambassador – what did we do to deserve this?
10. In what year did the Byron Bay Red Devils first grade rugby league team last win the premiership? In what year was the club's last premiership in Ladies League Tag?
11. What is the name of the beer served in Brunswick Heads that helps support the RFS and has the stamp of approval from Paul Hogan?
12. Possum Shoot Road and Coopers Shoot Road are names of thoroughfares in the Byron Shire. What was originally 'shot' down them?
13. What was the name of the snail species relocated to make way for Byron Bay's new bypass?
14. Every lighthouse has a distinct time signature to make it uniquely identifiable for seafarers... how long does Byron's lighthouse take to complete a full circle?
15. Who was Australia's first Indigenous judge, what local village did he grow up in, and where is there a playing field named in his honour? (no pun intended... okay maybe a little bit).
16. What date do Crowded House, Paul Kelly, Jimmy Barnes and Midnight Oil (among others) have in common?
17. Which former World Champion Surfer lives in Byron Bay and featured in the movie *Girls Can't Surf*?

ANSWERS

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| 1. The Wollongbar, 14 May 1921. | 2. \$13 | 3. Corey Thomas, December 2018. | 4. Pigs, whales and sand mining. | 5. The Bangalow Show Ground entrance |
| 6. Keith Richards | 7. Yes | 8. Melissa Lucashenko | 9. Locals put a big effort into trying to find missing backpacker, Theo Hayez. | 10. 2008, 2017 |
| 11. Hotel Brunswick Classic Brew – Summer Ale. | 12. Possum Shoot Road | 13. Mitchell's Rainforest Snail | 14. 15 seconds | 15. Bob Belleair, Bill Inndugel, Shara Boulevard Ocean Shores |
| 16. They are all scheduled to play at Bluesfest 2022 | 17. Pauline Menzies | 18. Felled trees | 19. 1921. | 20. 1921. |

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Bungawalbin primitive bush camp: death by a thousand cuts

Dr Richard Gates

Richmond Valley Council is currently considering a Development Application (DA 2021/0289) for a 'Community Facilities - Primitive camp ground providing fourteen (14) camping sites and associated works' on Lots 4 and 5 DP 806270, 750 Bungawalbin Whiporie Road, Bungawalbin 2469 (near Coraki). The initial application from the proponent, Mr Ian McCotter, was rejected by Richmond Valley Council (RVC) but he subsequently commissioned Ardill Payne and Partners to make an application on his behalf, lodged on 18 May 2021, which was then accepted by Council.

The two-week opportunity for the public to comment on the proposal has long since passed - the closing date was 16 June 2021. A number of submissions against the proposal have been lodged but it is unknown if there are any submissions in favour of the proposal.

Council requested additional information (nature of request unknown) from



Aerial view of part of the bush camp site during flood where the Bungawalbin Creek overtops and joins all the wetlands together. Photo supplied

the proponent on 21 July 2021 and a response was received on 18 October 2021. Council staff are considering the matter at present and it is not clear when a decision will be made, but it is to be noted that a number of agencies are involved in the determination process including the Rural Fire Service because the camping

ground is in a high bushfire risk area.

This DA was brought to the attention of the Evans Head Residents for Sustainable Development Inc (EHRSD) committee by a number of parties including a former RVC councillor, environmental specialists, and informed locals who had serious concerns about the

nature of the development and the potential precedent it would set for the Richmond Valley Council local government area.

This area is well known to EHRSD. This proposed development is smack-bang in the middle of an area of Wetlands of National Significance, an area rich in biological diversity second only to the rainforests of Northern Queensland. As well as being in a high bushfire risk area, it is also subject to major flooding. This is reflected in the recent fire history of the area.

Bungawalbin Creek, which forms one of its boundaries, is the subject of a Native Title Determination in 2013 (Bandjalang People #2) and Yarringly Nature Reserve is one of its immediate neighbours. We are unaware of any discussion with the native title holders about this proposal. In fact, we have been unable to find any mention of native title over the Bungawalbin Creek



Bungawalbin Creek. Property seeking approval for camping development on left of picture. Photo supplied



Flooding is so severe and stream speed during flooding so strong (up to 35km/h) that it has washed away part of the flood levee since it was repaired by Rous County Council. All three campsites proposed for the area are on the flooding side of the levee, as are toilets. Photo supplied



Picture from proponent's website showing use of one of the wetlands. 'Such use will degrade the wetland badly' says Dr Richard Gates.

in the DA. Given potential use of the creek by those camping at the site for water sports, including jet ski and water skiing, you would have

thought it essential to have had discussions about any effects on the Cultural Landscape and related biological values.

This development application has many problems, not the least of which is the proposed management of the site. There will be no manager on site, and therefore no-one to deal with compliance issues - which up to 70 people will surely bring, and which inevitably arise with unregulated sites.

Further, dogs and cats are permitted on this sensitive site, a policy anathema to wildlife conservation species protection.

■ Dr Richard Gates is a member of the committee of Evans Head Residents for Sustainable Development Inc.

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RATs to the rescue: understanding our transition to rapid antigen testing

Cosmos Magazine

At-home testing kits herald a new phase of pandemic management – but how do they work?

Pivoting quickly from the sidelines to front-and-centre of our national covid management strategy, rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now in such high demand that there have been calls for market regulation to stamp out price gouging and stockpiling. State governments have ordered more than 84 million kits for the coming weeks to help meet demand.

Given the lightning speed of their introduction as a basic health-care necessity, it's understandable that many of us have been left with unanswered questions about RATs. How do they work, and why are they only now being rolled out?

Rise of the RAT

The days of striving for covid zero are now firmly behind, and Australia has taken its first steps towards living with covid as an endemic virus.

With the emergence of the exceptionally virulent, but potentially less lethal Omicron strain, our leaders are keen to capitalise on the opportunity to begin easing restrictions. With a national double-vaccination rate of over 90 per cent, we have an opportunity to step carefully towards a more normal existence, and a future in which covid simply simmers away in the background like its seasonal flu cousins.

As we proceed through this transition phase, keeping tabs on the virus' spread remains key to retaining our grip on public health and safety. But the stringent testing and tracing approach adopted in the pandemic's early days simply can't be sustained as case numbers grow.

'Living with the virus means adjusting our lives to respond to the threat that COVID-19 poses, and rapid antigen tests will assist greatly in allowing us to protect the vulnerable in the community, keep workplaces safe, and hold large mass gatherings in a safer way as we move to endemicity,' says Hassan Vally, Associate Professor in Epidemiology at Deakin University.

Performed at home and requiring no specialist training for either testing or results analysis, RATs help to spread the burden of monitoring the virus across the whole population. With results ready to read within 30 minutes, RATs will help us to assess our individual risk as restrictions drop away.

How do RATs work?

Throughout the pandemic, PCR tests have been integral to our monitoring of covid's spread. Characterised by an uncomfortable brain-tickling nasal swab, PCR tests have been, and remain, the gold



standard in viral detection, with an accuracy rate above 90 per cent. They work by amplifying parts of the virus's genetic code, using an enzyme called Taq polymerase to duplicate viral DNA strands many millions of times over.

This signal amplification makes them exceptionally sensitive. They are capable of picking up even very low viral loads from the earliest stages of infection through to the late post-infectious stage. However, the process takes many hours and requires sophisticated lab equipment and specialist technicians.

RATs, on the other hand, have no capacity for signal amplification. They work by detecting a protein on the surface of the virus directly from the sample being analysed – usually a nasal swab. The sample is mixed with a solution that breaks the virus apart to reveal these proteins, and the resulting mixture is applied to a paper that contains an antibody that leaves a telltale coloured strip, akin to a pregnancy test, if the proteins are present. Most tests return a result within half an hour.

As their sensitivity is directly tied to the viral load present in the sample, RATs are generally only useful in detecting high levels of the virus. In practical terms, this means that they will only give accurate results within approximately the first five days of infection, and only if sufficient levels of the virus are present.

It's early days for antigen testing in Australia, and local data on the accuracy of RATs remains poor, but data is amassing in countries that adopted antigen testing much earlier in their pandemic response, such as the UK. A study from Oxford University indicated that RATs were able to detect approximately 80 per cent of infections with high viral loads when compared to PCR tests.

Thus we have now two distinct categories of test: the free-to-access, but costly to provide PCR test, which is exquisitely sensitive but slow to deliver results; and rapid antigen tests, which are costly for consumers but comparatively cheap for governments, less sensitive than PCRs, but able to produce a result

in the time it takes to savour your morning coffee.

Should we be concerned about inaccurate results?

At first glance, the discrepancy between the sensitivity of these two test types seems concerning. Can we feel confident in the results of at-home testing if they're missing up to 20 per cent of infectious cases that would have been picked up by PCR tests?

First, we need to understand the different risk levels posed by false positives and false negatives. False positives are undoubtedly a nuisance as they can delay an individual's return to normal activity, including work. But from a public health perspective, false positives are of little concern. Anyone returning a positive RAT will require a PCR confirmation test, which will weed out any false positive results.

False negatives, on the other hand, pose a genuine risk to community health. Positive cases who believe that they're virus-free will accordingly fail to isolate. 'The implications are that there are many infectious people who could be unknowingly spreading the disease,' says Professor Adrian Esterman, Chair of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at the University of South Australia.

Luckily, the stand-alone figures on RAT accuracy don't convey the whole picture.

This is because it is important to distinguish between detecting positive cases and picking up on those who pose a credible transmission risk. While RATs may miss up to 20 per cent of positive cases, this is most likely to happen in asymptomatic people with a low viral load. When viral load is sufficient to make a carrier highly infectious, it is also likely to produce a positive RAT.

'This is actually an important property of these tests in that rather than detecting virus in the body at any level, they are able to detect when virus is being shed in sufficient amounts to make a person infectious, which makes them a really good screening tool,' says Vally.

