



Bonus magazine in this issue!



All ears for film fest

The Bangalow Film Festival is moving its screenings to the A&I Hall to keep you cosy and covered from April 10 till 14. Organisers say 'With the showgrounds soggy, the A&I Hall will be transformed into a pop-up cinema by night, and a fun kids' wonderland by day'. The same line-up of critically acclaimed films will be on offer, including premieres, internationally renowned releases, cult classics, thought provoking documentaries and more. Visit www.bangalowfilmfestival.com.au for more info. Pictured are Bunny Racket front bunny, Andy Walker, with Bangalow Film Festival Director, Christian Pazzaglia. Photo Jeff Dawson

Holiday letting promise unfulfilled

The NSW Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts (Liberal), has avoided honouring his 2019 commitment to cap holiday letting to 90 days in parts of Byron Shire.

The question was put to him by local Greens MP, Tamara Smith, in the Legislative Assembly on March 30.

According to the Hansard transcription, Ms Smith asked, 'Given the extreme housing emergency in the Northern Rivers, which has been made acute by recent and current floods, when will the Minister deliver on his 2019 commitment to cap holiday letting to 90 days

in Byron Shire so that 1,500 whole homes can come onto the private rental market immediately?'

His extensive reply failed to acknowledge his previous commitment, other than to say, 'During my former role as the Minister for Planning, I met with the Member for Ballina and a number of councillors from the north coast about this issue'.

'Since then, changes were made by creating statewide planning rules for short-term rental accommodation for up to 180 days'.

Instead of honouring his



Liberal MP, Anthony Roberts

commitment, Mr Roberts said his government is now 'looking at ways of increasing supply by cutting assessment time frames and unlocking new housing through infrastructure investment'.

Byron biz on edge for Easter as mop-up continues

Paul Bibby

Fears of yet another damaging deluge in and around the Shire this week are easing, with the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) predicting heavy falls for Friday only.

But with recent weather predictions proving less-than-reliable, and soils across the catchment still soaked and sodden, most locals are not yet ready to heave a total sigh of relief.

The safety and liveability of people's homes remains the key focus, but business owners – particularly those in the tourism and hospitality sector – are also worried about the impact of further flooding as the crucial Easter period approaches.

'Even before the floods, 60 per cent of local businesses had sufficient cashflow to last no more than six months,' the President of the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce, Jason Bentley, said.

'Everyone has been relying on things picking up at Easter. Now we're concerned that, potentially, Easter could be a bit of a wipe-out.'

'I think there's a lot of emotional fatigue as there is within the community more generally.'

282mm in 24 hours

Water levels in the Byron Bay CBD reached unprecedented levels last Wednesday, after the town recorded 282mm in the space of 24 hours, along with 319mm at Coopers Shoot and 236mm at Myocum.

The event precipitated a major clean-up operation that involved both the community and local authorities. While most businesses in the town have now reopened,

patronage has dropped off significantly.

'The town's been pretty deserted,' Mr Bentley said. 'We've had events and conferences cancelled, which people were relying on as we're building into Easter.'

News that Bluesfest is going ahead has been a significant boost (see page 5), with organisers hoping the festival will bring thousands into the Shire.

However, the influx of tourists for Easter has emerged as a double-edged sword for the region because of the loss of accommodation for those left homeless by the first round of flooding.

At least 60 displaced people have been told by the Government that they must leave their emergency accommodation to make way for Easter tourists.

The Department of Communities and Justice says the only accommodation it could find for these people was in Grafton, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. 'I just cannot apologise enough for the disruption that this will cause people, and we will do everything we can to minimise it,' the Deputy Secretary of the Department, Paul Vevers told the ABC.

'When Easter is over, we will transport people back again, and we will put people back in emergency accommodation, and they will be able to remain there for as long as they need.'

'All of the bookings were made months ago, and in some cases people booked two years ago.'

Last week's inundation was felt far and wide.

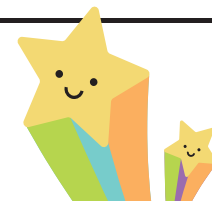
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Under the scheme, households that have been declared as damaged or destroyed by the SES, and are unable to claim on insurance, will be eligible for grants of up to \$20,000. Those who applied for the means tested Disaster Relief Grant are not eligible.

The program is available across the Hawkesbury, Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed Local Government Areas.

According to NSW Liberal Premier, Dominic Perrottet, the funds can go towards any clean-up costs to restore housing to a habitable condition, such as: 'Inspection and safe reconnection of utilities, such as electrical, gas, water, hot water and sewerage equipment not otherwise the responsibility of utility companies; Necessary replacement or repairs to damaged essential household goods such as refrigerators, ovens, washing machines and microwaves; Necessary replacement or repairs to damaged equipment such as computers and tools; Replacing other essential household contents; Moving to a new property; Necessary structural repairs including roof, flooring, walls, fittings (owner-occupier/owner)'.

Avail in coming weeks

The grants will be available in the coming weeks, and applicants can register to be notified via www.nsw.gov.au/floods. In Lismore on Monday, NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet said the grants would help many residents with damaged dwellings get back to their homes sooner.

Seniors celebrated through art at St John's primary



Joey, Will, Antonia, and Tommy all brought portraits of their grans to the Mullum Library. Tommy even brought his nana, Alma. Photo Jeff 'Actually A Grandfather Too' Dawson

Students at Mullum's St John's Primary School are appreciating older people in a new way – through art.

Students recently painted portraits of their grandparents to mark NSW Seniors Week (March 25 – April 3), and they were encouraged to think about the contributions of seniors to the community.

Not-for-profit organisation, Social Futures, organised the portrait painting exercise, which aims to depict an older person in a student's life, such as a grandparent or neighbour.

The Mullumbimby Library exhibited the students' paintings during Seniors' Week.

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was the road to Ballina on the Broken Head/Coast Road, while Shirley Street and Ewingsdale Road both flooded, rendering Byron temporarily isolated.

SGB impacted again

Inundation was recorded in South Golden Beach, and the makeshift road to Upper Main Arm was again cut after rain eroded the efforts by Council's roadwork crews last month.

Council staff said that the amount of rain that fell 'would ordinarily have caused flooding in Byron Bay, but the already soaked catchment is believed to have exacerbated the problem with no water being absorbed into the ground'.

A statement reads, 'The intensity of the rain was beyond the capacity of Council's drainage pipe network'.

'In addition to this, the level of the ocean is currently higher than normal owing to high tides, so water flowing out of Belongil Creek and Tallow Creek was slowed considerably when the ocean was pushing against it.'



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Periwinkle back in business!

Paul Bibby

A new chapter in the remarkable story of Byron's Periwinkle Preschool is set to begin later this month, when the school reopens after a three-month COVID-related shutdown.

The school was forced to close its doors at the beginning of this year when the government health order requiring all teachers to be vaccinated precipitated an exodus of staff.

'I think there was generally a shortage of school teachers and other staff after that order came down and we definitely experienced that,' said the Secretary of Periwinkle's Management Committee, Ross Adams.

'We didn't really have much of a choice but to close for a while, until we could find some replacements.'

The management committee, together with four 'school guardians' – a trustee group made up of former Periwinkle directors and teachers – worked together to find a solution.

A significant number of parents held on, looking after their kids at home with the



A working bee that took place last Saturday. Photo supplied

help of a weekly newsletter that gave the kids stories and craft activities to work on.

The school is now set to reopen with a full complement of staff, including a new Director, Lily Stafford.

Last Saturday, the school community got together for a working bee to get Periwinkle's gardens ready for the kids to play in once again.

The school is also putting out an invitation to local families to get in touch if they're interested in signing up for the start of Term Two, which commences on April 26.

Two orientation days for students who are already enrolled will be held this

Wednesday (April 6) and Friday (April 8), giving families a chance to meet each other and their new teachers.

Founded in 1986

The closure and reopening is the latest twist in

Periwinkle's tale, which began in 1986, when the preschool was founded in a church hall in Bangalow.

The school stayed at this location for four years before temporarily moving to a shed in the nearby Bangalow showgrounds.

In 1990, Byron Council gave the school a piece of land in Sunrise on the condition that building had to commence within a year.

A major fundraising effort ensued, which ultimately raised \$100,000.

The local community donated building materials and labour, and two years later the school moved into its new building on a 25-year lease. It has remained there ever since.

Bruns flood fundraiser fun day

The Fly a Kite for flood affected families fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 10 from 10am till 1pm at the Brunswick Housie Shed.

Apart from a Rotary BBQ and a BHPS cake stall, a kite making/painting workshop will be run by Bruns Chamber/Visitor Centre and Lilly

Pilly Preschool. Cost is \$10.

Organisers say the Hotel Brunswick has generously donated 100 workshop tickets for flood affected families, which must be collected from the VC by 4pm Friday.

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A special thank you to our wonderful Santos Organics team members, some of whom were impacted by the floods as well, yet have gone above and beyond these past weeks to support each other and our community. We were extremely grateful to be able to keep our doors open and keep nourishing our community with fresh, healthy food and wholehearted goodness in the midst of the flood crisis.

The community spirit has certainly been a silver lining in the recent devastation as we have witnessed extraordinary acts of kindness, generosity, strength and continuous support. The recovery and rebuilding efforts are ongoing and we appreciate every one of you for supporting each other physically, emotionally and mentally in what is a truly challenging time for so many.

Here at Santos Organics, we have been assisting our community by providing ongoing donations of food and essential supplies, ready made meals and Naturopathic as well as emotional support. Some of our team members have committed to volunteer at local cook ups for flood affected communities, lend their expertise at crisis hubs and help our local farmers get back on their feet with replanting needs. We are grateful to our kind hearted suppliers who have been able to come on board donating food and essential supplies, which we have been distributing to local cook ups and donation centers. Behind the scenes we are working hard on building community resilience with local farmers and support networks towards food security, as we recognise the importance and value of these attributes as we move forward together.

We have compiled some helpful resources under **'Flood Relief'** on our [website www.santosorganics.com.au](http://www.santosorganics.com.au), including the **'Safety Cleaning and Support Kit'** by one of our Naturopaths and further articles for **'Community Needs'**. You can also follow us on **Instagram @santosorganics** for more information. As always, our in-store Naturopaths are here to support you in our Mullumbimby and Byron Bay stores Mon-Sat.

Remember to take care of yourself, slow down, rest, eat healthy and fresh food, stay hydrated, get some Vitamin D, get into nature, talk to your loved ones and ask for support and help when you need it.

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Ready, set, gooooo Bluesfest!

Paul Bibby

Floods, pandemics, 11th hour ministerial interventions... Bluesfest seems to have copped it all over the past three years.

Now, finally, it seems the show will go on.

Despite parts of the Bluesfest site at Tyagarah going under during last week's torrential downpour, the event is going ahead, according to Director Peter Noble.

'Rest assured, Bluesfest is on,' Mr Noble said last week. 'Some car parks and camping grounds did experience flash flooding, but the water is subsiding quickly.'

'The load-in continues, the tents are ready to be raised, and with less than two weeks to go before we open our gates, the forward weather report is good, with plenty of sun forecast daily.'

'We are optimistic that our grounds will dry out, and our site will be ready.'

The news is a much-needed shot in the arm for the local entertainment industry, which has suffered massive impacts from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Economic loss

It is also a significant boost for the local visitor economy, which is gradually hauling itself back onto its feet following the Omicron outbreak and the devastating flooding double dose.

The economic loss in 2021, when



Bluesfest Director, Peter Noble OAM. Photo Jeff Dawson

Health Minister Bad Hazzard cancelled the festival at the last minute, was estimated to be \$181.2m, including job losses of 897 [FTE] totalling \$44.2m.

'We lost so much when Bluesfest was cancelled less than 24 hours out by NSW Public Health Order,' Mr Noble said. 'Our entire industry was traumatised, yet we picked up the pieces and put ourselves back together.'

While ticket sales at the festival are unlikely to be back to pre-COVID levels, organisers are hopeful that live music fans across the country will get behind the event.

