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The annual Byron Shire Book Fair is back! The fair raises money for the Mullumbimby, Brunswick and Byron Shire libraries, and will be held at the Byron Bay Surf Club from Friday July 1 to Sunday July 3, 9am till 4pm. It was unable to run over the last three years owing to COVID. Margot Wright, from Byron Shire Friends of the Library, says there is a multitude of book genres on offer, along with CDs and games, and all are in good condition. Pictured with Margot, under the trees in Railway Park, is Chris Wright. Photo Jeff 'Sorry, I'm Booked' Dawson

Labor members back pardoning of Assange

With Australian journalist and Wikileaks founder, Julian Assange, fighting extradition from the UK to the US on espionage charges, local Labor branches are mobilising to put pressure on the new Labor government to do more for his release.

A motion was moved by Campaign Officer, local resident, and former adviser to Labor prime ministers Rudd and Gillard, Damian Kassabgi.

It reads, 'Northern Rivers branches acknowledge important shifts in Australian foreign policy positions emanating from the Albanese government in relation to the extradition of Julian Assange'.

'We thank [local MP] Justine

Elliot for her continued support on the matter.

'The Brunswick Branch, in conjunction with numerous branches in the region, will support the full force of Australian diplomacy under a new Labor government to see that the US withdraws its case against Mr Assange.

'President Obama pardoned Chelsea Manning for exposing war crimes in Iraq. President Biden could in effect do the same for Mr Assange. The US cannot justify a life sentence for an Australian for publishing critical details of these crimes. We stand firm on publishing material clearly in the public interest, that exposes war crimes,

regardless of whether it was published by a journalist or through the internet. We encourage the Prime Minister to do all in his power to see this matter come to an end and finally bring Julian Assange home'.

Cannot intervene: MP

When asked about the recent developments on the Assange case, local Federal MP, Justine Elliot told *The Echo*, 'I fully support the statement made by Penny Wong, the Minister for Foreign Affairs'.

'Julian's case has dragged on for too long and it should be brought to a close. The United Kingdom Home Secretary has made the

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Closed door decisions to determine coastal works

Paul Bibby

The Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) will this week quietly decide whether temporary coastal protection works at Clarkes Beach will be allowed to remain there for a further five years under the authority of two government agencies.

The NRPP is an unelected body that overrides the consent authority of councils and decides on large DAs and certain 'designated developments'.

In July 2021, following months of severe erosion at the iconic beach, two large linked buffers made of around 630 geobags were installed in front of Beach (restaurant) and Reflections Holiday Park.

The buffers were intended to protect the restaurant, holiday park, and a collection of Aboriginal middens from the ever-encroaching ocean. They were meant to be temporary, but now two government entities have submitted separate development applications (DAs) seeking to keep the structures in place for at least a further five years.

Govt seeks govt approvals

The first application, for the geobag buffer located in front of the Clarkes Beach caravan park, has been made by Reflections Holiday Parks, the government-owned corporation that manages the park.

The second, covering the buffer in front of the cafe, has been made by Crown Lands.

The NRPP's decision has significant implications for the short and medium-term future of the site.

However, it will be made behind closed doors, rather than at a

public meeting.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning said this was because public meetings were only held for 'contentious matters with significant community interest and where there are ten or more objections'.

'Council has confirmed both development applications received no public submissions; therefore, there were no objections.'

The spokesperson also said that NSW Crown Lands had held an online community workshop on July 9, 2021, prior to the lodgement of the development application, 'to give the community further opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback'.

But Byron Greens Councillor, Duncan Dey, said that the matter was of sufficient public interest to warrant a public meeting, even if there were less than ten objections.

'What we have here is basically a situation where government is applying to government,' Cr Dey said.

'To have a situation where that process is happening behind closed doors really lacks transparency'.

Cr Dey also questioned whether retaining the buffers for another five years, and possibly longer, was in keeping with the policy of 'planned retreat' from rising sea levels.

'I completely understand the need to protect the caravan park and the cafe, but people need to recognise that beaches come and go,' Cr Dey said.

'The sculpting and re-sculpting process is never over.

'I think what we need is a more practical and streamlined process

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Govt to rebuild Northern Rivers from July 1

Hans Lovejoy

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) will come into existence from July 1.

So what is it, and how will it assist flood-affected residents across the region?

According to www. regional.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/NRRC, it will manage 'the rebuilding of these communities by coordinating planning, rebuilding and construction work across multiple government agencies'.

Seven local government areas (LGAs) will be assisted: Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tweed and Kyogle.

According to www.nsw. gov.au/media-releases/ northern-rivers-reconstruction, 'The NRRC will have the power to work with councils to identify, prioritise and support projects that can rejuvenate communities within the Northern Rivers area, with a particular emphasis on housing and supporting social infrastructure'.

'The new body will also have the power to compulsorily acquire or subdivide



NRRC CEO is David Witherdin, who is based in Newcastle. According to www.regional. nsw.gov.au, Witherdin is former Deputy Secretary, **Commercial and Corporate** Services. Before that, he was CEO of Local Land Services.

land, speed up and fast-track the building of new premises and accelerate delivery of planning proposals through the Department of Planning and Environment.

'The insurance, construction and infrastructure sectors will be important contributors, alongside local government, industry, businesses and residents'.

In April, Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin, welcomed the government-run corporation announcement, and said, 'The NRRC will be supported by a community advisory

body made up of local representatives'.

Local Greens MP, Tamara Smith, says while there is the potential for the NRRC to be of great assistance to the north coast community, there is little to no information available around this organisation, such as its budget, staffing and terms of reference.

No accountability. transparency

She says, 'This corporation is being established under the Department of the Premier, and as such, will not be legislated, nor will have the input of NSW parliament or any of the oversight bodies that ensure proper process and transparency'.

'Resilience NSW, similarly, was created without legislation, or oversight by the premier.

'Creating government-run corporations adds another layer of bureaucracy, and hopefully this one will work on the ground with the community, and not add unnecessary complexity to what are very urgent issues'. As for how to move with

urgency, Ms Smith suggests that the data collected by Service NSW with its flood grants is the best way to shape the policy and direct funds most efficiently.

'I asked NRRC CEO, David Witherdin, whether Service NSW flood data can inform the response, but I am yet to receive a reply'.

'What is needed is to provide councils with the resources to future-proof for floods, improve drainage, rebuild roads, and provide residents with options to raise their homes for free, or at a reduced cost, and be offered a buy-back scheme.

'This is especially relevant to the Lismore, Wardell and Coraki areas; however, South Golden Beach, New Brighton, Ocean Shores, and Mullumbimby should also be included, along with parts of Ballina. The hinterlands should also be included, given the washed out roads, damaged homes and landslides.

'I have been given assurance that the seven board positions that will lead this response will not be political, ie former mayors and politicians', Ms Smith added.

Contentious DAs on the agenda this Thurs

Paul Bibby

Two contentious Development Applications (DAs) are set to come before this week's Byron Shire Council meeting, setting the scene for potentially lively debate.

