

Labor win likely in close Richmond race



Labor's Justine Elliot, with her son Joe, at Centaur Primary School, Banora Point. Photo Jeff 'Just In' Dawson

Staff reporters

While preferences are yet to determine the final outcome in the seat of Richmond, incumbent Labor MP, Justine Elliot, is likely to be returned to office, along with a Labor government.

Like previous elections in this electorate, the Labor, Greens and Nationals candidates received the most voter support.

Mrs Elliot told *The Echo* she received a congratulatory phone call on Sunday from Labor leader, Anthony Albanese.

Change for the country

She said, 'A new Labor government would bring many things. It means great change for our country. It really will help so many

people. This government will change people's lives for the better.'

'I'd like to thank the people of Richmond for their support. I also acknowledge all the other candidates. We are going to have action on climate change, a federal ICAC, more investment in health and education and as the local Labor MP, I'll be a strong voice in a Labor government for our region.'

Meanwhile, Greens candidate Mandy Nolan told *The Echo* that whatever happens, she will run again at the next election.

'For me, I'm still hanging in there,' she said. 'I'll fight for this region and work hard no matter what the outcome. I'd just like to be able to do it with a bit more power and clout.'

And the highlight of the campaign and election for Nolan? 'To be able to say today "former Prime Minister

Scott Morrison" and knowing the Greens have done so so well. It's kind of exciting. It feels like there's a real shift towards community and away from the big party system.'

Nationals candidate, Kimberly Hone, wrote on Facebook on Monday that, 'This seat could determine how many seats Labor holds and [it] is neck and neck. A three-candidate preferred count continues today. You don't see that very often'. On Sunday she wrote that 'Preferences only get allocated to the top two winners'.

'I don't think we can make it this time to the top spot, but hoping to make it in second place.'

'Massive thanks again to all those that have helped! This has been one very crazy election season.'

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Large bioenergy facility gets nod

69 objections trigger conditions of consent

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's plan to build a facility that converts waste into electricity at the Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) has been given the green light by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP).

But the panel has imposed a series of conditions on the development in response to objections from locals who are concerned that it will impact the neighbouring wetland and the native birds that live there.

The five-member panel handed down a unanimous decision to approve the project on May 18, following a two-hour public meeting in which a handful of locals were allowed to express their concerns.

Former Mayor, Simon Richardson, who is now a member of the NRPP, stepped aside from the decision-making process after declaring that he had prior involvement in the project during his time on Council.

Chair of the NRPP, Paul Mitchell, said, in handing down the panel's decision: 'We've carefully considered all of the issues that have been raised during submissions, but we believe that the proposal, as amended, and with the conditions imposed, addresses those issues effectively and that there are no outstanding or residual issues that warrant refusal.'

'The proposed development is suitable for the site because the site is separated from sensitive nearby uses, and has all

necessary infrastructure.'

'We believe the proposal will be socially and environmentally beneficial because it will transform, basically, waste material into useful products and generate usable electricity [from] off grid sources.'

Byron Council says the \$16.5 million facility will receive and process up to 28,000 tonnes of organic waste and biosolids a year, generating between three and four million kilowatt hours of renewable energy.

This is approximately half of the Council's total annual grid electricity consumption, allowing it to reduce its carbon emissions by up to 20 per cent.

The facility will also produce a biosolid product which is an effective fertiliser for certain commercial farming operations.

Concerns by residents

However, a significant group of residents have expressed concerns about the environmental impact of the project.

Sixty-nine submissions objecting to the project were received by the NRPP, compared to just one supporting the proposal.

A common theme among the submissions was the argument that the project posed a threat to the integrity of the neighbouring wetlands, which are valuable habitat for threatened and other protected birds.

This threat stemmed both from
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Action after the flood

Mullum residents gather to discuss future-proofing their town

Steve Bellerby

Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) held a public meeting at the Ex-Services Club on May 16, and with approximately 150 attending it exceeded expectations. Feedback following the meeting suggests it was a welcome opportunity for people to share their experiences and to offer ideas they feel could be implemented to help in the future.

MRA welcomed the attendance of a number of councillors and Byron Shire staff, including General Manager, Mark Arnold and Mayor Michael Lyon. While Scott Moffatt (BSC Flood and Drainage Engineer) outlined drainage work that was being undertaken in the Shire, he was the only Byron Shire Council representative who addressed the meeting.

We were pleased to hear from Gary McKinnon, Resilience NSW North Coast Director, who outlined the role of the service in which he plays a leading role.

An informative presentation by Councillor Duncan Dey, regarding the 2020 Flood Study was well received. He eloquently outlined how a review must be undertaken. He stressed how it should ultimately help shape the planning in the Shire by taking into account the

severity of the recent flood.

The meeting was then thrown open for contributions from the audience. Valuable comments, a number suggesting how they felt the flood could have been mitigated, were offered by many attendees.

It came as a surprise to many to hear from a couple of long-term residents that Saltwater Creek used to be cleared annually by Council.

It is now choked by silt and dense vegetation, severely restricting the flow of water. Only a thorough study will determine if clearing it would help in times of flood, but it's surely worth considering.

Apparent neglect of drainage across Mullumbimby became a theme and was high on people's wish list for improvement.

Comments were also forthcoming from a number of people about inappropriate planning regulations.

It was felt some recent developments have not been wise, and have made worse the risk of serious flooding. It is worth mentioning that shortly after the flood, NSW Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts, revoked guidelines for sustainable development which were successfully passed in parliament by his predecessor, Rob Stokes.

They were in place for

only two weeks! Failure by such people to accept the effects of climate change means we have a battle on our hands to defeat attempts to use inappropriate areas such as Lot 22 for housing.

The hope of the meeting was that in time that will change and sustainability and resilience will become essential features of design when preparing for the future.

There was widespread acknowledgement of the magnificent role played by the volunteers both during and after the flood. It was felt they filled a significant void left by the delayed response of both State and Federal government.

Neglect by authorities

The feeling of neglect by authorities was made more apparent when the meeting was made aware of the actions of the Qld State government. An inquiry into their flood experience has already concluded and a report has been published.

All 37 proposed recommendations have been accepted and will be implemented by the Qld government. A significant sum of money has also been allocated to ensure those recommendations are adequately funded. Among the

initiatives that are designed to work towards greater flood resilience include voluntary house raising, wet-proofing and voluntary house purchase. All of which are applicable here.

All that has happened while we await the establishment of The North Coast Reconstruction Corporation (NRRRC). It is scheduled to come into being on July 1 – a whole four months after the disaster!

There was certainly a general feeling at the meeting that the response by State and Federal government continues to be less than ideal.

We can only hope the NRRRC will expedite positive changes, secure adequate funding and be sensitive to the needs of the people in their attempt to re-establish the area. Residents were unanimous in eagerness to build a more resilient community, allowing for a faster and less traumatic recovery after a flood than has been the case this time.

It is the aim of the Mullumbimby Residents Association to advocate on behalf of the residents for improvements to our amenity. We shall continue to do that with your support.

■ Steve Bellerby is from the Mullumbimby Residents Association.

Bioenergy facility gets nod

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the heightened disturbance levels during construction, and the ongoing movement of heavy vehicles into and out of the site during its operation.

Conditions

In response to these and other concerns, the panel imposed a number of conditions. These included a requirement that the Council pay for independent ecological studies to be undertaken at the site prior to construction and following three years of operation.

'We're concerned to ensure that the quality of the wetland is maintained and we want a baseline study by an ornithologist of bird species to have good data as to current populations of that species,' Mr Mitchell said.

'And we want that to be undertaken again in three

year's time to account for operation experience and again explore indicator bird species and to make any recommendations that would arise from material changes in those populations that are necessary to redress any changes.'

The panel also ordered that truck movements to and from the facility be limited to eight per day, to be calculated monthly.

'The proposal, with all of the conditions, will have no unacceptable impacts on the natural or built environments,' Mr Mitchell said.

'We particularly note that the proposal will be fully enclosed and that this will significantly minimise both noise and airborne emissions.'

■ For more info, visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/bioenergy-facility.

Council estimate flood recovery cost at \$180m

Major flood damage to Byron Shire's roads and infrastructure network, along with land slips, has meant over 200 new infrastructure projects have been added to Council's works program over the last month.

Council's Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway, said in a press release that some of the rebuilding 'is going to take years to complete'.

'We moved quickly on temporary works to repair damaged bridges, causeways and roads so that people had access in and out of our significantly affected hinterland communities.'

'Now we face the bigger task of rebuilding and that is the marathon ahead for us as an organisation,' he said.

'Council is now working on a long-term plan to rebuild the damaged roads, causeways and bridges in our hinterland, including Upper Main Arm, Upper Wilsons Creek and the Huonbrook Valley. Contractors are being engaged to do the design work and costings.'

'While this is happening Council teams, along with contractors, are still trying to restore basic access to places in Upper Huonbrook.'

'People are still cut off, ten weeks after the first flood', Mr Holloway said. 'We are doing our very best and will continue to do so for all our communities, but this is going to take a long time.'

'The scale and enormity of this disaster, especially in the hinterland, is unprecedented'.

Refugee fundraiser film night, June 2

The Ballina Region for Refugees is hosting a film night on Thursday June 2 at Byron Theatre to raise funds to assist asylum seekers and refugees recently released from Australian hotel and immigration detention centres.

Organisers say, 'After being detained for many years in some cases, they've recently been released with minimal funds or support.

'The film being screened is the BAFTA award-winning *Limbo*, about a disparate group of refugees stuck on a remote Scottish island awaiting the results of their asylum requests.'

Organisers say ticket proceeds will go to directly to asylum seekers to assist with their basic living needs.



Wild cats in vibrant colours, creatures from the ocean's depths, and magnificent griffins from classical mythology inhabit a new exhibition at the Jefa Gallery. Pictured are the gallery's Michael Ackerly and Karlton Wilder, with examples from both featured artists, Space Cowboy and James Corbett. The exhibition runs until June 2 at 3/83 Centennial Circuit, Byron Arts & Industrial Estate. Photo 'Jungle' Jeff Dawson.

Jungle punk art

Lack of tradies major barrier to rebuilding

Mullum Cares founder and president, Sasha Mainsbridge, says she is getting out and about meeting with residents who are grappling with how they will rebuild to be better placed if their homes get flooded again in future.

Mullum Cares, according

to their website, is a 'not-for-profit organisation that supports its local community to reduce emissions by changing how it consumes products made for human consumption'. Mainsbridge told *The Echo*, 'The biggest barrier to helping people rebuild more

flood resilient is the dire lack of trades and services available. Houses that can be lifted should be lifted, gyprock and carpet should not be replaced with gyprock and carpet. Our urgent need is for retired builders, tilers, plasterers, cabinet makers, draftspeople

and architects to work with Mullum Cares to support the local property owners who are willing and able to fight insurers' plans to simply put back like-for-like'. Contact Sasha on 0422 641 474 or email projects@mullumcares.com.au if you can help.

Council staff warn against lending Byron Markets cash

Paul Bibby

Byron Mayor Michael Lyon has proposed that Council lend the Byron Markets up to \$100,000 to help them out of financial difficulty.

The loan, which would take the form of a line of credit in five advances of \$20,000, will be debated at this week's Council meeting.

Cr Lyon writes in the upcoming agenda that last month Council received a request for financial assistance from the managers of the market – the Byron Bay Community Association – to help ensure the event's 'long-term financial sustainability'.

'A combination of factors have resulted in the Byron Bay markets running at a loss for this financial year, including cancelled markets owing to COVID, extreme weather events, site challenges and a decline in customers and stallholder numbers,' Cr Lyon said.

'The markets are part of the fabric of Byron Bay and are significant economic and social contributors to our Shire. Council and the Byron Bay Community Association are actively working towards future plans for the market that will allow for it to

regenerate and rebuild in the centre of town and I'm confident the financial future of the markets looks strong.'

Dipping into reserves

Under Cr Lyon's plan, the money for the line of credit would come from Council's Property Development Reserve, and be repaid with 3.5 per cent interest.

However, Council staff have expressed a degree of reticence at the prospect of extending a line of credit to the markets.

Council's Place Manager, Claire McGarry, said that Council had provided financial support to the markets for the past two years in acknowledgment of the valuable contribution they made to the local community and economy, and 'in recognition of the financial difficulty they are facing'.

This assistance included allowing market organisers to use the newly-restored Byron Bay rail ticket office for \$500 a year, and applying for grant funding to install permanent infrastructure to facilitate the relocation of the market to the centre of town.

Council's Finance Manager, James Brickley, pointed out some challenges

to the proposal, including that Council 'does not have \$100,000 available on an unrestricted basis given its current budget position'.

He acknowledged that the money could come from the Property Development Reserve, but said that if the line of credit was provided, Council 'could receive other requests from organisations with similar circumstances'.

'[Council] doesn't have the financial capacity to act as a lender to multiple organisations that may be facing financial difficulties,'

Mr Brickley said.

Mr Brickley also stated that the proposed 3.5 per cent interest rate was below what Council would be asked to pay if it was borrowing money, thus making the deal with the Markets, potentially, a subsidised line of credit.

'There also has not been any assessment as to whether the Association has the financial capacity to repay a line of credit with interest to Council,' he said.

The matter will be debated by councillors and then voted on this Thursday.

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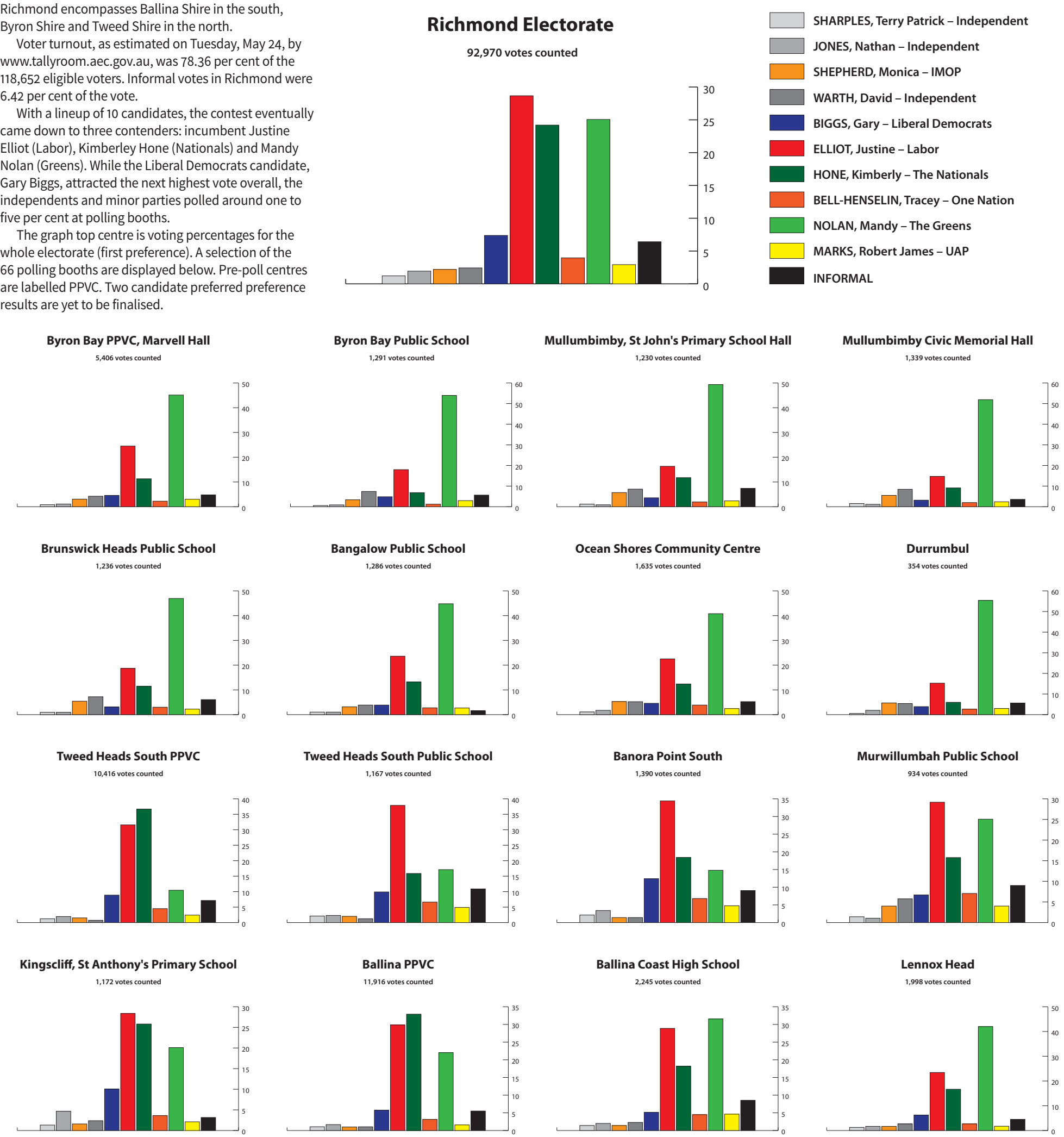
Polling breakdown, around the Richmond electorate

Richmond encompasses Ballina Shire in the south, Byron Shire and Tweed Shire in the north.