The ongoing impact of the pandemic has led to the creation of a line-up

featuring mainly Australian artists.

It features four of the biggest names in Australian music history - Midnight Oil, Paul Kelly, Crowded House (okay, they're not technically Australian) and Jimmy Barnes.

The Byron Busking competition is also back, giving a handful of local artists the chance to share their music on a vast stage.

Bluesfest will take place over five days from Thursday April 14 to Monday April 18 at the Byron Events Farm, Tyagarah, NSW.

All ticket options, plus camping, parking and VIP, are on sale now via www.bluesfest.com.au.

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www.echo.net.au**Statewide health
strike this Thursday**

The Health Services Union says thousands of health and hospital workers will walk off the job this Thursday to demand a genuine pay rise, as opposed to the pay cut being offered by the State government.

**Body of woman
missing in Lismore
floods found**

NSW Police say they have located the body of a woman who was reported missing in floodwaters earlier last week.

**Yachts off moorings
in Ballina**

A group of yachts moored in Emigrant Creek, West Ballina, came adrift last week as floodwaters surged through the region on March 30.

Trees Not Bombs

Susie Russell started a free Trees Not Bombs café at the Lismore Quad when she saw the scale of what was happening after the floods.

**Mother's Day Classic
coming back**

For its 25th anniversary, the Mother's Day Classic is returning at locations across Australia to celebrate and honour those affected by breast cancer, as well as raising vital funds for breast cancer research.

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Nathan Jones announces candidacy for fed election

Cudgen resident, small business owner, and Surf Life Saving volunteer, Nathan Jones, has put himself forward for the upcoming federal election as an Independent.

Mr Jones describes himself as a 'swing voter'.

'I am not a left- or right-wing voter, but think the middle ground is the best. Sensible compromise and mutual understanding is essential for parliamentary democracy'.

'I have worked in many fields over the years, from agriculture, accountancy and teaching economics at schools and universities. I ran in the last Tweed Council election to get my name out there'.

Asked if he had any financial backers, he replied that when he ran for Tweed Council in December 2020, he 'fully funded' himself.

'So far, 100 per cent of my funding for this federal campaign has come from myself



Mr Jones operates a small camping and land leasing business near Casuarina Beach: www.hipcamp.com/en-AU/discover/new-south-wales/coast-farm.

and my wife; a teacher and a nurse's salary. We are just trying our best to have a better government'.

'We are not backed by any company or organisation or any union, although we are both members of the teachers and nurses unions'.

Election pledges

He says his campaign is centred around three words:

'imagine, compassion and efficiency'.

'Imagine your elected MP is Independent; they have no political party bosses/factions to please, but only vote with the interests of the people of Tweed, Byron and Ballina shires in their mind. Imagine every vote is a conscience vote after your MP listens to you. Imagine a number of Independents (or minor parties) hold the balance of power and all policies get a proper debate in our parliament rather than rushed through when one party has all the numbers. Imagine we, the people of Richmond, hold the "power of balance" in our Federal parliament'.

As for compassion, he says, 'We have a growing population and an ageing population. We are in desperate need for more public/social/affordable housing. Our government needs to spend significantly

more money for all frontline public services on aged care, childcare, disability care, health and education. We need compassionate solutions to people who live in our floodplains to help our most vulnerable to rebuild or relocate. And having affordable insurance is important.

'We should all do our bit to get to net zero carbon emissions asap and heavily invest in the renewables, like wind, solar and hydro, that will get us there by 2040'.

As for efficiency, Mr Jones says, 'To pay for any new commitment, a government must pay for it by either raising new taxes, or increase existing taxes, increase our debt, (and therefore raise taxes in the future), or they cut inefficient and wasteful spending'.

'I have a completed a Masters of Economics. My research thesis was completed in 2021, which studied The ABS "National accounts"

– it's publicly available for all and shows we spend \$900 billion each year across our three layers of government. \$75 billion of that money is spent on administration duplication at the State government level'.

For more info, visit www.nathanjones.net.au.

The line-up for the 2022 election includes incumbent Justine Elliot (Labor), who has represented the area since 2004. Running for the Greens is comedian, author and activist, Mandy Nolan. On the Nationals party ticket is Kingscliff resident Kimberly Hone, who runs a fitness coaching practice. Monica Shepherd is running on the Informed Medical Options Party (IMOP) ticket. Rob Marks is running on wealthy miner Clive Palmer's UAP ticket. Byron resident, filmmaker and Independent candidate, David Warth, is also running for office.

Federal budget cuts public education, arts

Member for Richmond, Justine Elliot (Labor) has responded to this year's budget by saying there is a trillion dollars in debt, no climate action, and the risk of a second wasted decade. She also said flood-ravaged residents deserve better.

'Nothing in this budget makes up for a decade of attacks on wages, job security and Medicare', she told *The Echo*.

'Its defining features are pay that won't keep up with prices, and almost nothing to show for a trillion dollars in debt – not even helping Australians in crisis'.

Meanwhile, the State's peak business organisation, Business NSW, believes the Federal Budget 'provides much needed support for Northern Rivers' businesses as they face a long-term flood recovery, grapple with the pressures of skills shortages, bounce back from the pandemic and address the rising complexity of the digital economy'.

Regional Manager Jane Lavery, said, 'This is a budget that has a number of welcome measures for businesses, yet it leaves long-overdue tax reform and major issues, such as an unaffordable insurance costs, off the list'.

Large cuts to public education, while increasing private school funding, has been described as 'devastating' by the Australian Education Union.

Federal President, Correna Haythorpe, said funding for public schools has been slashed by \$559 million over the next three years, while funding for private schools has been increased by \$2.6 billion over the forward estimates.

As for the lack of commitment to climate action, the Climate Council said the budget 'contains successive cuts for climate funding over the next four years, with total spending on climate initiatives reducing to just 0.2 per cent of total expenditure'.

According to the Budget, (Table 2.6.2: Program Components Of Outcome 6), the total amount of Arts and Cultural Development will be cut from \$989,683,000 from 2022 to \$744,988,000 by 2025-26 forward estimates.

Funding for 'Australian Music' will disappear by 2024-25 (currently at \$6,375,000). Film and Television funding will diminish, as will Regional Arts (down from \$18,066,000 in 2021-22 to \$7,983,000 in 2025-26). And if the Liberal-Nationals are re-elected this year, Screen Australia would see its funding decrease from \$39,466,000 in 2021-22 to \$11,862,000 in 2025-26.

While the government offered one-off payments to low income earners, Australian Council of Social Service CEO, Dr Cassandra Goldie, said, 'Much of the assistance goes to people who don't need it, and too little goes to people who need support'.

Flood inquiry subs open

Submissions are now open for the 2022 NSW Flood Inquiry. According to the NSW government, the six-month independent Inquiry 'will review the preparation for, causes of, response to and recovery from the 2022 catastrophic flood event across the state of NSW'.

To contact the Inquiry, email inquiry@floodinquiry.nsw.gov.au or by mail: NSW Independent Flood Inquiry, GPO Box 5341, Sydney NSW 2001.

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Thanks to our generous donors so far we've raised and distributed over \$78,000 as of 1pm on Tuesday 5th April.

The money has gone to flood-affected people in Lismore, Mullum, Ballina and Murwillumbah who are really needing the financial and other assistance, through grassroots organisations, funded by those donations.

To donate scan this QR code, go to GoFundMe and search for "Echo Northern Rivers 2022 flood donation appeal"



New site and dates for Writers Festival

This year's Byron Writers Festival, is set to take place August 26–28 at a new location, North Byron Parklands in Yelgun.

Both 2020 and 2021 festivals were cancelled owing to covid. The Festival's new Artistic Director, Zoë Pollock, replaces Edwina Johnson, who had been at the helm since 2013.

Ms Pollock says, 'I can't wait to create a special event for those who love

literature and stories to meet their favourite authors, discover brilliant new books and soak up the atmosphere of being in a place where ideas are cherished'.

Chair of Byron Writers Festival, Adam van Kempen, added, 'North Byron Parklands is home to world class music events, including Splendour in the Grass and Falls Festival, and it caters to boutique cultural and community events year-round.

'Its green open spaces and beautiful natural surroundings are fertile ground for an event such as Byron Writers Festival'. Organisers say early bird three-day passes will be on sale for one week only, from June 15. A limited release of Sunday locals' passes will go on sale June 30, and general release tickets will go on sale when the full program is announced on July 13. For more info visit byronwritersfestival.com



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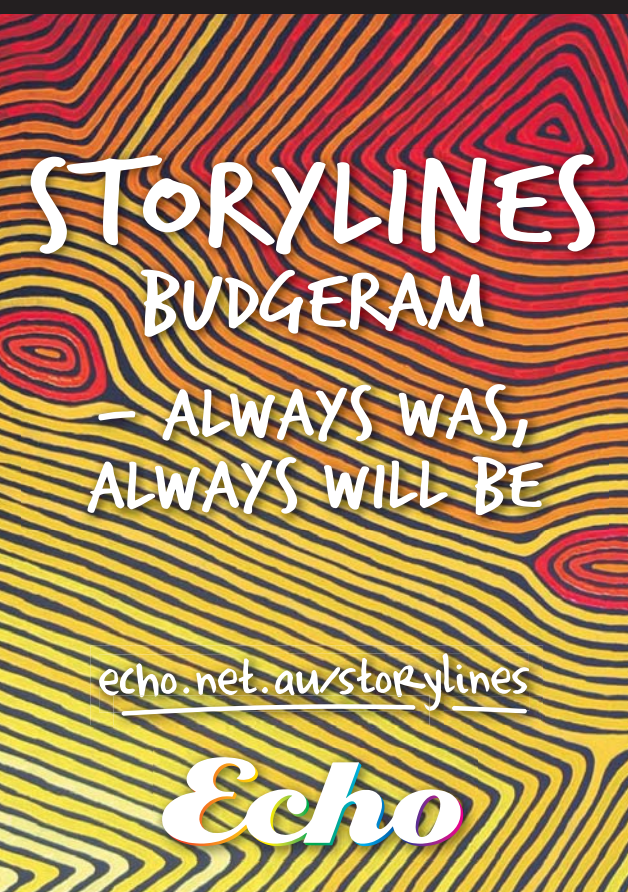
Jess and Lila from Byron Rangers. Photo Lesley Hannaford

After an acute shortage of clothing and underwear three days after the first flood, Echo sales rep, Lesley Hannaford, received an Instagram request for second hand underwear.

She says Thread Together, who collect and redistribute end-of-line brand new stock from fashion retailers around the country, contacted her

to offer not only new underwear, but towels and men's shirts as well. Underwear for Humanity have also donated goods. As a result, flood-affected residents located at Belongil Fields were the first to receive the goods, with two boxes being organised by the team at Byron Rangers.

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Big talent screens in Banglaow

Following the floods, and delayed by COVID, Flickerfest relocated from Mullumbimby to Bangalow last weekend to present local, national and international films to eager audiences as part of its tour across the country.

This year, organisers say the event was a fundraiser for the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre and Koori Mail flood recovery services.

Flickerfest organisers, Bronwyn Kidd and Shane Rennie, said a highlight of the screenings at Bangalow's A&I Hall was the 17th year of Byron All Shorts, celebrating the best of the Northern Rivers short films.

This year there were 12 local finalists chosen from 50 entries.



Pictured is Gio, with the Byron All Shorts filmmakers and stars, who recieved a standing ovation from an appreciative audience at Saturday's FlickerFest screening. Gio starred in the winning film, *The Rise*, written and produced by Gus Goozéé. Photo Jeff Dawson

Indigenous Minister pressured over Dunoon Dam consultation

A locally-based NSW Nationals MLC was recently pressured over his lack of consultation with Indigenous custodians regarding the contentious Dunoon Dam proposal.

According to the February 24 Hansard transcript of NSW Parliament, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ben Franklin, was asked by Greens MP, Cate Faehrmann, if he had attempted to meet with the Widjabul Wia-bal people around their concerns about the impending destruction of 25 sacred sites, 'should the Dunoon Dam go ahead'.