Esterman agrees, noting that the transmission risk from asymptomatic carriers is no longer a pressing concern, now that COVID is circulating widely in the community.

'Transmission rates of asymptomatic people range from 0–2.2 per cent compared to 0.8–15.4 per cent for those who are symptomatic,' he says. 'The risk is of transmission is much lower if asymptomatic.'

Does it matter which RAT you take?

The TGA has now approved 18 different antigen tests for supply and home use in Australia, and that number is set to increase over coming months. Are there any differences between available tests? Should we be prioritising some tests over others for more vulnerable populations and settings?

Esterman explains that the TGA have separate sensitivity categories for approved tests, ranging from 'acceptable' at >80 per cent through to 'high' sensitivity at >95 per cent – the equivalent of a PCR test.

'For high-risk settings like aged care, clearly RATs with very high sensitivity would be preferable,' he says.

For the general public, however, any test you can get your hands on will do the job.

'With all classifications having a sensitivity >80 per cent, they are all perfectly good as a general screening tool.'

What challenges lie ahead for RATs?

Although their speed and ease of use makes RATs a valuable addition to the covid-management toolkit, the road ahead is not without speedbumps.

Easy and equitable access will be vital. Given the narrow window of optimal testing time while viral load is high, RATs will only fulfil their potential if they can be used for regular surveillance testing by all sectors of the population.

'Their accuracy is much improved when they are used serially, that is when tests are repeated over multiple days,' says Vally.

In a recent study from the National Institute of Health, researchers found that rapid antigen tests had a sensitivity (>98 per cent) comparable to PCR for identifying infected individuals if used at least every three days. Such a usage pattern would require large numbers of tests to be reliably available to the public for many months to come. Despite the current difficulties in sourcing tests, Vally does not believe the shortages will persist in the long term.

'We are going through a challenging time right now due to the change in testing requirements,' he says.

'The demand for rapid antigen tests is far exceeding supply. This situation should be relatively short-lived as governments procure additional supplies and these arrive.'

Supply issues should further ease as the TGA expands the number of authorised tests, but equitable distribution to vulnerable or disadvantaged people remains a challenge not yet adequately addressed.

'In terms of who pays for these tests, this is a really important policy issue that needs to be resolved,' says Vally.

'I am of the view that rapid antigen tests, now that they have been catapulted to play such a vital role in our response to the pandemic, at the very least need to be subsidised heavily for all of the community and should be free for those on low incomes. Price should not be a barrier for using these tests, for anyone.'

'I worry that some politicians are out of touch with just how much of a financial burden these tests are for some people, and I hope that common sense leads to the right outcome at the national cabinet meeting this week.'

Esterman agrees. 'The federal government should see this as an investment and provide them free to the public,' he says.

'Instead, they see it as a chance for pharmacies and supermarkets to make a bigger profit. The government is considering supplying them free to those on concession cards, but this is – as usual – too little too late.'

A further issue is our lack of RAT reporting. If you return a positive RAT at home, you're then required to take a PCR test for confirmation, and it's only these PCR results that are recorded by the health system to track the spread of the virus. But with testing facilities already stretched beyond capacity, the feasibility of logging all positive cases this way is already an issue.

Instead, it's time to consider adopting RAT reporting methods like those used in the UK, which enable positive RATs to be reported from home using a simple QR code scan. This would allow us to continue to track the spread of the virus as case numbers skyrocket; a vital step in allowing health services to predict and prepare for surges in hospitalisations.

'Case numbers are still incredibly important because even if Omicron is milder, the sheer volume of cases will eventually swamp our health services,' says Esterman.

'I think endemicity is still a long way off, but RATs definitely have a strong role in bringing outbreaks under control.'

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She evolved into General Practice to integrate medicine with community and provide holistic care using western and eastern philosophies. She is interested in promoting wellbeing through preventative care against chronic disease, lifestyle & nutrition, in addition to breathwork and meditation for anxiety and depression.

Leena is also a yoga teacher and shares her knowledge of anatomy for yoga teacher trainings. She enjoys surfing and hiking and is learning the science of Ayurveda.

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Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare's next fortnightly working bee will be on Saturday 22 January 8am to 12pm, at

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The next guided walk for the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens is on Sunday, 30 January at 9.30am. Meet at Visitor's Centre at 9.15 am for the one hour walk. Wear sturdy shoes and hat. Gold coin donation welcome. Morning tea available. Bookings essential, email publicity@friendslrbg.com.au.

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Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meeting held Fridays 2pm by Zoom. Contact for details' – 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings, online. Attendees must be Exit members. Info www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

The Good Life



Mullumbimby Indian Restaurant



The Mullum Indian Restaurant is situated, conveniently, a short drive from town, at the Mullumbimby Golf Club and has become a favourite place to dine for many locals around the Shire.

The owner PJ, and his staff, will always greet you with smiles and impeccable service, whether collecting your takeaway or dining in. If you choose to dine on the balcony overlooking the golf course you are in for a special treat. Sunset and moonrise are fabulous – and all feel special who are a part of it – coupled with fantastic food and wine; where else would fit that bill in Mullumbimby? From a table for one to tables for 12, they can accommodate most.

With over 27 years of experience in the industry, PJ is confident that the produce he sources, locally where possible, is of the highest quality. Their delicious traditional menu is extensive and mouth-watering, and they offer vegan,

dairy free, and gluten free options on request. Meal servings are more than generous, and the Golf Club bar has any beverage you may require. The restaurant also offers self-serve catering for parties and events at very affordable prices.

The opening hours are 4.30–9.00pm Wednesday to Sunday – and remember it's always best to make a booking for dining in or balcony dining. NSW Dine & Discover vouchers are accepted, as well as all eftpos cards and cash. And there is always plenty of parking available for customers in the Club car park.

Mullum Indian Restaurant is proud to be the first authentic Indian Restaurant in Mullumbimby and has no links to any other restaurant or location in the town. Check out the restaurant on Instagram and Facebook where they will post all their upcoming promotions and freebies.

More info:
Mullum Indian Restaurant
Ph 6684 2273 (option 3) or
0448 300 684
1600 Coolamon Scenic Dr
(Golf Club) Mullumbimby

Spice Palace: Fresh, local and made from scratch

Rob Cullinan and Duska Jefed are the couple behind Spice Palace. They lovingly make dips, tapenade, dukkah, harissa, chilli pasta, pesto, salsa and baklava from the small commercial kitchen at the back of their house in The Pocket.

All of their products are gluten and dairy free, vegan and organic. They don't cut corners, they squeeze the lemon juice and crush the garlic themselves onsite and use only extra virgin olive oil. Their dips are prepared fresh every week with no preservatives, additives or citric acid and this ensures customers have an incredibly fresh, high quality and healthy product to take home.

Beginning in 2009, Rob and Duska were one of the founding stallholders at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets. 'When the markets first started the key ethos for value-added stalls was to source as much of our raw ingredients from local farmers, to support them, and to cut down on food miles and transport costs by receiving the produce at the markets.'

They continue to source most of their produce from other stallholders and the rest they grow themselves, making use of the excellent compost supplied by their chickens and the fruit pulp leftover from Smoothie Operator, from New Brighton Farmers Markets.

Growing their own ingredients, or sourcing from other producers means what's on offer is truly seasonal. 'Regular customers know that at the end of winter the coriander pesto will be about to finish so they will stock up before we bring back the basil pesto in summer.'



While their offering does follow a seasonal pattern, they also introduce new lines based on what produce has had a great crop during a season.

Rob acknowledges it has been an interesting two years: 'with COVID-19, we saw customers that could only come out once a week to get their food, when you are one of their only points of contact, that was a real privilege.'

'It's also been great to see lots of new faces, with more people appreciating the importance of food security and supporting our local farmers. It's also been challenging seeing the conflict in the divided community. I hope our markets will serve as a positive point of focus to bring the community back together again.'

Spice Palace is at New Brighton Farmers Market, Tuesdays 8–11am and Mullum Farmers Market, Fridays 7–11am.

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Loft Byron Bay's Signature 'Brookies Spring Gimlet' Cocktail

You will need:
 40ml Brookies Dry Gin,
 20ml elderflower liqueur,
 30ml lime juice,
 15ml thyme syrup (see recipe below),
 5 basil leaves,
 5 mint leaves,
 3 cucumber pieces.

Steps:
 Muddle cucumber, mint and basil in a shaker. Add lime juice. Add thyme syrup. Add alcohol. Shake with ice. Double strain in chilled coupe glass. Garnish with cucumber skewer.

Thyme syrup recipe:
 One part sugar,
 one part water,
 Sprinkle of thyme.
 Bring to boil, take off heat and let chill, then strain.



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The Good Life

Holy Joe: premium cold-drip coffee and medicinal mushrooms



After a long addiction to regular espresso and an urge to try something new, lifelong tinkerer James Bullock hammered together some gardening supplies to create his first ever cold-drip tower in late 2020. The result leaned a little to the left, but ultimately made some of the smoothest coffee he'd ever tasted.

Inspired by the flavour, James and his workmate, Christian Price-Wright, set out to make not only the world's best tasting coffee, but also the healthiest.

Out of the different ways to brew coffee, cold-drip has one of the longest preparation times. Made by slowly dripping cold water through ground coffee, the total brew time is

somewhere between eight and twelve hours. For Holy Joe the brewing period is essential; the flavour of cold-drip often being described as smoother and more complex, owing to the timing and lack of high heat usually required to extract the necessary oils.

'I used to be probably one of the slowest baristas in Brisbane when I was young

and working my first cafe job,' says James – now titled Brewmaster at Holy Joe. 'I was a perfectionist, and that meant my queue for a latte was ridiculous. Now we can proudly say that the coffee is well worth the wait.'