Voter turnout, as estimated on Tuesday, May 24, by www.tallyroom.aec.gov.au, was 78.36 per cent of the 118,652 eligible voters. Informal votes in Richmond were 6.42 per cent of the vote.

With a lineup of 10 candidates, the contest eventually came down to three contenders: incumbent Justine Elliot (Labor), Kimberley Hone (Nationals) and Mandy Nolan (Greens). While the Liberal Democrats candidate, Gary Biggs, attracted the next highest vote overall, the independents and minor parties polled around one to five per cent at polling booths.

The graph top centre is voting percentages for the whole electorate (first preference). A selection of the 66 polling booths are displayed below. Pre-poll centres are labelled PPVC. Two candidate preferred preference results are yet to be finalised.



Incarceration Nation screens as part of Reconciliation Week

As part of Reconciliation Week (May 27 to June 3), Sisters for Reconciliation and the Cavanbah Reconciliation group will host a screening and discussion of the powerful documentary, *Incarceration Nation*, at the Brunswick Picture House on Tuesday May 31.

First Nation justice

The 90 minute film aims to shine a light on First Nations justice in this country. Doors will open at 6pm for a 6.30 pm start.

The film will be followed by comments from a special panel with Kaiden Powell, David Heilpern and Mark Swivel.

Bronwyn Sindel, from Sisters for Reconciliation and the Cavanbah Reconciliation Group, says, 'This is a great opportunity for community to come together and talk about First Nations justice (or lack thereof) and reconciliation.

'It's a film everyone needs to see and a story that needs to be told'.

'We are asking for entry by donation.

'Delta Kay will give the Welcome to Country'.

For more info, visit www.brunswickpicturehouse.com.

Man charged with historical sex assault, abduction offences

A 'cold case review' by police has led to a historical case being re-opened and a man being charged after a sexual assault of a woman in Byron Bay more than 20 years ago.

Refused bail

Officers from the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command say that the 49-year-old Grafton man appeared in Byron Bay Local Court on Monday, May 23.

Bail was refused, say the officers. He was charged with 'aggravated break and enter and commit felony – use violence, aggravated sex assault – inflict actual bodily harm on victim, and forcible abduction of woman with intent to carnally know'.

New team heads up Mullum SEED

A new operations team has been appointed to not-for-profit organisation, Mullum SEED. Sophie Petersen and Alice Moffett share the General Manager position, while Maddy Monacelli is now Administrative Assistant.

The trio say that Mullum SEED operates in the heart of Mullumbimby where the Mullumbimby Community Gardens and other community projects are located at the end of Stuart Street.

They also provide membership-based services for environmental projects and not-for-profit organisations to help with their fundraising and growth.

'It's where local projects are incubated and raised,' Sophie said. 'We also provide membership support services, including auspicing other not-for-profit organisations.

'These charity services can be tricky and time-consuming to set up, so members who join us can spend their time doing their good work instead'.

Maddy adds, 'We are still dealing with post-flood fall-out, and donations are extremely appreciated.

'Head to our website to donate now: www.mullumseed.org.au.



From left to right: Alice Moffett, Sophie Petersen, and Maddy Monacelli. Photo supplied

mullumseed.org.au. If you're not in a position to donate, simply follow us on socials to stay up-to-date with our amazing upcoming events and working bees'. Their email is admin@mullumseed.org.au.

Beehives lost during floods: DPI

Statistics around the loss of livestock in the Byron Shire have been released by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

Difficult to quantify

A DPI spokesperson told *The Echo*, 'Figures for animal loss are difficult to quantify owing to the nature of flooding events and the fact not all losses are reported'.

For Byron Shire, they said, '30 landholder reports were received: five animals listed as "other" (i.e., not horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry or pets) were reported as lost; no livestock were reported lost in the Shire; almost 60 beehives have been reported as lost; and the total value of animal losses reported to date is \$34,000'.

'A total of \$1.2 million damage was reported for the Byron Shire with the highest losses in horticulture, infrastructure and fisheries'.

The spokesperson added, 'As work to determine the scale and severity of the impact continues, primary producers affected by severe storms and flood are encouraged to complete the natural disaster damage survey.

'The survey can be submitted anytime, and can be accessed at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/damage'.

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www.echo.net.au**Ballina osprey platform in dangerous disrepair**

As nesting season approaches, wildlife carer and local bird expert Deb Pearse has contacted *The Echo* about her concerns for the precarious state of the Brunswick Street osprey nesting platform, near the river in Ballina.

COVID-19 update for the NNSWLHD

See regular COVID updates online.

Computers donated to home schooled kids in Lismore

There's nothing like the support of the CWA ladies to help get you through a disaster, and the Lismore CWA Evening Branch were very pleased to be able to help their community once again by supplying computers to some flood-affected Lismore kids.

Bittersweet announcement about koalas

Bitter in its necessity and sweet in the action it might prompt, it has been announced today that koalas have been listed as Endangered under the Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Suspicious house fire in Casino ends in charges

NSW Police say that a man has been charged following a suspicious house fire.

SCU to house temporary accommodation

Temporary homes will be located at Southern Cross University (SCU) Lismore Campus as part of the NSW government's program to provide 800 temporary housing options for flood-affected people.

Police appeal for missing woman

Lismore Police are appealing to the public for assistance in locating missing person, Emily Eden Lazzaroni.

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Higginson outlines plans for her time in parliament

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

As a brand new Greens NSW Upper House MLC, Sue Higginson's first week in parliament has been huge, but she says it's a taste of things to come.

Higginson was sworn in on May 12, and made her first speech last week on Tuesday. Two days later, she voted after the Upper House spent ten hours debating amendments to the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill*, before a final vote 23 to 15.

'I came in at the very end, basically, but my vote helped and supported and counted for voluntary assisted dying becoming law in NSW.'

Higginson spent Saturday going to the booths and supporting Greens volunteers and Page candidate, Kashmir Miller.

'Kashmir has been outstanding,' says Higginson.

'She has been such an incredible force of political nature. She is strong, she's smart, she's got a really clear vision, about the fact that she will be a member of parliament one day, wherever that is.'

'She's got a vision, she's got the



Sue Higginson in Lismore talking to residents the day before the second flood in March.

intellect, and she's got the she's got the staying power. She's also got the sort of strategic vision.

'Today, I see her winning hearts and minds. She has absolutely blown my socks off, and absolutely instilled in me serious hope for where we're going to be in the future of politics.'

Higginson says she could not be happier in terms of the way she came into parliament voting on the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill*.

'It was my first vote. Labor, the Liberals and Nationals allowed the conscience vote, anyone could vote; however, they chose.'

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill becomes law

'There was a diversity of views. There were strong proponents against the new laws and there were strong advocates. So it was a very

interesting dynamic.

'We saw how, when an issue that is so significant, like this, and members of parliament are able to vote with their conscience and their heart, we actually could get an outcome. And that's what happened.'

Now that she has taken her seat in the NSW Upper House, she will be there for five years, and Higginson is on a mission.

'I've got five years. I'm a mature woman – I'm a mature woman on fire and I've got nothing to lose.'

'I've got a five-year-plan and that plan is about improving our climate and it is to protect our native forests once and for all.'

'It's to try to stop the absurdity of the extinction crisis and it's to try to level up the playing field and in this inequality crisis that we experience, and all the things that that means.'

'And of course, fundamentally, it's NSW's turn to start working on First Nations justice properly.'

'Seriously – truth, treaty and voice – we need to do that at the NSW level, and we need to do that at the Commonwealth level.'

'That's massive for me.'

Ballina rescue boat ready for action but lying idle

David Lowe

Dave Carter, the President of Ballina Jetboat Surf Rescue (BJSR), has gone public about a controversy which has been keeping his team's boat out of rescue service for the last three months.

He says BJSR received a letter from NSW Surf Lifesaving on 11 February,

withdrawing them from service immediately.

'The letter was sent without warning, without further information or any support for our volunteer members,' said Mr Carter. 'Since that day, we have attempted to work with NSW SLS to get this resolved. Any issues identified have been responded to and we have had a number of

meetings with NSW SLS.

'In the letter, NSW SLS stated that if we could address the issues identified that we would be allowed back on the water in the interim, but also that NSW SLS wanted to remove us from service completely from 2024.'

'This happened while we were working to complete a full mechanical refit of our

boat. It has now been completed and is more efficient, responsive and reliable than before,' he said.

According to Mr Carter, 'The boat is rescue ready and sitting in our shed but unable to be utilised. If an incident occurred today on the Ballina bar or outside, we would not be able to respond. This to us is unacceptable as it places

our community at risk.'

As the only service that can cross the Ballina Bar in any conditions, Mr Carter notes that Ballina Jetboat Surf Rescue has served its community proudly for decades, performing almost 1,000 rescues in its history.

■ Comment has been sought from NSW Surf Lifesaving.

Nats MP Kevin Hogan holds Page

Though the coalition government he represents is now in opposition, National Party candidate for Page, Kevin Hogan, has been returned to his seat. In a statement he said, '[It's] very humbling to be re-elected as our community representative in Canberra. I thank people for their support.'

'This one is personal, the flood recovery task has only just begun, there is much more to do. I will work with and push any government, State or Federal, both Coalition and Labor, and any bureaucrat, to speed up our recovery. The task is above politics and needs continued urgency.'

'I look forward to continuing to deliver the infrastructure and services our growing communities need.'

'I acknowledge the other candidates, who were a great and interesting group



Kevin Hogan MP celebrated on Saturday night. Photo supplied

of people, all reflecting our wonderfully diverse community.

'I thank all my helpers and supporters, I literally couldn't have done this without you; a swing to the Nationals locally reflects their great work. To my staff, who go above and beyond in helping people in our community, they are a great team, thank you.'

'To my family, Karen, Bridget, Sean and Rosie, your love and support sustains me in this role.'

'We have a world-leading democracy, I wish the new government well.'

'There are many challenges we face but I am always optimistic about our future due the character of the Australian people.'

Grants to support arts and culture flood recovery

Nearly 50 arts and cultural organisations, screen practitioners, individual artists and collaborative groups affected by recent floods will have access to \$500,000 in funding.

The NSW Government has announced an increase in its 'Recovery Grants for NSW Creatives' financial support for arts and culture to meet the demand of those in need in flood-affected communities.

Minister for the Arts, Ben Franklin, said the funding would ensure artists affected by the flooding were supported as they rebuild their businesses and their lives.

'The Recovery Grants for NSW Creatives will support 49 artists, individuals and groups in the arts and cultural sector who have been directly impacted by floods, and gives them the certainty they need to come back strongly and

confidently,' Mr Franklin said.

'We know people are hurting as a result of the flooding and extreme weather events, which is why we've upped our support from \$200,000 for the Recovery Grants to \$500,000 for direct support for creatives in affected NSW communities.'

The Recovery Grants for NSW Creatives program is designed to provide targeted support to individuals, groups and organisations in the small-to-medium arts and cultural sector in flood and/or extreme weather-affected NSW communities. A full list of recipients is available here.

■ For further information on arts, screen and cultural funding, including targeted support opportunities, visit the Create NSW website at www.create.nsw.gov.au.

The postal vote that never arrived

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

At 91, there are many things that you can no longer do, but one of the things you still can do is have your voice heard in an election – but not for at least one Byron Shire resident.

Local woman, Carmel, didn't feel she would be able to either stand in a long queue or let herself be exposed to rising COVID numbers on Election Day, so she decided to do a postal vote.

Carmel's daughter applied on her behalf online with the AEC on April 27, and Carmel got confirmation immediately via email that the application had arrived.

Another email, a day or so later, advised her that the application had been processed and the paperwork had been dispatched from their office on May 4.

Having only sporadic mail deliveries, Carmel didn't worry when, by the a week after the promised day arrived, she had no papers – she believed she had applied with enough time to spare.

When her papers had not arrived by Monday May 16, she rang the AEC and was told that the papers were on the



Waiting for mail that never came, Carmel's chance to vote disappeared after a failure of the system.

way. When there was still no delivery by the 18th, she rang again, and was again told the papers were on the way.

Empty promises

This time she told the person on the phone that if the papers didn't arrive in time she was going to call off the election, to which the AEC representative responded, 'oh no, you can't do that!' clearly not seeing the joke.

By Friday Carmel's chance to vote passed with nothing in the mail.

'I feel disappointment at not having a chance to vote.'

Carmel, who as well as being a nonagenarian, is

a grandmother and great grandmother, doesn't know where the system got it wrong – whether it was at the AEC's end or because of the delivery process.

She feels that the letters should be registered to make sure they get to where they are supposed to be going.

'If they decide to fine me for not voting, I'll tell them not to hold their breath – I'm not paying anything! I did everything the way I should have – they should be paying me for putting up with such incompetence.'

■ Carmel is Eve Jeffery's mother.

Parents rally behind essential local aftercare service

Paul Bibby

Mullumbimby locals are concerned that a vital, Council-run out of school hours child care service could shut after Byron Council issued a survey hinting at closure.

But Council staff say 'no decision' had been made about the future of the service, and that the survey was simply an attempt to better understand the needs of local families.

Byron Shire Council operated the OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) service at Mullumbimby Public School until the February floods, which forced it to be temporarily relocated to St John's Primary School.

With Mullumbimby Public still affected by flood damage, the service is unlikely to be able to return to its traditional home this year.

Locals say it is an essential service, enabling parents to balance work and childcare responsibilities.

But the release of a survey by the Council last month

has raised significant concerns among parents.

'I'm extremely concerned about possible closure of such an essential service,' said one local who asked not to be named.

'The standard of care and education there is amazing and I think it's an amazing thing for our kids.'

Low occupancy

A Council spokesperson told *The Echo* the service had experienced low occupancy rates for some time, and that the survey was part of 'normal business processes and planning for the next financial year'.

'We would like to understand why and if there's anything we can do to better serve our community,' the spokesperson said.

'Byron Shire Council sought feedback from families through the principals of Mullumbimby Public School and St John's about the type of OSHC services the Mullumbimby community needs.'

'Consultation is also underway with families

from Shearwater and the Hinterland College.'

Parents believe that occupancy rates at the service would increase if more parents were made aware of its existence and the opportunities for government support.

This includes a \$500 voucher for child care that has been offered by the State Government via Service NSW.

Bus services needed

Parents also believe that providing a bus service to St John's from surrounding schools would make it easier for families and their kids to access the service.

They are encouraging people to get a copy of the survey from their school and use that to let the Council know how much the community values the service.

The spokesperson said that decision about the future viability of the service had been made and that 'should a decision be required on the viability of the service it will be reported to Council for consideration'.

Vale big Jez, Mullum troubadour

Brian Mollet

The Mullumbimby community lost one of the founding fathers of its counter culture last Thursday, when Graham Chambers, better known as Jerry De Munga, passed away at his home with the love and care of wife Chrissy, family and close friends.

As a performing musician, pundit, jester, party-goer and a very distinctive and cool guy to boot, his early years in Napier New Zealand were austere by current standards, and he was known as a bit of a runaway.

His grandfather was a member of a professional band, and started Jerry on his musical journey, teaching him some mandolin. His early 20s saw him venture to 'the west island' often as a stowaway on trans-Tasman shipping, where he had the good fortune to fall in with many of the folk who founded what was to become a thriving hippie community in Coopers Lane Main Arm in the early '70s.

Big, affable and as sharp as he was talented, he soon etched himself a place in the movement that would



Jerry De Munga (on guitar) performs on Mullum's streets. Photo Jeff Dawson

change the social fabric of the town. Jez worked at many things through this time, but mainly as a guitarist and singer who favoured the Stones but could rip out a few of his own songs too.

Versatile, and with a huge repertoire, he could bang out a few rockers and then knock you flat with a soulful rendition of a female artist like Patsy Cline or Cindy Lauper.

People who made friends with Jerry tended to stay friends. He met wife and the mother of his daughter Rosanna, Chrissy, at a support gig he did at Bangalow for the Master's Apprentices in 1980.

The lovely Rosie's sudden passing in a fire in Byron Bay was devastating for all, and

one can only admire how they carried themselves in the face of this tragedy.

Mortgage necessity saw him work for many years on the Byron cabs where he was known for his incomparable local knowledge and the deft, compassionate touch he showed with their clients with disabilities or special needs. Ubiquitous on a Saturday morning outside IGA (Formerly Dennett's) on Mullum's main drag, his busking band 'the Buds' is still fondly remembered.

Jerry was diagnosed with cancer around four years ago, but took positive steps with his health and enjoyed quality time with Chrissy and his friends.

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Reasons to be cheerful 🤗

After nine long years of being led by the least among us, Australia's future feels optimistic. Thanks, Western Australia, you were instrumental in booting those numpties out!

