

Writers Festival returns, August 26



Authors and readers rejoice – the Byron Writers Festival is set to return from August 26–28, and will be held at its new home, North Byron Parklands in Yelgun. Pictured are Emily Brugman (Program Manager), Shien Chee (Operations Manager), Aarna Hudson (Partnerships Co-ordinator), Tom Wolff, (Festival Administrator), and Anika Ebner (Communications Manager). See interview with new Artistic Director for the Byron Writers Festival, Zoë Pollock, on page 2. Photo Jeff 'Writings On The Wall Since 1986' Dawson

South Golden Beach drainage to get attention

All councillors supported a motion at last week's planning meeting to clarify drainage projects and available funding that would alleviate flooding in South Golden Beach, west of Capricornia Canal.

Councillor Duncan Dey's report also asks for staff to 'investigate the sub-catchment of Marshalls Creek that drains through South Golden Beach west side into Capricornia Canal, to determine capacities of its sub-surface and overland drainage networks, especially in the downstream area (SGB).'

A flood pump system, similar to the one serving the east side, will

also be investigated.

Cr Dey told the meeting the motion was a result of meeting with affected residents.

A staff member also told the meeting that Council has applied for a \$250,000 grant from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to undertake a Shire-wide detailed overland flow-path assessment. If successful, they said the assessment would identify problem drainage areas and possibly lead to the prioritisation of drainage network capital upgrades.

The staff member added that they were informed by DPIE there

is now a special team who are assessing over 1,000 applications and they are trying to fast-track grant applications from councils.

Cr Dey's motion also asks staff to 'inspect the floodgates in South Golden Beach, and carry out maintenance', as well as, 'consider in conjunction with the SES, appointing a local warden to inspect those floodgates when flood warnings are issued'.

Staff have also been asked to address a 'persistent sewer pump failure' at the pump station near Elizabeth Street and set up communication with neighbours'

90-day cap on holiday letting moves closer

Mia Armitage

The Byron Shire Council says it's 'one step closer' to receiving government permission for a 90-day annual limit on short-term rental accommodation (STRA) in parts of the Shire.

Reinstated planning minister, Anthony Roberts MP, originally invited Council to submit its proposal more than three years ago.

The government, meanwhile, introduced a 180-day cap across most of the rest of NSW.

Bureaucratic delays and an out-sourced study of potential regulation limits on property owners left the Byron Shire without any effective regulation of dwellings, once used as homes but now used for unofficial small accommodation businesses, aside from a State register.

The Urbis-contracted controversial study inevitably found negative economic impacts of the proposed 90-day cap, but was found by a peer review, commissioned by Council, to have used questionable methodology that failed to weigh stakeholders fairly.

A majority of councillors, after winning electoral campaigns dominated by promises to tackle a declared local housing crisis, voted earlier this year to reject the Urbis report and continue lobbying for a 90-day cap.

Councillors Mark Swivel and Alan Hunter were the only two to vote against.

On Thursday afternoon, Council issued a media release saying it had made 'significant progress' on STRA policy.

'The NSW Government's Department of Planning approved a

Gateway Determination for a planning proposal to reduce the number of days of non-hosted short-term rental accommodation in parts of the Byron Shire from 180 days to 90 days,' the statement read.

Council said it could proceed to the next stage of public consultation on the proposal.

But hopes of the new regulations facilitating the return of a flourishing permanent community to coastal areas of the Shire were unlikely to be met via the proposed version of STRA for Byron.

Short-term rental precincts

Instead, unlimited holiday letting could continue in parts of Byron Bay, Suffolk Park and Brunswick Heads under the proposal, while a 90-day limit would apply in other areas.

Council said it wanted to 'mitigate the significant impacts of short-term rental accommodation on permanent rental housing supply, amenity, local character, and community, while still allowing for a diverse and sustainable base of tourist accommodation options to support the local economy'.

Byron Shire Mayor, Michael Lyon, was quoted in the statement.

'The more rental accommodation that is available for holiday letting, the less stock is there for people looking for long-term, secure housing,' he said.

Cr Lyon referred to the Urbis report, saying it clearly showed 90-day caps would return the largest amount of properties to the long-term pool.

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Stone & Wood raises \$20k for homeless

Byron Bay's homelessness and disadvantaged support service, Fletcher Street Cottage, is set to be boosted by funds, after the recent Festival of the Stone, held by Stone & Wood, raised \$20,000 for the charity.

Organisers say over 1,800 locals attended on Saturday June 4, with all profits made

from ticket and bar sales, as well as a series of raffles, going 'directly to the not-for-profit who offer meals, showers, laundry, advocacy, and support to those in need'.

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Meet the new Writers Festival Director, Zoë Pollock

Hans Lovejoy

On the phone from her NSW south coast home, new Artistic Director of the Byron Writers Festival, Zoë Pollock, says she can't wait to move her young family up and continue preparing for the 2022 event, to be held August 26-28.

'I'm really excited to be part of the Northern Rivers community - it has a great reputation for creativity and taking artistic risks,' she told *The Echo*.

'This is a dream role for me,' she adds, and was 'an offer I couldn't refuse'.

She told *The Echo* that there is a lot of buzz around this year's festival, given it hasn't been on for the past two years.

It's also the first year of being on a new site - the home of Splendour In The Grass and Falls Fest - the North Byron Parklands site in Yelgun.

'It's where the majority of the festival will be held, under five marquees,' she says. 'There will be regular bus shuttles to Byron and we are expanding the food stalls and markets'.

When taking on this new role, Zoë says she was conscious of the recent floods which devastated many lives in the area.

She says, 'We are working with local Byron Shire schools who have lost their libraries and helping to organise replacement books'.

Zoë has some big shoes to fill after the recent departure of Edwina Johnson.

During her eight-year tenure, Edwina presented high calibre writers and artists



New Artistic Director of the Byron Writers Festival, Zoë Pollock. Photo supplied

to very appreciative audiences, cementing the festival's reputation as a yearly literary highlight for the nation.

In early March, Edwina passed the baton to Zoë, who is the former CEO and Artistic Director of Brisbane Writers Festival.

According to www.byron-writersfestival.com, 'Zoë is an arts and culture leader with more than a decade's experience in creative production, curation, development and fundraising'.

'My background is as a historian,' Zoë said, 'and I was executive officer of the History Council of NSW'.

'Even though I come from a non-fiction background, I am aware of working with all genres and art forms'.

2022 lineup

But on to the most important part of any festival - the lineup.

Zoë has invited around 140 authors and artists, covering a range of genres, such as fiction, non-fiction, politics, philosophy, comedy.

'We also have a strong First Nations voice within the program,' she added.

With COVID-19, booking international acts was a challenge, she says, but expects that to change with

coming festivals.

'The COVID-19 lockdowns resulted in a lot of book writing!', she says.

Internationally recognised author, Trent Dalton, will speak about his latest book, *Love Stories*, and award-winning contemporary artist, Ben Quilty will speak about his latest book, *Free Fall*.

One of Australia's most popular broadcasters, author Indira Naidoo, will speak about her latest book that explores the symbiosis of humans and nature.

Acclaimed Northern Rivers author, Jessie Cole, and award-winning author and historian, Dr Yves Rees are also on the bill.

The festival will also present 2022 Stella Prize winning poet and Bundjalung woman, Evelyn Araluen.

Byron Writers Festival early bird tickets are on sale now through www.byron-writersfestival.com.

■ The full 2022 program will be announced on July 13, when tickets to all festival days, feature events and workshops will go on sale.

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'It won't be a silver bullet but it will make a difference and we need to make a difference in the housing space,' Cr Lyon said.

'I thank the NSW Planning Minister, the Hon. Anthony Roberts, for taking into consideration the desperate housing crisis in our Shire, exacerbated by the recent floods, and am grateful that our pleas have been heard.'

The mayor said Council would read and collate submissions received on the proposal before presenting them to Council for consideration and a vote.

Council said it would invite the public to make submissions soon.

Fantastic win: MP

Local NSW Ballina MP, Tamara Smith (Greens) said, 'This is a fantastic win for our community because we get to shape the way our villages in Byron Shire grow rather than property developers and market forces.'

'It is disappointing that we have to wait 12 months for Council's proposed 90-day cap to be implemented across most of the

Shire, but it will make a huge difference whenever it comes into effect.

'The Department of Planning's own modelling shows that at least 15,000 whole homes will come onto the rental market once the 90-day cap is implemented. Given the housing crises in the Northern Rivers this cannot come into effect soon enough,' Ms Smith said.

'The State government has recognised that Byron faces unique and exceptional circumstances, and has given Council the unique authority to control short-term holiday letting.'

'The community has been lobbying for over a decade to rein-in unfettered short-term holiday letting in Byron Shire and we have all been aghast at the statistics of 3,000 plus whole homes being entirely let on holiday platforms at any one time,' Ms Smith said.

'Our community will be one of the only communities in Australia that can decide how our towns grow in terms of prioritising homes for residents and workers'.

■ Mia Armitage is from BayFM.

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Bangalow laundry enterprise on the horizon

Paul Bibby

Did you know that for years, vast piles of laundry created by the Shire’s tourism and hospitality industry have been trucked up to Brisbane for washing and drying and then driven back again?

This inefficient system could soon be remedied by a new commercial laundry operation proposal with a strong social conscience.

Run by not-for-profit company White Box Enterprises, the Beacon Laundry say they will not only ensure that the hospitality industry can do more of its laundry locally, but it will also provide jobs for people who have been dealt a difficult hand.

‘We’re going to have 60 people on the payroll, and 50 per cent of them will be people who are doing it tough and want to get back into the workforce,’ said Luke Terry, the head of White Box Enterprises.

‘It might be that they have a disability, an experience of mental illness, drug and alcohol issues, or they might be a refugee or asylum seeker,’ he said.

‘We say, “here’s a job for 37 hours a week, but if you want to do eight hours a week to start with, that’s fine. You just need to have a willingness to work.”’

The company is planning to open the laundry next year, and is hoping to wash 60 tonnes of laundry each week.

Funding has come from local philanthropists, including the co-founder of the Uechtritz foundation, Richard Uechtritz.



Luke Terry, the head of White Box Enterprises, with Beacon Laundry’s Anthony Dann, pictured back left. Photo Jeff ‘Airing Laundry Since 1986’ Dawson

The federal Labor government has also committed \$750,000 to the project – a promise made during the campaign by the re-elected member for Richmond, Justine Elliot.

‘This project will create jobs and support people in our area, as well as provide a local laundry service for our tourism and hospitality sector that is currently unavailable,’ Mrs Elliot said. To be located in the Bangalow Industrial Estate at Lots 2, 4 and 6, the Beacon Laundry, Mr Terry said, will also have a series of sustainability and energy saving features that are rare in commercial laundries.

‘Laundries typically use a lot of energy, so we’re working alongside partners to make sure that we’re creating the most energy efficient laundry possible,’ Mr Terry said.

‘The laundry will have

considerable use of solar energy and water recycling. To put the water recycling in perspective, your ordinary washing machine uses 27 litres of water per kilo of laundry. The Beacon Laundry will use four.’

Mr Terry said the

operation’s dryers would be built in such a way as to allow for future powering by hydrogen, and the operation would use electric vehicles to transport laundry to and from clients. ‘We want this to be an environmental beacon,’ he said.

More donations flow to flood-affected

Thousands of dollars worth of brand-new furniture, mattresses and appliances have been donated to locals living in and around Mullumbimby who are refurbishing their homes after the floods.

Provided by online furniture company Andoo, the items were delivered last week to the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre, which has responsibility for distributing them to those in need.

Items were also delivered to services in Lismore and Grafton as part of an overall

donation valued at \$200,000.

A further \$300,000 worth of products will be delivered to flood-affected communities in NSW and Queensland in the coming months.

Alice Kuepper, part of Wining Group, which owns Andoo said, ‘We have been working with our charity party, Good360 to identify local charities and communities who need mattresses, furniture and appliances.’

Flood affected locals are invited to contact the Neighbourhood Centre. They are located at 55 Dalley Street.

‘Affordable housing’ Lot 22 kiboshed

Despite considerable staff time spent in preparing plans to develop low-lying open space in Mullumbimby for ‘affordable housing’, councilors last week decided to ‘Not progress the Planning Proposal for Lot 22’.

The Council-managed land is located next to the Mullum Community Gardens

and opposite the High School. During debate at last Thursday’s Council planning meeting, Mayor Michael Lyon said while the pause was ‘appropriate’, the proposal was ‘Not necessarily dead in the water’. Cr Duncan Dey instead said he supported scrapping the plans altogether owing to the flood risk.

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Supt David Roptell recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours list

Tweed/Byron Police District Superintendent, David Roptell, has been recognised for more than thirty years of service to NSW Police as part of the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours list. He joins nine other NSW police officers who made the 2022 list.

Supt Roptell was promoted to the Northern Rivers police leadership role in 2019.

Within a year of his transfer, he was tasked with overseeing a series of operations related to emergency public health orders introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those special duties included managing the impact of Queensland and NSW border closures on northern NSW communities.

He was also in charge of the area when an exhaustive



Superintendent Dave Roptell. Photo supplied

investigation launched into the disappearance of then eighteen-year-old Belgian backpacker Theo Hayez.

A biography of Supt Roptell's police career mentions his work on youth crime prevention. Supt Roptell is credited with developing and implementing a Police

Transport Youth Strategy in 2017 and setting up a program called 'Youth Express'.

Youth Express was reportedly aimed at identifying youth at risk, diverting them from the criminal justice system and connecting individuals to Police Citizens' Youth Club [PCYC] programs.

He went on to become the NSW Police Youth and Crime Prevention Commander, leading 'Youth Diversionary Programs' in partnership with the PCYC as part of the Police Commissioner's 'Rise Up' Strategy in 2018.

As a member of the police Youth Advisory Group, Supt Roptell is said to have focused on youth coming into adverse contact with the criminal justice system, improving service delivery and mitigating youth related crime in communities.

Byron High's Winter Fest, June 23

To celebrate the creative and artistic talents of students, Byron Bay High School is holding its annual Winter Arts Festival Showcase Evening (aka the WAF) on Thursday June 23.

The evening kicks off at 4.30pm in the newly refurbished Performing Arts Centre, with two performances of the Year 10 self-devised play, *More Than Enough*.

The play, although developed for Year 6 audiences, is relevant to all ages and explores themes of self-esteem and resilience.

A pop-up exhibition of student artwork across all years will be on display in the office block, featuring colourful, vibrant paintings, prints and sculpture, as well as examples of student projects from Year 10 Woodwork and Metalwork courses.

At 5.30pm, Year 12 students will offer a feast of savoury and sweet treats including hot soup, sushi, sausage sandwiches, cakes, coffee, tea and hot chocolate with marshmallows for purchase.

Student choir

At 6pm, the showcase begins in the John Collins Auditorium, featuring student bands, dancers, vocalists, short films and theatrical vignettes, as well as the 100 student-strong, massed Year 7 choir!

Luca Greig, an entrepreneurial Year 11 student with his sights firmly set on event management, has been 'warming up' the students in preparation for the WAF by holding lunchtime concerts in the PAC, the playground



Byron Bay High School student Cinnamon Laddin-Catron. Photo supplied

and even at the athletics carnival.

Last week, he raised over \$500 for the *Koori Mail* in Lismore, through his in-the-round 'Centre Stage' lunchtime concert.

So, come along and celebrate the creative, musical and artistic talents of Byron Bay High School students in a night filled with theatre, music, dance, art and song.

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Byron Shire Housing Forum, June 17

Byron Shire Council will be hosting a housing forum on June 17 from 9.30am to 12pm at the Byron Theatre.