Parts of the Australian coffee industry have made steps to transition to a sustainable future in recent

years, and co-founder Christian says that Holy Joe is well equipped to take part in a generation of conscious businesses.

'We've always been inspired to create a sustainable company, from the very beginning. Our packaging is completely plastic-free, even our cork seals are home-compostable,' says Christian.

An interest in local produce also inspired them to think differently about wastage, and they give all of their spent organic coffee grind to a local farm project, because they want to 'give as much back to the land as possible.'

Holy Joe is also the first cold drip coffee to include medicinal mushrooms, an addition that James says was a no-brainer after years of including adaptogens in his own brews. 'We knew the long-term benefits of these amazing superfoods, and thought that your morning coffee was a great way to get a daily dose.'

'We've also made sure that we use only Australian species of organically grown mushrooms; we really believe in the simple sustainability of sourcing locally.'

Holy Joe is available at selected stockists, find out more on their Instagram at @holyojocoffee, or on their website at www.holyojocoffee.com

No supply shortage at Byron Farmers Market!



There is plenty of fresh produce available every week at Byron Farmers Market.

While supermarket shelves around the country are running bare, there's no shortage of fresh produce at our local farmers' markets every week.

Both Coles and Woolworths have been hit by unprecedented shortages in recent weeks owing to the impact of Omicron and they have both reintroduced purchase limits on a number of items, including meat.

Byron Farmers Market manager Tom Carey said these events, more than ever, highlight the critical role farmers' markets play in local food security.

'One of the benefits of buying from the farmers' market is that the supply chain is not affected by distribution in the way that it is affecting the supermarkets at the moment,' said Mr Carey.

'Our farmers plant and grow produce to cater to the markets. They know how much they need to grow or produce to feed our community, so every week you are guaranteed that regular supply.'

'The produce at our markets is brought straight from the farm to the market by the people who grew it, so not

only are you assured supply but also the freshest produce available. And you can shop outside in the fresh air.'

Mr Carey said there were also no limits on how much people can buy. He also stressed that there had been no panic buying.

'Our customers know we'll be here week in and week out, so there's no need to buy more than they usually would. Fresh supplies are available every Thursday and Saturday.'

And if you need a hand carrying all that fresh produce back to your car, don't forget to use the Byron Farmers Market parcel pick-up service. Just 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 manager's tent and pull up and load your produce.

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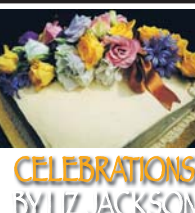
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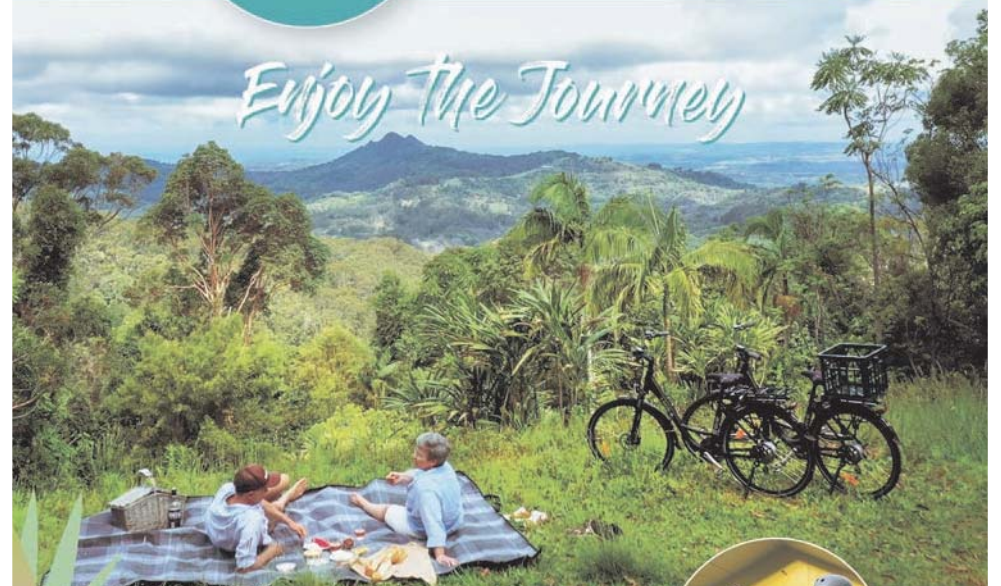
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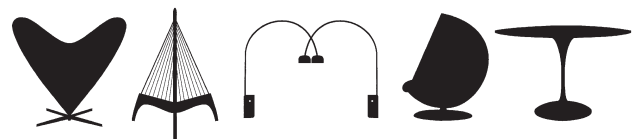


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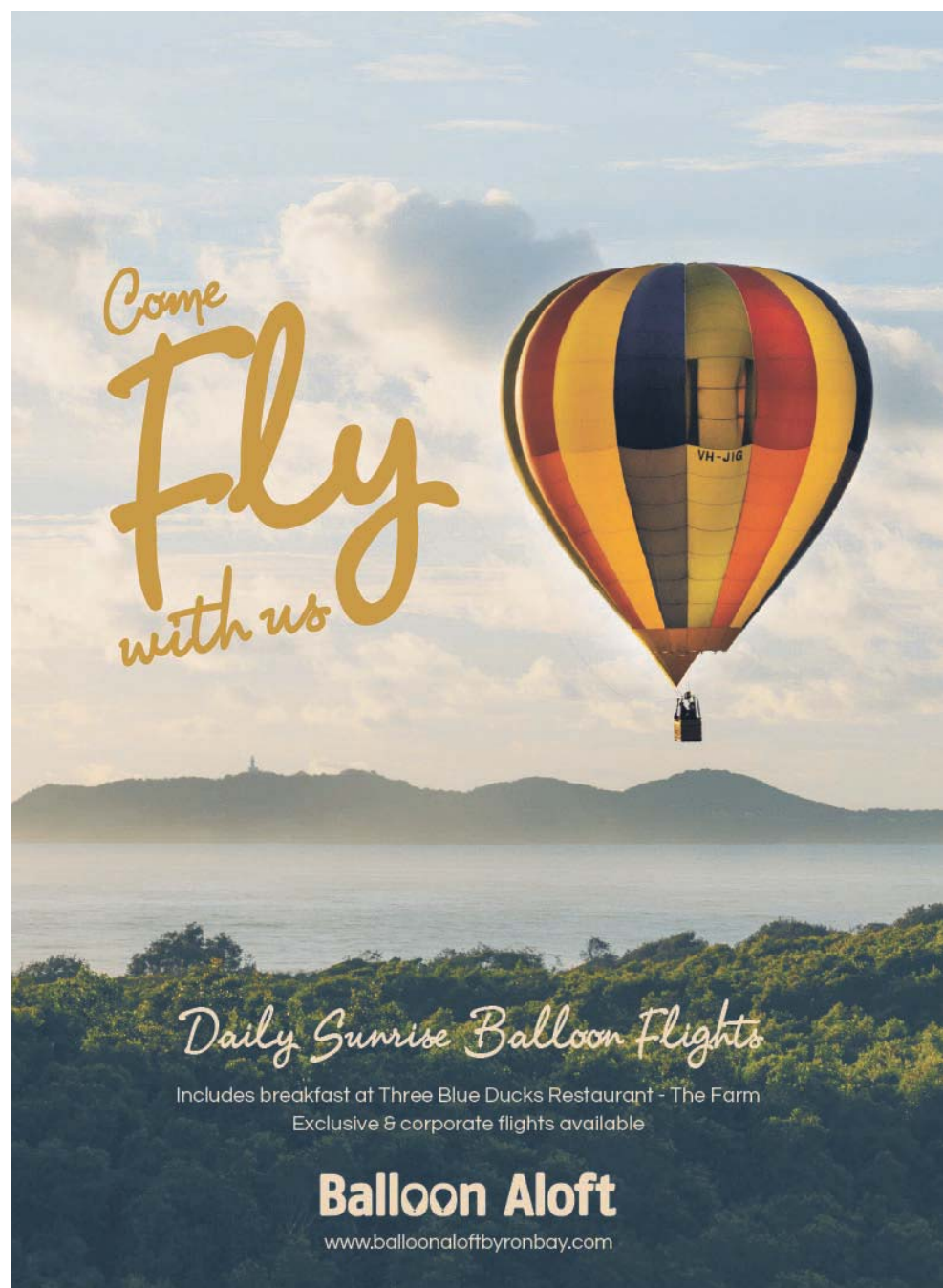
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Re-live the voice of a generation, in a celebration of one of the most inspiring and prolific singer-songwriters of our time, sung with remarkable authenticity by one of Australia's most exciting artists, Darren Coggan.

Darren has spent the past ten years inspiring audiences with his uncanny re-creation of Cat Stevens hits, in the most prestigious theatres across Australia, including The Sydney Opera House Concert Hall, and to standing ovations in concert halls throughout the United Kingdom. 'Coggan sounds amazingly like Stevens.'

~ *The Daily Telegraph*

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HOTA Gallery's inaugural summer exhibition is brimming with an assortment of themes, ideas and works by some of Australia's leading artists.

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The humble mixtape has been the versatile vehicle of some of life's major moments. *Art Mixtape: Yours for Summer* takes this lead and is a mashup of memories of summers past and of the art that speaks to us today.

Free and open daily. Book in at Palette Restaurant or The Exhibitionist Bar to delight in cocktails and menus inspired by works and themes from the exhibition.