Both DAs, which are at opposite ends of the Shire, feature zoning issues, with developers accused of pushing the envelope in terms of what's allowed within local planning rules. The first on the agenda is a proposal for a mixed-use retail, business and housing development at 7 Tweed Street in Brunswick Heads.

Underground car park in Bruns

Bruns locals have objected to the proposal on a number of grounds, including the loss of privacy and

amenity for neighbours, the increased traffic it will create, and the fact that it is 'inconsistent with the character of Brunswick Heads'.

There is also serious concern about the fact that, if approved, the development would feature the town's first underground car park, something that a number of residents have opposed for some time.

'This DA, if approved, will mark the beginning of the end for the village of Brunswick Heads,' one local resident told *The Echo*.

Those who oppose the proposal also say that the construction of a basement car park is inconsistent with the intent of the Development Control Plan for Brunswick Heads and the B4 zoning for the site in question.

But Council staff, in recommending approval of

the development, say that 'basement car parks are not contrary to the planning requirements for B4 zoned land in Brunswick Heads'.

'The proposed development is considered appropriate for the site having regards to the B4 Zoning and other planning controls that apply to the site.'

Broken Head CT

Staff have also recommended approval of the other contentious development application coming before this week's meeting a community title subdivision application for 139 Broken Head Reserve Road, Broken Head. The proposal is the latest in a series of applica tions going back nearly 25 years, which have seen the site turned into a tourist accommodation facility.

In this case, the developer

is seeking to turn part of the site back into a residential area by getting permission for a community title (CT) subdivision.

Once again, zoning issues have arisen with the plan.

In a comprehensive letter of objection, a nearby resident has argued that the SP3 Tourism zoning does not permit residential development.

The resident also argues that the proposal doesn't comply with the minimum subdivision lot size for the area in question, and that it will create further fragmentation and additional impacts on the highly sensitive and significant local environment, which includes critically endangered littoral rainforest and wetlands.

Both applications are set to be voted upon by councillors at Thursday's meeting.

Labor members back pardoning of Assange

► Continued from page 1 decision to extradite Julian Assange to the United States.

'Julian has several avenues through which he can appeal this decision.

'The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will

continue to offer consular assistance to Julian Assange. noting that Australia is not a party to Julian Assange's case, nor can the Australian government intervene in the legal matters of another country.

'The Australian

Government will continue to convey our expectations that Julian Assange is entitled to due process, humane and fair treatment, access to proper medical care, and access to his legal team. The Australian Government has

been clear in our view that Julian Assange's case has dragged on for too long and that it should be brought to a close. We will continue to express this view to the governments of the United Kingdom and United States'.

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Is Wilsons Creek contaminated?

Hans Lovejoy

Do the cars that ended up in Wilsons Creek pose a significant health risk owing to leaching toxins?

And who is responsible for them, and when will they be removed?

Wilsons Creek residents contacted *The Echo* to raise these questions.

When asked, Council staff replied, 'We are aware of debris in creeks in the hinterland, including cars'.

'Waterways are the responsibility of Crown Lands, and the clean-up of them after the floods sits between the NSW EPA and Crown Lands.

'Where items in the waterways, including car bodies, are reported to Council we have passed this information onto the NSW EPA and Crown Lands.

'The last thing we want to see is any further pollution or damage to waterways, including the creeks in the hinterland. People should report cars, and other rubbish, in the creeks to the NSW EPA Environment Line on 131 555 or by email: info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

'When they submit a report, it should include the type of debris, the location, nearest access point and photos. We know it is important to have this rubbish removed and we are working with the EPA and Crown Lands to identify funding and resources to allow this to be actioned as soon as possible'.

The questions were also



An unknown number of vehicles were washed into the flood waters in February and March. Photo supplied

precautions regarding any

potential toxins that could

be leaching into the water?'

An EPA spokesperson

replied, 'The Environment

Protection Authority (EPA) is

currently inspecting the loca-

tions of the vehicles reported

with Crown Lands and Byron

in the Wilsons Creek area,

and making assessments

'The timing of the

removal of vehicles will be

determined by a number

of factors, including the

accessibility of locations,

Shire Council'.

EPA replies

put to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment – Crown Lands.

A spokesperson told *The Echo*, 'Crown Lands, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Byron Shire Council will liaise to identify the location of the vehicles and determine appropriate action to have them removed'.

The Echo asked for a timeline for the work to begin, but received no reply.

The EPA was also asked if there was an estimated time for this work, and, 'Should residents be taking

responsibility to remove the vehicles.

'Further updates will be provided to those impacted by the vehicles in Wilsons Creek during this process.

'The community is encouraged to avoid waterways if they are impacted by pollutants.

'Please visit the EPA website – www.epa.nsw. gov.au – for more tips about water safety following floods.

'If you see a potential incident with serious environmental impacts, please contact the Environment Line immediately on 131 555 or by email at info@epa. nsw.gov.au'.

Rous replies

Meanwhile, a spokesperson from water utility, Rous County Council, told *The Echo* that Laverty's Gap weir water supply into Mullumbimby is managed by Byron Shire Council.

'Our Wilsons River
Source, just north of
Lismore, which has the
Wilsons Creek within its
catchment, was severely
damaged during the
February 28 flood, and is not
currently able to operate,
and will remain that way for
some time.

'Our Rocky Creek Dam water source is supplying the region's water needs currently and has been since the floods.

'Emigrant Creek Dam is another available source for us, which is typically used when Rocky Creek Dam drops below 95 per cent, which hasn't occurred recently'.

Pete tops golf championships



Congrats Peter Fleming, of Ocean Shores, who won the over 80s Australian Golf Championship. It was held last week at Harrington Waters Golf Club, east of Taree. People from all over Australia competed in the tournament. Photo Jeff Dawson





Govt seeks govt approvals, behind closed doors

► Continued from page 1 for moving buildings and other structures back from the shoreline to an area where they're not at risk... This isn't the first time we've faced an issue like this and it definitely won't be the last.'

However, Byron Council, whose written assessment of the applications will be a key part of the NRPP's decision-making process, found that both proposals were 'in the interest of the public'.

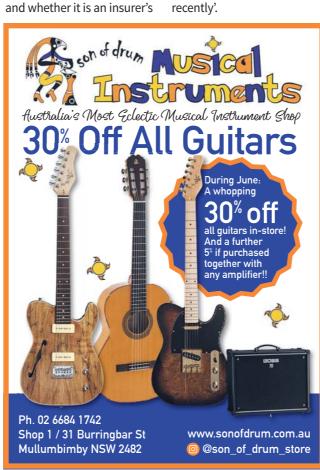
"...They will avoid negative social and economic impacts in the short term, and will not have significant environmental or cultural heritage impacts, subject to the proposed conditions," the Council submission said.

'It is considered that the reports and assessments provided with the application have satisfied the relevant matters within section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.'

Tourism Symposium, June 29

Destination Byron's hallmark event, the Annual Tourism Symposium, will be held Wednesday, June 29, from 9am–1 pm at the Elements of Byron Resort. The event will feature data demographer, Simon Kuestenmacher.

Tickets are on sale now at www.bit.ly/30b0oqz.









