



The future, nurtured in Main Arm

The 11th annual Mother's Day planting was held in Coopers Lane in Main Arm over the weekend, with hundreds of people turning up to plant approximately 1,000 trees. The planting was made possible by the drive and support of Brunswick Valley Landcare, and their dedicated volunteers. The rain held off for the morning planting, and everyone got to enjoy a barbeque, cakes and live music. Nino Haggith and Glenn Wright, who run the Mullum Music Festival and Little Valley Foods, organised the music. Pictured are the Renouf family: mum Carly and Louis, with Leon and daddio Jean in the background. Photo Jeff Dawson

Modular homes for flood victims head to Bruns

Paul Bibby

Two vacant blocks in the Bayside housing estate in Brunswick Heads, and land that once contained that town's sewage treatment plant (STP), have been chosen to host temporary 'modular houses' for those left homeless by the recent floods.

Nearly a month after the State government announced its \$350m plan to provide up to 2,000 modular homes across the Northern Rivers, the roll-out has finally reached the Byron Shire.

The two Council-owned sites were selected by Resilience NSW from 16

put forward by Byron Shire Council.

The first consists of two small vacant blocks on Torakina Road and Excelsior Circuit in the Bayside housing estate.

The second is located at 125 Tweed Street, the now remediated site of the former Brunswick Heads Sewage Treatment Plant.

No DA required

Under special legislation passed by the State government to help address the flood crisis, it does not need development consent to install the modular homes or any accompanying infrastructure.

'There's no doubt that housing is

the most pressing challenge for the thousands of people impacted by these floods,' NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet said at the time of the original housing announcement.

'We're committed to delivering safe and secure housing to all flood impacted communities.'

The sites will contain 'moveable homes in various configurations which can accommodate one to four people, and will be co-located with supporting infrastructure and amenities'.

When asked how many dwellings would be placed on the two sites, Byron Council said this and

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Labor MP responds to her party's pro coal/gas agenda

Hans Lovejoy

While the Liberal-Nationals parties are wedded to fossil fuels through political donations, and their employees oscillate between government jobs and the mining sector, Labor have also supported the introduction of new gas and coal mines, despite the urgent warning to reduce carbon emissions by climate scientists.

Labor leader, Anthony Albanese, was reported in *SMH* (Nine) last month as saying his party will support new coal and gas mines, 'matching the pro-mining stance of the Coalition, as the opposition targets blue-collar workers in crucial seats for the coming federal election'.

The Echo asked local Labor MP, Ms Elliot her stance on the issue: 'Given that you have a record of opposing CSG and appear to accept anthropogenic-induced climate change, how do you reconcile with your party's plans – if elected – to support fossil fuel projects that contribute to an unstable climate for future generations?'

She replied, 'Labor is the only party of government that has a fully

detailed plan to cut emissions by 43 per cent by 2030, and reach net zero by 2050 by taking real action on climate change, creating jobs, cutting power bills, reducing emissions by boosting renewable energy, and kickstarting \$76 billion of investment. The only way to make this happen is for locals to vote 1 Justine Elliot'.

Policy vacuum

According to Labor's website, www.alp.org.au, only one environment policy is listed – which is to 'fix the [power] grid' to 'create more jobs and power prices'.

There is no policy listed by the Nationals at www.nationals.org.au with regards to climate change.

The recent federal budget by the Liberal-Nationals government had 'big spending in the works for gas and no significant additional spending for renewable energy', according to www.climatecouncil.org.au.

The Liberal-Nationals parties *Long Term Emissions Reduction Plan* aims to deliver net zero emissions by 2050, by relying on technology investment. Yet Nationals MPs have undermined the plan by claiming the policy is 'dead' and non-binding.

About that insert last week...

Regarding the eight page pamphlet inserted into last week's newspaper by advertiser Tom Barnett; it was not produced by *The Echo*.

We regret not noticing it was anonymous, and our role in unwittingly distributing unreliable information.

Echo readers have pointed out that if you read enough of the websites cited in the pamphlet, you'll start wearing tinfoil hats.

It is untruthful, for example, to propose anthropogenic (human induced) climate change doesn't exist. At *The Echo*, we embrace the colourful kaleidoscope of ideas from this wonderful community, yet put every effort into only publishing accurate and correct information.

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Leila's off to Oxford after winning comp

Paul Bibby

Local high school student, Leila Clarke, was scrolling through social media when the advertisement popped up.
Normally, the 16-year-old ignores such intrusions, but this one caught her eye.
It was an ad for a two-week summer school at Oxford University, and an essay writing competition, giving students the chance to attend for a significantly reduced rate.
As a young woman whose sights are set on becoming an international human rights lawyer, Leila took the plunge and entered the competition.



Leila Clarke. Photo supplied

Body image as slavery

'The topic was modern day slavery, so I decided to write about body image especially focusing on young girls,' the Federal resident says.
'I see that girls in my year and in my group are struggling with the way they look.'

'There's this really unrealistic expectation about what young girls should look like. There's so much pressure on us – it basically amounts to a form of slavery.'
It was an insightful take on the topic, and the judges agreed, ultimately

offering Leila a 40 per cent reduction on the not-insubstantial cost of attending the summer school.
When asked what she's looking forward to about the adventure she's about to embark upon, Leila laughs and replies, 'Everything!'
'We get to stay on campus at Oxford where there will be lectures and tutorials. I'm interested in meeting people from all over the world'.
The 16-year-old has chosen to take part in the summer school's law stream, taking her a significant step closer to her dreams of furthering the cause of international human rights.
Famous Australian human rights lawyer and barrister, Jennifer Robinson, has also been a source of inspiration.
'She went to a regional school, like me, and then went to ANU,' Leila says.
'Now she's a really famous human rights lawyer. I'd love to follow that path.'
With a trip to one of the world's most famous universities locked in, Leila is on her way.

Flood experiences wanted for govt inquiry

Flood experiences are still being collated, and Byron Council is asking residents to share their flood experience stories with them via www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au/floodinquiry.
Council staff are strongly encouraging the community to also make individual submissions to the NSW Flood Inquiry. Submissions are open until Friday May 20, and can be sent via email to inquiry@floodinquiry.nsw.gov.au or via the NSW

Government Flood Inquiry submissions portal.
By post, submissions can be made to the NSW Independent Flood Inquiry at GPO Box 5341, Sydney NSW 2001. In person they can be made at any NSW Service Centre or at a Mobile Service Centre.
For more information go to the NSW Government's Flood Inquiry webpage: www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects-and-initiatives/floodinquiry.

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Fire Rescue Open Day, May 14

Fire Rescue NSW Byron Bay Station is holding their open day this Saturday May 14, at Apex Park, Byron Bay from 10am till noon. The Mul-lumbimby Station will also hold their Open Day between 10am and noon. Firefighters will showcase their firetruck and specialised equipment and are also on the lookout for new recruits to be on call firefighters.

Byron Deputy Captain, Matt Crisp, says it's a great opportunity for kids to meet local firefighters, play some games and see the 'big red truck'. For more info, call Mr Crisp on 0421 498 340, or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au.



Pictured (L-R) from Sunday's Surfers for Climate event, held at Stone & Wood, are Ella Bancroft from the *Koori Mail*; Tom Wolfe, founder Revive Northern Rivers; Director of Farmers for Climate Action, Anna Rose; author, Dr Rebecca Huntley, and founding member of Surfers for Climate, actor/director, Simon Baker. Simon moderated the panel discussion, 'The Floods and What We Do Next'. Photo Jeff Dawson



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Authorised by Moncia Smit, Melbourne, 3000



STOP MANDATING MY LIFE

Bruns to host modular homes for flood victims

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other details such as layout and access were still to be finalised, but that they estimated it to be at least 50.
The final number will be contained in a lease agreement between the State government and Byron Council that has reportedly been drafted by staff from both governmental arms.
This draft is set to be

debated at this week's Council planning meeting on Thursday.
The staff report contained in the agenda to that meeting provides a modicum of further information about the temporary accommodation.
This includes the fact that it must be safe and have appropriate services, and that it must be 'removed within five years of being established'.
'Development consent is required to continue operating the caravan park or camping ground beyond this point,' the staff report states.
While development consent is not required to install the modular homes, the government must ensure that they are installed on land that is supplied with

water and electricity, has sewerage and drainage services and has access to communal amenities.
A community housing provider will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the homes, including admission and turnover of occupants, and closing down the sites once all occupants have found more permanent homes.

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Greens launch Artist Wage policy

A pilot program for targeted funding, called The Artists Wage, was launched by the Greens nationally in Sydney on May 7, and had its regional launch at the Brunswick Heads Picture House last week.

Federal Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, says she developed the policy with Greens NSW Senate candidate, David Shoebridge, and Australian Arts spokesperson, Sarah Hanson-Young, in consultation with artists across Australia.

Ms Nolan has been a prolific artist in the region for over 30 years, not only promoting and performing stand up comedy, but also producing art exhibitions, as well as hosting countless events and fundraisers.

She was joined for the launch by host Joel Salom, Archibald winner, Angus McDonald, singer Emily Lubwitz, and NORPA Artistic Director, Julian Louis. The launch also included a performance by the Big Voice Choir.

‘As an artist, I understand the complex challenges of maintaining creative practice and economic viability outside of a metropolitan setting’, said Ms Nolan.

‘We can’t underestimate



Performer Joel Salom, musician Janet Swain, NORPA Artistic Director, Julian Louis, with Mandy Nolan. Photo Jeff Dawson

the importance of the creative sector to a region like the Northern Rivers, to whom creativity is the cornerstone of cultural identity.

World class artists

‘We are famed worldwide for being a creative powerhouse. We attract world class arts practitioners, and over the last two decades, have grown world renowned artists. But the pandemic and climate [events] have hurt our creatives’.

NORPA’s Artistic Director Julian Louis added, ‘We

have a crisis dealing with the viability of the venue and how we maintain staff across front of house, technical and the creators. There is pressure on the organisation’.

‘As an out-of-work actor in the city, you can get a day job teaching acting to young people, but here, you don’t have the ecology to do that’.

Ms Nolan says the program will cost \$277.5m and will include an ‘open and transparent selection process’ for councils in early 2023 ‘to bid to be nominated

as an Artists Council’. ‘The policy initiative calls for 10,000 established or emerging artists and arts workers to be paid \$772.60 per week for one year’.

She adds, ‘The creative funding initiative will breathe life back into the arts sector after two years of cancelled shows and chaos during the pandemic and endless cutbacks by the Morrison government and the devastating impacts of floods on homes, studios, theatres, venues and on audiences in our region’.

Morning of the Earth screens for 50 year anniversary, May 14

Touted as one of the greatest surf movies of all time, Albert Falzon’s classic, *Morning of the Earth*, turns 50 this year.

It follows a group of surfers who search for virgin waves in Bali, Hawaii and Australia, shaping their own surfboards, building their own homes and living off the land in harmony with nature.

To celebrate, the film has been meticulously remastered into 4K and will screen

at Byron Theatre on May 14.

Filmmaker Albert Falzon will appear via Zoom for a Q&A, along with Stephen Cooney and Rusty Miller, the first two to surf Uluwatu. The pair were also immortalised in the film’s logo. Music will be by Beau Young, with Rusty Miller accompanying, as well as Gyan, Simon Greaves and Tim Gaze.

Tickets are available via www.byroncentre.com.au.

Hinterland roads still under repair

When will the roads in the hinterland be properly fixed?

The answer, say Council staff, is they don’t know.

They say in a press release, ‘We have a contractor working on a plan for all the roads in the hinterland’.

‘This includes the design of the work that needs to happen and of course a budget for the work.’

‘The timeframe for this overarching plan is at least several months, but most likely it will take longer than

that. It means that we will continue working on getting roads open so people can get access to their properties.

Temporary roads

‘These accesses are only temporary and every time it rains there is more damage that we must fix.’

‘Across the Shire our normal program of work has resumed and this includes filling the potholes... and there are a lot of potholes’.



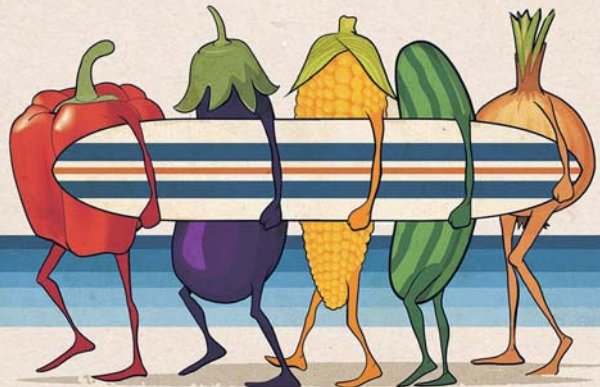
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Murwillumbah Arts Trail at the end of May

The Murwillumbah Arts Trail is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the arts calendar and will be held on the last weekend of May.

Questions for the candidates for Page

The Echo asked the candidates for the seat of Page the same five questions.

What's happening with Lake Ainsworth?

Residents of Lennox Head and visitors have been commenting on social media and in person about the ongoing flooding of Lake Ainsworth since torrential rain hit the Northern Rivers in March.

Appeal for information following fatal pedestrian crash

NSW Police have renewed their appeal for information after a man died following a collision on the M1 Motorway earlier this month.

Hundreds of Northern Rivers teachers joined the strike

Hundreds of public school teachers from the Northern Rivers region joined the 15,000 strong Teachers Federation members NSW strike calling for better conditions and pay.

Bilambil Heights playground vandalised

A new playground under construction at the corner of Coral Street and Terranora Parade at Bilambil Heights has been vandalised.

Have your say on Ballina's plans for the future

Ballina Shire Council has reviewed its Community Strategic Plan, a ten year vision for the community which identifies the issues that are most important to residents. The plan is now on public exhibition.

Lismore introduces new 'Work Zones' for tradies

As Lismore continues to get back on its feet there is a significant amount of work to be done to get local businesses up and running again.

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Community to lose out to developers under NSW Govt proposal, say Tweed Council

Aslan Shand

With Tweed Shire Council (TSC) strongly opposed to the State government's move to reduce developer contributions to local councils, the council is also seeking to unite with other local councils to reject the NSW government's proposal.

The State government has put forward changes that would see developers no longer paying infrastructure contributions to local councils in relation to DA approvals. The move was in response to the NSW Productivity Commissioner's findings and recommendations about the infrastructure contributions system in NSW.

Community facilities may not be built

The Tweed Council staff report, tabled last week, highlights the challenges that the community will face if they no longer have the funds to build community facilities.

'Council does not support

extending the ban on funding Community Facilities, such as community centres and libraries, through section 7.11 Plans from the EWL.'

'Such a decision will result in a shortfall of valuable community facilities,' states the staff report.

'The justification, based on NSW Productivity Commission considering community facilities "general costs that are driven by population growth rather than development contingent" requires further clarification, because generally, if there is no development generating population growth, then there is no demand for additional community facilities, or for that matter any other infrastructure. Reference to councils being able to borrow more to fund such facilities based on a possible but unspecified change to rate regulation is a high-risk proposal for councils.'

Mayor, Chris Cherry (Independent), moved a motion to support the staff response to the Department of Planning and Environment, as well

as make representations to Northern Rivers Joint Organisation of Councils (NRJOC), Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and write to local members to advocate on local councils' behalf on this issue.

'Reading the staff submission there are very, very strong concerns to the idea that the State government would like to reduce the costs to developers when they're doing developments in our areas,' said Mayor Cherry.

'Obviously, a new development does create demand for new facilities. I think it is very important that the construction costs of those new facilities are not left to the existing ratepayers to pay.'

Conservative Councillor, Warren Polglase, who seconded the mayor's motion, was adamant that Council fight the recommendations.

'The State government is screwing local government'.

'We wouldn't have half the things we've got if it wasn't for the contributions'.

Lennox Shed to remain



Robyn Hargrave, from the Lennox Head Heritage Committee, outside the Lennox Shed. Photo David Lowe

David Lowe

Ballina Councillors have voted to protect Lennox Head's 'Shed', located on parkland next to the town's beach.

Although most people agree the old picnic shed/pavilion/shelter isn't a thing of beauty, it has come to symbolise a line in the sand between old and new Lennox, and has aroused strong emotions in both its

attackers and defenders.

Councillors say they were bombarded by emails over the issue prior to their last meeting, with the majority urging the building to be retained.

