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## Reflective moments

Lisa Sandstrom and Luka Carnovale reflect on the message of the One Billion Rising campaign to end violence against women and children. This was Byron's tenth annual V-Day Main Beach dance, organised by Zenith Virago, as part of the worldwide campaign held every Valentine's Day. Photo Jeff Dawson

## How safe is the Butler Street reserve?

A request by *The Echo* for the report that underpins advice around contamination of Butler Street Reserve has been refused by Byron Shire Council staff.

According to Council staff, that report commenced in 2017, yet there is no indication when the public can expect it to be completed.

Located opposite the bus terminal in Byron Bay, Butler Street Reserve is known to have been an unlicensed landfill up until the mid-1970s. While per-and-poly-fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) have been found, the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) say 'Finding PFAS in the environment does not mean there is a human health risk'.

Contamination was used, in part, as reason to move the monthly

market from the reserve; however, Council announced it was safe for the smaller farmers' market to return to a 'stable' part of the land.

*The Echo* asked an EPA spokesperson: 'Are there any health concerns, from the EPA's perspective if the monthly markets relocate back to the reserve?'

An EPA spokesperson replied, 'The EPA understands that activity at the site beyond the scope of the farmers' market would require more extensive control measures'.

The spokesperson also said, 'Council is responsible for the investigation. The EPA is currently liaising with Council about the start of the next phase of the PFAS investigation works. PFAS investigations are often complex and the need for further

investigation might be identified as part of this phase. Council has compiled a draft *Environmental Management Plan* for the site, which focuses on the return of the farmers' market (small scale market) and the necessary control measures for protecting human health'.

Council staff added, 'The most recent investigations have been regarding PFAS, but there is no single summary/analysis report covering all contamination issues across the site. It has been an iterative process of investigation, as EPA requests for further investigations have been made'.

'Owing to the fact that the PFAS investigation is ongoing, Council is not in a position to release a comprehensive report'.

## NSW nurses and midwives strike

Union calls for improved staff-to-patient ratios and fair pay

Thousands of nurses and midwives from more than 150 public hospitals and health services went on strike across the state on Tuesday over the NSW government's failure to introduce nurse-to-patient ratios on every shift.

Nurse-to-patient ratios are in place in Qld, for example, where the pay is also higher.

NSWNMA General Secretary, Brett Holmes, said the strike was a culmination of ten years' inaction by the NSW Liberal-Nationals government, and its refusal to negotiate with nurses and midwives to secure safe staffing on each shift in every hospital.

'Nurses and midwives across NSW have had to fight to be safe at work during the current pandemic. Fit testing, workers' compensation and

leave entitlements have been a constant battle under this government'.

'Each peak of this pandemic has demanded more from our members and put them under considerable strain. Working conditions have deteriorated as staff vacancies increased, scope of practice has been diluted, admissions have skyrocketed, and untrained staff have been introduced into care models. All of this impacted the level of care they can provide to patients'.

Mr Holmes said COVID-19 has exacerbated the failings of the health system and highlighted the disrespect shown to nurses and midwives by this government.

He added, 'The platitudes will not be enough to sustain our already fatigued and diminished health workforce.'



On Tuesday, Frank Harkness held a vigil outside the Byron Central Hospital. Frank is a radiographer who regularly sees the stresses our nurses have to work under, and supports staffing ratios and increased pay. Photo Jeff 'Proper Level Photos' Dawson

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## Federal Community Children’s Centre recognised

Tucked up in the small village of Federal, located behind the hills of Byron and Mullum, is a small education and care centre for children aged from two to five years old.

The centre is unique, say organisers, in that it provides preschool and long day care options.

Federal Community Children’s Centre director, Mandala Diehl, says their unique Bush Tucker Living Classroom and community-based centre received a high commendation from the Department of Education in November 2021.

Mandala says the centre has been around for more than 42 years and was ‘set up by the community, for the community, with an aim of providing options to best meet families’ needs’.



Suzu with a flower from the bush tucker shrub, *Melastoma affine*, or blue tongue tree. It’s known for its sweet berries, which stain your tongue blue. This is one of the many treats growing in Federal’s Mandala Garden. Photo Jeff ‘Blue Tongue Press Reptile’ Dawson

### Big changes

‘In late 2021, we went through a huge change, owing to the government mandates and we were lucky enough to be able to survive.

‘Sadly, many other local community-based services have struggled and even been forced to close’.

Assistant director, Linda

Watson adds, ‘We feel blessed that we have been able to retain and attract enough staff, owing to the great deal of emphasis upon connection.

‘[It’s] Connection with each other, connection with community and connection with nature. Our nature-based program encourages a love of,

and respect for, nature’.

‘Children are enabled to explore our bush tucker garden/outdoor environment, building deep knowledge, skills, respect and a sense of wonder in the natural world.’

Mandala says that pre-school spots with extended hours are available, with a

combination of paid long day care.

‘The importance of high quality early childhood education is internationally proven in studies, showing the long-term effects of quality play-based education prior to school’.

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# Waste into art – RATs to be transformed

Paul Bibby

The Shire's RAT (rapid antigen test) upcycling project has taken a significant step forward, with a local OP shop and a well-known sculptor putting their hands up to take part.

Driven by local not-for-profit organisation, Mullum Cares, the pilot project aims to reuse the plastic from tens of thousands of RAT test cassettes, thus preventing them from going into landfill.

This week, the Global Ripple op shop in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate became the first local business to introduce a RAT collection bucket.

'It's consistent with their approach that, if there's a community need, they're the first to put their hands up to do something about it,' the founder of Mullum Cares, Sasha Mainsbridge, said of Global Ripple.

'We're asking people to keep their test cassettes, remove the testing strip, break them up into the two component pieces, wash them thoroughly and then bring them in and place them in the collection bucket provided.'

Once 50 kilos of plastic has been collected, local sculptor, Steve Roswell, from Studio Kite plans to use a chipper to shred the RATs into a fine grain.

He will then use a 3D printer to mould the plastic into a quirky sculpture.

Mr Roswell's studio has created several large-scale works of public art, including the Barangaroo Lion located



Chrissy Klements from Global Ripple and Sasha Mainsbridge from Mullum Cares. Photo Jeff 'Giving A RATs Since Time Began' Dawson

on the famous Barangaroo headland in Sydney Harbour.

It is understood he is considering using the locally-obtained plastic to create a sculpture of a rat with a human face.

He and Ms Mainsbridge hope the project will raise public awareness about the upcycling of RAT's and plastic waste more generally.

'I want every chemist in the Northern Rivers to contact me about putting one of these buckets in to collect RATs,' she said.

'Ultimately, we're not going to save the entire waste problem with this project... But we're hoping that the places which are selling them will put their hands up to collect them as well.'

'Valuable resources like this must be recovered, and if they can't be recovered by

councils, then the responsibility must be placed on the upstream players to stop senseless and climate-changing waste.

'The rise of China as a super manufacturing power has led to the global raping and pillaging of natural resources needed to feed human demand for stuff.'

'Products that used to be made to last are now hard to find and we find ourselves with broken goods that we either can't find repairers for or aren't prepared to pay the Australian labour rates to undertake the repair.'

### Bio-hazard concerns

'So we waste. And the global population grows and so does the waste.'

Ms Mainsbridge said she understood and acknowledged people's concerns

about safety when it came to upcycling RATs, but pointed to the collection of women's sanitary products as evidence that such issues could be managed on a mass scale.

'We are doing this safely – we just need the community to get on board and bring their clean RATs in,' she said.

'We believe consumers want less waste and are prepared to make more of an effort to contribute to this outcome, and that they want systems and regulations put in place to mandate maximum diversion of reusable resources from landfill,' she said.

'We only want to do this until Easter, so we're encouraging everyone – locals and businesses – to get involved.'

To contact Sasha, visit [www.mullumcares.com.au](http://www.mullumcares.com.au), or call 0422 641 474.

## Byron Cubs receive highest award



Scout leader, Caston Smith; Cubs, Oliver Gall and Ben Reeve, and group leader, Melissa Bautista. Photo supplied

Congrats to Ben Reeve and Oliver Gall, who were recently presented with the Grey Wolf Award, the highest award that can be achieved by a Cub Scout.

Scouts group leader for the Byron Bay Cubs, Melissa Bautista, said the award acknowledged '12 months

of work, which culminated in the boys mapping and leading a hike for six cubs somewhere in the region.'

Ms Bautista added the scouts and guides cater to boys and girls aged eight to 18 years, and they currently have 70 members. To get involved, visit [www.byronbayscouts.com](http://www.byronbayscouts.com).

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# Byron biz 56 per cent down, says chamber

President of the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce, Jason Bentley, has said in his latest newsletter that recent data collected indicates local traders are 56 per cent down on sales.

He said the data results come from the chamber's annual Byron Business Barometer.

He said, 'Its data and insights set the foundation for how we can add value to our Byron Bay business community in 2022.'

'Overall, business confidence rated a six out of ten, which is high, given the complexities we all navigated during the Christmas and New Year season, but also a tribute to the positive energy and resilience of Byron businesses', Mr Bentley said.

'The data did highlight industries under stress including hospitality, retail and tourism trading 56 per cent down on sales YOY.

'Staff availability affected 54 per cent of businesses, meaning they were operating at only 77 per cent capacity.

'Supply chain issues also impacted 43.5 per cent of businesses, with 63 per cent forecasting an increase in operating costs of between 10-20 per cent in 2022.'

He added, the focus for 2022 will be on 'local knowledge sharing, creating a sense of business community and harnessing our entrepreneurial spirit that makes Byron's experience economy the best in Australia'.

## \$1B support package

In reply to the Chamber's findings, Jane Laverty from the Northern Rivers chapter of Business NSW, told *The Echo*, 'Small businesses in our region have spent two years navigating a global pandemic, a debilitating Qld border closure, lockdowns, and more recently with the Omicron wave the loss of staff for weeks at a time'.

Ms Laverty said, 'The concern for small business was reinforced by the results of our *Business NSW January*



Jane Laverty from the Northern Rivers chapter of Business NSW. Photo supplied

*Quarterly Business Conditions Survey*, where 45 per cent of the Northern Rivers respondents to the survey said they would only have enough cash flow reserves to see them through three months'.

'The NSW State Government's recent announcement of a \$1B business support package has been welcomed by business, and we need to see funds in business bank accounts immediately to keep doors open.

'Please do not self-assess eligibility; contact the Service NSW Business concierge to work through your business situation - Phone 137 788.

'That being said, many businesses are now looking at how they rebuild stronger and how they can use the lessons of covid and the pivots they piloted to tap into new markets and business opportunities.

'I am encouraging business leaders to work closely with their accountants or business advisors who can help them to make strategic decisions that are financially astute.'

'The Government has also invested in business support programs that are free of charge for small business, and should be taken advantage of, such as the Rural Financial Counselling Service (1800 344 090) and Business Connect Advisors (1300 134 359).

## Digitally connected

'One of the lessons for business over the past two years has been the importance of being digitally connected with their clients and having the flexibility to trade via e-commerce. This should be a priority for business development going forward.

'Accelerating business opportunities in 2022 may mean a strategic investment in the business's marketing and social media capability.

'TAFE have just launched their Certificate IV in Marketing Communications, via a half day virtual classroom delivery starting on March 3. This is fully funded and offers a 50 per cent wage subsidy for eligible staff and also a traineeship package.

'I implore businesses who have staff with a desire to upskill to take advantage of this opportunity. Call Derek Whitney on 0456 961 263 for assistance.

'I also really encourage business leaders to get connected with their broader business community.

'Being part of a local Chamber of Commerce can support networking and business development. It is also a great way to keep abreast of opportunities in relation to free business support and having a voice on local issues. Contact the Business NSW office on 5631 8509, or email [northernrivers@businessnsw.com](mailto:northernrivers@businessnsw.com) and we can link you up to a local chamber nearest you.

'Our local businesses are critical for a healthy community, they provide jobs and vibrancy to our towns. If we can support them through these hard times with our loyal custom, they will have a good chance of bouncing back'.

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# Burma film examines repressive regime, Feb 25

After Burma's military seized power and detained elected government members in 2021, young Burmese people formed the 'Drum Revolution' group to protest. Yet despite the peaceful action, Burma's military junta continues to brutally crack down on protesters.

On February 25, Burmese director, Sai Kyaw Khaing, will visit Byron Shire to screen his film, *Strike with the Beat*, which chronicles the country's struggle to regain democracy.

Co-organiser of the event, Kerry Wright, says 'They want their country back, and are unarmed, and not stopping! They want you to know what is happening'.

'At the screening the audience will receive powerful messages from abroad by Dr



Myanmar protesters called for a 'silent strike' in March 2021 after the military seized power from the elected government. Photo [www.sify.com](http://www.sify.com)

Ma Thida, famous Prisoner of Conscience, author, medical doctor and PEN Myanmar spokesperson with PEN International.

'She knows exactly how evil the military government

is in her country, and she tells us how we can assist.

'Alan Clements has also been working to raise awareness on these issues for decades, and he sends a poignant and powerful

message from his hospice in Hawaii. [Local Labor MP], Janelle Saffin, a long-term Burma support person, will also attend the screening as an honoured guest.

'This year is crucial for the nation', Kerry adds.

'Australian academic, Dr Sean Turnell, is still in real danger in prison after a year, photos of more burnt bodies emerge regularly, the last just days ago. Burma remains in trauma.

'Friends who fled in their thousands across borders for their lives cannot access banks in Burma from makeshift camps in neighbouring India, and have received no aid'.

The screening starts 7pm and will be at the Byron Theatre, February 25.

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**Private consortium proposes \$250m mega health development next to new Tweed Hospital**

A private consortium is proposing to build a \$250m health and education development on farmland next to the new Tweed Valley Hospital in Cudgen.

**Cadwallader wins the trifecta: mayor; Rous; and regional chair**

Ballina's recently elected mayor has added yet another important position to her portfolio after taking a seat on the Rous County Council last month.