A fire aboard the Edna Francis in the Brunswick Heads Marina was not considered suspicious, and police suspect that it started from the engine area. Photo Jeff Dawson

Aslan Shand

At around 4pm Thursday June 16, a 38-foot fibreglass 1978 Swanson yacht caught fire at the Brunswick Boat Harbour.

Marine Rescue Brunswick volunteers assisted Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW), who quickly attended the scene and extinguished the fire on the Edna Francis. Police also attended the scene.

The fire was finally extinguished around 8pm, and was attended by FRNSW trucks from Brunswick Heads, Tweed Heads, Mullumbimby and Goonellabah.

'Firefighters put on protective equipment, personal flotation devices (PFDs) and breathing apparatus, before approaching the fibreglass yacht,' said a FRNSW spokesperson.

'Fearing the boat would sink, firefighters, using multiple lines of hose, were able to get onboard to extinguish the blaze that had spread throughout

the vessel's interior.'

One person suffered from smoke inhalation and was assisted by NSW Ambulance on scene.

Volunteers from Marine Rescue Brunswick, and NSW police, then deployed a boom around the vessel and set up lighting. It is understood that they were initiating measures to contain and remove water polluted by the fire.

The boat is believed to be owned by local musician, John Helman.

Creatures crawl out from YAC



L-R (standing): Lisa Apostolides, Max Hochgrebe, Penelope Greenshields, Audrey O'Donnell-Parr, Scout Emmons, Jasmine Ruthven, Rory Evington. Kneeling down are Yarrow Alletson and Harriet Killips. Photo Jeff 'Lens Creature' Dawson

A bizarre and captivating multimedia arts production and immersive performance installation called *Creatures* was held at Byron's YAC last weekend.

The work grew out of a workshop program, led by artist Karma Barnes, with facilitation by Pavel Sola, Phil Relf and theatre from

Lisa Apostolides from Byron Youth Theatre.

Emerging artists explore myth

Creatures explores the realms of myth, stories and folklore as interpreted by young and emerging artists from Byron Shire.

Audience/participants were led on a journey through visual arts, movement, sculptural works, projection, light and electronic music soundscapes into the world of the Creatures.

Creatures was produced by the Byron Youth Service, with funding from the NSW government.

Millions needed for drainage maintenance in the north

Paul Bibby

Byron Council would need to find more than \$4 million in its budget to kick-start the process of bringing drainage maintenance in the north of the Shire up to a desirable standard, a staff report has found.

Following the floods of February and March, residents in the Shire's north said that the devastation in their neighbourhoods had been exacerbated by Council's failure to adequately maintain drains and other basic infrastructure in their area.

In response, councillors ordered staff to examine the state of sewers and drains in this part of the Shire, including past and future spending levels.

Overall, the staff report found that these areas of basic infrastructure had generally been maintained to an acceptable level in the north, meeting the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) set out by Council.

However, the report also noted that, when it came to drainage maintenance, an additional injection of

funds would be required to 'provide the level of service desired by Council'.

The total budget allocation required in the first year would be \$4,162,093, the report found.

This consisted of \$500,000 on 'reactive maintenance', \$269,740 for open drain slashing, \$1,101,441 for cleaning and de-silting drains and \$2,290,912 for cleaning the underground network.

There would then need to be an annual allocation of \$1.56m into the future, indexed to inflation, to get to the desired standard.

Above KPIs

When it came to sewer assets, the report found that the utilities department had completed 84 per cent of planned maintenance across the entire Shire.

This was above the KPI of 80 per cent set by the Council.

The state of sewers in Ocean Shores – a suburb of particular concern for locals – was also deemed to be acceptable.

'The average service state is 2.43, which is within the

two to three asset KPI condition range,' the authors of the report said.

The report also found that there was enough money in the sewer fund to support future capital, maintenance, and operational requirements north of the shire over the next five years.

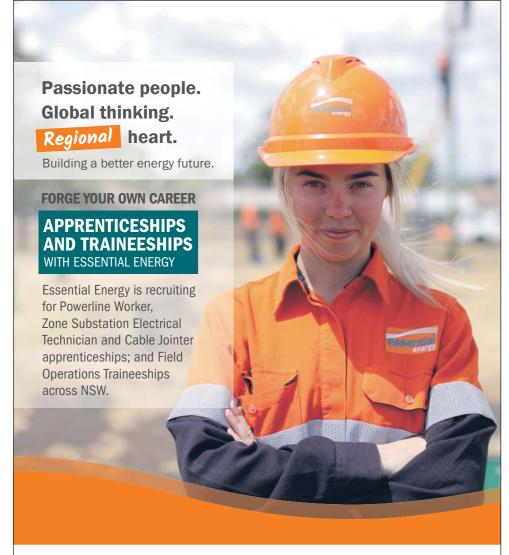
Sources of funding for additional work, such as maintenance of drains might be harder to find.

The report stated that grant funding was 'not currently available for drainage repair and maintenance' because grants were typically aimed at new or upgraded infrastructure.

'Council is awaiting guidelines relating to an additional \$2 million natural disaster funding that has been announced,' the report said.

'Under the first round of funding, drainage maintenance was not eligible, but the request for drainage upgrades and maintenance eligibility has been made for the upcoming funding release.'

The matter will be debated at this Thursday's Council meeting.

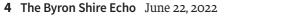


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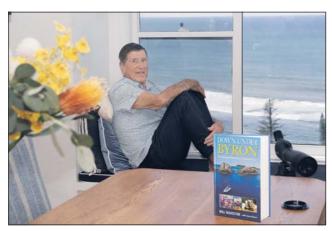






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Down Under Byron book launched



Local, Bill Silvester, has penned a new book about the Bay. Photo Jeff Dawson

Bill and Sharon Silvester moved to Byron Bay in 1973, and began the first ever shorebased SCUBA dive charter trips in Australia's history.

Bill explains, 'We took divers out to Julian Rocks. It was a financially difficult time for us when we bought into 'Ponto' John Bell's shop at 29 Jonson Street, and later we moved to 9 Lawson Street, after building a new shop front, one down from Ma Bertoli's guest house'.

Marine Park history

Bill's life in the Bay is now in print, and is called *Down Under Byron*.

'The book deals with wonderful personalities who

lived in Byron at that time', says Bill, 'and I write of both the struggles, the successes, and the adventures we experienced as we worked to have Julian Rocks made into a Marine Reserve. This occurred in 1982, which was the first Marine Park to be declared in NSW's history. Today, I am a member of the Cape Byron Marine Park committee.

'There are 32 pages of full colour photos, which are both reminiscent of times past, and contain stunning underwater pictures'.

Down Under Byron is available at the Book Barn, the two dive shops, and Wallace Menswear in Ballina.

Enova enters into voluntary administration

The Enova Community
Energy Board announced
Tuesday that Enova Community Energy and Enova
Energy, its retail electricity
arm, have been placed into
voluntary administration.

In a media statement, the locally-based company said Cathro Partners has been appointed to manage the administration process.