Aussie voters rejected a smirking, lying, bullying, misogynist, corrupt middle manager with no vision and a lust for power without any meaning.

In other words, Scott lost the election because he was terrible at his job and people eventually noticed.

Smirks has been sent to the back of the class – on the backbench – along with his remaining few mates who were voted back in by their electorates.

They include Peter Dutton, Alan Tudge, Angus Taylor, Barnaby Joyce, Alex Hawke and Stuart Roberts.

Just some MPs who wanted less government in their lives, and then got it, include treasurer Josh Frydenberg, Gladys Liu, Tim Wilson, Craig Kelly, Katie Allen, Dave Sharma, Erik Abetz, Amanda Stoker, Zed Seselja, Jason Falinski, Ben Moreton and Trent Zimmerman.

What's more remarkable is that voters ignored mass media propagandist, Murdoch (News Corp), who threw everything to try and convince them otherwise. It was a complete repudiation of News Corp as a political force. The role of media, of course, is to hold the powerful to account. And when media and politics merge, as history demonstrates, it never ends well.

It appears that massive ad spend from the UAP, by gigantic miner billionaire, Clive Palmer, resulted in just one Senate seat. And the seat for One Nation's Pauline Hanson is in trouble – more Australians want to smoke weed and support the Legalise Cannabis Australia party than vote for incoherent racists and selfish mining billionaires.

So hats off to you, Australia, for ignoring their lies and spin and voting against stupid.

The Greens and Independent vote has never been stronger, and real action on climate change is more tangible than it has been in a decade. There appears a much better gender balance and cultural mix in federal parliament than ever before. Hooray!

Now begins the repair to the enormous damage done to our democracy and institutions by the Liberal-Nationals.

The public sector, the ABC, CSIRO, courts, tribunals, regulators, trade unions, charities, community legal centres and NGOs need reinvestment and their powers strengthened.

Of course, there's no guarantee that Labor won't be totally shit. But federal governance could not have been any worse.

This is an extremely low bar to jump.

We will never have to hear what Jenny thinks again, and the national conversation, dominated by sociopathic, mean-spirited, white privileged blokes, has now moved on from the 1950s. One hilarious election take was an observation from the ABC's Casey Briggs: For the first time, the Liberal Party is unlikely to hold any seats overlooking Sydney Harbour.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Bridging the flooded divide

Now that the pesky election is over, it is time to return to the most important issue of our time.

The flood. (Of course, I actually mean a climate change induced catastrophic weather event).

There are two classes of people in so many aspects of life – those who inherit and those don't, those who think and those who voted for Clive Palmer, and those who like doof and those who still listen to the Eagles.

But in the sodden floodplains the divide among those affected has never been clearer – those who were insured, and those who weren't, renters and owners, Lismore LGA and everywhere else.

The trauma for the insured is eased by the promise of repairs (eventually), months of accommodation (somewhere) but tainted by the fear of the size of the premium next year. The trauma of the uninsured is exacerbated by the prospect of living in a plasterless wasteland with tangled extension cords and no dunny walls because they couldn't afford the absurd premiums to protect their biggest asset in the whole wide world.

It does not have to be like this.

My first column for *The Echo* was about the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Scheme – an insurance safeguard scheme for the risk of adverse reactions – proving the USA does still have remnants of good ideas just sometimes. Well, guess which country also has had a government flood insurance scheme so that all households can be covered for flood for under \$1,000 per year? There is no prize for answering – the land of the free and guns and Trump.

Since 1968, an (albeit imperfect) scheme called the *National Flood Insurance Program* permits whole regions to opt-in, in exchange for commitments not to build any further in flood zones.

Insurance becomes a compulsory addition to all loans in flood-affected areas. Mostly the scheme has been self-funding, and after some disasters (Katrina/Sandy) the government had to bail it out.

Australia has its own absurd mini version, but only for flood and cyclones in Northern Queensland.

The Australian Government has committed \$10b to support private insurers lower their premiums. Classic neo-liberal profit-based non-solution that makes



'Imagine if every house could be insured for flood for \$20 per week and it was compulsory if there was any sort of mortgage'

David Heilpern

insurance companies salivate, and makes the USA system appear positively communist. But we have to look after our redneck rump.

Usually, mutual insurance suggestions like this get howled down by those who argue that this would just lead to more building in the floodplains and the whole scheme would thus collapse under the weight of increasing claims by swamp dwellers. Think West Byron. But the USA scheme effectively addresses this. Win/win, I reckon.

And the truth is that there are no other viable alternatives that I have seen.

I'd imagine repairing in 'flood-proofish' materials could be incorporated as a condition of insurance.

And some house raising and buybacks where possible.

But imagine if every house could be insured for flood for \$20 per week and it was compulsory if there was any sort of mortgage. The economy of scale might just mean that the burden of flood is shared among many, not a lucky few.

For those who say it may lose money – well that's maybe right. But think of the total the governments are paying now by way of grants and loans and subsidies.

My heart bleeds for those looking for rental accommodation post-flood.

The squeeze is a real crisis, nationwide, but nowhere as keen as here. There are dozens of applicants for every house, and the prices seem to be based on over \$300 per bedroom.

Pretty shit if you are a family. Profiteering is rife and my friend, sole parent and Lismore poet, Rebecca Rushbrook, wrote so beautifully on this recently in her poem *When You Raise the Rent*.

'When you raise the rent,
the extra dollars you have to spend
leave me holding my breath in the supermarket.

Leave me gluing together broken shoes for the third time.

Leave me keeping the heater packed

away on the coldest day of winter'.

Again, it does not need to be this way. A free market can and should be regulated in emergencies. After all, there was a partial ban on evictions during COVID. There should be an immediate moratorium on rent rises from pre-flood unless the landlord can show the Tribunal that there are exceptional circumstances. I have heard landlords say "that is bullshit, we will just sell then". Well, good. Maybe there will be a few more houses on the market.

Finally, there is the great geographic divide. No-one doubts that more houses went under in Lismore than anywhere else. But that should not be a determinative factor in the grant of aid or mitigation works.

A ruined house is a ruined house even if it is on its own in Burringbar, or destroyed by mud in Huonbrook.

There may be earth moving works needed in South Golden Beach as well as North Lismore. It feels like so many folk are being forgotten in Murwillumbah and Ocean Shores and Coraki when the focus remains so one-town centric.

I love Lismore, we lived in South, right on the river when our children were primary age in a house that could never go under. Until it did this time. The river was our pool. But surely, the only rational basis for distribution of aid is need, and bang for buck not LGA.

The divides of insurance, ownership and location are usurped, naturally, by our unity and goodwill.

Mostly, the insured help the uninsured, landlords are decent to their tenants, and Lismorons are just as loud about a fair spread of aid.

And as I write it is still raining here. Our bore, until now always 80ft down has been bubbling near to the surface for three months. To walk to the avocado tree requires flippers to stop sinking. My eyes are mouldy.

Is there an opposite to a rain dance?



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– Finley Peter Dunne 1867–1936



Highrise in Byron Shire?

In 1990 a new LEP (Local Environment Plan) was approved in Byron Shire that limited commercial buildings to three storeys with a height limit of 11.5 metres. At the time this was said to be set in stone. With State approval needed to go beyond the limit, to protect Byron Shire from Gold Coast style development etc.

Fast forward to 2021 and the LEP still stands and Council has approved way beyond these height limits with swimming pools on roofs etc.

How did this happen?
To the newly elected Council, 'Wake up!'. Let's not abandon what we all came here to enjoy.

Paul McCarthy
Byron Bay

Fugly Design Award

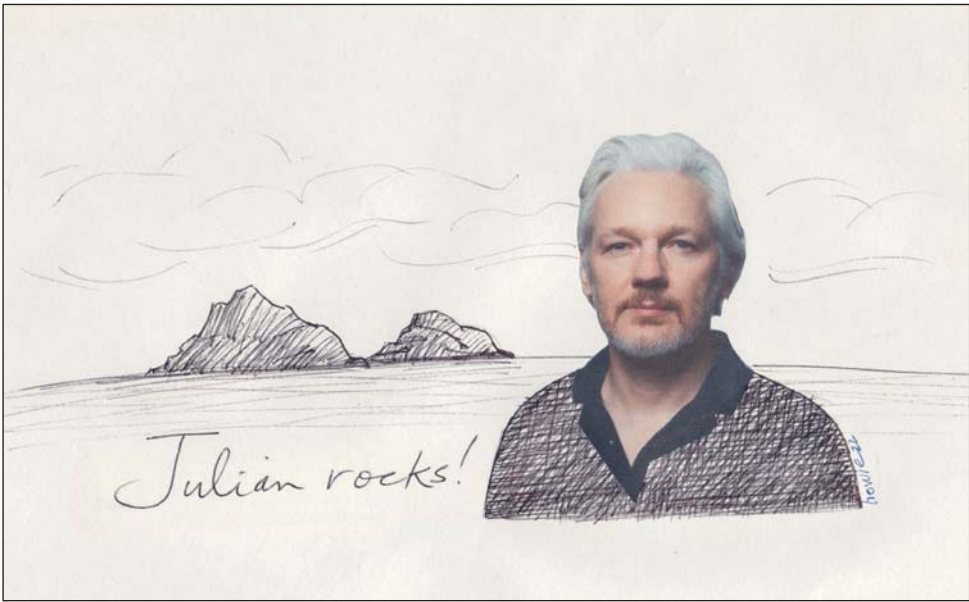
I would like to second Nick Buckley's idea for the Fugly Architectural Design Award (in last week's Echo). Perhaps we could include a subcategory for commercial buildings - You Dunne It Award, sponsored by Jonson Lane or Mercato. And the Rotten Tomatoes Residential Award for houses with the most concrete used and the least landscaping.

Happy to hear from any local sponsors?

BE Crowle
Byron Bay

Lismore community

First let me say how incredibly proud, inspired and supported I feel as part of the Lismore and Northern Rivers Community. Stories of strength, courage and ongoing generosity abound, from ordinary people pushed to the limits during and in



Cartoon by Howie Cooke

the aftermath of the recent disastrous flooding events.

Compassion and kindness flood the hearts of Lismore volunteers, business- and homeowners as they struggle to clean and rebuild. Even amongst those who lost all, we find people selflessly reaching out to help others with generous donations of labour, accommodation, food, clothing and love. As businesses even partially open, they enjoy community support. So many buildings proudly display heart banners. How proud and fortunate I am to be a part of such a supportive, creative, and caring community.

Yet, sadly, throughout this time of positivity, support, and community spirit, it has come to my attention that a minority is bucking the trend. I recently learnt of ongoing systematic harassment and victimisation of a vulnerable and defenceless elder female living alone. This has been going on for over a year. This resident no longer feels safe around her home, but instead isolated and targeted.

When law enforcement was called, harassment temporarily stopped, only to resume later.

The police are unfortunately unable to help without credible evidence. No one deserves this type of harassment, least of all an elder who has survived six years of cancer treatment. What can we, as a community, do to protect our most vulnerable?

Katherine King
Lismore Heights

Flood resilience

A big thank you to Sonia Laverty and the Mullumbimby Residents Association (MRA) for providing Monday's meeting on flood resilience. Interesting that the MRA usually seems to be more on top of town issues and needs than the Council. I would definitely recommend subscribing to the MRA newsletter.

The meeting itself was a revelation - I got more helpful information and understanding from the many intelligent and articulate speakers in the audience than from the

various government speakers, with the exception of councillor Duncan Dey who was very informative.

It was good that the mayor and councillors Sarah Ndiaye, Peter Westheimer, Duncan Dey and Mark Swivel, plus three Council staff, were present. I hope they also saw the valuable contribution the collective community info-bank can make to this situation which will now be an ongoing reality for our town. Definitely no longer a '1-in-100' event. And definitely something that needs real and urgent action, not endless money-wasting bureaucracy.

Anando Heffley
Mullumbimby

Tibetan anniversary

The 23 May marks 71 years since the Chinese Communist Party and the People's Liberation Army invaded and commenced the 'Liberation of Tibet'.

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killed by starvation, execution, imprisonment, abortive uprisings and torture (in acts described in February 1990 by an American human rights group Asia Watch as a 'laboratory for torture techniques for the security forces').

Over 6,000 monasteries or places of worship had been obliterated and precious contents melted down, thrown into rivers, or sold for foreign currency. Sixty per cent of Tibet's literary heritage had been burnt.

One in every ten Tibetans were in prison while 100,000 were in labour camps, (much like the well documented massive gulags holding ethnic minorities today). Entire mountains had been denuded of their forests and incalculable populations of wildlife wiped out.

This has continued to the present day, as any investigations into the plight of minority groups, events such as the Tiananmen massacre, lies and 'double speak' regarding the future of Hong Kong, the annexation of disputed islands in the South China Sea, and the continued Tibetan government in exile of the Dalai Lama, all demonstrate. While only last week, a 90-year old-Chinese cardinal was arrested in Hong

Kong on national security charges.

In a 2021 report by Amnesty International it was revealed that more than one million Uighurs and other ethnic minorities are believed to be in internment camps where they are forced to study Marxism, renounce their religion and work in factories.

Any person who might believe in the legitimacy of the Chinese occupation of Tibet or their benign, well-meaning global aspirations, probably also believes in the Tooth Fairy.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

I am outraged

The insert in *The Echo* (8 May) could be taken to imply that cloud seeding was the cause of recent flooding in the Northern Rivers. This has apparently been a subject in the twittersphere. Indeed, Associated Press has conducted a 'fact-finding' investigation which found: 'CLAIM: A rain-enhancing process known as cloud seeding caused historic flooding in Tasmania, Australia, in 2016 and along Australia's southeastern coast this year.

'AP'S ASSESSMENT: False. An independent

investigation sought by Tasmania's parliament into the causes of the 2016 flooding found that cloud seeding, a process aimed at increasing precipitation, had no impact on the severe weather. There's no evidence to suggest it played a role in the 2022 floods in south-eastern Australia, either. An atmospheric research expert told The Associated Press that cloud seeding would not change the dynamics of a cloud enough to cause massive flooding' (<https://bit.ly/3NwnqJq>).

Implications that cloud seeding can cause major floods is simply misinformation. The insert also raised questions why cloud seeding had not been used to prevent the 2019 drought. It should be clear to anyone paying attention that droughts imply very low humidity. Cloud seeding without clouds? More misinformation. I hasten to add that another claim/link that 99 per cent of scientists disagree with climate change is also grossly wrong.

I hope this helps the readership with interpreting last week's pamphlet.

Dr Phillip Schmidt
Ex-CSIRO Chief
Research Scientist
Newrybar

Questions

A couple of questions have been puzzling me for some time:

1. How can Julian Assange be charged with breaking American law when he wasn't in America? American law doesn't apply here, or in Europe, or anywhere outside US territory and territorial waters.

2. Why are Russian illegal wars so much worse than American illegal wars? President Bush wasn't vilified in the media the way President Putin has been. Nobody demanded that America be suspended from the UN Human Rights Council – not even after proof emerged that the US was torturing people. As I write, a Russian soldier is being tried for a war crime. When the International Criminal Court began investigating war crimes in Afghanistan the US threatened members of the Court. There was no mainstream media criticism of this. So my question is 'Why is there one standard for American wars and a different, much tougher, standard for Russian wars?'

Warren Kennedy
Mullumbimby

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Byron Council's new bioenergy gas electricity plant

■ Not sure if it will be on full moon, but to be built snug-gled up between Sunrise and the Tyagarah Nature Reserve, just at the back of Habitat, the burning gas flare from Council's proposed new gas-fired electricity plant will be flamed off about once a month.

Not sure if the emissions from the flame-venting chimney are the same as given for the plant's other 13.75m high emissions chimney, but the plant's emissions are listed as nitrogen oxide (acid rain, petrochemical smog, air oxidises to greenhouse gas nitrous oxide), carbon monoxide (air reacts to form greenhouse gas carbon dioxide), formaldehyde (hazardous air pollutant), sulfur oxide (acid rain, particulate pollution), ammonia (acid deposits on soil, vegetation and species, air particulate)...

The gas-fired electricity plant, (called a biogas generator) will be burning methane 24/7, 365 days a year (virtually the same methane gas fuel as all gas fired electricity plants). It will be taking agricultural waste as well as Council's green waste and sewerage sludge, and using them to ferment the methane that it will burn to run the electricity generator.

The plant developers, Byron Council, say the new pollution levels will all be within legal limits. And the 17 May 2022 Planning Panel Consent stipulates monitoring of the local and migratory birds, and the wildlife, (including critically endangered), that presently use and live on the site's award-winning Integrated Water Management sewerage farm and constructed wetlands. The pollution has been assessed at 50 and 100 metres, but when the slightest breeze brings you the sounds of the surf...