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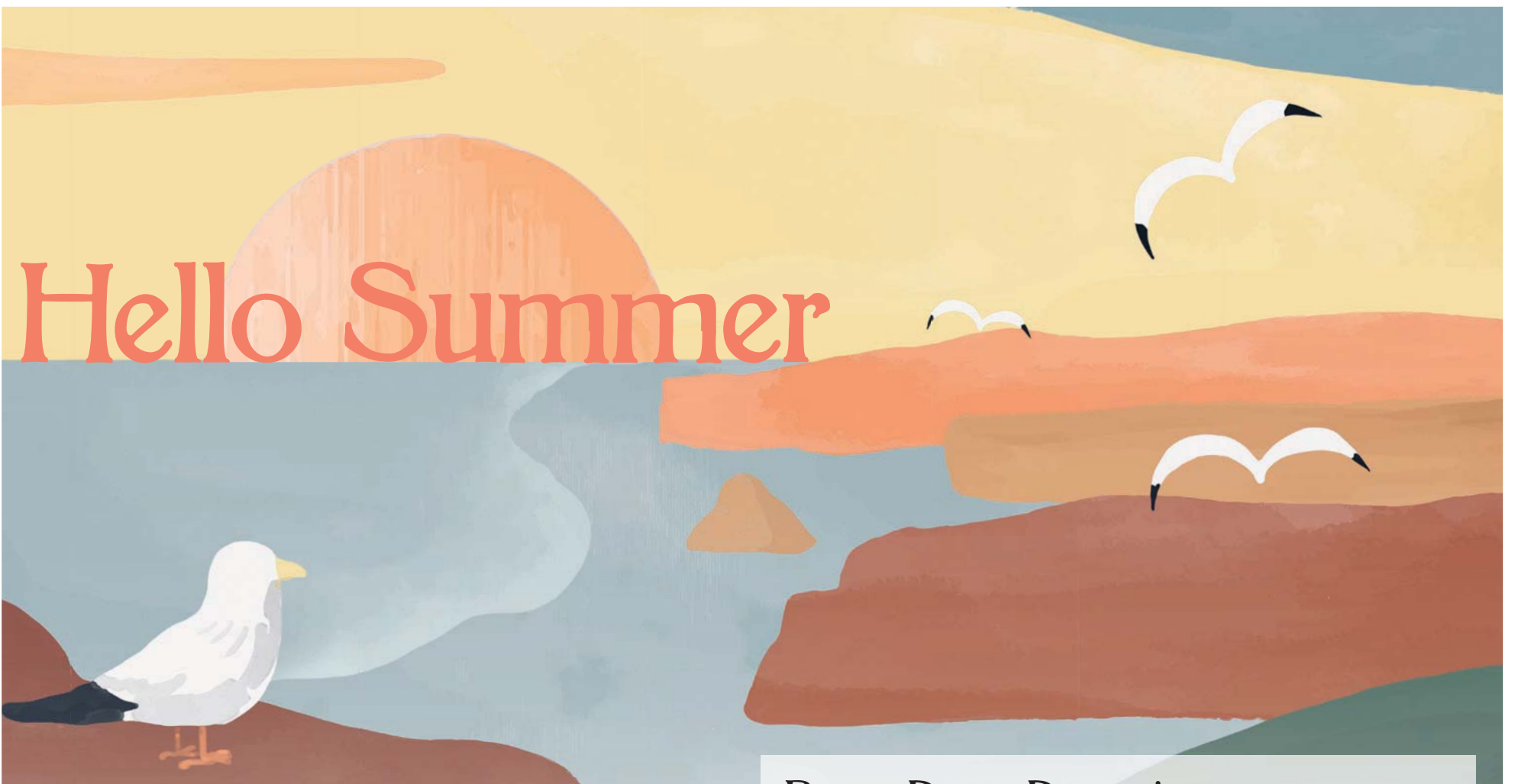
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Created by storytelling naturalist, ecotherapist, and permaculturalist, Claudia Grati, Wildforest Folk Emporium and Curios is the most magical little shop in Byron Bay. Claudia's mission is to deeply connect beings of all ages with the 'more than human' 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-made fair trade items, Steiner/ Montessorori toys, jewellery, books, a stunning array of deep-time treasures (crystals and fossils), organic seeds, fresh organic flowers, and so much more. The shop will also serve as an information hub for Claudia's ecotherapy events and offerings, and permaculture consulting. The shop is usually open Thursday to Monday, but check socials as times may vary slightly.

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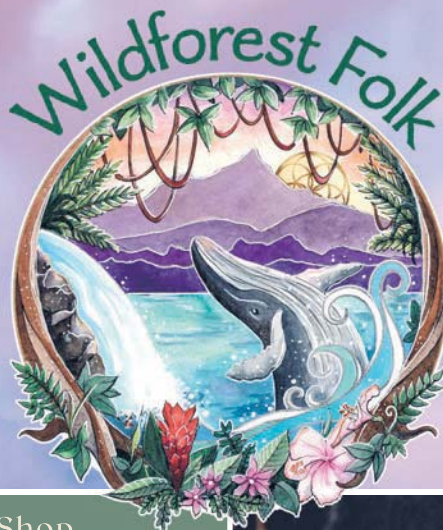
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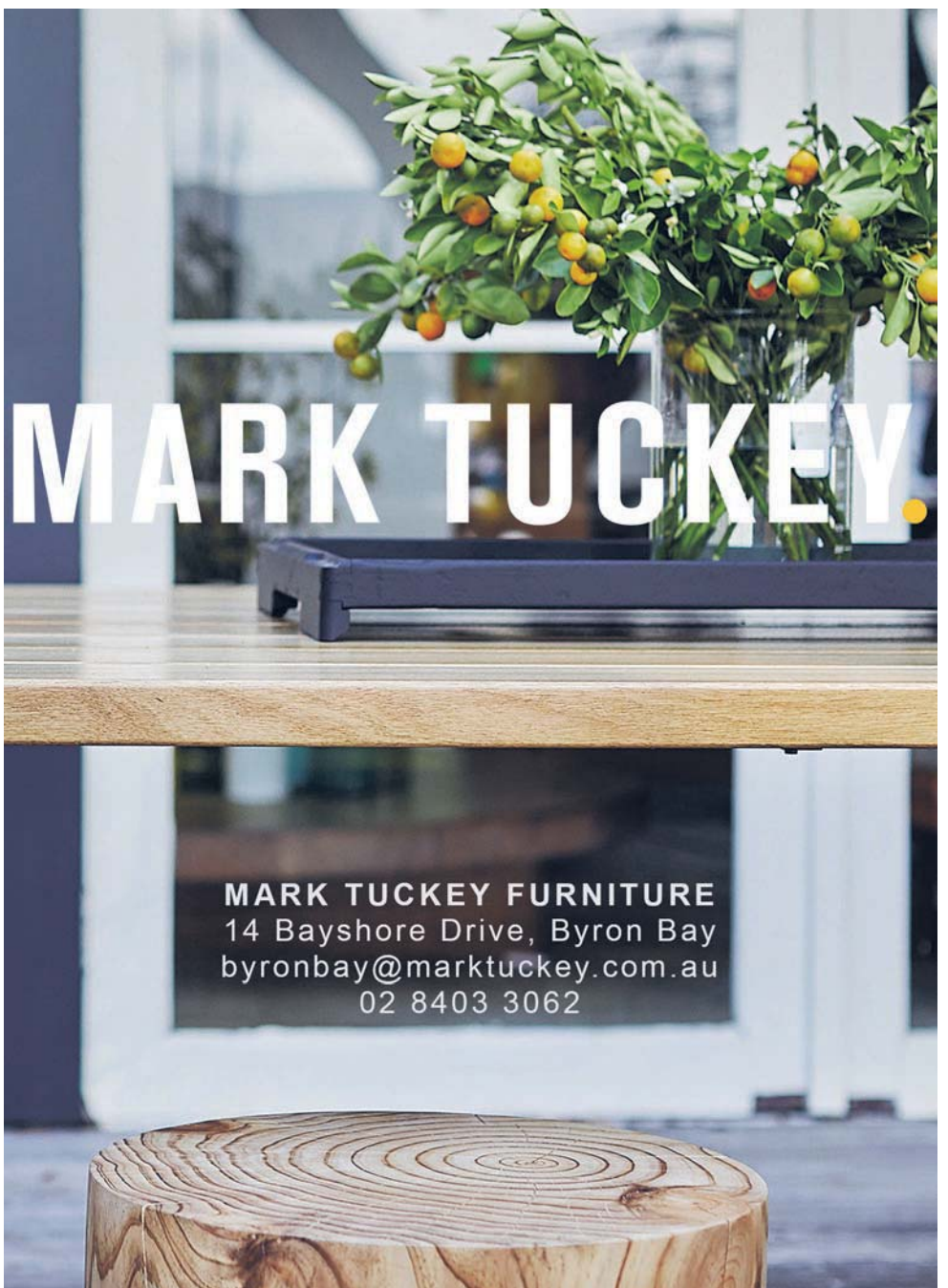
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FROM THE VOICE AUSTRALIA TO BALLINA RSL

If you watched *The Voice Australia* last year you have heard **Mick Harrington** sing – because he made the cut every week. With a childhood growing up in the remote bushland of East Gippsland, Victoria, Mick Harrington played guitar and sang in the countryside from a very young age. Mick's heartfelt lyrics and melodic voice are influenced heavily by artists such as Neil Finn, Nick Cave and Bob Seger and his honesty on stage is refreshing in an increasingly plastic world. Mick, who has his own lawnmowing business and works as a part-time boxer to support his family, was a very unlikely candidate for a national TV show, but he committed himself to the Channel 7 show *The Voice Australia* and resonated with judges and audiences so much that he made it to the grand final.

Fresh from his performances at that event in September last year, Mick has created a stage show that is a journey through the songs that mean the most to him, as well as a taste of his new original music.