He replied in part, 'The short answer is that I have not met with them yet. I do not think they have reached out to ask for a visit. I may be wrong, but I do not think that is the case. Of course, I would be happy to meet with them. I am happy to meet with any Aboriginal organisation or community across this State

as much as I possibly can if my diary will allow'.

Mr Franklin also refused to pre-empt the outcome of any meeting, and said that, 'We must genuinely collaborate and listen to their aims and ambitions and concerns in order to address them effectively'.

He went on: 'Can we do that in every situation? No, because there are a range of competing interests within government and they must all be balanced. But I make the commitment that I am happy to meet with them'.

He added there was no plan on the table for the Dunoon Dam, 'though there has certainly been discussion, and a different position has been promulgated by Rous County Council after the recent local government elections, which may lead to other actions. At the moment there is no plan on the table'.

Anti-protest Bill rushed through

A Bill to impose harsh penalties on protesters blocking roads, ports and other public infrastructure was rushed through the NSW Legislative Assembly (lower house) last week.

The NSW Roads and Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 gained support from all parties, except the Greens, and Independents MP Alex Greenwich and Gregory Piper, and appears aimed at specific recent events where activists protested against climate change inaction by the government.

Liberal Attorney General, Mark Speakman, told parliament that, 'While there are existing offences that capture such conduct, the actions of these protesters make it clear that the penalties available for these offences are not sufficient to deter illegal protests that disrupt the lives of the people of NSW and that the threshold to meet the more serious offences is

not being met'. Mr Speakman dismissed concerns by Amnesty International and said, 'In all cases of rights, it is a question of balancing these rights against the rights of the vast majority of citizens'.

Labor's Michael Daley was unhappy about being forced to vote upon the bill and said his party 'did not see a copy of the bill until this afternoon'.

Yet, he told parliament he was satisfied that the Attorney General 'agreed to several amendments that the Opposition was insisting upon, the most significant of which was a carve-out, if you like, for industrial activity. That was a non-negotiable for us'.

Senior lawyer with the Human Rights Law Centre, Kieran Pender, wrote in SMH (Nine) that the law 'is a draconian measure - unnecessary, disproportionate, lacking oversight and containing only minimal safeguards'.

Zenith presents community ceremony, April 17, in Mullum

The Natural Death Care Centre, headed by Zenith Virago, will be presenting a 'Community Ceremony of Loss, Recovery and Love' on Sunday April 17 at St Johns Hall, Mullumbimby from 3pm, for a 3.30pm start.

Ms Virago says it's a 'part of our continuing community response to the devastation of our Byron Shire by climate change, flooding and landslides'.

It will be a non-denominational, all inclusive ceremony

with local choirs, musicians and community members.

She says, 'We are all doing what we can to contribute. There are so many great fundraisers, mostly around music and performance, which is fantastic, but many people have voiced a need for something gentler for their nervous systems and tender hearts. From years of offering intimate and community ceremony, I appreciate how much healing a well-crafted ceremony can offer'.



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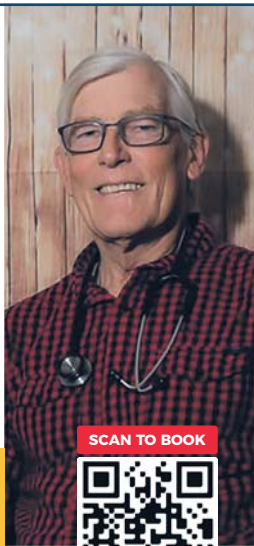
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Latest flooding update

According to Council's media release from Monday, some Beachcomber Drive residents in Byron Bay still have water in their homes after last week's heavy rain.

Staff say, 'This is a terrible situation, and we have been working for many days on trying to get this fixed. It involves close liaison with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and we are working on a solution. Understandably residents are distressed and they want it sorted out.'

Road and bridge network

As for the road and bridge network, Council say 23 roads are closed in the Shire, and there are 'cautions' on another 42 roads.

Huonbrook Road is closed owing to a landslip, but there will be access for residents at certain times.

The road will be completely closed daily from 9am till 12pm and 12.30pm till 4pm and at night.

Free buses are running from Upper Wilsons Creek. For more information call 1300 875 895.

'A contractor is back at Englishes Bridge [at Coopers Creek] and building another temporary access'. Staff hope works will be finished by the end of the week.

Williams Bridge, located before the Main Arm Shop, is still cut off but staff are hoping to finish the work by Easter, 'if the weather holds out'.

'Teams are also working on access to Upper Main Arm. Currently access past the Palmwoods turnoff is only open for residents and essential services'.

'Many of these works are only temporary and we will start looking at more permanent solutions for the damaged roads and bridges once we restore emergency access to areas'.

Visit www.northernrivers.myroadinfo.com.au for more info.

Flood-waste collection

Kerbside flood-waste collection is winding back, say staff, for flood impacted residential areas of Byron Bay. Suffolk Park was completed last weekend, and staff say, 'Because flooding in Byron Bay and Suffolk Park was in isolated areas, we are asking people to call us to book a collection: 1300 652 625.

'This applies to people in other parts of the Shire who also have flood-damaged waste'. The Byron Resource Recovery Centre is open for free drop-off of flood waste. For more info, visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Opportunity for renewal

One issue from all this flooding that is not getting much attention is the presumably high levels of toxicity flowing in the creeks and rivers. In Mullumbimby alone, the sewage treatment plant (STP) needs to be able to overflow in high rain events – otherwise the sewage would start gurgling back up into homes.

It's not hard to imagine the vast volumes of building materials, including asbestos, all the electricals, the perished food, just all of it contaminating the rivers. There are many unseen chemicals.

Hopefully this experience will spark a new collective awareness around how important our estuaries are. Before the floods, they weren't in great shape. There was oyster farming in Brunswick Heads until the water became too polluted. Growing up here in the '90s, I recall the rivers being much cleaner.

A simple measure for flood mitigation, yet hard to implement, is the re-wilding of foreshores so that floods don't erode the banks so easily.

There are solutions to restore rivers from degradation, but it will take money.

Yet these events offer unique opportunities for all the recently relocated wealthy residents – there are positive things to be done around riverine and riparian restoration. Who knows, maybe these events can spur on radical change for good? So far it's been encouraging that the community has supported itself with open arms, warmth, and generosity. May that continue!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

The long and contested road to change

On the eve of the annual Masters golf event, I sat and watched the induction of Tiger Woods into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Introducing her famous father, Tiger's daughter, 14-year-old Sam Woods, spoke with the confidence of a seasoned orator and shared numerous stories of growing up in the shadow of her famous father.

One story in particular stood out. Tiger's daughter spoke about Tiger's missed putt that would have forced a play-off for the 2007 US Open.

After missing the putt Tiger flew to Orlando to be present at his daughter's birth.

Sam chided Tiger reminding him that even though he may have lost the golf tournament that day he had in fact won the greatest gift of all, her birth.

Tiger is one of those once in a century wonders, a sporting star, that bring change and transformation, but not without sacrifice and adversity.

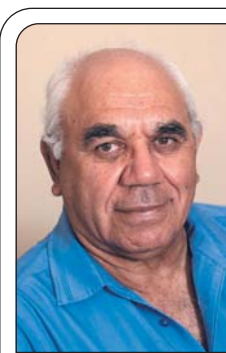
Tiger Woods sits comfortably among the pantheon of global sporting stars whose members include Muhamad Ali, Michael Jordan, Don Bradman, Tom Brady, Billie Jean King, Wayne Gretzky, Serena Williams, Patton Manning and others, and each in their own way and in their own field, gave us so much joy, entertainment and hope.

Tiger is a golfing protégé whose mother and father sacrificed much to provide him with the opportunity to realise his great promise, against all odds. In America, and elsewhere around the globe, racism and prejudice kept black golfers out of golf for decades.

Tiger was not allowed to play on many golf courses in America; some courses he would later dominate.

Charles Sifford is credited with breaking through the US PGA colour bar when he competed in the 1959 US Open and in 1961, he became the first black member of the American PGA Tour.

It is ironic that Tiger's win



'The Augusta National Golf Club wouldn't allow black members to join the club until 1990, and only did so under threat of losing the Masters if their racist policy of exclusion was not abandoned'.

Professor Bob Morgan

in the 1997 Masters at Augusta National Golf Club is the tournament that foretold what Tiger would do to change the face of golf.

Augusta National had a strict rule that prevented black golfers from playing in the tournament until 1975 when Lee Elder became the first black American to be invited to play in the Masters.

The club wouldn't allow black members to join the club until 1990, and only did so under threat of losing the Masters if their racist policy of exclusion was not abandoned.

Born of mixed heritage, Tiger's father Earl, is reported as being of African-American, Chinese and Native American descent.

Tiger's mother, Kultida, is reported as being of Thai, Chinese and Dutch descent.

Charles Sifford

Tiger and his family know the dehumanising pain of racism and segregation, as did Charles Sifford.

Honouring Sifford, Tiger named his son after him.

Speaking about the role that Sifford played in breaking down the barriers that kept Black Americans out of professional golf, Tiger once said that without Sifford he probably wouldn't have made it.

Tiger added, 'My dad would have never have picked up the game. Who knows if the clause would still exist or not? But he, [Sifford] broke it down.'

Tiger's golfing achievements are legendary and he is recognised as the golfer most responsible for setting the standards that young golfers today aspire to.

Tiger has acknowledged, publicly, the role that his parents have played in his rise to the pinnacle of golfing greatness and it was his father's prescient vision and fierce determination that helped propel Tiger to golfing immortality.

But it was Tiger's mother who provided the discipline and focus that cemented Tiger's golfing destiny.

Racism and segregation have also been, and continues, to be an Australian evil and I have felt its humiliating and dehumanising impact many times.

But it wasn't only Aboriginal people who have felt the pain of racism through being barred from golf clubs and courses in Australia.

A much respected professor of mine, the late Professor Colin Tatz, once invited me to join him for a game of golf at Monash Country Club, which is located in the northern beaches area of metropolitan Sydney.

The good professor shared that Jewish people could not join golf clubs in Sydney and consequently they were forced to build their own, the Monash Country Club where the good professor told me people could play irrespective of colour, creed, gender, race or religion.

Perhaps the cancers of racism and discrimination, in all their forms, will remain a disease for generations to come, but I remain captive to the hope that one day, in the words of Martin Luther King Jnr, that we will all be 'judged by the content of our character rather than the colour of our skin.'

Hope is a fragile thread, but I hold firmly to it.

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Failure of communications

At the March 2022 meeting of the Tweed Heads Branch of the ALP it was resolved to call on the Minister for Communications, Mr Paul Fletcher (MP), to institute an inquiry to examine the mass failure of NBN and the mobile phone network on the entire Far North Coast during the recent flood emergency.

The inquiry will canvass the inability to receive

critical warnings of imminent danger and inability to contact emergency services when in danger. We seek a review of the flood vulnerability of both the NBN and the mobile network, the failure of which exacerbated the scale of the disaster on the Far North Coast. We consider an emergency communication system that only works in good weather is useless.

Jim Gamack

Secretary,
Tweed Heads ALP Branch

I'm grateful

Gratitude – is the world's most powerful drug and it's free! Therefore, I want to give a BIG 'shout out' to the BSC for the magnificent job of sealing a large section of Cemetery Road, Lilli Pilli. It has been converted from what resembled a well-worn, pothole-infested 'mountain goat track' to a glorious stretch of road for all travelers in motor vehicles, on pushbikes, those walking or running, basically, all who

reside in or visit this part of the Byron Shire. A big thank you to whoever at the BSC was responsible for arranging this transformation and to all of the road workers involved in completing this excellent infrastructure repair! Trust me, many in this area are incredibly grateful to all involved for this fantastic roadwork! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all concerned!

Gerry Gleeson
Lilli Pilli

I'm disappointed

How disappointing is our government. The powers that be make me shake my head in pure disbelief. West Byron to go ahead in nothing more than a floodplain, not to mention the fragile environment.