Both the financial and greenhouse gas accounting to support this proposal do not appear to be coherent. In fact, Byron Council doesn't appear coherent – they just swapped electricity suppliers to a windfarm supplier from Powershop; and Powershop was bought by petrol and gas producer Shell.

You can't create net zero emissions from a gas-fired electricity plant. You can create net zero emissions by managing green waste as compost.

The councillors will be the final arbiters on whether this proposal goes ahead or not. This proposal was developed by the last Council. There are a bunch of new councillors.

I'd email all councillors and ask for a re-evaluation, even if, in the recent case bought by the School Strike crew, the court determination was that 'Government doesn't have a duty of care' for us.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

■ 1. The community were somewhat misled by Byron Shire Council.

2. The information from Council was a video... a truck driving into a shed and dumping rubbish! Treating the community like infants.

3. The report does not seem to comply with public interest and climate imperatives. 4. The report was on Council's website only for a short time... it is huge.

5. The current situation of floods is an indication of political laxity when addressing climate imperatives. In the case of the Bioenergy facility the main local concern is fire.

6. The area designated for the facility is heavily populated.

7. Accessing the report and info wasn't easy. The community have no in-depth info as the report was quickly removed from the website.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Rising

SBS are screening the entire series of *Servant of the People*, starring Volodymyr Zelenskyy as the humble maths teacher who rose to become the president of Ukraine. Which then led to that humble stand-up comedian rising to become the actual president of Ukraine. Pure Hollywood.

Oliver Stone's documentary *Ukraine on Fire* makes an excellent companion piece to this series.

It beggars belief that the USA's vassal states in Europe and here in Australia are willing to completely tank their own economies in service to their US overlords who're getting filthy rich from massive arms sales in their proxy wars with Russia and China.

Robin Harrison
Binna Burra

Results of lack of infrastructure

Where is forward planning? Our Shire has had been hit by unprecedented weather conditions, or this is what is told by politicians and local

governments, yet how many of them are more than aware of the scientific evidence of climate change?

So many of us have listened to what is to be our new weather events. Our government has lacked forward planning and are, as always, chasing to catch up, or as we are now doing, trying to house those who have been so badly affected.

Questions are being asked, and action taken by residents near and far, and what we hear is: development has taken place with poor engineering of infrastructure. Is this what goes on? Slap in development and not take care that the necessary infrastructure is in place?

I can clearly demonstrate this very fact. I am no engineer but things like sink holes appearing, as well as notices given regarding lack of sewage capacity, are a no brainer. What is done? Well, sweet nothing. Zilch. Not a thing. So, what is there to complain about? A lot.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

Flooding in Mullum

Thank you to Marlene Crompton and Ross Urwin for their letters (11 May) that outline contributing factors to the recent destructive flooding of Mullumbimby.

It could be seen as futile, verging on reckless, to continue the construction of housing in the floodplain township of Mullumbimby when its infrastructure lags so far behind. While hydrologist and Byron Shire Councillor, Duncan Dey, pointed out in this newspaper on 25 July 2018 that water cannot run away once the river is up, adequate, functional drainage is surely an asset in mitigating flood risk. The installation and ongoing management of twenty-first century drainage and its upkeep should be one of Byron Shire Council's top priorities, particularly in light of future flooding events.

Let's hope our Council calls a moratorium on further developments until solutions to the current problems have been found, funded and implemented.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Australian teams for the 2022 Chennai Chess Olympiad have been chosen, with seven of Australia's ten players identical to those sent to the last over-the-board Olympiad, in Batumi 2018.

In those four years Max Illingworth has retired from classical chess, while Australian Champion Temur Kuybokarov was an automatic selection after becoming eligible to play for Australia.

2021 Doeberl Cup winner Justin Tan, based in England, replaces James Morris after spending the pandemic in Melbourne and performing well in domestic events.


In Australia's women's team Irina Berezina is dropped for Adelaide's Nguyen Mai Chi Pan. For Berezina, who has played seven of her eight Olympiads on board one, this could signal the end of her storied Olympic career – just as Zhao Zong Yuan's slide to board five suggests that Chennai could be the last time the Coffs Harbour doctor – who debuted as a 14-year-old in 2000 – appears at a Chess Olympiad.

The 2022 Olympiad – rescued by India after Minsk and then Moscow became untenable as hosts – will take place from July 28 until August 10.

■ **Players meet at Byron Bay Services Club, Sat 2.30 and Mon 6.00**

Open Team: 1.Smironov(N), 2.Kuybokarov(WA), 3.Cheng(N), 4.Tan(V), 5.Zhao(N). Women's Team: 1.Ryjanova(V), 2.Zhang(N), 3.Richards(Q), 4.Phan(SA), 5.Nguyen(SA).

■ Former world title challenger Ian Nepomniachtchi looked a shadow of his 2021 self at the Superbet Classic in Bucharest (won by France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave after a playoff), as the moves after the diagrammed position show.



Wesley So, White, has an extra pawn but only limited winning hopes. 'A computer would draw this quite easily,' said So, 'but a human is just a pawn down and suffering.' Nepomniachtchi played **56...Bd4!** and regretted it immediately after **57.e5!** Worse was to come; Nepomniachtchi followed up with a real blunder: **57...Qg6?** and after **58.Bxf7+!** had to resign, because both **58...Qxf7 59.Qg4+** and **58...Kxf7 59.Qc4+** leave White two pawns up.

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Politics transformed: Greens, teals

David Lowe

Following an election like no other, Australia looks set to change course on climate and corruption, with the Coalition's Scott Morrison being prised from office and Anthony Albanese about to form a new Labor government with the support of Greens and Independents.

The popular vote across the country was split approximately three ways, with the Labor Party receiving slightly fewer first preference votes than either the LNP or third parties (if considered as a bloc). Thanks to the magic of preferences though, the ALP will have the numbers to lead the country.

Mr Albanese said the incoming government would be 'as courageous and hardworking and caring as the Australian people are themselves'.

On Tuesday morning, the electoral commission are said Labor had won 75 seats, just shy of the magic 76 needed to govern in majority (up from 68), with the Coalition holding 59 (down from 77). The ABC is suggested the split is 74:55, with 15 seats in the 'other' column. These numbers are going to change as the boffins and their computers continue to work, but thanks to the magic of preferences, the ALP has the numbers to lead the country, possibly in minority.



Labor MPs Anthony Albanese and Justine Elliot getting their Blues on at Tyagarah recently. Photo Jeff Dawson



Greens candidate Mandy Nolan on election night with her husband John Stevens. Photo Jeff Dawson

The future is female

Women voters were crucial to the election result, and there will be more women in the next parliament, but not Richmond's Greens candidate Mandy Nolan, although she won a remarkable 22,383 votes (as of Tuesday's count) on her first outing, which represents a 4.7 per cent swing to the Greens locally (<https://www.echo.net.au/a-gold-star-campaign-and-a-result-full-of-hope>).

Preference flows were crucial to the ultimate result of this three-cornered contest, with Labor incumbent Justine Elliot winning the popular vote despite a 2.9 per cent swing against her, and Nationals candidate Kimberly Hone coming third with 21,702 votes.

During the ABC's election night coverage, Richmond was only mentioned briefly, with Antony Green initially calling it for Ms Nolan, before becoming flustered and saying his computer had it wrong. He didn't return to further discussion of the seat for the rest of the night.

This wasn't the only time the ABC's election expert was thrown off his game on Saturday, with the updated election prediction software still unable to cope with a national electorate

apparently transforming from a two party system.

In an election night with more twists and turns than a multiverse drama, there was rejoicing in many places as powerful Morrison minister, Peter Dutton initially appeared to be a goner at the hands of a strong Labor/Greens attack, before being resurrected by better numbers as the night progressed, ultimately giving a speech to his electorate of Dickson with his family standing grimly by his side.

Parachuted ALP candidate Kristina Keneally was soundly rejected by voters in the formerly very safe Labor seat of Fowler in Western Sydney. The new member will be local woman Dai Le, who described herself as a 'real' independent (as opposed to the teal variety).

Heartland Liberal seats once held by Peter Costello (Higgins) and John Howard (Bennelong) have both turned red. Marion Scrymgour retained Lingiari in the NT for Labor, and the Coalition's Ken Wyatt was defeated in the seat of Hasluck.

Winners and losers

While Anthony Albanese's campaigning efforts in Tasmania yielded no seats, Western Australia (courtesy of the Mark McGowan effect, with

a bit of help from disgraced former Attorney-General Christian Porter), delivered massively for the ALP.

The Labor Party comfortably won seats across WA, with a spectacular ten per cent swing. On TV networks across the country, ALP figures visibly relaxed as the red wave from the west swept in.

Clive Palmer's estimated \$100m fear and 'freedom' spend counted for little this time, with UAP leader and former Liberal and furniture salesman Craig Kelly failing to become Prime Minister, as advertised, instead losing his seat of Hughes in Sydney.

In Queensland, Mr Palmer failed to gain a quota to enter the senate, sparing Australians from more images of the great man sleeping in parliament. UAP voters appear to have spread their preferences more widely than they did in 2019, when they delivered victory to the Coalition. On this occasion the investment of Simon Holmes à Court and friends, via Climate 200, appears to have delivered a much better electoral return.

Despite the Liberals' bloodbath on Saturday night, Coalition partner The Nationals held on to all their seats, including Barnaby Joyce in New England, Matt Canavan in the Senate, and Kevin Hogan in Page, where the progressive vote was split by a messy multiple party contest. Mr Hogan's two candidate preferred majority actually increased by 2.65 per cent this time, despite his electorate encompassing Lismore and some of the most disastrous flood damage in Australia, all made worse by the ongoing climate crisis.

Green and blue and in between

The biggest national story of the night was the rise of the teals and the Greens in the east coast cities, with voters concerned about climate, the treatment of women, and integrity issues terraforming the Australian political landscape by capturing former Liberal and Labor strongholds.

Liberal Treasurer and heir apparent, Josh Frydenberg, lost nice Mr Menzies' old seat of Kooyong to Dr Monique Ryan. In Melbourne's Goldstein, (a seat named for pioneering suffragette Vida Goldstein), alleged prayer ►

and women carve a new political landscape

► room enthusiast Tim Wilson lost his blue ribbon seat to former ABC foreign correspondent Zoe Daniel.

Teal candidate Sophie Scamps comfortably took Pittwater, on Sydney's Northern Beaches, formerly held by Bronwyn Bishop, and climate campaigner Zali Steggall increased her dominance in Tony Abbott's former stronghold of Warringah.

After a short time in the spotlight, Dave Sharma will be spending more time with his stockbroker after losing Malcolm Turnbull's old seat of Wentworth to Allegra Spender.

In northeast Victoria, where kitchen table politics began, independent Helen Haines returned to Sophie Mirabella's former seat of Indi with an increased majority, and over in South Australia, teal candidate Jo Dyer helped get Labor over the line in Boothby.

In what has been described as a 'greenslide', the Greens' federal leader, Adam Bandt will be joined in the House of Representatives by several Greens members from flood-ravaged parts of Brisbane, and possibly beyond, as well as an undreamed-of but yet to be finalised number of Greens senators, including David Shoebridge in NSW.

Solid additions to the Greens team so far include Elizabeth Watson-Brown from Ryan and Max Chandler-Mather from Griffith, with more likely to follow as counting continues. Mr Bandt said, 'People have delivered a mandate for action on climate and inequality.'

More miracles

Speaking in Sydney, Scott Morrison was gracious in defeat, conceding earlier than he strictly had to, and handing the reins of government over in time for the fast-approaching Quad meeting in Japan. He said he would be remaining in politics but stepping down as leader.

The former PM also managed to cause more offence on his way out, waxing lyrical about people in khaki uniforms and his own staff while forgetting nurses, teachers, and other workers who don't wear high-vis.

Mr Morrison said he still believed in miracles, which turned out not to be

a reference to Mr Albanese's win, but to his wife and daughters standing beside him.

Anthony Albanese's victory speech was big on heart and short on polish, putting the Uluru Statement from the Heart front and centre, as he did in his recent speech to the National Press Club. In practice this would involve the three elements of Voice, Truth-telling and Treaty. He named Linda Burney as the incoming Minister for Families, Social Services and Indigenous Australians.

Mr Albanese seems determined not to fall into the same trap as his hero Bob Hawke by neglecting Australia's First Nations People. An early symbolic step was the addition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at his press conference with new Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong and Deputy Richard Marles before leaving for Japan on Monday.

During the election campaign the ALP promised to allow the Murugappan asylum seeker family to return home to Biloela, and there are hopes in various quarters that Australia will be a less cruel nation going forward.

On Saturday night the Prime Minister-elect spoke about strength in compassion, helping the less fortunate, and finally getting serious about the crises in aged care and child care, while also looking forward to new opportunities as a united country.

'Together we can end the climate wars,' said Mr Albanese. 'Together we can take advantage of the opportunity for Australia to be a renewable energy superpower. Together we can work in common interests with business and unions to drive productivity, lift wages and profits.'

'I want an economy that works for people, not the other way around,' he said.

Anthony Albanese has now been sworn in as Australia's 31st Prime Minister by the Governor-General David Hurley. On his return from Tokyo this week (after meeting the leaders of Japan, the USA and India) he will formalise his new government.

Upper house

In the Senate, veteran trouble-maker Pauline Hanson's electoral bacon

appears to have been saved by strong preference flows from the LNP in Queensland, but she will be joined by new faces including a Queensland Green, Penny Allman-Payne, and possibly also Bernard Bradley from Legalise Cannabis Australia, who outpolled both former premier Campbell Newman and Clive Palmer with a fraction of their resources.

Independent climate activist and former rugby player David Pocock has

upset the traditional red-blue split in the ACT by becoming the favourite to take the Liberal spot as counting continues there.

Despite repeated claims that the ALP would not negotiate on the policies they took to the election, Anthony Albanese's government is going to have to deal with the largest and most green-tinged cross-bench in Australia's history.

Most of the newcomers have much higher ambitions

than Labor when it comes to climate, and the National Party will no longer have the power to be a drag on this process.

Although Mr Albanese is no friend of the Greens, particularly after some bruising encounters in his own seat of Grayndler, his previous experience managing legislation in the minority Gillard Government should stand him in good stead to work with the cross-bench. He will be joined in this by

the equally experienced Tony Burke, along with Penny Wong in the Senate.

One thing the ALP leadership and most new members of parliament agree on is the urgent need to act on corruption at a federal level, including retrospectively.

Several ministers in the former Morrison government now face a nervous wait for the promised formation of a federal ICAC with teeth, due later this year.

The infographic is a circular diagram with a central blue circle containing the text "POWER + PLUMBING flood resilient strategies". Surrounding this central circle are eight yellow circles, each containing a hand-drawn illustration and a label for a specific strategy:

- use low voltage**: Illustration of two garden lamps with a "12v" label.
- raise external services**: Illustration of a house with a "HOT WATER" tank and "AIR CON" unit on a "Concrete pad".
- raise pool + tank**: Illustration of a swimming pool and a water tank on a raised platform.
- secure external structures**: Illustration of a shed with a label "tanks + sheds fixed to concrete slab".
- raise appliances**: Illustration of a washing machine and dryer on a "flood resilient cabinetry" unit.
- raise powerpoints**: Illustration of a person in a red shirt pointing to a "nice n dry" powerpoint on a wall, with a label "bottom wall panel can be easily removed".
- install separate circuits**: Illustration of a house with a lightning bolt and a label "install separate circuits".
- pumps + power**: Illustration of a pump unit.

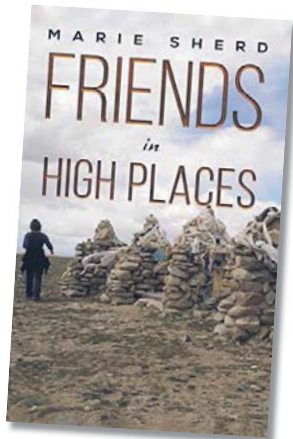
At the bottom left of the infographic is a circular logo for "GET FLOOD READY" with a checkmark and the text "MULLUM CARES INC.". To its right is a square logo with a crosshair design. At the bottom right is a QR code and the text "@brenna_quinian". The website "mulumcares.com.au" is written at the very bottom.

Review: *Friends in High Places*

A month in Tibet in 2007 inspired local Marie Sherd to write a novel titled *Friends in High Places*. It was published in London by Austin Macauley who described it to be a 'compelling and immersive...' read. They also said 'Combined with the unfolding storyline, [her] accessible writing style further enhances the appeal to readers, allowing [her] work the opportunity to do well in today's competitive book market.'

An Amazon UK review said 'Beautifully observed and written. I loved this book – couldn't put it down – thoroughly enjoyed the story and the authenticity of the characters and surroundings.'

The book was motivated by what's happening in Tibet under Chinese occupation.



Combined with a tale of adventure, fact, fiction and a hint of romance, its aim was to alert the general readership to what has happened in Tibet with the systematic oppression of the Tibetan people's freedom, their culture, language and belief system.