**Sleeping Lizard to continue journey home to the Widjabul Wia-bal**

With more tossing and rolling and tumbling than a storm at sea, last night's Council meeting at the Lismore Chambers was so confusing that even some councillors were having trouble keeping up.

**As a Regional Strategic Area, Tweed councillor's could receive a pay increase**

Tweed councillors have unanimously agreed that they will apply to become a Regional Strategic Area; an outcome that could pave the way for an increase in remuneration for Tweed councillors and mayor.

**Man dies in hospital after being found seriously injured – Ballina**

A man has died in hospital after being located with serious head injuries in Ballina.

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**MPs meet Traditional Owners over Dunoon Dam**

Eve Jeffery

A meeting in The Channon last Thursday may go down in history as one of the major turning points in the fight against the Dunoon/Channon Dam.

Elders from the local mob, the Widjabul Wia-bal people, invited MLCs Cate Faehrmann (Greens) and Catherine Cusack (Liberal) to visit their Country at the site of the proposed dam at The Channon Gorge, and to speak with them about the significance of the area.

Ms Faehrmann and Ms Cusack walked through the gorge with Nan and Terri Nicholson, Léandra Martinello and Widjabul Wia-bal woman, Skye Roberts.

Mrs Nicholson said she hoped that the Elders of the Widjabul Wia-bal tribe were able to explain to the State politicians the importance of their connection to Country and in particular, to the land that would be drowned by the proposed dam.

'They spoke so movingly



A meeting of minds and hearts in the fight to save Country at The Channon Gorge – Cate Faehrmann MLC, Uncle Goongie John Roberts, Skye Roberts, Aunty Leonee Nowta, and Catherine Cusack MLC. Photo Tree Faerie

about what those burial sites mean to them,' she said.

**Burial site**

Aunty Leonee Nowta said she is worried for the future of her people, given the dam proposal is known to cover sacred Indigenous burial sites. She said, 'When I think

about them wanting to put in a dam – what happens to our people? Our ancestors? We can't come and visit, we can't walk the land.'

'I was pulled aside by my grandfather and told a lot of stuff – I was taught leadership. I am about truth, and the truth must be known. It

has to be known and we have to protect Country as much as we can – fight to protect it. It's close to our hearts.'

After a tour of the gorge and conversations with the Elders, both Ms Cusack and Ms Faehrmann said they felt better equipped to understand what the area means

to the local mob.

Ms Cusack said, 'I've learnt of the really quite serious First Nations people's issues, and the destructiveness of this'.

'It is a matter that they haven't really been consulted with, and it is going to be a major issue.

'I'm really trying to get my facts together so that I can go back and talk to the agency whose responsibility it is to ensure that these matters are properly addressed.

'There are certain issues in relation to Indigenous heritage that have, in the past, completely ruled this project out. I have more research to do to find out how that has been disregarded and what's going to happen in relation to those matters.'

Cate Faehrmann said after the meeting she understood that the site is incredibly sacred to the Widjabul Wia-bal people. 'It just simply cannot be developed into a dam,' she said.

► Full story online at [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)

**DV funding announced**

The NSW Government has announced a funding boost of nearly \$20 million over four years to help more victim-survivors of domestic violence stay in their homes.

Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Natalie Ward, said the commitment will mean the Staying Home Leaving Violence program will be expanded from 33 existing locations to reach 70 locations across the State, focusing on areas with high demand.

The aim of the Staying Home Leaving Violence program, according to

[www.facs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au), 'is to prevent you and your children becoming homeless or having to move away from your family and friends, and the school and community where you live.'

'The program works in cooperation with NSW Police to remove the perpetrator (the violent partner) from the family home.'

Other support includes safety planning, help in managing finances, support for children, and assistance with complicated legal processes. To contact the Northern NSW (Clarence Valley) chapter, call 02 6684 4299.

**Independent Page candidate announced**

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Hanabeth Luke has put her hand up for the Division of Page, a seat currently held by Nationals MP, Kevin Hogan.

Many may know Luke from a newspaper photo of her helping a man out of the burning Sari Club after the Bali bombing in 2002. Others know her as Dr Luke; an educator who has been teaching and conducting research in Southern Cross University's Faculty of Science and Engineering since 2011, where she is the coordinator for SCU's course in Regenerative Agriculture.

The former Byron High student is a wife and a mother of two, and lives in Evans Head, from where she commutes to SCU up to five days a week.

'I think so many people are disengaged with politics, it doesn't feel like it has anything to do with them – they feel like there's a bunch of people they don't connect with, 'up there' making decisions about them, and it's got nothing to do with them.'

Though not running for any party, Hanabeth has been endorsed by voices4page, a community movement that want an alternative Independent candidate for Page who is



Hanabeth Luke, Independent candidate for Page.

free from party politics.

'Politics is never going to be any more inspiring than it is right now. There are many examples from around the world where the politics is so much better than what we're seeing right now in our country. So, if people enrol to vote, they can make a huge difference. If they vote for Independents, like me, they can get people standing up there in Canberra, who are going to talk for them, and for this region, and not what some party decides somewhere in some city.'

Dr Luke says Page is going backwards. 'When it comes to the poorest people in this electorate, it's getting worse under this current government and current leadership. It's not getting any easier for them, and it's even not getting any easier for me and I'm

working at the university!'

Luke says we're in a housing crisis and people have nowhere to go.

'We need affordable housing. We need homes built. We don't need any more Airbnb. We need homes for families. There's so much research that's been done that shows that when people have a house, when they've got access to health care – they live better and they stay out of hospital!'

**Going backwards**

Dr Luke says the region has been going backwards financially and of the 151 federal electorates, Page is about the 10th poorest.

'Grafton and Casino have been going backwards in terms of the poverty index, so we really need to try something different.'

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## David Warth to contest fed election

Byron Bay wildlife filmmaker, David Warth, has announced his intention to run as an Independent candidate for the federal seat of Richmond.

While still not announced by the prime minister, the election is expected to be held before May.

On [www.davidwarth.com.au](http://www.davidwarth.com.au), David says, 'We are facing major challenges, with so much in transition'.

'I will work in the best interests of our communities to lead the way in creating the future we want to see, for our children, for our small businesses, for our farmers and for our elderly. I know that we must stand together now with strong, calm leadership. This is the time'.

'To take on this new challenge, I have put aside my career as an internationally recognised multi-award winning wildlife filmmaker. This was a big decision for me, but I could not stand by and watch our community suffer without taking action'.

Additionally Mr Warth posted videos on his website outlining his policies and



David Warth. Photo supplied

views around freedoms, liberties, covid-related policy (mandates, passports, lockdowns, masks), environmental policy, the affordable housing crisis in the Richmond electorate, taxation reform, voting for an Independent instead of a political party, effects of political donations on major parties, his economic policy stance, and energy generation in Australia.

### COVID-19 stance

Mr Warth says of COVID-19 on one video, 'It's not a deadly disease, it's a mild disease. There are certainly people at risk, [such as] the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. We need

to look after them as best as possible. Lockdowns were never a good idea, quarantining healthy people wasn't even recommended by ATAGI. Masks are ineffective'.

The *Echo* asked Mr Warth where he sourced his information regarding the pandemic, and the government response, given he says on his website that the COVID-19 response is 'disproportionate to the risk involved'.

Mr Warth replied, 'I am quoting [PM] Scott Morrison's statement that "for eight out of ten people, it will be a mild disease'.

'Paul Kelly, Chief Health Officer, recently stated the survival rate is 99.9 per cent with only 0.1 per cent death rate and most people survive it well'.

'I totally support people who want to be vaccinated, but I don't think it is appropriate for people to lose their jobs over this. The disease is now endemic and we need to live with it. I really would like to see the community come together, and start moving forward again'.

## Community lawyers receive extra govt support

The Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre (CLC) is one of fourteen organisations across NSW to share in \$52 million of extra support from the State Government, Clarence Nationals MP, Chris Gulaptis, and Tweed Nationals MP, Geoff Provost, announced last week.

Based in Lismore, the Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre provides face-to-face advice at outreach locations in Casino, Grafton, Kyogle, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Pottsville.

The not-for-profit community legal centre is an Incorporated Association managed by a regional voluntary Committee of Management.

Visit [www.northernriver-sclc.org.au](http://www.northernriver-sclc.org.au) for more info.

The Northern Rivers Community Legal Centre is located at 114 Molesworth Street, Lismore, and their phone number is 6621 1000 or 1800 689 889.

## Byron playground needs feedback

The playground at the Byron Bay Memorial Recreation Grounds is being upgraded, and Council is inviting feedback on how the public space should be improved.

A budget of \$90,000 has been allocated towards the new playground equipment

and facilities, say staff, with improved disability access also being investigated.

The upgrade is estimated to be finalised by June 2022.

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## Queers on Wheels delivers the goods

Nutritious meals, essential items and lots of love is being dished out by Queers on Wheels to the local LGBTQIA+ community affected by COVID-19 and isolation.

Queer Family managing director, Aiden Gentle, says that over the past six weeks, the volunteer organisation has delivered 800 free home-cooked meals and 50L of fresh juice. They also supplied paracetamol, hydralite, lozenges, sweet treats, pet food, nappies, sanitary products, puzzles, and books.

Aiden said, 'We noticed people started asking for help on the socials because they were alone, or their whole social network was



Volunteer cook Jen is part of the crew providing the LGBTQIA+ community with food and other essentials. Photo supplied

sick. So we did what anyone would do to make folks feel better. We brought them soup, made sure their cat was fed, and checked in to

see they were okay.'

The program has been a huge hit, says Aiden. 'One Mullum local texted, "I just can't thank you enough for

all the nourishing love and support you've given me"'

'It's not only those receiving meals who have benefited from the grass-roots approach; the broader community have been quick to praise the project. Another emailed, "I don't need a delivery, but I just wanted to say it makes me so happy to hear this is happening and to know you're there if I did need it"'

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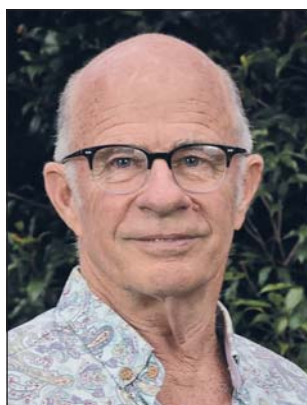
## DA processing improvements sought

Two councillors who have penned a motion for the upcoming February 24 Council meeting are asking for public feedback around how to improve DA processing by Council staff.

The motion, by Crs Duncan Dey (Greens) and Asren Pugh (Labor), notes the pressures that Council's planning department are under, and follows a staff report and councillor support from the February 3 meeting.

The upcoming motion notes Council determines 'more Development Applications (DAs) than average in NSW, and that Council staff determine more DAs per staff member than the average council in NSW; that recruitment of appropriate skills and staff has been difficult; that DA processing times and uncertainty over processing times are matters of significant public frustration; incorrect or incomplete paperwork being submitted creates significant workload for assessment staff, and often leads to delays and increased complexity.'

Crs Dey and Pugh are seeking a staff report by April 2022 'on measures that may improve key performance indicators (KPIs), reduce



Cr Duncan Dey (Greens)

waiting times for DA processing, increase certainty in DA processing times and meet the requirements, as set out in the letter from the Minister'.

This includes, 'establishing a "fast lane" for qualifying DAs, with a triage approach for determining if DAs meet the criteria to be "fast tracked"; determining guidelines that would qualify DAs to be fast-tracked.'

'These guidelines may include simplicity and levels of correct paperwork submitted; allocating additional funding towards DA processing; adjusting DA assessment procedures towards refusal with an invitation to re-lodge (when DA documentation is deficient).'

Cr Dey told *The Echo*, 'I believe Govcorp's long



Cr Asren Pugh (Labor)

term aim is to take planning powers from rural councils'.

### Planning powers at risk of govt takeover

'Cries of poor planning performance will support that aim'.

In August 2017, [www.governmentnews.com.au](http://www.governmentnews.com.au) reported that the Liberal-Nationals government stripped powers from Sydney and Wollongong councils in determining DAs worth between \$5 million and \$30 million in value.

Cr Dey says, 'We want Council to consider ways of improving planning performance, and are citing three avenues so far that could help. We'd love to hear from locals with experience

of Council's systems: DAs or other applications.

Cr Dey is contactable via [duncan.dey@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:duncan.dey@byron.nsw.gov.au) and phone 0429 845 440.

Cr Pugh's email is [asren.pugh@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:asren.pugh@byron.nsw.gov.au).

The pair will need majority support from fellow councillors for the motion to be successful.

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Acknowledging that visitation had 'increased

considerably over the past few years', NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Tweed Byron Area Manager, Jenny Atkins, said the track upgrade 'will greatly improve visitors' experience of Broken Head'.

'The work will be carried out by specialist track contractors with assistance

from NPWS staff and Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people'.

Planned completion for all track work is early May 2022, say NPWS staff.

'During construction, tracks being repaired will be closed to the public. Kings Beach car park will also be closed for some of the period.'

## Lift the Lid Byron Shire

Council is lifting the lid on recycling behaviour across the Shire. We will be out and about looking in bins, seeing how people are sorting their waste, and helping those that need it. It is important that only the correct items are going into the bins so we can recycle valuable resources, and reduce waste to landfill.