In a deposition before the meeting, Lennox Chamber of Commerce President Brad Pollard made a passionate speech urging the Shed's removal, saying the Lennox Village Vision needed to be completed as planned.

Legalise Cannabis Party launches

The Legalise Cannabis Party launched its NSW Senate campaign outside Nationals MP Kevin Hogan's flood damaged office in Molesworth Street on Monday.

President of the Legalise Cannabis Australia (formerly Australian HEMP Party) Michael Balderstone, said the party know that Hogan is comfortable with cannabis having grown up in the area and

knowing people who use it.

'Why does he never speak out supporting us? Because his mouth is taped shut by the Nationals Party is the answer, and enough is enough.'

'As the federal representative of Nimbin, and possibly the electorate with the highest cannabis consumption in Australia, it is just too ridiculous. Our jails are crowded and our courts full'.

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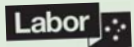


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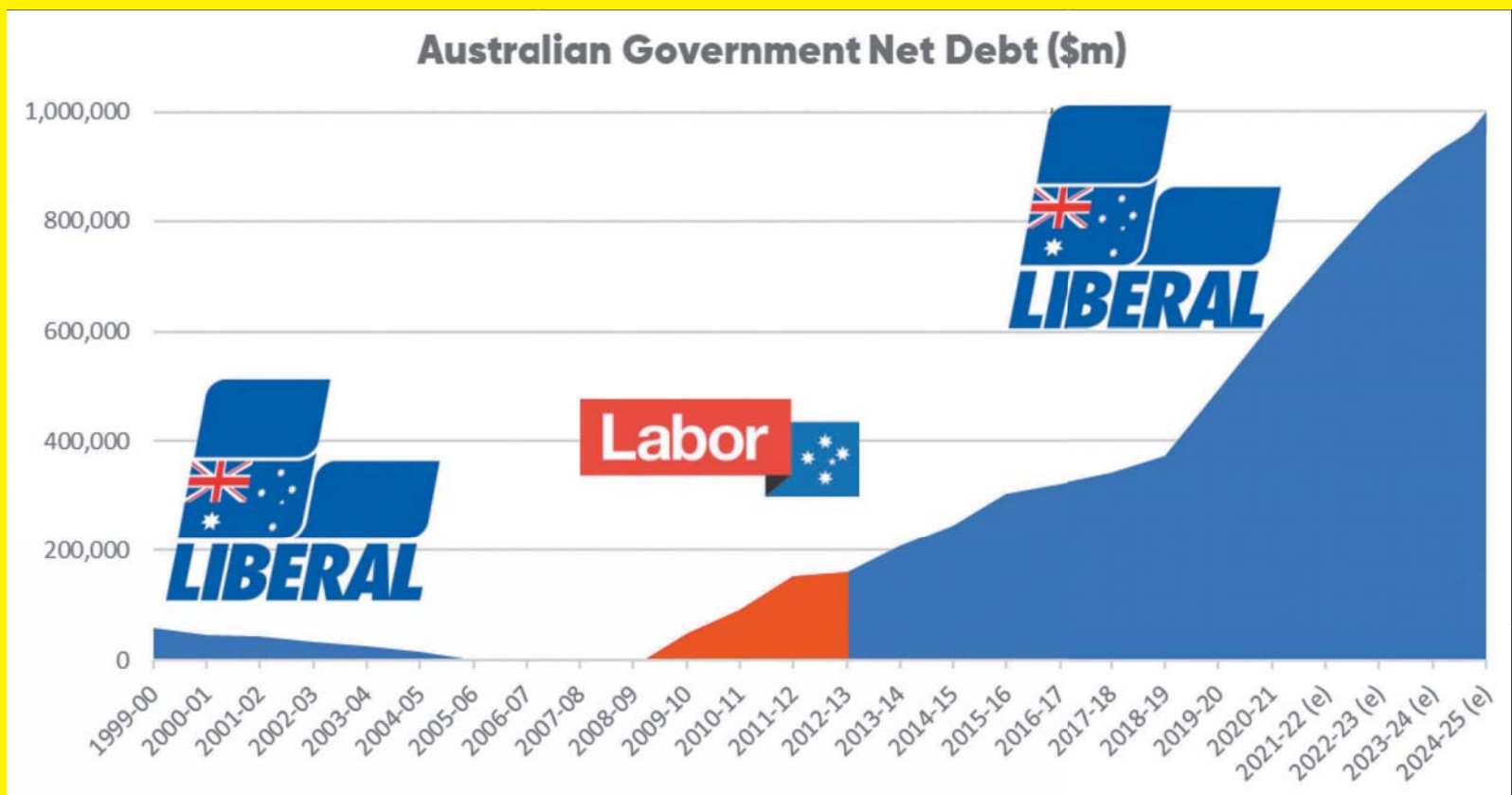


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Who is candidate Terry Sharples?

Hans Lovejoy

Tweed-based Richmond candidate for the May 21 election, Terry Sharples, has described himself as a 'True Independent', yet there is little online information regarding his platform, funding and professional background.

He told *The Echo* he is a retired accountant with a graduate diploma in financial planning.

'I'm standing for the election, because I'm passionate about the issues affecting ratepayers and have been a keen watchdog on Council issues, working to protect the community from excessive rates and corruption'.

Mr Sharples says he is 'Not swapping preferences'.

'I am the only true independent running for the seat of Richmond, as the others are cross preferencing each other. In my mind, this is a sign of an affiliation with another party or group. I will not be directing any preferences to anyone.'

'We need a strong anti-corruption body at a Federal level. Freedom for Julian Assange is vital for us to have



Retired accountant, Terry Sharples. Photo supplied

truth and transparency, and a strong economy without waste and 'pork barrelling'.

'The era of fossil fuels is well and truly over. We need to boost our renewable energy industries as a matter of urgency, which would be a huge shot in the arm for Australian jobs.'

'The most important platform for Richmond is honesty and free speech. Australia's two-party system has run our country into the ground, wasted our opportunities and now we have trillion dollar debt! Voters need to make a dramatic shift away from their old voting habits because we always get what we vote for'.

Mr Sharples may have had a part in One Nation leader Pauline Hanson's jailing for

electoral fraud in 2003.

According to Margo Kingston's 2007 book, *Still Not Happy, John*, former Liberal PM Tony Abbott convinced Mr Sharples, a former One Nation supporter, to seek an injunction to stop the party getting \$500,000 in public funds after her Qld success. It was aimed at depriving Ms Hanson of resources for the upcoming federal campaign.

The Guardian reported at the time, 'Prosecutors had accused Hanson and [One Nation co-founder] David Ettridge, of passing off a list of 500 supporters as genuine, paid-up members of One Nation in order to register the party and apply for electoral funding'.

Donkey vote

Mr Sharples is first candidate on the ballot, which is known as the 'donkey vote', given the first candidate on the ballot attracts a percentage of voters who are disinterested in politics.

Regarding his association with One Nation, he told *The Echo*, 'I have a right to have what happened 24 years ago forgotten'.

'I was neither a One Nation party member or indeed even a candidate. I was disendorsed by Pauline within 24 hours of nominating, after they took and never gave back my \$1,800'.

One Nation past

'One Nation has nothing to do with my candidacy. And to bring it up would confuse voters.'

'Please leave it alone. And concentrate on the real story: an old aged pensioner from Tweed Heads tackling the two-party system he says has ruined our beautiful country'.

He also said, 'There have been many cases under European Human Rights Law, in which the Right To Be Forgotten has been legally upheld. What happened to me 24 years ago would certainly fall into this category'.

'Any publication of the words 'One Nation' in *The Echo* newspaper in relation to me or my candidacy in the seat of Richmond for the forthcoming Federal election would be regarded as defamatory, as well as deliberately unfair, and I would take immediate action'.

One Nation 'ghost' haunting Richmond

Mia Armitage

Less than a week out from a Richmond Meet the Candidates forum to be held in Byron Bay next Monday, mystery surrounds the One Nation candidate, and her connection to the electorate.

Pauline Hanson's One Nation lower house candidate for the seat of Richmond in May's federal election is Tracey Bell-Henselin, who has formerly represented the minor party in a Queensland state election.

Ms Bell-Henselin had failed to respond to interview requests from BayFM and *The Echo* as of Tuesday morning, and had also failed to advise whether or not she would attend a Meet the Candidates forum in the Byron Theatre Monday May 16.

The Echo contacted One Nation headquarters last week to enquire about Ms Bell-Henselin, who was registered as the party's Richmond candidate, but was missing from their website.

One Nation said the omission would be rectified, but Ms Bell-Henselin's profile was still



Tracey Bell-Henselin. Photo supplied

missing from the site Tuesday morning, whereupon One Nation advised it would be uploaded within ten minutes of the phone conversation.

The omission was just one of several noted by other media in the federal election campaign, leading to accusations that One Nation was hosting so-called 'ghost' candidates across the country.

Ghost candidates don't just live in electorates besides the ones they were representing on ballot papers, they are also barely visible on the ground campaigning.

■ Mia Armitage is a BayFM member and Community Newsroom reporter.



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Gameau's Regenerating Australia screens May 20

Aslan Shand

'It is about imagining the future on our own terms; a future where there is hope for us, for our children, and for all living things.'

Regenerating Australia, by Damon Gameau, is a short film that looks back at the next ten years from the eve of 2029 and recounts all of the actions we have taken on climate change and ecological degradation.

Its final screening of an Australia-wide tour will take place at Macadamia Castle, on May 20, with three bands, food trucks, an Indigenous performance, and a post-film discussion.

The film is based on four months of interviews with Australians from all walks of life including coal workers, teenagers and tradies who talked about what changes they would like to see in Australia post-COVID.

Featuring Kerry O'Brien, Sandra Sully, Gorgi Coghlan, Tim Flannery, Larissa Behrendt, David Pocock and other well-known voices, the film uses a news format to look back at how Australia has transitioned to a fairer, cleaner and more



Damon Gameau's film *Regenerating Australia* is screening at the Macadamia Castle on May 20 from 5.30pm. Photo supplied

regenerative country.

'As part of the panel discussions we look at different pathways and projects that people can get involved with to create this change,' Damon told *The Echo*.

Grants on offer

'We are working in collaboration with WWF, who are providing grants from \$10,000 to \$250,000 for regenerative projects here in Australia.'

'Some of the project applications so far include First Nations cultural learning centres, community batteries, and even a program called *Farm My School*

that looks at connecting regenerative farmers with school kids to grow food and provide it to parents at the school gate.

'We are looking at a whole range of projects that have multiple benefits for community.'

Damon told *The Echo* that some of the film's best screenings and discussions were in Gladstone, Tamworth and the Hunter Valley.

Coal workers as political pawns

'As part of the research, we spoke to coal workers in Gladstone, and many

of them can see that they have been used as political pawns,' he said.

'They told us that they need real projects and alternatives to coal mining. They understand the need for change but also want to keep their high-paying job and thriving communities.'

This may be the 72nd and final screening for Damon, but they are offering the opportunity to schools, community groups and others who would like to put on a screening for their local groups and communities.

'One of the offerings is for anyone to host their own free screening,' explains Damon.

'There have already been over 650 screening requests at libraries, schools, councils and in the community.'

'There are free curriculum resources to go with the screening that encourage people's willingness to get involved and take action.'

The May 20 screening is on at the Macadamia Castle from 5.30pm. It is free to anyone under 18.

You can book a ticket or find out more about the projects at: www.regeneratingaustralia.com.

Health report warns of inadequate services

Paul Bibby

The NSW health system is 'failing residents of rural, regional and remote areas,' a State government inquiry has found.

The Inquiry into Rural, Regional and Remote Healthcare handed down its report last week, after conducting 15 hearings in 11 months across the State.

The report, which contained 22 findings and 44 recommendations, was highly critical of service provision in the bush.

It found that people living in rural areas had 'significantly poorer health outcomes, greater incidence of chronic disease' and higher numbers of premature deaths.

One of the biggest issues highlighted by the report was the critical and long-standing shortage of health workers, particularly GPs.

To address this issue, which has been a feature of regional health for decades, the report proposed that State and federal governments work together to develop a 10-year workforce strategy.

It also recommended a single employer model for GPs, allowing them to move more easily between general practices without losing their entitlements.

Working with the Primary Health Networks, the university sector and specialist medical colleges was also put forward as a way to increase the number of rural GP and specialist training positions.

The under-resourcing and understaffing of some rural and regional hospitals was also a major issue.

Underlying this lack of resources was a 'culture of fear' within hospitals that left staff unwilling to speak up about challenges such as resourcing, mismanagement and workplace harassment and bullying.

The Inquiry's committee called for an ombudsman to be given greater powers to protect those wanting to speak out about failings.

The State's new Regional Health Minister, Bronnie Taylor, told the ABC that she accepted the evidence and 'I'm ready to fix these issues'.

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Labor MP calls Greens election ad 'untruthful and misleading'

Hans Lovejoy

Last week's election ad placed in *The Echo* by Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, has been described as 'untruthful and misleading to voters in the Richmond electorate', by sitting Labor MP, Justine Elliot.

Two claims by Ms Nolan have been refuted by Ms Elliot, namely: 'we've had the same backbencher for 17 years', and 'Labor just approved 114 new coal and gas mines'.

As for the 'backbencher' claim, Ms Elliot told *The Echo*, 'I was privileged to serve as Minister for Ageing in the first term of the Labor government, becoming Parliamentary Secretary for Trade after the 2010 election'.

'I resigned from the later appointment to devote all my time and energy to our community campaign to stop the Nationals' plan for harmful coal-seam gas mining on the North Coast – a campaign we won'.

As for the claim of Labor approving '114 new coal and gas mines', Ms Elliot said, 'Ministers in governments approve mining projects, not the Parliament. Federal Labor has not been in government since 2013. This claim is a blatant lie'.

Deliberate lies

Ms Elliot added, 'Our elections are robust, and we have diverse views and candidates in our region, but Mandy Nolan's deliberate lies show that the Greens are as untrustworthy as Scott Morrison'.



Labor MP, Justine Elliot



Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan

'It is disappointing that Mandy Nolan is deliberately misrepresenting and attempting to erase another woman's achievements. Women have fought long and hard to achieve representation and a voice in Parliament'.

AAP FactCheck concluded that the Greens claim was 'mostly true' regarding 114 coal and gas projects in Australia's investment pipeline 'which, if completed, would produce emissions estimated to be more than double the current domestic carbon emissions of Australia'. AAP say, 'However, there is uncertainty in the calculation of the potential emissions and emissions from exported fossil fuels'.

In reply to Ms Elliot, Ms Nolan pointed to state and territory Labor governments

(and oppositions) who are supporting new coal and gas projects.

'I don't know what planet the member for Richmond is on', says Ms Nolan.

'It's like being on the backbench magically excuses her from the decisions of her party. I don't buy it, and the electorate doesn't either'.

'Our electorate is the second most at risk from climate change in the country. We've just experienced devastating flooding right across the electorate. You can't fight the climate crisis while you're pouring fuel on the fire. That's why we need people like me on the crossbench, to push Labor further and faster on climate. I can do that because I'm not beholden to coal and gas donors'.

Circus kids are back for Term Two

Spaghetti Circus has opened its doors for another term, thanks to the help from the community.

General manager, Alice Cadwell, says she is overwhelmed with gratitude for the support Spaghetti has received. Scholarships are available for families who

were affected by the recent floods, and Service NSW vouchers can be used.

'The Brunswick Picture House generously hosted eight of their Cheeky Cabarets as a fundraiser for Spaghetti Circus, which raised a staggering \$12,500'. For more info visit www.spaghetticircus.com.

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT MULLUMBIMBY'S FUTURE



Living with Flooding?

When: Monday 16 May, 6pm to 8pm

Where: Mullum Ex-Services Club Auditorium, Dalley Street Mullumbimby

Mullumbimby residents, landholders and friends are invited to discuss our town's future in relation to flooding. **Council's 2020 North Byron Floodplain Plan offers a suite of ideas.**

A post-flood review of the Plan is underway.

This community meeting is for sharing ideas and assessing which ideas we want implemented or changed.

The ideas revolve around **flood-warning, evacuation, house-raising, wet-proofing and buy-back.**

We'll need to work together to make anything happen, and to make clear to government how it can assist.