The free event will feature urban designers and architects with experience in housing affordability and sustainable design.

The event is a result from Council Resolution 22-006, from February 3, 2022, and follows from other similar forums that have been held over the years.

The Council media release reads, 'Along with our Northern Rivers neighbours, Byron Shire is currently facing one

of the most acute shortages of affordable housing in Australia'.

'The COVID-19 pandemic and recent flood events have intensified the situation even further. In the absence of large scale federal and State government investment in social and affordable housing, what role is there for the community housing sector, ethical developers, and local government to provide stable, affordable homes that support the continued diversity of our community?' Confirmed panellists

for the event are: planning researcher, educator and practitioner, Nicole Gurrin; Landcom Development Director, Nicole Woodrow; urban designer Andy Fergus; Mayor Michael Lyon; and inaugural Environment Commissioner of the Greater Sydney Commission, Roderick Simpson.

Council staff told *The Echo* one more panellist is still to be confirmed.

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Energy policy a priority, says Elliot

Story and photo Eve Jeffery

Reflecting on the recent win for federal Labor, local MP, Justine Elliot, says that without a doubt, Australians wanted change.

‘This election was very much about getting rid of Scott Morrison, without a doubt.

‘In Richmond, we saw a whole range of candidates. Having ten candidates means you see a whole diversity of views there. We also saw throughout the country a swing towards some of the [Independent] Teals and the Greens.’

The Nationals were down by around 14,000 votes nationally, and while the party polled well locally with Kimberly Hone, Mrs Elliot says the Nationals Party is in decline. People wanted all of those cuts and chaos, which we saw before the election, to end. That’s what people were telling me all the time.’

With Mandy Nolan as the local Greens candidate, her party was up by almost 5,000 votes from the 2019 election in Richmond.

Was that a sign that people are sending an



Re-elected local federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot.

environmental message to whoever is in power?

Mrs Elliot replied, ‘I think that reflected the community’s view that they, one: wanted to get rid of the Morrison government; but two, they wanted stronger action on climate change, which is something that I talked about throughout the campaign, something that we are now initiating.’

‘We’ve lost government over this. We fought very hard last time, we fought a lot of different parties – the Greens voted against the carbon pollution reduction scheme in 2009, and cost us

a decade of inaction.’ Mrs Elliot feels that the plan that Labor took to the election was perfect in the sense of delivering a whole suite of measures.

Renewable energy superpower

‘We can be a renewable energy superpower, but it needs government investment. We’re committed to that, plus all those other policies that we have, such as reforming the grid, electric vehicles, the community batteries or solar banks – you need to have all of that in

place – but you need to have a government that the electorate believes when it invests in the move to renewables, and then it’s done in a really responsible way.’

Mrs Elliot says that in moving to renewables, it’s important to remember to keep power prices down and grow new jobs.

‘The other thing was when we first announced our policy, it had such broad support from environmental groups, but also the Business Council, because business want this, they want certainty and a direction.

‘We all know business and the market has been moving towards renewables.

‘What they needed was government policy that supported that as well, to have confidence to invest in it.

‘It was good to see the support right across the country, and there’s no doubt that people, for a long time, have wanted action on climate change. And this is something that I would say Labor has been very much on the front foot with for a very, very long time. It’s one of the many issues that they have wanted addressed.’

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Comedian Sean Choolburra with fest co-organiser Mell Coppin. Photo Jeff Dawson

After the lockdowns came the floods. As such, what better antidote is there than a good belly laugh?

The Byron Surf Club and the Beach Hotel became

pop-up venues for the Byron Comedy Festival, held last weekend, and it attracted international performers Dan Willis, Rory Lowe, and Gary McAllister. National acts

included Lawrence Mooney, Lindsay Webb, Adam Zwar, Sammy J, Damien Power, Jacques Barrett, and local funny women, Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs.

Bangalow Bowling Club mulls over its future

Paul Bibby

Ten years ago, the Bangalow Bowling Club was saved from administration by the local community.

Now, the club may be amalgamating with a large Brisbane-based group of clubs, which would see the facility and its day-to-day running taken out of community hands.

In a move that was initiated by the board of the Bowlo itself in a bid to ensure the venue's long-term viability, there are plans for the club to amalgamate with Norths Collective.

This is an incorporated entity, which operates five clubs across the east coast, including the large Seagulls Club in Tweed Heads West.

It boasts \$127 million in assets and \$58 million in total annual sales, but falls into the category of a not-for-profit under the State's legislation governing licensed clubs.

The corporation made its pitch to Bowlo members via a number of meetings in April, and they are expected to vote on the proposed amalgamation in the coming weeks.

'It is evident to me, after having served five years as a director of the club, that we need to explore what options are available to us in order to secure a sustainable future,' Club President, Rowan Keast, said during an address to members.

'This may require us to consider the option of partnering with a group that brings these essential planning and governance skills, significant and much needed financial capital for

the building and its ongoing maintenance, and depth of industry knowledge to help successfully navigate through the twists and turns of running a complex business in the modern era.'

Mr Keast said that the Club had been trading well but that it had been 'treading water financially since the start of the pandemic'.

'We are not moving to the next level as we'd hoped and planned for in our strategic vision,' he said.

'We lack capital to implement our strategic vision, and even "when" or "if" we are in the position to consider further capital raising in the future, how much will be enough? And on what terms can we genuinely afford to take on further debt risk as a small club, and who will be the volunteer board of directors that are prepared to sign off on it?'

Board members hard to find

Mr Keast said finding community members to take up board positions had been an issue.

'In the five years I have been on this board, I have made numerous attempts to encourage newcomers to join the board from a broad cross section of skill sets, and the most common response I get unfortunately is "I'd really love to help, but I just can't commit the time".'

Mr Keast said that the board's only interest was the future success and sustainability of the club.

He and the other board members acknowledged that

a disadvantage of the proposal would be that the Bowlo would be entirely amalgamated into the new group.

This would mean that the community would lose executive control and ownership of all assets, including all buildings and the land they stand on.

It would also mean that, after a ten-year period, the Norths Collective would technically be free to do whatever it wanted with the business and assets.

While this could potentially include private development, the board said such an outcome was unlikely, because of the community zoning which currently applies to the site.


However, the board also emphasised that Norths Collective had indicated a desire to invest heavily in the venue and to enhance the club's sponsorship of local sports clubs.

Norths Collective also indicated in the pitch that it intended to refurbish the clubhouse, promising that this would be done in close consultation with members and the broader community.

One possible addition that raised concern among some members was the inclusion of a TAB Sports bar area.

In the Frequently Asked Questions section of its online pitch to Bowlo members, Norths Collective suggested that there might be an increase in the number of poker machines as part of the amalgamation, but was vague about exactly how many more there might be.

For more info, visit www.bangalowbowlo.com.au.



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Brunswick Heads was packed on Saturday for the return of the town's Old & Gold Festival. It was a chance for locals and visitors to rummage through stalls and reconnect after the covid lockdowns. Apart from vintage fare, there was lots of food on offer. Pictured are Romeo and Zephyr, with mum Jess, admiring a classic English baby carriage. Photo Jeff 'Baby Face' Dawson

Arts & Industry Estate Twilight Tour, June 23

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce (BBCC) is inviting the public for an evening of discovery at the Arts & Industry Estate on June 23 from 5.30–8.30pm.

Organisers say, 'We look forward to showcasing all

of the brilliant businesses, brands, boutiques and art galleries as they open their doors for the BBCC Twilight Tour'.

Drive sales

Businesses are encouraged to take part to 'drive

business sales and brand exposure during the event', as well as running EOY sales promotions on the night and/or prepare a five minute showcase of your business'.

To register your interest visit <https://bit.ly/3xOWX4l>.

THE GREAT GARAGE BOOK SALE

"I have always imagined paradise will be a kind of library."
– Jorge Luis Borges

Alas, my paradise was invaded by flood water on February 28. Many books were lost, many books were saved, but paradoxically it was the bookshelves that took the biggest hit. Unable to fit all my titles comfortably into the space that remains, I choose to set them free.

"And books! ...she would buy them all over and over again; she would buy up every copy, I believe, to prevent their falling into unworthy hands." – Jane Austen

I know the feeling, Jane. Often I've bought a book and later found I already possessed a copy of it; no matter, the book will thrive with me. But sometimes you just have to trust the next pair of hands are worthy ones.

"Books are everywhere; and always the same sense of adventure fills us. Second-hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack." – Virginia Woolf

The homeless books that will be sold on Saturday from my garage have all got Virginia's charm. They consist of classic, science and general fiction, including superior detective novels like the John Rebus series, and many non-fiction volumes covering history, poetry, biography and popular science.

"Happiness. That's what books smell like. Happiness. That's why I always wanted to have a bookshop. What better life than to trade in happiness?"
– Sarah MacLean

I too always wanted a bookshop, and on Saturday for a few hours I can indulge my dream. But it's a very finite fantasy and I am no threat to the bookshops of Denise or Peter, except that my once only sale prices are ridiculously low.

Where: David's garage, 23 New City Road, Mullumbimby.

When: Saturday June 18, from eight o'clock onwards.



Large mixed use Suffolk DA on public exhibition

Hans Lovejoy

A DA for 23 residential units, plus retail and hospitality outlets in Suffolk Park, is before the public until June 28.

It is located next to the existing commercial precinct on Clifford Street. The developer undertook consultation with immediate neighbours in November 2021, and while there were many in favour of the development within the consultation report, *The Echo* received feedback from neighbours that the DA relies on outdated flood levels, and could exacerbate traffic issues.

Up to 26 native trees are earmarked for removal, and consultants, paid for by the developer, claim the littoral rainforest is degraded and therefore not significant.

The site is located within a Byron Shire Council wildlife corridor network 'which links up to Tallow Creek and associated estuarine and terrestrial habitat'. The area is also listed as an 'Endangered ecological community'.

According to documents from DA 10.2022.137.1, the proposal is from Denwol Suffolk Pty Ltd, 'a Sydney-based diversified property group owned by Phillip Wolanski'.

The engineering report proposes demolishing nine existing structures and constructing 'two new three-storey buildings, incorporating seven townhouses, four units, twelve affordable housing units and 300m² of commercial space. The subject site has a total footprint of 4,060m²'.

Affordable housing

Within the community engagement report included in the DA, one resident said, 'I'm dubious about affordable housing. The Byron community has had those assurances before, and it hasn't come to



DA 10.2022.137.1 is on exhibition until June 28. Image from DA.

fruition as promised'.

In reply, the developer's representative said, 'We have committed to allocating 12 of the 16 units in the building fronting Clifford Street to key worker housing. This will include a mixture of one, two and three bedroom units. The commitment is for a minimum of fifteen years in line with the legislation. The affordable housing units will be managed by a third party accredited affordable housing provider'.

According to www.nsw.gov.au, the metric for affordable housing is 'generally up to 25 per cent below the price of similar homes in the area you're looking to rent, or, set at no more than 30 per cent of your income before tax'.

As for stormwater management, the DA says, 'All runoff from the roof and paved areas shall be directed towards Clifford Street to the south via a pit-and-pipe network'.

The Echo asked the developer's media spokesperson if the DA relies on flood estimations that were in place previous to the recent floods, to which they replied, 'Yes, the DA was prepared prior to the floods'.

The Echo also asked, 'Has the developer been asked by Council to update the DA in accordance with the new 2022 levels?'.

They replied, 'We are not aware of any changes or proposed changed in flood planning however if/when these occur we will respond

accordingly. The application is currently under assessment and Council can come back with more RFIs (requests for information)'.

As for increased traffic, the DA's traffic report claims, 'It believed that the proposed development would result in increases in traffic volumes onto Clifford Street of 28.05 trips/h (morning peak); 27.42 trips/h (afternoon peak) and 189.84 trips/day (daily increase) respectively. In accordance with Clause 2 of Section B.2.14 of the DCP, this constitutes a 'moderate' impact'.

When asked about sustainable building aspirations, such as water tanks and solar, the spokesperson replied, 'The design incorporates solar panels and water tanks. The configuration of the apartments and townhouses maximise north orientation and cross ventilation. Careful selection of materials and fittings together with the primary focus on retention of existing mature native trees and new offset planting will all contribute to a reduced carbon footprint'.

A variation to Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio of the BLEP 2014 and clause 17 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* (the Housing SEPP) is also sought by the developer.

■ For more info, visit www.9-15cliffordstreet.com.au or search for DA 10.2022.137.1 on Council's website.

Next step for Byron Shire coastal management

Byron Shire Council will move to the next step of their Coastal Management Program (CMP) that will cover the Shire's southern coastline and Belongil estuary, after an ongoing grant was approved by the NSW government.

Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman, said in a statement that \$74,331 will help to complete stage two of Council's CMP.

According to Council's

stage one scoping study, 'Stage two determines risks, vulnerabilities and opportunities'.

It reads, 'A CMP will provide a strategic and collaborative approach for relevant land managers to implement a range of credible, evidence-based actions to address current and future risks, not only from coastal hazards, but for a broad range of community, stakeholder, economic,

climate change, catchment processes and environmental issues and values. Certification of a CMP would allow Council to access significant State government funding to implement coastal management actions on a prioritised basis for the coastline, estuaries and catchments of the study area'.

The total cost of preparing a CMP is estimated to be up to \$365,000.

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People with peace in their hearts

Bassim Shomaly

HELLO. I AM AN INDIGENOUS PALESTINIAN and therefore I am Semitic, like all Palestinians whatever their creed.

I was born in the Shepherd Fields of Bethlehem in 1954. My memories as a young boy are very clear. I remember playing in the fields, hills and valleys around Bethlehem/Beit Sahour with my friends and cousins. We explored caves together and paddled in brooks. We ran through olive groves and fruit orchards picking oranges. We were free and had no fear.

I attended the Nativity school and church in Bethlehem – this is where I received my First Communion. I remember a favourite teaching at school was “Love one another as I love you.” Some of my friends went to different schools based on their religions, but outside of school we all played together. We were just children doing what children do, playing around, having adventures and getting up to mischief.

There’s a narrative that says Palestinians hate, and have always hated, Jews.

I don’t recall any fear or animosity towards Jewish people from my parents or relatives. In fact, I didn’t even really understand what a Jew was! Whatever our religious or cultural identities, we all played together as Palestinians. Palestine was a melting pot, a place for all.

Back then, it didn’t matter that someone was Jewish or Muslim or Christian or anything. But now, these differences can mean everything in my homeland, and are why I am not allowed to go back.

I left Palestine in 1962 with my parents and siblings. My father was worried about the future for Palestine and felt we would have a better life in Australia.

My family have been born and bred in Palestine for generations. The photo, taken in 1865, shows my great-great-great grandparents in their wheat fields within the Shepherd Fields. This land was passed down to them by their family for many generations, and now it has been passed down to my siblings and me.

Despite the wonderful history and tradition that runs through my veins, I have no right of return even though this right is enshrined in international law.

On the other hand, if a person is Jewish, from anywhere in the world, they will be warmly welcomed and encouraged to settle on stolen land.

The hills surrounding Bethlehem/Beit Sahour, where I used to run and play freely, are now filled with illegal settlements which are expanding at a truly alarming rate.

If you are an Israeli Jew, you can go anywhere you like, any time of day. If you are Palestinian, you would be severely restricted in your



Bassim Shomaly’s great-great-great grandparents in their wheat fields within the Shepherd Fields, photo taken in 1865.



Bassim Shomaly’s First Communion in Bethlehem.

movement. Vehicle number plates discriminate between Palestinians and Jews, so Palestinians are banned from using “exclusive” roads and can’t even drive across them to reach a non-prohibited road on the other side. It’s open discrimination, and it’s cruel.