Their statement reads, 'There has been significant media attention to the energy crisis in recent weeks and, owing to the prevailing market conditions, Enova has not been able to secure suitable wholesale energy price hedging following the agreement with Diamond Energy ending'.

'Combined with a cap imposed on customer pricing, this has led to the business no longer being financially viable.

'The Enova Board and leadership team have worked tirelessly during this period to explore all options to secure the continuation of the business, with voluntary administration being the last resort to prevent trading while insolvent'.

Felicity Stening, Enova's

Managing Director and CEO said, 'The current diabolical state of the energy market, combined with the high wholesale market energy prices and the cap on customer pricing, has made it impossible for Enova Energy and many other small retailers to operate in the market'.

'The market is broken and does not support small retailers.

Constant regulatory changes

'In addition, the constant raft of State and federal government regulatory changes is adding to the market complexities and have caused Enova delays in being able to fund and resource energy innovation. We are very supportive of the Labor government's fast action and current review of the energy markets. However, there needs to be greater emphasis on the plight of retailers.

'I have been privileged over the last four-and-a-half years to lead a passionate and capable team to grow our movement from 3,500 customers in one regional network, to servicing 13,200

customers across all of NSW and South-East Qld', she said.

'Enova's incredibly hard-working Board and team have constantly demonstrated dedication, resilience, tenacity, collaboration, and strength while we've navigated some heavy storms over the last few years including bushfires, COVID-19, the 2021 wholesale energy market crisis, the recent Northern NSW floods and the current wholesale energy market crisis.

'Retail energy is a complex and difficult market for smaller organisations to operate in. However, small and medium retailers provide a much-needed alternative to the big players to maintain competition and ensure consumers have choice.

'Since its inception, Enova has found customers that are not just looking for a competitive price but are also seeking organisations that employ locally-based teams, are renewables-focused, community-minded and Australian owned. Already several smaller market participants have had to exit the market and many more retailers have withdrawn

offers from the market and advised existing customers to seek out a new energy provider'.

John Taberner, Chair of Enova Community Energy, added that, 'The energy crisis is a matter of national significance that requires the urgent attention of government and regulators'.

External factors

John said that 'the Enova Board's decision to enter voluntary administration has not been taken lightly, and comes as a result of the organisation being extremely challenged in recent months by external factors, specifically the previously unseen activity on the wholesale energy market, including severe and sustained wholesale electricity pricing.

'On behalf of the Enova Board and team, I would like to thank our shareholders, customers and lenders that have been an integral part of the Enova journey and who we know will continue to champion the need for a rapid transition to a much-needed distributed renewable electricity model in Australia'.



Byron Shire Council and Tweed Shire Council were the proud co-hosts of the recent NSW 29th Annual Coastal Conference – Living with Uncertainty

The conference was a huge success with over 270 delegates sharing knowledge from:

- All aspects of coastal management
- Estuarine and marine managementScience and research
- Coastal education
- Planning, policy and law.

A special thank you to local indigenous representatives for their special welcome to country and their wisdom and insights shared across many sessions.

Congratulations to two local community Dune Care groups, recognised for ecological sustainable management of the Byron Shire coastal zone.

LOCAL HERO AWARD:

Helen Brown - 20 years dedication to Suffolk Park Dune Care Group.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD:

Green and Clean Awareness Team -25 years of work at Main and Clarkes Beach.



MORE INFORMATION

Find out about learnings from the conference: byron.nsw.gov.au/coastalconference2022





www.byron.nsw.gov.au



World Localisation Day, June 25

Everyone is invited to join in celebrating World Localisation Day (WLD), on Saturday June 25 at The Farm in Byron Bay.

Special guests for the Feast in the Fields event are Lauren Hill, Dave Rastovich and Morag Gamble.

Founder of non-profit organisation, Local Futures, Helena Norberg-Hodge, says, 'We'll be starting the day at 11am with an educational tour with the Farm Manager, then get into the patch to see where and how our lunch is grown.

'We'll then kick off a Q&A to discuss how you can contribute to the shift from global to local, and why it's so important for thriving communities.

'People all over the world are coming together for World Localisation Day to explore the power of localisation, and to honour the many efforts and initiatives that foster ecological economies, thriving communities and healthy local food systems.

'This is also the theme of our new film, Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution, which will be released on June 21, and is freely available for



Helena Norberg-Hodge.

community screenings'.

Described as a 'timely and compelling call to action', the film features Noam Chomsky, Jane Goodall, Vandana Shiva, Joanna Macy, Brian Eno, Gabor Maté and Russell Brand, 'alongside a chorus of profound and eloquent thinkers and activists from every continent'.

'The ticket donation for Feast in the Fields, on June 25, includes a picnic using produce grown by The Farm's growers' collective, with all proceeds donated to Local Futures.

'I'm looking forward to sharing this experience with you!', says Helena.

For more information, visit www.localfutures.org.

Resident fined \$60,000 for tree clearing

Council staff say a Koonyum Range resident was fined \$60k for land clearing/ removing trees, and \$10k for an unauthorised building.

Ralph James, Legal Counsel, says Council was notified in October last year of the alleged clearing and development on Boogarem Road.

'The property is in the Scenic/Escarpment zone, where the clearing of land can only be done with development consent', he said.

Hoopla hijinks at the Croquet Club

Story & photo Jeff Dawson

Orcas, mermaids, unicorns and lots of sandals featured at the Byron Croquet Club's recent beach-themed friendship day, which was held under blue skies.

Forty players representing five Northern Rivers clubs, from Ballina in the south to Casino. in the west, were treated to a day of fun, fine food, and numerous games of Golf Croquet. Prizes were awarded to the overall winners. The overwhelming consensus was that everyone had a ball... a beach ball!

Anyone from the Shire or beyond interested in



Pictured left to right: Heather McCalman (BBCC) Div. 3 State Plate Winner, Dennise Simmons (BBCC) 2021 Div 3. State Plate runner-up. State Selector, David Scott (Cherry St. CC) NSW State Team member, Lorraine Beattie (Alstonville CC) and team mascot, Max Donatti.

learning the tactical fun game of Golf Croquet can ring Max on 0431 906 536, or Dennise on 0408 857 180. Three free lessons will be provided.

Council releases data on flood-affected biz

The first official data has been released following the devastating February 28 floods.

Byron Council's Survey for Flood Impacted Business: Key findings outlines the responses from 62 local businesses from across sectors including retail, accommodation/food services, arts and recreation, manufacturing, tourism, healthcare,

agriculture, education and construction. The findings found that after the floods, 'The most significant reduction in employee numbers were in the tourism, accommodation and food services and arts and recreation services industries'.

The survey says, '44 of the 62 respondents said their business suffered direct damage from recent flood events, 17 said they were not indirectly impacted, and one business was unsure of any indirect impacts'. When asked if business owners would be taking out flood insurance in the future, 28 of the 62 said no, as it was 'cost prohibitive'. 14 business owners said 'yes', while 13 said it was not an option for their location.



Changes to local business and industrial zones

The NSW Government will support a productive economy by enabling business and jobs where they are needed.