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## Tweets from the peeps

'[Federal Defence Minister] Peter Dutton awarded Canstruct International a \$1.8 billion contract despite having no staff, no assets and no revenue. They did, however, have a rich history of political donations to the Liberal Party.'  
**Federal NSW Labor Senator, Tim Ayres**

'The neocons/warmongers have spent years stoking the new cold war with Russia and have now brought us to the brink in Ukraine—this serves their own interests, and lines the pocket of the Military Industrial Complex with trillion\$. Let's not be sheep.'  
**Former US Senator, Tulsi Gabbard**

'Texas sued Meta over Facebook's use of facial-recognition technology, saying it violated the state's privacy protections for personal biometric data.'  
**The Wall Street Journal**

'Oil is surging toward \$100 a barrel for the first time since 2014...That's bad news for the world economy...'  
**Bloomberg**

'Attorney-General Michaelia Cash confirms to Senate #Estimates that the government will not introduce legislation for an anti-corruption commission before the election. A broken promise from the last election.'  
**Federal Qld Senator, Murray Watt**

'Comedians did not sign up to be your hero. It's our job to be irreverent and dangerous, to question authority and take you through a spooky mental haunted house so you can arrive at your own conclusions. Stay focused on the people we pay taxes to to be moral leaders.'  
**US comedian, Whitney Cummings**

'The CIA is not your friend. The CIA is not a friend of the United States. The CIA is a friend of power, and power alone.'  
**US whistleblower, Edward Snowden, responding to the Washington Post story, 'Senators: CIA has secret program that collects American data'**

'I can't believe John35879283758 just disproved all of the world's climate scientists, and their millions of hours of work in a single graphic!'  
**Edgar McGregor, climate science undergrad/activist**

'Sweden decides against recommending COVID vaccines for kids aged 5-11'.  
**From www.reuters.com**

'The Religious Discrimination Bill privileges powerful, religious voices at the expense of minority & vulnerable voices. Our preference has long been for a comprehensive Human Rights Act which would ground any necessary protections in a holistic & just approach to human rights.'  
**Uniting Church in Australia**

'I'm not a fan of some things #JoeRogan has said over the years, but it never ceases to amaze me that people get more furious over a few sentences by a comic than an endless effort by our media to manufacture consent for wars that have killed six million people since 2001. Cancel the MSM'.  
**Lee Camp, host of TV show Redacted**

## Achievements? Where the bloody hell are they?

**A**lmost every Australian Prime Minister leaves something behind them that defines their time leading the country; some pivotal piece of nation-building, either physically or legislatively, which embodies both the leader and the era.

Whether Medicare or WorkChoices, there are achievements we can point to as being characteristic of the government of the day.

Entire volumes have been written about the complex and storied legacies of Robert Menzies, Gough Whitlam, Malcolm Fraser, Bob Hawke, Paul Keating and John Howard and the way they shaped our nation, for good and for ill.

What, however, are the legacies of the Morrison years?

If nothing pops into your mind it's not because you're forgetful: it's because there's a eerily whistling wind blowing through the mighty chasm that stands in the place where other PMs would have piled their achievements.

This is important, because if Scott Morrison loses the upcoming federal election, he will have been the longest-serving Australian Prime Minister since Howard – beating Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard, Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull for total days in office.

Rudd successfully negotiated Australia through the Global Financial Crisis and established the framework of our renewable energy system.

Gillard launched the National Disability Insurance Scheme, universal paid parental leave, and the carbon not-actually-a-tax, and the mining absolutely-a-tax, despite having a minority government for much of her time in office.

Abbott's achievements were more, in that he repealed as much of that as he could, and gutted Labor's National Broadband Network, but he also hashed out a deal for new submarines and ramped up Australia's punitive offshore detention system.

Turnbull was fighting for his political survival and still changed the senate voting system for the better, and of course oversaw the legalisation of same-sex marriage.

For Morrison, however, there have been a lot of announcements, and a lot of inquiries into things that didn't need inquiries (honestly, what sort



**'The attempt to claw back non-existent debts from welfare recipients was eventually deemed illegal, while the Morrison appointed Attorney-General, Christian Porter, was accused of an historic rape'**

**Andrew P Street**

of PM announces an investigation by his own office into finding out what he himself knew, as happened with the sexual assault on Brittany Higgins?); but in terms of actual achievements? ...nothing springs to mind.

Things have happened on Morrison's watch, of course. There were bushfires around the country, affecting communities that have yet to receive the support his government promised, and the PM was notably annoyed at having to cut his Hawaiian holiday short when he didn't even hold a hose, mate.

There was a global pandemic during which federal responsibilities were handballed to the private sector, federal money was overwhelmingly sluiced to companies that didn't need it and away from entire sectors (the arts, the tertiary education sector) that were in desperate need, and the government announced abrupt public health policy changes for what looked an awful lot like reasons of political expediency, rather than, say, because Australia had the rapid antigen tests we required.

And that's not all.

The attempt to claw back non-existent debts from welfare recipients was eventually deemed illegal, while the Morrison appointed Attorney-General, Christian Porter, was accused of a historic rape, sued the national broadcaster for their reporting on the case, lost, and then had his fees paid by anonymous donors, and Morrison insisted that all of this was entirely within the rules.

### Marginal electorates

That was the same response when colour-coded spreadsheets of marginal electorates appeared that corresponded to the awarding of federal grants – for everything from sporting facilities to railway car parks.

Morrison's two signature promises before the election: to pass a Religious Discrimination Bill and establish a

federal anti-corruption body, are notable because his own party prevented the former, and the latter has never eventuated at all.

It's impossible to point at anything that will have a lasting effect on Australian culture, beyond more subsidies for industries that are contributing to rapid climate change, a sharp uptick in distrust of government, and an increased risk of domestic terrorism from anti-vax movements given support by a timid government driven by political advantage above all else.

Indeed, as this column was being written, Morrison explicitly came out in support of the anti-vaccine mandate protesters, insisting that he understood and that vaccine mandates were from state governments and had nothing to do with him.

Which raises the question: if vaccines are a state issue, why the hell was he thumping his chest in the media about making an example of an unvaccinated tennis player?

Brittany Higgins and Grace Tame were excoriating during their appearance at the National Press Club last week, making the point that they were less concerned with the PM's often clumsy language than they were of the staggering lack of action under his leadership in ensuring the safety of women in parliament.

Higgins emphasised the point that she wasn't looking for sympathy from the PM as a father of daughters, but that she 'wanted him to use his power as prime minister'.

If Morrison loses the election he will leave a yawning void as his legacy, having built nothing, improved nothing, and left the nation weaker, angrier and more distrustful. But if he wins the election it will endorse everything he's done, and more importantly what he hasn't. Do Australians truly want another term of a government that refuses to govern?



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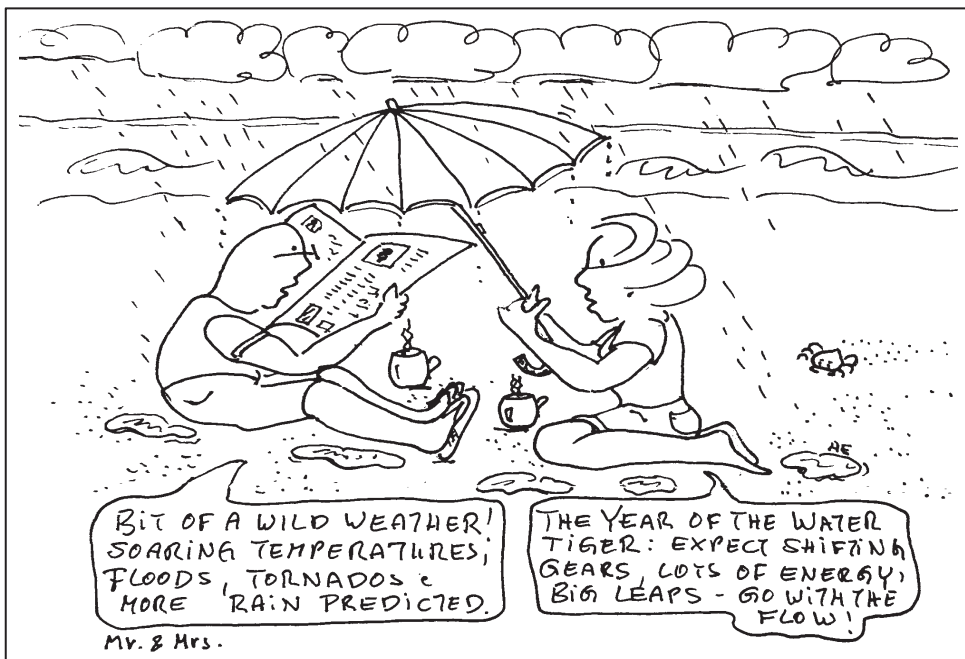
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**Stop the rot**

And so the rot sets in. Yet another out-of-town developer considers it has the right to annex protected Kingscliff agricultural land for some Orwellian concept of a private 'health and education' complex.

Local Member Geoff Provest has, to his credit, declared: 'It's not on'. One hopes he can persuade his government colleagues (including the aptly named Health Minister), that the proposal not be declared a State Significant Project for which it has been craftily

budgeted to qualify.

Quite apart from the fact that under current zoning the concept is illegal, the carbon footprint of a combined private hospital, aged care, university, housing and entertainment complex, combined with that of the new Tweed Valley Hospital, would have a huge affect on Kingscliff's coastal amenity. All the concept appears to lack are a faux Buckingham Palace, Marble Arch and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

And the irony of including a Koala Study Centre on land which, were it not for the new

hospital and this monstrosity, would otherwise still be inhabited by koalas, wallabies and various other native wildlife appears completely lost on these dystopian concreters.

As for the claim that environmental issues will be solved by running only electric buses; as the Pythons would say, 'On your electric bike squire!'

**Jeremy Cornford**  
Kingscliff

**Onwards and upwards**

I enjoyed Simon Haslam's groundbreaking report in last week's *Echo* on Dave Osborn's remarkable achievement;

that of parking in all the parking spots in Mullum's Woolies. That he also impressed a teenage daughter is even more amazing.

For a moment I was inspired to attempt the challenge at Bairnsdale's Woolies; the car park of which must be three times the capacity of Mullum's. Then I realised it would involve me getting in my car and going somewhere.

I hope Simon will be commissioned to report on the annual Lewis Carroll Awards, which requires competitors to believe as many impossible things as possible before breakfast. I understand the world record is 28 and is held by Rainbow Tamari Moonbeam of Palmwoods Upper.

**Michael McDonald**  
Bairnsdale VIC

**Sleeping Lizard**

When my ancestors' family landed in Brisbane in 1863, they settled in Coorparoo, close to the lagoons at Woolongabba. They played with the local kids there, who taught them how to swim, how to make and use a spear for fishing, and taught them their language.

**Letters to the Editor**

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This was not an isolated case. There were many such 'first contact' stories all over the country. It was later that the trouble started, when settlers brought their sheep and cattle onto the land without permission, and started destroying the native environment; a process we continue down to the present day.

Ten years ago I was able to visit my ancient

homelands of France and Ireland, which was a great healing for me. And one of the beautiful things I found was that there are still traditional owners there, and in the UK, who are in touch with their ancient past, maintaining sacred sites, ancient monuments and other signs of human habitation dating back millennia. If they can do it there, why can't we accord

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To submit your application for nomination and for further information about each group's purpose, membership, meeting frequency as well as the expertise required for each Committee, please visit the Committees and Groups page at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

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# Should Australia make electric vehicles?

Cosmos Magazine

**A** new report advocates for reviving onshore vehicle manufacturing – electrically.

Australia could benefit hugely from setting up an onshore electric vehicle manufacturing industry, according to a new report from the Australia Institute's Carmichael Centre.

The report states that Australia's renewable energy potential, mineral resources and highly skilled workforce make it an optimal place to manufacture electric vehicles.

'Thanks to the resilience of our remaining automotive manufacturing supply chain, a surprising amount of auto manufacturing work – including components, specialty vehicles and engineering – still exists here,' says lead author Dr Mark Dean, a research fellow at the Carmichael Centre.

## Kickstart needed

The report outlines a range of initiatives and policies that governments would need to implement to kickstart the industry, including tax incentives to encourage onshore processing of raw mined materials – particularly lithium for batteries – a long-term vocational education strategy, incentivising global manufacturers to set up here, rapidly electrifying government fleets with locally manufactured cars, and establishing an EV Manufacturing Industry Commission.

'We used to have the industry,' says Gail Broadbent, a researcher in electric vehicle uptake at the University of New South Wales, who was not involved in writing the report.

'It's only four years ago that it closed, so there's no reason why the educated, skilled workforce isn't there.'

In addition to the existing skilled workforce, the report points out that much of the engineering infrastructure needed to make vehicles is still around and could be repurposed.

'That report rightly points out we've got the minerals to make the batteries, we've got all the materials we need to make cars – so there's no reason not to value-add,' says Broadbent.

There are places in Australia where the existing manufacturing industry has reinvented itself, connecting



Electric vehicle production. Photo [www.flickr.com/argonne](http://www.flickr.com/argonne)

with advanced technologies.

The report highlights the Tonsley Innovation District, at the site of the old Mitsubishi factory in the southern suburbs of Adelaide, as an example of government support provoking this sort of development.

'The Tonsley Innovation precinct would be a terrific location for EV manufacturing,' says Giselle Rampersad, Professor of Innovation at Flinders University's Tonsley campus, who also wasn't involved in writing the report.

'It includes an innovation ecosystem of large companies, small and medium enterprises [SMEs] and is underpinned by the education sector of [Flinders] providing research and a skilled workforce, as well as the VET sector.'

Rampersad says that while defence has been key to many of these developments, 'SMEs operate across several manufacturing sectors and the intent is that spillover benefits can be felt in other sectors, such as EV manufacturing.'

## Government support

According to Rampersad, educational areas that need attention to build up an EV manufacturing workforce include 'engineering (mechanical, robotic, electrical and electronic) and computing (IT and cybersecurity), as smart systems are required in EVs to track usage and also in new advancements related to autonomous features.'

While it's clear that the industry wouldn't be starting from scratch, onshore EV manufacture would still need a big investment from government to get up and running – and it would need even more work to guarantee locals would buy the EVs.

Broadbent says that one of the best ways to encourage local uptake is for governments to guarantee they will preferentially purchase Australian-made electric vehicles for their fleets – another initiative suggested by the report. As well as providing confidence for manufacturers, such a policy would have a social effect.

'It sends a message to the country that the government thinks they're good enough to buy,' says Broadbent.

It's also a way to normalise the vehicles.

## Infrastructure

'All the workers who get to use them in their workplace, get to use them without having to go to the trouble of buying one,' says Broadbent. 'They get to see how they work, and they can appreciate the benefits, and it starts a lot of conversations.'