Sonia Laverty, for MRA
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- ✓ \$25,000 grants for small business to support energy efficient equipment and upgrades.



for Byron Health

- ✓ With a career in youth and family support work, Kimberly is passionate about delivering much better local mental health services.
- ✓ Bringing cancer treatment closer to Byron with new machines in Lismore and Tweed.
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for Byron's Future

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Bruns Surf Life Saving says thanks with a snag

Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) hosted an informal thank you barbeque at the club on Saturday for the volunteers and emergency services who assisted in flood rescue efforts across New Brighton, South Golden Beach, Ocean Shores, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby on February 28.

Chris Ashton, from Brunswick SLSC, told *The Echo* surf life saving club members were invited from Lennox, Byron, Ballina, and Cudgen, as they ‘all provided boats and crew to assist our club and our community’.

‘Additionally, we invited emergency services from Marine Rescue, Brunswick Valley Rescue, the SES and local Tweed-Byron Police.

‘This was an opportunity for those who selflessly volunteered their time to



Flood rescue and surf life saving crew: In orange are the Mullum SES, in blue are the Marine Rescue Squad, and in yellow are Brunswick Surf Club. Photo Jeff ‘Rainbows’ Dawson

help the community to share a meal, a drink, and a few laughs. It’s also a chance for our club members to wind down after a very challenging 2021/22 patrol season’.

Hospital’s new solar array to supply more than half energy needs

A 720 kilowatt solar system on the roof of the Byron Central Hospital will be the largest rooftop mounted PV installation on the north coast, ‘and the first of its kind for a hospital in the

region’, says the local health authority.

Matt Long from Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) said in a press release the system will ‘provide more than half of the hospital’s

annual electricity usage’.

‘We know renewable energy is better for the planet, but it’s also a financially sustainable option, with the estimated electricity cost savings to

our health district across the life of the system being more than \$3m. The installation is expected to be completed during the final quarter of 2022, ‘to take advantage of the increased daylight hours’.

Meet the candidates, May 16

Nine candidates for the federal seat of Richmond, except One Nation’s Tracey Bell-Henselin, have confirmed their attendance at Monday’s forum in the Byron Theatre from 6pm.

The public are invited to put questions to the panel as part of a live broadcast at bayfm.org; if your community

group or cause has a question related to federal policy, please email communitynewsroom@mail.com with the subject: ‘Richmond Meet the Candidates’.

Interviews with candidates can be accessed via www.bayfm.org, and are on BayFM’s Community Newsroom from 11am each Friday.

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

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EOI closes 3pm Friday, 27 May 2022

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E-con-oh-my

If there's one thing that the LNP lays claim to, above all else, it is the assertion that they are the better managers of the economy. But what does this bold claim actually mean?

Are they talking about 'the economy' as a metaphor for society?

Because if they aren't, then really, what is the point?

For all those undecided voters out there who are considering sticking with the devil they know, please think twice on this.

The nauseating mantra of 'Strong Economy. Stronger Future.' and 'We aren't Labor' are frankly a poor case for re-election.

But whatever, let's work with it and consider their central claim that they are good with money.

A 'strong economy' can be measured in many different ways, but the public discourse usually boils down to jobs and growth.

Such simple metrics of deficits and unemployment don't tell the full story of what is actually happening out here in the world. Our lives don't automatically improve when the stock market goes up. Company profits have a funny habit of just lining the pockets of the wealthy few.

The notion that growth is always good and a bigger GDP equals a more prosperous society flies in the face of reality. It ignores the well documented ever increasing divide between the haves and have-nots.

A striking outcome of the pandemic crisis of the last couple of years is the obscene amount of wealth hoarded by a few billionaires, while the less fortunate have been allowed to raid their superannuation to get through tough times – gee thanks for that, so generous.

Perpetual economic growth is also the fundamental driving force behind the rampant destruction of our natural environment, and is hastening

global heating. The devastating climate change consequences of the business-as-usual approach are now painfully clear to see. To just measure success in dollars while ignoring the true social and environmental costs is not good management at all.

Putting aside how few of us really benefit from all those undertaxed massive corporate profits, at least we should be happy to have a job, right?

If the government is claiming credit for the current low unemployment figures then they should also own the blame for stagnant wages.

Wages have been flat for so long – while the cost of living has ballooned – that wages in real terms are going backwards.

The low number of jobseekers is also on the back of a ruthlessly punitive approach to welfare recipients that has led to many of them just giving up.

Not to mention that the pandemic forced a large chunk of the workforce to leave the country, and prompted many of us to rethink our own jobs.

That magical number of four per cent unemployed means less when so many of us are underemployed and underpaid, and whole industries are in a staffing crisis.

I'll give Morrison and co the benefit of the doubt that they are genuine in their belief that a flourishing free market creates wealth that benefits us all. But this simplistic radical ideology is flawed and dangerous.

It has failed dismally in terms of social equity, and the environmental consequences are writ large all around us.

This decade-old government has achieved little, made a mess of much, and smirked at us condescendingly all along the way.

It's high time to give someone, almost anyone else, a go.

– Ziggi Browning,
Echo production manager

Election views from a former NSW MLC

The shock of the 2019 election result, when even ABC psephologist Antony Green predicted Labor would win, has pundits nervous and doubting current polls.

Meanwhile, pollsters have changed their methodology and have subsequently underestimated Labor's vote in three state elections.

So, what's likely to happen? It could be a Labor landslide, or we may end up with the proverbial 'hung' parliament.

We really can't be sure at this stage, despite the overwhelming swing to Labor and others, away from the Coalition.

We could have the Hillary Clinton effect – a last minute bombshell thrown at Anthony Albanese.

If Labor wins more seats than the Coalition, but not enough to form government without crossbench support, the Governor General will invite Anthony Albanese to form government.

This is where the argy bargy really begins.

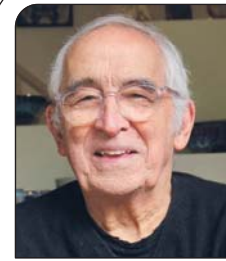
To be safe, the new prime minister would need several crossbench members to guarantee supply, not just the Greens.

They protest they won't do deals, but they will. They would have no choice.

I very much doubt if the new PM and his negotiating team will take on the entire agenda of any of those with whom they are negotiating, but just enough to ensure their own agenda is not hijacked and nothing that is electorally unpalatable.

They will have their eye on staying in government for at least two terms. There's no possibility Labor would agree to immediate closure of Australia's coal mines, needless to say. There's a strong possibility they'd agree to a thermal coal phase out, guaranteeing existing coal workers retraining or significant compensation, with major investments in renewables such as green hydrogen.

When I was in the NSW Legislative Council in the Bob Carr years, holding the balance of power,



'The Liberal Party has been held to ransom for its entire nine years in office by the bunch of troglodytes now infesting the Nationals Party.'

– Richard Jones

(Greens MP) Ian Cohen and I, and other crossbench members, wanted the government to conserve substantial areas of the South East old growth forests.

There was an impasse.

Penny Wong, then advisor to Kim Yeadon, Minister for Forests, buttonholed me in the Fountain Court of Parliament House and asked whether I'd be amenable to raiding the environmental trust fund to compensate loggers.

I said I didn't mind if every logger became a millionaire, all we wanted was to save those ancient forests. So legislation was introduced to strip the fund of hundreds of millions of dollars to look after those affected by declaring large areas as national parks. It was a very worthwhile investment.

The new government absolutely won't be 'held to ransom', as Scott Morrison and his at-risk MPs constantly bleat.

It's an absurd allegation anyway – coming from Coalition members – when the Liberal Party has been held to ransom for its entire nine years in office by the bunch of troglodytes now infesting the Nationals Party. It used to be a real country party, looking after rural people. I dealt with some excellent Nationals Party ministers and members when I was in Parliament.

Nationals Party Minister, George Souris, did some great things. Nationals MP, Jenny Gardiner, was on the Parliamentary Committee I chaired. We got on well, and our reports were usually unanimous.

Sadly, the Nationals Party has lost its way, and represents mining interests more than country people. Just imagine the seat of Richmond going back to today's Nationals! It was a safe Nationals

seat for decades held by Doug, and then Larry, Anthony. They are still fondly remembered by many.

Tell me, off the top of your head, can you name the Nationals Party candidate for Richmond?

It would have been easy once. It was either Larry or Doug.

To save you racking your brain, it's Kimberly Hone. She's a Pentecostal Christian who doesn't believe in climate change.

And she has declared she is standing for Jesus. Ms Hone made the following comments during a speech to a church meeting, which was subsequently posted on YouTube: 'The ultimate goal for me is ... I want to bring God's kingdom to the political arena. And I want God's kingdom to penetrate the political mountain.'

She's a most unusual choice of candidate, and has little chance of achieving her ambition, barring a genuine miracle.

It's possible no one else wanted to be a candidate for such a Sisyphean task.

Who will win the seat of Richmond? It will be between incumbent Labor's Justine Elliot and Greens' Mandy Nolan.

Personally, while I would be happy to see Justine as part of a winning team, I would absolutely love to see Mandy in the House.

She'd garner as much attention as Jacqui Lambie and fight like hell to get a better deal for the homeless, particularly getting help for those stricken by the floods.

Looking at the numbers, it's really unlikely Mandy's election would harm Labor's chances of forming government. Voters will decide.

■ Richard Jones is a former member of the NSW Legislative Council and is now a ceramicist.



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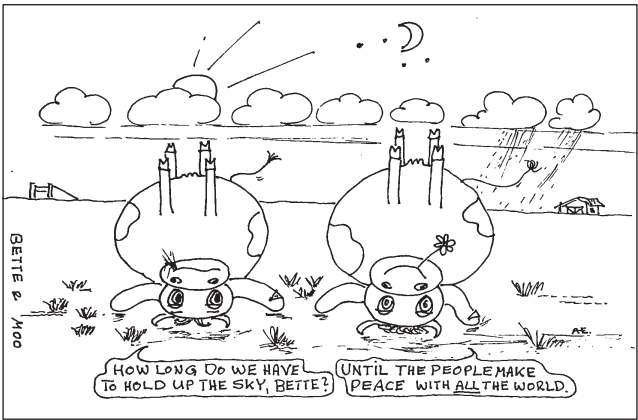
Collaborative government

I have heard a number of people saying that we have to vote Labor first to get rid of Morrison as they are the only party who could 'form government'. Yet Labor voted to frack the Beetleloo Basin and NSW State Labor voted to criminalise environmental protest.

Yesterday I spoke with a New Zealander who said they have had a number of 'collaborative' governments made up of Labor, Independents and Greens that have worked really well. The politicians were forced to sit down and work together for the betterment of the country instead of the pathetic name-calling and childish back-stabbing that goes on in Canberra.

Let's bring in a government that has lots of new faces, people who really represent the Australia of today. By that I mean women, young people, people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds and people with a 'can do' approach to solving the major issues of today rather than working for their corporate donors.

The mediocre old white men who fill the trenches of the LNP and Labor pick



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbeij

mediocre successors as candidates to fill party slots. We, the Australian people, have no say in who these candidates will be. We need Independents and local community activists like Mandy Nolan who have the vision and the courage to fight for us, the Australian people, not the international corporate donors who are presently running the show. Julia Gillard's government was a collaborative government and she passed a lot of outstanding legislation. The best way to protect our democracy from encroaching authoritarianism is to bring in new blood who are beholden only to their constituents.

Karen Wagner
Myocum

A doctor like no other

Sincere condolences to all the colleagues and patients of Dr Karel Hromek who sadly passed away in mid April.

I'll never forget my first appointment with Karel. I sat opposite him and attempted, through the brain fog and fatigue, to explain the impossible maze that was chronic illness – the misdiagnoses, condescension and dismissiveness one experiences, and how powerless (and broke) one begins to feel.

When I'd finished my story, I looked up to see that he had tears in his eyes. For the first time in a two-year search that spanned three states I had found a doctor with a genuine capacity for empathy.

On behalf of all his

patients I know you'll agree when I say that to this day I still can't believe how fortunate I was to walk into his practice.

To his long-term receptionist, Sandy, and most valued nurse extraordinaire, Lorelei, and to his sister Dominique and children: Daniele, Sian and Michael, my sincerest sympathies to you all. His generous heart and legacy of kindness will live with us all forevermore.

Monique Germon
Bundanoon

■ See Obituary p19

Byron design

Many years ago I toyed with the idea of starting an annual 'Fugly Architectural Design Awards Byron Inc', but the acronym (FADABinc) was never going to catch on even though the concept thrived.

However, with the advent of so many urban refugees and other cashed up people, I thought a few design pointers would be helpful.

Rule 1: (the most important one). Scream as loudly as you can 'I don't care, I want THREE storeys', and eventually, amazingly, you'll

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How good is building in Byron!

Nick Buckley
Byron Bay

IMOP

The slogan of the so-called Informed Medical Options Party is 'Truth, Transparency and Accountability in Politics'. Presumably their dedication to these goals is why they dropped mention of vaccination from their name.

One of their candidates recently had his 'it's impossible to catch a virus' video removed from Facebook and YouTube. They peddle baseless conspiracy theories and don't display any indication of being 'informed' about medical matters. There are tens of thousands of Aussies

walking around today who would now be dead had IMOP policies been in place during the last two years.

Alan Watterson
Hastings Point

Mullum's drainage

We are one of many households in Mullum that lost their home and belongings in the February flood. Two months after the event we are still trying to get to grips with the way this has turned our lives upside down.

The impact of an event like this includes shock, the heartbreak of seeing one's home and sanctuary being

taken, and the amount of energy and money it takes to rebuild. We could never have imagined the emotional stress something like this causes, and yet we know we are not alone and are thankful to be in such a united community.

I am aware the unprecedented rainfall and high tides caused this disaster, however, what didn't help was the appalling state of our drains in Mullum and the lack of Council upkeep of these over the years. My neighbours and I have regularly contacted Council to clear blocked drains, sending photos of overgrown areas that do not allow the rainfall to flow, and these were ignored. It is however interesting to see them attending to these after the flood!

The drains of the lanes behind our home in Argyle Street resemble something from medieval times and I am sure have not been updated in decades. If we pay similar rates to neighbouring towns then why are our drain systems left in such disrepair? I know this didn't cause the flood but it certainly would have added to the issue. Surely it's time for Council to address such matters and create systems equal to the other areas of the Shire.

Ross Urwin
Mullumbimby

Wardell Hall CORE

They always say that emergencies such as bushfires and floods bring out the best in people, but do they?

The War Memorial Hall at Wardell, Northern NSW, is currently occupied by Wardell CORE Inc, which is a community group helping flood victims (CORE stands for Community Organised Resilience Effort). Inside the hall is a stall with fruit, vegetables, and eggs. It also has clothing, food, cutlery, crockery, and kitchen utensils. It has a place to sit down and have a friendly cup of tea and a chat. All this is available for FREE to help people who have lost their home, car, etc in the floods. The village of Wardell does not have any shops, so this free service is of the utmost importance.

Thanks to CORE the hall has become a very important part of community life in the Wardell, Broadwater, Empire Vale, and Patches Beach areas. It is the heart of the community. Normally the hall, under its lessee, is shut up for 99 per cent of the year, being used occasionally by the Red Cross, Knit 'n Knat,

or the lessee itself one evening a month. The rest of the time it is empty.

The hall belongs to Ballina Council (ie, the people) and is leased to Wardell Progress Association whose president is Pat Carney.

Recently the NSW premier visited Wardell CORE, and the president of the Progress Association told the premier he wanted the hall back. In other words he wants to kick CORE out.

At the recent Wardell Progress Association meeting, CORE was told it must vacate the hall by 18 May to accommodate the Australian Electoral Commission for federal voting, and then it would be worked on by tradesmen for a couple of months to clean it up after the floods under a Council insurance claim. Here I would ask the question: Who said it was growing mould inside, and needed all this work done urgently? Was it the same person who told the Council it must build timber beds around the fig trees in Richmond Street?

Say you make a donation at a fundraiser for the floods – where does the money go? Part of it goes to the wholesalers who keep CORE supplied with fruit and veg at Wardell Hall. Your donation has really hit the spot!

If you ask the Progress Association why CORE has to vacate by 18 May they will say it is a Council decision, and if you ask the Council the same question they say it is a Progress Association decision. If no-one knows who has jurisdiction, then CORE should stay put!

Many of the houses in the flood-affected areas have asbestos inside and this necessitates a lengthy restoration process. The Wardell Hall refurbishment can wait.

Keep CORE in the Hall and keep up the good work, and thank you, Bank of Queensland, for your kind donation of Easter eggs to this cause.