In Hebron, Palestinians are not allowed to walk on Shuhada Street so residents, young and old, have to resort to climbing over steep backyards and barriers. Checkpoints manned by armed Israeli soldiers are ubiquitous and, with the Apartheid Wall, make everyday life and work extremely difficult. That’s putting it mildly.

To understand how a system as unjust as this came about, you’d have to go back to the birth of Zionism in the late 19th century in central and eastern Europe. Zionists saw Palestine as a terra nullius, “A Land Without a People for a People Without a Land.” But of course, it wasn’t a land without a people. We were already there.

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The Balfour 1917 Declaration, drawn up by Great Britain, specifically stated that the formation of a national home for Jewish people could only be legitimate if “nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.”

Immediately after the UN resolution for the partition of Palestine in 1947, Arab and Jewish groups began a campaign of massacres, and by the end of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, by some estimates, had killed approximately 1 per cent of each other’s populations. In particular, in 1948 The State of Israel executed Plan Dalet (“Plan D”) and launched a campaign of massacres, and forcible expulsion of up to 800,000 Palestinians

from their homelands. Palestinians call it “The Nakbar” or “Catastrophe”.

Britain was ever ready to supply weapons and military training to the Israelis and turned a blind eye to the atrocities which were carried out.

My grandfather, along with 12,000 Palestinians, fought for the British Army in WW2. My grandfather was captured and taken POW and didn’t return home for seven years. He was lost in the system and chaos of war. When he did eventually return to his homeland, he found it in turmoil and felt betrayed, as did all Palestinians.

Today Gaza is under siege by Israel for the 74th year. That’s the third longest siege in history. The UN declared that by 2020 it would be uninhabitable. Its 2 million people are trapped by Israel’s land, air and sea forces, which regularly attack Gaza, rendering the people like fish in a barrel, with no escape.

If those people who are trapped try to fight for their families, their land, their freedom, they’re called terrorists. All

Palestinians who try to stand up for their own freedom are classed as terrorists.

Gaza is a prison. The people can only look out over the barrier and see the houses and villages where they once lived with their families and neighbours, their ancestral citrus and olive groves all stolen.

This can’t go on, the injustice defies all reason. I so feel for the young Israeli people who don’t know the truth about how Israel came to be, and how wonderful my home was before it was destroyed.

There will never be peace whilst evil reigns in our hearts, distorting truth, hating and killing one another.

I am heartened by the Israelis and Palestinians who have peace in their hearts. “Love one another the way I love you,” and restore true human value.

• This advertisement placed by Bassim Shomaly, email: shepherdfields54@gmail.com

Public invited to have say on Wardell Hall lease

Mia Armitage

Ballina Shire Council says a controversial lease of one of its village halls isn't guaranteed to go ahead, with members of the public invited to submit feedback.

Council voted first at a committee meeting, and then later at an ordinary meeting to grant a four-year lease of the hall to long-time tenant, the Wardell and District Progress Association.

But the matter divided the council 5-4, and Independent Councillor Nigel Buchanan said it had also divided the Wardell community.

Volunteer group, Wardell CORE, had been using the hall as a flood recovery centre until the electoral commission took over in May, with Council staff then explaining



Wardell CORE team: Anne, Lou, Mary, Anissa, Markey, Joel, Venetia and Molly the dog at Wardell Hall. Photo supplied

it was being gutted as part of flood repair work.

A new lease of the hall was to start in July, Council staff told Council's May ordinary meeting.

Councillors against the proposed lease said the Wardell CORE group hadn't

had a chance to express an interest in taking on the lease.

But with the proposed lease not due for public exhibition and feedback for almost a month, theoretically anyone could apply to lease the hall until the July 6 submission deadline.

Emergency Control Centre to be established in Lismore

A new State Emergency Services Incident Control Centre for Lismore has been announced by the NSW government.

Labor Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin, welcomed the news and said she expected the new centre would be built within the next twelve months, and would include extra paid staff as opposed to relying on volunteers.

The centre was announced on Monday as part of what the government

said was its 'single biggest investment ever' in the SES. The NSW Labor opposition described it as 'a correction for years of underfunding'.

The government said it would invest \$132.7 million into SES infrastructure, resources and staffing as part of its State budget for the next financial year.

Premier Dominic Perrottet (Liberal) said, via a media release, the government was committed to investing in communities 'to strengthen frontline services

right across the State'.

The new funding was to include more than \$50 million towards upgrades at 18 critical priority unit facilities.

The premier said two new SES zones would be created, through the division of both the Western and Northern Zones.

Tweed Council delivers damning report on Mbah's 'Mega-School' DA

Aslan Stand

The NSW Department of Education has been given an 'F' by Tweed Council planning staff for its plans for a Murwillumbah Education Campus.

The DA was discussed at Tweed Council's planning meeting on June 2. It proposes to close four local (two primary and two secondary) schools to erect one mega-campus.

Shortfalls in DA

'There are a lot of shortfalls in this application,' Tweed Mayor, Chris Cherry (Independent), told the meeting.

'I think it is important for everyone to understand that this [report] was created by the staff. There was no input from councillors. This is not for political gain, this is a very real response to what are the deficiencies in this application.'

'There are so many shortfalls. We can't do this at the expense of the residents of that area. We need to stand up for residents and get the controls to be met... I would like to talk to the premier

and ask them to consider altering the proposal.'

Independent Councillor Meredith Dennis was clear in her criticism of the DA.

'I'm absolutely horrified at the planning of the school. The removal of trees, small inside areas... In Murwillumbah there is already gridlock coming over the bridge. The lack of consultation with the community - it is terrible. If this came to us we would have said "No" straight away, it's dreadful.'

'Councillor Dennis hits the nail,' councillor Reece Byrnes (Labor) said.

'From the very beginning, this has been an arrogant decision made by an out of touch government.'

Liberal councillor, Rhiannon Brinsmead, congratulated the staff on their report and said, 'I think Madam Mayor, you were being kind when you said it was deficient'.

'I read it and my mouth dropped to the floor it was so deficient,' said councillor James Owen (Liberal).

'I think we should send it to the NSW premier, minister of education and the two local state members.'

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Zero official support for community group helping flood survivors

Northern Rivers flood survivors are living in flimsy tents by the side of the road, in caravan parks, out bush or in backyards, as morning frost appears this winter.

Tweed Council rejects BMX track development

Councillor Warren Polglase gave a rousing speech in support of the Oasis Park BMX track and recreational facility in Tweed, but the numerous failings of the development application (DA21/0989), and already unprecedented pressure on council staff processing DAs, led the majority of councillors to reject the proposal.

Flood grants team heads to Clarence Valley

A team of flood recovery grants assessors are preparing to be deployed for a third time to support communities in Broadwater, Coraki, Evans Head, Woodburn and surrounds.

Ballina Shire waterways still a risk to immunocompromised swimmers

People with compromised immune systems are still being advised to avoid swimming in Ballina Shire waterways more than three months after catastrophic flooding in late February.

Tweed Council still trucking hundreds of floodwaste loads

An average of a hundred truckloads of flood debris per day is still being collected in the Tweed Shire, months after climate disasters devastated the region.

Ballina residents urged to watch out for king tides

Ballina Shire Council is reminding motorists to drive safely as king tides are likely to cause minor flooding of some local roads this week.

Tweed Shire man charged over cannabis, weapons, stolen goods

A 42-year-old Tweed Shire man is to face court next month over several charges related to cannabis, weapons and stolen goods.

Counterfeit cash alert

Police on the Northern Rivers are warning community members and businesses to be on alert for fake cash.

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Poet's Tree East Wardell

Edwin ('Peter') Wilson, poet and painter, b.1942, lived for his first five years in an adjacent fibro cottage, built (1941) on the site of the pioneer 'log cabin', home of his great grandparents, (illiterate Danish absconder Charles Wilson (anglicised), and his Gaelic-speaking Famine Orphan wife Mary Rirdan/Riordan).

Edwin had planted this Lord Howe Island banyan tree (1968) near where the original wharf had been, when the river was the only road.

The tree has now been included in the local 'Significant Tree Register'. Ballina Shire Council has the plaque, projected to have been installed by the end of February 2022 (disrupted by the massive recent double flooding events).

'It is my hope that this tree will become a place of visitation for family and friends, and a wider circle of people who like my poetry, and as such become an important component of the local community,' Edwin said.

Additional information: www.edwinwilson.com.au

Village of Wardell

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Edwin Wilson, b. 1942 Long-Distance Poet & The Mullumbimby Kid

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Cabbage Tree Island



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Tweets from the peeps

Here's some public observations from last week, as seen through the lens of Twotter, oops Twitter:

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Self-described 'Most censored comedian in America' and creator and host of the cancelled *Redacted Tonight* show, Lee Camp, says, 'The censorship against me continues. It appears @Spotify has not only deleted my podcast *Moment of Clarity*, they have now deleted my artist profile and my two comedy albums from years ago. I was given no warning or reason for this'.

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The official account of the Queensland Police tweeted, 'Police have commenced an investigation into the price of lettuce, just cos'.

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Author, historian, Troy Bramston, said, 'Orders of Australia should not be given to former politicians for just being a politician, wealthy celebrities and sporting stars, but reserved for unsung heroes, community champions, charity workers and those who enrich our national life'.

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Independent journalist, Michael West, said of the ongoing Qantas debacles: 'Time for a rethink on corporate welfare. A record public bail-out, 9,400 Qantas jobs gone, [CEO] Alan Joyce pay on the rise again'.

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Independent Senator for South Australia, Rex Patrick, asks 'Why does the Australian Government generously compensate a French state-owned company after terminating a contract for convenience and yet not compensate privately owned Aussie companies for exactly the same thing?'.

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BBC News Analysis Editor, Ros Atkins said, 'Those of you in Australia – a new explainer on how Greg Norman has become the face of a new Saudi-backed golf series that starts this week, and which is raising questions about sport, politics and human rights'.

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Senior media adviser for the *The Australia Institute* think tank, Jake Wishart, says, 'We don't have a gas supply problem, we have a gas export problem. Gas supply has tripled in Australia over the last 10 years. 80 per cent goes to foreign export'.

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Levin Professor of History at Yale, Tim Snyder, said, 'Russia has a hunger plan. Vladimir Putin is preparing to starve much of the developing world as the next stage in his war in Europe'.

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Journalist, John Pilger says, 'On June 13, Tony Blair is to receive a knighthood. The Royal citation won't mention the lies and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children. Meanwhile, Julian Assange waits to be sent to a hellhole in America for exposing war crimes. Happy Jubilee'.

Where's the action on public housing?

During his victory speech, newly incumbent PM Anthony Albanese reflected on his journey from a childhood growing up in 'public housing down the road in Camperdown' to the top ministerial position in the country, saying he hopes it 'inspires Australians to reach for the stars'.

However, in a social media post a few days later, Action for Public Housing (APH) displayed a photo of the 1,927 premises that Albanese grew up in, outlining that when the prime minister was born, governments nationwide were building 10,000 public homes a year for a population of 11 million.

'For all the new PM's talk about growing up in public housing and the vital support it provided him and his mum, he has no plan to extend that same support to people who need it today,' the housing advocacy group underscored.


Indeed, federal Labor's policy platform notes that 'there are more Australians renting, and renting for longer' and 'more people experiencing homelessness than ever before', but when it comes down to it the new government's priority is making home-ownership more affordable.

As Sydney public housing defender Andrew Chuter points out, when Labor's policy does touch on public housing, it's under the umbrella term of social housing, which includes both public and community housing.

Since 2002, successive NSW governments have been shifting to a privatisation model, whereby old public housing estates are sold to redevelopers, who then build larger blocks that comprise of 70 percent private apartments and 30 percent community housing.

Community housing is managed and sometimes owned by private not-for-profits, which means the government saves on upkeep, while the housing is less secure being subject to private market forces, and the redevelopments often result in less bedrooms for low-income tenants.

Advocates argue that public housing estates could be maintained but purposefully aren't, and then the focus could be on building more. This would also better the plight of public housing tenants, who are often displaced for years during the redevelopment process,



'Since 2002, successive NSW governments have been shifting to a privatisation model, whereby old public housing estates are sold to redevelopers'

Paul Gregoire

without any clear idea of their fate.

Housing affordability was a prominent issue the recent election, but both majors focused on ownership, with Labor's government subsidies and the Coalition's proposal to raid superannuation.

So, the 148,000 households on the public housing waiting list nationwide have basically been forgotten.

Action for Public Housing is one of a number of groups in NSW currently calling on both federal and state governments to return to the public housing model, which could easily see the 50,000 households on this state's waiting list housed if the right to housing was prioritised in policy.

Sydney Criminal Lawyers spoke to Action for Public Housing spokesperson Andrew Chuter.

What is the Albanese government promising in terms of public housing?

'A lot of us public housing campaigners found it refreshing to hear Anthony Albanese talk about his public housing background in his election victory speech. It's unfortunate though that Labor policy on housing makes no mention of public housing, only "social and affordable housing", which is either owned or operated by private providers, where the rents are higher and the protections for tenants are weaker'.

'Labor's Housing Australia Future Fund is a plan to provide social housing for just one in every eight applicants currently on the waiting list over the next five years. There are many more people than that in serious housing stress or have just given up and not bothered applying for public housing.

'Albanese has already prioritised housing in a way that the Coalition didn't during its decade in power. The PM has appointed a minister for housing in his new cabinet. And housing minister Julie Collins portfolio also takes in homelessness'.

What are your thoughts on these developments?

'This reflects that the housing situation has gradually gotten worse over the last decade, and sharply worse over the last three years. It became a top issue so both major parties made prominent announcements about it just before the election in a hope to win voters, which basically failed.

All the analysis, even the mainstream outlets, were critical of their policies, saying it would push up house prices.

'For a start, we mustn't forget too that Albanese ditched previous policy to abolish negative gearing and capital gains tax exemptions, which, they correctly argued, push house prices upwards.


'The Help to Buy scheme was just more fuel to the fire, pumping up the private market and predicated upon government recouping costs from rising prices. If I went to the USA, I'd feel proud that we have Medicare, at least some form of universal health care, but if someone visited Sydney from Vienna, where 60 percent of people live in public housing funded by a one percent income tax, I'd be ashamed of the homelessness and state of disrepair of our public housing.

Early last year, a coalition of NSW housing groups, including Action for Public Housing, stepped up the campaign to not only expand public housing, but to ensure that pre-existing stock is kept public rather than redeveloped into something new.

'Since 2016, the NSW Coalition government has been redeveloping public housing estates under the state Land and Housing Corporation's Communities Plus program.

'But this doesn't seem to have the best interests of pre-existing public housing tenants as its focus'.

■ The full article first appeared on www.sydneycriminallawyers.com.au



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Suffolk Park dogs

Thank you so much Guy Hull for lifting the lid on the behaviour of dog owners, particularly in Suffolk Park. Everything Guy describes, I have also witnessed, including abuse, pretended naivety or ignorance of the rules and the delusion that anybody who objects to 'my sweet little doggy' running around without a lead and harassing other dogs or people is being unreasonable and therefore needs to be told where to go.

I have also witnessed two free roaming dogs chase a coastal wallaby in the Suffolk Reserve onto the beach and harass the wallaby and keep chasing the wallaby into the surf until the wallaby drowned from exhaustion.

If it needs to be spelt out, then here it is: we in Suffolk Park live in a community where some believe that self-entitlement rules all, and nobody is going to tell them what to do with their dog.