This is why several state governments are currently planning to transition their fleets to EVs, even absent of local manufacturing.

Price and infrastructure are much more complicated issues to tackle on uptake. Widespread charging stations, better incentives to buy and sell EVs, and better regulations on pollution all need to be introduced to make EV usage more widespread.

'People want the infrastructure, and without that infrastructure, it ain't gonna happen,' says Broadbent.

Rampersad says that 'electrification is a journey,' noting that EVs are part of the transition to more advanced vehicle systems, such as solar cars. 'EV manufacturing [is] a vital stepping stone in strengthening manufacturing capability to shape a bright future.'

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► **Continued from page 11** the traditional owners here the same respect?

We Australians who came here after 1788 continue to benefit from the dispossession of the original occupants. Until we can accept this, we live in a state of denial and delusion.

Until quite recently we told ourselves, through our legal system, that this land was unoccupied, and belonged to no-one. The legal term was *terra nullius*. This fiction was finally overturned by the High Court of Australia in *Mabo* (1992); long overdue, given that King George III ordered Captain Cook to act 'with the consent of the natives'.

In the past 30 years there has been a growing awareness and appreciation of Indigenous knowledge in all realms of human existence.

For me, the proposed cancellation of the handback of Council land on North Lismore Plateau sits in the same basket as the revival of a proposed new dam on Rocky Creek: these decisions, if taken, represent a triumph of greed, hatred and ignorance over the much touted 'Australian' values of mateship, tolerance and a fair go.

I urge Lismore and Rous County Council to think

clearly before going down this emotional, knee-jerk road. Don't stir up hate and division: be 'human' enough to honour previous commitments. There's plenty to do, working together, without these distractions.

**Keith Gasteen**  
The Channon

**Populist hicks rule?**

With the new Rous County Council (RCC) being made up of 6:2 pro-dam councillors there is now a demand for RCC to shelve the current Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCM) and put the Dunoon Dam (DD) back on the table.

Much has been made of the 10,000 signatures on a petition, which insisted that the DD be reinstated. Some pro-dam councillors have said that they can't ignore these people. They apparently believe that the 10,000 people (6.6 per cent of the population) should determine water policy for RCC.

But, these same people emphatically ruled out groundwater, recycled water, and desal plants as permanent water sources. Some of these measures are already being used by RCC – and have been for many years.

Does 'rule by the 10,000' mean that RCC should

immediately pull out the new deep bore that has recently been drilled into the Clarence-Moreton Basin?

Should RCC immediately stop pumping water from the Wilson River (into which Bangalow releases its treated sewage) up to the Nightcap Treatment Plant?

Should RCC be ruled by populist demand? If Rous councillors dictate that RCC should bow to the 10,000 and go with the only option they agree with (the new dam), then it will have to abandon all the other water management options that it has spent the last year developing and implementing.

Rous County Council would be become unworkable. How embarrassing for all of us. Our Northern Rivers community will look like a bunch of backwoods hicks who are stuck in the past and can't read a scientific report or a cultural heritage impact assessment.

**Nan Nicholson**  
The Channon

architecture, heritage, environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, or tourism. The other just needs a good heart.

The Panel acts like Council and receives a planning report prepared by a Council planner. Council presents the report and speaks to it at the NRPP public determination hearing. There are currently six DAs before the Panel in Byron Shire. These include two for protection works on Clarkes Beach; a 130-lot subdivision at Brunswick Heads; a residential/retail proposal in Jonson Street; Council's own Bioenergy Facility near the Byron Bay STP; and a Mixed Use development at Broken Head.

I ask locals who have the skills, and those who just care, to apply (<https://bit.ly/30Msrmb>) before Expressions of Interest close on 4 March. The EOI process is via Council's website.

**Duncan Dey**  
Main Arm

**Planning ahead**

Regional Planning Panels were introduced in NSW in 2009. They determine 'regionally significant development applications (DAs) and other planning matters'. There are four regional Planning Panels in NSW. They are the middle tier of planning assessment. Council does 'little things' and Sydney does 'big ones'. No corruption to see here.

Luckily, two of the five members of the NRPP can be appointed by Council.

Byron Council will nominate two members for the Panel, and two alternatives. At least one member should have expertise in planning,

**Gratitude attitude 1**

Thanks to those who are writing in to help us all raise our thoughts and remind us about the power of gratitude. I am especially grateful we have *The Echo*, an independent, inclusive voice that informs and brings our community together.

The definition of gratitude is: being thankful, appreciation of, and inclination to return kindness. So you can see this mindset can really make changes in the world, one person at a time.

An attitude of gratitude helps us be in our power. We all have the ability to change the way we think. It's hard not to buy into the bad news

which technology has made available 24/7. It seems to be the zeitgeist of these times to whinge, worry and feel that we are hard done by. In reality there has never been a time of greater prosperity and longer life expectancy. If you look at history, you will see that we are indeed the fortunate ones.

The antidote is practising gratitude, as soon as you wake up, as you go to sleep and whenever you start going down the slippery slope of despair. Think about something that is beautiful in your life. The trick is to be aware and diligent. There is beauty everywhere, especially in this region.

We are able to choose our thoughts. Even with depression, the choice is still there, it's just a lot more difficult. Perhaps we should be grateful for the hard times and see it as an opportunity to grow and develop as strong, resilient people who have honed their power. And remember, everything changes.

Please keep writing in to help cheer us all up.

**Magenta Appel-Pye**  
Mullumbimby

**Gratitude attitude 2**

As a frontline worker (a nurse at Byron Hospital) I want to say a big thank you to our community and to the 'Front Up for the Frontline' group.

It has been tough here with overtime and extra shifts. We take on more work than we can realistically handle because we don't have a choice when our co-workers are isolated or sick. My goodness I get tired and sometimes short with my patients (who might be you). Being given gifts of frozen meals, boxes of fruit, cookies

and even tickets to the magnificent *Cheeky Cabaret* at Bruns Picture House has been wonderful. I have felt so appreciated by unknown people. The stranger I pass in the street could be my benefactor. Our night out was such fun and brought us together as a special group being given recognition. I can forget that in the middle of a long night shift!

Thank you all.

**Anonymous**  
Byron Bay

**Waiting on Gladys**

To supporters of Gladys, can you please bear in mind that we are still waiting for the results of the inquiry regarding her relationship with ex-minister Maguire, to see if it was corrupt or not.

Also, it has recently been revealed that huge grants of taxpayers' money were handed out by her, to get re-elected at that time.

This is not in any way how taxpayers' money was meant to be spent. Just like the rest of her ministers – money thrown away, \$30 million overpaid for land at Badgerys Creek, money wasted on trains and ferries not fit for purpose, and now the submarine debacle. The list goes on, fortunately, she doesn't.

**Joyce Walters**  
Ballina

**Train nostalgia**

I've been enjoying walking to the Byron Farmers Markets, or sitting in the shade on one of the wooden benches on a hot and lazy afternoon within the new railway precinct – the only thing that's missing are the trains!

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**CHESS by Ian Rogers**

Australia's preparation for July's Moscow Chess Olympiad is proceeding well, despite the cancellation of almost all major events over the past eight months.

In January both Bobby Cheng and Justin Tan have headed overseas for competition and last week both registered impressive results.

Sydney's Cheng was part of the winning team at the Battle of the Sexes tournament in Gibraltar. Cheng, the top seed by a small margin in an event pitting males against females, finished the event undefeated and steadied the male ship when the females took an early lead.

However, Cheng was overshadowed by Europe-based Melbourne-based Justin Tan, who won a big open tournament in Reinstorf, Germany.

Tan was an unlikely winner of the Chessy Open, having lost his second round game and then blundered a piece in eight moves in the third: 1.e4 e4 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e5 Nh5 5.Qe2 Be7 6.d4 d5?? 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.Qb5+!

Then Tan remembered some advice he had been given as a junior a decade ago, about not just performing well when in form, but lifting his minimum standard when conditions were against him. (Football pundits – and Magnus Carlsen – would express the same sentiment via the expression: 'But can he do it on a cold, rainy night in Stoke?')

'So I pulled myself together!' said Tan, who proceeded to win that third round game despite his piece deficit and then six more in a row to finish outright first by a point and take home the 1,200 Euro first prize.

Reinstorf 2022  
White: J Tan  
Black: A Koellner  
Opening: Sicilian Defence  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qf3! A modern idea, keeping a queen exchange with Qg3 up White's sleeve. 7...Bd6 8.0-0 Be5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bd4 Bf4+?! 10...Bxd4 11.Rxd4 d5 is simple and safe. 11.Kb1 Nf6 12.g3 Be5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Qe3! Ng4 15.Qe2! Rb8 16.Rd3! With the knight on c3 protected, White is ready to push Black back with f4 and e5. 16...Nf6 17.f4 Qa5 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4 0-0 20.c4 f5 Hoping for 21.Nf2? Nc3+!, but Tan is alert... 21.Qd2! Nb4 22.Ra3 Qc7 23.Nd6 c5 24.Bg2 Nc6 25.Bxc6 Qxc6 26.Rg1! Tan has spotted that Black's king has very few defenders and switches from python mode to attack mode. 26...Rb4 27.g4 f4g4 28.Rag3! Bb7 29.Rxg4 g6 30.f5! Rxf5?! 31.Rxg6+!! hxg6 32.Rxg6+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ Ke7 34.Qh4+ Kf8 35.Qd8 Checkmate!

After winning the 2021 Doeberl Cup, Tan had pointedly asked whether the Australian Chess Federation could continue to overlook him for Olympic selection. After his win in Reinstorf the answer is a firm... surely not again?

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# The Good Life

## Cold beers to the rescue

Many people know about the popular Kingscliff brewery, Earth Beer Company. But what you may not know is that the founders, Richie Foreman, Tom Lee Lewes and Zeke Hower have a long history of serving the Tweed and Byron Shires.

Richie, the main bloke behind the bar, has been a fire fighter in northern New South Wales for the last six years. When he isn't slinging brews at the Brewery, Richie works with the Byron Bay and Alstonville Fire and Rescue Service to help put wet stuff on the hot stuff.

Tommy's career started as a professional lifeguard in Byron before taking on a position with the Westpac rescue 'chopper'. When you can't find Tom on the ground at the Brewery, look to the sky where you might find him dangling from a helicopter, rescuing tourists and locals alike. If you need help in the surf, or with your thirst, Tommy has got you covered.

Family man Zeke is a former road construction worker who saw the light and chased his passion – becoming a brewer and learning the craft with Stone & Wood before joining Tom and Rich. He has two beautiful daughters with his wife, Shae, who holds down the fort as a nurse in the Shire. You can ask Zeke anything about beer and he will have an answer... or at worst a great beer to share!

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## Frida's Field nose-to-tail workshop



Fridas Field beef cattle. Photo by Kate Holmes

Over the last weekend in March, Frida's Field restaurant and farm will pay homage to their holistically reared Angus-Wagyu cattle by hosting a special nose-to-tail beef celebration. Located just ten minutes from Bangalow in the Byron Bay Hinterland, the weekend will kick off on Friday 25 March with an interactive three-hour experience featuring a 'forage and harvest' farm tour, plus a hands-on introduction to seam butchery and nose-to-tail cooking demonstration in the restaurant kitchen.

The workshop will be run by Head Chef, Alastair Waddell, three-time winner of the SMH Good Food Guide's One Hat Award, together with Frida's Field founders, Edward Rawlings and Jeanie Wylie. This nose-to-tail beef workshop will be the first of a series of seasonal educational events that will roll-out over the year. Guests are recommended to return the following day to experience nose-to-tail dining at its finest with a celebratory five-course nose-to-tail long lunch using Frida's own holistically-reared Angus-Wagyu beef.



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## Rainforest Foods

When New Brighton and Mullumbimby Farmers Markets began in 2007 and 2010 respectively, Rainforest Foods were one of the founding market stalls. Now, many years later, their products speak to the fundamentals of the farmers' market community.

'A bit before that time it was amazing that Byron Shire didn't have a farmers' market,' said Rainforest Foods owner, Anthony Hotson. 'It was around the turn of this century that more locals became more motivated about the importance of food autonomy and regional resilience and the farmers' market network has been amazing in this regard. Many farmers used to sell through the wholesale market, and barely got a thanks for their product. Now at the farmers' markets they experience the appreciation that customers give back – socially, economically and environmentally; all wins.

'Selling our products this way gives a great sense of connection to community and the conversations we have with customers keeps our business fresh, it's our favourite way of selling our farm produce'.

Anthony's interest in native food plants came from travelling in 1993 through Central America, in particular Costa Rica, where he took part in field trips with the National Biodiversity Institute, and on his return, looked into the value of local rainforest plants, establishing Rainforest Foods' orchards to raise awareness of the biodiversity value of our original plant communities.

There are remnants of the original rainforest



John Cottrell from Rainforest Foods says farmers like the appreciation at the local markets.

on the Tuckombil property, where orchards of macadamia nuts, Davidson plum, native limes, aromatic essential oil plants, and Acronychia grow, all of which are used to produce Rainforest Foods' value-added products. The quality and freshness is far and away superior to store bought products. 'From personal experience people really do love to know the provenance of the products they take home, that and the authenticity; we grow all the nuts and fruit we use in our market products on our farm'.

If Anthony had to name a favourite it would be the macadamia spread, 'We go through two kilos every few weeks, added to everything, with honey or miso'.

Anthony's favourite use is, however, in baked pears.

## A team with a big heart



In October last year the Ballina RSL Club lost one of their chefs, Minh Griffiths, to a sudden and tragic massive heart attack in a gym.

Following this death, the club's Executive Chef Stephen Mills pulled together a team of chefs, industry professionals and friends to join him in a Healthy Hospo challenge raising money for The Heart Foundation.

'Some of our team chose to swim, walk, run and bike

ride, they all did a great job raising money and awareness for the Heart Foundation,' said Stephen Mills, 'and to finish the challenge with last night's dinner was an exceptional way to celebrate the life of our dear friend Minh.'