Having said that, most people who've read the book so far are more interested in what's going to happen with the romance element, Dorje, (who is entirely fictitious!) and the outcome of that friendship! When Marie completed *Friends in High Places* she knew she could have continued but didn't at the time, which is leading to a possible sequel down the track.

Friends in High Places is available in paperback and as an EBook online.

Community at Work: On The Horizon

Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next working bee is at Brunswick Heads, Saturday 28 May, 9am–1.30pm. Meet at the end of South Head Beach, fire trail gate.

Drill Hall Films

Drill Hall Film Society screens director Rachel Perkins's soulful and spritzy crowd-pleaser *Bran Nue Dae*, Saturday 28 May at 2pm (doors open 1.30). Book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia 6684 2112.

Brunswick CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Old and Gold Festival Stall, Saturday 8am to 1pm:

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Train AGM

Northern Rivers Rail invites members and supporters of a Northern Rivers Railway Service to their first annual general meeting Saturday, May 28, 2–4pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Dalley Street. Contact admin@northernriversrail.com.au for more information.

Marcus Pearse

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are hosting author Marcus Pearse, in conversation with author Kenn Sealey, to discuss his latest book *Your Exceptional Life*, and his podcast '100 Not Out: Mastering the art of ageing Well'. Moller Pavilion, Bangalow on Sunday 5 June, 3–5pm. Entry \$15, bookings are essential: www.byronbayfol.com.

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Old man shouts at cloud #1 – When time is no impediment to fun

Michael McDonald

In a world where too much CGI and martial arts is never enough, I'm interested in seeing Michelle Yeoh in *Everything Everywhere All At Once* along with Jamie Lee Curtis as an evil government tax auditor (is there any other kind?). It's an alternative to the multiverse (checks with astrophysicist if that's possible) starring Benedict Cumberbatch, *Dr Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*.

Malaysian actor Michelle Yeoh's work covers a range of genres but in the West she is probably best known as a star in Ang Lee's 2000 film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*. And speaking of Cumberbatch, as well as being Dr Strange and Sherlock Holmes – not mutually exclusive beings in any fictional universe – he is one of the originators of the fantastic YouTube channel Letters Live.

On it you can see famous actors read important letters from throughout history, such as a 13-year-old Jane



Martial arts star Michelle Yeoh takes on a confusing multiverse. Image from everythingeverywheremovie.com

Austen's letter to her brothers on the faults in their periodical, or see Olivia Colman swear like a trooper in the 1675 putdown of Mehmed IV, the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, by the Zaporozhian Cossacks of Ukraine: <https://tinyurl.com/3896y9ay>. It's a fate richly deserved by certain modern world leaders.

I'm a fan of both Yeoh and Cumberbatch and I'd like to see them with Christopher Walken (did you know he tells everyone on set it's his birthday and they make a fuss and give him cake, even though it's not

his birthday?) in a film set in a government-run nursing home.

They sneak out ninja-style to the kitchen at night in search of sandwiches to supplement their meagre diet. They are suddenly surrounded by bureaucrats from head office, armed with lethal bar graphs and pie charts that show that giving sufficient food to inmates will harm their department's bottom line. However, they are no match for the trio, especially when they bring into play food trays, a pop-up toaster and an eggbeater.

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Storylines – Stop the rot and take action

Bronwyn Bancroft

Having spent a long time reflecting on the last 13 weeks since the floods devastated our region, many important issues have come to my attention – loss of homes, possessions, safety, schools suspended from flooding, chaos, death, loss of animals, extreme anxiety and desperation, and so much more. Even as I write it is depressing to navigate and comprehend the scope of this natural disaster.

In the first stages of news being delivered to us about the scope and immense nature of the weather event, I felt like a zombie from an apocalyptic movie. What could I do to help? How could I be useful? My eldest daughter Ella, who is a champion for equality and the environment, and her partner Kirilly, showed this old girl how it is done!

Frontline action

Their frontline volunteerism at the *Koori Mail* in Lismore has been epic (along with many others who turned up to help). They started with a table and a chair, and over the last 13 weeks have provided support for flood-stricken victims, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

It has been an out of mind experience, having to deal with such catastrophic natural disasters – first the bushfires that threatened our homes in Upper Main Arm, then COVID-19 that enforced a dome of isolation over my life and my family's, and then the enormity of the floods that truly decimated the landscape in our beautiful Bundjalung country.

Longterm impacts

I feel these events have assisted in elevating the priorities in my life and that of many others who are now survivors of these life-changing events. My tolerance level for intolerance and lack of empathy has escalated, and I cannot count how many times I have had to assert to the unaffected just how terrible these events have been.

If it is not in the 24-hour news cycle, then it is like it never happened and it is business as usual. This is not the case and many, many years of recovery are ahead of us all. Our lives will never be the same. I was very angry



The road in Upper Main Arm washed away again after the second flood of 2022. Photo Katherine Leggett

about the lack of support on the ground by emergency services, particularly the Australian Army.

'It's my country too'

My father, a Bundjalung man, served in World War II, not as a citizen of Australia but as a 'non-human being', being classified under the Australian government as 'flora and fauna'.

In 1967, an Act was introduced when we were identified as 'citizens'. I asked my father why he went to war; his response was, 'It's my country too, Bronwyn'. I know in my heart that Dad and his brothers, legendary men with amazing bush skills and ingenious solutions to problem-solving, would have been in the thick of it. They would have been trying to unlock the dilemma that many were confronted by in that first awful week and the realisation that entire families and communities face – that of attempting to make sense of what had just occurred. Like the aftermath of war, they would have mobilised to gift their time to others when they had lost everything.

I witnessed many acts of unselfishness, love and empathy that have helped to assist in my own recovery and healing around the trauma that insidiously invaded my mind and created a disconnect that existed to enable survival and sanity.

The community volunteers who generously stopped their lives to help so many, and the ongoing contribution by the community, has delivered a

framework and the resources to assist with the basics. It was a logistical nightmare to access basic needs to fill the void left by the powerful impacts of our natural world.

People power for change

There was an election on Saturday 21 May 2022. Governments are out of touch with people who reside in this country and this has been demonstrated by the wave of independents and Greens that have been supported. Governments have to be stopped from using the proceeds of taxation to fund their rich mates, corporate partners and any number of corrupt incidents that have littered the landscape; this must be stopped, and people power is the only solution. Stop the rot.

This country is what we have now to nurture, to respect, to be custodians of – climate change is real. Corruption is rife and real solutions are being ignored as powerful arbitrators decide our future through their twisted privileged lens that has left a gaping hole in our society for the elderly, the poor and the vulnerable. Now is our opportunity to support this change.

Lest we forget.

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New premiership side collects emphatic win

Albert Moses

The Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club celebrated their first win after returning to the premier league when they beat Lennox Head 7-1 last Friday night playing at home.

Both teams were running depleted squads and in the first two minutes of the game it already looked like it would be an interesting night. Lennox nearly scored from the kick-off but were outdone by young fullback

Sam Darbyshire, who managed to outplay three defenders before delivering a perfectly weighted pass for Taz Saunders to put into the side netting.

Lennox came back quickly with a couple of wide attacks leading to shots saved by substitute keeper Jasper Gisjbers, but the game was increasingly dominated by the Valleys, who played lots of possession football and moved the ball with flair whenever they got into the opposite half.

Kare Isaac, wearing the captain's armband for the match, scored the second when the Lennox defence gave away a penalty, and then another series of well constructed goals beginning at the goalkeeper were finished by Ziggy Whetstone and Steve Gort.

In the second half Lennox came back with determination and managed to slip one past to make it 4-1.

But the Valleys knew that they needed to improve their second half focus and had

been saving some in the tank for the last half hour. German Mtonh found a pocket of space in front of goals and scored the fifth, Taz crafted a shot from a difficult angle through sheer determination and scored off a deflection, and finally, in return for his tireless efforts and tenacity, Sam completed the night by both winning and taking a second penalty, making it 7-1 to Mullumbimby.

Next up the Valleys face last year's premiers, Lismore Rovers.

Bringing learning and play together



Principal of Byron Bay High Janine Marcus with kids on the agility course. Photo Ross Kendall

Ross Kendall

Byron Bay High School's new agility course recognises the importance of play for learning and has students from all years actively playing during breaks and PDHPE lessons, according to Byron Bay High's Principal, Janine Marcus.

'Research from the Gonski Institute for Education, Australian Symposium on Play, made me think about the place of play for our students,' she said. 'The innovative course is specifically designed to increase student fitness, creative play, and fun.'

Janine collaborated with designers from Urban Play

to specially have an outdoor playground that would entice high school students to move and have fun during break times.

Ninja Warrior style

The agility course can be used as a Ninja Warrior type activity, to build strength, or just enjoy.

'The more fun students have at school the more they are ready to take risks with their learning, challenge themselves inside and outside of the classroom,' she said.

The BBHS agility course is unique and has sparked interest from other secondary schools in the area, she said.

Race action at the TVSC Mother's Day meet

Adam Andrewartha

A dedicated fleet of 13 boats took to the water for the Tweed Valley Sailing Club's (TVSC) Winter series on Mother's Day earlier this month.

The racing on the Tweed River, returning to its former glory post flooding, involved a beach start and two laps of the course in a steady 12 knot SSW breeze. Once out on the water the fleet was well spread out and the chase began.

John Haywood sailing a Pacer with Deb Beard had the early lead before Dave Robinson took the win in his Impulse, Matchbox. Adam and Zack Andrewartha

came in third on their NS14 *No sweat*.

The second race was a joint start for a one-lap sprint. As it got down to the final seconds the fleet resembled a scaled down version of the famous Sydney to Hobart, very congested and boats sailing in just about every conceivable direction.

The lap went by with the fleet all finishing quite closely together. Craig Foley did not disappoint, crossing the line first in *Gidget*. Dave proved the first race was no fluke with a second place finish and Kate Yeomans sailed into third spot on *Bluey*. Even with a less than desirable start she is always one to watch.



Doug Haig and Alan Tolley get onboard *Cyanara*.

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BYRON BAY



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Byron Bay

6680 9183

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www.loftbyronbay.com.au

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The Italian Byron Bay

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Open Monday to Saturday
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www.theitalianbyronbay.com

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@mainstreet_burgerbar

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Menus at
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We will be closed from the 1st of June until the 16th of June for a holiday break. We will be reopening on the 17th with a new menu and are excited to see you then!



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Opening Hours
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Barrio takes its inspiration from locally sourced produce and Middle Eastern cuisine.

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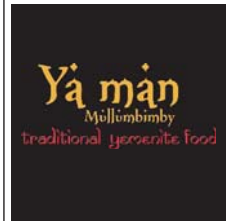
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DELI

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Wed–Sun | 8am–3pm

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Wed–Sun | 6.30am–3pm

CATERING



Celebrations Cakes by Liz Jackson

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North Coast Festival of Flavour

Organisers of the North Coast Festival of Flavour on 3–5 June 2022 say it's not to be missed, as the producers, farmers, restaurateurs, brewers, distillers and winemakers of this lush region are serving up the very best of the North Coast with a series of exciting events and experiences. From Byron Bay to the Tweed, Lismore to Richmond Valley, the Coffs Coast to the Macleay Valley, and from Port Macquarie to the Barrington Coast, discover long lunches, wine tasting, brewery hopping, flame-grilled outdoor feasts, seafood cruises and much more.

They say that the 'open weekend' festival will provide visitors to the

region with an abundance of options of 'foodie' experiences, from sampling the region's fresh organic produce at local markets and farm gates, to brewery and distillery tastings and world-class eateries up and down the north coast.

To plan for, and to make the most of the event, visitors are encouraged to visit the North Coast Flavour Trails, a digital platform that will house all of the relevant information on the array of events happening across the north coast from 3–5 June 2022 and will also be the ultimate assistant on the day, highlighting special offers and events, mapping routes between venues and providing all the tools you need

to have an amazing day sampling the best of north coast food, beverages and produce.

Michael Thurston, General Manager of Destination North Coast states, 'as excited as we are about igniting the taste buds of visitors to the north coast the event is also an opportunity to provide support to an industry that has suffered significantly throughout COVID-19 and the recent flooding events. In view of this we wanted to create an event that enables all relevant venues and operators to participate and benefit. In addition, we want consumers to explore our region far and wide.'

visitnsw.com/north-coast-festival-of-flavour

Frida's Field: nose-to-tail lunch



On Saturday 4 June, Frida's Field will pay homage to their holistically-reared Angus-Wagyu cattle by hosting a special five-course nose-to-tail long lunch featuring all their own beef. Located just ten minutes from Bangalow in the Byron Bay Hinterland, Frida's Field is a 120-acre farm and restaurant with stunning pastoral views known for contemporary country cuisine that celebrates the seasons, their ecological farming practices and the amazing produce of the Northern Rivers region.

As one of the hero events in the inaugural North Coast Festival of Flavours, this special celebration features a menu carefully curated by award-winning Chef Alastair Waddell to showcase all parts of the animal to honour of its life and demonstrate that minimising food waste can be a true gastronomic treat. It uses all their own holistically-reared Angus-Wagyu beef, which was butchered in-house using seam-butcher techniques, and dry-aged on-site for 60 days. Example dishes include Charred raw beef, with egg yolk, sweet potato chips; Cured and smoked brisket and flank, with horseradish, sauerkraut; Woodfired prime cut of Frida's beef, with preserved mushrooms, béarnaise; Slow cooked shin, with root vegetables; and Chocolate delicé, with bone marrow caramel.

The lunch will be capped at just 80 guests, and there will be an option to add paired beverages that have been locally-sourced from the Byron, New England and Granite Belt regions.

Head Chef Alastair Waddell, three-time winner of the SMH Good Food Guide's One Hat Award, together with Frida's Field founders Edward Rawlings and Jeanie Wylie will provide guests with a talk about the process of developing the dishes



The picturesque Frida's Field restaurant. Photo Kate Holmes. And two of the dishes from the 5-course nose-to-tail lunch. Photo Mia Forrest.

on the nose-to-tail menu, butchering the beast, and how holistically-reared beef and pasture diversification improves the organic matter in soils and actively sequesters carbon from the atmosphere.

Frida's Field founder Jeanie Wylie says, 'We are extremely proud of the time and energy that we put into managing our beef holistically; and we know that this translates into better quality beef. We're hosting this lunch so people can come together and taste the difference; to encourage people to be more conscious of where their meat comes from and how it is grown; and get people excited about minimising food waste and using the whole beast by experiencing how delicious less 'premium' cuts really are. We understand that there is a lot of controversy around the environmental

impact of beef production, but we also know that not all beef is equal – grass fed-and-finished beef that is raised with low-density stocking rates using rotational cell-grazing is completely different from mass produced grain-fed feed-lot beef (just as large scale monocrops of vegetables that have been heavily treated with synthetic fertilizers and pesticides are completely different from small-scale organically grown vegetables). What better way to get people interested in these issues, than by coming together to enjoy delicious food in a beautiful setting?'

How to book:
Saturday 4 June (just one lunch sitting): \$120pp for five-courses, plus \$75pp for paired beverages.

Bookings: fridasfield.com
76 Booyong Road, Nashua
Socials: @fridasfield

Organic avocados

Victoria Cosford

We love it when the fuerte avocados make their way back to the market. As I walked over to the Organic Avocado stall, my first sighting was of Kate squeezing lime juice onto the perfect half of the avocado with spoon in hand ready to dip in. Nearly twenty years after seeing the 27-acre farm advertised on the internet, purchasing it and cultivating avocados on twenty of those acres, she will still eat a minimum of one avocado every day.

With everything the farmers have faced climatically over the last few years, I ask her what her greatest challenge is, and she says it's a soil-borne fungus called 'phytophthora', which thrives in moisture and weakens

the trees. Soil health, lots of compost, and her fingers firmly crossed are the solution to it – but the irony is that avocados are one of the most environmentally intrusive fruits in terms of their production, requiring 70 litres of water per avocado. That's three times higher than for growing apples and 18 times higher than for growing tomatoes.

Kate never gets sick of them. Rich in mostly monosaturated fats, they're also a great source of several B vitamins and Vitamin K. But it's that buttery lushness – that 'mouth-feel' lusciousness – that makes them so popular, perennially, especially among vegetarians and vegans, who create gorgeous desserts from the flesh, chocolate mousse being a common one. Kate herself makes a Lime Pie and



Kate from Organic Avocado. Photo Allie Godfrey

passes me a wedge to try. I could be eating cheesecake: creamy, tangy, coconutty, not too sweet, on a glorious nutty base of crushed pecans and dates. A raw cake and I never would have guessed! (Recipe on website.)