Peter Stolz
Suffolk Park

Sharks

For some years now I have been advocating for a system that would protect swimmers and surfers from sharks but would leave all forms of marine life unharmed.

What I envisage is a series of buoys set up along our beaches. These buoys could be equipped with radar



and possibly cameras. The radars and other devices could then be linked to a species identifying program (not so difficult as cetaceans undulate through the water while sharks glide) which would then be connected to an automatic alarm system. I have a friend who is a bit of a computer whizz and she thinks such a system would work.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Chill – not warships

Peter Walters can relax. There are no Chinese warships in Darwin. A Chinese company operates the port in Darwin loading and unloading cargo from merchant ships. Chinese warships do not use the port in Darwin.

Warren Kennedy
Mullumbimby

Free Julian Assange

Thank you for publishing Mandy's recent article re: the abuse of process and inaction regarding Julian Assange.

I can't wait to see how long it takes for the Greens to initiate a serious nationwide protest to end this ten year incarceration and bring him home. Failure to do so

represents complicity in the corruption and coverups that Julian Assange has exposed.

Perhaps Mandy, as the Greens representative in the region (and hopefully next local Greens member), could keep the community informed of this matter, before he dies.

If we leave it to the government we will have another execution of an Australian citizen on our hands, like the 'dobbled in' Bali Nine.

It's truly unbelievable that he is condemned to torture for alleged corruption when what he was exposing was corruption itself.

You either stand for justice and compassion or stand for nothing.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

Arrogance of power

I read that Chris Bowen's approach to climate change mitigation is to stand firmly behind the election commitment for a 43 per cent reduction on 2005 emissions by 2030, and net zero by 2050 and that there would be no need to address the crossbench ideas.

The Liberal-Nationals Party coalition government was removed because the government was not heeding the will of the people – and rightly so! The electorate has shown clear support for real transformation and change.

Anthony Albanese has stated that all Australians will be carried forward by the Labor government, and yet Chris Bowen is boldly stating that there is no need to consider the concerns of the crossbench?!

Labor has no real mandate, having only attained 33 per cent of the vote, and

were subsequently dependent on preferences within the two-party system to have the right to govern.

I think it is fair to say that most older Greens supporters were originally Labor supporters for whom Greens policies resonate more strongly. The new 'Teals' are generally Liberal supporters that the conservative coalition no longer represents.

The ALP in government needs to heed the views of Independent and Greens parties and their visions for the future, or else be seen as just another parochial party that disdains the people in

its quest for power.

The strength of public opinion is no longer polarised into 'left and right' and the ALP in government needs to acknowledge and respect the inter-connectedness of the public and their alignment with policies that are equitable and progressive.

I understand the delicacy required to balance the competing ideologies and needs of Australians across so many varying demographics, yet inclusiveness is of paramount importance if the ALP is not to go the same way as the LNP!

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To ignore this would be folly, especially at a moment in time when the government has a great opportunity to be inclusive and visionary. Many businesses are leading the way and the rest in time will follow. However, the government should be in front with a vision for the future – not attempting to hold on to power to the exclusion of what is best for the community and the planet.

Graeme Batterbury
Lillian Rock

Letter removed

desired outcomes, i.e. close to amenities, facilities, and good, functioning infrastructure, including connecting footpaths and cycleways. No, we have not much to show for our overpriced Council rates.

My husband badly injured himself just walking along our uneven unfixed footpath. I am told several people have been injured in the same spot. No, nothing fixed, and no word from Council yet. Won't hold my breath. Who else has had enough of our rip-off Council? If I was an employer with an employee generating less than adequate outcomes I would sack them.

Annie Radermacher
Brunswick Heads

Byron Shire rip-off

How many of us in the Shire can see that our rates are being used in our own residential areas? At least if we go into the Bay we see connecting footpaths – a very, very long connecting cycle path from Ewingsdale into the Bay.

So it seems, to get our money's worth, we need to inhabit the Bay. I am over being told there are no funds to fix serious ongoing problems. It would seem Resilience NSW want to house our flood victims in areas with all that the Bay has to offer, yet everywhere else does not have what is required for the

Future gazing...

It is wise that the public, communities, civil society, businesses and Council pause to seriously research the future of Byron Bay.

Astounding research is now being revealed about the proposed development of the Bioenergy Facility to be situated in the Sunrise Industrial Estate.

It is noteworthy that the artist's impression does not reveal any smoke stacks, yet the research surrounding

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Fighting for the character and beauty of our towns – this time it's Suffolk

■ Recent discussion about community concerns over inappropriate development and overdevelopment in the town of Byron Bay has been heartening. Not everyone has given up, and some of us are more than willing to add our voices to 'hold the line' and try to stop it (Letters, Paul Cholakos, June 1).

The community, however, needs to be aware that the problem is now impacting on the village of Suffolk Park. A mega-development overseen by Denwal Suffolk Pty Ltd, a company registered in December 2020 and based in Glebe, Sydney, is currently on exhibition. It is not offering a facelift. This is a mixed use project that will dwarf the adjacent local single-storey shopping precinct in Clifford Street, and exacerbate the problems getting in, out, and around the village on an everyday basis.

The issues remain the same. Insufficient public scrutiny owing to the advertising level deemed appropriate. Buildings looming over the landscape, claim to provide 'affordable housing'. Private dwellings, some of which will inevitably become investment properties and unhosted Airbnbs. Breaches of floor space ratios. Impact on traffic congestion, which is currently untenable. Parking. Homogenous 'contemporary' architectural design that is completely out of character with surrounding commercial premises...

The entire build of three-storeys at a proposed height of nine metres is a mixture of retail as well as housing on 4000 + sqm. It includes seven triple-storey townhouses set back with plunge pools and generous parking. At an estimated construction cost of \$10-11 million, the developer is set to make a vast profit. What is the cost to this community?

Clifford Street simply cannot sustain this level of development with the inadequate and deteriorating infrastructure already in place. It will also change the unique character and culture of the village irrevocably.

When listed for sale, this site was promoted by its marketers as 'ripe for its next owners' vision'. It was an 'Opportunity to shape the future of Suffolk Park'. It will certainly shape the future of our village if it goes ahead.

The developer's vision should not proceed without

appropriate scrutiny and consideration by concerned residents, neighbours and the new Council.

Councillors need robust engagement with Council staff to ensure parity between the interests of developers and other stakeholders in the community if we are to resist the precedents established with routine manipulation of regulations. The preservation of what is left of the spirit of Byron demands it.

It is a considerable relief to see the exhibition period extended for two weeks, facilitated by Councillor Duncan Dey. Hold the line? Indeed! Ensure your community voice is heard.

Lynne Richardson
Suffolk Park

■ The mega-scale development application (DA 10.2022.137.1) proposed for Clifford Street, Suffolk Park, raises significant concerns. It is comprised of two buildings with a height of nine metres and 23 residential units, plus retail and hospitality outlets.

Clearly, there will be significant impacts on stormwater, waste disposal, traffic, pedestrian safety, emergency services, parking, and habitat for endangered species.

Recent serious flooding exposed Suffolk Park's vulnerability to climate change. With its inadequate infrastructure, businesses and houses were inundated, and Clifford Street turned into a river. Yet the DA's water management system will ultimately direct water overflows out to Clifford Street!

Gridlock already dominates daily traffic flows along Clifford Street. This poses a potentially life-threatening situation when emergency services and residents have only ONE already congested street for exiting and entering Suffolk Park.

I am incredulous that the DA claims that 'traffic issues can be adequately mitigated'. How? So far, Council has been unable to solve this problem.

Only 41 car spaces are provided, so increased parking on local streets can only exacerbate parking and pedestrian risks.

This DA will demolish nine existing affordable homes, to be replaced by 12 units labelled 'affordable housing', at '80 per cent of

the market rate'. 25 trees will be removed, some that are protected; it will destroy the habitats of endangered species, e.g. koalas and black cockatoos.

The words of Joni Mitchell's song of warning are salient here, as 'You don't know what you've got till it's gone'.

Please consider making a submission to Council before the deadline on 28 June.

**Tony Christie and
Odette Quigley**
Suffolk Park



Locals are expressing concern over the 'mega-development' proposed for Suffolk Park that they say is out of character for the area and will exacerbate issues of flooding, access and safety in the area. Image: artist's impression

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Taking the time to remember as the future unfolds

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Mary Creighton wanted to go for a drive to look around her town and her old homes at The Pocket and Main Arm. She wanted to see what the flood had done. She dressed in a lovely candy-stripe shift with pink loafers. Pretty and comfy clothes. She has always liked nice clothes and had designed and made her own outfits to wear to the dances she and her best friend, Nancy Ball, enjoyed all over the area as teenagers in the 1950s.

Mary is well known and has many friends both young and old. She tells many stories of friends who have passed away over recent times and of the outings and happy times they used to share around the area.

Over the decades she and her husband Col have given a lot of intangible and priceless gifts to the people of Mullumbimby and surrounds. Some of you will remember Mary and Colin's fine standard bred mares and foals that grazed the, now overgrown and weedy, railway paddock adjacent to Woolies. A lot has changed for Mary and Col. More changes are coming for their children and grandchildren's generations.

The countryside has changed, and she frequently comments, as we drive around the hills, on these changes. Mary knows this place intimately as she spent about ten years doing manual work for long hours, and little money, share farming in The Pocket.

A look back

Most of the bananas and cleared grazing areas are gone and the camphor and weeds are thick. She is disturbed by the look of the old farms and town as if no one cares for them anymore. The old hall at Billinudgel is in a poor state and trains no longer stop here.

'When it's my turn to take the train and leave the station for good I'll be in trouble as no trains stop here anymore', Mary comments.

She remembers The Empire picture theatre and the Popular Cafe in Mullum, when the streets were alive with people dressed up in 'town clothes' – wearing hats and good clean shoes – all that has vanished.

We drive around to see the houses on New City Road and down by Ann Street, then over by the estate next to the Showgrounds. Many of her relatives and old friends have houses in these areas and some have lost everything. Some have had to leave to live elsewhere, a hard thing for anyone, but possibly much more of a hurdle for Mary's generation.

'I've got to accept change... but this hurts,' says Mary.

On Monday morning, 28 February, as the water raged down the road, Mary was carried from her home to a friend's place in a 4X4. She said it was a bit of a circus and was telling her helpers not to drop her as she would lose her knickers and the water would just carry them away.



Billinudgel – a station with no trains... Photo Jeff Dawson

Col stayed at home watching the water flow through the living area. He stayed until it had gone down and then started hosing out the garage.

Gill Lomath put Mary up for the night then Mary went to stay up on the Tweed with family for a week. During that time, Col, with the help of family and friends, set up the old shed out the back and they moved in there while the house was repaired.

Kenny organised for their old friends to come and fix up the house. It was a gift in return for the care and interest Mary and Col had given these 'kids' when they were little ones playing in the street. In those days everybody knew one another and you could call on a neighbour to borrow a cup of sugar if in need. She says she misses this kind of respect and the feeling of safety and care for

neighbours and friends.

Mary's generation are proud. Not proud of all they have done, but they feel they should not take help or charity. They prefer to give than to receive. So it's been difficult for their 'kids' to make them accept their help. Their children and other 'kids' have helped to pull up the carpet and organise all the repairs. They had to remove around a metre of the walls, clean out the mud and filth and replace the skirting and lay tiles. Mary's home now looks clean and bright.

Getting to safety

Not everyone of their generation affected by the floods in February 2022 had the same help from family and friends. Some do not have the means to remove walls, so they have

let the walls dry out and then paint over the skirting. They say 'when you have no insurance what can you do?'

Others were home alone and sat on their beds until someone turned up to rescue them. Rescue was a very difficult feat for anyone, let alone those elderly, ill, or disabled. People had to be able to get in and then able to lift people safely into boats, or assist them to walk through the churning muddy water full of debris to the RSL evacuation centre.

Our drive out to Main Arm did not get as far as Mary had wanted, that is, to the school. We were stopped just after the Palmwoods T-intersection at Weakley's crossing where the water was flowing over like a rapid. Her old friend's house was high up was safe but the paddock was pretty much gone and turned into a rocky creek bed.

Community vital

Back at the Main Arm Store we stopped for a milkshake and coffee. I wish I had taken a photo of Mary sipping on the candy-striped straw of a strawberry milkshake in her bright candy-striped shift. I saw the sweet teenager Mary saying how good life is, and how happy the people getting their parcels and meeting up at the local store appeared.

It seems not all has changed for the worst and some have the heart and spirit to find much simple joy in these difficult times.

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NSW government 'irresponsible' in extending logging

Aslan Shand

Koalas in NSW are now listed as endangered and expected to become extinct in NSW by 2050. Yet the NSW government has repeatedly failed to take action to protect them and is actively taking steps to reduce their habitat by extending Wood Supply Agreements for public native forests for another five years. This, coupled with the impacts of the Black Summer fires and their recent vote on 7 June against the proposal to establish a Great Koala National Park on the mid-north coast means that little effective action is being taken to support keeping koalas in the wild (read more: www.echo.net.au/nsw-labor-and-coalition-vote-against-great-koala-park).

On 3 June the NSW government extended the agreements to supply wood from NSW State Forests which North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) has called 'an act of gross irresponsibility because of the massive loss of resources in the 2019-20 fires'.

'It beggars belief that the NSW government has today gifted a guarantee



Ellangowen State Forest is one of the areas ravished by the Black Summer fires. Photos Dailan Pugh

of millions of dollar's worth of sawlogs from public native forests to select sawmills at pre-2019/20 fire levels as if nothing happened,' said NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh.

'In the 2019-20 wildfires 49 per cent of north-coast State Forests burnt, causing the deaths of millions of trees and animals.

'According to the Forestry Corporation's own guesstimates, across the north coast over 9.4 per cent of sawlogs



(trees greater than 30cm diameter) and 24.5 per cent of future sawlogs (less than 30cm) were killed in the 2019-20 fires, with losses increasing to around 15 per cent of sawlogs and 35 per cent of future sawlogs north from Coffs Harbour.

'Well before the fires, in 2017 the Department of Primary Industries recommended that Wood Supply Agreements should be reduced by 15 per cent. The cuts now need to be far deeper to accommodate fire impacts.

'While the sawmillers pay nothing for these guarantees of sawlogs from public native forests, taxpayers are liable for millions of dollars in compensation if the promised timber can't be found, or if the government belatedly decides to protect the trees needed by koalas or the multitude of hollow-dependent animals.

'Extending Wood Supply Agreements at pre-fire levels is clearly unsustainable in multiple ways and an act of gross irresponsibility,' Mr Pugh said.

► **Continued from page 14** this facility speaks to 'possibilities' of adjustments. Eg 'Should an odour emit from the plant that arouses reactions from the public, this will be remedied by the erection of a smoke stack that shall have water applied to control emissions'.

In other words methane and other toxins could escape, creating certain air imperfections, dangers... in the model...but easily remedied, given that the public are to be 'recipient "spin" scientific guinea pigs'.

Q. Is this smoke and mirrors, or one or the other? Does this incremental development adjustment bespeak the manifestation of other

stacks as time passes? Are these dangerous possibilities (and others) the reason why the public have been denied rightful inclusion and comment in this development application (DA)? The public are well aware of the fact that air pollution is globally acknowledged as the No.1 killer of humans.

Furthermore, we are informed that eight trucks to and from the facility will daily occur? This is 16 movements a day on Arts and Industry Estate roads already heavily crowded with traffic and potholed... and the craters grow.