Margaret Howes
Empire Vale

Wallaby death

To the family that allowed their large black dog to repeatedly attack and maul the beautiful wallaby on South Golden Beach Monday afternoon:

Despite refusing to give your names or take any responsibility for this cruel and vicious act – you know who you are.

You let your dog run amok through the sandhills and bush, repeatedly attacking and mauling an innocent animal, and making very

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Vale Dr Karel Hromek

Karel Oldrich Hromek was born to French and Czech parents, Christiane Brossier and Oldrich Hromek, on 17 March 1952 in Sydney. With no money Christiane and Oldrich made an epic journey hitchhiking across Europe, the Middle East and Asia to Vietnam where they were evacuated from the war, ending up in Carnarvon, WA. From there they hitchhiked to Perth across the Nullabor Plain, which was just a dirt track through the desert. They arrived in Sydney and shortly after Karel was born. They left Paris dreaming they could get rich by picking up the gold that was obviously lying around in Australia and then the USA, but Karel's birth forever spoiled their onward travel plans, something he and all the family have been grateful for.

Karel's younger sister, Dominique, joined them and they were a tight unit by virtue of being from 'somewhere else'. Twenty years later Karel found his soul place at Boogarem, the farm with the waterfall, in the hills of Mullumbimby. He brought with him his



new wife, Robyn, whom he met at the UNSW while studying microbiology, and daughter Daniele. The family soon expanded with Siân and then Michael joining them. Karel discovered the challenges of banana farming, and so went back to university to study medicine in Newcastle.

After his studies, Karel returned to the Far North Coast and established general practice clinics in Byron Bay, then Mullumbimby and Ocean Shores, practising medicine for 35 years. During this period Karel became involved in integrative approaches to health, wellbeing and nutrition. Karel taught, lectured and authored three books, creating the foundations for

this knowledge in Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and India. In 2010 Karel married Ann Mary and was very devoted to her.

Karel was both a deep thinker and a dad jokester with a huge heart. He was arguably The Beatles' greatest fan and loved playing and singing music. Karel also loved soccer, both watching, playing and coaching, and was a life member of Byron Bay FC.

Sadly Karel's enormous heart had no beats left and on 14 April 2022 he left this plane for the next. Karel is always in the hearts of his sister Dominique, his children Danièle, Siân and Michael, many treasured friends, and his beloved furry companion, Bentley.



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little attempt to stop it.

Council have been contacted and I only hope they will be able to track you and your crazed, dangerous dog down.

If you are unable or unwilling to train your dog or keep it on a lead you are not welcome to walk it unleashed in our community.

The poor defenceless wallaby will certainly have died from its painful brutal injuries or shock. For certain, native animals attacked in this way do not live.

You made little attempt to restrain your dog and obviously you cannot keep it under 'effective control' – it is not entitled to walk off-leash, even in a dog beach area. That is the law.

Your insistence that you could do what you want on a 'dog beach' area, and I was to 'get f****d', was both offensive and dangerous.

I would suggest you urgently report this attack to Council – as I have done – so proper due process can occur to have this dangerous dog removed from our area.

Your attitude to the attack, and your young family's disregard for wild animals was appalling. Please, do not bring your vicious, untrained, unleashed dog to

South Golden Beach again.

You have created a risk that we will all have our access to dog walking areas removed, and your dog is a very real danger to wildlife, people and other well-cared-for and trained pets.

Name withheld
South Golden Beach

■ See article on page 23

Homelessness

Having lived for 80 years on Argyle Street with a history of family living from number 1 to number 57 over four generations I can state none of these homes have ever flooded. The town infrastructure was constructed to service much smaller numbers of houses and people. Even with some growth and less maintenance happening, and with a moratorium on development while the sewage treatment plant was being upgraded, town managed – no flooding.

Then came the development – Tallowood plus the second residence in every backyard, six units on a house block on Argyle Street, similar on Stuart Street etc. No extra infrastructure. Drains overgrown and blocked. Then came the M1 motorway creating a levee to keep water in Mullumbimby, Woodburn and

all towns along the way.

In 2011 the Honourable Bill Shorten commissioned an inquiry into flood insurance and related matters, the 'Natural Disaster Insurance Review'. This stated that the distinction between storm damage and flood damage is seen as arcane and artificial. It also recommended that all insurance policies have flood included. Many other interesting recommendations were made.

Following the 2017 flood, Hans Lovejoy published an article quoting hydrologist, Duncan Dey, stating that many gutters were blocked, uncared for, and ignored. Also quoted was Council's Flood and Drainage Engineer, James Flockton, saying drainage structures built by NSW councils are only designed to withstand five to ten year rainfall events at best. He also advised that if Saltwater Creek were cleared and improved, then water would bypass the town. There were many other recommendations.

So, with full knowledge of the dangers they were creating Council continued to pass DAs for excessive development without any improved infrastructure.

Both NSW State and federal governments are

responsible for the disaster caused by the M1 motorway and should be held responsible for fixing it before future flooding of previously flood-free homes.

Instead of the media emphasis and community pressure being on rectifying these egregious situations, the plight of the homeless is uppermost. Council and community groups are pushing for building on top of carparks, building on all Council land, and building along the rail corridor on Prince Street (which didn't flood, although it might in the future if you fill it up with buildings), which will result in large numbers of people using inadequate infrastructure. Or yet more water will be diverted down Argyle, Queen, Crown, and Ann streets and New City Road – this will create homelessness in these streets which have been flood free for 200 years!

People are using their money, time, and energy organising raising their homes, this is a Council and government responsibility. Put the pressure where it belongs. Please consider homelessness with more thought to those of us that are not yet homeless.

Marlene Crompton
Mullumbimby

Health

I heard on the radio this morning (1 May) that a man spent 'a record 48 hours' in a hospital emergency department in Sydney.

But I spent three days in a Sydney hospital emergency department because they didn't have a bed or anywhere else to put me. They sent me home prematurely because I was not sleeping. It was busy day and night. That was fifty-odd years ago.

They still don't have enough hospital beds. I recently spent a couple of days in Tweed Hospital's emergency department because they had nowhere else to put me.

Is it approaching the point at which we will have more multibillion dollar submarines than we have hospital beds?

A Tweed nurse told me that they typically have 'up to 20 patients' in the emergency department because they have no spare beds elsewhere.

In recent history I attended Byron Bay Hospital in severe pain, gasping for breath with multiple broken ribs. They laid me out in the emergency department, and after a few minutes told me to get up and sit in the waiting room

because they needed the bed for someone else!

Conclusion: we are short of hospital beds.

I also heard on radio this morning that a man died after waiting seven hours for an ambulance.

But I waited 12-and-a-half hours for an ambulance to take me from Murwillumbah Hospital to Tweed Hospital for an emergency kidney stone operation a few years ago. Conclusion: we are short of ambulances.

I recently applied for attention to a severe toothache at the Tweed Hospital's dental clinic. They put me on a waiting list and three months later told me that I can now attend the clinic to get a voucher to get the job done elsewhere! I complained to Health Minister Greg Hunt at the time. He never responded.

Who shall I vote for? Is there a politician capable of attending to these very obvious health problems?

Or must we spend every last dollar on defence against Butcher Putin's threat of nuclear World War III if he doesn't get his way in Ukraine?

John Jennings
Numinbah

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Dog attack on wallaby South Golden Beach – joey rescued

Aslan Shand

A dog attacked a swamp wallaby on Tuesday, May 3 at South Golden Beach (SGB) seriously distressing witnesses, one of whom attempted to get the dog off the wallaby. During the attack the wallaby’s joey fell from its pouch and was rescued by people at the scene and WIRES was called to take care of the orphaned joey. The mother swamp wallaby got away but has not been located and most likely died of myopathy.

A local, who asked not to be named, who attempted to rescue the wallaby said that the dog owners showed little care about the fact that their off-lead dog was attacking a wallaby and told him that ‘they could do what they wanted on a dog beach and I was to “get f*d”’. The owners said they lived nearby.

The dog is described as being a large black dog with white markings and was accompanied by a man and woman and their two teenage children.

Fight for nature

Speaking to Kathy Norley from the South Golden Beach Community Association she explained the effort the local community have put into fighting to retain green spaces, wildlife corridors and reserves from a Council and developers keen to build on all available space since the 1980s.

‘It took years and many, many hours. In fact it became a full-time job for many people lobbying councillors and being on committees, speaking in Council etc.’

Fern Beach was a large development proposed by Bryan Ray who built the Casuarina development in Tweed Shire. It was a development that locals successfully had reduced in size and impact, again securing gains for the preservation of habitat and native species. Even so the development brought in 60,000 cubic meters of fill, and filled a natural lakethat used to be approximately five per cent of our flood storage and was home to goannas, wallabies and other native animals.

‘They had three 11 tonne compactors pounding the ground which caused



A swamp wallaby joey rescued in 2021. Photo supplied

Wallabies will often die of myopathy following a dog attack

‘Myopathy in Macropods (including wallabies, pademelons and kangaroos) happens when the animal is under extreme stress, as is the case when it is being attacked or chased by a dog,’ says WIRES. ‘The animal does not have to be injured directly to develop rhabdomyolysis, which is a disintegration of the muscle fibres. From within 24 hours, to up to a few weeks after the incident, the wallaby will show stiffness and paralysis mainly in the hindquarters, progressing to complete paralysis. It will also salivate excessively. Death will occur within 2–14 days after the stressful incident.’

damage to existing houses tiled roofs, cracked their walls and terrified the local wildlife. This was after we had taken the developer to the Land and Environment court, twice, and won a reduction in the size of the proposed development,’ said Ms Norley.

‘There were several reasons we fought this and other similar projects, and that was because we are on a floodplain and the more you fill and build here the more flooding you will have. The big thing was to keep the areas around SGB and New Brighton as intact as we could so that there were links between the coast, the Billinudgel Nature Reserve and the hinterland. This was to ensure that species could travel throughout the region. We even got special animal overpasses put in on the M1 to facilitate these connected wildlife corridors so that species could transit throughout the caldera and

didn’t become cut off and isolated.

‘We were all very conscious when we moved here that it was about the environment, family and companion animals. Everyone understood, valued and cared about the wildlife. It was about recognising the unique value of this region, it was about the environment that could sustain a local community. That the local community would look after the environment and it in turn looks after us.’

Dogs and cats

Ms Norley said that having companion animals like cats and dogs is important for many people, but that they need to be managed, otherwise they damage the local wildlife.

‘We have no problem with companion animals as long as they are managed to support our unique environment and spaces that we have fought so hard to

preserve and which makes this area so wonderful to live in,’ she told *The Echo*.

‘Dogs must be on leads from your home to the end of the dog-walking path (the intertidal area) at the dog walking beach. If your dog rushes anything it can be classified a dangerous dog and it will have to do specialised training, be assessed, wear a muzzle when walked, and be housed in a confined space etc.’

Currently there are 12,619 dogs registered in Byron Shire, a figure that has been steadily increasing each year, for a population of 36,000 people. In 2021 there were 649 dog related complaints and 101 dog attack incidents, yet there were only 57 dog related Penalty Infringement Notices (PIN).

‘That amounts to two dog attacks every week,’ said Ms Norely. ‘No wonder our wallabies are having a hard time.’

Joey has ‘fighting chance’

The joey was collected by WIRES Northern Rivers (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service) on Tuesday and they have reported that ‘The little swamp wallaby, named Beach, did well overnight. He has been assessed as viable and has a fighting chance.’

The joey is now in the care of an experienced wildlife carer near Lismore. The incident has been reported to the Byron Shire Council rangers.

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Flooding – the pain, recovery and a vision of the future

■ As two Bendigoians, visiting Northern NSW over the past ten days, we quite expected to see flood damage in many parts of the region.

For weeks we had watched from afar the unfurling devastation of the floods from Lismore to Byron Bay and less well-known places. Places we know well – we feel exceedingly distressed for the many residents, friends and acquaintances who live in these areas.

On Sunday 1 May we attended an afternoon 'recovery-poetry' event at Lismore where I participated in the readings.

Arriving in Lismore and driving around we were deeply shocked by the devastation – my husband numbed by what he witnessed, and myself unable to control my tears.

Lismore was a war zone, but different, the enemy being nature itself, an enemy which has truly proved itself in this event, and may soon reappear.

Negotiations to avoid this disaster should have occurred long ago and been bipartisan, if the expression

'caring for all Australians' means anything.

For years we have known that, owing to global warming, the central north coast of NSW faced inundation, yet nothing has been done to prevent this, or to decrease the devastation.

Street after street of destroyed businesses, footpaths and recreational areas. Home after home, many constructed on stilts metres above ground – and some distance from the river – their owners believing they were secure forever, were destroyed.

Shop windows were covered with mud still to be cleaned, and many were completely wrecked. All the streets were disturbingly deserted.

The few poets and friends who attended the event were clearly traumatised. Many found the subject of today's reading 'resilience', although cathartic, most upsetting, it being far too close to the horror of what they had experienced. Yet, the word 'mud' controlled everyone's perceptions, mud being the first thing they are still, after several weeks, dealing with.

Mud layering the streets and footpaths despite all efforts to clean it away.

The Northern Rivers poetic scene is dynamic with many excellent and well-known poets regularly performing. But today the works were profoundly different, revealing shattered human beings, their poetry written and performed in disbelief as to what had happened to their town and to their lives. Yet they were there and giving of themselves, wanting to move on.

But how, I ask, can they move on when they are so alone?

Kindly locals had established a makeshift café and were serving food, prepared, cooked, baked and delivered by less-affected residents, free of charge, by and for everyone.

Interesting, too, was the absence of major community groups that are the pride of our nation. The CWA, Red Cross, and Lions, their banners normally loudly and proudly displayed, sorely missed. Lismore residents are starkly alone. Their downheartedness and brave struggle to carry on

was palpable. Remaining residents are exhausted from all they have been through, and have still to go through, to rebuild their lives.

Yet some caring souls cared to lighten spirits by providing 'mud-based' humour.

To 'stand in the shoes' of the people of Lismore for a split second is traumatic, to walk along streets without greeting a living soul is unbearable. Yet this is the life of Lismore residents.

Dear Prime Minister, please return to Lismore. You have only to 'stand in their shoes' for a split second to know how they are suffering. Please sit down with the community and listen to their stories and please move 'heaven and earth' to ensure that never again will their community endure such catastrophe.

Brenda and Charles Stevens-Chambers
Kennington, Vic

■ The recent floods have left many people homeless. Trying to address this problem, local councils have waived some of the current building rules to allow

people to erect temporary dwellings, which will be allowed to stay in place for two years. But what happens when the two years are up?

I think it's time for a more permanent change in councils' attitude to subdivisions to allow more land on higher ground to be made available for people to build permanent dwellings. The last time I read about the requirements, before a bush block like mine could be subdivided, a landowner had to have over 200 acres of land before they were able to apply for a subdivision.

Yes, it's possible to build a granny flat, or carer's accommodation without a subdivision, but banks won't lend money to build a house without a freehold title.

In these difficult times, when so many people have lost their homes and/or rentals owing to the floods, surely it's time for a rethink about subdivisions? Some of us are now of an age where we can't manage the land as well as we used to, and many of us are now aged pensioners, so paying for help with slashing etc is difficult to afford.

If councils allowed

subdivisions on smaller blocks of land which can't be used for agriculture or grazing, it would benefit councils and the local population by providing more housing possibilities and extra revenue from rates.

Most bush blocks are useless for growing crops or grazing, but if we have sufficient fire breaks, then areas of bushland could be allowed to grow to provide habitat for wildlife, and the trees and bushes will regenerate and add to better air quality.

Those of us who are growing older and want to help our adult children (many of whom were left homeless by the floods) aren't able to do so, owing to the old-fashioned laws regarding subdivisions. This latest crisis in the Northern Rivers, (with possibly more floods and fires to come) surely heralds a time for a more practical and compassionate change in the subdivision laws.

Lina Eve
Cawongla

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Diplomacy, or the lack of it, in late-stage capitalism

Richard Staples

One of the tragedies of national politics in the last few decades has been a reduction, indeed a white-anting, of our involvement in our immediate region. Instead of diplomatic and foreign aid activity, we have seen a ballooning military budget. Instead of building trust, confidence and practical links with our neighbours, politicians have increasingly beat the drums of war. Instead of an active Foreign Affairs Department, our government relies on the 'fairy dust' of military hardware. Understandable, when so many past ministers take up positions in the military-industrial complex.