We are implementing an employment zones reform that includes replacing the business and industrial zones within individual local environmental plans across NSW.

planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ employment-zones

Have your say

Have your say on the proposed changes and how it will apply to your local area by 5pm Tuesday 12 July 2022.









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News from across the North Coast online www.echo.net.au

Missing person: Kirra Sayers – Tweed Heads/ **Gold Coast area**

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate Kirra Sayers, who was reported missing from Tweed Heads on Sunday June 19, 2022.

Tweed leads charge on changing deemed refusal timeframe to 120 days for DAs

The Tweed Shire Council currently has over 400 development applications DAs to process and are unable to meet the 40-day determination period. This is not a new story for many of the local councils up and down the east coast of NSW who are struggling with the impacts of increasing costs of accommodation on staffing.

Democracy, DAs and the almighty council **GM:** late night power plays in Lismore

Lismore City Councillors have agreed to workshop democracy and deny unlimited spending power to the general manager after another late-night ordinary meeting this week.

Yacht ran aground inside Ballina bar

On Saturday afternoon at around 2.15pm a yacht ran aground just inside the Ballina bar with three people onboard.

Destination Tweed takes up the challenge of a resilient future

Destination Tweed is taking up the challenge with a series of networking events over the next few months where they are looking at how to respond to drought, fire and flood events across a range of

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

Dredging resurfaces for Tweed Council

Following the February and March floods the question of whether dredging the rivers of Tweed Shire will reduce a flood's impact has once again been raised.

#Fridays4Forests take koala and forest protection to Sydney

#Fridays4Forests started as a way for people to engage in some citizen science and forest protection. Now the movement has expanded to Sydney.

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Govt-run logging corp fined for destroying koala habitat

Government-run entity, **NSW Forestry Corporation,** has been fined \$135,600 for destroying high-use koala habitat on the NSW North Coast, dating back to 2018, according to the Environment Protection Authority's (EPA)

The government-run corporation was also ordered to pay the EPA's legal costs of \$150,000.

The fine was a result of logging in high-use koala exclusion zones including rainforest and a rainforest buffer in Wild Cattle Creek Forest near Coffs Harbour since 2018.

Nature Conservation Council Chief Executive, Chris Gambian, Independent NSW MLC, Justin Field, and the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) all welcomed the decision, announced last Thursday, but pointed out that the fines will never replace the critical koala habitat destroyed by Forestry Corporation.

'Regrettably, the fine is another instance of destructive and unlawful behaviour by a company entrusted

with managing two million hectares of forest,' said Mr Gambian.

'This is not an isolated instance – Forestry Corporation is a repeat offender, with six major breaches successfully prosecuted since April 2020.

'In March 2021, the EPA had 16 live investigations into alleged breaches by Forestry Corporation and its contractors'.

Mr Field said, 'The real story here is why Forestry Corporation is allowed to log in koala habitat at all?

Koala endangered

'With the koala officially declared "endangered" last month, and with the government planning to spend over \$100 million in the next decade to purchase or protect koala habitat, why is Forestry Corporation being allowed to log public land with some of the most important remaining koala habitat in the State?

'Forestry Corporation have plans over the coming months to log substantial

areas west and southwest of Coffs Harbour, which is known to be some of the most important koala habitat in the region, including areas that form part of the **Headwaters Nature Reserve** and Great Koala National Park proposals'.

NEFA, meanwhile are calling for the reinstatement of the requirement of pre-logging surveys, and for Koala High-Use Areas to be excluded from logging, and highlighted the fact that a third of NSW's rainforests burnt in the 2019–20 Black Summer wildfires.

In his Land & Environment court judgment, Justice John Robson accepted that the impact of logging increased fire risks, and stated: 'I accept Dr Kooyman's evidence that this would have a deleterious effect on the rainforest in that it causes disruption, opens the edges of the forest, causes changes in microclimates and causes drying, which exacerbates the potential for bushfire penetration into the warm temperate rainforest'.

NSW Upper House agrees govt flood response 'insufficient'

The NSW Government has supported a crossbench motion in NSW Parliament on June 8 that their response to the Northern Rivers floods was 'insufficient'.

The motion was put forward in the Legislative Council (upper house) by Animal Justice Party MP, Mark Pearson, and passed without opposition.

Detailing the effects of the floods on Northern Rivers residents and businesses, Mr Pearson also outlined the failures of the NSW Government to assist those needing help.

'I acknowledge that some level of funding has been promised to the community, but red tape and bureaucratic obstacles have made it difficult for traumatised survivors to successfully lodge their legitimate claims', Mr Pearson said in his speech.

He noted that of 9,500 applications lodged for

rental support payments, only 1,300 have been paid.

Similarly, 14, 964 applications have been lodged for small business grants, with less than 15 per cent of them approved so far.

Labor MLC, Walt Secord described Resilience NSW as 'a bloated organisation with more than 100 staff, which is expected to climb to 230 people'.

'The commissioner is paid \$475,000. The ABC described it best: that Resilience NSW "was roasted in a recent parliamentary inquiry".

Meanwhile, Nationals MLC Ben Franklin, who has a home in the region, played down the lack of government response, and said 'the event was literally unprecedented in [Lismore] and that community, and in the little towns further downriver'.

'I worry about these issues being politicised', he said.

Committee to examine teacher shortages

The NSW Upper House's **Education Committee say** they have commenced an inquiry into teacher shortages in NSW.

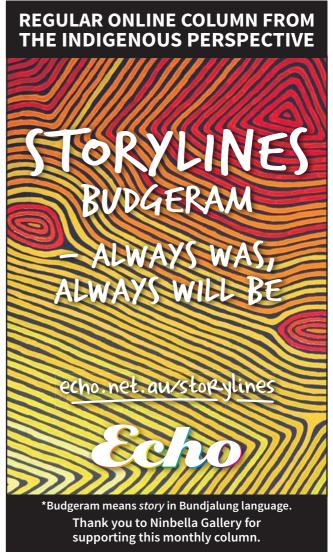
Teaching professionals, parents, other individuals, community groups, and organisations are all welcome to make a submission by the closing date of July 31. An online questionnaire

will have the same closing

The committee will hold hearings in August and September, and report by November 8.

For information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference, or on how to make a submission, visit the committee's website: bit.ly/3mZAKuz.









BARCO members say they were abused by rough sleepers in Brunswick Heads last Sunday. Photo Jeff Dawson

A group of dog owners who met at the common shed at the Brunswick Heads Sports Fields last Sunday say they were confronted by three men with a dog who were camping at the location.

Jenny Garret told *The Echo* that police and a Council ranger were eventually called, after one man became abusive.

Ms Garret says she has helped with volunteer run responsible dog ownership classes (BARCO) for years at the shed, and they pay Council for its use.

'After BARCO members and their dogs started arriving, some said that the hut had been occupied, at least from Saturday, and they had very seriously considered not attending if the three men were present on Sunday'.

'A man with long hair told us he had every right to occupy the shed, because it was a public place and we had no rights to it'.

NAIDOC short films screen July 5

A selection of inspiring Aboriginal storytelling celebrating this year's NAIDOC theme: Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!, will screen at the Byron Theatre on July 5 from 6.30pm.