I have to ask why the need to fight ends up costing the local councils, and in essence, the local ratepayers? This practice is nothing short of criminal to me. We end up with all arguments falling on deaf ears. It would seem that developers are assisted along regardless of the very important fact of climate change and the very

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Vale Gary John Cavanagh 18/01/1957 – 25/03/2022

It is with much sadness that *The Echo* says goodbye to one of our much loved cartoonists. Gary 'Cabba' Cavanagh, a man with a creative soul and gentle heart.

Gary's son Jarrah writes, 'He was a courageous man, whose lessons were about love and patience.'

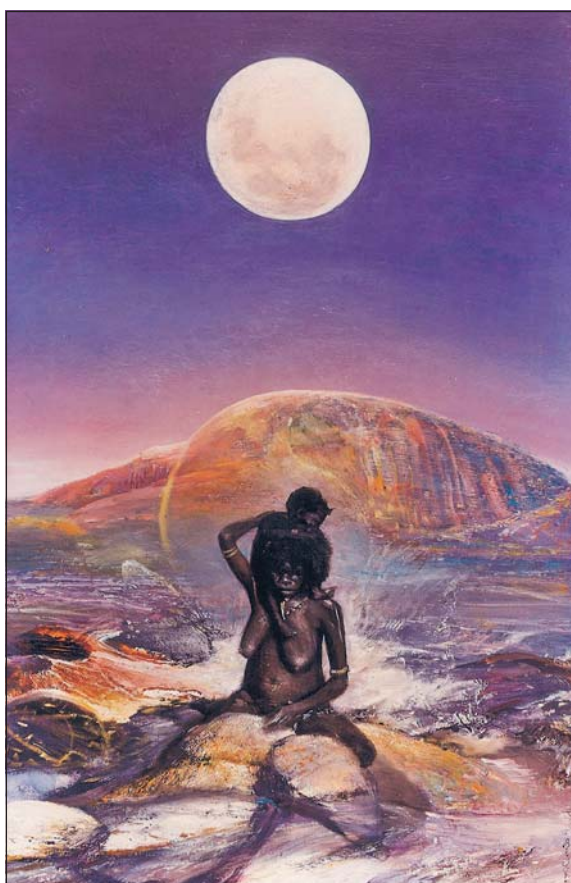
'He was passionate about the environment and indigenous culture, with a huge appreciation for animals (especially his cat, Poppy).'

'He shared with me pure-hearted wisdom, and I am blessed to have had such an incredible man as my father in my life. He gave me an incredible gift of creativity and we will always share a powerful connection through our art and expression.'

'My condolences go out to his father, sisters, and family in Samoa.'

Gary was a kind and lovely man who generously allowed us to print his delightful and at times mischievous cartoons. We'll miss him dropping into the office with new work and his gentle and thoughtful conversation. We wish you the best on your new journey Gary.

– Aslan Shand



The Mother – *Echo* readers would know 'Cabba' from his cartoons, but Gary Cavanagh was also a gifted fine artist.

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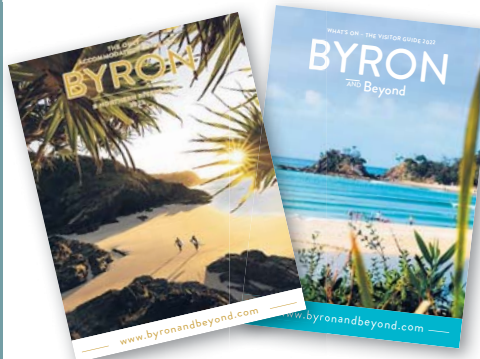
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The +ve side, of this Beautiful Story!

Despite the acquisition of Terra Nullius in 1788, subsequent decimation by disease, poison, massacres, actively obliterating their Languages and Culture e.g. Stealing Children, ABS projects our 1st Nations #'s to increase from 880,000 (2021), to 1.1 Million by 2031.

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relevant fact of catastrophic flooding.

How many more people are to be affected, losing not only their worldly possessions and monetary assets but also being displaced? Displacement comes with losing your employment, transport, personal items and possibly an asset devaluation, along with huge insurance costs if the resident/owner of the property has no available funds to relocate.

We the people, along with our councils, need to protest, but not through costly courts. This is a nonsense. We are left high and dry unless we keep paying hundreds of thousands of dollars to make a point that is a no brainer.

Something needs to change. No more building in floodplains. No more unaffordable so-called 'affordable housing'.

We need regulated social housing. Again – *not built on floodplains*. Disaster is here to teach us a lesson, that lesson is to STOP building on floodplains. Landfill is not the answer because it just pushes the water onto somewhere else, possibly some poor person who had built a home on a non floodprone area.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

How dare you

First, it was 'Global Cooling'. Then, it was 'Global Warming'. Finally, it has been the most stupid, simplistic and scientifically tenuous proposal of all – 'Climate Change'. So, how many of you weak, febrile-minded, goody-two-shoes, righteous, world-saving 'climate crusaders' have just spent

the better part of two years traipsing about in a little mask, aiding and abetting the fraud we were besieged with, of lethal contagion, doing QR Code sign-in like lost puppies and dutifully getting all your 'jabs'?

Well, now that we have all been through two years of a pharmaceutically coerced martial law fire-drill, complete with all the constitutional trammelling politicians of every stripe and jurisdiction could muster, plus 'four billion out the door' to destroy small business, communities and families, our global political cuckolds are pulling lint from their pockets in the wake of the most massive flood disaster in 50 years.

At precisely the moment the ABC/Sky News complex is so obviously helping the political class bury COVID and polish a turd for their upcoming election farce, promoting red-herring rubbish about tragedy in Ukraine, you lot decide now would be the opportune time to assist the political class in their criminal negligence assisting the narrative change, cashing-in, exploiting, perverting and reducing the widespread flood destruction down to bogus climate politics, while consigning the tens-of-thousands of home-grown internally displaced refugees to the scrap heap of inconvenient truth? How dare you!

Edward Kent
Suffolk Park

The cost of fuel

Ampol (Caltex) has a company policy that denies customers of a promised discount. In the Northern Rivers where internet is patchy owing to effects of flooding,

sites like Caltex Brunswick Heads have no internet reception for phones on the Telstra network. Knowing this, customers can take a phone screen grab of the valid QR code coupon nearby where reception exists. But Ampol (Caltex) refuses this screen grab coupon.

It is a deliberate policy that makes thousands of dollars for Ampol (Caltex) at the expense of flood victims. Neither Toyota nor Ampol responded to my complaint.

I have twice had trouble obtaining my Toyota discount at this location. Today the internet does not work there. I anticipated this owing to recent floods and presented a screen grab of the voucher. They declined to give any discount. What can the customer do but pay, even though they are not at fault? I have the receipt and a signed/stamped note of refusal from the servo. I would like to be refunded the promised discount.

Robert Birch
Ocean Shores

Poor man's pump

If you wish you had a submersible water pump, but don't, like I did yesterday, you can make one with a garden hose. As we all know too well, water follows gravity.

Take a normal garden hose and fill it with water by removing any gun or nozzle and connector at its output, holding it high, and turning the tap on for 20 seconds.

Watch it flow and when no more air bubbles expel you're good to turn off the tap and quickly press your thumb over the opening of the hose to prevent any air entering or water escaping. Now, with your thumb firmly

sealing the end of the hose, wander over to the tap and flick the other end of the hose off the tap. Immediately lift both ends of the hose to stay level with each other to keep all the water still in the hose. (Best to remove its connector to plug this end too.) Now comes the fun part. A friend can make this easier, but the idea now is to travel to the location of the flooded area, under the house or garage etc, and have your friend hold one end of the hose near the pool that needs draining. You now run down hill to find any place outside that is lower than the bottom of the pool of water that needs to be eliminated. On the count of three – shout 1, 2, 3, – you both dump your end of the hose. Your friend jams it into the water while you simultaneously drop it to the ground. The weight of the water in the hose will create a powerful suction drawing the unwanted pool into the hose and, because there is no air in the hose, will continue sucking the water from the pool until the water level drops exposing the hose to air. That is why it's important to now move the submerged end of the hose to the deepest part of the pool so that it drains completely. Good luck!

PS Oh, I almost forgot; Two parallel hoses will drain twice as much water in half the time! And you thought this rain sucked. The longer the hose – the greater the suction. When you place your finger lightly over the inlet of the sucking hose you'll feel a vacuum stronger than a vacuum cleaner to assure you it's working.

Mike Stavrou
Mullumbimby



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Keeping it simple

The 2022 budget tossed around a lot of words like 'biodiversity stewardship', 'Carbon Credit Units' and 'biosecurity certifications' while actually cutting spending on climate by 35 per cent over the next four years.

It's enough (and perhaps it's intended) to make us throw up our hands and declare the battle against climate change is just too hard.

But it's really very simple. We need to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, and the 'machine' which does that best is the tree, with the added benefit that it emits oxygen for us to breathe.

To plant more trees, farmers need to stop breeding cattle and sheep. To get the farmers to stop breeding more and more animals, we need to stop eating meat.

It really is that simple.
Mimi Bekhechi
Campaigns Strategies, PETA
Sydney

\$4 a litre

People who march in Byron Streets and display signs asking for Climate Action, expect electric cars and tax incentives to support

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production of new, effective types of batteries, and want to make solar panels compulsory on all new houses.

Instead the actual response is likely to be petrol at \$4 a litre, then at \$8 a litre, making it difficult for people to travel anywhere and impacting food production globally.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Her principals

I would like to congratulate Catherine Cusack for resigning from the Liberal party for what she believed to be uneven distribution of disaster flood payments.

I first met Catherine when we were trying to save our train service, she was very supportive then for her community and has stuck to her principals again.

Thank you Catherine, all the best for the future.

Paul Brecht
Evans Head

Grateful tower destroyed

Herewith my response to David Heilpern's opinion piece in *The Echo* of 30 March.

I can understand his frustrations at having to leave his car in the floods and with the lack of WiFi in Mullumbimby for a few days. It was not an easy time all round for the residents of Mullumbimby. However, I was so grateful to learn about the destruction of the 5G tower.

How dare they hide behind the flooding disaster and install this behind people's backs when they know that the majority of residents in the area are against it!

I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to the bravery and gumption of those who did this deed.

Rosina Mihajlovic
Ocean Shores

Fundamental antagonism

In last week's *Echo* I gave Cr Swivel a serve over his evasive and rambling response to a question put to him at the last Council meeting. On reflection, I realise that the most telling statement made by him was the following:

'We should walk together rather than imagining there is a fundamental antagonism between the elected and employed dimension of this Council.'

Deary me, Mark. It is you who have imagined that I have ever referred to a

'fundamental antagonism' between councillors and staff. Indeed, in recent times I have referred mainly to the friendly and flattering behaviour of the staff towards councillors, particularly the Greens. That of course does not mean that the staff respect them or regard them as anything but 'mushrooms' (kept in the dark and fed bullshit). The Greens were happy little mushrooms.

Yes, there have been times when outright antagonism has erupted. Jan Barham, for example, was given such a hard time by staff over the last few months of her reign that she couldn't bear to enter the administrative building except when she had to.

When I was on Council I was put into Coventry, meaning that staff wouldn't speak to me or acknowledge me except to glare at me if I entered their office territory.

My point is that in a democracy it's the elected who govern, while the bureaucracy has a 'Yes Minister' tendency to intrude and undermine the elected. If the bureaucrats are being nice to you, it's probably a sign that you have, to some extent, betrayed the people who voted for you.

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Purple house not a black and white issue

■ To think a single woman living in a purple house could elicit so much patriarchal hostility is not surprising these days. What is disturbing is the manner in which the whole issue seems so gendered and targeted. She is not Hollywood or a notable. Just a solo woman who bought a house in Mullumbimby, planted a sweet garden and contributed to the quirkiness of Mullum.