Stephen had four guest chefs in the kitchen along with his team. Diners at the fundraising banquet enjoyed six delicious courses with matching beverages and a very entertaining auction by board



member, Peter Sinclair. The total amount raised from the challenge was close to \$21,000.

## Flowers bring bunches of happiness

American environmentalist 'Lady Bird' Johnson once famously said: 'Where flowers bloom, so does hope.' That was decades ago, but never has it been more evident.

While many businesses have suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic, local flower farmer, George Singh, says the flower industry has literally been blossoming.

George, who has been growing flowers on his 14-acre farm at Tintenbar for over 20 years, is a local fixture at Byron and Bangalow Farmers Markets and says sales have skyrocketed in the past two years.

'More people than ever are buying flowers,' George says. 'During the pandemic and lockdowns, they've been spending more time at home and they want something to brighten up their homes. Flowers are a quick and easy way to do that.

'They really do help to brighten up your day and make people feel happy. In fact, for some of my customers, they were giving flowers priority over their food!'

The local farmers' markets didn't shut down during the pandemic as they are deemed an essential service. In fact, customer numbers surged.

'It gave people an opportunity to get out,' George says. 'They could shop outdoors in the fresh air and also chat to people while they were shopping. It was a chance to be a little bit social (at a safe distance) during a very isolating time for many.'

George grows a wide range of flowers, including chrysanthemums, roses, gerberas,



Flower farmer George Singh, at Bangalow Farmers Market.

carnations, sunflowers, snapdragons and proteas. He says there are a number of benefits to buying local.

'Imported flowers have to be fumigated before being sent to Australia,' he says. 'Locally grown flowers aren't, and they are also much fresher as they haven't been put in cold storage and shipped halfway around the world.

'Shopping at the farmers' markets mean you are getting genuinely locally grown flowers – and produce – as well as supporting small-scale local farmers. Plus, there's a real sense of community at the market. It's magic.'

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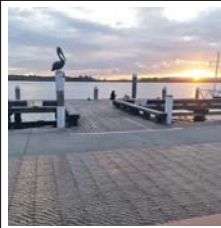
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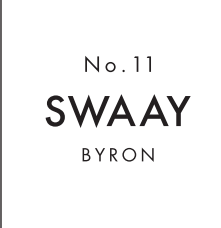
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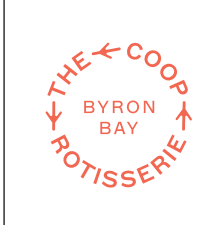
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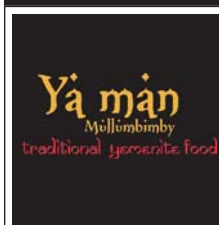


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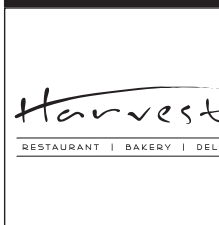
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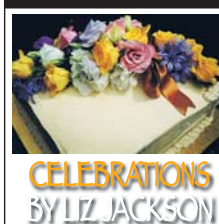
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## STEVE TYSON'S STORIES ARE HIS LIFE

Steve Tyson is a singer-songwriter based in the Byron Bay hinterland. His music has taken him around the world for over fifty years. His stories are his life – tales of war, love, murder, and redemption, dripping with satire and black humour. Steve's eclectic songs have resonated with music reviewers, earning four-star reviews in the national music press.

Together with his band The Train Rex, Tyson has just released his new album *Banjo's Last Ride*, and once again the critics have responded with glowing reviews;

'This album is a tour de force. Another masterpiece from a master songwriter.'  
 – Ian Dearden, *Trad&Now Magazine*.

'In the past few years there has been much to enjoy in the later work of Australian songwriters such as Russell Morris and Joe Camilleri. With *Banjo's Last Ride*, Tyson delivers an album of powerful, passionate songcraft that is just as worthy of your time.'  
 – Noel Mengel, *Loudmouth Magazine*.

*Banjo's Last Ride* is a set of blues-infused contemporary folk songs, with intimate storytelling one minute, and swaggering alt. country the next. Stories influenced by Steve's extensive travels offshore shine through, but the songs are decidedly Australian in content. The first three singles from the new album have been warmly received with over 13,000 YouTube views each.

Steve and his band set out on tour this month and kick off with a show at The Rails on Friday 18 February.

**Steve Tyson and The Train Rex: The Rails, Friday 18 February.**  
 For more information, visit: [www.stevetyson.com.au](http://www.stevetyson.com.au)

## GOOD NEWS

The good news for film lovers is: COVID cannot stop the Drill Hall Film Society!

The Film Society aims to screen classic cinema at low cost to members in the convivial atmosphere of the historic Drill Hall Theatre Mullumbimby with its tiered seating and air-conditioning.

The 2022 premiere screening will be *The Rocket*, on Saturday, 26 February. This wonderful film will be introduced by the film's director, Kim Mordaunt, and producer, Sylvia Wilczynski, followed by a Q&A.

Kim has recently returned to Mullumbimby after working on the ABC's *Wakefield* and *Fires*.

The Drill Hall Film Society present films on the last Saturday of the month at 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm. In an effort to keep the Drill Hall a COVID Safe environment we'll all be wearing masks and ask everyone to do the same.

The Drill Hall Film Society is offering an annual membership \$50 for 11 films, less \$10 if you are a member of the Drill Hall Theatre Company. Your \$50 membership automatically makes you an associate member of The Drill Hall Theatre Company. Not ready to commit to regular attendance? If that's you, you may attend up to three screenings as a guest for \$10 per film.

To become a member of the Drill Hall Film Society contact Sonia, on 6684 2112, or email: [drillhallfilms@gmail.com](mailto:drillhallfilms@gmail.com).

**The Rocket screens Saturday, 26 February, at 2pm. Refreshments will be available and critical discussion after the film is encouraged.**



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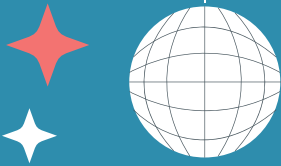
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## WEDNESDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SIMON MEOLA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **PHIL HOWELL**, 5.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON THEATRE 11 AM **SKYLIGHT** STARRING **BILL NIGHY & CAREY MULLIGAN** - NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **FOXY LUU'S WEDNESDAY REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.15PM **THE VAGINA CONVERSATIONS - FUNDRAISER FOR THE TWEED SHIRE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IMPACT FUND**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **MARK BONO**

## THURSDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **PAT TIERNEY**, 5.30PM **SOFIA ISELLA**, 8PM **MAGESTIC NIGHTS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 8PM **ROLLING BLACKOUTS COASTAL FEVER**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6.30PM **ACID BLEED**

## FRIDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEVE TYSON & THE TRAIN REX**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 3PM **KARUAH**, 5.30PM **JEREMY & LEXI**, 8PM **JESSE MORRIS AND THE SHAKEDOWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **CALLUM CREELMAN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE MOVING STILLS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ TAZ**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE BYRON BAY WITH DJ ISHWARA**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 3PM **FALSE IDOLS BY MATTHEW DAY**
- SERPENTINE COMMUNITY GALLERY, LISMORE, 5PM **EXHIBITION LAUNCH: JANET HASSALL - RETROSPECTIVE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6PM **JOCK BARNES**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6.30PM **OLLIE TWOHILL - 'SILK DRESS' SINGLE LAUNCH**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **BEN WHITING**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **ROB RHODES**, 10PM **LET THERE BE AC/DC**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**

## SATURDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **LUKE HAYWARD**, 3PM **INO PIO**, 5.30PM **TROPICALE**, 8PM **SKYEATER**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 5PM **AVOIDANCE RALLY: HOW TO PAY NO TAX YET SOMEHOW BE AWARDED JUICY GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, MCD BY A NAMELESS PWC FOOT SOLIDER**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 5PM **CHASING RAINBOWS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SLINKY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 8PM **TRACY MCNEIL & THE GOODLIFE**
- THE QUAD, LISMORE, 11AM **FALSE IDOLS BY MATTHEW DAY**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9.30PM **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **SUNSET SOIREES WITH LEIF LARKIN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5.30PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 7.30PM **CHESTER**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8PM **CALIFORNIA KINGS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**, 9.30PM **REMEDY**

## SUNDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **OLE FALCO**, 3PM **GUY KACHEL**, 5.30PM **HAYLEY GRACE AND THE BAY COLLECTIVE**, 8PM **BEN WALSH DUO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **HOT POTATO BAND**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 1.30PM **AUDIO VIXEN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 1PM **MARCUS HARTUNG**, THE STAGE 2PM **DISTRACTION**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **DISCO DISCIPLES**

## MONDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATTY ROGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **JOE DABRON**, 5.30PM **JON CONROY**, 8PM **SOUTHWALL**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **TOMMY MEMPHIS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 1PM **JON J BRADLEY**

## TUESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **JASPER AND NELSON**, 8PM **JACK MILLIGAN**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **TRIVIA**

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## MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX



### NO MORE NICE GIRLS

Men love 'nice' girls. We laugh at their dumb jokes, we ignore their boozy hands, we smile when they say something creepy. Nice girls don't make a big deal. Nice girls ask what *they* could have done differently. They blame themselves. They swallow their narrative. Nice girls don't make trouble.

I've been a nice girl a million times in my life.

When I was 14 and I was speaking in the Youth of the Year contest, one of the men judging said 'You didn't win the speaking contest but you have the nicest legs' I blushed and said, 'Oh, okay, thank you.'

I felt weird that a 70-year-old man had made a comment about my body. It was the beginning of a world where men commented on my body. Like it was something that belonged to them and I was expected to be flattered, grateful even, for the attention and the unsolicited compliments. It made me feel weird.

When I was 15 and I worked in a fruit shop and the older man who ran the shop locked me in the freezer as 'a joke', even though I was crying. But I didn't tell anyone. I didn't want to get him in trouble. And he thought it was so funny. *Especially* when I begged to get out. I never said anything to him. I just stopped going to work there.

When I was 16 I was raped by my date on a dark country road and when he dropped me home I said 'Thank you for dinner'. After all, it was a long drive and out of his way. He could have just left me there.

When I was assaulted in a relationship I got over it because 'he' had a problem. When I had an unwanted pregnancy I didn't ask for the money for a termination. I paid. I went there alone. I told myself I was being a feminist. That I was independent. But most of the time when I did this version of 'being a feminist', I was letting men off the hook - I was being a nice girl. A girl who doesn't make a fuss.

I have smiled, and acquiesced for most of my adult life. I haven't made a scene. There are so many incidents in my life that I should have amplified. That I should have blown up. But I told myself I was okay and I didn't want the negative attention. And to be honest, sometimes I just wanted it to all go away. Because the burden of responsibility was like an anvil. Nice girls think everything is their fault.

Being a nice girl is a cancer. It's a cancer to our agency. It's patriarchy's Stockholm syndrome. We're Little Red Riding Hood being told to smile at wolves.

Did I ask my daughters to do this? I didn't have to. Dominant culture demands it. Every young woman wants to be thought of as a nice girl. So, in this last year, when young women like Brittany Higgins and Grace Tame have raised their voice, when they have held men and the system to continuous account, I've watched them in awe.

They made a fuss. They would not 'let it go'. They refused to be 'nice' girls. They refused to offer men an easy way out.

The world is not used to women like them. The system is not used to women who aren't silenced by shame. Society is not used to women who tell the truth. These are the women who aren't scared of wolves (and won't smile for them.)

As an older woman I'm profoundly moved to see their relentless courage. To see women who are not immobilised by the usual weapons patriarchy uses to silence us; being called 'angry' or 'hysterical' or 'rude' or 'fixated' and told that we just need to move on.

So when I listened to the words of Brittany Higgins and Grace Tame at the National Press Club, I heard not just women tired of apologies and demanding structural change, I heard and saw the raw power of not being 'nice' - of not making it easy - and of making 'a fuss'.

It's time we said goodbye to the 'nice' girl. Because good men don't need women who are 'nice'.

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## CROWDED HOUSE A FAMILY DAY OUT AT BLUESFEST

Formed in Melbourne in 1985, out of the ashes of New Zealand's Split Enz, by Neil Finn, Paul Hester and Nick Seymour, Crowded House's eponymous debut album went on to global success with the hits *Don't Dream It's Over* and *Something So Strong*.

Those songs, and many that followed, are still resonating with audiences today. The band has been through a couple of incarnations since the '80s and their new release, *Dreamers Are Waiting*, heralds a further chapter in the Crowded House story.

Finn's oldest son, Liam, has been weaving in and out of the Crowded House line-up since his first appearance at Bluesfest in 2000 and he has a history at the event. 'I've played with dad twice. I think I played it when I was about 17. I played drums. Robert Moore, he's a really old friend of ours, was playing bass. And it was really cool – a three-piece band that we put together and played late one night and, you know, I just remember the certain aromas coming out from the crowd and it was a magical thing. I know dad's had a lot of very memorable times at Bluesfest and certainly the ones that I've been to have been amazing.'

**The burning question is, how does it pan out working as a family with brother Elroy on tour as well?**

'It's a little nuclear family – obviously uncle Nick has been a huge presence in my life, and Mitchell – it's been really cool getting to know him so well. He's someone that I've always known, but being in a band with someone is a very intimate thing.

'The thing that's great about it is that it feels like a real band. I've been in a few bands and this is not that much different. The fact that my brother and my dad are in

it is a good vibe. We've always been a close family anyway – it's very honest and there's a lot of comfort in knowing that we've got each other's backs.'

Bluesfest is part of a big story in the new line-up for Crowded House – it was the first gig booked in the band's new era. 'Bluesfest was going to be our first show as this band. We went in to make our new album, *Dreamers Are Waking*, with the idea that we had quite a strict deadline because we had to get to Bluesfest. And as we all know, that took a sort of sideways turn, and in some ways allowed us to work on our album a bit longer, which I think made it the record it is today.'