As part of the 15th Arakwal NAIDOC Week Short Film

screening, the program is curated from Flickerfest favourites.

Organisers say the event is a fundraiser for the Arakwal Corp, and held in partnership with Flickerfest & iQ Inc.

Full event details online: www.iQ.org.au.

Concerns raised over heritage demolition proposal

Hans Lovejoy

The Byron Bay Historical Society has supported concerns raised by residents around a DA that proposes to demolish a home listed in a heritage area.

If approved by Council, DA 10.2021.551.1 would see the existing dwelling demolished and a new house constructed at 59 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay.

According to Council's 2021 Heritage Report, The SOHI (Statement of Heritage Impact) provides historical research 'that links the dwelling to the original owner, John Edward Kirk Johnson, who bought the land from the Crown sometime between 1912–22'.

'John Johnson, a carpenter, is thought likely to have built the house, resided there from the early 1930s with his wife Margaret to 1965/1970 respectively. John's parents were the first generation of the Johnson family to settle in Byron Bay in the late 1800s. The place therefore demonstrates historical associative significance'.

'The retention of the original 1920s core of the building is the preferred outcome from a heritage perspective'.

It also says, 'Demolition

within a Conservation Area should only occur where the building does not contribute to the significance of the place. The proposal would remove the original part of a dwelling constructed during a period directly relating to the significance of the Conservation Area which contributes to the historic and aesthetic significance of the precinct.'



59 Kingsley Street home, photo from DA, Heritage Impact Statement.



Perspective of proposed new dwelling, photo from DA, Full Set Revised Plans, page 12.

Despite the historical value placed upon the dwelling, consultants employed to produce the DA's Heritage Impact Statement argue the new heritage impact would be 'positive' and 'minor'.

Within the introduction, it reads, 'The existing dwelling is not listed as an individual heritage item on the BSC LEP, nor is it singled out as an important contributory building within the Kingsley Street Conservation Area (KSCA)'.

On page 6, they write, 'The KSCA is not recognised on any other state or national heritage schedules or registers'.

On page 16, it reads, 'The proposed new development has a positive heritage impact in that it is sympathetic to the historic character of the surrounding buildings in the KSCA'.

'Proposed key building materials have been chosen

to make this house present as distinctive and readable from the precinct's historic weatherboard houses; as well as complements the tin and timber character of KSCA'.

A local resident, who did not want to be named, told *The Echo* that attempts to get councillors to decide upon the DA through the Planning Review Committee, instead of it being handled by planning staff, fell on deaf ears.

Request ignored by councillors

Council's Planning Review Committee is tasked with oversight of contentious DAs, and is comprised of councillors.

Other than its guidelines being buried within Council's Code of Meeting Practice 2020, there is no website or information available on the committee. All councillors are members of this commitee, Council staff told *The Echo*.

Under 21.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, it reads, 'The purpose of the Committee is to view, prior to determination, those development applications which have been nominated by councillors, or staff, and could be determined under delegated authority'.

It also reads at 21.4 that, 'The decision that a development application would be more appropriately determined by the elected Council, must be based on one or more of the following guidelines: ...(e) The perceived public significance of the application'.

The resident said, 'The planning committee disregarded our request to have the matter determined at a Council meeting, and has given staff delegated authority to deal with the consent'.

'This is disappointing, given the heritage nature of the dwelling and its planned demolition in a conservation area. The fundamental issue is if Council staff allow the owners to demolish the home it will create a precedent for others in a Conservation Area to do the same'.

Byron Bay Historical Society president, Donald Maughan, told Council, 'We would hope that Council, when reviewing the resubmitted DA, consider a plan which incorporates the retention of the original cottage with new extensions, and that a revised design is sought which would ideally retain the core building as part of the proposed development'.

Assault witnesses sought



CCTV footage of a man and woman who police are hoping can assist with their investigation.

Police are appealing for public assistance after a serious assault at a licensed premises in Byron Bay earlier this month.

About 11pm on Friday June 3, a man was punched in the face by another man while on the dance floor of a licensed premises on Jonson Street.

The 23-year-old man suffered serious facial and dental injuries and was treated at the scene before he was taken to Byron Bay hospital in a stable condition. The second man left the scene with a woman.

Police have released images of a man and woman who they believe may be able to assist with the

investigation.

The man is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his 50s, of large build, with short hair. He is pictured wearing a black T-shirt, jeans and dark sneakers.

The woman is described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in her 50s, of medium build, with shoulder length blonde hair. She is pictured wearing glasses, a patterned shirt and jeans.

Anyone who may be able to identify the man or woman, or with information that may assist, is urged to contact Tweed-Byron Police District on (07) 5506 9499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.







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5G back from the ashes

It was with shock that I heard my mobile phone ring early Sunday evening.

It had been a while since I heard that noise; actually not since the floods in late February.

It was three-and-a-half long months that I'd been in a black spot. Well, actually, I did have a short period of connectivity between post-flood, and when some caring community member decided to burn the Mullumbimby Telstra tower on March 18. Then it was nothing.

That nothing left me, and others I know in those black spots, with plenty of challenges with things like banking, anything to do with two-factor authentication, work, and especially anything to do with emergency responding such as being a doctor, a Rural Fire Service (RFS) or a State Emergency Service (SES) volunteer.



On June 7, NSW Police blitzed Mullum and surrounds while protecting telco corporation, Telstra, as they reinstalled 5G. Photo Hans Lovejoy

Getting notifications was a challenge, meaning that there were risks of people not responding when they were needed. And when a tree fell on my house, I had to drive to town to call the SES!

A temporary mobile facility had been in place to ensure the town remained connected, and work started to restore the Telstra tower on June 7. During the work, there were a number of protesters highlighting the fact that they believe that 5G is harmful.

The work undertaken was 'to restore the upgraded 4G and 5G services in the area, which provide the extra speed and capacity locals have been asking for,' said a Telstra spokesperson.

'We know some groups don't support the technology upgrade, but we also have a great deal of support from locals, who have been through an incredibly difficult period and who have been calling for improved services, as the 4G service was at times suffering significant congestion.

'Our restoration will ultimately provide the community with permanent connectivity, as well as significantly better mobile coverage, and a much improved customer experience.'

It's worth noting that Telstra was the only option for emergency services during the floods, and when the north coast's 'fibre access node' was taken out in Woodburn, it rendered 81,000 people without a service.

There is unfortunately no federal legal requirement for telcos to ensure emergency services are robust in natural events, and it is unclear if this contributed to loss of life when the floods hit on February 28, 2022.

It is understood a tower was installed in Byron Bay approximately five months ago, and another is planned for in Ocean Shores in the near future.

Aslan Shand, deputy editor

What a Dutton might say, and did

t a recent gathering, I murmured something faintly conservative, and quick as a flash I was called a 'Dutton'.

According to the Urban Dictionary, a Dutton is 'the most derogatory name you could call someone, aimed to hurt and insult, to hate despise and hold with no respect whatsoever'.