Like a fairy queen she took me back to all of the resonances of a 7-year-old who had a passionate belief in fairies and a huge love of my purple grandmother who encouraged kindness, gentleness, caring, dreams, mystery and the need to care for gardens and wee critters. All her pretty friends were purple women, hair, lipstick, dresses, hats, jewellery and paintings. Innocence and joy were linked by song and the purple smell of lavender. Colours stemming from the purple spectrum soothe the disturbed psyche and soul in sensitive people.

So we learn in Mullumbimby ‘purple is not heritage’. So what? The patriarchy blood boils. Discipline the woman. Make her repaint the house. She is not available – she is caring for her aged mother. Punish the woman. Torment her. Her mental health suffers. She is alone. Goody goody. Keep the pressure up. Encourage others to symbolically throw the stones with mealy-mouthed gossip. In the village township exists a very strange building where sharp stones are gathered and executions follow. Strangely, it is modelled on the

colonial structure of the old Sydney Morgue. A meeting occurs with the purple woman denied entry. She sits outside, denied a right of reply. Her execution is planned by the village Purple People Eaters. No mercy. NO HELP. The few remaining fairies weep. Where are human rights?

Jo Faith
Newtown



■ The nature of heritage and its conservation is often contested, and different groups – whether practitioners, policymakers, developers, civil society and so forth – have conflicting perspectives on how it should be managed. It is not a science, it is open to interpretation and this should be allowed for in Council’s heritage legislation. It needs to be because the overarching principles which inform it are important, but fuzzy, guiding criteria including ‘social value’ (see Burra Charter).

2000 members of this community signed a petition saying that they don’t have a problem with the colour of Nicole Haberecht’s house in Mullumbimby. Indeed they agree that it has ‘social value’ and links to this

community – whether it is painted purple or not. Why should Council enforce codes that are punitive and which alienate the community who are clearly invested in the protection of heritage assets such as the purple house? And painting a house is both a protection and an act of conservation. Obviously Council needs to revisit the LEP 2014 it relies so heavily upon.

I signed the petition, so you know which side I’m on, but I’ll leave it to some heritage academics who have grappled with the hard interpretations of heritage for many years. Unfortunately, I fear Council’s decision will lead to a further degradation of the colour palette of the built environment as it moves away from our history and our heartland of rainbow colours and lifestyles: ‘international [heritage] charters provide a recognition that whilst material fabric does have value we also need to be aware that this value is intimately connected to the feel, use, and experience of place’.

Indeed, there is an urgency to reconcile the intangible and tangible in conservation, and to do so would make strides towards conserving places in ways that are more responsive to communities.

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Scott Ludlam: you can take the man out of the fight...

Eve Jeffery

Interviewing Scott Ludlam is hard – it's a case of who gets to ask the most questions. Ludlam is intensely interested in the unfolding situation in Lismore on the eve of the second town-centre evacuation in a month, and

he wants to know why – 'Why is this happening?'

Of course the question is rhetorical – he knows why, we all know *why* – but he wants to know if I know why, and if I know, why doesn't the rest of the planet get it? The answer is: we are literally drowning in humankind's

insatiable appetite for fossil fuel energy in the form of coal and gas. And he's stumped.

'We've spent 30 years on climate change – showing people graphs and charts and saying, "Do you understand how terrifying this is?" But now, you don't need the graphs and charts anymore.'

We are sitting in the Tree not Bombs café in Lismore, a place where displaced residents and volunteers and emergency workers can come and get a free feed and rest their weary selves before heading back into the fray. It's 28 March – one month to the day after devastating floods drowned the Northern Rivers, and we eye the SES in disbelief as they come toward us with a warning to get out of town as the new event is about to start.

After asking about my home and my safety, Ludlam says that everybody's got a story of somebody whose thing was worse than theirs: 'All the way to hell.'

The former Greens Senator for WA has personally felt the sting of the coal monster and the gas demon. His home near the fire-devastated NSW town of Cobargo was saved during the 2020 fires, but he and his family were in and out of the house for six weeks and spent their fair share of time in evacuation centres. 'This feels familiar. It feels like Cobargo a week after the fire ripped through, with people's stuff out in the street. People are shocked. It feels familiar, but not in a good way.'

Ludlam's original plan



Scott Ludlam: you can take the man out of the fight, but you can't take the fight out of the man. Photo Tree Faerie

had been to come to the Northern Rivers to talk about his latest book *Full Circle: A search for the work that comes next*, but his trip has turned into a tour of the devastation.

'The book was written during and after the fires that happened on the east coast in 2019–2020. But really, the book is a study of how social movements work, and sometimes it seems, how they fail. How is it that networks of ordinary people under-resourced without a lot of money, generally without formal training – that are thrown onto the front line – how is it that sometimes they prevail? Sometimes you get a revolution, sometimes you stop a mine, sometimes it's a gasfield. I'm fascinated by how social movements work.'

And that's where Ludlam's interest resides – in what

people do when the chips are down, and the water, or fire, comes up.

'I'm fascinated by how social movements work, so I wanted to try and gather together stories of how people work effectively – not just domestically, but from people I know overseas who're really generous with their time, in the context of climate. We're up against the most powerful industries on Earth and we're out of time. And we don't really have the option of not succeeding; that's where the book came from.'

Though Ludlam is no longer in the Senate, he still has a Green heart and he was here two weeks ago, in part, to support Mandy Nolan. But, does he miss the political life himself? 'Not, really. I miss this stuff. I missed the campaign stuff. The ability to actually get out and meet

people. The thing that I miss the most is that I don't have an office that I can go back to and actually start actioning things.'

So, is the pen mightier than the sword? 'No, the pen's necessary. I don't know about mighty, but I've appreciated the opportunity to not be on any kind of frontline and to travel and talk to people and write and just slow down. The thing that Mandy's going to discover, to get elected, is that you don't have time to think because that's just it – it just comes at you. And so your job is then to deal [with things], triage, do as best you can. But you don't have time to have deep, philosophical thoughts about how social meetings work. You just do the work.'

The SES guy frowns at us and says he really means it, we have to move along.

And the rain begins to fall...

CHESS by Ian Rogers

When Hikaru Nakamura won the first Grand Prix tournament of 2022, he hinted that should he perform well enough in his next GP tournament to reach the last eight of the World Championship race, he might donate his place to Ding Liren.

Chinese star Ding, the 28-year-old world number three, had, like most Chinese Grandmasters and indeed like Nakamura, been virtually absent from the tournament circuit for the past two pandemic years.

While Nakamura's decision was voluntary, due to his decision to become a full-time streamer, the Chinese players had to overcome onerous exit and re-entry requirements to their home country, and most decided that it was not worth the effort – and risk. (One elite Chinese player has already been punished for playing in Europe without approval.)

Voices from World Champion Magnus Carlsen downwards bemoaned Ding's absence from the Candidates Tournament – from which Carlsen's next challenger will be determined – but everything changed last week.

With the world body FIDE banning Russian invasion enthusiast Sergey Karjakin for six months, a place in June's Candidates tournament suddenly became available. Ding was the highest-rated contender for the position but he had a new obstacle to overcome. The regulations stipulated that Ding had to have played 30 internationally rated games in the 12 months to April 28 2022, and Ding had notched up only four.

The Grandmaster from Wenzhou had only six weeks to play 26 classical games, with no option of travelling to overseas

events. He could also afford to lose no more than 20 rating points in the process.

Ding was determined not to let his chance go by. He threw himself into a tournament with three young Grandmasters and has already notched up 12 games. He has also been massaging the youngsters as the position below – from the fifth of Ding's five consecutive wins to start the tournament – shows.

Meanwhile, Nakamura has decided that he will keep his place in the Candidates Tournament and head to Madrid: 'I think that I've earned it. The only person who I thought deserved a spot more was Ding Liren, but he's busy playing games every day in China, so he's going to qualify anyway. So I'll be playing!'



Here Bai Jinshi, who broke on to the international stage as a 12-year-old at Canberra's 2012 Doeberl Cup, has played well and had his last move been 31... Rf5-h5 (instead of 31... Qf8-c5), a draw was likely. Now, however, Ding came up with a stunning combination: 32.Be4! Re5 33.Bxg6!! fxe6 If 33...hxg6, 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Qh8 is checkmate. 34.Rd7! Bf7 35.Qf6! The remarkable point – White's attack crashes through in all lines. The game concluded 35...Qc1+ 36.Kh2 1-0

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The ground-breaking



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After working closely with Byron Shire Council and the RMS, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise potential traffic impact in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Tanner Lane, Tyagarah. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from Wednesday, 13 April 2022 through to Tuesday, 19 April 2022.

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TRAFFIC

- The Mullumbimby off-ramp at Tyagarah will be closed to Southbound highway traffic.
- Southbound festival traffic will be directed to turn into the Festival off-ramp.
- Northbound Festival traffic will enter the site via the indicated off-ramp.
- These measures are designed to minimise traffic impact, however, please be prepared for possible delay.

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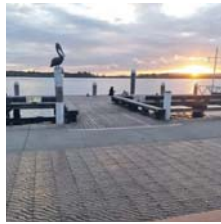
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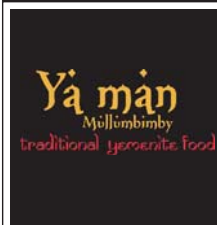
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Byron Bay Blue Lotus

If you are looking for a special cut flower you won't find in any florist, or something unique for an occasion, your first stop should be Liz Lualdi's Byron Bay Blue Lotus stall at Mullumbimby Farmers Market.

The aquatic flowers, cultivated at Liz's farm in Tyagarah, are sold as cut flowers, live plants for water features, dried flowers for culinary uses, as well as blue lotus body products.

Liz is one of the very, very few blue lotus farmers in Australia, and becoming a lotus farmer was a happy accident. Once she had settled into her new property, she found the pristine tea tree lakes to be carpeted in beautiful blue lotus blooms. Initially selling these locally as cut flowers, Liz then grew the business and established a stall at the farmers' markets in 2010, which she operates during the lotus season from September until June.

Blue lotus plants don't grow like any other flowering plant; they have a root system at the bottom of the lake which has a spiral of buds reaching to the surface. The plants are dormant during the winter months but as soon as the spring temperature and light are just right, the flowers return. When a flower is picked the plant accelerates the next flower to come up to the surface. Liz's blue lotuses are wild harvested with no interference at all.

Liz is hands-on at every stage of the business. 'Being a part of the process from beginning to end is so rewarding. From taking care of the lake that they grow in, to paddling around on a surf ski harvesting the flowers, through to finishing the product, taking it to market and then handing it over and talking to the customers – we're there every step of the way. I find it effortless to talk about the flowers and the cultivation and I love receiving feedback from our customers every week,' she says.

And the most charming thing about the blue lotus? 'The flowers close at night and open during the day, they move around a lot, pulling amazing manoeuvres, it's really like having a little pet'.

During the lotus season Byron Bay Blue Lotus are at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets, Fridays 7-11am.



Sustainable distillery

Cape Byron Distillery, home of Australia's beloved Brookie's Byron Gin, has joined B Corp, a global movement of community-focused businesses and organisations certified to have

sustainable and ethical business practices.

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'It is in our company DNA and at the very core of everything we do here, to support our community, the environment, and our people. We see business as a force for good,' said founder Eddie Brook.

B Corp is one of the most demanding certifications that evaluates a brands' ethics, with a criteria of over 350 benchmarks concerning operations, employee treatment, community, and environmental impact. Cape Byron Distillery is one of only two spirit distillers in Australia to achieve the distinction.

Cape Byron Distillery achieved B Corp Certification by exceeding B Corp Standards, not only in reforestation efforts, but across five categories of the B Impact Assessment: Community, Customers, Environment, Workers, and Governance. Some of the highlighting factors attributed to the success of the certification include an on-farm closed-loop distillation process where whisky wash and botanicals are mixed with mulch to create a nutrient-dense soil conditioner that is reused on the Davidson plum orchard, diverting waste from landfill by utilising black soldier flies to consume organic waste, and implementing various waste diversion streams and energy monitoring systems. Another milestone for the Distillery was a 30 per cent decrease in landfill waste over the period of January 2019 to December 2021, from an average of 3.3kg per 100 bottles down to 2.1kg.