Finn says he thinks Bluesfest will be a truly joyous event. 'I think it's going to be very cathartic for us and imagine so for the audience as well. There's been a lot of pent up energy over the last couple of years, and music is certainly one of the best things for mental health and healing and processing things. I know that Crowded House songs have a big part to play in a lot of Australian lives and we certainly know how to put on a good show of sing-alongs and good vibes. It'll be great.'

**Crowded House play Bluesfest on Easter Sunday.**

**For more information and tickets, visit: bluesfest.com.au.**



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13 Minyon Street, Brunswick Heads

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### FOR AUCTION – OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

Located in the township of Brunswick Heads this 3 bedroom home sits on a 765m<sup>2</sup> block, street to lane, opposite a nature reserve with abundant wild life. Approximately 230m to the river's edge.

Original 1960s home offering high ceilings, gorgeous timber floors, as well as a full length

carport and separate double garage.

An ideal restoration, renovation or redevelopment site for the future or a great family home to live in now and do things as you go, whilst enjoying Brunswick Heads.

The sellers are looking for expressions of interest and will sell prior auction.

**Open Home:** Saturday 19 February at 12pm

**Inspection:** Contact Peter

**Contact:** Peter Browning 0411 801 795



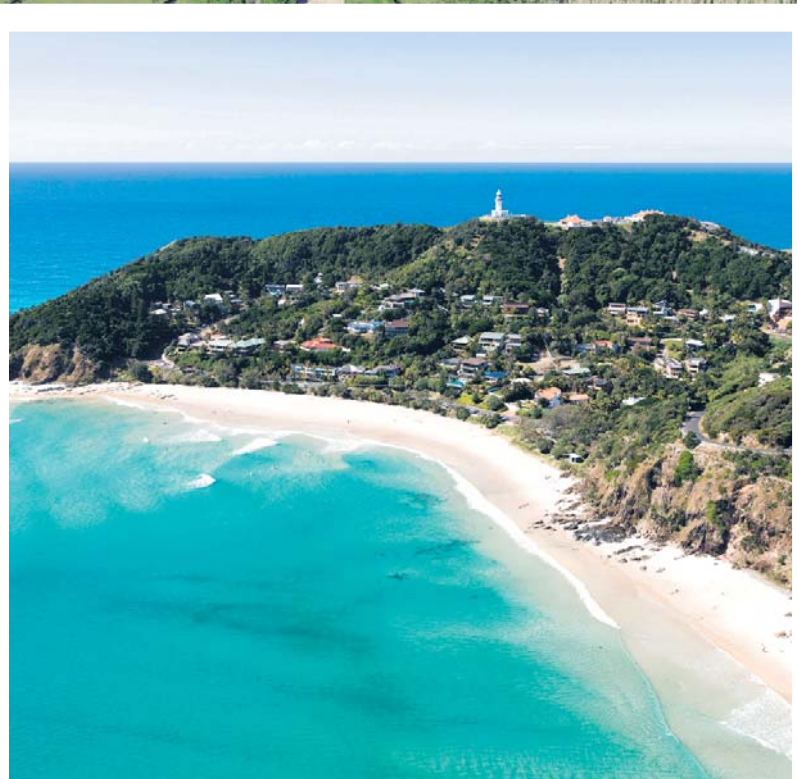
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**Exclusive Luxury Estate with 2 Homesteads and Ocean Views**

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- This exclusive luxury estate features two homesteads on 96-acres with spectacular hinterland, lighthouse and ocean views - only 15-mins to Byron Bay
- Includes one of the largest and highest producing macadamia farms in Byron Shire with approx. 7,000 trees - offering established business with solid income
- Sprawling over approx. 500m2 of floor space, the estate features a resort-style infinity edge pool, grand entertaining areas with striking columns, textured walls and huge windows to take in the picturesque views

**96 The Manse Road, Myocum**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



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**Majestic 3-level elevated Mediterranean castle**

5 2 3 990M<sup>2</sup>

- Perfect north-easterly aspect takes full advantage of the stunning vistas and garden views at any time of the day capturing ocean glimpses from the top balcony
- Open plan kitchen/dining/living with large glass windows and doors letting in an abundance of natural light and opening out to a generous balcony
- Enjoy sunsets and the best of indoor/outdoor living
- This abode offers so many spaces to relax and enjoy the fabulous north coast lifestyle

**10 Muli Place, Suffolk Park**

Price Guide: \$2.375m - \$2.6m

Open: Saturday 19th February 10-10.30am



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**Rare Beachfront Opportunity - Byron Bay's Best Position**

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- In one of Byron's most desirable locations, directly across the road from Main Beach
- 1 of 5 architect-designed apartments in Palms, this first floor apartment offers ocean views across the bay to Nguthunguilli Nature Reserve, also known as Julian Rocks
- With balconies facing both north and east, in addition to views across the bay, you'll be treated to sunrise and sunset sky colours
- Open plan kitchen and spacious lounge room connects with dining and 2nd balcony

**3/54 Lawson Street, Byron Bay**

Price: Forthcoming Auction

Opens: Friday 18th February 12-12.30pm

Saturday 19th February 12-12.30pm



Paul Prior  
0418 324 297



Oliver Aldridge  
0421 171 499



**Classic Bangalow Charm Meets Modern Luxury**

2 2 1 809M<sup>2</sup>

- Beautifully renovated whist still maintaining its original charm, this luxe Bangalow abode is simply stunning and backs on to Paddy's Creek and the nature reserve
- The open plan living space is stylish and features the impressive kitchen with seamless transition from indoors to outside and the pool area
- Gorgeous light filled rooms, quality fixtures and finishes, original fretwork, decorative high ceilings and timber floorboards combine to create a truly unique home

**11 Keith Street, Bangalow**

Price: Contact Agent

Opens: Wednesday 16th February 12-12.30pm

Saturday 19th February 12-12.30pm



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**Prestigious Three-Level Residence**

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- Enviably located only 15-minutes to Byron Bay town centre and beaches with spectacular views to the ocean, Julian Rocks and Mt Warning
- Magnificent main suite accommodates the whole 3rd floor, featuring walk-in robe, terrace, ensuite with bathtub and commanding views to the sea - ultimate retreat
- Complete with media room, wine cellar, rumpus/games room, tennis court, 15m resort-style pool, dam, 180m2 barn, 3-car garage, cabana/gazebo, and more!

**149 The Manse Road, Myocum**

Price Guide: \$5.75m – \$6.25m

Open: Saturday 19th February 11–11.30am



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**Huge Home – Loads of Potential Close to Town and Beaches**

4 3 1 660M<sup>2</sup>

- Situated on an elevated north facing position in a sought after and quiet crescent, is this very large home with excellent “bones” lots of character and heaps of potential
- With 4 bedrooms, 2 living spaces, plus large separate rooms downstairs (potential studio space STCA) and 3 bathrooms over 3 levels, this home offers huge flexibility
- The location is ideal; walk to Tallow Beach, Byron Bay High School and St Finbarr’s Primary School, and an easy 2 kilometre walk or ride right into the centre of town

**13 Tallowood Crescent, Byron Bay**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 19th February 11–11.30am



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**Luxe Timber Character Home with Elevation – Walk to Town!**

3 2 2 2466M<sup>2</sup>

- Chic and charming this elevated home has recently undergone a quality renovation
- Featuring high-end fixtures and fittings, rustic French oak flooring, raked ceilings, and a beautiful light-filled open plan living area with large windows to take full advantage of the stunning rural and hinterland views
- Surrounded by immaculate gardens, and positioned on a dual access corner block
- Just a short distance to town, restaurants, childcare and the Steiner School

**34 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby**

Price Guide: \$1.35m to \$1.475m

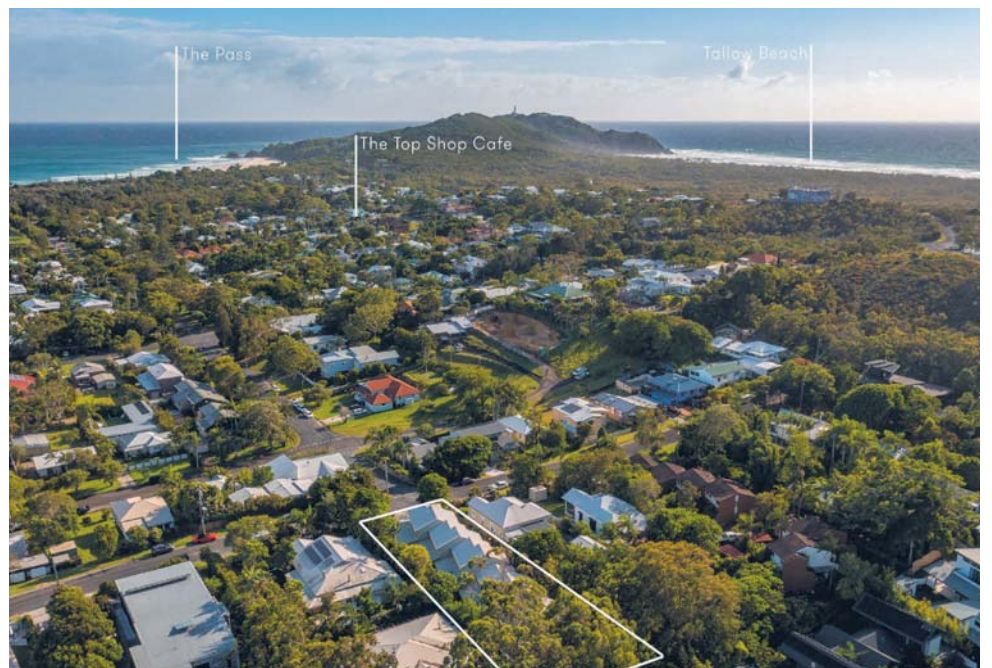
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**Rare Investment and Development Opportunity**

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- This is an incredibly rare opportunity! Five adjacent units, totalling 1469m<sup>2</sup> of land, in one of the most sought-after locations in Byron Bay
- Extremely lucrative property investment with 5 income streams PLUS a huge plot of land just a short stroll to beaches and the centre of vibrant Byron Bay town
- Beautiful, quiet and convenient location - walk to Tallow beach through Arakwal National Park, stroll into town and enjoy restaurants, shopping and nightlife

**1-5/14 Seaview Street, Byron Bay**

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



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### 9 Galleon Lane, Brunswick Heads

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#### Dream House, Dream Location!

Sleek, stylish, and spacious, there are raked, high ceilings and golden light streams through the opening clerestory windows which catch beautiful sea breezes.

The chef's kitchen is ready for you to create a feast with top-of-the-line appliances such as the Smeg oven and dishwasher. The huge alfresco area is a dazzling spot for outdoor entertaining, with BBQ and outdoor kitchen, and

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the well-balanced design of the property encompasses a brilliant indoor/outdoor lifestyle.

- Ducted A/C and ceiling fans to all bedrooms and living areas.
- Quiet lane frontage, double lock up garage and two off-street car spaces.
- Caesarstone benchtops in the kitchen, large butler's pantry.
- Builders structural warranty applies for next five years.

Price: Contact Agent

Inspect:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-5.30pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1.30-2pm



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### 10 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach

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#### Byron Shire Luxe Living at its Best

Positioned in an exclusive South Golden Beach location, barely 200 metres to the sand, this charismatic architecturally designed home is bursting at the seams with beach-chic style. Over the past two years, it was given a chance to evolve when it was lovingly renovated, retaining its classic charm yet adding a strikingly fresh modern allure.

- Spacious contemporary kitchen with stone waterfall benchtop, butlers pantry and flooded with natural light.

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- Outdoor entertaining balcony plus multiple other outdoor spaces and a firepit area to entertain at in the evenings.
- Approx 575m<sup>2</sup> of fully fenced, family-friendly, flat land.
- Downstairs studio with its own ensuite, creates ideal guest accommodation or the perfect home office
- Double lock up garage with remote control doors and internal access.

Price: Contact Agent

Inspect:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 4-4.30pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30-1pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 4-4.30pm

Auction: 4<sup>th</sup> March 4pm on site



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### 16B Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

#### Tropical Oasis in North Ocean Shores

This beautiful 3-bedroom split-level duplex in North Ocean Shores will be highly sought after. A north-facing aspect for golden light all day long, ocean views from the upper level and lush, low-maintenance tropical gardens are just some of the features the lucky buyer will be able to enjoy.

- Ocean views from the master bedroom and ocean glimpses from the lower alfresco area
- Timber floors throughout the living area



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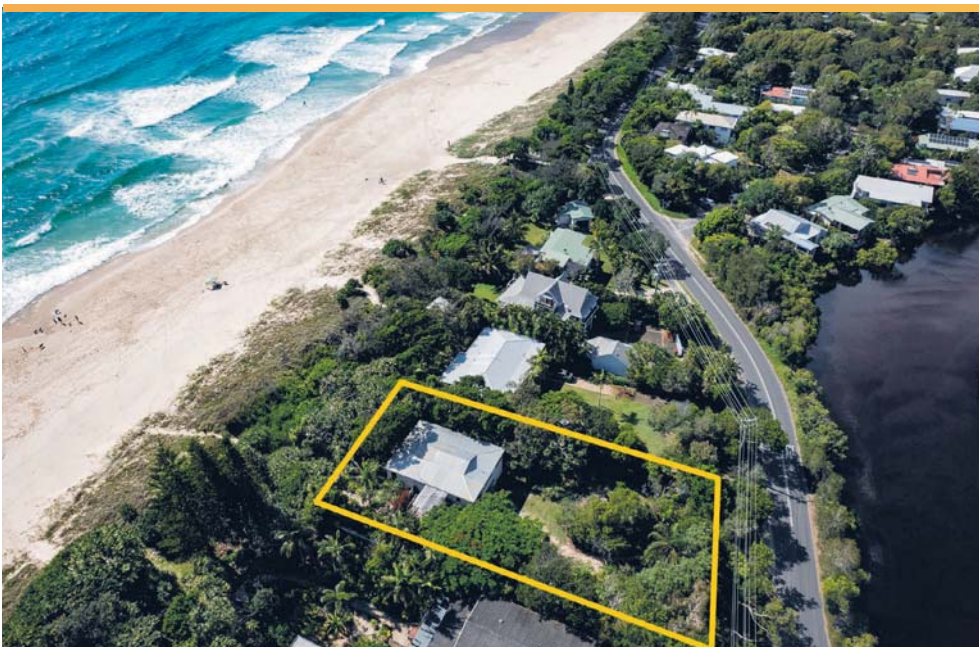
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### 37 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores

#### Coastal Living at its Best!

Nestled on a spacious corner block in the popular coastal enclave of Ocean Shores, this well-presented, rendered brick and tile home offers the ideal opportunity to break into the local property market.