You can find them at Mullum Farmers Market every Friday from 7–11am and New Brighton every Tuesday from 8–11am

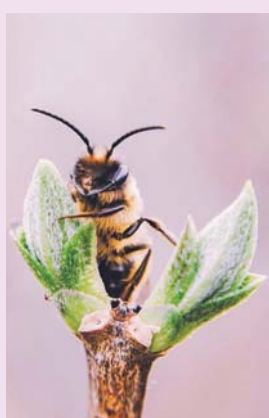
Celebrating the Day of the Bee

Last weekend, to celebrate the day of the bee (20 May) Brookie's (who have about 30 native bee hives to help pollinate the macadamias on their Cape Byron Distillery property – it's really worth doing their rainforest tour) teamed up with another environmentally-oriented spirit producer – Avallen (who make Calvados, an apple-based spirit like brandy).

Slow Apple Sour

'Apparently' these spirits together make a nice Slow Apple Sour:

Shake with ice and strain into coupe glass: 40ml Avallen, 20ml Brookie's Slow Gin, 20ml sugar, 20ml lemon juice and 15ml Aquafaba. And of course 'hold the vibrational energy of the bee' whilst drinking.



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BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY

1 VAMPT VINTAGE DESIGN

Vampt loves all things vintage. Over the past 22 years the business has evolved into property and interior styling and now has a focus on Italian lighting and Brazilian mid-century design, on the back of their well known Scandinavian range. Their expansion into Byron Bay is just ramping up.

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3/18 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay
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@vamptvintagedesign

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0413 470 775
contact@weaveguitars.com.au
weaveguitars.com.au
82 Centennial Circuit

3 BODHI LIVING

Bodhi Living is a conceptual furniture store that showcases unique, antique pieces from around the world, combined with a range of contemporary furniture, rugs, lighting, décor, and art.

They also offer a unique and personalised design experience and can guide their clients through residential, commercial, and contract projects with in-house design consultation, planning and execution, creating considered spaces that enrich the soul.

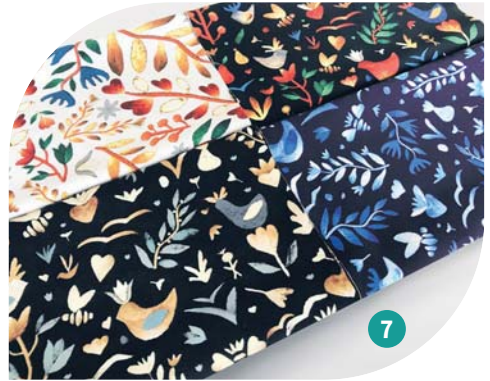
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0429 479 260 | @bodhi.living

4 BYRON BAY CANDLES

Find Byron Bay Candles in Byron's Arts and Industry Estate where they hand-pour pure, soy wax scented candles and reed diffusers with clean, non-toxic ingredients to support your health and wellbeing.

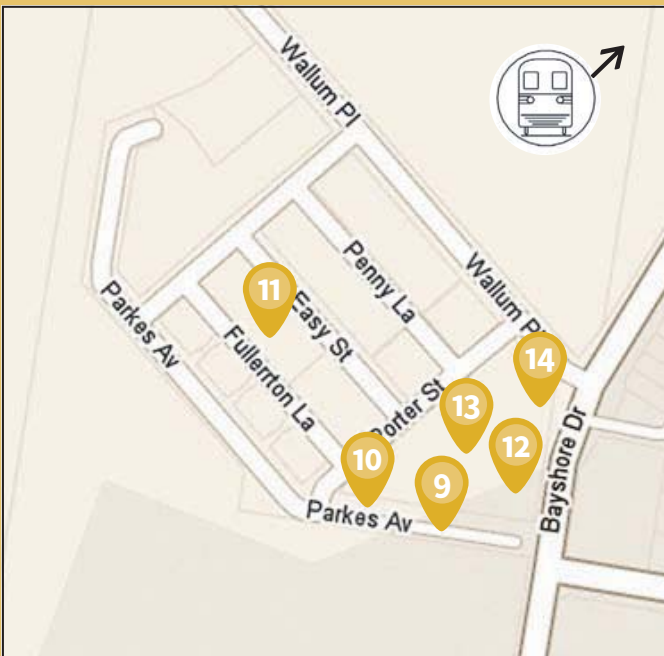
Think GREEN by recycling your empty jars with their refill options for both the candles and diffuser jars. Go to www.byronbaycandles.com/ stockists or visit the factory door Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

1, 21-23 Tasman Way, Byron Bay
(enter car park from Wollongbar St)
6685 5478
www.byronbaycandles.com

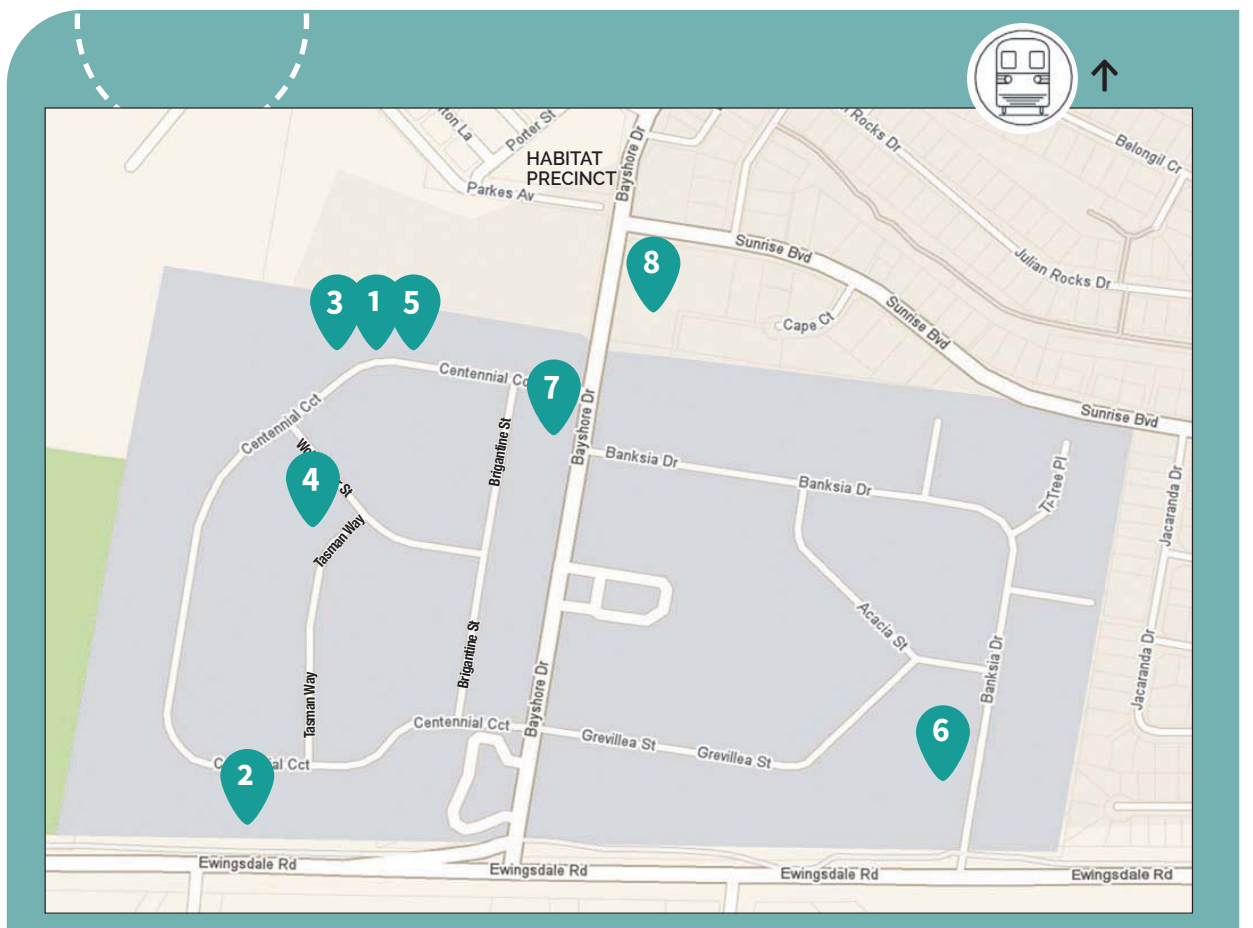


HABITAT PRECINCT

A cleverly designed village where people live, work and play, all in one place, combining old-school Byron (community, creativity) with new thinking (live+work spaces, car sharing) and good times (food, shops) to create a little oasis for locals and visitors alike.



BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE



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kidostore.com
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6 BUN COFFEE

A good coffee changes everything. Bun Coffee Roastery and Espresso Bar specialises in certified organic, fair trade, Rainforest Alliance and Australian-grown coffee, along with a huge range of unique single-origin beans.

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1a Banksia Drive, Byron Bay
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20 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay
byronbayfair.com.au
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9 VAGABOND BYRON BAY

Plant-based goodness cafe • Awesome coffee • All milks available • Smoothies to dream about • Delicious in-house baked cakes and treats • Yummy food • No bookings required.

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Open Monday to Saturday 6.30am–3pm, Sunday 8am–2pm.

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@vagabondbyronbay

10 MR SIMPLE

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12 BARRIO

Barrio offers a relaxed environment for all-day dining. The wood-fired oven and open-flame grill is the heart of the restaurant, and all dishes are centred around the distinctive flavours imparted through this style of cooking. In the evening, the lights go down, dinner is served, and great bottles of natural and world-renowned wines are opened.

Opening hours are Mon–Tues 7am–3pm and Wed–Sat 7am–10pm.

www.barriobyronbay.com.au
@barriobyronbay

13 THE BEACH PEOPLE

Lovely Locals! Head into the sanctuary that pretends it's summer all year round with luxurious and practical seaside essentials from The Beach People. Designed in Australia, made to last season after season, their iconic designs have become beach must-haves across the globe. From hats, to beach towels, to insulated picnic baskets; visit their Flagship Boutique to shop beautiful, long-lasting pieces for the whole family.

Shop 48, 1 Porter Street, Byron Bay
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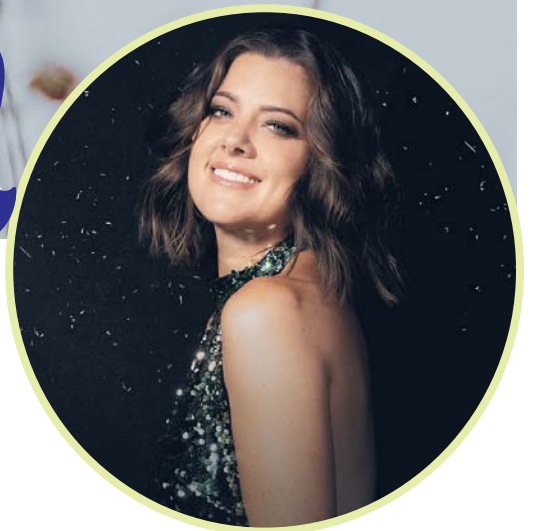
14 SHACKPALACE RITUALS

Visit the Shackpalace Rituals concept store and experience an immaculately curated selection of objects designed for ritual and mindfulness in the home, including artisan handcrafted tea and coffee wares, linen, ceramics, glassware, and small furnishings, as well as organic skincare and incense. Follow this local family @shackpalace on their journey in rethinking the way we live in our homes.

Shop 8, 1 Porter Street, Byron Bay
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Instagram: @shackpalace

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MORE FUN THAN THE 2022 ELECTION RESULTS

Live and
 Deadly
 with Sean
 Choolburra.
 June 11th,
 2pm, Surf
 Club



The Byron Comedy Festival promises to deliver more laughs than the door hitting ScoMo on the but on his way out. There are so many highlights, the entire festival is set to tickle your funny bits.

Sammy J – Symphony in J Minor: A musically-savvy master wordsmith, Sammy J has kept busy during his COVID-19 enforced break in touring by creating satirical sketches including Playground Politics and National Yoga for ABC TV. Sammy might only weight 58kg but he's no comedy lightweight. He reckons his show will be smart enough for the oldies and cheeky enough for youngsters. **Saturday 11 June, 7pm, Surf Club, \$50.**

Melanie Bracewell and Chris Ryan – Double feature: Get ready for some sharp wit from these two writers-turned-comedians. Kiwi, Melanie, moved from writing for TV to appearing on shows such as *Have You Been Paying Attention?* and *The Project* (including one segment where she accidentally dropped an F-bomb live on air). Chris Ryan is an ex-journalist who won Best Newcomer awards at both Sydney and Melbourne comedy festivals. Her laconic take on topics including co-workers and life with teenagers will have you nodding and laughing in equal measure.

Friday 10 June, 7.45pm, Surf Club, \$50.

Best of British at The Beachy: A side-cracking staple of the international comedy scene, this show features **Dan Willis**, a Brit with more than 3000 shows under his belt since ditching his computer programming career, **Rory Lowe**, who riffs off his real-life experiences, which include being held at gun-point, and his 'Aussie Peppa Pig' YouTube series; **Gary McAllister**, whose Scottish gags will git right up ye; and, **Georgie Carroll**, who escaped Britain for Australia but still loves 'home' enough to join the crew for the **Thursday night – two shows: Festival opener on Thursday 9 June, 8pm, Beach Hotel and Friday 10 June, 5.30pm at the Surf Club, \$45.**

Lawrence Mooney and Lindsay Webb – Double Feature Show: Multi-award winning comedian, radio and TV show host, Lawrence Mooney is a seasoned performer and will be heading to Byron after gigs at the Sydney Opera House. Lindsay Webb developed his skills behind the scenes as a 'warm up guy', including for ABC's *The Gruen Nation* and *Q&A*. You know you'll be in safe hands with his playful and off-the-cuff style.

Saturday 11 June, 5-6pm, Surf Club, \$50. All this and more! To find out what's on, visit: www.byroncomedyfest.com



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AMBER BRINGING IT BACK

Multi-Golden Guitar winner, Australian singer-songwriter, **Amber Lawrence**, is one of Australia's most celebrated and hardest working country artists.

Having released six studio albums and three children's albums, Amber is always busy. Writing, recording, hosting her own show on iHeart radio, 'Amber Nights', mentoring up-and-coming talent at the Tamworth Academy, hosting awards and in excess of 500 school performances around the country. This new mum takes it all in her stride.

Amber has so many awards there is not a mantelpiece big enough, and she is also touring in 2022 to fill you up with happiness and hope and one big sing-along.

Fill it Up is the third single to be released from Amber's forthcoming album, a follow up to her top five singles *Bring it Back* and *I'm Coming Home*.

Fill it Up continues where *Bring it Back* left us, painting a picture of what happens when music finally comes back to life, when we can surround ourselves with friends and feel ourselves again, it's a quintessential feel good, party tune, concocting visions of dancing and singing along with close friends and raising a toast to everything we've been through over the past two years.

This year Amber will play a massive *Bring it Back* tour with over 50 shows on the slate.

You can catch her show at the Ballina RSL this Sunday 3pm. See ballinarsl.com.au.



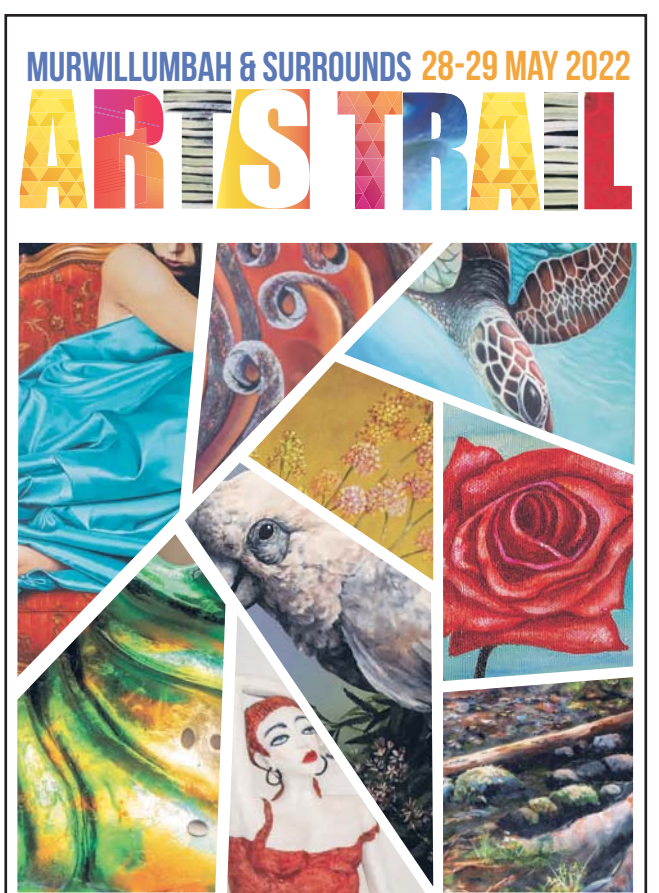
BYRON'S STREET LIFE

Local artist **Caitlin Reilly's** powerful exhibition of paintings document one aspect of contemporary life on the streets of Byron Bay, a place she has called home for nearly 25 years. The subject matter of homelessness is one that has an inherent sadness to it and painting these works has amplified her own

fears of housing insecurity and her awareness of the hardships leading to homelessness. These very personal works are as much about the anonymous sleepers as they are about the places they sleep. A visual language that acknowledges the relationship between our individual lives and the mechanisms of society.