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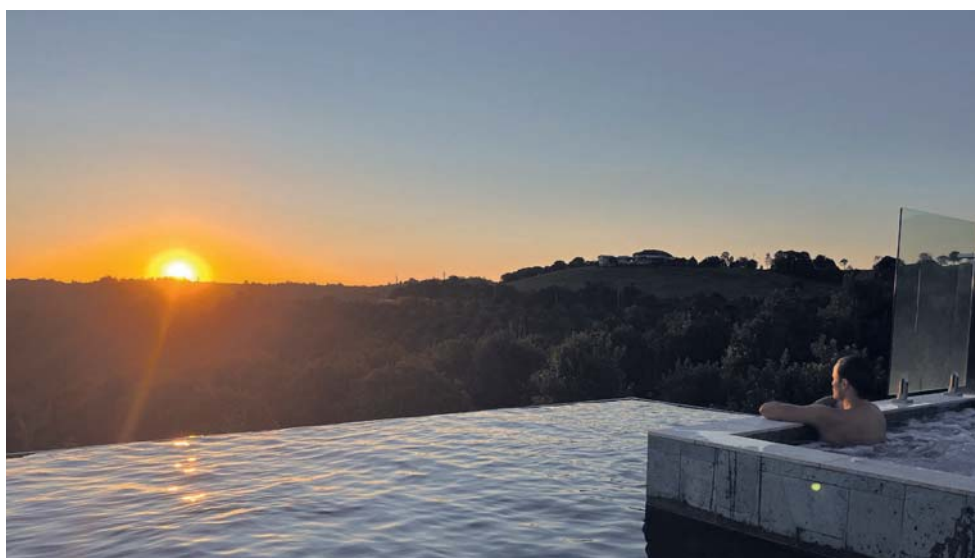
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Young Henrys have gathered some of Australia's best local talents including **Peach Fur**, **Pandamic**, **Full Flower Moon Band**, **Le Shiv** and loads more.

Young Henrys will also be shouting your entry, as well as the **Karma Keg** pouring at the bar, with all proceeds going towards those affected by the floods.

Kicking things off on **Saturday, 9 April** are glittery disco grooves from the brothers of Sugar Soap, before Gimmy Flowens, the solo project of Northern Rivers' artist **Gemma Owens** embarks on a garage, folk-pop inspired adventure into the night. Next up is the

sound of the six-piece neo-psychedelic and rock'n'roll enthusiasts from Byron Bay, **The Dharma Chain**.

Taking over the stage last, but certainly not least, will be the genre-bending psych-rock flavour of **Peach Fur**, captivating the audience with their energetic stage presence before drawing the night to a close.

Easter weekend will be fully charged with the tradie-rock powerhouse, **Rash**, who'll be sure to bring the house down with their unmistakable electric energy. Born into the hardcore-punk scene are Queensland outfit **Sex Drive** serving up an old-school garage experience before the catchy melodies and shimmering bedroom dream-pop of **Hachiku** entrap the stage. Calling last rounds are the grungy skater-punk boys from Rockhampton, **Pandamic**, who will be teasing some of their new 2022 music for Byron fans. **Saturdays: 9, 6, 23 and 30 April at The Rails.**

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We are sorry that our floods have impacted on your plans. Really. We all know how much you must have been looking forward to this time away. It's horrible to lose something you love, like a getaway. It's even worse to lose your home, your car, your school, and everything you own. That is the situation for the men, women and children in our region who are homeless. From the Clarence to the Qld border the estimated number is 22 000. It's going to be a long time before these people have homes. And even longer before they have holidays.

None of these people planned to ruin your holiday. They were people with homes living their own life separate to yours. But now, this Easter holidays, there's an unexpected intersection of your life with theirs. Some of them have been housed in the accommodation you've booked, and they've been asked to leave. They have been asked to leave so your plans aren't disrupted. So that you can sleep in the beds they have sobbed in and eat at the table where they've gathered to regroup themselves. Their misery is deeply etched on the conscience of us all. Can you feel them watching you? Their frightened, homeless children? They won't take long to pack, because they have nothing.

They're being moved to the Gold Coast and Grafton and Brisbane. Our climate refugees, shipped off, out of their communities, away from what support they have in a time of crisis to stay in other interim accommodation. We have had to relocate them because of your plans. You need to know that. You need to know that we are *all* impacted by this terrible disaster. When you have been witness to this loss, it's hard to imagine anyone would blithely cause more distress if it can be avoided.

We're not saying don't come here.

You are welcome to visit, but we are in this conflicted position you see. Our community depends on you coming here.

Our businesses need you. But could you help us out? Maybe, instead of us looking for other options for our region's homeless, maybe you could bring a tent with you? Hire an RV? Bring a caravan? Hell, why not buy one and leave it here! Or hit up a friend who lives in the region (and was not affected by the floods)? Maybe, instead of stretching our overstretched services, you could help us by organising your own alternative accommodation? And while you are here, why not volunteer to spend a day helping someone?

A lot of people have asked how they could help the thousands impacted by these devastating floods. This is one way. Oh, and maybe suggest to your friends they don't buy up homes and put them on Airbnb. That would help too.

We had a housing crisis *before* these floods; 40 per cent of our housing stock in Byron is on short-term holiday letting platforms. So, when our entire region gets slammed by a catastrophe, our community is left scrambling.

What we're saying is, please come, but if your holiday booking has been housing someone in emergency accommodation – can you let them stay? Do something radically compassionate, take a blow to your own comfort so that people who have lost all of theirs can have just a little?

Ironically, I ask you this at Easter, the holiday that commemorates the much-publicised sacrifice that the Christian God made for humanity: His son.

All you have to give up is your week in holiday accommodation, to help our community rise again. Thank you.



Byron Shire, we're here for you

As we all work through the latest round of damage and distress to our region, keep in touch with the latest local news at BayFM.

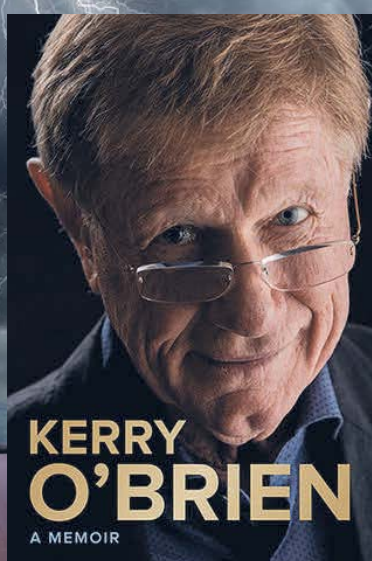
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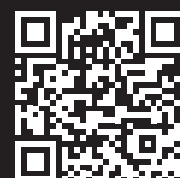
Where: The Byron Theatre 69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

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- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**
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- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS AND A&I HALL 7PM **BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL – THE MAN FROM SNOWY RIVER** (PG)
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **BEN PURNELL DUO**
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- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SIMON MEOLA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **CHRIS DEL MAR**, 3PM **DONNY SHADES**, 5PM **BLUESFEST BUSKERS COMPETITION**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4PM **THE NEW LANGUAGE**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS AND A&I HALL 7PM **BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL – LITTLE TORNADOES (MA15+)**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **JORDAN MAC BAND**

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DUDU MARTINS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 3PM **LILLIE MAE**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 10AM **SOPHIA FLETCHER**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 12PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **SHANDALL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **DIVISION 4**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON THEATRE
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **DYLAN PINKERTON**, 8PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **THE MOTHER OF ALL ELECTIONS – JANE CARO IN CONVERSATION WITH KERRY O'BRIEN**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LEO CHAIBUN**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS AND A&I HALL 7PM **BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL – GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK (PG) FLOOD FUNDRAISER**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **HARRY NICHOLS**, 6PM **BLUESFEST BUSKERS FINALS**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **LEOPOLDSTADT BY TOM STOPPARD – NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE SCREENING**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- BANGALOW SHOWGROUNDS AND A&I HALL 7PM **BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL – ALONE WITH HER DREAMS (MA15+)**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**



L.A.B was formed in 2017 by drummer and producer, **Brad Kora**, following his split from much-loved New Zealand dub/electronic stalwarts 'Kora'. L.A.B also comprises brother **Stu** (also of Kora), **Joel Shadbolt** (Batucada Sound Machine), former Katchafire bassist **Ara Adams-Tamatea**, and keyboardist **Miharo Gregory**. Their groove blends an eclectic mix of reggae, electronic, blues, funk and rock.

Brad Kora says no one from the band has played Bluesfest before. ‘We’re really excited to be playing on such a prestigious festival alongside such an incredible line-up. This is definitely a bucket list festival for us, and to be on the stage representing Aotearoa New Zealand will be great. We can’t wait.’

Having recorded five albums in five years Kora says it's been hard not touring as much as they usually do, 'but we're a band who've always wanted to make albums, so to release five, in five years, is something that we are immensely proud of'.

L.A.B. love festivals. 'We've played almost every festival in New Zealand, and the energy that a festival crowd brings is always something that we feed off. This is going to be only our second festival in Australia.'

And who does he want to see? 'I'd love to see Ian Moss, Midnight Oil, George Benson, Cory Henry. I could keep going, it's such a massive line-up! These are some artists that we've grown up listening to, and who are genuine inspirations to us and to the music we make, and it's going to be special to see some of them up close'.

For more information on the Bluesfest line-up, visit: bluesfest.com.au.

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THE MOTHER OF ALL ELECTIONS

From the moment her campaign for the Senate was announced, **Jane Caro** knew she had to come to Byron Bay in person. 'Byron has a unique character, and is a very politically diverse community. I wanted to engage face-to-face, not via Zoom.'

Normally the prominent feminist media commentator would have waited for an invitation from the Byron Writers Festival at which she has been a popular and frequent guest author.

But this is not a normal year. It is unusual to be a bestselling author and a newbie political candidate at the same time, but Jane Caro has managed both.

Her new crime novel, *The Mother*, a provocative story about coercive control, is riding high, at the same time as she is out meeting voters to talk about her decision to run for **Reason Australia**, a small party with a big platform of progressive policies.

Jane Caro will be in conversation with **Kerry O'Brien** next week. She'll be talking about *The Mother*, and why she believes this to be the most important election of our lifetime; prompting her to run for the Senate.

Caro's writing and her politics are informed by being a grandmother, and it prompted her to ask herself what she would do if someone was harming her daughter. 'But also, I feel ashamed about handing on the planet in a worse state than I got it from my grandparents.'

'I knew, as soon as the flood disaster hit, that I wanted to share the proceeds of the Byron event between flood relief and the campaign. If ever we needed proof that climate change is here now, the tragedy of the Northern Rivers says it all.'

Jane is donating books to the Lismore Library appeal, together with her publisher Allen & Unwin. 'Elections come and go, but reading is forever.'

Join Jane Caro in conversation with Kerry O'Brien. Proceeds from this event will be shared between local flood relief and janecaro4reason.com.au. Tuesday 12 April, at the Byron Theatre, 6pm.

federal films

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THE LOST CITY (M) Previews

Fri-Sun: 11:15am

FAMILY FILMS

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10:30, 12:45, 3:20, 5:30pm

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4:30, 6:30, 7:30pm

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Wed: 3:45, 5:00, 8:45pm

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4 2 3 670.3m²

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19 Kallaroo Circuit, Ocean Shores

Exquisite & Stylish Seaside Living with Granny Flat

Nestled in a quiet corner of exclusive North Ocean Shores, this superb new build captures the very essence of contemporary coastal living. Bathed in copious amounts of natural light, complemented by crisp white walls and high ceilings throughout, this stylish and inviting family residence is sure to please astute buyers seeking their perfect seaside abode.

- Spacious open plan living and dining zones with air conditioning for summer plus a central combustion fireplace to warm up those cooler evenings
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- Level 809 square metre block



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22 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores

Elevated Ocean Views in this showstopping Architect Designed Family Home

Featuring beautiful ocean views, this architect-designed home completed in 2008 is nothing short of a showstopper for families looking for the quintessential coastal lifestyle in beautiful Ocean Shores.