- Land size: 749 square metre block
- Air conditioned, open plan lounge and dining areas
- Renovated kitchen with stainless steel appliances



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### 8 River Street, New Brighton

#### Rare True Beachfront Property in Unspoilt Byron Shire

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- Multi-purpose areas downstairs



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### 39 James Street, Girards Hill

#### Federation Grandeur

This home has been described by some as ONE of the best Federation homes in Australia. Certainly for Lismore and the Northern Rivers region, it's truly a stand out.

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## Retirement living at its best

The Palms Village – Tweed Heads South – site 57  
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Tastefully renovated two-bedroom home located on a corner block with nothing to do but move in and enjoy. This lovely home is a must to inspect and features a delightful entrance verandah running the full width of the home; an ideal spot to relax and enjoy the breeze or catch up with friends. This home will not disappoint; the floor coverings, window furnishings and wall colours complement the interior design for a very cohesive feeling throughout.

- Open plan living area featuring tiled floors, split system air conditioner and a door opening onto the verandah.
  - Attractive renovated kitchen with soft touch drawers for easy storage as well as almost new ceramic cooktop & fan-forced oven.
  - Two carpeted bedrooms with built-in robes with mirrored doors; master has access to the verandah.
  - Contemporary updated bathroom with a generous walk-in shower, stylish vanity, modern tapware & separate toilet
- Situated just minutes from Tweed Heads/Coolangatta, The Palms Village is for the over 50's and is 'Pet Friendly'. Village amenities include a swimming pool, club house, social club & library.  
 Retirement living at its best without the associated costs of exit fees and No stamp duty.

Inspect: By appointment  
 Contact: Kelvin Price 0423 028 468. Mr Property Services

## Carefree Coastal Lifestyle

37 Catherine Drive, Ballina  
 🏠 4 🛏 2 🚗 3 **Price: \$1.35 million**



Backing onto the beautiful North Creek Canal and only minutes from the river, beaches and popular shops, this lovely, spacious home in a quiet neighbourhood has generously sized rooms and abundant storage throughout.



Designed for a family, the house has a large separate lounge room and open plan living with a spacious kitchen, walk-in pantry, study nook and dining that flows out to the covered BBQ area.

The spacious and bright bedrooms have built-in wardrobes and ceiling fans. The main bedroom ensuite has direct access to the garden and the fourth bedroom has double pocket doors allowing it to convert easily into another sitting room, home office or games room.

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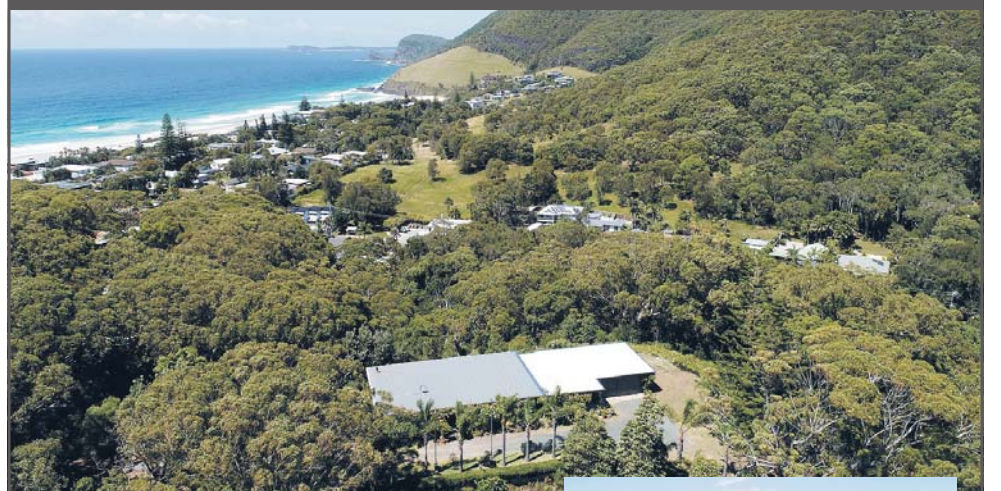
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**Great modern family home on approx. 30 acres of land**

Located in the lush hinterland of Byron Bay, a few minutes from the charming hamlet of Federal and a short drive to Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Bangalow, sits this magnificent family home.

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- One of the districts finest agricultural holdings, just minutes to Bangalow village
- Comprising rich alluvial flats and gentle hill country with over 3km frontage to postcard pretty Byron Creek
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A Hidden Gem, **The Channon**

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**Idyllic Small Hinterland Acreage**

- Picturesque 23 acres nestled amongst rolling mountain skylines
- Surrounded by the crystal clear waters of Terania Creek, this property provides private access to multiple swimming, fishing, rafting and kayaking spots ideal for family camp outs
- A perfect property for horses or a hobby farm, with large machinery shed and carport plus only minutes to the village
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3 Ewendale Close, **Clunes**

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**Peaceful Tropical Oasis**

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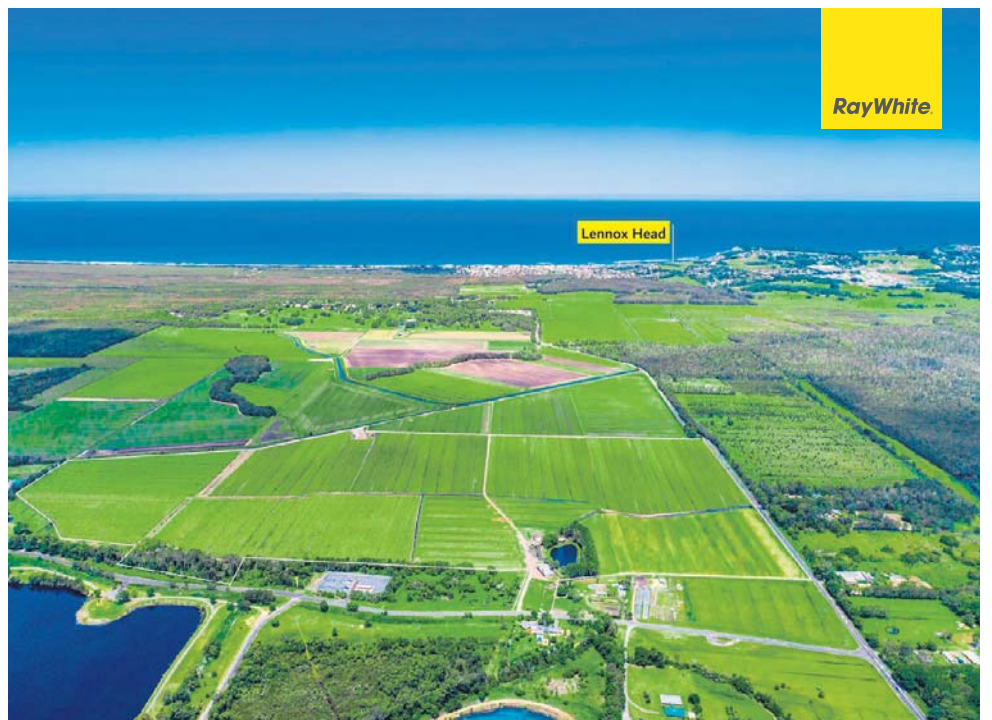
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160 Acres Right by the Beach, **Lennox Head**

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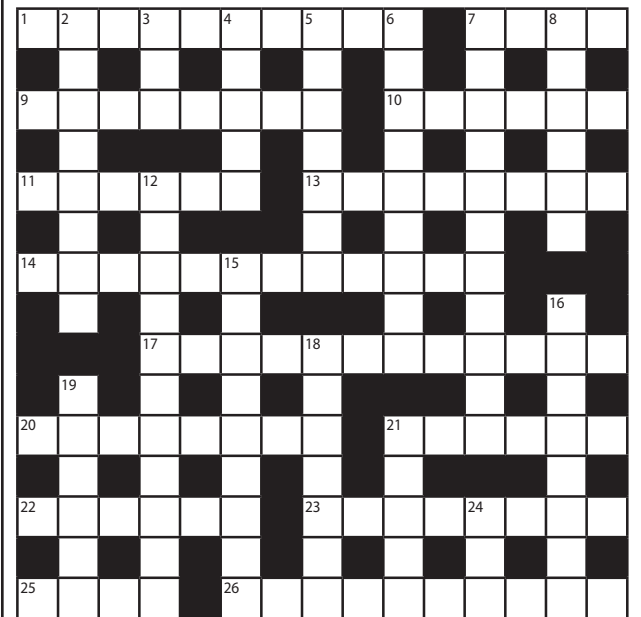
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N425



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Nations with caps over the East - could be disastrous! (10)
- Throw off Rogers (4)
- Politician's tergiversation about a thong (4-4)
- Pot? Check the larder (6)
- Article: Craig interprets fungus (6)
- Road right, sharp turn to choke (8)
- Asks for sex, to support very large IT charges (12)
- Climb one poll? Confusing for a pompous old Pom! (7,5)
- Defunct magazine round popular (8)
- A drug - one working, becomes a tonic (6)
- 99: the same reference returned by the great patrons of Florence (4)
- The nitre explodes - bad luck! (8)
- The wagon brings victory around Australia (4)
- She lives overseas to atone over bad art (10)

#### DOWN

- Everything English is bloody - but it's only figurative (8)
- Pickpocket gets a small bath (3)
- Ring up about Irish shrub (5)
- Money in the bank is back in the warehouse (7)
- Bring a great bird to the NLF final (9)
- Improbable plan: abstain from sweet treat! (6,5)
- Witch holds the line - but it goes back to where it started! (6)
- Prankster's modern dance: The Green Onion (11)
- Patience provided to Israeli problem (9)
- I am an illegal drug expert - but powerless (8)
- No new pans returned - it's never-ending (7)
- I have found it! The stockade! (6)
- Dad in time for a protective coat (5)
- You French-Italian-Kiwi bird! (3)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Can follow heavy rain (10)
- US dollar (colloquial) (4)
- Stores binary data in electronics (4-4)
- Food store (6)
- Type of hallucinogenic mushroom (6)
- Throttle (8)
- Theories (12)
- 1930s British cartoon military character (7,5)
- Broadcast news summary (8)
- Concoction (6)
- 15th Century Italian banking family (4)
- Baker's dozen (8)
- Horse-drawn cart (4)
- Emigrant (10)

#### DOWN

- It conveys meaning via symbols (8)
- Sharp depression in roadway (3)
- Pinkish-purple flowering plant (5)
- Down payment (7)
- US championship football game (9)
- Dessert consisting of ice cream and a tropical fruit (6,5)
- Social set (6)
- Scallywag (11)
- A single gem set alone (9)
- Helpless (8)
- Incessant (7)
- Exclamation following a discovery! (6)
- Depict (5)
- New Zealand honeyeater (3)

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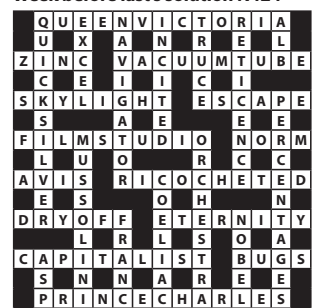
### Wrong crossword printed last week

In last week's *Echo* we accidentally ran crossword N426 which should have run this week. As such, the solution printed in last week's paper wasn't actually the solution for the previous week as labelled, but rather it was the solution this crossword N425. Many thanks to our eagle-eyed readers for pointing this out, and our apologies to all you crossworders who have had to wait an extra week for the solution to the previous puzzle N424, which is printed below. Hopefully 'normal' service will resume next week and irreparable damage to the space-time continuum has been averted.

#### Last week's solution N426



#### Week before last's solution N424



## STARS BY LILITH

### AQUARIUS THE WATER-BEARER

This week's Mercury aligns with Sun and Saturn for 2022's final flourish of quixotic, contrarian Aquarian energetics...



**ARIES:** As Saturn completes its once-every-thirty-years' restructure of Aries relationships, your social circles continue their shift away from draining alliances in favour of collaborators who are a better fit for current and continuing conditions. This week a previous enemy or competitor could become, if not a bestie, at least an ally.

**TAURUS:** As Uranus continues inviting your unconventional side to stretch, let go of the familiar and shed outgrown personas, styles, expression and presentation, Jupiter makes current choices less about expectations, more about enjoyment. And suggests that while financial rewards from doing what you really love may or may not be less, soul satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed.

**GEMINI:** Look who's the popular community player as supporters and connections who could further your business interests flock to your orbit. With Pluto winding up its final year of economic lessons, new financial opportunities surface, along with the giant proviso that this year is notoriously fraught with unscrupulous fraudsters, so choose commercial projects wisely and carefully.

**CANCER:** Passionate Mars, affectionate Venus and intense Pluto in your committed partnership sector are majorly stimulating the potential for new personal, professional and/or creative collaborations. When planets align like this, don't let vague fears derail you: embody the courage Mars offers. Surround yourself with people who have your back and bring out your best.

**LEO:** As annual full moon in Leo lavishes its flamboyant light on your majesties, reigniting your unquenchable shine, Mars and Venus in your work sector attract the support players you need to follow your lead. Wherever that goes, remember your forte is showbiz, and tread the royal route with panache and pizzazz.

**VIRGO:** Try not to let this week's Mercury send your mind into overdrive. Avoid unhelpful criticism, fault-finding, and limiting definitions that don't allow for alternative possibilities. Instead, lean into the massive support available from a boundless universe and update your digital presence with this week's tech-savvy creatives.