The artists intention is to capture visceral reactions to homelessness and at the same time offer a perspective rendered with care, and in doing so capture and focus your gaze to look closer at another side of the streets of this town.

The exhibition *Streets of this town* is on display at Lone Goat Gallery until 18 June 2022.





JUNE AT BYRON THEATRE

Byron Theatre is very excited to present an awesome lineup of live events in June.

Ballina Region for Refugees is hosting a special film screening of *Limbo* on **Thursday 2 June** to help raise funds for their work assisting refugees and asylum seekers both within and outside Australia. *Limbo* is a funny and poignant cross-cultural satire, set in Scotland, which subtly sews together the hardship and hope of the refugee experience.

Byron Theatre presents their next **National Theatre Live** film on **Wednesday 8 June**. *The Book of Dust – La Belle Sauvage* is set twelve years before the epic *His Dark Materials* trilogy.

On **Friday 10 June** **Flow Music** presents *Doppel* – offering a full scale production in the Byron Theatre, **Funktion One Sound** and the freshest tastemakers in the country, this will be a sell out event! The dance floors will be open!

Sunday 12 June the theatre hosts **The Dawn Light** *Because of Love* album launch with special guests: **Peter Hunt Band** and **Animal Ventura**. *Because of Love* is a 12 song album capturing the exquisite singing and songwriting of **Angela Newcomb**.

The Byron Theatre is proud to present a very special **'Black & White'** for the 80th Anniversary of *Casablanca*. The Byron Theatre Events Bar will transform into the famous 'gin joint' with specialty cocktails and live music in the courtyard – wear your best black & white to celebrate!

On **Tuesday 28 June**, Byron Theatre brings you **Joan Didion's** celebrated memoir *The Year Of Magical Thinking*, brought to life by Green Room Award-winning actor **Jillian Murray**, in a solo performance that reunites her with director **Laurence Strangio**.

On **Thursday 30 June**, **The Tap Pack** is finally back conjuring up a modern twist to the crooners and artists from the fifties through to the noughties! The Tap Pack mixes slick humour, high energy entertainment and world class tap dance. They sing. They dance. They joke. They bring a new, invigorating energy to a timeless style! **For more details on any of these wonderful events, or to buy tickets, please go to: byroncentre.com.au**

THE JEZABELS

The Jezabels are on a national tour to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of their multi-award winning Gold Album *Prisoner*. For the first time, the band will be playing their most successful record, in its entirety, live on stage.

Prisoner is a panoramic study of tension and emancipation, from the echoing stone cathedral of the title track to the sun-blasted morning of the first single, 'Endless Summer'; from the cloistered atmospherics of the instrumental interlude, 'Austerlitz', to the chiming and climbing pop of 'Deep Wide Ocean' and the quiet reflecting pool of 'Peace of Mind'.










With three quarters of the band calling Byron Bay home, it's only fitting that The Northern be one of the stops on the tour. Lead singer **Hayley Mary** says she is very excited to be home. 'It's always quite emotional and nostalgic for me. I think the Byron and that shaped, particularly Heather and me, is gone. But, in some ways, it's good as well – it's easy to remember and to romanticise the past, like before the Instagram models moved in, but it was a pretty blokey beach town back in the day. There were definitely some things that we needed to escape to be female musicians.'


The Jezabels will be revisiting an album that's ten years old but Hayley says that, 'unlike Byron, the beauty of the record is that it hasn't changed over time, but the lyrics are vague enough and poetic enough that they haven't aged. You can read into them what you want. An album is a cultural artefact, it doesn't change – like a place does. But what we've found is we're not too caught in a time and place. I'm a really different person to what I was when we wrote that album – everyone is – but I can step into it and that nostalgia element gives you the ability to pay homage to that time and place.'

You can see The Jezabels play *Prisoner* at The Northern on Thursday 9 June.

BYRON THEATRE



2 June - 1 July

 <p>LIMBO (2020) BR4R Film Fundraiser Thursday 2 June 7:00pm</p>	 <p>The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage - NT Live Wednesday 8 June 11:00am</p>	 <p>Flow Music Presents Doppel (Live) Friday 10 June 7:00pm</p>
 <p>Tom Waits for No Man Stewart D'Arrietta Saturday 11 June 8:00pm</p>	 <p>The Dawn Light Album Launch Sunday 12 June 3:30pm</p>	 <p>Casablanca 80th B&W Gin Joint Party Wednesday 15 June 5:30pm Party 7:00pm Film</p>
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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

ANOTHER DAY IN HOPE PURGATORY

It's Tuesday.

I still don't know the upshot of this election.

There are two outcomes I envisioned for myself.

One was triumph. Taking the Green dreams of our region to Canberra. In this dream my hair is neat, I'm composed and magnificent. I'm speaking about how I will take our voices to the table. Celebrating with this community that this is the ticket for real climate and housing action.

In the other I am in a tracksuit curled up in bed sulking. I'm having a tantrum on the floor, I'm a conspiratorial mess, declaring 'This election was Stolen from Nolan!' I'm all dressed up and got nowhere to storm. I realise it's just a dream. I'm still in bed. In my tracksuit.

I refresh my phone. It's become a nervous tic.

I'm literally stalking the AEC website.

I hadn't considered this as an outcome.

Politics is a phenomenal experience. To work harder than you thought possible, to put yourself so absolutely in the public domain full of hope and belief. Then to ask for judgement. It's high stakes. A kind of ethical and philosophical extreme sport.

Election really is a Judgement Day of sorts.

The upside is that the results of this election across the nation are brilliant.

No more Scott Morrison, the Lib/Nats coalition sent to the sin bin, history being made with three Greens in the lower house, a full suite of 12 Greens senators... and so many new Independent women MP's on the cross bench. My my, I do believe we may have broken the two party system. Or at least sent a message deep to the heart of a system where so many feel unrepresented.

So many middle aged women! I have been saying, you don't send monsters to fight monsters. You just get more monsters. Send a menopausal woman.

So right now this menopausal woman is in hope purgatory. That's the place you go when you don't know if you've lost, or if you've won. I thought by today I would know either way, but the seat of Richmond according to psephologists is still very much 'in play'.

Never heard of a psephologist before? Well until this election, neither had I. They aren't the kind of dinner parties I've ever attended, or quite frankly been invited to. These are the statistician superheroes who lurk in the shadows. Political scientists who are expert at statistical analysis of elections and polls. How many psephologists does it take to change a light bulb? Let me see how it happened last time, we'll use that to guide the prediction. Well, as it turns out, apparently we've broken the lightbulb.

So that's why today, three days after the election I still don't know for sure. I was supposed to have an interview with the ABC this morning but the producer rang and said 'lets put it off, it's still too close'.

Back to hope purgatory. The excruciating precipice where I've been for days now. It's the precipice where you can't step back to recover in your normal life, nor can you move forward to leap into the unknown. It's the place of lingering. My fellow candidates, Steph Hodgins-May in Macnamara and Stephen Bates in Brisbane, are in the same position.

So I sit and wait for an outcome knowing that I have some of the most powerful meditators in the region manifesting the F out of this. Candles are burning. Witches are howling at the moon.

Regardless of what happens though, I have to say we have run a spectacular campaign. We have built a grassroots people's movement that won't be going away. We have taken a safe seat and at the very least made it marginal. We are still holding on. So, if not this time, it will be next.

I've been asked if I will run again, and the answer is simple. There are 1500 corflutes with my face on them. To not run would not be in the spirit of the Greens.

As Arnie said... I'll be back.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **INO PIO**, 7.30PM **TROPICALE**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **LET'S TALK MENOPAUSE**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **REGGAE AND RAINBOW FEAT. BOMBACLOCK**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 6.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **ROB RHODES**
- EUREKA HALL 7PM **FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS - ASH BELL & SARA TINDLEY AND MELANIE HORSNELL**

ROGUE ELEMENTS

- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **GERALDINE HICKEY & ZOË COOMBS MARR**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **FULL FLOWER MOON BAND + JACK TULLY AND THE SEERS & REFERDEX**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB **SABOTAGE**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, **ROD MURRAY**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **DJ ABEL TORO**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **DJ DANNY B**

THURSDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ADAM BROWN**, 7.30PM **MICKA SCENE DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **THE DESERT SAID DANCE - LIVE Q&A + SCREENING**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JOCK BARNES**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **RICHARD & IGOR**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **A PROPERTY OF THE CLAN**

- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 2PM AND 7PM **A PROPERTY OF THE CLAN**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH SALI BRACEWELL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ROCKIN' RON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM **WORLD OF MUSICALS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **MARK BONO**, 9.30PM **ALTER EGOS**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 5PM **JUMAN**
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**

FRIDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 9.30PM **MELALEUCA**, 10.45PM **MIDDLE KIDS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **ASMF FEATURING THE BIG WAVE PROJECT II - A FILM BY TIM BONYTHON**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **HAYDEN HACK**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **GERALDINE HICKEY & ZOË COOMBS MARR**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SENANI**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **TOXIC FOX + SUGAR SOAP & TOMMY GUN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ MILK**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 5.30PM **DREAMS FLEETWOOD MAC & STEVIE NICKS EARLY BIRD SHOW**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE BYRON BAY WITH DJ PUMAH**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **A PROPERTY OF THE CLAN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **STAGE 2**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 8PM **WHISPERING JACK SHOW**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **RICK BARRON**, 9.30PM **RADIO NOWHERE**

SUNDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **PHIL HOWELL**, 4.30PM **JD3**, 7.30PM **DJ SOPHDEXX**, 9PM **DJ JAYDEN BLOCH**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **GERALDINE HICKEY & ZOË COOMBS MARR**
- THE FARM, BYRON BAY, 4PM **SUNSET SESSIONS**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **ALEX TILLY**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **KALLIDAD**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 3PM **AMBER LAWRENCE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 3PM **GORDON KOANG**
- LENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM **CHEYNNE MURPHY TRIO**, 8AM **BRUNO BAH & FRIENDS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 1PM **ANGIE WHITLEY**, 5PM **REVOLUTION**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **SARAH GRANT**

MONDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **JORDAN MAC**

SATURDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **JOE CONROY**, 3PM **TY LA MOONCHILD**, 6PM **JAY DEVU**, 8.30PM **THE NEW LANGUAGE**, 10.30PM **DJ REFLEX**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM

TUESDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **SALVE JORGE**
- SPACE YOGA, BYRON BAY, 7PM **ECSTATIC DANCE BYRON BAY WITH DJ LO QI**



TOM WAITS FOR NO MAN

Stewart D’Arrietta presents his homage to Tom Waits with trademark flourish and reverential impudence. His larger-than-life presence, irreverent humour and distinctive growl bring a unique passion and texture to the songs of Tom Waits. D’Arrietta has a long relationship with Tom Waits music, and an affinity deeper than most, having developed it over two decades. He has the ‘Cease and Desist’ order to prove it, once having to cancel the New York run of his hit show *Tom Waits for No Man* over objections from Waits and his legal team. D’Arrietta rewrote an entire show in days and maintained his run. His passion for Tom’s music remains undiminished, only enhanced by the years of creative forensic interpretation. One of the ten best shows at Edinburgh Fringe according to Scotland’s *The Sunday Times*, D’Arrietta’s characteristic gravel-voiced sensitivity brings out the shapes and shades of legendary ballads such as *Invitation to the Blues*, *Martha*, and the heart wrenching *Tom Traubert’s Blues*, before bursting into rock songs such as *Way Down In The Hole* and *Goin’ Out West*. Beneath the roaring bluster and cyclonic musicality, the sinewy strands of romance weave poignant and compelling stories of life, love, lust and loss – this performer’s favourite themes.

See *Tom Waits for No Man* on Saturday 11 June, at 8pm – go to: byroncentre.com.au for more info.



ALL IS LOVE FOR JUMAN

Love is All is a 13 track release for **Juman** – her first full length album. Juman says that the songs are representations of meeting herself and the world around her with humility, accountability and love – first and foremost! ‘It all begins with a full commitment to loving thy self. It feels really amazing to be in a place where this feels really natural to me, after so much dedication to working through my shit. In saying this, there are moments every now and again that don’t always feel this way – the contradiction of life. How humbling.’ Juman says that is it through the songs that she summons herself towards her soul’s purpose, through the weaving of WAVS. ‘This musical creation inspired and drives my actions, step by step – it’s really the most loving thing you can do for yourself and the world; to follow your soul’s calling!’ Juman wrote and produced all of the tracks herself from her bedroom studio. She hopes the album will make people fall deeper into love with life, and themselves. Launching on Saturday, Juman will be supported by **Ella Bancroft**.

It’s going to be a very special evening that will be sure to leave you feeling super inspired and nourished.

Durrumbul Hall on Saturday from 5pm. For more info, visit: www.jumanmusic.com.

ARTS TRAIL A CONTEMPORARY ART SHOWCASE

The **Murwillumbah Arts Trail** (MAT) was founded in 2015 by **Annie Long** who worked with local artists and curators to coproduce a multi-sited exhibition for her Southern Cross University honours project; which aimed to examine the role of the independent curator within regional Australia and to explore how temporal art events can serve to regenerate community interaction and local identity. The trail was originally focused in the Murwillumbah CBD using the empty art deco shops as pop-up galleries and collaborating with the existing galleries and artists in the town, taking people inside spaces they had not been into for years and to places they would not normally go, and it reignited a sense of pride in the town. MAT has contributed to the building of the existing artistic culture of the town and to the empowerment of artists in the region. The annual event has grown over the years into an exhibition of contemporary art that showcases up to 100 artists from the Tweed Valley and surrounds, offering the community a chance to see artists at work, participate in art activities and purchase art from local artists.



MAT is run by a talented volunteer committee of people who put in the work to bring you this annual event. They gratefully acknowledge Tweed Shire Council funding with support from Tweed Tourism. MAT 2022 is auspiced and supported by Creative Caldera, a not-for-profit incorporated organisation supporting local art and artists. **The Murwillumbah Arts Trail is on this weekend with a garden barbeque and opening night party from 5.30pm at the Murwillumbah Showgrounds. For more info visit: www.murwillumbahartstrail.com.au.**



THE HEART OF THE WAVE

The journey into the heart of big wave surfing continues with this sequel to the acclaimed surf documentary *The Big Wave Project*. This production has taken **Tim Bonython** around the planet to interview the world’s most renowned big wave surfers, and to record the biggest and most death-defying waves to surf. It’s a narrative that will scare viewers as much as it will exhilarate.

Can monster waves be surfed, both in paddle and tow? Are there any limits? What are the stories behind the biggest waves too big to paddle? *The Big Wave Project 2* takes on answering those questions by traveling to all the big wave spots on the planet with the world’s most respected big wave surfers. Locations include: Nazaré (Portugal) – the home of the biggest rideable wave, The Right, Shipsterns (Australia), Cloudbreak (Fiji) and Teahupo’o (Tahiti), Mavericks and Jaws (USA), plus hot off the press – that historic February 2022 swell where some serious contenders went down for a possible new Guinness World Record for the biggest wave.

***The Big Wave Project 2* is a made for the big screen, narrated by Australian big wave legend and world champion Tom Carroll. Tim Bonython will be at the show at Byron Theatre on Friday – screening is at 7pm.**

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More than just a granny flat!

Byron Built's latest project showcases an architecturally designed multi-dwelling tourist facility in the picturesque Byron hinterland.

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Julie-Ann Manahan and team at Raine & Horne Coast to Country scoops multiple awards

Julie-Ann Manahan and her team of property professionals are well-versed in delivering outstanding service. Now they’ve been recognised for their substantial efforts.

The team recently brought home a swag of trophies from the Annual R&H State Awards, where the industry’s leading agents are acknowledged for providing service excellence.

Ms Manahan said, ‘I’m so happy for our team. They deserve this heartfelt acknowledgement of their consistent efforts to provide exceptional service to all our clients. We’ve seen unprecedented market conditions over the past two years or so, but it’s also been a very challenging time for everyone in the industry.’

‘Because we cover such a large and diverse marketplace, from Coast to Country, our sales, property management and admin teams see what’s happening in the market and how buyers are moving around the region. Our services span not only sales, but include property management,



Julie-Ann Manahan and team at R&H Coast to Country

project marketing, residential land subdivisions and more. It’s our whole team approach and close teamwork that makes all the difference,’ she said.

In a showstopper of a night, Ocean Shores agent Adrian Howe was awarded Top Salesperson Dollar Value – that’s number one across the State. Mr Howe also received the coveted Gold Chairman’s Club Award acknowledging his exceptional achievements.