Tuesday, 25 January.
Doors: 1.30pm, show: 2pm. All ages event.
Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 kids & \$50 family ticket (2A + 2K saves \$10).



A POCKET FULL OF SONGS

Tim Stokes is a big-hearted man with a pocket full of songs, reminding us of who we are and what really matters. He is a combination of the swoon of Elvis and the party starter vibe of Paul Kelly. Tim Stokes is an artist who's able to open your heart, expand your mind and get your body grooving with songs that branch the bridges between ages, generations and walks of life. He shares songs sewn with hope, love and light, reminding us that the cracks are there for the light to shine in. Stokes live is an experience entered into, a smooth, honest and comforting voice complemented with songs on acoustic guitar, which oscillate from upbeat celebrations to deep oceanic ballads. His songs can be poetic images from Tim's own journey, some songs are journeys in themselves, and some of it is just plain fun.

Friday at The Rails from 7pm.

WELCOME BACK TO THE BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE

Brett and Chris from the Brunswick Picture House, and their entire team, believe that there is nothing better for the soul than to laugh and celebrate and they can't wait to welcome you back.

Over these last six years they have been proud to offer the community a place to gather and do just that at the much loved Brunswick Picture House.



The team has been working hard to give the old girl a facelift, while at the same time retaining the charm and character that makes the House unique – but this time around they have added a few new creature comforts. The crew are determined to continue delivering world class entertainment during these challenging times, and are grateful for the community's support.

They cannot wait to welcome you back, or have you visit us for the first time to enjoy their jam-packed Mother of All Summers program.

The Brunswick Picture House is ready to roll with the biggest summer program yet, which includes the best comedians around, including: **Wil Anderson, Judith Lucy, Denise Scott, Dave Thornton, Nikki Britton, Geraldine Hickey, Zoe Coombs, Akmal** and **Lloyd Langford** – this stellar bunch of funny folk are all ready to remind us how good it feels to laugh.

The Picture House is excited to get many wonderful performers back to work as they present their Grand Opening Season of **Cheeky Cabaret**.

Back after six sold out seasons – nights out don't get much better than this!

Brett and Chris want to assure patrons that their priority is the safety of all their friends, artists, guests, and community. Being COVID Safe is a shared responsibility.

They say we all have many reasons to celebrate, come together and stay safe – the spruced up Picture House being just one of them. They continue to operate under the NSW government mandates and are monitoring changes as they happen.

See the Brunswick Picture House website for details of their Mother of All Summers programs: brunswickpicturehouse.com.

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They are the soldiers in this stupid war – the people who live and work at the coalface of the Covid Pandemic. The people who calmly reassure us that it's okay when it really doesn't feel like it. Who take our vitals, find us beds, give us oxygen. Who intubate and resuscitate us. Who are there with us when we die.

When their shift finishes, they pull another one, and then, when their bodies ache from a fatigue that goes bone deep, they have to go home to their family, make dinner, unpack the dishwasher and chat like all that didn't just happen.

I am a comedian, people say to me, 'That must be the hardest job in the world'. No, the worst that can happen is people don't laugh at my jokes. I've never had to resuscitate anyone after a failed punchline. A nurse or a paramedic deals with human trauma. Often with the profound loss that loved ones feel. They have to find somewhere to put all those feelings because the next day they have to do it all over again.

When the PM said 'We have no choice but to ride the wave of COVID-19' he neglected to mention on whose backs we'd ride that wave.

He neglected to mention the very people who have been in the water the entire time. While the rest of us took shelter on JobKeeper or pandemic payments, they were out at sea.

And now, when it comes to 'riding the wave', we call on those same people. Those tired, broken and unappreciated health workers, to see us through. And that wave? Well it's not even at its peak yet.

And let's not forget they're doing all of this work while wrapped in plastic.

When they're on shift for six hours or more their clothes are so wet they can wring them out. It's like wearing a wet shower curtain. Any bare flesh gets damp and rubs against the plastic so they get chafing in weird spots like inner forearms. The pressure areas from their masks start to hurt.

And I'm told you can't hear very well; once you're wrapped up like that it's hard to communicate. Glasses steam up and drip.

Everyone I know bitches about wearing a mask for ten minutes. Some people I know got a doctor's certificate to say they are exempt. When you are a nurse or a paramedic you don't have a choice.

Nurses are an ageing workforce, and predominantly female. Many are menopausal and being in PPE and having to work so bloody hard and being so bloody tired is the perfect inducement for a hot flush. Not one that you can get away from. When a hot flush rages under the plastic there is no way out.

A hot flush in PPE is like being in a sauna. And that's for people working in air-conditioning.

Paramedics are outside in an Australian summer.

I am ashamed of how we treat our nurses and paramedics.

Right now every nurse and paramedic in this country has been pushed to the brink of collapse. We are breaking them mentally, physically and emotionally. Did you know that the conditions in NSW, the pay, the ratio's, they're worse than in Qld?

The base rate for a paramedic is \$33k less here in NSW. So why do they stay?

Long serving paramedic, Benjamin Gilmour, author of several best-selling memoirs about his experiences on the frontline was contemplating leaving the service because he couldn't deal with the stress of a job that does not pay a liveable wage. '\$36 an hour, when [a job] selling Fake Tan on SEEK was offering \$50.' He laughed 'If I can deliver a baby in the bush, I can sell fake tan.'

That would be a huge loss. NSW taxpayers invest \$250k per head to train up paramedics, and then we lose them to Queensland or unskilled jobs like selling fake tan. These are university qualified professionals – many with postgraduate qualifications who are not being paid a professional wage.

Our government has no problem committing billions to buy tanks and nuclear submarines, but last year nurses and paramedics got a pay freeze. Is this their plan? Underpay them so they have to do overtime? Fill those extra shifts by starving your workforce; cynical or neoliberal? Ask one of the staff who've just walked. According to the Nurses Union, more nurses are leaving now than those who left because of mandatory vaccination.

Politicians have to stop saying 'we have capacity' when we don't. The capacity they talk of is in the mental health and wellbeing of those overworked nurses and paramedics. Those people are on the brink of collapse. And they're not allowed to speak out. NSW Health stipulates that nurses and paramedics are not to leak what their real experience is. That's career suicide.

My friend who works in ICU says 'We're at the intersection between angry and scared and resigned and sad. The whole situation is pretty fucked and I've not got a lot of optimism for the next few weeks'.

We're not riding the wave. We're riding them. Our nurses, our paramedics and our emergency doctors.

I'm tired of decisions being made in the name of 'saving the economy.' Without a healthy population we don't have a functioning economy. And without our nurses and paramedics we won't have either. So let's pay them properly.

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 - LA FAMILIA, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
 - CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
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 - KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- ### THURSDAY 20
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FRIEND ZONE**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SIMON MEOLA**, 8PM **NATHAN KAYE**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **YAZMINDI**
 - BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 8.30PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
 - BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **THE BLACK SORROWS**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
 - RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES DUO**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **ROGUE ELEMENTS**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
 - BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **BRUNSWICK HEADS OR TAILS**
 - WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **RUSTY TUNES**
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- ### FRIDAY 21
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES BAND**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KARUAH**, 8PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MATTY ROGERS**
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 - CLUB LENNOX 4PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- ### SATURDAY 22
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
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 - BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **TIM STOKES**
 - HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **FRIENDLY ENEMIES**
 - BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
 - WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ LUSTRA**
 - BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **KAILEY PALLAS**
- ### SUNDAY 23
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **DYLAN PINKERTON**, 7PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
- ### MONDAY 24
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **DYLAN PINKERTON**, 7PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
- ### TUESDAY 25
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
 - BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **STONEHURST DUO**
 - BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM **MICHAEL 'MICK' HARRINGTON**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
 - CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**
- ### WEDNESDAY 26
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **PINK ZINC**
 - MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
 - LA FAMILIA, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**
 - THE QUAD, LISMORE, **SIDESTEP**
 - CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
 - KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY**

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THE SOULFUL, BLUESY TONES OF KAILEY PALLAS

Singer-songwriter, guitarist and pianist based in Coffs Harbour, **Kailey Pallas** has a sound that is a blend of soulful, bluesy tones with the ability, range and experience to go between a mix of genres, from pop, jazz, country, musical theatre, rock, soul and blues.

Since she was just six-years-old, Kailey has been performing to crowds of thousands and has been asked to share the stage with artists such as Jon Stevens, Daryl Braithwaite, Dragon, Shannon Noll, Wendy Mathews, Mental As Anything, The Radiators, Russell Morris, Glenn Sharrock, Sir John Rowles, Dehn Ray, Sneaky Sound System, The Pot Belly's, Diesel, Brooke McClymont, Adam Eckersley, Carter Edwards and more.

By age 18, Kailey's work ethic was nothing short of outstanding – having completed up to Grade Six in singing qualifications through The Australian Music Examination Board, along with completing a Diploma in Music Industry with a Major in Musical Performance and a Cert IV in Sound Production. Over the past few years Kailey has gained experience in TV performance, live radio performance, acting, modelling, theatre and more. Kailey has also recently released two singles; 'Out of Tune', which has reached 40K views on social media; and 'What You Want' for which both views and streams are growing on a daily basis – she's definitely worth a listen!

Ballina RSL Boardwalk, 22 January from 6pm.

HEADS OR TAILS – YOU WIN!

The Brunswick Picture House team are incredibly proud to be supporting home grown talent with the world premiere of the all new circus comedy smash hit, *Heads or Tails* – a cheeky twist on family game shows. This new show is created by dream team **Joel Salom** (Circus Oz) and **Malia Walsh** (Children are Stinky).

Heads or Tails is a kids vs grown-ups game show where smarts, sass or agility could win you amazing prizes. Salom says the idea of a game show comes from his distant past. He has always dreamed of being a game show host – even when he was a little guy (you can sort of almost picture a little Joely practicing this).