Compounding this issue is the projected huge amount of fill that will daily be

delivered to begin to aid the flood-prone development of West Byron. This DA alone at West Byron will require a year of truck loads of fill on acid sulphate soil! Given that Mother Nature is outwitting human capacity to cope, let alone understand, control factors I ask, 'Will the flood waters from West Byron cross Ewingsdale Road into the Arts and Industry Estate, and create the dangers already witnessed in the region?'

Furthermore, is one potential issue that the Bioenergy Facility will be flooded, given its projected placing? That may not be a bad thing... how cynical eh?

All of this development and projected traffic will

affect the tourist business in the township. A socio-economic model is called for to address the lost business and of course the greater spreading of flood waters in residential areas. Already tourists bypass Byron owing to traffic bank-up. The Byron community will stand up against such impositions on their rights.

This projected lunatic chaos defies yoga chants, intentional communities, karmic stains on the soul, chanting and inner peace. The lunatic is on the wing. Who gains? 'Pre-caution'.

Jo Faith
Newtown

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Is there still a chance to ‘Unfuck the World’?

Mary Gardner

Five years ago, on 10 June 2017 the now defunct Ngara Institute hosted a friendly ‘competition’ in Mullumbimby to fund some community development as part of the new international Unfuck the World Day. On that day, Los Angeles-based hip hop singers launched the movement; still running in 2022. Mark Swivel hosted the event, which saw four groups share the prize money (www.echo.net.au/2017/06/go-get-unfucked).

Back then, our group, Water Protectors, had run two community-based projects monitoring ‘hot spots’ – polluted water, blocked drains, dead fauna, algal blooms – on the waterways of Byron Bay. The work is publicly available. At the time, it was presented to Council.

When Water Protectors won the \$1,200 prize, we bought portable digital water monitoring equipment. The group ran several community-based workshops to teach participants to use the monitoring equipment, as well as to identify ‘water bugs’ so as to rate water



The HotSpots project that inspired the Water Protectors entry for the ‘Unfuck the World’ contest.

quality. We wanted to start ‘unfucking’ the degraded water places in our area.

A matter of evolution

The Water Protectors group has since evolved and has been educating citizens to become protectors of our water places – working with Byron Community College, the course goes for six days.

Students learned from many local water activists and ecologists, Byron Council staff, and Delta Kay, who

taught the group about Arakwal sea country. Recently this work has morphed into a new organisation, the Byron Coast and ICOLL Centre (BCIC). Contact them for the Byron HotSpots reports.

In the spirit of resource- and knowledge-sharing, Positive Change for Marine Life has been using our digital monitoring equipment and worked with their Brunswick River Warriors, doing a community-based hotspot assessment of that waterway and its riparian zone. Last week, their results

and future goals went online in the internationally famous StoryMap format (www.storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/659fe5585635418b9e9e76e54a353326).

The NSW Coastal Council Conference at Kingscliff last week was also good news for our coastal water places. BCIC delivered a presentation on the work they have been doing so far and their project plans to come. This attracted much interest and support from researchers and other groups in attendance.

In April, BCIC won a \$56,000 grant from the NSW Environmental Trust. Look to the near future for what they describe as ‘a series of community workshops to engage citizen scientists in protecting and enhancing the Tallow Creek and Belongil Creek ICOLLS in Byron Bay.’

Five years ago, now nearly forgotten, local people took a few small steps, which were then taken up by others and still more. The inspiration of back then continues now in practical, useful ways that grow, bit by bit. All still aiming to, truly, unfuck the world.

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Vests or peace?

Gareth Smith makes a valid point in his letter (June 8) stating that Israel has signed and ratified the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*. Israel willingly signed and ratified because she believes that ALL children have the right to good lives.

Hamas and the PA on the other hand, use children as weapons of war and this is well known, to the extent

that children from as young as five, are taught to despise Jews, as part of their actual school syllabus. They are also physically taught how to kill Jews from their pre-teens, and the importance of being a martyr.

Yes Gareth, I also think it is an incredibly worthwhile project to protect the innocent beautiful Palestinian children from harm, and this should start by stopping

their complete and utter brainwashing by Hamas and the PA, so that as the future leaders of a Palestinian state, they can consider peace with Israel knowing the actual historical facts, rather than the absolute lies that are shoved down their throats.

Whilst it is a good idea, even you know that bulletproof vests sent for Palestinian children would be stolen by Hamas, as the last thing they want is a reduction in children's deaths since, in their evil minds, nothing makes the news more than dead children. They not only never protect their people's children from violence, their policy is to launch their many thousands of deadly missiles into Israeli civilian areas, from active kindergartens and schools, hoping that Israel will fire back. This is what causes the tragic deaths of children, not Israel defending itself from a bloodthirsty and ruthless enemy.

billions of dollars donated by the international community for the Palestinian people, into their own private bank accounts letting their people go without. The Palestinian people know this, but every single time they protest, they are murdered or given long prison sentences, keeping the population 'in their place'. What do you have to say about that?

2022 has seen a spate of unprovoked deadly terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians, resulting in many Israeli civilians being murdered in cold blood, but almost none of these have been reported by Australian media outlets, as they don't see the murder of Jews as newsworthy, yet so often present countless unsubstantiated reports given word-for-word by the Hamas terror organisation without fact checking.

is fundamentally opposed to big strong countries attacking smaller weaker ones.

But recent history proves the United States and its vassals have no qualms committing aggression against impoverished defenceless nations. We've seen this over and over again, in Afghanistan, in Iraq, in Libya, in Syria, in Yemen, Lebanon and Palestine, in Somalia and Sudan.

The United States and its gang of thugs routinely violate international law and breach the *UN Charter* when they conspire to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity. They do this knowingly, wilfully and with contempt for the rights of others. They believe they're entitled to behave this way any to their unassailable power and privilege. Only when their power and privilege is challenged by a peer competitor do they suddenly discover an appreciation for rights and fairness in international relations.

with our biggest trading partner and stoking tension in our region? The US and the UK don't care about us, they never have, we're just cannon fodder for their imperial agenda.

Australia should exit AUKUS and distance itself from the West's warmongering juggernaut before we get sucked into the nightmare of a nuclear conflict. Gough Whitlam wanted to close the US spy base at Pine Gap and his successor, Malcolm Fraser, explains why in his remarkable book, *Dangerous Allies*, a 'must read' for anyone seriously interested in Australia's geopolitical past and its future trajectory.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

CHESSE by Ian Rogers

Rishi Sardana's win of the ACT Championship last month was confirmation of a popularly held theory: sometimes the best way to improve your results is to take a break from tournament play.

Sardana, 25, had been a chess professional since his teens, hunting for a GM title. However, with no tournaments to play during the pandemic, he completed tertiary study and then took a job as a data analyst with KPMG, first in Delhi and then in Canberra.

Prior to his change of career, Sardana could count himself as one of the unluckiest players on the circuit. For example, at the 2014 Qatar Open, with 152 titled entrants in a field of 154, Sardana was up against Armenia's Gabriel Sargissian and resigned when a draw was in reach (see diagram).

In his new life as a part time chessplayer, the ACT co-champion can now hope to emulate Australia's second Grandmaster, Darryl Johansen. Back in the late 1980s Johansen was a full time professional, but his health suffered due to his inability to access nutritious vegetarian

food when in Eastern Europe. Johansen returned to Melbourne and took a job as a chess coach. His health improved and his tournament results skyrocketed, culminating in a GM title only five years after 'retirement'.

In this position Sardana is in big trouble and Sargissian (White) sought to finish the game in style with **27.Bxf7+!** Seeing Sargissian's idea of **27...Bxf7 28.Rd8+ Be8 29.Re1! Rxf3+ 30.Kf1!**, when Black has no more checks and must lose his queen, the 17-year-old resigned. Neither player had seen that in the above line Black has the resource **30...Rg1+!!** when Black can win the rook on d8 with a likely draw, eg. **31.Kxg1 Qg5+ 32.Kh2 Qxd8 33.Qe2 Bg6 34.Qxb5 h6**, followed by **35...Kh7** when White's king will be too exposed to hope for victory. 'I trusted my opponent,' said a chastened Sardana.

■ **Players meet at Byron Bay Services Club, Sat 2.30pm and Mon 6pm.**



Letters to the Editor

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Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce

Jason Bentley

Winter is upon us and reflecting upon the first six months of 2022 I'm truly inspired by the way the local business community has rallied post-COVID and the floods. The advocacy and collaboration with NSW Business and Council has seen the business community access much needed relief funding and activate local projects and initiatives to accelerate recovery. From the Byron Chamber perspective, we engaged Telstra's CEO Andrew Penn to deploy satellite Wi-Fi

technology to disconnected communities and free mobile hardware to impacted regions. We are currently in the midst of deploying two million dollars of laptop hardware to schools, businesses and families affected by the floods with our NAB Bank Charity collaboration giving away 1,000 laptops.

We face a perfect storm in 2022, something that is unprecedented for businesses in the last decade. The rise of global inflation is forecast to hit 6 per cent this year, and the response to raise cash rates to 0.85 per



Jason Bentley - BBCOC President

cent will hit living costs for families and operating costs for businesses hard toward the end of 2022 and beyond.

The recently released Byron Shire Council survey of *Flood Impacted Business May 2022* indicated a short-term need for new premises, speed to market of government assistance and cashflow through revenue growth and client acquisition. So how do we navigate this new economic reality?

We recently ran a Business Wellbeing & Resilience workshop for local businesses to share their experiences and check their wellness barometer, sparking the realisation that there is an innate connection

between emotional wellbeing and business resilience. So, to ride out this storm we need to find balance within ourselves and family, so we are in the right mindset to reset, reenergise and grow together.

If we learned anything from the recent floods it is that we can rely on our neighbours and community first. So, I ask local business to seek local knowledge and insights, recalibrate, collaborate and stand together.

• Jason Bentley is the president of the Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce.

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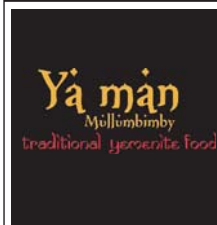
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V. Cosford

I'd had my oregano seedlings for less than a week and I thought they might like the kitchen window sill, where, on the rare fine day sunlight pours straight in. It began to droop and wilt, edges turning brown. Next time I was at the market I mentioned this anxiously to Kyan, who suggested they needed water. Back out to our balcony the pot went and within a day the herb was thriving.

There's little that Seedlings Organics' Kyan Sansom doesn't know about growing seedlings. He believes that anyone can manage to grow them, but it 'needs to be kept as simple as possible. Sunlight, water and good quality soil', he says, 'are the three most important factors.'

The soil is critical, as 'it's where the plants must live.' Kyan tells me that an important and often overlooked quality of good growing soil is actually air. 'Forking beds over to increase air is really helpful, as is sowing green manure crops,' he explains. 'Good drainage is essential.'

This is all very well for those fortunate



Kyan Sansom – seedling guru.

enough to own a garden. I ask Kyan if seedlings can be grown in pots on a balcony and he says that plants are more likely to grow to their full potential in a garden as their roots can reach a much greater depth. However, he adds, things like herbs and flowers can be grown quite successfully in a pot. There's hope, then, for my brave little oregano.

His tips for successful growing are: stay away from nitrogen-based liquid fertilisers, using instead good quality compost; ensure your seedlings are getting 4–6 hours of sun a day; grown in good quality soil; and know your plant spacings.

Kyan loves explaining all this – and more – to his customers. 'In my opinion the more people growing their own food, the better, and I'm more than happy to help people achieve that.'

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- McAuleys Road pink rump beef, bourguignon and potato terrine, sautéed Urliup mushrooms, bordelaise, port shallot and quandong.
- Seafood chowder with locally sourced cuttlefish, Ballina pipis, mussels, fish, cream, vegetables, native leaves.
- Roasted celeriac, myrtle oil, braised Urliup mushrooms, onion textures and truffle jus.

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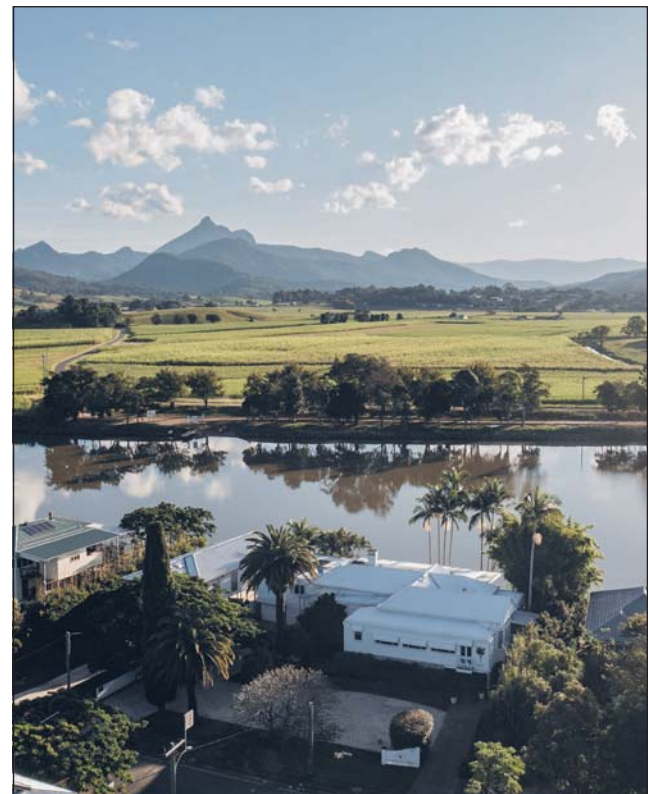
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Above: The Private Dining Room is really quite something.



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Rada, a Mullumbimby Shearwater Steiner alumni, took her creativity to paper, illustrating the flowering herbs and spices contained in each recipe for their Certified Home Compostable packaging. The move to their most sustainable packaging yet was not cheap, but was made as a long-term investment to Mother Earth. They chose not to pass the cost on, to ensure their products remained affordable and could be enjoyed by every budget – in line with their strong belief that health shouldn't be compromised for profit.

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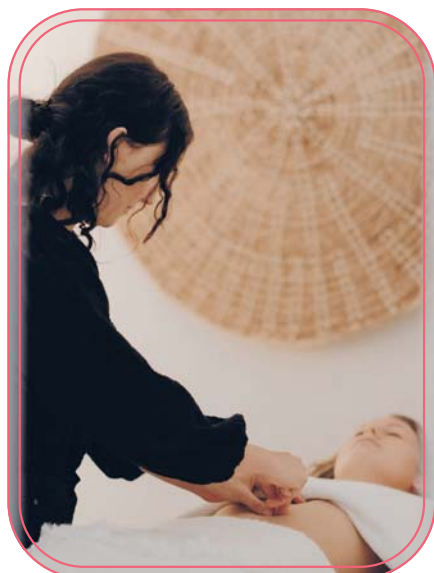
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Bangalow Headache Clinic

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they treat headaches and migraines, jaw pain, clicking, grinding and locking, as well as vestibular disorders and dizziness.

Michael has done extensive studies and exams, in both Australia and Europe, involving the head, neck and jaw. He has completed advanced vestibular competency training with the Northern American leaders in this area.

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they quite often find an overlap between headache

and dizziness and/ or headache and jaw problems.

If you experience jaw pain, locking or clicking, headaches, migraines or vertigo, call them on 0475 757 510.

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ENTERTAINMENT

IT'S MAGIC

Described by the New York Times as 'thrilling and engaging – universal, profound... and uplifting' Joan Didion's celebrated memoir *The Year of Magical Thinking* is brought to life by Green Room Award-winning actor **Jillian Murray** in a critically-acclaimed solo performance that reunites her with director **Laurence Strangio**.