Murwillumbah’s Jason Dittmar was awarded third

place across the State in Sales Value and collected the Silver Chairman’s Club Award. Ocean Shores’ Brett McDonald earned seventh place across the State in Sales Value and also picked up the Silver Chairman’s Club Award. Elizabeth Hickey of Murwillumbah and Tania Sheppard of Ocean Shores also collected a Silver Chairman’s Club gong.

Principal Julie-Ann Manahan came home with the Highest Dollar Value Residential Transaction across Northern New South Wales and Queensland. The

collective Ocean Shores team were ranked fourth office in the State.

In addition, the team were finalists in:

- Office Marketing Excellence and Local Community Engagement.
- Michelle Kriesfeld of Ocean Shores was a finalist in the Best New Talent in Property Management category.
- Finalists in the Outstanding Office Support category included Michelene Carroll of Murwillumbah office, and Michelle Hall and Debra Stoker from Ocean Shores.





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Spacious, Private Home – Great Location

4 2 2 853M²

- Situated on a generous 853m² block overlooking acres of bush
- The home features a unique floor plan with indoor and outdoor living being a key focus, with 3 access points to the outdoor entertaining areas
- Excellent location within walking distance to Tallow Beach, schools, Roadhouse cafe and only a short 5-minute drive to Byron Bay's Township and world-renowned beaches
- High cathedral ceilings and large windows bring character to the home

16 Blueberry Court, Byron Bay

Price: \$1.95m – \$2.1m

Open: Saturday 28th May 11–11.30am



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Stunning Pavilion Style Home in Ewingsdale – 1 Acre

4 2 2 1 ACRE

- At the south end of the home is a pavilion wing containing 3 bedrooms, all with built in robes and large sliding doors that open out to the large covered deck
- At the opposite end of the home is a large private pavilion bedroom complete with ensuite and access to the verandah, making it the perfect parents retreat
- The kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, with a gas cooktop and wall oven and a stainless-steel splash back
- Located on an easy care 1 acre block with an abundance of space and privacy

2 Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale

Price: \$2.5m – \$2.6m

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Narnia Nursery – 20 acres in Myocum, 8kms to Byron Bay!

5 2 10 20 ACRES

- This property offers an existing commercial wholesale plant nursery with a loyal, nationwide customer base providing lucrative consistent income
- The main residence offers A large 3 bedroom home, plus a further separate, 2 bedroom studio with the opportunity to build a second dream home (STCA)
- Featuring multiple outbuildings, an amazing 200+m² shed, acres of shade houses and fully irrigated nurseries which are controlled through a state-of-the-art computerised pumping system this property is a rare find!

598 Myocum Road, Myocum

Price: Expressions of Interest

Open: By Appointment



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Family Home Moments from the Sand in New Brighton

4 3 3 919M²

- This private and spacious sanctuary is located on a large 919sqm block in one of New Brighton's most desirable streets and is only a 3 minute walk to the golden sands of New Brighton beach
- The property features 4 spacious bedrooms, one of which is a large self-contained studio complete with kitchen and bathroom
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1D Short Street, New Brighton

Price: Contact Agent

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5 3 2 654M²

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8B Seaview Street, Byron Bay

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3 2 4 2.5 ACRES

- This property offers a separate fully self-contained studio, workshop and large garage, making this versatile home full of potential
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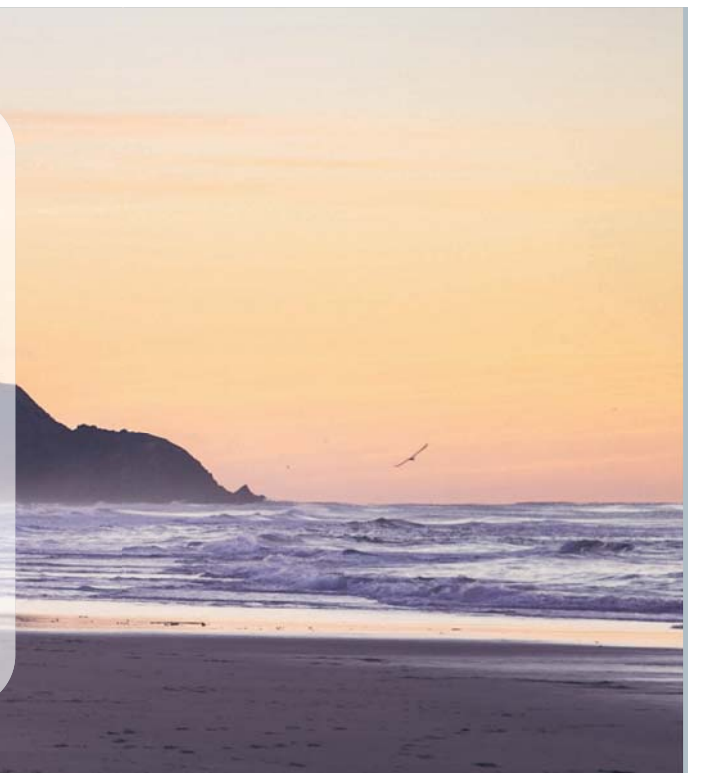
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424 Bangalow Road, Lagoon Grass

4 2 5 Expressions of interest



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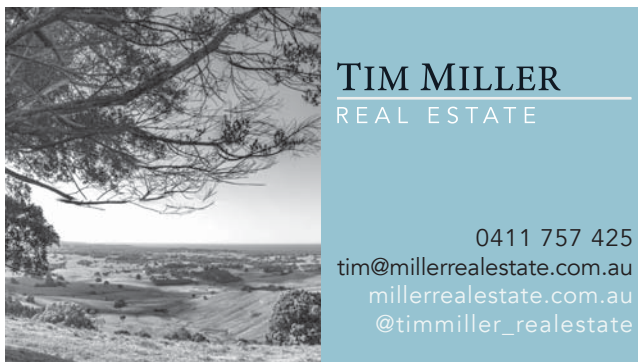
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- 241 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 70 Helen Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.30am
- Unit 1/32 and Unit 2/32 Bayside Way, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am

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- 788 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. Fri 3-3.30pm
- 39 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Fri 3-3.30pm
- 788 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. Sat 10-10.30am
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Raine & Horne, Ocean Shores

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- 41 Booyong Place, Nobbys Creek. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4 Eloura Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30-11.30am
- 59 Riverview Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 10.30-11am
- 5 Martin Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 11.30-12pm
- 148 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 12.30-1.30pm
- 60 Yamble Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm

Real Estate of Distinction Byron Bay

- 35-37 Edwards Lane, Kynnumboon. Sat 10-10.45am

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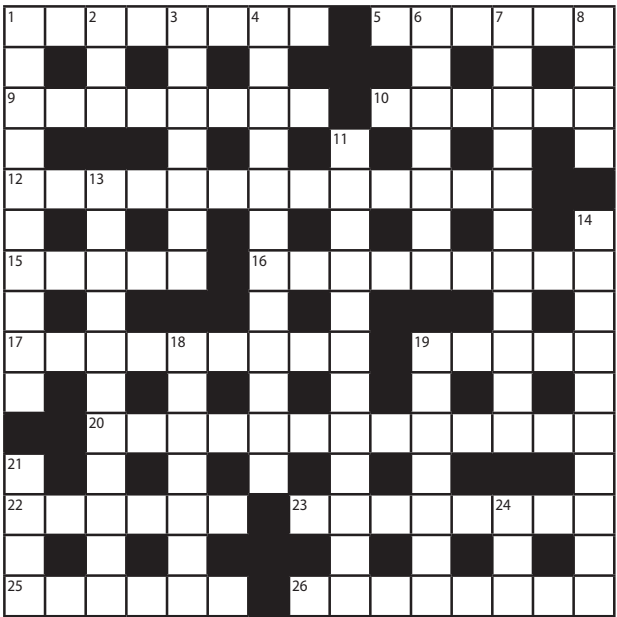
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- Giant ham had ma confused with a famous Indian (7,6)
- Farage changes sides in West Africa (5)
- Is French danger damaged and isolated? (9)
- Revises at random - but it's positive (9)
- Dug over material (5)
- Scam money share refinement (13)
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- Casual worker delayed - it's a pattern (8)
- Shoppers sort by user (6)
- Goat seen scampering - a long time ago (5,3)

DOWN

- Ammo tunnel explodes - it's huge! (10)
- Place for the crocodile god (3)
- Traitors allowed back on communications satellite (7)
- Coward's drama - soldier survives! (7,5)
- Bend over, Roman goddess in Greek rural landscape (7)
- Hiding taken - play and musical (3,4,3,1)
- Opening lease (4)
- Abuse - a way of dealing with Turnbull! (12)
- Stoned company elite (4,7)
- An obstacle with nightfall for original coupe (4,3,3)
- First rehearsal hit by a moving vehicle (3,4)
- Late movie shot - inscrutable (7)
- Crazy over attack with a knife (4)
- A thousand Australian doctors (1,1,1)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Blunders (8)
- Quick, quiet tapping sound (6)
- Itchy and painful back condition (8)
- Room divider (6)
- Leader of Indian independence movement (7,6)
- West African river (5)
- Alienated (9)
- Confident and forceful (9)
- Hard-wearing fabric (5)
- Focus (13)
- Number of apostles (6)
- Used to produce more of the same (8)
- Purchasers (6)
- Paleolithic period of prehistory (5,3)

DOWN

- Of great importance (10)
- Mount a precious stone (3)
- US satellite launched 1962 (7)
- People's personal relationships, interests and activities (7,5)
- Idyllic pastoral place (7)
- Yul Brynner's best-known film (3,4,3,1)
- Tenant's payment (4)
- Deliberate, harmful behaviour (12)
- The upper class (4,7)
- Lived in the Garden of Eden (4,3,3)
- Quickly repeat (3,4)
- Expressionless (7)
- Impale (4)
- Medico's union (1,1,1)

Last week's solution N439



STARS BY LILITH



GEMINI

ARIES: The astral accelerators make-it-happen Mars and make-it-bigger Jupiter connect every two years, which hasn't happened in Aries since 2011. This week it does, so get ready to release and reinvent some major parts of your life, remembering that the goal is simply to be the newest and truest version of you.

TAURUS: It's going to take all of Venus in Taurean adaptability, resilience and teamwork to deal with this week's fluctuations, variations and people with blazing brains talking at warp speed. If your Taurean hooves are itching for the mute button, call calm, grounded, earth-sign friends together for a facetime debrief to restore emotional poise.

GEMINI: Mercury retro isn't the ideal birthday transit, but as Gemini, Danielle Laporte, observes: *Life is painful, beautiful, messy, divine, cruel and amusing...* And this week's silver lining of Sun and new moon blending in Gemini brings the celestial signal sending you social butterflies into scintillating celebration mode.

CANCER: May's second new moon [we are in the sun sign of twosomes] suggests you revisit certain beliefs approaching expiry date. Do they really hold up in current conditions, or is it time for a revamp? You might also consider a conversational overhaul, as in, swapping out the same old 'how are you?' for fresher openers.

LEO: With Mars moving into Aries, its most fiery placement, a physical outlet for letting off steam is essential. Anger's a touchstone for this planet and sign, so defuse simmering energy build-ups with dancing, running, gardening, swimming or gym workouts. Resist competition, except with yourself to be your own best and finest.

VIRGO: Wherever you are on the romantic continuum, Venus in the sign of sensible sensualists is body and soul food to Virgos, your cue to luxuriate in indulgent pampering, and yes, I'll have another helping please; because during this more is more transit, too much of a good thing is just enough.

LIBRA: 'We have gills for dream-life, in our head; we must keep them wet...'. If Libran poet Les Murray's words resonate this week, good. Otherwise, sorry to say, decision-making isn't likely to get any easier with this week's planetary placements, though Venus in Taurus does favour a combination of the beautiful and useful.

SCORPIO: After a lusty engagement with Neptune, go-getter Mars hosts a seven-week party in his most active aspect, launching you into a maelstrom of invites, insights, fights and delights. But take care! What can begin as minor differences of opinion could easily erupt into nuclear meltdowns this week.

SAGITTARIUS: With Mercury reversed in the sign of business-first until next week, best surrender to slowdowns and treat time out as a hidden blessing. Use this opportunity to revise and review practical matters like budgets and timelines. It isn't the week to be making any sudden money moves.

CAPRICORN: Slow, slow, quick quick, slow... This week's draggy periods offer excellent respite time for catching up with stuff - so that you're ready to jump in and best utilise the quick bits: the witty wordplay, the interesting chitchat and engaging conversation ideal for cruising, schmoozing and making some valuable connections.

AQUARIUS: Retrograde schmetrograde - you forward-thinking folk aren't into Lot's wife syndrome, but a little judiciously applied hindsight does help in not making the same mistakes again. That said, this busy solar cycle heats up neighbourhood activity, is likely to see you at community meetings, volunteering at fundraisers, stimulating the local economy.

PISCES: Mars joining striped gas giant Jupiter in the sign of just-do-it initiative is this week's signal to seize the day, let go limiting fears, and figure out brave new strategies for the future. With your manifesting mojo up and running, you'll have the courage now to trust those sparks of intuition and inspiration.

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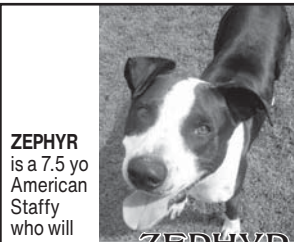
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25	W	6:27 16:58	1:20 13:58	04:26 1.53 17:17 1.44	10:53 0.41 23:07 0.61
26	TH	6:27 16:58	2:17 14:28	05:17 1.48 18:05 1.54	11:31 0.38
27	F	6:28 16:58	3:13 14:57	06:02 1.43 18:47 1.63	00:04 0.58 12:07 0.36
28	SA	6:28 16:58	4:09 15:29	06:43 1.37 19:26 1.70	00:54 0.55 12:39 0.34
29	SU	6:29 16:57	5:05 16:02	07:21 1.32 20:02 1.74	01:39 0.53 13:10 0.34
30	M	6:29 16:57	6:02 16:39	07:58 1.28 20:37 1.77	02:21 0.51 13:41 0.35
31	TU	6:30 16:57	6:58 17:21	08:33 1.23 21:11 1.77	03:02 0.50 14:12 0.37
1	W	6:30 16:57	7:54 18:07	09:10 1.19 21:46 1.76	03:42 0.50 14:44 0.40
2	TH	6:31 16:56	8:46 18:58	09:47 1.16 22:23 1.72	04:22 0.51 15:18 0.45
3	F	6:31 16:56	9:35 19:51	10:28 1.13 23:02 1.68	05:02 0.53 15:56 0.50
4	SA	6:32 16:56	10:19 20:47	11:11 1.10 23:44 1.63	05:45 0.56 16:38 0.56
5	SU	6:32 16:56	10:58 21:43	12:02 1.08	06:32 0.58 17:27 0.62
6	M	6:33 16:56	11:34 22:40	00:30 1.57 13:03 1.09	07:22 0.58 18:27 0.67
7	TU	6:33 16:56	12:06 23:36	01:21 1.53 14:14 1.14	08:14 0.56 19:38 0.70
8	W	6:34 16:56	12:37	02:16 1.50 15:21 1.23	09:03 0.51 20:52 0.70

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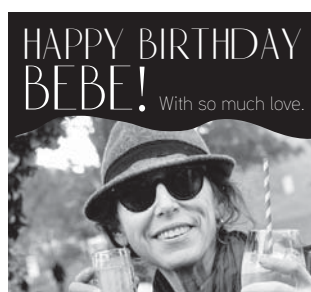
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Election night at the Bruns Bowlo with Mandy and her extended family. Photo Jeff Dawson

Let's jump in first with the mindless right wing Murdoch News Corp talking points (now shared by some ABC 'journalists'): After examining Albo's record in office, there's been no legisla- tion passed, and no promises fulfilled. The debt is out of control and he's spent more time overseas than here. This is a reckless government in crisis!

Thanks to the generosity of Echo readers, we have raised and distributed over \$86,000 to local grassroots organisations to assist flood-affected residents of the local community in Wardell, Lismore, Ballina, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah and surrounding areas. 100 per cent of funds donated went to those beneficiaries - The Echo paid the GoFundMe fee that is taken from each transaction.


Sourdough Business Women (SBW) will host its second regional soiree on Wednesday June 1 at the Brunswick Pic- ture House. There will be live music and food and The SHIFT Project will be supported at the event. For tickets, visit sbp.org.au/events/sourdough-business-women.

Traditional Owners Bundjalung of Byron Bay Corporation (Arakwal) and Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council have provided land for a skate park and recreation space in Byron Bay, say Council staff. Works on the new recreation precinct will start shortly, and will link to Main Beach, Middleton Street and to the Arakwal Cultural Centre site. For more info visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Byron Community College has been gifted with a donation from the Northern Rivers Flood Relief Fund to support new students who are flood affected. Organisers say there is a 50 per cent discount off full fees, while funding lasts. Enter 50FLOOD at the checkout when you enrol online at www.byroncollege.org.au or phone the college on 6684 3374.

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