**LIBRA:** Venus power-coupling with Mars in the sign of ambition, good taste and the best of everything, makes this a pleasing week for Librans, offering situations and scenarios for practicing the art of living gracefully - your astrological calling. And as peacemaker and diplomat of the zodiac family, arbitrating ongoing arguments.

**SCORPIO:** This week's spontaneous 'Eureka!' moments could reroute you into liberating new avenues of thinking you never expected; towards learning new skills, abandoning old habits, accepting exciting challenges of self-expression and creative exploration, increasing your income through taking a talent or passion to the next level. Your phoenix spirit is raring to rise.

**SAGITTARIUS:** While Uranus continues rearranging our terrestrial financial systems, maintaining an attitude of generosity during economic meltdowns will attract whatever potential's available. As you move forward this week, some friends, partners and colleagues will join you, others won't. And that's exactly as it should be for these changing times.

**CAPRICORN:** Where Leos hold court on a throne, Capricorns have a CEO's desk, and this week sees you presiding at it. Not 24/7 though. Did you know your astro-totem, the goat, is one of a few domesticated animals that, when given a chance, swiftly goes feral? A walk on the wild side could make all the difference this week.

**AQUARIUS:** Saturn only visits each sign once or twice in a lifetime, and as 2022 finalises its three-year cycle of evolution in Aquarius, this week's trinity of Sun, Mercury and Saturn asks you to craft the kind of foundation you can trust in changing times; personal promises and commitments to yourself, regardless of external circumstance.

**PISCES:** Our solar system's largest planet spends half this year aligned with Neptune in your sign - a golden influence - with the other half auspiciously in your money zone. While the planet of abundance doesn't just dump money in your lap, Jupiter's vibrational frequency promotes a confident mindset that attracts financial windfalls, additional income and promising prospects.

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### Ann & Terry Hand

Welcome back.

Do not have your new phone number.

Please write.

Rae McLintock

### MULLUMBIMBY COMMUNITY MARKET & MUSEUM OPEN

THIS SATURDAY  
8am – 2pm  
Pete C & Dr Baz

[mullumbimbycommunitymarket.com.au](http://mullumbimbycommunitymarket.com.au)  
Cnr Stuart and Myokum St, Mullum  
No dogs please



### Osho Meditation Day

Saturday 19 February

- 8am Osho Dynamic meditation
- 10am Osho Discourse
- 12md Osho Nataraj meditation
- 2pm Osho Nadabrahma meditation
- 4pm Osho Kundalini shaking meditation
- 6pm Osho Evening Meditation

Call Shahido 6688 2494



Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre  
Connecting the Byron Shire Community

### HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Baristas –
- Gardeners –
- Food Sorters –
- Cleaners –

The team at MDNC are searching for some dedicated volunteers to help us continue to support our community.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kaz

Wednesday – Friday

**6684 1286**

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Byron Bay: 16 Feb, 6–8.30pm  
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## COMMUNITY HOT BRUNCH



### FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

- Sausage sizzle • Hot dogs • Sandwiches
- Coffee & tea • Fruit Salad

### EVERYONE WELCOME

Come one come all and join us in a meal or just a chat. Takeaway most welcome: COVID safe rules apply. Frozen takeaway meals now available.

10am to 12pm  
In the Ballina  
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Corner of Cherry & Crane. Just behind the Presbyterian Church.



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### GROUNDSMAN/FARM HAND *Full-time position*

An exciting career opportunity in an amazing location has become available to join our small team. We are seeking an enthusiastic experienced groundsman/farm hand to support the operation and ongoing development of one of the premier acreage properties in the Byron Hinterland.

**Applicants will need to possess the following:**

- Proven experience in the operation of tractors, zero turn mowers & brush cutters;
- Fit and used to manual labour;
- Able to work independently and within a team;
- Fully Covid19 vaccinated;
- Own vehicle with current driver's license.

**Desired Qualities (not essential but preferred):**

- Chainsaw level 1 or higher;
- Bush Regeneration experience;
- Livestock handling and husbandry;
- Chem Cert Qualification.

If this sounds like you, please send your resume to [sleanne187@gmail.com](mailto:sleanne187@gmail.com)

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*Enrol today!*

**Tue 22nd Feb**

- Sewing For Beginners
- Italian For Beginners

**Wed 23rd Feb**

- Pattern Making

**Thu 24th Feb**

- First Words Advanced

**Fri 25th Feb**

- Permaculture Design Course (PDC)
- Permaculture Ethics, Principles And Patterns

**Sat 26th Feb**

- Plant Propagation And Seed Saving
- Power Pinterest - Online Class
- Cyanotype Printing

**Sun 27th Feb**

- Intro To Permaculture Design
- Vegan Transition

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### DEATH NOTICES

**PETER POWDITCH**  
1942-2022

Join us to farewell and celebrate the incredible man, father, husband, friend, mentor and artist, Peter Powditch.

Saturday 19 February at 2pm,  
26 Satinash Crescent, Bangalow.  
All welcome

### LIFE CELEBRATIONS

## JONES, Ashley

7-7-1951 to 10-2-2022

Passed away very peacefully at home, with his wife by his side. Much loved husband of Julie.

Adored father of Kyle, Chelsea and Tom. Father-in-law, Pa, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle and Friend. Ashley will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Ashley's life to be held at the Tweed Valley Cemetery, 813-871 Eviron Road, Eviron, NSW on Friday February 18, 2022. Please arrive by 12.30pm to commence at 1 pm.

Please note; *Not Melaleuca Station.*

Afterwards, we will be celebrating Ash's life with a drink at The Billinudgel Hotel, from 3pm. Come As You Are.

**MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS**  
6684 6232

### LEMMY & CHANDLER

Lemmy & Chandler are gorgeous 20 week old brothers. They are still full of kitten fun but are a little less crazy! They have such sweet personalities and love human affection. Why not come along and let them be your belated Valentines? To meet Lemmy & Chandler, please visit the Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.

**OPEN: Tues 2.30-4.30pm  
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Number: R25100222

### Byron Dog Rescue (CAWI)

5-year-old desexed female English Staffy x Ridgeback 'Nala' is looking for a forever home.

Strong, loving, playful, big-beautiful-eyed Nala needs patience & stability due to past trauma and resulting mistrust. She's good with children, cats and cows. She gets very excited around other big dogs and suffers fear aggression. Nala needs a loving but firm handler who can provide her with further training and socialisation.

**Please contact Shell on 0458 461 935.**  
MC: 99100100924234

### MONTHLY MARKETS

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

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

DATE (Feb/March)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
16	W	6:28 19:31	19:33 5:35	09:28 1.74 21:34 1.27	02:35 0.30 15:50 0.37
17	TH	6:29 19:30	20:08 6:34	10:02 1.77 22:11 1.32	03:12 0.26 16:20 0.33
18	F	6:29 19:29	20:41 7:33	10:37 1.76 22:48 1.37	03:49 0.25 16:52 0.31
19	SA	6:30 19:28	21:13 8:32	11:10 1.73 23:28 1.40	04:29 0.27 17:24 0.29
20	SU	6:31 19:27	21:45 9:31	11:45 1.66 00:10 1.43	05:11 0.32 17:57 0.30
21	M	6:32 19:26	22:18 10:31	12:20 1.55 00:40 1.43	05:57 0.40 18:31 0.33
22	TU	6:32 19:25	22:54 11:33	13:00 1.42 01:15 1.45	06:49 0.49 19:11 0.37
23	W	6:33 19:25	23:35 12:38	13:48 1.28 01:51 1.45	07:55 0.59 19:57 0.42
24	TH	6:34 19:24	24:14 13:44	14:54 1.15 02:30 1.46	09:22 0.65 20:58 0.46
25	F	6:34 19:23	24:52 14:52	16:20 1.07 03:15 1.50	11:00 0.63 22:15 0.48
26	SA	6:35 19:22	25:31 15:57	17:53 1.08 04:02 1.59	12:28 0.54 23:33 0.44
27	SU	6:36 19:21	26:18 16:57	19:05 1.15 05:42 1.59	13:30 0.43 14:28 0.54
28	M	6:36 19:20	27:05 17:50	20:01 1.25 07:45 1.80	00:42 0.36 14:19 0.34
1	1	6:37 19:18	27:52 18:36	21:32 1.41 08:34 1.86	01:39 0.28 15:01 0.27
2	W	6:38 19:17	28:41 19:16	09:19 1.88 21:32 1.41	02:29 0.22 15:39 0.24

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

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**For more information contact Yvette on 0421 831 128.**

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### Community at Work On The Horizon

**DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY**

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au).

**OS Garden Club**

The first meeting of the Ocean Shores Garden Club for 2022 will be held on Monday 21 February at 1.30pm in the Hub hall next to K Hub (previously Target). New members welcome. Phone Margie 6680 1736.

**Green and Clean Dunecare**

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday 20 February from 9am to 12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. We plant in the sand dunes from Clarkes Beach to Main Beach. From 12 noon to 1pm. Enjoy a delicious free barbecue and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. It's good fun. Enquiries to Veda 6685 7991 or Miles 0403 206 190.

**Guided rainforest walks**

The DHFS screens *The Rocket* on Saturday, 26 February, at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm). This wonderful film will be introduced by local resident Kim Mordaunt, the film's director, as well as the film's producer Sylvia Wilczynski, followed by a Q&A. To book, ring Sonia on 6684 2112 or email [drillhallfilms@gmail.com](mailto:drillhallfilms@gmail.com).

**Suffolk Park PS AGM**

Suffolk Park Progress Association is holding its AGM on Tuesday, 1 March at 7.15pm at the Suffolk Park Community Hall. COVID Safe measures will be in place, please bring your mask.

**Lismore High dinner**

Lismore High School's Centenary Dinner is to take place on Saturday 5 March at Lismore Workers Club, commencing at 6pm. Tickets are available, cost \$60, and can be purchased from the Workers Club, 6621 7401, online through [lismoreworkers.com.au](http://lismoreworkers.com.au), or in person before Monday 21 February. For more information, phone 0414 734 313.

**BV Probus Club**

Brunswick Valley Probus Club are welcoming new members and would love to share the fun, friendship and fellowship with like-minded fellow retirees. Probus meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am, at the Ocean Shores Country Club, with interesting guest speakers. We look forward to meeting you and enjoying your company. Enquires, Margaret Newbould 6680 3316.

**CWA Bruns market**

CWA Brunswick Heads Market Day will be held on Saturday 19 February, 8am till 1pm at the CWA Rooms, Cnr of Park and Booyun Sts, Brunswick Heads. Craft work, baked goodies, jams, pickles and flowers. Come early to avoid disappointment. Cash only. COVID Safe.

**Drill Hall Film Society**

Covid cannot stop us and the Mullumbimby community-based Drill Hall Film Society lives on.

**Byron Bay Library**

February: Free tech-savvy technology support workshops are designed to introduce you to technology and its many functions. No experience with technology required! If you are a beginner or need to brush up on your tech skills then we hope you will join us for these fun and practical small-group sessions. Light morning tea will be provided. Sessions held fortnightly on a Thursday, 9.30-11.30am. For essential bookings or further topic information please phone the Byron Bay Library staff 6685 8540.

**Lismore Gallery**

Temporary gallery opening hours have been put in place for the Lismore Regional Gallery. All are welcome to visit the gallery Wednesday to Sunday between 10am and 2pm. Wear a mask, check-in, practice social distancing

**Byron's free trailer**

Byron Resource Recovery Centre (BRR) at Myocum are offering a free trailer so people can drop-off bulky waste to the BRR, or it can be used to take home a purchase. Book it by calling the Resource Recovery Hotline on 1300 652 625. Hirers will need to provide proof of residency, a current driver's licence, and have a vehicle that can tow a trailer. More details are available on Council's website.

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Correction to last week's story, *Market relocation plans not entirely supported*: the photo was of stallholder Sky Wesolowski, not stallholder Garry Rodgers.

Small businesses who are under financial pressure can apply for a range of grants and assistance – see page 5 for more info.

Qld, NSW and ACT koalas have been given 'Endangered' status under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. WWF-Australia conservation scientist, Dr Stuart Blanch, said in a statement, 'Koalas have gone from no listing, to vulnerable, to endangered, all within a decade'. Coincidentally, that is also around the same time that the current federal and NSW governments have been in power.

A reminder that Parents NSW Vouchers are available: one person from each eligible household can apply for five \$50 vouchers. The vouchers can be used at Discover NSW businesses for entertainment and recreation activities and at Stay NSW businesses for accommodation bookings. Visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/parents-nsw-vouchers](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/parents-nsw-vouchers) for more info.

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce will host its business after hours networking event on February 24 at Fishheads from 5pm till 7pm. To get involved visit [www.byronbaychamber.com](http://www.byronbaychamber.com).

A campaign to prevent class actions having financial limits placed upon them has been a success, say its organisers, The Keep Corporations



The Lennox-Ballina Boardriders, known as Le-Ba Boardriders, collected \$4,250 in prize money after their best ever finish in the Australian Boardriders National Grand Final, two weeks ago in Newcastle. Pictured is Lennox Head surfer, Mikey McDonagh, who claimed the Rabbit Bartholomew Award for most outstanding male surfer. Tweed Heads surfer, Kobi Enright, collected the Layne Beachley Award for being the top female surfer of the contest.

Photo Smith Surfing NSW

Honest group. Plans to reduce public participation around mounting legal challenges against large and well-resourced corporations and governments was of course the idea of the federal Liberal-Nationals government.

Optus has appointed former NSW Liberal Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, to a senior executive role, proving you can be under investigation by a corruption watchdog, hide a secret affair, ignore corruption in your job, pork barrel over \$140m, and still land a top job in a big company. Go 'Stralia!

OKA frontman, Stuart Fergie, has suffered lung complications owing to COVID-19, and is in ICU. To help his family, donations can be made via [www.gofundme.com/f/help-stu-with-living-expenses-during-recovery](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-stu-with-living-expenses-during-recovery).

**AFENDS SHOPPILE SALE**

Thurs - Sat 24th, 25th, 26th February  
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