- Architect designed family home on a 755 sqm elevated block
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9 Hamiltons Lane, Byron Bay

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 9th April 12-12.30pm



Helen Huntly-Barratt
0412 332 232



Elevated Family Home Close to Town and Beaches

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- A must see whether you're looking for a beachside investment or seeking a sensationally designed home - only minutes from all that Byron Bay has to offer!
- Polished timber floors and an abundance of natural light lead you to an open plan kitchen and dining space, which connects to a sunny covered patio and living space
- Generous sized lawned yard with easy care landscaping and plenty of room for a veggie patch, pets or play equipment

2/16 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 9th April 9-9.30am



Tara Torkkola
0423 519 698



Immaculate Family Home with Stunning Luxury Finishes

4 2 5 765M²

- Recently undertaking an extensive renovation with a Scandinavian influence this home offers a relaxed coastal lifestyle, moments to local cafes and local beaches
- Greeted by wide Blackbutt timber floors with soft matt finish, custom timber joinery throughout and seamless flow to the wide wraparound verandahs
- Crisp white interiors capture the natural light flooding from all directions accentuated by the Velux skylights

33 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores

Price Guide: \$1.475m - \$1.6m

Open: Saturday 9th April 12.30-1pm



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Modern Warehouse Conversion and a Piece of Byron History

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- The Butter Factory was built in 1895 and has since become one of the most iconic buildings of Byron Bay - reclaimed in 2009 and converted into 14 residences
- #11 is a desirable end-of-row apartment, sharing walls with only one neighbour
- The well-considered floorplan is spread across a single level, boasting 3 large bedrooms and an open-plan kitchen, living and dining space
- Main balcony opens off the living area and offers an expansive outlook over town

11/140-142 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 9th April 10-10.30am



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Stylish Beachside Home

4 3 2 458M²

- Resting on the edge of Arakwal National Park, a few minutes walk to the white sands of Tallow Beach is this stunning, relaxed beach-style family home
- Open plan living and kitchen space which leads to a north facing private balcony overlooking a tree lined reserve - perfect spot to hear the sounds of the surf
- Light-filled white interiors are enhanced by the natural light throughout the home
- The versatile floorplan has been well-considered and is spread over two levels

2B Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$2.95m – \$3.2m

Open: Saturday 9th April 1–1.30pm



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Fabulous Hinterland Property Offering Lifestyle and Location

4 2 4 1.69 HA

- 'The Rise' is a contemporary home that boasts an incredible dual aspect taking in mountain panoramas to the North and ocean glimpses to the South
- This property offers a gateway into two distinct but equally appealing lifestyles: rural hinterland living, with mountain vistas and endless space for the family to gather AND coastal living, being 10-mins to crystal waters, white sands and famous surf
- 6m stacker doors lead to the covered entertainer's deck, which takes in the views
- The living area flows onto the large north-facing deck, ideal for alfresco dining

1576 Hinterland Way, Bangalow

Price Guide: \$2.6m – \$2.86m

Open: Saturday 9th April 11.30–12pm



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Stylish Rosebank Home Perched High with Hinterland Views

5 3 6 31.56 HA

- Perched high overlooking the spectacular rolling hills and valleys of Byron Bay's stunning hinterland you will discover this stylish and comfortable home
- There are three pavilions which envelope the lagoon style pool and garden courtyard - enjoyable all year round
- The main pavilion is the heart of the home with high vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors and sandstone clad fireplace

447 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 9th April 1.30–2pm



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Sought after Suffolk Park Home

4 3 1 600M²

- Set in the desirable suburb of Suffolk Park this home with a flexible layout is the perfect home or investment - 950m to Suffolk Park Tavern, Bakery, shops.
- The main house centres around the open living area and kitchen which opens to the covered patio and yard with mature garden
- Free standing studio bedroom with ensuite, perfect for a home office, teenage retreat or for guests
- The bedrooms are all generous, the main with walk in robe and ensuite

8 Heritage Court, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$1.7m to \$1.85m

Open: Thursday 7th April 1–1.30pm



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Stress free lifestyle

South of Tenterfield

Rural Property

Forthcoming Auction



Situated south of Tenterfield and featuring extensive frontage to Bluff River this 32.37Ha (80-acre) property is the perfect lifestyle.

The first time offered to the open market in 48 years. The solar powered log cabin offers a simple but very comfortable style of living. Slow combustion heating with feature stone chimney, exposed log walls and beams, quirky tile flooring and leadlight windows, make this cabin unique and filled with character. The main bedroom opens onto a sunroom facing the north, bathroom with shower over bath, and a separate loo with a hell of a view! Off grid 4.6Kw solar system installed 2021 and 30,000 litres rainwater storage. Set on two titles with easy access from Bald Rock Road "Acropolewis" offers the stress free lifestyle seeker the opportunity to spend happy hours exploring some of the region's most beautiful country.

Open: Inspection Recommended

Auction: 22 April 2022, 10.30am

Contact: Libby Sharpe – 0429 362 080
Ray White Tenterfield



'Galna', quality acreage property

Tenterfield

Rural Property

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6.7HA (16.5-acres) elevated and secluded position minutes from Tenterfield. The ranch style brick home includes 18ft cathedral ceilings and unique spinner fire in the large open plan living dining and kitchen. Kitchen with island bench, loads of storage, slow combustion stove and electric oven and cooktop.

Three bedrooms are carpeted, have built-in robes and open onto the verandahs. The north eastern corner of the verandah is enclosed. Enjoy entertaining in the paved conservatory area while overlooking the established gardens with fruit and nut trees. Bathroom, separate toilet, large laundry and sewing room complete the home. Spring fed dam and a bore fitted with a solar pump to 2 x 5000 gal header tanks which then supply 3 x 5000 gal tanks. New 18m x 18m barn style machinery shed, 16m x 6m workshop, chicken and dog runs, fenced into 10 paddocks with cattle and sheep yards.

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This property is iconic Australia

315B Old Ballandean Road, Tenterfield

Rural Property

Forthcoming Auction



Originally the Tenterfield Station's stables, converted to a dwelling, it retains some of the stable's features and charm.

This property has lots to offer. The home has 3 bedrooms and a modern kitchen

and bathroom. There is a wood heater and lovely views to the mountains. It is a cosy, comfortable home only 3-km from town. There are mature trees in the garden, birds galore, a vegetable patch and spaciousness. 30,000 gallons rainwater storage, 2 sheds and a chicken run.

The 19-acre property is divided into 4 small paddocks and two larger paddocks. Well watered with Tenterfield Creek, dam and troughs.

Getaway from the bustle, enjoy the garden, keep a few cows or horses. Work from home in peace and quiet....so much to offer within easy driving distance to major centres.

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37 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads **3** **1** **3**

LOCATION AND A BIG BLOCK

100m² right in the heart of town, with land this big, it really is up to you, your imagination, the council and a town planner; to realise your vision. Is it just the house on a big block with room to move, a block of flats, dual living or a triplex? This will of course need approvals and some time.

"Your own seaside resort" with boutique shops, cafe's, restaurants, the iconic hotel Brunswick, river and beach all nearby.

Inspect
Contact

Sat 12 – 12.30pm
Peter Browning
0411 801 795



1 Yemlet Court, Brunswick Heads **4** **2** **2**

MOVE STRAIGHT IN

Freshly renovated with simplicity in mind, move in, grab a towel, surf board, joggers, whatever and start soaking up the amazing lifestyle Brunswick Heads has to offer.

Perfectly located in a quiet cul de sac circuit, making it a safe haven for families and children to play in the street, not to mention a great introduction to the neighbours and community.

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21 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads **3** **2** **3**

ARTISTIC FLARE & OPPORTUNITY

Eastside Brunswick Heads, oozing with character, charm and opportunity with 490m² block, ideal to build an affordable housing flat or just have a nice back yard, that's your call? Are you a little artistic and looking for a property with some flair and an opportunity to put your own mark on? This could be the one. Upstairs polished timber floor, high ceilings, 3 bedrooms and private verandahs. Downstairs has a bedroom and bathroom, car accommodation and storage.

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15 Byron Street, Brunswick Heads **3** **3** **6**

DECEASED ESTATE

AUCTION 11AM 7TH MAY

Corner location with two street frontages, double brick house, huge 6 bay garage with its own shower and toilet; ideal granny flat conversion. The house is rock solid.

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5 Gira Place, Ocean Shores **4** **2** **0**

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

To top it off this property has the best of the best for any buyer looking to embrace the Byronian lifestyle. Also comes with cute cottage with an approved flat for income/ cashflow.

So many birds, and all the local wildlife imaginable in your back yard adjoining the reserve. This property is located in a quiet cul de sac in South Golden Beach, a short walk to a pristine white sandy beach, canal, preschool, school and sporting fields. A short drive to Byron, Mullum, Bruns and both the Ballina/Byron and GC airports. A magnificent location to raise a family, invest or just live and embrace seaside living

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15 Palmer Avenue, Ocean Shores **1** **4** **2** **2**

HILLTOP HAVEN

You know the old real estate saying? Location, location, location. This is one of those properties, situated on the hill capturing a breeze from every direction, yet a short walk to the beach, river, farmers' markets, SGB & 'Newy' stores, preschool, primary school and sporting fields. Easy access to the motorway providing a quick dash to Byron or the GC with no highway noise.

The house is freshly painted and tidied for the new owner/s; out the back is a private covered deck/ entertainment area overlooking the terraced yard with wheelchair access on the side and level access into the house, where high ceilings and open plan really does make you appreciate the space! It is not small. With 4 bedrooms and a study it is ready for the family or an executive couple looking to work from home and have an office each. Under the house is a double garage, storage and room for a workshop. The seller is moving south and is inviting offers.

PS, before you ask – no, it didn't flood and there are no sandflies.

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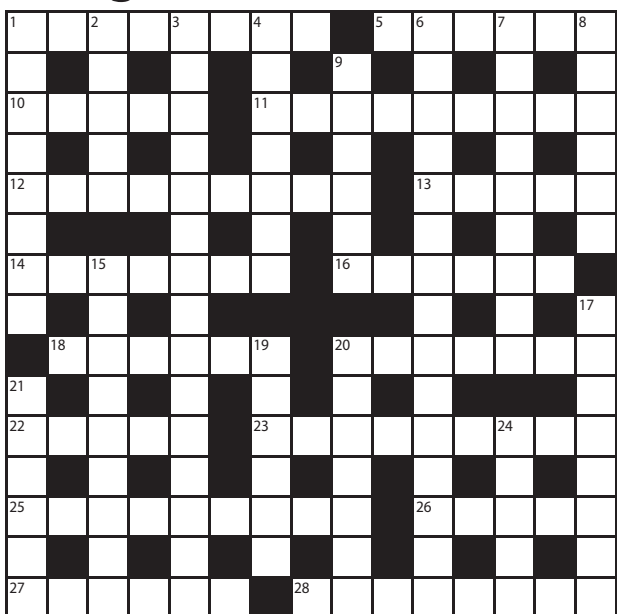
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Mungo's Crossword N433



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Painting over retro cafe – time for something made by humans! (8)
- Morrison starts with a smouldering remnant – but he's an MP! (6)
- Herb Rathbone (5)
- Establishes associations around, for instance, exiles (9)
- Paradoxes – they sound like idiots on the Isis! (9)
- Grand rush to avarice (5)
- Popular friends – but they're in prison (7)
- Adder is found from December to February (6)
- Engrossed under canvas? (6)
- Melody a dreadful noise – but located the frequency (5,2)
- Ascend over a jump in wages (5)
- Proper flowers – but they say their path leads to damnation! (9)
- Flags performance criteria (9)
- Paid attention – not the journalist! (5)
- Posed rage, but it is meant as humour (6)
- Reduced alcoholic drink is safe inside (8)
- Army doctor embraces little brother in the biggest continent for the divine food (8)
- Good man found in Scottish river – enticing! (5)
- Tail the boss to rundown, low, federal hotel (6,3,6)
- Vehicle goes off for vegetables (7)
- Battle calls – they could be promising! (10,5)
- R – a bad outcome (6,3)
- Dwell about the team (6)
- Century does not succeed, and ends (6)
- Beggar says he is unable to reform (9)
- Biased, like a Moebius strip (3-5)
- Comes to a point where sailors include exercise regime (6)
- English in sad French setting – but it's a city in Italy! (7)
- Rainbows in the eyes (6)
- Goatman sounds like 27 (5)