The details will be different, but it will happen to you. This highly personal account of loss through the lens of hope unpacks a surreal and overwhelming time in Didion's life as she faces the sudden loss of her husband John, and later her daughter Quintana.

Deeply moving, sometimes funny, and ultimately joyful, this is one woman's story of the journey to find acceptance, and the lessons learnt in letting go. 'Joan writes of these experiences in a way most of us cannot,' says Murray. 'The generosity with which her writing is imbued comes from the honesty of her revelations, which she often shares with dry and unexpected humour.'



For director Strangio, capturing Didion's 'scrupulous honesty in dissecting her experience' is the essential element for a successful production. 'In staging the piece, my intention has always been to be as honest as the text,' he says.

After a critically-acclaimed sell-out premiere season at Melbourne's FortyFiveDownstairs this is a production that is a must-see for fans of great drama. There will be a **Q&A with Jillian Murray** following the performance.

The Year of Magical Thinking is presented by Byron Theatre and Critical Stages Touring by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc. and Concord Theatricals Company. This production was developed for the stage by FortyFiveDownstairs. Byron Writers Festival are proudly supporting this powerful theatre event and we are therefore pleased to offer BWF members a special discounted ticket price.

'This is yet another fine – and, if you like, "magical" – performance from Jillian Murray, aided and guided by Mr Strangio, who here shows that he knows very well that less is more.' – Stage Whispers.

'A one person show par excellence' – The Blurb.

One night only at Byron Theatre. Tuesday 28 June at 7pm. Use your Discover NSW Vouchers before they expire on 30 June! Book now at byroncentre.com.au.

TOURIST RADIO IS NOT DEAD YET

Brothers **Matt and John White** have a vision for radio in regional cities that mixes great music with local information that is relevant to both locals and visitors. They call it **Local Sounds Lismore**. 'We want to bring together a local feel with professional-sounding radio, playing the music people love to local residents and tourists alike,' says John.

John and Matt started their radio careers at community station YYY in Brisbane's north in the early '90s. 'We love radio and live music and want to transform the old 88FM tourist radio service into the modern age, giving tourists a compelling reason to visit Lismore and the Northern Rivers,' says Matt.

Local Sounds launched on 1 February 2022 and has had a fantastic response from people living in Lismore and beyond, they say. Listeners from outside the region are also tuning in for local artists, great music and news on the hour.

The station name, Local Sounds Lismore, says it all. The station plays a wide variety of hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s – they feature local artists and amp it up with a party mix every Friday and Saturday night.

The station can be accessed for free via their website **localsounds.com.au** via iHeartRadio, Apple CarPlay and smart speakers.

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MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX BRING THEM ALL HOME

This weekend the country watched the Nadesalingam family return to Bilo. They saw Tharnica, a little girl born in this country who had spent four years in detention celebrate her fifth birthday. After four years this family of Tamil asylum seekers have gone home to the central Queensland town of Biloela. The love of a small town for this family tells a very clear story; that there is a place in this country for resettling refugees.

This was a powerful moment. But this is just one family. While it's great to have a change of government, let's not forget that Labor supports Operation Sovereign Borders – a policy the United Nations has declared does not save lives, but contributes to the deaths of refugees. Pushing back migrant boats has been called 'a cruel and deadly practice' that violates international law. It risks sending people back to the countries they have fled from, where they will face death, torture or persecution. It's an ugly policy. We cannot let our government's bad policy hide behind the face of five-year-old Tharnica and her family. Because behind that one good story, is the suffering of so many others.

How we treat refugees who arrive in boats has become a sign of strength in our political landscape. From the lies of the Howard government's 'children overboard', to election day this year when it was announced that a boatload of asylum seekers were intercepted by Australian Border Force – making the world's most vulnerable people into a political football. A football we continue to kick back into danger. You see, government knows what happens when Australians live with refugees: They form relationships. They become a loved part of the community. Even conservative communities change their views on refugee policy. That is the power of human relationships. Better to keep the lives and suffering of refugees abstract. You don't want compassion getting in the way of politics.

The boat that arrived in Australian waters on election day was returned to Sri Lanka. The very same country 'our Bilo family' came from. Where, no doubt, those onboard will face persecution. You do not save people by turning back boats. You just send them back to die somewhere else. Seeking asylum in Australia is not illegal. It is a basic human right. All people are entitled to protection of their human rights including their right to seek asylum regardless of how or where they arrive.

It seems obvious that anyone who comes by boat is desperate. They're desperate because they are refugees who were not able to seek asylum by applying via recognised channels and waiting four years or more for acceptance. By definition, a refugee is stateless, they are at risk of persecution or death. So to further traumatise, marginalise and make monsters of those who arrive by boat is shameful and illogical. No one would risk their life or the lives of family to travel in such a dangerous way unless they had no choice.

I can't bear to hear the spin that 'it's about saving lives'. If you wanted to save lives you'd develop a more humane system. You wouldn't spend billions on offshore detention to send a message to vulnerable people that if you seek asylum via boat we offer torture as a consequence. There is a huge chasm between the spin on refugee policy and refugee experience. The Nadesalingam family has shown us that.

We need to dig deeper. There are two books every Australian should read, *No Friend but the Mountains* by award-winning Kurdish journalist Behrouz Boochani, who was illegally detained on Manus Island. Six years of trauma and torture, paid for by the Australian tax payer. Us. The other is *The People Smuggler* by Robin de Crespigny. It's the true story of Ali Al Jenabi, the first convicted people smuggler in Australia. The man who was called 'The Oskar Schindler of Asia'. He saved lives. We vilified him. Then we imprisoned him. These books give you the view from the inside.

We have a new government. We have done better for one refugee family in Australia. Let's start doing a lot bloody better for all asylum seekers and refugees. We have an ageing population. Refugees are the youngest group of immigrants to come to Australia. As it turns out, we need refugees more than they need us.

Let's do better.

ENTERTAINMENT

PERENNIALY POPULAR BANDALUZIA

Led by ARIA nominated Flamenco guitarist, **Damian Wright**, Bandaluzia will present a spectacular new show presenting contemporary flamenco dance and music whilst displaying the essential characteristics of the flamenco tradition. Bandaluzia are celebrated for their powerful performances, unique sound and explosive displays of dazzling musicianship and virtuosity. Bandaluzia performed at The Adelaide International Guitar Festival curated by Slava Grigoryan and were awarded 'The Pick Of the Sydney Fringe' at The Sydney Fringe Festival. Bandaluzia performed to a sold out Sydney Opera House Concert Hall as an invited artist to TEDX Sydney. Featuring Dance Australia Magazine's 'Most Outstanding Dancer' and co-winner of 'Best Dance Show' at The Adelaide Fringe.

ARCHIBALD WINNER IS LOOKING BLAK

JEFA Gallery is featuring an exciting show by **Blak Douglas**, the winner of the 2022 Archibald Prize.

Blak Douglas' work is significant and profoundly bold in its depiction and message. What we have here is an artist who is completely dedicated to delivering the truth as he has learnt it.

Blak particularly focuses on what it means in the 21st century to be an Aboriginal man with part Irish decent, with all the cultural clichés that haunt him and the ironies present within the 'Australian Dream'.

Born somewhere in between here and there, then and now, **Adam Hill** aka Blak Douglas has a speakeasy, sometimes comical and slapstick, yet totally on point and uncensored attitude, towards the establishment and all the pawns in the game. His work is a thrilling and absolutely necessary experience for all Australians!

Artworks in this fantastic body of work cover the last 20 years of his career. They are available to purchase, or to just come and see. It is an exhibition not to be missed and we would love to see you enjoy it!

JEFA Gallery is open 9am–5pm Monday to Friday.
Viewings on the weekend can be made by appointment.
Call Michael on 0490 470 211 or Julian on 0401 943 249 to arrange a time.
JEFA Gallery, 3/83 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay.
michael@jefagallery.com | julian@jefagallery.com | www.jefagallery.com.



Flamenco dancers, **Jessica Statham** and **Rosalie Cocchiaro**, have lived in Madrid and performed in many of Madrid's most premier Tablaos – flamenco venues – for ten years, as has outstanding percussionist **James Hauptmann** (James Morrison, Vince Jones, Bluejuice). Bandaluzia are also highly revered for their ability to mix elements of other genres into their performances, whether being the rich harmonies of jazz, the exotic melodies of 'the Orient' or the infectious rhythms of South America. This is an experience that ignites the senses with the grace of Flamenco.

Bandaluzia Flamenco are at the Byron Theatre on Friday 22 July at 7.30pm. Tix available now through: www.byroncentre.com.au.



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There's no better way to get warm and celebrate the solstice than the **Winter Wiggle** – a next level Crystal Grid production with six DJs over six hours.

DJs include **Xenia Lagune, G-Force, Ziv, Halo, Pob** and **Matt Fleming**.

The Solstice Tribe Connect takes place at **Durrumbul Hall** on **Saturday 18 June, 6pm til midnight**. Come for dinner, hang by the fire and wiggle with friends. **Limited presale tickets only** at **Humanitix: events.humanitix.com/winter-wiggle**. Cost is **\$44 + bf**.

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WEDNESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **BEN WHITING**, 7.30PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- BYRON THEATRE 5.30PM **CASABLANCA 80TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING AND B&W GIN JOINT PARTY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BYRON YOUTH THEATRE: LOVES ME LOVES ME NOT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **CASEY FOGG**

THURSDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE VERSACE BOYS DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**, 5PM **CHRIS DEL MAR**, 7.30PM **SOUTHWALL TRIO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BYRON YOUTH THEATRE: LOVES ME LOVES ME NOT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD – FLOOD RELIEF PERFORMANCE**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **KIRTAN BY TEMPLE OF THE SACRED SOUND**

FRIDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **HARRY NICHOLS**, 8PM **GRAACE WITH MOLLY MILLINGTON**, 11PM **DJ REFLEX**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE FARM, BYRON BAY, **THE SUNSET SESSIONS – MARK CHAPMAN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **FIGHT IBIS**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **FUNKY FRIDAY LGBTQ+ EVENT WITH FOXY BROWN-EYE, DJ DOLLY LLAMA & DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ PAPA BITCHO**

- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **ULTIMATE INXS SHOW**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **JORGE PEREIRA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ADAM BROWN**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **RUSSELL MORRIS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **RICK BARRON**, 9.30PM **TALES OF STRANGERS**

SATURDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **JOCK BARNES**, 3PM **LOKI HOUGH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **RUSSELL MORRIS**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6PM **DRAG QUEEN BINGO**, BOARDWALK 7PM **DAN CLARK DUO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JB PATERSON & BAND**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS AND RACHEL HEATON**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **DR BAZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MR TROY**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **FELICITY LAWLESS WITH MSELENEOUS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, JUNIORS 8PM **SPINNING WHEEL – THE MUSIC OF BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS & CHICAGO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **GREG WALL**, 9.30PM **RAMJET**
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **SHANDELL CROZIER**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 6PM **WINTER WIGGLE – SOLSTICE TRIBE CONNECT**

SUNDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMP CATS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**, 3PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**, 5.30PM **JOSUE**, 8.30PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**

- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON BAY, 2PM **KINO GRANDE – LAURENCE GUY & DJS**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD – MATINEE**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **EPIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 5PM **BODYTYPE**
- TWO MATES BREWING, LISMORE, 1PM **WAX ADDICTS DJS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 6PM **STRASSMAN – THE CHOCOLATE DIET**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **JOE CONROY**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **THE SMASHED CRABS**

MONDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **NOI BEN AMI**, 7.30PM **JORDAN MAC**

TUESDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 7.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN DUO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **BACK TO THE TIVOLI**

WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **INO PIO**, 7.30PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**
- BYRON THEATRE 5.30PM **AKONI – REFUGEE WEEK PREMIERE SCREENING WITH Q&A PRESENTED BY ONE WORLD CREATIVE**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM **SIMON AND GARFUNKEL TRIBUTE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**
- KYOGLE MEMORIAL HALL 7PM **INTO THE FOREST**



EYES ON THE HORIZON

Calling all design artists, fashion innovators, culture initiators and wearable inventors. Shearwater is thrilled to announce the launch of **WAVE 2022: Horizons** — the 22nd year of the Mullumbimby Steiner School's **Wearable Arts** performance event.

Amidst an ever-shifting landscape, students and staff pulled off two incredible events over the past two years, and in 2022, eyes firmly on the horizon, they look forward to welcoming audiences back on-site to experience WAVE in all its glory.

Whether you are an emerging artist, a student, an industry professional or a Wearable Arts savant, it's time to unleash your creative design skills and begin to imagine your costume entry for WAVE 2022. Entries will be assessed by a panel of independent industry professionals and vie for a prize pool of up to \$8,000.

With five exciting design sections to be inspired by, garments can be sewn, riveted, welded, glued, painted, collaged, knitted, woven, built and assembled from metal, leather, rubber, natural fibres, industrial waste and recycled objects. The entries will be incorporated into a highly professional choreographed production, which will take place in the Shearwater hall, in November.

WAVE Artistic Director, **Joshua Rushton**, says the arrival of the competition garments in October provides the final inspiration for the show's narrative. 'Your competition design entry and your personal interpretation of a Wearable Arts section will play an intrinsic part in the show's artistic and cultural expression'.

'As the designers fire up their imaginations and begin to develop their unique creations, students, teachers and community artists will be engaged in developing the music, costume, choreography, set design, film and special effects.'

'In this sense, Shearwater's Wearable Arts event has built, over more than two decades, an incredible production dynamic – a true artistic interface between high school and world. A competition that goes out to the community; a high school production that builds an incredible show around an inspiring theme... and finally the integration of competition entries which brings the show to life.'

Shearwater invites you to join them. Check out the WAVE website (shearwaterperformingarts.com) for all the information you need to enter a garment in this year's competition — section criteria, entry form, inspiration and FAQs, or phone Shearwater on **66 843 223**.

ENTERTAINMENT



FREE FLICKERFEST FILM MASTERCLASS

Join **Flickerfest** director **Bronwyn Kidd** for a free film industry masterclass in partnership with SAE Australia at **SAE campus Byron Bay**. Gain insights into all the behind-the-scenes action of Flickerfest, Australia's only Academy®Qualifying short film festival, now in its 31st year, explore your own pathway to a career in the film industry and receive valuable first-hand insights into filmmaking from a personal perspective, as Bronwyn joins in conversation with acclaimed filmmaker **Cloudy Rhodes**, who grew up in the Northern Rivers and who will also present a screening of their award winning film *Beautiful They*.

Cloudy Rhodes is a young non-binary writer, DOP, photographer and award-winning director producing distinct and emotionally intuitive work. They have directed music videos, short films, and television commercials, worked with international brands such as Levis, Louis Vuitton and Calvin Klein, and shot editorials for i-D, Vogue, and Russh. Rhodes' work celebrates gender fluidity and expression, through positive and uplifting queer narratives. In 2021 their short film *Beautiful They* premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, going on to screen at multiple other festivals around the world, including Outfest Los Angeles and the Melbourne International Film Festival. *Beautiful They* had its NSW premiere at Flickerfest and was nominated for the 2021 AACTA award for Best Short Form Drama, won Best Film at the My Queer Career Mardi Gras Film Festival, and was awarded the Australian Director's Guild Award for Best Short Film.

This event is on Thursday the 16 June 5–7pm.
You can register at sae.edu.au/event/sae-byron-bay-film-masterclass



THE BEANIES EGG-STRAORDINARY DAY!

Are you already wondering what to do with the kids in the school holidays? Why not bring them to see **The Beanies**, live on stage at Byron Theatre in their hit show, *The Beanies EGG-Straordinary Day!* – as seen on ABC Kids TV. The Beanies are a three-piece band with over 70 original songs that have been released through ABC Commercial and streamed over three million times.