The debacle over the Solomon Islands is symptomatic of these trends. As their former US Ambassador, Catherine Ebert Gray stated recently: 'The members of [the Solomon Islands] Parliament want something tangible to give to their regions and neither Australia nor the US has



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done enough in this regard'.

Prior to the last federal election I put together a proposal for a major foreign aid initiative. It's been on hold, but maybe its time has come. I have recently sent copies to Penny Wong and Adam Bandt, to share with their respective parties.

The idea is to repurpose one of our naval vessels as a hospital and disaster response platform. A few years ago we bought two Helicopter Dock Vessels from Spain (now HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide) at a price of \$1.55 billion each.

These ships, displacing some 27,000 tonnes each, have two covered decks of

1,410m² and 1,880m². They are supposed to deploy troops, tanks, helicopters, landing craft and supplies onto hostile shores in a style reminiscent of Gallipoli or Guadalcanal. In a real future conflict, they would be sitting ducks. In 2016 Professor Hugh White judged the ships a 'terrible and heroic waste of money and nothing more than big, fat... targets'.

Imagine one (or both) of these ships fitted out as a hospital and emergency response platform, available for deployment when flood, cyclone, earthquake, tsunami or volcanic eruption strikes. Between these missions, they could visit

ports in South-East Asia or the South-West Pacific and provide medical care to the poorest and most disadvantaged of the local population. Although much of the region has a growing middle-class who can afford medical care, there are hundreds of millions who can't. With a top speed of 20 knots, they could reach nearly anywhere in the geopolitical region within a couple of days.

Many of those serving on the vessel, doctors, nurses, ancillary staff and crew, as well as trainees, could be rotated, giving them a special experience and honing their expertise. Not just medical expertise, but language skills and broader cultural awareness would expand in a fertile environment.

This is an opportunity to project soft power in a region with a population of over 400 million, whilst providing tangible help. It might just do more to boost our national security than yet more questionable military hardware.

Hundreds of Northern Rivers teachers joined the strike action

Aslan Shand

Hundreds of public school teachers from the Northern Rivers region joined the 15,000 strong Teachers Federation NSW strike on Tuesday calling for better conditions and pay.

Local teachers gathered at The Tweed River Jockey Club near Murwillumbah as part of the public strike.

The teachers taking strike action called on the Government to 'urgently act on the teacher shortage and its underlying causes: uncompetitive salaries and unsustainable workloads,' said the NSW Teachers Federation.

Principal of The Channon Public School, Steve Manser told the assembled teachers at the Murwillumbah strike

that teachers needed more release from face-to-face (RFF), a reduced workload and better pay.

'Two hours of preparation each week is not enough; so teachers end up doing a huge amount of work in their own time that they are not paid for,' said one teacher who attended the rally but asked not to be named.

'As a teacher and leader of my school I'm calling for change. I need help if I am going to stay in this profession, I need help if the department is going to continue to send a barrage of reforms across our desks. I need help if I am going to survive the next 25 years of the pressures of a crippling workload,' Mr Manser told the assembled teachers.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Last week saw one of the biggest upset victories in recent times when Sam Grigg took out the Gold Cup FIDE Open at Mermaid Waters.

When the 2022 event began, English Grandmaster Daniel Fernandez was an unbackable favourite given his rating 200 points above the second seed, former Olympian Stephen Solomon.

In contrast, Grigg, who had been one of Australia's best juniors, effectively retired from tournament chess for a decade before venturing a comeback last year. Going into the first round Grigg, 28, was seeded ninth, and he faltered as early as the second round, drawing with lowly ranked teenager Jai Turner.

Meanwhile Fernandez was also discovering that the kids were alright. In the third round he drew with 16-year-old Byron Morris and the next day was shocked by talented 14-year-old FIDE Master Sravan Renjith and fell to defeat. The next day Fernandez abandoned the tournament, handing a forfeit to his sixth round opponent.

With an upset win over second seed Solomon, Grigg found himself tied for first with fifth seed Renjith going into the last round, with a \$1,500 first prize at stake.

The result was a stunning game where Grigg never accepted that his attack was over and eventually crashed through in style for the biggest prize of his career.

Gold Cup Open 2022

White: S Grigg

Black: S Renjith

Opening: French Defence

1.c4 e6 2.e4! d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.d6! Weir and not-so-wonderful opening play, which merely results in Grigg falling behind in development. 7...cxd6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.d4 Bf8 11.Qd3 Nc6 12.a3! a6 13.Ba4 Ne4! 14.Bb3 Na5! 15.Bd5!! Crazy brave, since 15.Re1 Bb5 was uninspiring. 15...Bb5 16.Qc2 Nf6! 17.Ng5! Re7! 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Re1 Rc8 Black's king is in no danger and his active pieces should prevail. And yet... 21.Nc3 Bc4 22.Bg5! h6 23.Bh4 d5 24.Re5! Accompanied, for extra psychological effect, with a draw offer. 24...Nc6? Obvious and bad. After 24...Rc6, Black is better. 25.Bxf6! gxf6 Unfortunately other recaptures lose king or queen. 26.Re3! Nxd4 27.Qh7+ Bg7 28.Rae1 Nc6? Only 28...Rc7! 29.Rg3 Kf8! would have kept Black in the game. 29.Rg3 Qg8 30.Qf5! Rd8 31.b3!! Bxb3 32.Ne2! Ne7 33.Qh5+ Kf8 34.Nf4! Who needs a bishop when checkmate beckons? 34...Rd6 35.Rxb3 Qf7 36.Rxb7 Qxh5 37.Nxh5 Nf5 38.Rc1 Rd8 39.g4 1-0



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Living and taxes

Why is there so much interest in stats and percentages? How does the average house price or rent translate to the person in the street? What does four per cent unemployed mean?

Cost of living, where we add together food, housing (rent or mortgage) and health, and get a figure in plain dollars per week is a more accurate way to measure how the nation is travelling.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) defines a person who is unemployed as one who, during a specified reference period, is not employed for one hour or more, is actively seeking work, and is currently available for work.

Our politicians dodge the bullet of how many people have their basic cost of living covered, not whether some have worked less than one hour. Many people struggle to get sufficient hours of work, with an adequate wage, to manage their basic living needs.

All governments rely heavily upon taxes to pay for our living standard, to protect our health, education, and provide vital infrastructure.

As the world has become more complex, so has Australian tax law. We now have more than 14,000 pages of tax law dealing with countless specific scenarios.

This law is skewed, in many cases, to preserve wealth, creating many 'loopholes' to minimise and avoid paying tax; tax we all need for our standard of living.

Why should a young PAYG worker, who struggles to meet their cost of living, have minimal ways to lessen their tax, while a wealthier person can utilise family and discretionary trusts, negative gearing on investments and offshore accounts to slash their tax responsibility?

Why can't we simplify many tax laws by reducing some of these 'loopholes'? If wealthier people paid a more representative proportion of their income above basic needs we would have better services, roads, aged care, NDIS, health and transport.

Richard White
East Ballina

Election 2022

As we edge closer to the federal election, Australia, like most advanced middle-ranking economies is facing some headwind challenges that require government intervention (RBA), in our

case rising inflation. This, in turn, will mean raising interest rates.

For most people, these developments will have far reaching consequences, in deciding which political party or independent candidate to vote for.

There is a smorgasbord of electoral issues that are confronting voters. Without any doubt, the unravelling climate emergency should be front and centre in most enlightened people's minds.

It should be abundantly clear that the current LNP federal government has been an enthusiastic advocate for businesses to expand and prosper at the expense of working people, who don't share in the wealth that they've created, by legislating hostile anti-union laws, and penalties for unions taking certain types of non-sanctioned industrial action.

This is by design, is not some aberration of justice, and goes some way to explaining the widening gap in social/income inequalities, casualisation and underemployment.

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New Private Native Forestry Code of Practice fails koalas

Aslan Shand

NSW Farmers has welcomed the changes to the State government's changes to private native forestry codes (PNFC) that were announced last week. However, Nature Conservation Council, North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) and Independent MP, Justin Field, have all expressed serious misgivings over the reduction of protections to the habitat of endangered species, especially koalas.

NEFA considers that that the new Private Native Forestry Code of Practice is a step backwards, that will increase the extinction risk of our most imperilled species of plants and animals NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, said.

'In general they are allowing increased logging intensity, reduced retention of old hollow bearing trees essential for the survival of a plethora of hollow-dependent species, and reducing protections for most threatened species.

'Under this code most threatened species of plants and animals will get no real protection whatsoever. The only improvement is an increase in the exclusions

around headwater streams, though at 10m this is still dramatically less than the 30m identified as necessary in numerous reviews.'

Phase out logging in public forests

Mr Fields said that changes to NSW private logging rules have locked in an uncertain future for NSW koalas, increasing the allowable intensity of logging across 750,000ha of private land in a major win for the National Party in the ongoing 'Koala Wars' that caused chaos last year within the NSW Coalition government. He has warned that NSW koalas will face yet more loss of critical habitat as a result of the rule changes, and restated calls for logging in the State's public native forests to be phased out to offset the potential losses on private land.

'At a time when there are warnings that the koala faces extinction in NSW in the next few decades, the Liberal Party has again caved to the Nationals on koala protections', Justin Field said.

'Let's be clear - these new rules are a backward



step for koalas in NSW. Without taking logging out of significant areas of public native forests to offset the impacts of increased intensity on private land, koalas will face the ongoing loss of habitat and further declines in populations.

'The NSW Government is yet to respond to a report by the Natural Resources Commission into post fire logging which recognised substantial areas of NSW State Forests were at risk of serious and irreversible harm from the dual impacts of fire and logging

'These new private logging rules further increase the importance of public native forests for the future of the koala. If the government is going to expand the capacity of logging on private rural landholders, they must get

logging out of the public forests, especially those areas on the north and mid-north coast that include high quality koala habitat.

'I want to see private native forestry work in NSW. It will be a critical part of an inevitable transition out of public native forestry, but this increase in intensity of private logging, without removing logging from areas of public native forests, means the health of our forests and the animals that rely on them, especially the koala will continue to suffer,' Mr Field said.

Nature Conservation Council Chief Executive Chris Gambian said, 'The Coalition in NSW has a record of putting the interests of sawmills and logging companies ahead of big old trees, koalas and other wildlife, so it is reasonable to be skeptical.'

'It doesn't matter how the government describes its codes - if they don't protect koalas on private land they will have failed.

'The government has let industry log and flog public native forests for decades, even after the Black Summer fires. Now the timber supply from public forests is drying up, the industry is turning to

the almost nine million ha of private forests. The conservation movement has a very real concern that these new codes may accelerate the loss of some of the best forests we have left.'

Mr Pugh has said that 'hundreds of logging plans already approved in core

koala habitat will be allowed to continue with no changes. For koalas they are maintaining the exclusion on logging of core koala habitat where already identified in a Council Koala Plan of Management, though this will not apply to core koala habitat identified in future plans.'

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Flood recovery 2022 must be community led and flexible

Andrew Crockett

The one-in-a-hundred-year flood (that happens every five years) was somehow replaced by a one-in-500-year flood in March 2022. While a deluge of conjecture washes through community conversations as to how this could have happened, one consistent theme that is buoyant and beautiful is the community spirit and torrent of togetherness that this adversity has floated in with it.

The recent news that our mighty NSW State Government are going to step into the Northern Rivers as a sort of Mary Poppins and over-arch their solutions into an umbrella of several councils via the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) was met with cheer and skepticism. The newly formed corporation will rely on a 'Flood Damage Inquiry', led by professor Mary O'Kane and Mick Fuller; the results will not be complete until the end of June and the recommendations not advised until the end of September. Fortunately,



Lismore during the 2022 floods. Photo David Lowe

the NSW premier, as part of his election campaign, has pledged to fix obvious things immediately after the 100,000 tonnes of debris has finally been trucked away... which it almost has. Hooray. Through the aforementioned tsunami of grief (and devastation) there has been some absolutely incredible people providing hope with their smiles, sweat, toil, drudgery, spare rooms, garages, sharing cars, food, shelter and most of all, love. Love has taken the obvious 'mask division' in our towns and brought out our true

colours. Bright they did shine and long may those peaceful hues remind us all of the true spirit of this region. While a State Government funded corporation solution to our flood recovery might end up looking like a stale concrete armageddon suburb all on its own, the bright minds and intuitive hearts in this region know that a community-led template is vital. Locally derived ideas with suggestions of; north-facing sustainability, reverence to ecology, utopian community villages, solar passive,



One of the many landslides that impacted the Northern Rivers during the 2022 floods. Photo David Lowe

communal facilities and local construction/jobs need to stream into the planning process. It is these locally generated ideas/solutions that the State Government need to be spoon fed, by us. Their systems are regimented and often lack flexibility to actually be able to see beyond straight lines and the hinterland finesse we all know and love. The State Government needs locals on the ground with ideas, concepts and age-weary generational feedback of the floodwaters. We have all those things, and more.

Obvious suggestions to acquire elevated local farmland and re-zone it have already been floated into the chatter. Full blown concepts for world-class eco-villages have been mulled over, literally. Local employment and joyful conclusions have been pondered. To build the wire-framing of these concepts, we need information from the people. There are passionate groups of locals who are volunteering their time to gather this information; who were affected by the floods. How did it compare to previous damage, is

insurance possible, how much has the flooding cost them physically and emotionally, what solutions do they see to the problems in their local area? We need you, our fellow Northern Rivers residents to cast your opinion via a very thorough community-led survey, please visit: www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthernRiversRecovery The results and ideas/concepts will be shared at SCU Lismore campus in May 2022 with a panel of locally-based professionals in renewable energy, recycling, civil engineering, town planning, hydrology, telecommunications and insurance. Survey participants will be invited to attend the forum via Zoom and vote on potential solutions. The final conclusions will indeed be presented to the State government.

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I was lucky enough to visit Stone & Wood recently to see the initial brew being made of the 2022 Stone Beer, the star attraction at the upcoming Festival of the Stone at Stone & Wood's Byron brewery site on Saturday 4 June. Well, the whole 'festival' is a big party night really, with live bands and food trucks and a party crowd as well as beer, but the excuse for the party is the unveiling of this year's Stone Beer – in some ways it's like going to a toddler's birthday party that just keeps going after the toddler's gone to sleep.

Having been on a number of tours of the brewery in the 11 years since they started over in Boronia Place in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate, I was surprised how much I learned in this tour. Either I'm a complete dumbass who can't absorb information, or there's

a lot more to brewing beer than you'd think.

Something that struck me on this tour were the large number of malts (different types of malted barley in this case) that are combined to make the flavour profile of the Stone Beer, from the more common light malts right up to the dark chocolate malt. Having crunched my way through the whole range, it will be a challenge to see how many different notes I can taste at the unveiling.

A master brewer can have a pretty good guess at how different malts will combine to form a beer, something which saves a fair bit of time and money at Stone & Wood, where the smallest worthwhile pilot brew is about 600 litres. That might seem hard enough without the additional challenge posed by Stone Beer: having to extract red-hot rocks from a firepit blazing in the courtyard and hoist them up to the first

floor, where they are added to the 'mash'. This process (traditionally called 'rousing the mash') adds another level of character to the beer as the ingredients caramelise around the hot rocks, and that flavour gradually dissipates into the finished product.

I have to say the actual extraction and transportation of the red-hot rocks, which seemed to me a pretty cavalier process involving beer drinking and the cracking of the concrete at Boronia Place, has become slightly more professional over the years, but not so much that you'd notice!

The blokes who ran Stone & Wood sold out to Lion Nathan about a year ago, which was a big surprise to everyone, but according to the staff I talked to, the staff fared pretty well, and a lot of them remain, which means there's still a feeling that you're dealing with many of the old local Stone & Wood 'family'. But, check out the



Extracting red-hot rocks is just part of the job at Stone & Wood

vibe for yourself, either at the brewery for a tasting or at the 'Festival of the Stone' event, at which all profits raised will go to the Fletcher St Cottage, a recently re-established specialist homelessness centre in the heart of Byron.

Festival of the Stone tickets available at Eventbrite.
Saturday 4 June 3pm-10pm
stoneandwood.com.au

A passion for oysters

It's been nearly four months since the familiar smiling face of Noel Baggaley has been seen at the Mullumbimby and New Brighton farmers markets. Noel farms the Sydney Rock Oyster, rated as the most flavoursome oysters in the world (the Irish are second and the French are third!).