Which made me a bit nervous about interviewing the real live Peter Dutton for *The Echo*, which is probably why I asked the longest question ever (replete with his owncomments from the public record).

Thank you, Mr Dutton, for agreeing to this 'interview' with the Byron Shire Echo.

Q) What exactly did you mean when you said this about some asylum seekers: 'Some people are trying it on. Let's be serious about this: There are people who have claimed that they've been raped and came to Australia to seek an abortion because they couldn't get an abortion on Nauru'.

'They arrived in Australia and then decided they were not going to have an abortion.

'They have the baby here and the moment they step off the plane their lawyers lodge papers in the federal court which injuncts us from sending them back.'

Are you saying that these women were in fact not raped; they are just pretending to have been raped, and that having fallen pregnant in this actually consensual sexual encounter, they've then lied about being raped, and faked wanting an abortion from this non-rape as a ruse?

And isn't it true that in 2016, a federal court judge found you had breached your duty of care to a woman who became pregnant as a result of rape, and exposed her to serious medical and legal risks in trying to avoid bringing her to Australia for an abortion?

Are you aware that the National Justice Project director, George Newhouse, responded: 'I know of cases where women were raped under his watch and needed a termination, and the fact he's using them as political cannon fodder is an absolute disgrace.'



'A federal court judge found [Dutton] had breached his duty of care to a woman who became pregnant as a result of rape' **David Heilpern**

And what message does that send to women everywhere who desperately want to disclose in a safe environment where they might be believed?

Opposed Biloela move

And while you are thinking about your answer to that, what did you actually mean when you opposed the move of the Nadesalingam family to Biloela (and this is after the election, when you had become Mr Nice Guy), because it would be a marketing case for people smugglers.

Did you really mean that on some godforsaken Indonesian island, under a palm tree some deckhand would say: 'see, look at what a great time this family has had, dragged out of their home in the dead of night, locked up in detention for years, their second daughter falling gravely ill, then detained in Western Australia, and eventually just now allowed to settle back in the thriving metropolis of Bilo. Yes, you too could get such vundabar treatment!'

He said, she said

When you are done thinking about that, perhaps you could reflect on your first statement about the rape allegations made by former Liberal staffer, Brittany Higgins, where you described the situation as a 'he said, she said' affair.

Apart from belittling the strength of the allegation (didn't you watch the interview on 4 Corners?), it is actually just untrue.

It was 'she said she said' unless you have spoken to 'him' and have something to share?

Was that in an effort to cast doubt on her story? Or just muddy the waters? And to what end? And of course, we know you

opposed the NSW abortion law reform recently passed. And same sex marriage - when you said advocates like Alan Joyce should 'stick to your knitting.'

And you said that there are 7,500 people who are 'fake refugees', and that there is 'the world's biggest collection of Armani jeans and handbags up on Nauru waiting for people to collect when they depart'.

And that Malcom Fraser should not have let Lebanese Muslims into Australia in the 1970s, and that protesters who disrupt traffic should have their welfare payments cut, and be subject to mandatory jail sentences.

Civil Liberties Council

And did you say that 'Australians are fed up with the Civil Liberties Council – otherwise known as the criminal lawyers media operative'?

And did you say that Victorians: 'are scared to go out at restaurants of a night time because they're followed home by these gangs, home invasions, and cars are stolen and we just need to call it for what it is. Of course, it is African gang violence.'

And remember when South Africa demanded you retract your comments that the country's white farmers are being 'persecuted', and deserve protection with special visas from a 'civilised country'.

And wouldn't you agree that someone who expresses views like this is actually morally disqualified from holding any office of responsibility?

And that smile does not fool anyone with your fake family snaps. I know, I need to work on my anger. Thanks for the interview. You Dutton.

■ David Heilpern is a lawyer, author and a former Magistrate.



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Letters

Suffolk Park DA

Warnings and obscure truths often appear in 'Backlash' in The Echo. Addressing the proposed 4000 sqm development in Clifford Steet, Suffolk Park (15 June), it asks whether the Council is 'again trying to gift public land to speculating developers?'

Denwol Suffolk Pty is seeking to have the 0.6ha of protected remnant littoral rainforest and coastal wetlands, located on the northern and north-western boundary of the site, managed by them in perpetuity. They claim that this would assist Council in meeting its relevant safety and fire prevention requirements. They have also proposed a zero-lot setback to the western boundary of the site where the land adjoins the Council reserve.

According to BBL 29 construction standards, the development requires a 9m asset protection zone (APZ) around buildings. The developer wishes to satisfy this requirement by encroaching on community land, with an easement with the adjacent landholder (the Byron Shire Council).

The Byron Council **Development Control Plan** (DCP) stipulates that this community land is not only protecting endangered ecological communities (koalas, glossy black cockatoos, flying foxes and threatened trees such as Coastal Cypress pines) but also links up with Tallow Creek and associated estuarine and terrestrial habitat. This is a low-risk fire area and should not be cleared for 'asset protection'.

Over the years, many residents, including the Byron Bay Council regeneration group, have contributed to the conservation of this fragile ecosystem. It must be protected and always remain in the hands of the community, not controlled by a developer. Council must never agree to turning this land into an EASEMENT. Richard Mordaunt and Tony

Christy

Byronification

In amongst all those duplexes in Tweed Heads have sprung funky cafes full of hipsters sipping almondmilk chai lattes whilst reading The Echo and the Nimbin Good Times.

Down in Kingscliff, people



Koko, and Bubbles the bird, taking a chance to relax and read just after the floods with the only paper worth reading!

now say if you've seen Lisa Hunt or Wolfmother once too often, check out one of the groovy new wine bar music venues popping up along the Tweed Coast.

Meanwhile, in downtown Murwillumbah it seems everyone's wearing kaftans and rainbow coloured tea cosies these days. The good old Imperial Hotel now has a kombucha bar and Michelin star chefs are champing to get into the old town.

All the Tweed needs is a few more potholes and the Byronification of the shire will be complete.

> **Simon Alderton** Murwillumbah

Helping hand

At the height of the floods my lovely young neighbour, Brian, was all over the place helping people. Also, he and his sister Szerenke used his tinny to ferry people out of South Golden Beach to safety.

His tinny's been tied up behind the tavern at Ocean Shores and he saw on 31 May that someone had taken it.

Put it back lowlife - bet you didn't help anyone during the floods!

> **Hannah Grace** Ocean Shores

Council committee vacancies

I am a great believer in community input into Council business. A great opportunity for that is through Advisory Committees. Four of those have vacancies, and I encourage anyone with an opinion on the following areas, or with shareable expertise, to apply. You can do that

up to the end of June at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/ Public-Notice/Nominateto-join-a-Council-Advisory-Committee.

The Committees delve deeper than Councillors can and give advice to them on:

1. Biodiversity, 2. Coast & ICOLLs (Intermittently Closing and Opening Lake or Lagoon, like Belongil or Tallow creeks), 3. Water & Sewer, 4. Floodplains.

There are also vacancies on the Place Planning Collective, but applications close today 22 June. Try a late application: www. byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Place-planning/ Place-Planning-Collective.