In 2019 The Beanies were nominated for an ARIA Award in the category of Best Children's Album and an Australian Independent Music Award in 2022. The Beanies have been featured on *Sunrise*, *The Project*, *TODAY Show* and *ABC News*. As well as being entertaining and silly, The Beanies' goal is to be every child's best friend and help them feel free to play as themselves, for themselves.

In *The Beanies EGG-Straordinary Day!* the team take on parenting, because – how hard boiled can it be? Laura, Mim and Michael are ready to play and invite you to come sing, dance and laugh in their giant box fort. But little do they know they're about to face their biggest challenge ever – babysitting... or should we say 'egg-sitting'? Turns out it's harder than it looks: the trio argue about nap time, get confused about baby proofing, and deal with crying fits, and then: disaster! The egg is poached. Bah Bah Baaaaa!

Now, The Beanies need your help to save EGGbert – together they will solve problems, unravel riddles and search for clues. Will they find EGGbert before the time is up? You'll have to come along to find out... but beware of those Sneaky Robbers!

The Beanies EGG-Straordinary Day! is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser for mini-Beanies and their big people.

This show is on Tuesday 5 July at 10.30am. Get a group together and use your Discover NSW Vouchers before they expire on 30 June!

Recommended for ages 3–8 years. Book now at byrontheatre.com.

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Tara Torkkola, Women In Real Estate 2022

Local Byron Shire real estate leader Tara Torkkola has ranked in the Top 50 Women in Real Estate 2022. The esteemed report celebrates the highest calibre, top performing real estate agents across Australia.

The Top 50 Women in Real Estate recognises women at the absolute top of their profession. Tara is an authentic member of the Byron Shire community that she, her partner and two children, call home, where she has been a force in the real estate industry for over 15 years. Tara has also ranked ninth in the Top 10 Regional Female Agents.

Tara Torkkola from First National Byron, said, 'We're thrilled to have our longstanding commitment to the Byron Shire community and our leading sales results in the thriving Byron Bay real estate market recognised Australia wide with an award of this calibre.

'We continue to witness evolution in the area, it's a tightly held market that is appealing on an international scale and continues to attract new people, both buyers and agents alike. Being part of the Byron community fabric for over 15 years, together with my team, we pride ourselves on serving both locals and newcomers with thorough knowledge and relationships that have been built over time.

'We have cultivated a team of the highest standard, we are long-term locals who operate in-sync so we are able to deliver deeply satisfying results that could not be achieved

by one agent alone.

'We are committed to continual growth to ensure we serve our clientele with impeccable service alongside care and compassion, to exceed expectations.'

Tara and her team at First National are thrilled that their community values, authentic connections and intuitive sales approach combined with their utmost professionalism have resulted in being among the highest performing agents in the country.

Tara and her team continue to invest in their growth and development, building relationships with local and international clientele, local businesses



and industry leaders that inspire them to take the business to the next level. They support each other in achieving great things whilst enjoying their families and the very lifestyle that they are selling.

The Top 50 Women in Real Estate award highlights their business savvy, impeccable reputation and being renowned for consistently achieving over and above. Tara's unique and down-to-earth approach is

grounded in solid values, expertise and trust, which she and her team bring to the international property mecca of Byron Bay.

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Charming Character Home in the Heart of Newrybar

 3  3  2  2000M²

- Beautiful fully renovated, federation style home circa 1890 that has been lovingly restored and is ready for its new owners
- Features a gorgeous plunge pool with reverse cycle heating / cooling
- The 2,000 sqm block also encompasses a separate studio, workshop and garage
- Only a short walk to Harvest Restaurant and Newrybar's eclectic village

12 Brooklet Road, Newrybar

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Friday 17th June 12-12.30pm

Saturday 18th June 11-11.30am



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Paul Prior
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Byron Hinterland Escape with Panoramic Views

 4  2  3  5 ACRES

- Unique 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, resting upon a private 5 acre enclave which enjoys panoramic Tuscan-like views
- A spiral staircase showcases the light-filled loft which makes the 4th bedroom
- A stunning wet-edge pool boasts panoramic views, with council approval for an architect designed cabana
- This property offers the ability to add a secondary dwelling on the very top of the hill (STCA) which will unlock unrivalled hinterland views

3 Lofts Road, Coorabell

Price: \$3.9m - \$4.1m

Open: Saturday 18th June 10-10.30am



Denzil Lloyd
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Jane Johnston
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Modern Spacious home - Exquisite Quality Throughout

 4  3  2  656M²

- Absolute quality throughout with travertine tiles, ducted AC, fully fenced, private and secure
- Outdoors features a covered solid timber deck, north facing, low maintenance, landscaped garden and complete with a solar heated saltwater pool
- With 4 large bedrooms and a separate soundproof media room, this property has an abundance of space for a large or growing family

11 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park

Price : Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 18th June 11-11.30am



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Charming Seaside Cottage in Fantastic Location!

 3  2  2  506M²

- Ideally positioned in an exclusive neighbourhood, only a short stroll to the Serpentine and Shaw's Bay waters
- This property offers you huge potential to renovate or redevelop where expansive sea views could be enjoyed from a future second level. (STCA)
- Property includes a double carport, large storage space and a easily maintainable grassed yard, with plenty of room to grow your own veggies

4 Elizabeth Street, East Ballina

Price: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday 18th June 10-10.30am



Olivia Coates
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0412 332 232



Stunning Modern Family Home in Central Byron Location

5 3 2 600M²

- Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, facing north onto a peaceful bush backdrop is this near new 5 bedroom home with 2 living rooms and an abundance of style
- Private outdoor living overlooking "naked" low chemical pool and generous yard
- Located within easy walking distance to Tallow Beach and a short walk or bike ride to the centre of Byron Bay and schools

6/16 Oakland Court, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$2.8m – \$3m

Open: Saturday 18th June 12-12.30pm



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Stylish Rosebank Home Perched High with Hinterland Views

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

447 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank

Price Guide: \$2.95m – \$3.245m

Open: By Appointment



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Charlie Moorhouse
0407 695 921



3 Bedroom Home in Sought After Lakeside Estate Near Beach

3 2 1

- This home offers income potential within the heart of Byron, with year round short term holiday letting options and full-time onsite management
- Quietly positioned with no through traffic and an abundance of birdsong
- Within the complex all residents have full access to the pristine pool and pavilion which includes BBQ's and seating areas
- Only a short 2-minute stroll to local roadhouse cafe, 800m to Tallow Beach, 1.5km to Byron Bay's Township and world-renowned beaches

34/5-7 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.15m – \$1.25m

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Brock Eastlake
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Two Freehold Shops, Beachfront Byron Bay

SHOP 1 - 82.28M², SHOP 2 - 81.66M²

- Includes indoor and outdoor space on title for each shop
- Established leases / tenants in place
- Available individually or together
- Blue chip commercial Byron Bay investment

Shop 1 & 2/14 Bay Street, Byron Bay

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North Coast Lifestyle

PROPERTIES



COASTAL OASIS

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13 Goondooloo Drive, Ocean Shores

- Secluded, Elevated Coastal Retreat
- Architect Designed Pole Home
- 2 Separate Pavilions, Stunning Gardens
- High Raked Ceilings, Polished Timber Flooring

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FANTASTIC FOR FAMILY

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Development Opportunity in Central Bangalow

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- 3 adjoining lots in the heart of town
- Development potential on over 2,700m² - a hidden gem
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Hinterland Hideaway Living, Main Arm

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- Elevated sun-drenched northerly aspect reaches to the panoramic Pacific Ocean outlook
- Dramatic seclusion set against spectacular granite cliff faces offering unique micro climate benefits
- Refurbished throughout, ready to move in, set up and enjoy the privacy and birdsong
- Established tropical orchard surrounded by acres of towering rainforest species
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Village Convenience with a Rural Outlook

- Seamless indoor/outdoor entertainers paradise
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- Conveniently located walking distance to shops, cafes, school and sporting fields
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An Original Corndale Homestead, Corndale

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- Elevated Byron Hinterland 100 year old homestead with many original features like french doors, hardwood floors and linings
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Hidden Hinterland Gem, Corndale

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- Inground pool in a lush rainforest setting with winding pathways meandering throughout the property
- Perfect place to call home or the ultimate weekend get away
- Create a simple life, grow your own food and collect the eggs from the chicken coop each morning for breakfast
- Great private location on the fringe of the Nightcap Ranges and close to surrounding villages

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1/20 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

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57 Binalong Court, **Upper Burringbar** 5  3  

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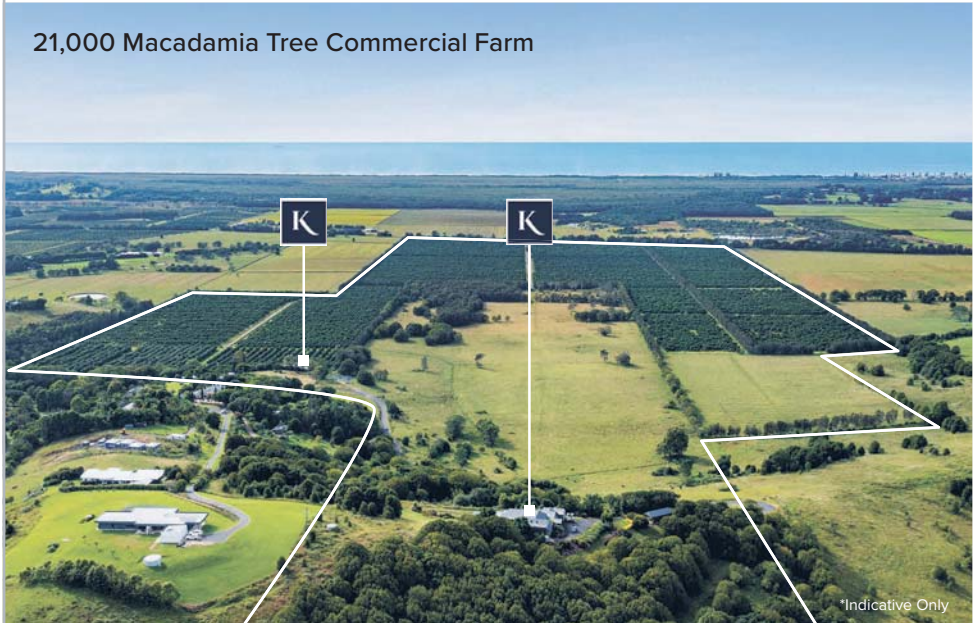
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Farm House

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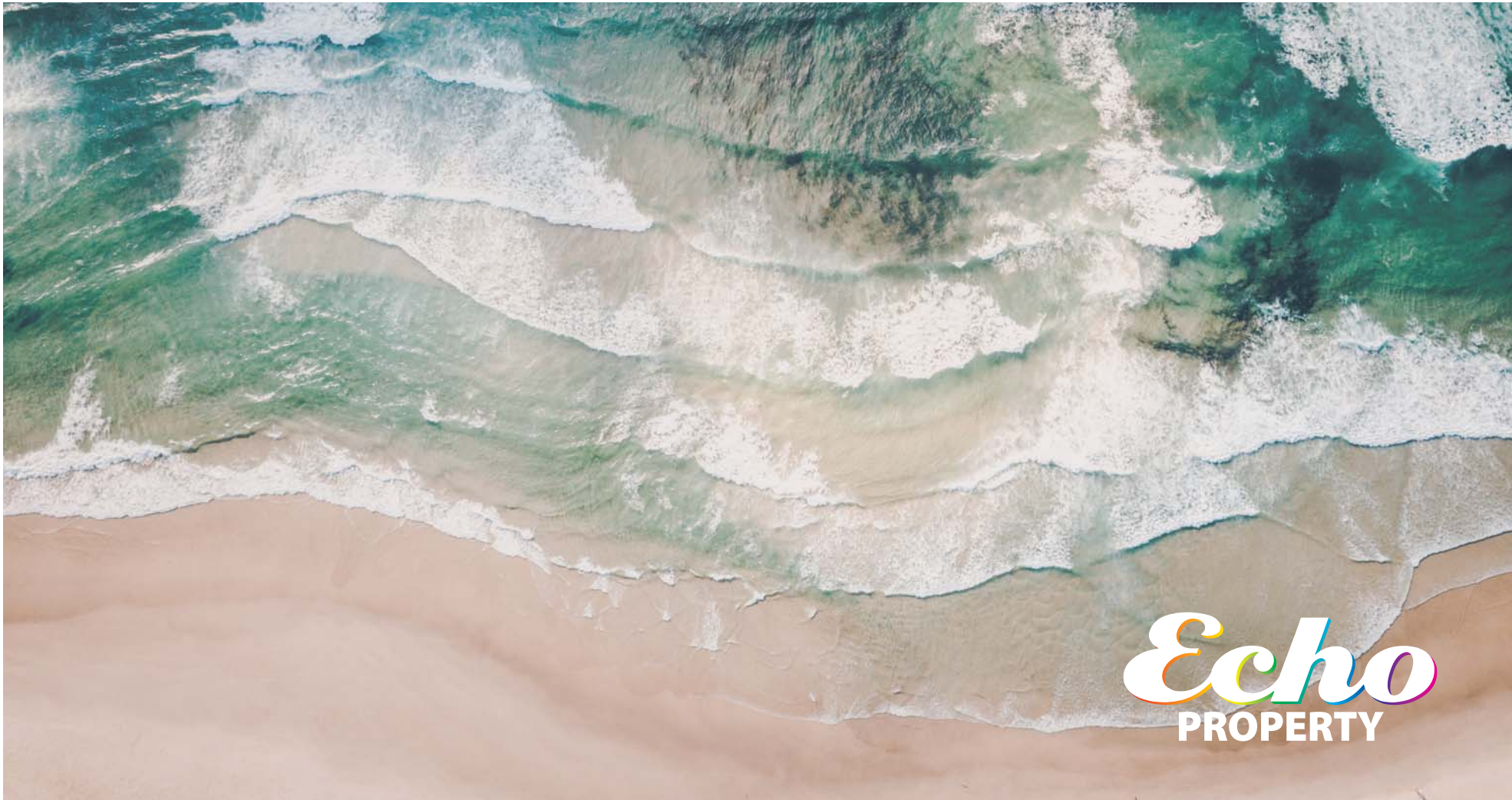


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STARS BY LILITH

With a Sun/Mercury alignment positively popping with light-bulb ideas, winter solstice's shortest day and longest night on 21 June is the year's best for reassessment...

GEMINI

ARIES: The current Jupiter/Mars alignment in Aries is brewing big things, but Saturn reversing into a five-month retrograde says continue your mission by all means, but take it back to the lab and run more tests before forging ahead. Because unexpected delays and complications are lurking in the there's-always-something department.

TAURUS: Nonstop chatterboxes may not deliver quite the calm serenity you hoped for, but get used to it because ranting is on this week's agenda. When you can get a word in, it's worth keeping in mind most people are less impressed by what you know than how you make them feel.

GEMINI: Mercury and the Sun handing Gemini the mic guarantees the Shire a snap-crackle-pop week of high voltage chitchat, with you doing your famous impersonation of being in at least two places at once. Though you'll get better results by focussing on one thing at a time till it's finished...

CANCER: This week could help synthesise the variety of things you've been feeling lately. Circle winter solstice on 21 June, the year's shortest day and longest night, for hibernation and reflection. Even better, a vision quest into your personal cave to learn what certain as-yet-unexpressed emotions are ready to tell you.