Almost all our community have been affected by the floods in one way or another, but oyster farmers are particularly vulnerable to flooding. When you're an oyster farmer, the rain only has to reach 30mm in 24 hours before a 21-day closure period is put in place. Even then, the water testing has to meet the highest standards for ensuring freedom from pollutants before you are allowed to continue.

The rains started playing havoc with Noel in January, forcing closure. This was followed by the big floods, which saw him lose over 2,000 oyster baskets, with only a couple of hundred finding their way back to him. The force of the water lifted Noel's shed up off its footings as the water reached chest height, whereas previous flooding had only reached his ankles. This meant he also lost all his processing equipment, and the contents of his shed, and business infrastructure. This was not the first time he has had to start again.



Noel Baggaley smiling through the tough times.

After Noel lost 60 per cent of his stock three years ago he doubled his capacity to make himself more resilient, so this time he has the stock to rebuild his farm. Noel says when you look at it like that, he's only really lost ten per cent! Which is fortunate – as an oyster is handled 18 times and takes three years before it reaches the consumer.

When I asked him why he sticks with it, Noel let out one of his much-loved chuckles and said, 'INSANITY!'. But in all seriousness, he said he has been involved in seafood for over 40 years and used to have several fishing boats. That's a long time to be in the business, but over that time his interest in oysters grew to become a passion – it's just what he loves.

Find Brunswick Oysters at our New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8-11am, and Mullum Farmers Market every Friday from 7-11am.

Argentinian style BBQ at Barrio

Kicking off on Wednesday 18 May, Barrio is throwing a weekly Argentinian style barbeque bash. The char-grilled offering will focus on a new selection of rare cuts of meat and local vegetables each week, with a monthly guest chef appearance.

It's all about meat, veggies, fire and flavour.

Expect a progression of barbecued meats and vegetables, including some that are cooked quickly over hot coals, and others which have been slowly cooking throughout the day.

Santiago Socrate, Barrio Executive Chef, is a renowned South American chef who combines his prestigious French and Modern Australia culinary

background with traditional Argentinian fire and earth cooking methods to create an amazingly memorable and unique dining experience. A passionate master of open fire cuisine, Santiago serves up inspired regional grilled dishes that are simply out of this world. Santiago's cooking at Barrio Eatery & Bar is largely based on wood fire. He utilises every aspect of it, from the flames to the hot ashes. All produce is smoked, cured, and pickled in-house and the menu is constantly evolving. A complex arrangement of hooks, chains and flames allow for simultaneous fast and slow cooking.

'Cooking with fire, it's something that has a life,



Barrio photos by Jess Kearney

because you're never fully in control. There is so much more to do because fire is such a fragile and beautiful thing. The heat from the embers is unique in cooking, and the fire requires the use of all our senses to ensure our cooking is on point. Simplicity is key,' says Barrio executive chef Santiago Socrate.

Gather your mates, choose



from \$10-\$20 plates, and grab a drink at the bar, before settling down to a wood-fired feast.

5pm Wednesdays, from 18 May, until sold out.
www.barriobyronbay.com.au
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Orbit Eco Dry Cleaning to open in Byron Bay

Orbit is launching its first Earth conscious eco dry cleaning business in Byron Bay.

Eco Dry Cleaning, also known as 'professional wet cleaning', uses specially formulated biodegradable detergents that are non-toxic and safer for the environment.

Orbit's founder adopted the system as an environmental alternative for dry cleaning. There is zero use of the solvent 'perc', a known health and environmental hazard commonly used by dry cleaners since the 1940s.

'The process is much gentler on your clothes, which will be returned smelling fresh and clean with no residual toxic odour. Not only is this better for our environment but better for the health of our customers and staff.'

Orbit opens for business on Monday, 6 June.

Shop 2/ 130 Jonson Street, Byron Bay.
www.orbitecodrycleaning.com.au

Fletcher Street Cottage Open Day

Homelessness hub Fletcher Street Cottage is opening its doors to the community at an Open Day on Saturday 14 May from 10am-2pm. Tour the new facilities, meet the friendly staff and volunteers, and find out more about the services on offer.

After extensive renovations, funded through generous community donations, Fletcher Street Cottage opened on 12 April to support people in need.

A safe and welcoming space for those sleeping rough, the cottage is run by the Byron Community Centre and its team of experienced staff and dedicated volunteers. Together, they offer a range of invaluable services to the homeless, including a breakfast service, access to hot showers and laundry, advocacy and support.

Free event. No bookings necessary.

18 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay. For more information or to donate, head to fletcherstreetcottage.com.au.



First Aid training... One of life's most important skills

Learning for the first time, renewing your CPR component, up for your three-yearly refresher? First Aid Training runs Saturday 14 May at Byron Community College, Byron Bay campus. Come and learn how to perform first aid and basic life support until qualified emergency help arrives.

Whether for employment, or simply to possess this essential life skill, it takes just one day to obtain the nationally recognised statement of attainment in HLTAID009 – Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, HLTAID010 – Provide Basic Emergency Life Support, and HLTAID011 – Provide First Aid.

To enrol or enquire, simply get in touch!
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Win one of three retreat stays at Gaia Retreat & Spa

In support of our wonderful community, as we recover and rebuild from multiple flood disasters, Gaia Retreat & Spa has three amazing retreat stays up for grabs, with 100 per cent of the raffle proceeds going directly to the Northern Rivers Community Foundation.

Simply purchase a raffle ticket via the link below to go into the draw to experience the beauty of Gaia, where you and a guest will each enjoy blissful spa treatments, gourmet cuisine, and optional retreat activities throughout your stay. The total prize pool is valued at over \$50k!

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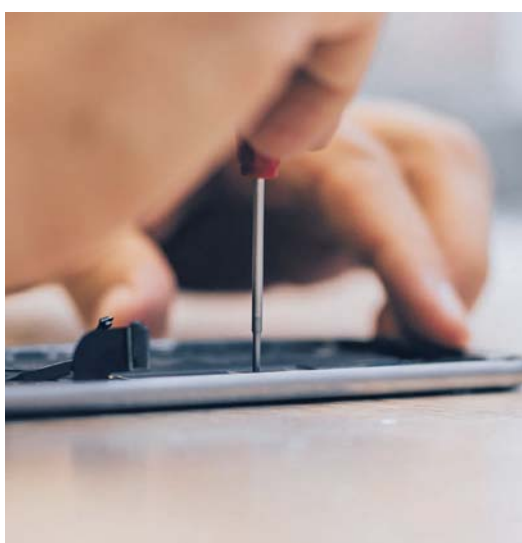
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Free data recovery for flood victims

Device Trader Byron Bay has been repairing and selling mobile devices in the Byron Shire for six years and continues to evolve. They specialise in data recovery for Apple and Samsung devices and they are currently offering free data recovery for flood victims.

With a wide range of devices in stock at a great range of price points, they have something for everyone. You can also see all of their products and services online and find huge discounts on refurbished devices and repairs.

1/130 Jonson Street,
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02 6685 5585



ReForest Now

Local not-for-profit ReForest Now operate a rainforest nursery, bush regeneration teams, camphor culling, tree planting, scientific work, and maintenance of plantings out of Mullumbimby. In three years they've planted 265,000 rainforest trees on the east coast for donors and landholders alike. They've planned for 355,000 more trees to be planted between June 2022 and June 2023. In short, they are out to make an impact on climate change and biodiversity NOW.

If you'd like to learn more, get involved, or you are able to offer support as an individual or business partner, browse their website to see past reports, transparent accountable details on plantings, videos of their work, free scientific resources, and more.

Or email info@reforestnow.org.au to start a conversation!

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The Arts

ARTIST IN FOCUS

CLAY IN MAY EXHIBITION - MULLUMBIMBY CLAYWORKERS GALLERY

Mullumbimby Clayworkers Gallery is undeniably Mullumbimby's best kept secret. The Gallery is the showroom of the shared pottery studio next door where an eclectic group of ceramic artists and potters make and display their creations.

Clay in May is one of their annual events, where they invite the broader community to visit, check out their latest collection and join them for chai and cake under the fairy lights in the courtyard. This year it will be held on the auspicious Friday the 13th, 5-7pm.

There will be an exciting and eclectic array of pieces on show including functional-ware, large and small sculptures, slip cast porcelain, and jewellery. It is a collection that reflects both the diversity of ways that clay can be used as well as the diversity of the community itself.

Mullumbimby Clayworkers Gallery is situated in the Drill Hall Complex at 2 Jubilee Avenue, Mullumbimby. Exhibition starts this Friday 13th May with chai and cake between 5-7pm. Gallery is otherwise open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am-2pm.



OMAR MUSA PRESENTS KILLERNOVA. TUESDAY 24 MAY

Byron Writers Festival, in partnership with Byron School of Art, invites you to an evening with Bornean-Australian rapper, poet, artist and author, Omar Musa. Omar has released four poetry books, four hip-hop records, and received a standing ovation at TEDx Sydney at the Sydney Opera House.

'Omar's poetry slips between two worlds, between play and dread, the sacred and the mundane, with Houdini-like ease. He leans into the mystery, while bringing down the hammer. Like if Frank Ocean ghost-wrote Nostradamus.' – Hera Lindsay Bird

Come along to hear Omar perform a selection of poetry from his latest book, *Killernova*, against a backdrop of his stunning woodblock print artworks. Tuesday 24 May, 6pm at Byron School of Art, 112 Dalley Street Mullumbimby. Bookings essential via byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on

MURWILLUMBAH ARTS TRAIL

The artistic talent of the Tweed and surrounds will be on display throughout the Murwillumbah Arts Trail on 28-29 May 2022.

Weaving through Murwillumbah and surrounds, MAT offers the chance to see local artists at work, participate in art activities and purchase unique works direct from the artists.

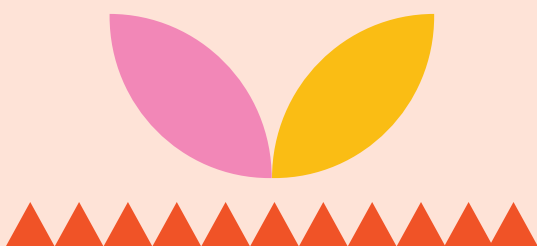
This year the village of Tumbulgum joins the trail with an outdoor sculpture exhibition at Husk Distillery and an exhibition at The Belle Riverhouse on the banks of the Tweed River.

MAT culminates on Saturday night with a colourful soiree at the M|Arts Precinct 'Art After Dark', where artists open their studios to welcome visitors and sell their wares. Enjoy live music and street food to celebrate as creative communities of the Tweed come together.

For the full program and trail map visit www.murwillumbahartstrail.com.au



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CLAY IN MAY EXHIBITION

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Time: 5-7pm

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Gallery open:

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PEEK GALLERY PRESENTS CONCRETE CANDY

Opening 20 May at 7/8 Fletcher St, Byron Bay, featuring a selection of local and international artists. Peek was established in 2020 by Gabrielle Pool and *Concrete Candy* is the second major group show for the gallery, following *East of Everywhere* in 2021. Landscape, portraiture, abstraction and representation sit alongside sculpture, miniatures and textile art in what is set to be a stunning exhibition.

Feature artists Johnny Romeo, Victoria Rose Richards, Tammy Whitworth, Sam Lucas and Freya Tripp will be showing alongside the Peek Gallery Stable, as well as a small selection of surprise inclusions.

Opening night event 20 May, 6–8pm is proudly sponsored by Karkalla Byron Bay, Byron Bay Spirits Company, and Palm Valley.

www.peekgallery.com

PATTERN AND PRINT: EASTON PEARSON ARCHIVE

Renowned as being among the cutting-edge of the fashion world between 1998 and 2016, this magnificent exhibition features a specially curated selection of garments and fashion-related objects, and showcases the daring design, technical innovations, bespoke fabrics and bold prints Easton Pearson became known for.

The garments will be complemented by a custom mural by Brisbane-based painter, illustrator and long-time Easton Pearson collaborator, Stephen Mok, who created window designs for the label's flagship store, hand painted patterns onto garments and decorated accessories and props for the runway.

This is an exhibition by Museum of Brisbane, toured by Museums & Galleries Queensland and assisted by the Australian Government's Visions of Australia program. At Tweed Regional Gallery 29 April to 10 July 2022.

Wed–Sun, 10am–5pm.

gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

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The Designers' Guide: Easton Pearson Archive 2018
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ENTRIES CLOSE Sunday 17 July 2022

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The Arts

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New from National Theatre Live, Philip Pullman's fantastical world, *The Book of Dust – La Belle Sauvage*, is brought to life in a 'wonderfully evocative, romantic and dramatic' production, and Kit Harington (Game of Thrones) 'burns with an epic intensity' as Henry V in Shakespeare's thrilling study of nationalism, war and the psychology of power.

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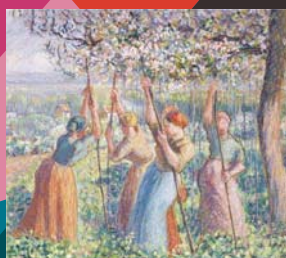
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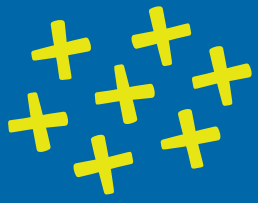
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ENTERTAINMENT



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IT COULDN'T BE FUNNIER IF IT WAS IN BYRON... OH WAIT!

The **Byron Comedy Fest** is a carefully curated event for our community and it will be hitting the foreshore of Main Beach **9-12 June**.

Laughter enhances your intake of oxygen-rich air, stimulates your heart, lungs and muscles, and increases the endorphins that are released by your brain. A good laugh reshapes the way we see the world and lightens everything up.

Who doesn't want that?

You don't have to be 'into' stand up comedy to enjoy everything that Byron Comedy Festival has to offer. Delivered early in June each year this festival really offers up a gorgeous boutique style experience from beachfront Byron Bay.

World class entertainment is not the only thing **Mell Coppin** and **Zara Noruzi** (the Festival directors) deliver. Locally sourced food and delicious cocktails are served in a vintage Scandinavian-style space with the waves of Main Beach lapping just metres away. And, as if you could want for more, the festival purchases carbon offsets, so it is carbon neutral.

Being a regional town, Byron is not automatically on artists' touring list. So the primary motivation of the Festival is to get fabulous comics to Byron who wouldn't have ordinarily stopped by. From all accounts they've done an excellent job with performances from some of the greats of comedy; **Glenn Robbins, Dave O'Neil, Denise Scott, Jean Kittson, Peter Rowsthorne, Joel Salom, Andy Saunders, Gerladine Hickey, Zoe Coombs Marr, Fiona O'Loughlin** and the list goes on...

The diverse program is delivered over several days and has been carefully considered to ensure there is something for everyone; great family shows in the daytime and lots of adult fun as the winter sun settles down.

Comedy provides the space to talk about the most provocative current affairs in the most joyful way and this festival celebrates the connectedness between the artist and the audience. The Byron audience are nothing if not engaged, and this town thrives on provocative current affairs spun in clever and amusing ways.

The true Byron vibe is on display at this event and with 1kg of plastic removed from the oceans with every ticket purchased, thanks to The Hidden Sea Wines, it's an event worth weaving into your Byron Bay experience. www.byroncomedyfest.com

FOUR SEASONS IN TANGO

Byron Music Society presents a sizzling concert program that will have you alternately tapping your toes and swooning in your seat!

The extraordinary **Orava Quartet** has rushed back from the Canberra International Music Festival to perform for you in Bangalow. They are teaming up with the **Gold Coast Chamber Orchestra** to perform an exciting mix of Greek dances, Australian summer dances, Romanian folk dances – and more, including *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* (music by Astor Piazzolla arranged by Leonid Desyatnikov). Featuring music by Skalkottas, Bartók, Edwards and others.

Sunday 15 May at 3pm, St Kevin's Catholic Church, Bangalow. Tickets at byronmusicsociety.com

NORPA YOUTH AND SHAKESPEARE

The community are invited to the first public screening of **NORPA Youth's** short film project, *Street Shakespeare*.

As part of the project in 2021, participants explored selected works of William Shakespeare and developed professional techniques in the analysis and performance of classical text for the camera. The scenes and monologues were then professionally shot in urban locations across Lismore.