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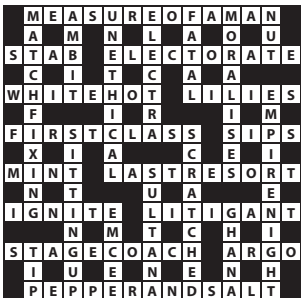
ACROSS

- Historical object; curio (8)
- Component (6)
- Mr Fawley (5)
- Demotes (9)
- Phrases that combine two contradictory words (9)
- Selfishness (5)
- Occupants (7)
- Dog days! (6)
- Purpose (6)
- Paid attention to; was aware of (5,2)
- Elevate (5)
- Plant with pale yellow flowers (9)
- Norms (9)
- Famous (5)
- Mockery (6)
- Calculated (8)

DOWN

- Sustenance for the gods (8)
- Appetising (5)
- Copy the actions of another (6,3,6)
- One of the root vegetables (7)
- Worn to symbolise love and commitment (10,5)
- Conclusion that is often unpleasant (6,3)
- Inhabit (6)
- Shuts (6)
- Scrounger (9)
- Partisan; unfair (3-5)
- Thin candles (6)
- Port city in NE Italy (7)
- Purple flowers named after a Greek goddess (6)
- Lecherous woodland spirit (5)

Last week's solution N432



STARS BY LILITH

With no retrograde planets in the heavens and Venus swimming into the sign of compassionate communication, it's looking like a halfway decent week...



ARIES

ARIES: In the midst of your busy, buzzy season, debates can overheat, so it's important to read the room. To be aware of peoples' responses and reactions – or lack of them. Listen for downloads and keep on the lookout for creative cohorts. Relax – be receptive to all the magic happening this week.

TAURUS: As Mercury heads towards its exit from the fiery energy of Aries for your more practical, factual, no-nonsense, show me the money sign, your steady Taurean pace may irritate speedier others this week. In which case, simply remind them that deliberation in decision-making often saves costly mistakes.

GEMINI: As the dissonance between what was and what is becomes more acute, all of us are experiencing the need to let go of outdated ideas about who we are, as many of our previous creations – roles, methods, labels, careers and alliances – dissolve. Good news? This week fiercely favours reinvention.

CANCER: With stress levels skyrocketing, this week 'telling it like it is' could be confrontingly blunt. Best to just roll with it rather than take offence. Most enjoyable date? Weekend Cancer moon for entertaining, or just resting and nesting at Crab Casa. And/or spending time with friends and family at theirs.

LEO: As familiar timelines fade, this week supports updating your inner map of the world and resetting your existential compass now that certain comfort zones have evaporated and old certainties are gone. And there's plenty of help with imaginative ideas and creative juice this week from the bold red planet.

VIRGO: As a down-to-earth Virgo person, you're already aware that some connections are being strained to breaking point right now. Can this week help? Yes, its silver lining of a magical Jupiter/ Neptune hookup can either revive friendships that have flagged or bring an amicable recognition that the relationship has reached expiry date.

LIBRA: Your prima planet Venus moving this week into the zodiac's most sensitive, intuitive sign's ideal for artists and poets, less so for those dealing with facts, figures and finances. While she can be flighty and unreliable, her real gift is enhancing a deeper, more compassionate understanding of recent frustrating communications.

SCORPIO: Scorpio singer Joni Mitchell has this week's wisest advice: 'If you can fill the journey of a minute/ with sixty seconds of wonder and delight/ then the Earth is yours and everything that's in it./ But more than that I know you'll be alright/ 'cause you've got the fight, you've got the insight...'

SAGITTARIUS: Post flood and plague, Sagittarian author, Arundhati Roy, nails this week's astral energetics: 'Nothing could be worse than a return to normality. Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between this world and the next'.

CAPRICORN: This week makes the difference between caretaking and co-dependence, what you want and what you no longer want, blazingly clear. As three planets – Jupiter, Neptune and Venus – in your social sector galvanise you into a networking dynamo, just don't neglect the necessary and precious balance of downtime.

AQUARIUS: Stop, go, yes, no, speedy Mars accelerating while this week's Saturn applies the brakes is enough to give you whiplash. Is it exhilarating? Sure. Dangerous? In some cases; because fuses are short and provoking controversy could destroy a buildup of goodwill. Don't be an April fool: keep your cool.

PISCES: With a celestial trio of heavenly hedonists – Venus, Jupiter and Neptune, the planets of love, luck and largesse in your watery sign – look who's flashing their scales and shimmying their tails, playful as dolphins. Just don't singe your fins playing with fire. Better to get your way by being Piscean: wet, wild and pliable.

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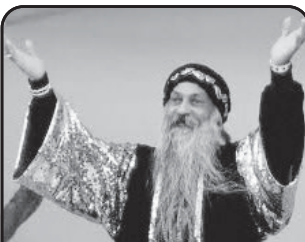
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For more information and to view a list of current applications, please visit watnsw.com.au/advertised-applications or nrrar.nsw.gov.au/public-notice.



Byron Shire Council

Road Closures:

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSING UNDER SECTION
38B ROADS ACT 1993

In pursuance of the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is hereby given that Byron Shire Council proposes to close the following council public roads listed in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1:

• Part Myocum Road adjoining 385 Myocum Road
Lot 1 DP 1138652

• Part Myocum Road adjoining 325 Myocum Road
Lot 127 DP 405405

Upon closure of the road, council intends to consolidate the land into the adjoining parcels in accordance with a land swap and sale agreement with the landowners.

All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager Mark Arnold, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482, or email council@byron.nsw.gov.au within twenty-eight days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration.

Once the submission period is completed, Byron Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

Council Ref: #E2022/18113

Enquiries: Deanna Savage Telephone: 02 6626 7000

This document will be available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Public-Notice.

Submissions Close: Friday 6 May 2022

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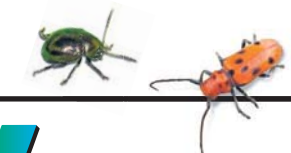
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LANG, JOHN ALFRED.

Passed away with family at his side. Aged 78 years Much loved husband of Barbara. Loved father and father-in-law of Sharon & Chris, Brad & Michelle, Calvin (dec) and Melissa & Tony. Loved by his ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. John will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Graveside Service to be held at Mullumbimby Cemetery on WEDNESDAY (April 6, 2022) commencing at 2.00pm

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BIRTHDAYS



FUNERAL NOTICES

PURNELL, MERVYN ALAN.

Passed away at Byron Central Hospital. Aged 52 years. Much loved husband of Charmaine. Loved son of Thelma & Allan (dec). Loved brother of Kenneth, Julie, Bevan and Geoffrey. Merv will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service to be held at Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery on WEDNESDAY (April 6, 2022) commencing at 10.00am.

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DEATH NOTICES



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Wolfgang "Wolff" Rüdiger Stemmer 5 May 1939 - 21 March 2022 He has requested that his ashes be spread into the ocean and that there be no celebrations or ceremony. If you would like to honour him please plant a tree (or a forest, or a vegetable garden) in his name. To his friends, family, and community - thank you for all of your love, support, and most importantly your contribution to his life To my father: I love you and am so grateful for your contribution to my life. You will forever be loved.



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Poor Lismore, Coraki, Woodburn etc – flooded twice in a month without the time to recover. While the Shire's north was again inundated, it was Byron and Suffolk Park that copped it this time; however, road access to Upper Main Arm and Huonbrook Road were again cut. See page 10 for more info.

Correction from last week's page 7 story and editorial, regarding the woman who was fined \$3,000 after breaching heritage policy by painting her Mullumbimby home the colour 'purplicious'. At the last meeting, Cr Sama Balson did not vote to uphold the fine. Councillors who were successful in supporting the staff recommendation, while also making examples of themselves as petty tyrants, were Asren Pugh (Labor), Independents Mark Swivel, Alan Hunter, Peter Westheimer and Cate Coorey. Will these councillors actually reform such flawed policy, or just continue to do whatever staff tell them to do?

The historical diversion and blockages of ocean outlets and creeks in North Ocean Shores is being blamed by residents for the recent flooding. In the lead up to last Wednesday's flood event, Jan Mangleson, from the Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA), called for the Capricornia Canal outlet to be opened at North Ocean Shores and outlined historical issues that she believes caused the flood. Council staff say they will reply to Mrs Mangleson's press release next week.

Clive Palmer, from the UAP, is an extremely wealthy coal miner who will again



Nina Bee seems impressed by these beachfront, low cost homes in Brunswick Heads. Also pictured are the architects and builders: Jaylah, Mason, Cambel and Amelia. Photo Jeff 'Lowest Cost Since 1986' Dawson

probably outspend all other parties for the 2022 election. He says he's suing Home Affairs Minister, Karen Andrews, 'for spreading outrageous fake news that [I] had purchased Adolf Hitler's car'. Freedoms, especially around speech, appear limited when it comes to speaking about Clive, despite his fake ads to the contrary.

The AFR (Nine) reports that Timberley's Corner building in Byron, 'has been sold by one of the area's founding families after close to 90 years of ownership'. The price? \$14 million, says AFR. They add, 'Three-bedroom houses in Byron Bay have racked up a 70 per cent price growth in just 12 months'.

'Why look for conspiracy when stupidity can explain so much?' asked Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, some time during his existence, which was 1749-1832.

Outgoing locally-based Liberal NSW MLC, Catherine Cusack, fired off at the federal leader of her party

in *The Guardian* on Tuesday. She joins what must be the longest list of politicians from the same party to openly say that their prime minister is basically a nasty, incompetent bully.

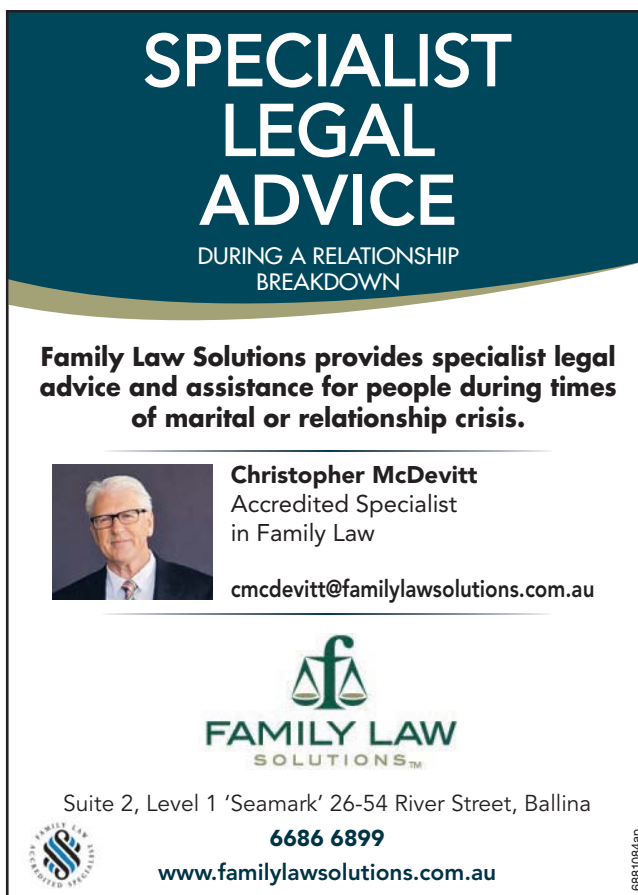
ICYMI, the NSW Flood Inquiry (see page 6) is headed up by the PM's friend and embattled former Police Commissioner, Mick Fuller. Small world, huh?



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