'Malia and I have both had more time on our hands lately with international touring being off the table – it was time to make some dreams come true. It's really exciting to launch *Heads or Tails* at the Picture House.

Salom and Walsh started working together after meeting a few years ago at a circus festival when they performed together for the festival gala. 'It was instant fantastic creative fireworks, so it's great to finally get to work together.'

Salom says the Picture House refurb is like a dream come true. 'Everything is wonderful. The new seats are comfortable, the stage is phenomenal, and the air con is unbelievable.'

'The renovation has made such a difference, but the Picture House has not lost any of its unique charm. Everything is so well done, even down to the posh taps in the bathrooms!'

Salom says *Heads or Tails* is so much fun to watch and even more fun to perform. 'The whole rehearsal process has been non-stop laughter and that has just carried through to the stage. Because we ask the audience questions we always get the funniest answers too. Kids are so random and fun!'

Though *Heads or Tails* is based on a game show model it's not all about hard questions. 'We spent a long time working on questions and games where everyone feels like a winner,' says Salom. 'It's created in such a way that it's super fun to compete or just watch, with kids and adults getting up on stage to perform random skills or answer funny questions. There is really something for everyone.'

The pair feel that in some ways they have been preparing for this their whole careers. 'Once we got together to rehearse we actually made enough material for two shows! It was so much fun to create the games, graphics and jokes. We both have way too much energy, so we have made a ridiculously fabulous set with flashing lights and all the bells and whistles.'

***Heads or Tails* is on every Sunday at 4pm until 6 February at the Brunswick Picture House.**



– who also chips in on rhythm guitar – is anything to go by, this quartet is going to have a very busy time juggling school and careers until they have all finished their HSC at Byron High by the end of 2024!

Stereo say their musical influences range from a deep love of phat jazz and funk, to Brit pop, heavy metal and rock. The group have mashed these diverse influences into their own original flavour of indie music.

Most recently Stereo performed at Byron Bay Music Festival to a very happy crowd, and at the Bangalow Showground for an end of year event.

Stereo can also be regularly found busking in Byron, and of course, they are frequently called upon to perform at Byron High.

At just 15, Cinnamon has already been studying music for eight years. Her first instrument is the violin, which she continues to play and study at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium. She also studies classical and jazz guitar under Mark Bromley – she loves jazz and plans to head to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to study both jazz and law.

Older brother, **Leo Laddin Catron**, has been playing bass since he was seven. He also studies music through the Northern Rivers Conservatorium and plans to attend the Sydney Conservatorium and undertake a Masters Degree in Jazz Music. With a love of jazz music and syncopated rhythmic ostinatos, Leo plays both electric and double bass and is a member of multiple big band jazz outfits and is bassist for Stereo and Blackwood. In 2019, Leo and Blackwood won the Mullum Youth Mentorship award. In 2020 Leo played bass with the James Morrisson band.

Kiarn Stenner is the lead guitarist in Stereo. A multi-instrumentalist, Kiarn started out on bass guitar but now spends his time playing around with his guitar and his effects pedal to create dynamic and unique sounds for the band.

The other 'youngster' in the band is **Floyd Whitaker**, on drums. What began on a modest set of kitchen pots and pans led Floyd to a passion for sonorous and deliberate beats through an exploration of jazz and, ultimately, rock. Floyd is committed to what the music calls for with discernment, supporting Stereo with suitably phrased fills, rock steady timing and wicked solos.

Band Called Stereo's next gig is at Kyogle Youth In Action Pool Party on 29 Jan and the next track will be released on 22 Jan through their artists profile on Spotify.

PALACE CINEMAS

Session Times: Thu 20 Jan - Wed 26 Jan NFT = No Free Tickets

<p>SPECIAL SCREENINGS</p> <p>PARALLEL MOTHERS (M) Thu: 6:30pm - <i>Sangria Night</i> Wed: 1:20, 6:00pm - <i>Previews</i></p> <p>THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE (M) Wed: 3:00, 6:00pm - <i>Previews</i></p> <p>FAMILY FILMS</p> <p>AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS (PG) NFT Daily: 11:00, 1:30pm</p> <p>BELLE (PG) NFT Daily: 11:15, 1:50pm</p> <p>CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG (PG) Daily: 12:50pm</p> <p>GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE (PG) Daily except Wed: 3:15, 5:45pm Wed: 3:15pm</p>	<p>SING 2 (PG) Daily: 11:00, 2:50pm</p> <p>THE ADDAMS FAMILY 2 (PG) Daily: 11:10am</p> <p>ALL FILMS</p> <p>DUNE (M) Daily: 8:10pm</p> <p>HOUSE OF GUCCI (MA15+) Daily: 1:20, 4:30, 7:45pm</p> <p>KING RICHARD (M) Daily except Wed: 1:10, 4:20, 7:15pm Wed: 4:20, 7:15pm</p> <p>LICORICE PIZZA (M) Daily except Wed: 3:00pm</p> <p>NIGHTMARE ALLEY (MA15+) Daily: 11:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00pm</p>	<p>SCREAM (MA15+) Daily except Thu/Wed: 6:00pm</p> <p>SPENCER (M) Daily except Thu: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30 Thu: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30pm</p> <p>SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME (M) Daily except Wed: 2:00, 5:10, 8:15pm Wed: 2:00, 5:10, 8:30pm</p> <p>THE 355 (M) Daily: 11:00am</p> <p>THE KING'S MAN (MA15+) Daily: 11:15am</p> <p>THE MATRIX: RESURRECTIONS (M) Daily: 8:30pm</p> <p>WEST SIDE STORY (M) Daily: 11:45am</p>
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BAND CALLED STEREO SOON TO BE LEGENDS OF BYRON

A new group out of Byron, **Band Called Stereo**, have recently recorded and released the first single from their new album. Nothing extraordinary in that, apart from the fact that two of the members have just completed Year Ten and the other two have just complete Year Nine, and if the single 'Send Me Away' penned by vocalist **Cinnamon Laddin Catron**

Admission Prices:

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27 Pinegroves Road, Myocum

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

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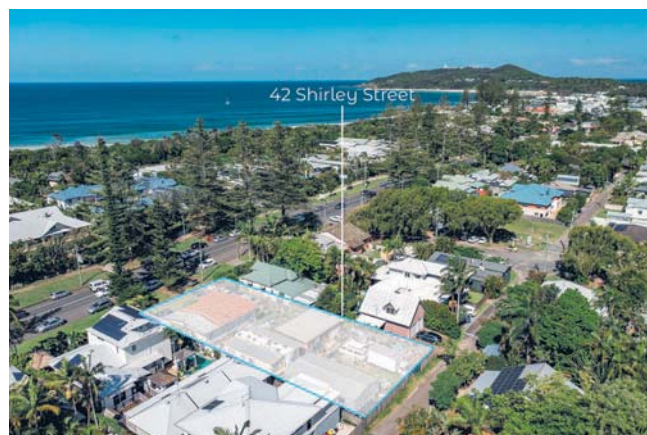
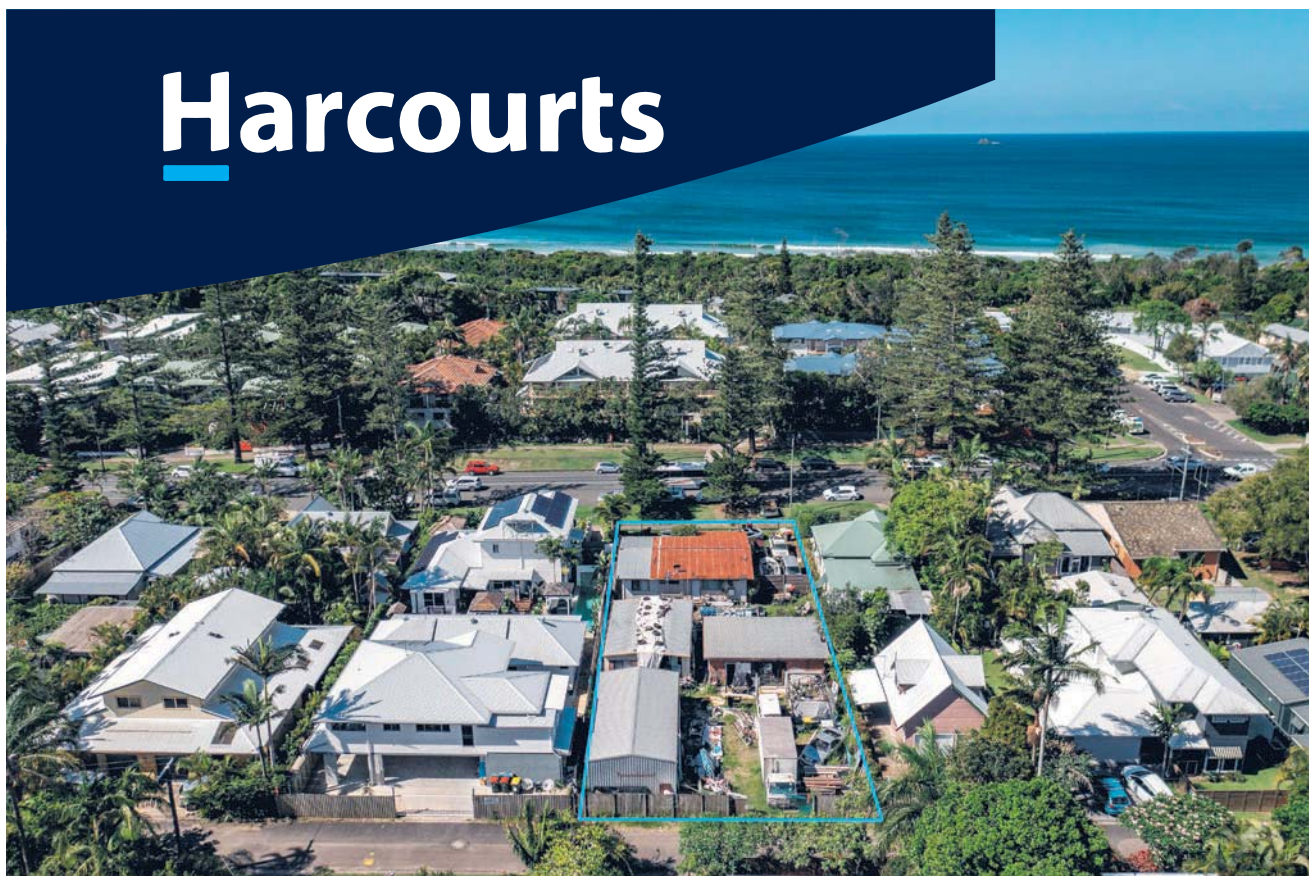
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- A good size timber kitchen overlooks the living and dining area with a large breakfast bar, with brand new gas stove.
- The home has three good size bedrooms with built in robes. Newly renovated bathrooms and laundry.
- A fully self-contained unit, with high ceilings and timber beams, flooded with natural light, timber flooring, air-conditioning.