The resulting short films, directed by actor/teacher **Scott Johnson**, will now be presented in the **Lecture Theatre at SAE Institute**, Byron Bay, on **Friday 27 May at 5.30pm**.

Following the devastation of NORPA's home at Lismore City Hall owing to floods, we hope you can make the journey to celebrate our NORPA Youth!

Street Shakespeare short film, 28 May at 5.30pm. Please RSVP attendance and numbers, with subject 'Street Shakespeare 2021' to: boxoffice@norpa.org.au.

Meet the Candidates for Richmond Live Broadcast

Ten candidates, one seat: who will win your vote for Richmond? BayFM and the Echo have joined forces to host a free event at the Byron Theatre on Monday 16 May at 6pm for you to meet the 10 candidates and answer questions from their community. This event will also be broadcast live on bayfm.org and 99.9FM.

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Pink Floyd: The Wall (1982)
40th Anniversary Screening
Thursday 12 May
7:30pm

Morning of the Earth
50th Anniversary
Friday 13 & Saturday 14 May
7:00pm

GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK
In Hearts Wake & Rainforest 4
Tuesday 17 May
6:30pm

BANFF Mountain Film Festival
Friday 20 & Saturday 21 May
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GIG GUIDE

WEDNESDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 5.30PM **JESSE WITNEY**, 8PM **FELICITY LAWLESS DUO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **IRISH FOLK JAM**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **ROB RHODES**

THURSDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TOMMY CASTLES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MAKO ROAD**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **PINK FLOYD: THE WALL (1982) 40TH ANNIVERSARY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **KIT BRAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

FRIDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SABOTAGE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MANSIONAIR**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **MORNING OF THE EARTH 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- SMOKE N MIRRORS, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JESSE WITNEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ZAC HUBBARD**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE BYRON BAY WITH DJ LOQI**
- 7.30PM **MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB** 8PM **ASH GRUNWALD**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **BRONNY AND THE BISHOPS**, **LEE KINGSTON**, **JENNY CARGILL-STRONG**, **THE NICKEYS**, **KAT SMITH**, **MAL AND SHANNON**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY (NRCG), BALLINA, 7PM **IN CONVERSATION KRISSY KNEEN**, **NEVO ZISIN**, **JAN-ANDREW HENDERSON** **AND DANNY TEECE-JOHNSON**

- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JACK LADDER & THE DREAMLANDERS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DISTRACTION**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW EVENT – SINGALONG AND DRESS UP**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **JOHN PAUL YOUNG AND THE ALLSTAR BAND**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **CASEY FOGG**, 9.30PM **THE BIG DUO**

SATURDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUNDEW**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KALLIDAD**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **MORNING OF THE EARTH 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **OOZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **FLOOD FUNDRAISER FEAT. VANDERAA, BEN JANSZ, DUSTY BOOTS, ALANA WILKINSON, TY LA MOONCHILD, GEORGE GRACE, ANGUS ROBB, DJ PAPA BITCHO**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **JOCK BARNES**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **SUNSET SOIRÉES WITH FELICITY LAWLESS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **SURF REPORT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **GREER SULLIVAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM **CELESTE BARBER**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8PM **THE ROLLING STONES EXPERIENCE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **STEPHEN GREEN**, 9.30PM **BERST**
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **JOE CONROY**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 7.30PM **GLAMSTARS**

SUNDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **PINK ZINC**, 8.45PM **DJ KIRA**

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 4PM **THE NEW LANGUAGE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE LYRICAL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **BEN WHITING**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6.30PM **SCREENING 'A STITCH IN TIME' PLUS Q&A WITH DIRECTOR SASHA HADDEN**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 1PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**, 5PM **JFK – BON JOVI – FOREIGNER – KISS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARSHALL OKELL**

MONDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **RICHMOND – MEET THE CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY BAY FM AND THE ECHO**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **SOCIAL LATIN DANCING INC. FREE CLASSES WITH SASSY SALSA CLASS**

TUESDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NATHAN KAYE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **KANE MUIR**, 5.30PM **TIM STOKES**, 8PM **THE SWAMP CATS DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK: IN HEARTS WAKE – A FUNDRAISER FOR RAINFOREST 4**

WEDNESDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DONNY SHADES**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **TUTANKHAMUN: THE LAST EXHIBITION – ART ON SCREEN**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**



GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK IN BYRON

Green Is The New Black is a documentary created by Byron's internationally renowned metalcore band, **In Hearts Wake**, examining the music industry's relationship to the environment. While the film chronicles the making of In Hearts Wake's 100 per cent carbon offset 2020 album *Kaliyuga* and their journey to becoming the first band to be a certified Carbon Neutral Organisation, it is more than a film about one band and one album. As In Hearts Wake examine their processes and search for more environmentally sustainable options, inspiring new possibilities for an entire industry begin to emerge.

A special screening of *Green Is The New Black*, next Tuesday, will be followed by an in person audience **Q&A** with the driving forces behind the film; **Jake Taylor**, director and vocalist of In Hearts Wake; **Nidala Barker**, musician and First Nations educator and activist; and **Jono Salfield**, founder of Afends sustainable street and surf wear company, in conversation with **Mandy Nolan**, comedian, author and The Greens federal candidate for Richmond.

The proceeds from the screening will be donated to **Rainforest 4**, with one tree planted for every ticket sold. So gather your friends and get your tickets quick.

Proudly presented by In Hearts Wake and Rainforest 4. Byron Theatre, Tuesday 17 May, 6.30pm. byroncentre.com.au

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MANDY NOLAN'S

SOAPBOX

ABORTING FREEDOM

Why are women still having to fight for bodily autonomy?

What's happening in the US right now could have more sinister implications for the reproductive rights of women all around the world. And let's be clear, data from the World Health Organisation shows that banning abortion has no effect on abortion rates throughout the world. It does however have an impact on women's safety and their mortality.

Banning abortion puts us at risk of dying from a botched procedure. Going after women's constitutional rights to an abortion really does feel like the far right is gunning for us. They intend to plant their flag deep in the wombs of the women of the world. Because, what happens in America echoes around the world. If women in the US lose their reproductive rights, we could be next.

Right now, in the US, the religious- and far-right are trying to overturn the 1973 landmark *Roe v Wade* ruling that recognised restrictive regulation of abortion is unconstitutional. Almost 50 years ago a US Supreme Court held that criminalising abortion in most instances violated a woman's constitutional right to privacy.

The Court attempted to balance the State's distinct compelling interests in the health of pregnant women and in the life of potential fetuses. This allowed the State to regulate abortion at approximately the end of the first trimester. But in May 2021 Texas adopted a law: that all abortions beyond when a foetal heartbeat can be detected, at around six weeks, are effectively banned. The ban shifted the responsibility to private citizens who would face a civil law suit if they performed an abortion, or even if they aided or abetted someone seeking an abortion. Like, if you drove your friend

to a clinic, or stayed with them as support then you could face a fine of up to \$10k, plus legal costs. Oh, and this law doesn't care if you've been raped or if the pregnancy is a result of incest.

This rising concern for women's rights has been triggered by a leaked draft of the US Supreme Court's deliberations in a related case that suggests the Court plans to overturn the *Roe v Wade* ruling which established a constitutional right to abortion. If it does overturn the ruling then abortion in the US could be banned in 22 states. Some states have the paperwork sitting there, ready to go.

According to one source, women who are denied an abortion are almost four times more likely to be living below the poverty level. Forcing someone to carry out a pregnancy or to seek an unsafe abortion is a complete violation of a person's human rights to privacy and bodily autonomy.

Why after 50 years are 'pro-lifers' and Republicans still wanting to destroy abortion rights? According to their own survey responses, anti-abortion voters are shown to be hostile to gender equality in practically every aspect. So, it's gender war; misogyny in action. As women reach for gender equity around the world, as we grow in power and privilege, this is patriarchy's latest effort to regain control of women's bodies. In a patriarchal culture where sexual violence is still commonplace, preventing women from accessing the basic tool to prevent pregnancy after rape – and then jailing them if they do is, simply, gendercide.

Denying women the basic human right to make a decision about their body is unconstitutional and wrong.

The State needs to stay out of women's wombs. We are not your country to colonise.



EL FESTIVAL DE CINE ESPAÑOL ES MAGNÍFICO

The Moro Spanish Film Festival presented by Palace has returned for 2022 with a curated selection of dramas, thrillers and major box-office hit comedies from across Spain, plus a selection of gems from Latin America. Rediscover the big screen with this unforgettable celebration of Hispanic culture.

The Festival's full program is magnifico with reel inspiración for film festival lovers. A sensational line-up of leading Spanish language cinema from Spain and Latin America features famous faces, including Penélope Cruz, Antonio Banderas, Oscar Martínez, Paco León and Blanca Portillo along with exciting new talent, and will be screening nationally at Palace Cinemas.

The rich program of twenty-nine films features a wide range of genres: from period-set drama to documentary, realist drama to satire, and riotous comedy. The films are brought to you from across Latin America, including Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic, and one from the USA, and one from Spain by a most intriguing Spanish auteur, Manuel Martín Cuenca.

You can find the complete list of films at The Palace Cinema website

www.palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay.

The 2022 Moro Spanish Film Festival will run until 15 May at Palace Byron Bay.

For updates and more information, visit spanishfilmfestival.com.

IT CAN'T GET ANY STRANGER

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness is a 2022 American superhero film based on Marvel Comics, featuring the character Doctor Strange. The film was directed by Sam Raimi, written by Michael Waldron, and stars Benedict Cumberbatch (as Stephen Strange), alongside Elizabeth Olsen, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Benedict Wong, Xochitl Gomez, Michael Stuhlbarg, and Rachel McAdams.

The film swirls around Dr Strange, who protects America Chavez (Gomez), a teenager capable of travelling the multiverse, from Wanda Maximoff (Olsen). America Chavez, and a version of Dr Stephen Strange, are chased by a demon in the space between universes while searching for *The Book of Vishanti*. Strange is killed and Chavez accidentally creates a portal that transports herself and Strange's corpse to Earth-616, where that universe's version of Dr Strange rescues Chavez from an octopus demon with help from the Sorcerer Supreme, Wong. Chavez explains to Dr Strange that the demons are hunting her because she has the power to travel through the multiverse...

The excitement just builds from there. You can see this Marvel-ous film this week at the Ballina Fair Cinemas, visit: ballinafaircinemas.com.au for movie times and tickets.



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
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
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39 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay

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Idyllic Beach Home in Highly Sought-after Wategos Location

5 5 2 664M²

- Adjoining national parkland and Cape Byron walking track, only footsteps away from world renowned Wategos beach
- Plenty of space and privacy with ocean views stretching out to Julian Rocks
- Flooded with natural light that reaches every inch of the open floor plan
- Large glass sliding doors open to the front and side balcony which offer sweeping views of Wategos beach
- There huge potential for the addition of a third level or granny flat (STCA)

55 Brownell Drive, Byron Bay

Price: Contact Agent

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Beachfront Location with Spacious, Solid Home

4 2 2 727M²

- Superbly positioned, outstanding beachfront location bordering the gorgeous Arakwal National Park with direct access to Tallow Beach
- Set on a private, level 727sqm block the large backyard is secure and fully fenced
- Large sliding doors open out to the expansive covered outdoor entertaining areas on both sides of the home. These spaces create seamless indoor – outdoor living
- The home boasts 4 generous bedrooms, each complete with ceiling fans

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Easy Living Tropical Oasis in Ewingsdale

 3  2  1  3466M²

- Great home in family friendly and popular Ewingsdale set on just under 1 acre
- Plenty of room for families and pets and to grow your own veggies in the large north facing yard
- Beautiful Crema Travertine floors throughout and a sleek modern kitchen
- Bi-fold windows from the kitchen open to create an outdoor bar area, which then leads to the covered outdoor living and dining space
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60 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale

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Immaculately Renovated Townhouse in Fantastic Sunrise Location

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- Turn-key-ready, offering the perfect opportunity to move into the Byron market
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Premier Location - Luxurious Home - Stunning Views

 5  4  2  982M²

- Stunning elevated, north facing property with commanding views over ocean, lighthouse, Julian Rocks, Byron township, and the majestic hinterland
- Recently renovated with an architectural award winning kitchen featuring a butler's pantry
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87 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

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Fabulous Hinterland Property Offering Lifestyle and Location

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1576 Hinterland Way, Bangalow

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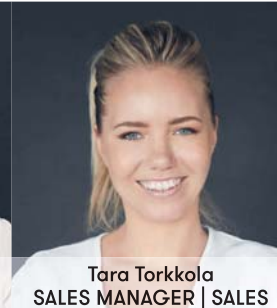
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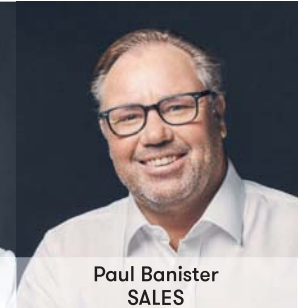
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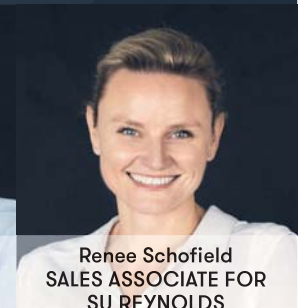
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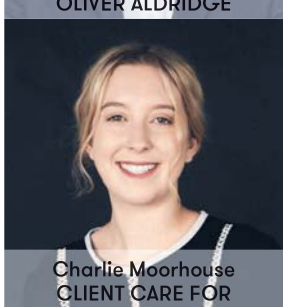
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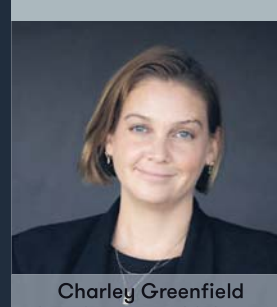
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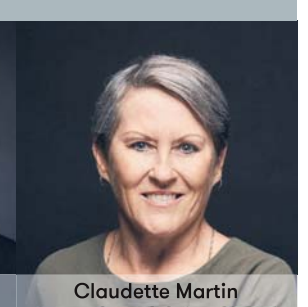


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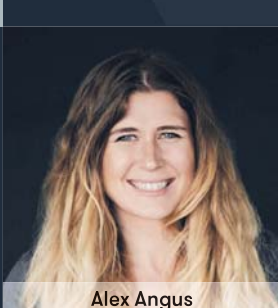


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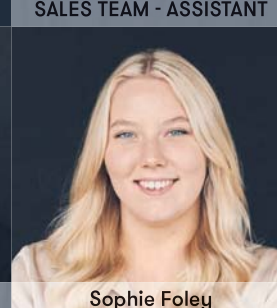
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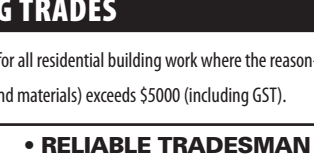
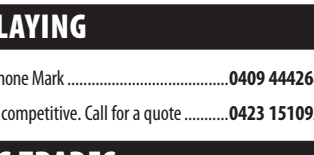


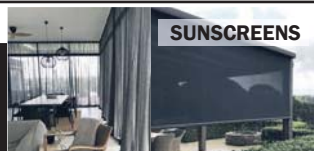
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Idiotic man of many parts – change! (12)
- Linesman's city, with CIA involvement (7)
- Seraphs compose brief remarks (7)
- Thunder god with one thousand covering uranium – and another radioactive metal (7)
- A query: turn a song around in fish tanks (7)
- Stilettoes for bad people (5)
- Tip: they say back the woman – she's confused (9)
- Set me ablaze – a line needed for a snack (5,4)
- Pursue church like English (5)
- Lines from the French – French is the most tedious (7)
- Turnbull with a song – it can make you sick (7)
- Remain evil – it never goes away (5,2)
- More lively one included in fastening for trousers (7)
- Crusoe to alter direction (6,6)

DOWN

- 1099 costume – it's very small (7)
- Fades away over the East – it could be Venus and Mars (7)
- Story about the French two thousand – it will catch fire! (9)
- Policeman and god provide fibre (5)
- Time hot, coarse material is over (7)
- Old boy to wait and watch (7)
- Les, bad, dangerous and illegal (6,6)
- Panel beating jobs – shams! (5,7)
- Potassium, in the style of master menagerie, for Michoan city (9)
- Go, halt; I am beaten by a giant (7)
- Treachery from bent senator (7)
- State one for each measuring device (7)
- Queue for broadcast? Take the plane! (7)
- Trace metal – turn over for example (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Alteration (12)
- City in Kansas (7)
- Short groups of words (7)
- Radioactive metallic element (7)
- Glass enclosures for marine animals (7)
- Back parts of feet (5)
- Kickback; bribe (9)
- Small amount of food (5,4)
- Run after (5)
- Most dreary (7)
- Mosquito-borne disease (7)
- Doesn't go out (5,2)
- Speedier (7)
- Reorient (6,6)

DOWN

- Bacterium (7)
- Gods (7)
- Combustible (9)
- Dried coconut meat (5)
- Via (7)
- See (7)
- Automatically opening knives (6,6)
- Needed to restore vehicle after collision (5,7)
- Office supplies company; Gibson guitar type (9)
- Slain by David (7)
- Betrayal (7)
- It applies pressure to the brake pads (7)
- Qantas, for one (7)
- Tint (5)

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STARS BY LILITH

Mercury reverses this week, and Jupiter strides forward into the sign of fire, strife and inspiration...