LEO: With Gemini's gregarious star scenario saying yes to stimulating invitations, it's a challenge staying focussed during this week's fabulously distracting, multi-directional information explosion. But also, a grand chance to delete activities that drain you; say no to exhausters and be honest about what makes your heart sink, and who makes it zing.

VIRGO: This Mercury-themed week's for hunting and gathering information, then simplifying it from confusing into what's useful and useable. You could also find out more than you might want to know about people you're involved with: the good, bad, ugly and wonderful – sometimes all in the same person.

LIBRA: If a Venus/Saturn face-off is prompting some kind of reality check, a lesson in tough love may be on the star cards – but it's one that ultimately benefits everyone involved. According to Libran author, Ursula Le Guin, change often begins in art, and very often in the art of words. This week, what you say is what you'll get.

SCORPIO: Rumours and hearsay are rife this week, but there's always more than one side to a story or situation. Don't second guess what others are feeling; ask, and let them tell you themselves. An intermediary may help provide an objective perspective in a power struggle that could potentially be costly.

SAGITTARIUS: Promises made in the heat of a moment this week may kindle then dwindle. Disappointing, but with minimal impulse control flavour of the day, getting rattled over minor matters only adds extra tension to already stretched tempers. Choose your words carefully to short-circuit disputes and bickering.

CAPRICORN: Talk's cheap, and this week there's lots going on, with everyone talking the talk, though not everyone walking the walk. So don't rely on promises, not with trickster Mercury in the sign of the unreliable. But these minor drawbacks aside, this week livens up your style, spritzes your wit and elevates your social cred.

AQUARIUS: If recent upheavals had you singing the blues, this week breathes new life into your sector of fabulous ideas. It's astrologically beneficial for brainstorming, so get started on those smart concepts now while they're hot. Just don't neglect to run your creative ideas through a reality check and quality control filter.

PISCES: Remember all that tedious stuff you filed away in the 'Too Hard' basket for some other day? Well, that day could be this week because – you know what? – there's a whole lot of Mercurial assistance kicking in to help you sort it. Mostly into the trash. Too easy.

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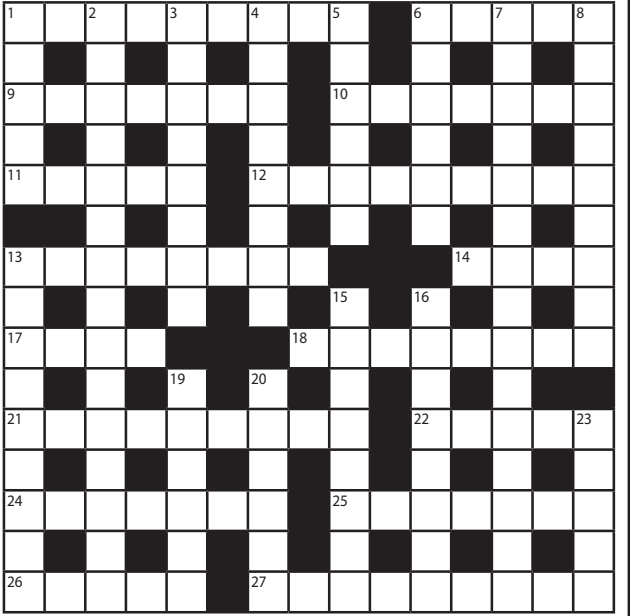
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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Mawkish, sentimental woman – awful boss, islands time and hesitation (3,6)
- Made tunes about long, informal speech (5)
- Makes demands for former civil offences (7)
- Diver – French turn back with the bloke (7)
- Signal fieldsman (5)
- The Great Downer? (9)
- The start of the weekend – talk about Australian crap! (8)
- Ain't Islamic State territory (4)
- First woman right, always (4)
- Col includes Tim and English hobbies (8)
- Accidentally met a broad, a real stunner (9)
- Cold girl – but she has style! (5)
- Romances, liaisons or business activities? (7)
- Bring to life an individual friend (7)
- Herb calls: 'It's finished!' (5)
- Pioneer S (9)

DOWN

- A little cry – clean up! (5)
- Crazy backstab over popular fairy right in the close (4,2,3,6)
- Response: NI (2,6)
- Wanker method – report and discard (4,6)
- Beam at tennis player? (6)
- Little record – a new advertising phrase (6)
- Frenetic madam, sex at sea – AA crazy! (2,3,2,1,7)
- Creates chromosome section estimates (9)
- Sat, fasted, considered – unyielding (9)
- Actors assess, remove balls (8)
- Piece of wood, that's right – harder to remove (8)
- Hesitate, irrational – about the arbitrator (6)
- Sheriff's helpers gain property, lose tail (6)
- Mount semen – about time! (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Female journalist who answers reader's problems (3,6)
- Idioms (5)
- Obtains by intimidation or violence (7)
- Scuba diver (7)
- Indicate (5)
- Ancient Macedonian ruler (9)
- Friday follower (8)
- Is not (Contraction) (4)
- Eternally (4)
- Recreational activities (8)
- Very attractive person (9)
- Social stratum (5)
- Flings; amours (7)
- Enliven (7)
- Fragrant herb (5)
- The leader of a campaign (9)

DOWN

- Chimney cleaner (5)
- Exhibits eccentric behaviour (4,2,3,6)
- Reciprocally (2,6)
- Cast aside; discard (4,6)
- Piece of roof timber (6)
- Catchcry (6)
- Stark, raving bonkers! (2,3,2,1,7)
- Produces electricity (9)
- Faithful; stalwart (9)
- Neuter (8)
- More adhesive (8)
- Referee (6)
- Gangs who assist the lawman (6)
- Horse that is ridden (5)

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Gender and Disaster

Two two-hour sessions ‘Lessons In Disaster’ will look at how family violence and men’s self-harm increases after disasters. The session covers: identifying and responding to family violence at times of disaster; how gender stereotypes shape experiences of emergencies; and the impacts of disasters on LGBTIQ+ people. Bruns:

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Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Thursday 9am–4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include: **Community support/emergency relief:** Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** **Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.** **Financial Counselling:** outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. **Information, referral and advocacy.** To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy, and counselling for locals in need. **Homeless Breakfast:** 7–9am, Wednesday, Fletcher Street kitchen, Byron Community Centre. **Homeless Showers:** 10am–12pm, Monday and Wednesday (book in at breakfast), Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle

St. **Community Counselling:** Free counselling for Byron Shire residents. Face-to-face, by phone, or via Zoom. **Community Support Worker:** Emergency relief and assertive outreach casework for those experiencing homelessness. **Seniors Computer Club:** 9–11am, Friday, Byron Community Cabin (school term only), Carlyle St. **Laptop Library:** The Laptop Library lends laptops to seniors and provides tuition on how best to be connected. **Seniors’ Activities:** Seniors’ drumming, chair yoga, ukulele, choir, and drama. Call 6685 6807 for bookings. **Severe Wet Weather Shelter:** Emergency shelter during extreme weather for rough sleepers. Signage displayed at the Byron Community Centre when on. Sign-up required. Info: www.byroncentre.com.au or call 6685 6807.

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. All welcome to purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10–12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street,

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Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents and/or Dysfunctional Families (ACA) help & recovery group meets in Lismore every Friday 10–11.30am, Red Dove Centre, 80 Keen Street. Byron meetings are on Tuesdays at 7pm via Zoom – meeting ID 554 974 582 password byronbay.

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Library fun

Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children have moved online for now. See Richmond Tweed Regional Libraries on YouTube.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

Action on the Tweed River for skiff sailors

Adam Andrewartha

Seven boats took to the water in a steady east-southeast breeze for race two of the Tweed Valley Sailing club’s Winter Series last month, with Kate Yeomans the victor.

Lex Branch and Julie Francis led the fleet out, and by the time the last boat (skipped by Peter Fell) left the harbour he was a lap behind.

Dry capsiz

On the second lap Monique Smith in her trusty Laser *Rolling Stone* was about to mow down Lex when she performed an unscheduled dry capsize walk over. This all looked very impressive, without getting wet, but cost enough time to allow Mark Reynolds in *Keenas* and Kate in *Bluey* to pass her and battle for second position.

Deciding lap

Guy Forrester sailed nice and steady in *Squirtle*, opting not to ‘fly the kite’. Peter was making ground quickly at the end of the second lap, running his full rig Laser, when the wobbles got the



Craig, Kenny and Barry onboard *Bridget*. Photo supplied

better of him – sending him for a swim.

The final lap was going to be the decider with the handicap coming into effect, compressing the fleet. With the majority of boats beating upwind to the top mark, the conditions started to find top gear and turn ugly as a squall came over. The wind gusts became very shifty, heading towards the 20-knot mark.

This appeared to cost

Lex his strong lead and sent Monique for a Tweed River temperature check.

Easy finish

By the time most were at the bottom of the course and on the last lap, the wind started to behave itself, allowing for an easy finish. *Bluey* in first, closely followed by *Keenas* and *Rolling Stone* third, all receiving applause from the shore.

Moonshiners beat Lismore in local rugby

The Mullumbimby Moonshiners rugby team picked up a hard-fought 11–0 win over Lismore on Saturday afternoon playing their first home game of the season at Alby Lofts Oval in Brunswick. The second grade fixture was part of a full round, but first grade had a general bye for the Country Championships being held in Tamworth. Photo Ross Kendall



Byron Bay BJJ athletes crowned at World Championships

Ross Kendall

Chilli Harel and Thalison Soares have fought their way to three gold medals at the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (BJJ) World Championship held in Long Beach California earlier this month. ‘This is the biggest, most prestigious event in the world and our two Byron Bay athletes just made history,’ Chilli’s father, Raz Harel, said.

Chilli is 16 years old and won gold in the Juvenile division in both the heavyweight and open classes. His coach and head professor at the Academy Jiu Jitsu, Thalison Soares, won the adult black belt in the rooster weight (*peso-galo*) class.

They are the first and only Australians to ever win either a BJJ black belt adult world title or a male double gold world title.

Thalison is now the only Jiu Jitsu athlete in history to win Worlds in every belt division.



Byron Bay’s newest World Champions, dripping in gold.

Chilli, winning back-to-back double gold at the Pan Americans in April and now the World Championship, has dominated the two major world events, and is the only Australian to ever do so.

‘They didn’t just put Australia on the map, they put us at the top – and put the world on notice! We’re building world champions in Byron Bay,’ Raz said.

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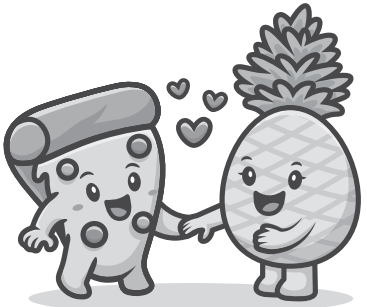
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15	W	6:36 17:34 16:56	7:12 10:41	08:41 1.29 21:25 2.03	03:03 0.31 14:16 0.21
16	TH	6:36 18:44 16:56	8:20 11:28	09:35 1.26 22:16 2.02	03:59 0.30 15:07 0.24
17	F	6:37 19:55 16:56	9:20 12:12	10:30 1.22 23:08 1.96	04:55 0.30 16:00 0.31
18	SA	6:37 21:05 16:56	10:10 13:01	11:28 1.21 00:00 1.86	05:50 0.33 16:56 0.39
19	SU	6:37 22:11 16:56	10:51 13:50	12:30 1.20 00:54 1.74	06:45 0.37 17:57 0.48
20	M	6:38 23:13 16:57	11:28 14:43	13:35 1.23 01:47 1.61	07:37 0.40 19:04 0.58
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22	W	6:37 25:08 16:57	12:51 16:18	15:48 1.36 03:38 1.38	09:16 0.43 21:35 0.69
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29	W	6:39 29:36 16:59	16:53 20:52	20:52 1.76 08:50 1.17	13:49 0.37

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3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot 6628 7333	
3rd SUN Ballina 0422 094 338	
4th SAT Evans Head 0439 489 631	
4th SAT Wilsons Creek 6684 0299	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar kyogletogogether.org.au	
4th SUN Bangalow 6687 1911	
4th SUN Nimbin 0475 135 764	
4th SUN Murwillumbah 0413 804 024	
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow 0490 335 498	
5th SUN Lennox Head 6685 6807	
5th SUN Nimbin 0458 506 000	

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

Each TUE New Brighton 6677 1345	
Each TUE Organic Lismore 6628 1084	
Each WED 7-11am M'bah 6684 7834	
Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin 0475 135 764	
Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
Each THU 8-11am Byron 6687 1137	
Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore 0450 688 900	
Each FRI 7-11am Mullum 6677 1345	
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow 6687 1137	
Each SAT 8-11am Durambah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki 6679 5530	
Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore 0466 415 172	
Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
Each SUN 7-11am Ballina 0493 102 137	

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AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE.....000

AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay.....131 233

BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....6685 1999

BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER.....6685 0148

BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL.....6639 9400

POLICE Brunswick Heads.....6685 1277

Mullumbimby6684 2144

Byron Bay.....6685 9499

Bangalow6687 1404

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....132 500

AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON).....6622 1555

AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics.....1300 ALANON

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....1800 423 431

ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS).....6622 1881

BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS.....6622 7022

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....1800 656 463

LIFELINE 131 114

MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men).....6622 2240

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily.....6680 7280

NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE6684 1286

NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE.....6687 2520

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KOALA HOTLINE6622 1233

WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service.....6628 1898

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Is Council again trying to gift public land to speculating developers? The developers behind a large DA in Suffolk Park proposes using adjoining Community Land to meet asset protection zone (APZ) requirements for its development consent. It's something the NSW Rural Fire Service does not encourage. See page 8 story.

While the region's railways continue to rust and be overgrown since NSW Labor disbanded rail services in 2004, the NSW Liberal-Nationals government say they are committing \$500 million for a 'quicker and more reliable [rail] connection between Sydney, the Central Coast and Newcastle'.

FYI – those wanting to find the cheapest petrol locally, there's a NSW Government phone app called FuelCheck.

Finally, illicit drug use may be considered a health issue instead of criminal. The ABC reports that 'Users of small

amounts of illicit drugs such as ice, heroin and cocaine will now be fined rather than charged under proposed legislation that the ACT government has indicated it will support'.

Police say \$100 counterfeit notes have been detected circulating around the Northern Rivers area. They have a similar feature – the window is black in colour instead of clear, and all serial numbers are the same – DB66688803.

ICYMI the integrity of the ABC is being chipped away by its chair, Ita Buttrose, and her cronies. Evan Mulholland, a member of the right wing think tank, IPA, has been appointed to the new ABC Ombudsman position. While the nation has moved on and embraced a more progressive parliament, mainstream media, managed by old uber-wealthy, privileged men, Kerry Stokes, Rupert Murdoch and Peter Costello, keep repeating reductionist right wing talking points.



The Letter, by Berthold Woltze (1829–1896) has been renamed and shared widely online as *Electricity Bill*, oil on canvas. Here's a few other suggestions: *Mortgage Rate Rise*, *Mortgage Loan Application Rejected*, *Flood Relief Application Rejected*, *QANTAS Lost Luggage*, *Petrol Bill Received*, *Wage Rise Request Rejection*, and *The Cost Of A Lettuce*. Photo Wikimedia

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The La Bohemia Tango weekend, June 17, 18, 19, will be held in Bangalow and Byron. As part of the weekend, there will be 'Dancing in the Gallery' at the Thom Gallery on Sunday June 19, from 4pm to 6pm. The backdrop will include tango paintings by Jan Rae (pictured). The gallery is located at 6 Fern Place, Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate. Everyone is welcome. For information about the tango festival, visit www.byrontango.com.au. Photo Jeff Dawson

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