- The home itself is made of beautiful, oiled cedar boards and rendered brick on the weathered sides, Colorbond roof, timber decking all round.
- Set on 706m² of land this home is the perfect family home with a large backyard, fully fenced. There is rear lane access, with double gates, perfect to bring in the boat.

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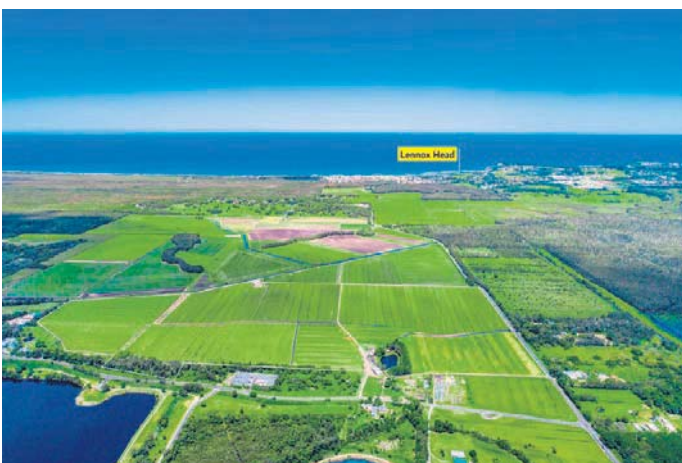
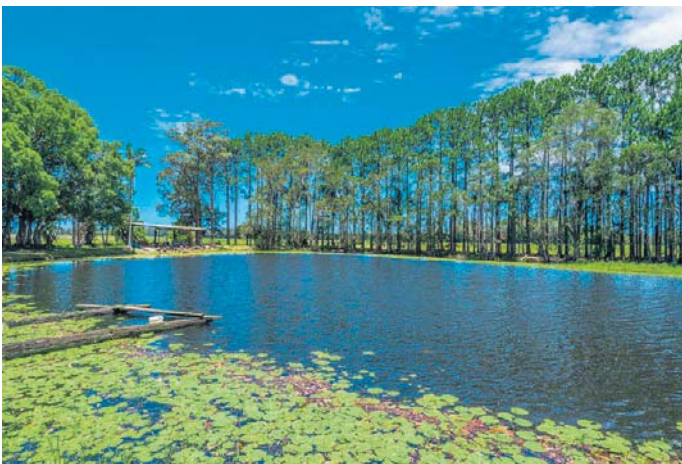
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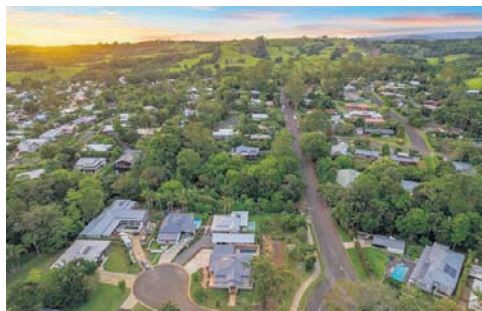
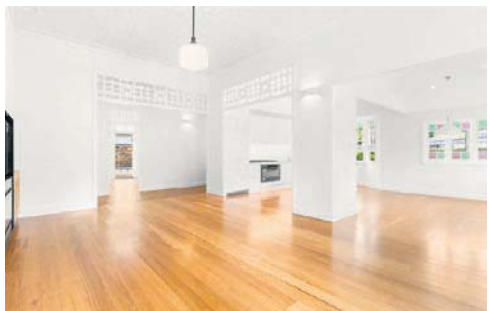
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Price: \$1.5 million



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Set upon a soft rolling ridgeline this charming family estate offers expansive panoramic views of the gently undulating hills and valleys, crowned by a breathtaking vista of the Nightcap National Park Range and Mount Nardi.



This idyllic 6.07 ha property is well-maintained and full of character. Fenced paddocks provide plenty of room for horses and hobbies. It also features a large flat grass pad, 700 mature macadamia trees, a creek, dam, three car lock up garage, 2 & 3 bay-sheds including workshop, established gardens and a large vegetable plot and water trough.

The renovated single story home boasts 3.2 m high ceilings, an open plan living/dining area, an entertainer's kitchen flowing out to an entertaining balcony on one side and a large covered alfresco area.

The home also boasts three large bedrooms, a second living area, renovated main bathroom, separate toilet, and two separate work from home spaces.

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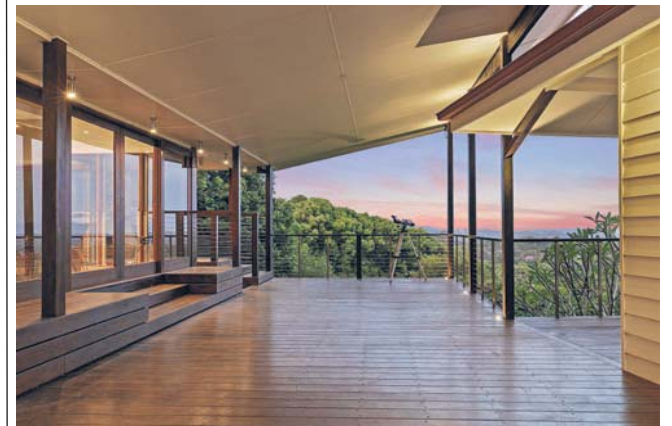
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Immaculately renovated, the beautiful main residence is a classic Queenslander circa 1900's that oozes luxury with elevation and breezes. Featuring views across to the lighthouse – the star gazing is simply sensational at night-time from the resident telescope!

The generous main bedroom has a huge walk-in-robe and luxury ensuite. The office could be used as a 4th bedroom. The newer wings hold two additional bedrooms, both with ensuite and a large comfortable lounge room or another possible bedroom.

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21 Jarrah Crescent, Ocean Shores 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.

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- Additional family living area adjacent to the kitchen



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- The main house is a magnificent craftsman-built home offering three generous sized bedrooms, two bathrooms, spacious open plan kitchen, sensational living area and dining with the bonus of a huge completely separate living area/recreation room.
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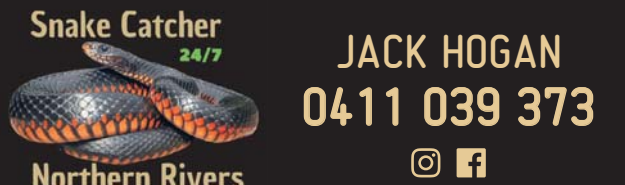


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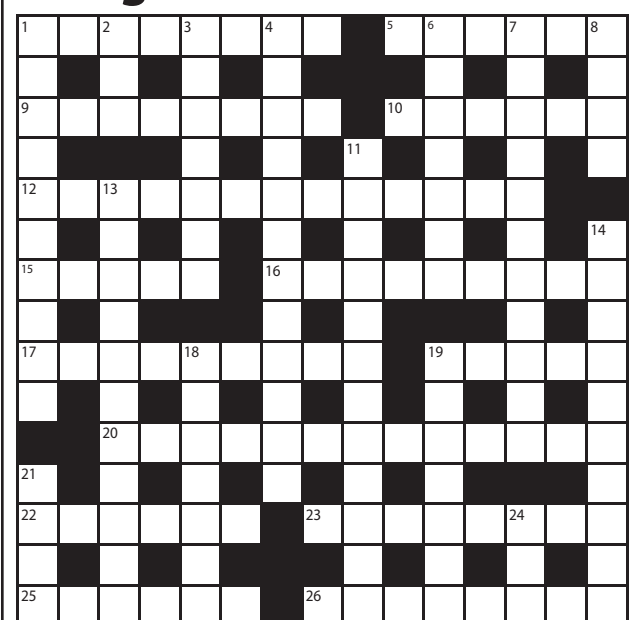
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- A thoroughfare right beside a line about the stars (6)
- Only temporary solutions, but group of musicians helps (8)
- Went far, to possible danger (6)
- Great Russian cultural institution, designed to abolish hell (7,6)
- Bid to kill the queen? (5)
- Left on a ship - inappropriate to one's age (4,2,3)
- Carefully articulating English part of speech, with 101 no good (9)
- Little magistrate with everything (5)
- Residents' game - disputes and arguments (13)
- Prophet gives cheer about reversing vehicle (6)
- Big battle - hose down John! (8)
- About the mincemeat - put it back together (6)
- Drama - lean way to broadcast pop tunes (4,4)