TAURUS

ARIES: And it's here! The fabulous, flaming, once in a decade rebirth of Jupiter in Aries. As the planet of expansion restarts its journey through the zodiac, you'll enjoy its first exuberant surge into a brand new life cycle until October, then again from late December into next year.

TAURUS: Jupiter's genial boost introduces you to new directions in business, friendship and community groups. People coming into your life with tech and networking skills are likely to be fun, inspirational and supportive. Meanwhile, Mercury's retrograde makes it highly advisable to assume nothing, stay flexible and try not to do the stubborn thing.

GEMINI: Jupiter revving its engines in Aries is an enterprising astrocycle for new ventures, but it carries a heavy caution against impetuous leaping in without doing due diligence. And what was retro Mercury good for, again? Activities beginning with re: like revising, reviewing, researching, renovating and reconnecting.

CANCER: Eclipses often carry the X-factor, and this week's total lunar eclipse promises sultry behind-closed-doors activities, along with a secret reveal, which may even unveil something you've been keeping from yourself. Other possible scenarios could be an emerging scandal, unexpected change of management or sudden transition.

LEO: This week's eclipse, auspiciously aligned with Mars, Neptune and Pluto could spark a creative breakthrough. And Jupiter's move to Aries encourages your bringing that creation into the world, inviting you to take the initiative in all areas of life. Keep in mind this is a long transit, more marathon than sprint.

VIRGO: Mercury retreating through the sign of the Twins delivers a double-dose of communication chaos, so expect some friction this week. Triple-check before posting, sending or signing, and hold off on purchasing anything with wheels till next month if possible. However, if you've got something unfinished that's worth revisiting, this is the time.

LIBRA: Though Librans love operating in pairs, Jupiter's move to your opposite sign on the zodiac wheel focuses the coming months firmly on self-determining decisions. And according to Libran philosopher Hannah Arendt, the manifestation of the wind of thought is not knowledge but the ability to tell right from wrong, beautiful from ugly.

SCORPIO: Eclipses tend to initiate change – which can be positive and beneficial. On 16 May the first full moon eclipse in your all-or-nothing sign since 2012 wants to know; 'Are you in or out?'. And what truly is your passion, your real reason for being here? This moon won't leave you without clues.

SAGITTARIUS: Some joyful news to make your spirit sing? Your boss planet, Jupiter, sizzling into a highly creative placement for Sagittarians until late October rockets you, the zodiac's enthusiasts, into a pyrotechnic, unstoppable mode. During this overactive cycle the wisest astrological advice could be practising patience with process and protocols.

CAPRICORN: As Jupiter moves through your home and family zone for the next six months, retrograde planet Pluto's takeovers, shakeups and breakups could realign your personal world. As Pluto overhauls long-term values, Jupiter affects our monetary system, and this week could restore cautious confidence to your economic and domestic landscape.

AQUARIUS: As Uranus, your mentor planet, continues Aquarian growth processes and existential education, what used to make you happy may lose its pull as you begin to feel the need for something different. An error, missed opportunity, mistake or misunderstanding could be the catalyst for something new and beautiful to emerge this week.

PISCES: Jupiter transits astrologically correspond with periods of growth and expansion, so with the largest planet heading into your zodiac zone of finance, valuables and self-worth till late October, you'll be tuned into the good fortune in your life, the increasing opportunities available to you, plus a whole heap of serendipitous synchronicities.

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Notice is given of an intention to apply to the Registrar General for an order terminating the above Strata Scheme and the consequent winding up of the Owners Corporation, pursuant to section 142 of the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015 (NSW).

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(nee Camilla Elizabeth Muriel Chance)



Camilla passed away at home in the early hours of Wednesday 4 May. Beloved wife of Adam, loving mother of Ruth and David, their partners Ramin and Gabby, grandmother of Ava, Nathan, Misha and Sasha, sister to Alexandra and Peter.

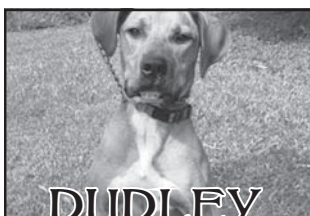
Writer, artist, philanthropist, Baha'i
Her funeral will be held on:
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A memorial will be held in Broken Head, NSW on Sunday 29 May.
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DATE (May)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
11	W	6:18 17:06	14:07 0:50	04:13 1.51 17:06 1.29	10:51 0.50 22:42 0.63
12	TH	6:19 17:05	14:39 1:48	05:04 1.54 17:52 1.43	11:29 0.42 23:37 0.55
13	F	6:20 17:04	15:10 2:47	05:51 1.57 18:36 1.57	12:05 0.34
14	SA	6:20 17:04	15:44 3:49	06:36 1.56 19:19 1.71	00:29 0.47 12:41 0.27
15	SU	6:21 17:03	16:21 4:54	07:21 1.53 20:03 1.83	01:20 0.40 13:18 0.22
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Ross Kendall

Junior tennis players from Mullumbimby and Byron Bay have collected impressive results at the Tweed Heads Open and NSW State Championships this month.

Solomon Wolf was too good for all comers earning a win in the tier two U/17 Boys, so too Oscar Parker who won the tier one U/17s at the Tweed. Onyx Cheong rounded out the winning trio from the Mullumbimby Tennis Club when he took out the tier two open division.

Oliver Heanes from Byron Bay Public School was selected to represent the North Coast region at the 2022 PSSA State Tennis Championships held in Sydney last week.

It is the first time in ten years a kid from Byron Bay Public has been selected.



Local lad, Oliver Heanes, took on the NSW Titles last week. Photo supplied

Locals gear up for BJJ Open this weekend



The Point Break BJJ team are ready for all comers this weekend. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

After strong results earlier this year the Mullumbimby-based Point Break Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ) team are ready for the autumn running of the Australian Open this Sunday at the Cavanbah Centre.

The team led by Rhys Dykes won 12 gold, nine silver and ten bronze medals across various age divisions and belt levels at the most recent running of the Open.

The club finished third out of the 50 teams in the competition, and are looking to improve on that this weekend.

Tweed sailors take on the Peel Island Marathon

Matt Andrews

Seven corsairs from the Tweed Valley Sailing Club made the journey to Moreton Bay to compete in the Cleveland Yacht Club's Peel Island Marathon.

After the start *Monopoly* had a small lead over *None the Wiser* on a very windy and wet afternoon. But both boats doused their own hopes as *None the Wiser* capsized and *Monopoly* headed to a wrong marker.

Cyanara was left to battle it out with the *Gidget* for the win.

Conditions were, by any standard, wild by this stage, and the sea state on the north-eastern corner of Peel Island was not to be treated lightly.

After leading for a good portion of the race



The crew of get ready to race. Photo supplied

Gidget made a small but costly navigational error that handed the Corsair class win to *Cyanara*. Local sailor, Greg Driver, on his corsair *Moody Blue*, came in third and *Keenas* surfed over the line for fourth in the class.

Local footballers make history in Mullumbimby

Albert Moses

Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club (MBVFC) returned to the top tier of men's football for the first time in 36 years, when they took on the Lismore Thistles in Football Far North Coast's premier league.

The MBVFC have never won this division and are attempting to build a team that can change this over the coming seasons.



MBVFC's first premiership team in 36 years lost to Lismore 2-1 last Saturday. Photo supplied

The match up was part of an enthralling double header played at their home ground on Pine Avenue against seasoned veterans. The Lismore Thistles are the second most successful premiership team in the competition's history.

Game one saw the Valley's Championship team take to the pitch and concede an early goal in the first minutes of the game. The

second half saw the Valleys turn the game around with two fine goals from talented youngsters Luke Darbyshire and Raen Santos.

Game two looked promising, with the men's premier league team playing a cagey first 15 minutes while they found their feet, followed by some quick combination play and the club's first ever goal in the top tier by Ethan Zikhron.

The second half saw the more experienced Thistles side taking advantage of some lapses in concentration from the newcomers, with a goal from a corner taken quickly and then a second mid-range shot of some quality taken while the Valleys paused to dispute a challenge off the ball.

Around 150 spectators came to see the show and provide plenty of support.

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Biggest Morning Tea

The Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea is being held on Friday 20 May, 9.30-11am at the Mullumbimby Golf Club. All are welcome to join special guest Ellen Briggs. Come along for raffles, lucky door prizes, fun games and a cuppa or two and support the Cancer Council's biggest morning tea. Contact Lynnette 0416 178 592.

BV VIEW

Marilyn Wallace is the guest speaker at the next luncheon of Brunswick Valley VIEW Club on 12 May. The venue is Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. VIEW stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women. The club supports seven disadvantaged students in The Smith Family's Learning for Life program. Please advise Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com if you are attending, for catering purposes. New members are welcome. For information call BV VIEW president Margaret Alderton 0429 966 894.

Mullum CWA

The Mullumbimby Branch of CWA (Country Women's Association) will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday 11 May in the CWA Rooms on the Corner of Tincogan and Gordon Streets, Mullumbimby. Ladies interested in the CWA are welcome as we are celebrating our centenary this month. Members and guests are asked to arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start. Members are asked to bring refreshments for a light lunch. Enquiries to Jen: 6684 7282.

Federal Exchange

The Federal Exchange is back for the autumn Federal Exchange on Saturday 28 March at 10am at Federal Park. It is just in time for end of Autumn harvest, bring along your excess garden fruit and veggies, herbs, cuttings, bulbs, seeds and seedlings, manure, worm juice and anything else from your garden to swap and share. Family friendly, all ages, cash free event. Call 6682 0221 for details.

GCAT

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, 15 May from 9am to 12 noon. Meet in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. We plant in the sand dunes from Clarkes Beach to Main Beach, then from 12 to 1pm, enjoy a delicious free barbecue and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. It's good fun. Enquiries to Veda 6685 7991, or Miles 0403 206 190.

Fire Rescue Open Day

Fire Rescue NSW Byron Bay and Mullumbimby Stations are holding their Open Day on Saturday 14 May. It's a great opportunity for kids to come meet local firefighters, play some games and see the 'big red truck'. There will also be Fire Safety Displays. Byron Bay Open Day is at 3 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay, and Mullumbimby is at 57 Dalley St, Mullumbimby and you can call in anytime between 10am and 2pm.

Old and Gold Market

Brunswick Heads CWA Old and Gold Market and Devonshire tea stall,

Saturday 11 June, 8am-3pm (or till sold out). Cash only. CWA Rooms, crn Park and Booyun Sts Brunswick Heads.

Botanic Gardens Open Day

The Lismore Botanic Gardens Open Day is taking place on Sunday, 29 May. There will be a native plant stall at the nursery, guided walks, book and card sales, and morning tea stall 9am till 1pm. Bookings essential for walks with limited numbers. Email: publicity@friendslrbg.com.au with the walk you would like to do. Available walks are: 9.30am Useful Plants Garden, 10.30am The Gardens Regeneration, 11am Uncommon Plants Garden, 11am Native Bees As Pollinators, 11.30am Hoop Pine Forest, 12 noon Wilson's Park Species Garden, 12.30pm Encounters 2020 Garden.

Annual Byron Shire Book Fair

Friends of the Libraries are excited about once again hosting their annual Byron Shire Book Fair from 1-3 July at the Byron Bay Surf Club, Byron Bay, 9am-4pm each day. This will raise much needed funds for the Byron, Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads libraries. We have a mountain of second hand books in very good condition and a multitude of genres, such as art, fiction, non fiction, history, geography, childrens, health, spiritual, to name a few.

OS Garden Club

The next meeting of the Ocean Shores Garden Club will be on Monday, 16 May at 1.30pm in the Hub hall next to K Hub (previously Target). Our speaker will be Liz Lualdi discussing and displaying unusual varieties of medinillas. New members welcome. For info, phone Margie on 6680 1736.

Regular As Clockwork

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Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursdays 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include:

Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills.

Listening Space: free counselling.

Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.

Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.

Financial Counselling: outreach available Thursdays & Fridays

Financial Counselling: free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts.

Information, referral and advocacy. To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy, and counselling for locals in need.

Homeless Breakfast: 7-9am, Wednesday, Fletcher Street kitchen, Byron Community Centre.

Homeless Showers: 10am-12pm, Monday and Wednesday (book in at breakfast), Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle St.

Community Counselling: Free counselling for Byron Shire residents. Face-to-face, by phone, or via Zoom.

Community Support Worker: Emergency relief and assertive outreach casework for those experiencing homelessness.

Seniors Computer Club: 9-11am, Friday, Byron Community Cabin (school term

only), Carlyle St.

Laptop Library: The Laptop Library lends laptops to seniors and provides tuition on how best to be connected.

Seniors' Activities: Seniors' drumming, chair yoga, ukulele, choir, and drama. Call 6685 6807 for bookings.

Severe Wet Weather Shelter: Emergency shelter during extreme weather events for rough sleepers. Signage displayed at the Byron Community Centre when on. Sign-up required. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au or Phone: 6685 6807.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa.

Free Food Relief Bags for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Respite Service

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The federal election, like winter, is coming! Monday's meet the candidates will be held in the Byron Theatre on Monday May 16 from 6pm. It will also be live streamed on BayFM.

Former NSW MLC, Richard Jones, offers some election insights on page 16, including that Nationals' candidate, Kimberly Hone, wants to bring God's kingdom to the political arena. Maybe God enjoys being bothered by proselytising conservative political aspirants. Do you?

'A nation run by bankers will never be out of debt, a nation owned by weapons manufacturers will never know peace, a nation that allows a small segment of its citizens to write laws will never know justice, and if these elements own the media, we will never know the truth' – author, James Rozoff.

ICYMI Fire & Rescue NSW Byron Bay Station is holding their Open Day this Saturday May 14, at Apex Park, Byron Bay, between 10am and noon. Bring the kids! New recruits are being sought also: call Deputy Captain, Matt Crisp, on 0421 498 340, or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au.

Supermarket chain Coles say they are now trialling electric-powered trucks to deliver stock to NSW stores. Next is the trucks being driverless. What government plans are there for this expected redundancy?

Contrary to speculation, the ultrasound service has not been removed from Byron Central Hospital. A Northern NSW Local Health



The Old & Gold festival is back! On Saturday, June 11 a celebration of all things retro, vintage, secondhand and recycled will be held throughout the town of Brunswick Heads. The all town garage sale registrations are now open, and available at Byron Shire Real Estate, corner of Tweed and Fawcett Streets, Brunswick Heads. Visit www.oldngold.com.au for more info, or email events@brunswickheads.org.au. Pictured are Jacky Willis, Harry Bowman, Todd Buckland, Peter Fahey, Col Dyte, Belinda Burton and Kaz Ross. In front are Piatta Salo with the young Lula Ross Rawlings. Photo Jeff 'Old and Getting Golden' Dawson

District spokesperson said the sonographer position has recently become vacant, and 'alternative temporary arrangements are in place'.

If you were confused or outraged by the eight page carefully worded anonymous pamphlet insert in *The Echo* last week, you were not alone. With readers expressing their displeasure at weblinks to human induced climate denying claptrap, for example, it's a good opportunity to also ask if you are also outraged by the endless lies from governments and corporations.

Labor's Tanya Plibersek highlighted being mansplained to by former Murdoch goblin and now inadequate ABC *Insiders* presenter, David Speers. She said, 'I don't want to interrupt you, David, please go on'.

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