DOWN

- Joey, born about 1947 (4,6)
- Take possession of the leaderless city (3)
- Light meal with dear French tutor (7)
- Otis flies, noted Spooner of the symbols of marriage (7,5)
- Small vehicle, leased to O'Hara (7)
- Conservative, like a god - popular and absolutely okay! (5,2,4)
- Beach resort - top circle (4)
- Chilean lager prepared for New York entertainment venue (8,4)
- Failed other challenges - now it's critical and perilous! (4,2,5)
- Senior member of a boys' patrol cost League damages (5,5)
- Multinational cuddles? (7)
- Warm and balmy weather, but they say it's brief (7)
- Cross back to the entrance (4)
- A garland for the French-Italian (3)

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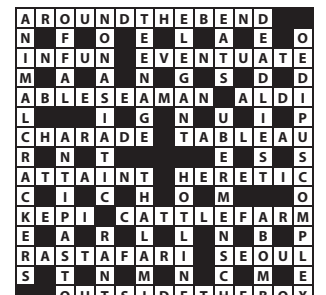
ACROSS

- Rapidly growing city (8)
- Celestial (6)
- Adhesive coverings for small wounds (8)
- Extended between (6)
- Famous dance company based in Moscow (7,6)
- Tender (5)
- Embarked on a voyage (4,2,3)
- Uttering (9)
- Tiny (5)
- Differences of opinion (13)
- Seer (6)
- Decisive and notable defeat (8)
- Reformulate old ideas (6)
- Collection of songs or videos (4,4)

DOWN

- Gen X predecessor (4,6)
- Acknowledge (3)
- Educator (7)
- Bands of gold! (7,5)
- Crimson (7)
- In excellent health (5,2,4)
- Outdoor swimming pool (4)
- Manhattan concert venue (8,4)
- Earth-shattering; vital (4,2,5)
- Scouting's highest rank (5,5)
- Scuggles (7)
- Balmy (7)
- Way in or out (4)
- Hawaiian wreath (3)

Last week's solution N421



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19	W	6:05 19:47	20:57 6:46	10:26 1.74 22:27 1.18	03:25 0.27 16:51 0.37
20	TH	6:06 19:47	21:34 7:44	11:01 1.74 23:05 1.19	04:01 0.27 17:25 0.36
21	F	6:07 19:46	22:08 8:43	11:36 1.71 23:45 1.21	04:41 0.29 18:00 0.36
22	SA	6:08 19:46	22:40 9:40	12:12 1.67	05:22 0.34 18:36 0.36
23	SU	6:08 19:46	23:11 10:38	00:30 1.22 12:48 1.60	06:07 0.41 19:15 0.36
24	M	6:09 19:45	23:43 11:37	01:21 1.24 13:29 1.50	07:00 0.49 19:57 0.37
25	TU	6:10 19:45	12:37	02:20 1.27 14:17 1.39	08:03 0.57 20:45 0.38
26	W	6:11 19:45	01:17 13:40	03:30 1.34 15:16 1.28	09:23 0.63 21:41 0.37
27	TH	6:12 19:44	02:54 14:46	04:45 1.43 16:29 1.19	10:53 0.62 22:42 0.36
28	F	6:13 19:44	04:13 15:54	05:56 1.56 17:47 1.15	12:21 0.55 23:45 0.32
29	SA	6:14 19:43	05:45 17:04	07:00 1.69 19:01 1.15	13:33 0.45
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2	W	6:17 19:41	11:34 21:04	10:23 1.95 22:33 1.31	03:23 0.14 16:47 0.21

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1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each THU 2.30-3.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
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STARS BY LILITH

As North Node moves to Taurus and South Node to Scorpio for this year's nodal changeover, collective emphasis shifts from movement, travel and education to values, finances and possessions.

AQUARIUS THE WATER-BEARER

ARIES: Spontaneous Uranus, planet of the unexpected, quantum leaping forward this week: is it unsettling? In areas where we've been complacent, yes, the necessity for resets could come as a bit of a shock. But it's also exciting, especially when you approach decision-making with the twin queries 'What if?' and 'Why not?'

TAURUS: Taurus headquarters are the happening place right now. With North Node in Taurus super-charged by Uranus heading forward in your sign, it's worth adopting the mindset that sudden change can be liberating. Pay attention to intuitive downloads arriving this week, which could be very instructive over the coming months.

GEMINI: DThis week's Sun/Mercury alignment in Aquarius is good for research and groundwork on a new project, especially if that concerns communication technology, social media networks or community groups. Pitfalls? If your mind's in overdrive with expanded possibilities and multiple options, making choices can be challenging, so remember K.I.S.S. and keep it simple sweetheart.

CANCER: Saturn's into the practicalities of money management, and while Saturn's organising Cancerian economics this year, Jupiter just loves having fun. If you normally have a boring budget that never quite works (and even if you don't), consider a new spending plan that allots a generous sum for enjoyment and pleasure.

LEO: As change-maker Uranus exits its hibernation in Leo's work zone and North Node kicks in, for the next eighteen months, it's time to rethink long-term goals. Combining your resources and talents with the right partner (perhaps someone more experienced?) could significantly improve this year's financial outlook.

VIRGO: This year's progressing astrology supports a financial reset: getting more bang for your buck by brokering better deals with service providers, reducing fees and overheads. As you further develop areas of expertise, whether that's managing people and/or resources, funds earned with others could also see an economic upturn.

LIBRA: In the current financial climate, the way things used to work may increasingly not apply. With business as unusual, you might find your personal wealth in areas other than money. This cycle's less about accolades than establishing exactly who and what makes you happiest, so you can do more of it with more of them.

SCORPIO: An excellent week to set aside the usual conventions of everyday conversation and surf the subtle waves of self-inquiry. Then to identify, if possible, in discussion with others, the most pertinent and illuminating questions to ask - something Scorpio poet David Whyte describes as 'having a frontier conversation'.

SAGITTARIUS: As Sagittarian foot-in-mouth moments escalate, if you're not sure about writing, posting or saying something this week... don't. Take extra care to avoid misunderstandings in family, friend and online relationships. Investigative Pluto is continuing to download powerful moments of introspection that highlight what matters most to you right now.

CAPRICORN: Venus retrograde in Capricorn reality-tests relationships. Pluto detoxifies social systems. Astrologer Hunter Reynolds describes the present Venus/Pluto conjunction as the astrological equivalent of ayahuasca: its task being to make us sick of our dead habits of relating so we can purge them from our system. Interesting perspective...

AQUARIUS: Your planet ruler Uranus is rearranging life on Earth at a systemic level. Mercury and a Venus/Pluto alignment are both dealing with underworld, buried stuff that needs attention. On the other side of this transformation a new you is due to emerge, as the Sun and Saturn in your sign celebrate your happy birthday, Aquirkyans.

PISCES: Feelings aren't particularly effective in the outer world unless they're expressed. Actions speak louder than intent, and energetic Jupiter's currently encouraging more effort in getting those emotions on the move - with particular focus on bringing your inner leader out into the wider world on behalf of what you care about.

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Everyone ready for the first Council meeting with the newly elected councillor recruits? It was pegged for this Thursday, but has been postponed until Thursday February 3, owing to COVID-19, say staff.

According to demographers id.com.au, 'The latest births numbers are out from the ABS, and they show that Australia's total fertility rate has declined to a record low in calendar year 2020, to just 1.581 babies per female. This rate has never been seen before'. They add that the data doesn't reflect COVID-19 impacts and 'Australia's birth rate has been declining since 2014'.

The Byron Community Market relocation plans are on exhibition until February 6, which would include closing a section of Jonson Street in the CBD. The DA documentation can be found on Council's DA tracker - www.byron.nsw.gov.au/DATracker. Application number 827 in 2021.

Flickerfest organisers say four Northern Rivers filmmakers will be sharing the big screen, along with other talented peers from across the world, at their Mullumbimby screenings to be held February 24, 25 and 26 at the Mullum Civic Hall. The local filmmakers are Luca Fox, Paul Henri, Jake Frazer and Marlon Denning. A record 3,200 entries were received for this year's touring film festival, says co-organiser Shane Rennie. For more info visit www.iQ.org.au.

A tweet from Plague Poems: 'To speak to the people as if they are children is



Most people think of Andrew Hayim de Vries, from Compost Central, as a pretty down-to-earth kinda guy. Saturday's garage sale showed a more esoteric and quirky side to his recycling creativity. Andrew sold off many of his repurposed, often iconic, mid-century appliances to raise money for the charity, We Love India, before he temporarily relocates overseas. Photo Jeff Dawson

counterproductive; a condescending tone persuades no one. To speak to the people as if they are adults is complicated; a knowledgeable tone requires faith in your audience. How much easier it is not to talk to the people at all!

For those absolutists among us hanging on the hard edged fringe of the vaccine debate, herewith are some wise words from Bertrand Russell's 1959 BBC interview: 'Love is wise, hatred is foolish. In this world, which is getting more and more closely interconnected, we have to learn to tolerate each other. We have to learn to put up with the fact that some people say things that we don't like. We can only live together in that way, and if we are to live together, we must learn the kind of charity and kind of tolerance which is absolutely vital to the continuation of human life on this planet'.

Diary date! Wednesday January 26 from 1 till

#mullumbimbyrotary and #byronshirecouncil.

A late obit for Byron/Mullum local, Patricia Dailhou, is on page 5. Son Mark says as Patsy passed away during lockdown last year, there was a very restricted funeral, but a memorial is planned for October 1.

Byron Bay's Lone Goat Gallery has reopened with a new exhibition, *Beach Dogs of Byron Bay*. The posthumous exhibition commemorates the life and contribution of award-winning local photographer, Rob Scott-Mitchell. Sadly, Rob passed away, after a terminal diagnosis of cancer, in 2021. The gallery is located next to the library.

A lesson from Gilligan's Island: They listened to the professor, not the millionaire.

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