Duncan Dey Byron Shire Councillor

Vale Bruce Kent

Bruce Kent (22.8.29-8.6.22) was one of the greatest compassionate advocates for disarmament and humanity:

- General Secretary 1980-85 CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), Chair 1987-1990 and then held the honorary title of Vice President
- Patron of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign
 - Vice President Pax Christi
- Fmeritus President of the Movement for the Abolition of War
- Actively concerned for prisoners welfare and prison
- More recently, took part in the annual ceremony, London, to honour conscientious objectors throughout the world.

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now have ratified the TPNW,

Guatemala being the latest.

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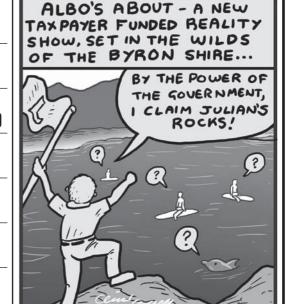
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Elliot's still sore

You (The Echo), rightly so, have a dig (in Backlash) at right-wing media outlets for mindless repetition of discredited 'talking points', but then you run a 'story' (50 per cent press release direct from Justine Elliot's office?) in which Elliot trots out that tired old disingenuous dig at the Greens for not supporting Labor's CPRS back in 2009, 'which then led to a decade of inaction on climate change', she claims.

The comment was barely relevant to the story, and it's just wrong. Why help them to keep their self-serving lies alive? To provide balance to the Labor party propaganda printed without proviso, here's an edited version of the Greens' account:

In 2009, the Greens voted against the CPRS because it would have locked in inaction on climate change. According to Treasury modelling, under the CPRS there would have been no reduction in emissions for 25 years! Taking us up to the mid-2030s... funny that... But the big polluters would all have got to wave faux-green happy flags in the meantime and pretend they'd done something to address the issue, and they would have made a profit from doing

nothing because the CPRS gave billions in handouts to coal companies and big polluters while locking in emissions targets that actually failed the science. And they're still failing with this '43 per cent reduction by 2030' talk.

Worse still, under the 2009 CPRS, any future attempt to strengthen the scheme would have resulted in billion-dollar compensation payouts to the big polluters. Even Rudd's own climate change advisor said it could be better to start over.

In 2010, just a few months after the Greens voted against the 2009 CPRS, they worked with the Gillard government to introduce worldleading climate legislation. The Greens-led package put a price on carbon that worked to reduce emissions, it established the Clean **Energy Finance Corporation** and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency.

The carbon price was working – and it set a world-leading example since adopted in other countries until the Abbott government told porky-pies (calling it a 'carbon tax'), ran a massive scare campaign, and tore it down. That's why nothing has been done. Not because

of the Greens' actions in 2009, which stopped Labor from getting away with green-washing, but because Labor and the coalition have continued to take donations from the big polluters and because they keep pretending we have decades up our sleeve to act decisively on climate change.

A Campbell Rosebank

Building hei(s)(gh)ts

I also strongly agree with David Gilet and Paul McCarthy on the creeping cancer of increased building heights/heists in Byron CBD, and I have breaking news for David and those concerned with Byron heritage, news which is only 17 years old. In 2003-2004 Byron Shire Council secured a grant of around \$130,000 from the State government to conduct a heritage study for the entire Shire, under the direction of a heritage expert, Dr Donald Ellsmore. At this point I must declare an interest, as I was parttime assistant to Dr Ellsmore during that time.

After a comprehensive survey of all parts of the Shire, lasting some 12 months, a report was submitted to Council recommending a list of properties and items to be

listed for heritage protection, and presumably that list still exists in Council archives. At the same time, Dr Brett Stubbs from Southern Cross University, was commissioned and paid to produce a Thematic History of Byron Shire. This brief 42-page history was so well written that the heritage committee recommended that it be published by Council and distributed to local school libraries and tourism venues. Two members of Council, Jan Barham and Jan Mangelson, had other ideas.

Because both Jans had quibbles with the Thematic History which verged on the trivial, they refused to support both the publication of the history and to progress the results of the heritage study so that recommended items might receive heritage classification. The upshot was that Thematic History was not published, no heritage items were officially listed at all, and the entire exercise could only be judged a complete waste of time and approximately \$130,000 (twice that in today's money). Those interested in the heritage of Byron might care to access the Council archives, as I am sure all this information

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Storylines – Promises on election night more than 'writing in the sand' for Voice, Truth and Treaty?

Belle Budden

n election night 2022, in his victory speech, the first commitment Anthony Albanese made was to hold a referendum to enshrine a voice for First Nations people in the Constitution. Throughout their campaign the ALP made progressing the Uluru Statement a promise, committing to enshrining an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the constitution through a referendum.

The Uluru Statement of the Heart calls for a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to Parliament, and a Makarrata (a Yolngu word for 'Treaty') Commission to oversee a process of treatymaking and truth-telling across Australia. Previous governments have refused to commit to implementing the Uluru Statement, but First Nations people are familiar with a lack of commitment from the government, or from the breaking of an election promise. As the lyrics to the famous Yothi Yindi song remind us 'Words are easy, words are cheap, Much cheaper than our priceless land, But promises can disappear, Just like writing in the

The central principles to the *Uluru Statemen*t are Voice, Truth and Treaty, which have been core to First Nations campaigns for justice for over a century. The pathway to this moment has been paved with endless hours of hard work from First Nations Elders and community leaders, meetings with politicians in good faith, promises, commitments and disappointments. Albanese's heart-felt commitment on election night offers a glimmer of hope to First Nations people that we are edging closer to those outcomes, a glimmer we have seen before in recent memory.

The *Uluru Statement from* the Heart was written after a historic meeting of First Nations people from Indigenous nations across the country at the First Nations **National Constitutional** Convention in 2017. Twohundred-and-fifty delegates met at Uluru, and through days of discussions reached a consensus on the 440-word statement, which was then



Mungo MacCallum and Thomas Mayor hold up the Uluru Statement at Brunswick Heads on Saturday, March 25, 2018. Photo Jenny Garrett

presented to the federal government.

It states (in part):

'With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

'We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

'We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

'Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

'We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

■ Excerpt from the *Uluru* Statement of the Heart, 2017.

The *Uluru Statement* is clear in the unified call for a Constitutionally recognised First Nations Voice to Parliament, a Makarrata (Treaty) Commission to ensure the process of Treaty is an opportunity for truth-telling of the history of the impacts on First Nations people through colonisation. This truth-telling is essential for the healing process and for true reconciliation for First

Nations people. Previous governments have shied away from the difficult task of Voice, Truth and Treaty through avoiding the dirty work, and denial of responsibility. But our voices have remained resolute and as we edge closer to achieving these outcomes there is no way around the dirty work of hearing the truth and making the changes to address the injustices of the past that still impact on the present. There is also hard work to be done to find a Treaty process that restores power and authority to First Nations governance structures, which are informed by cultural frameworks, are decentralised and based on group decision-making processes.

The Albanese government made more promises to First Nations people than implementing the Uluru Statement in full. They have also committed to turning the tide on incarceration and deaths in custody through landmark justice reinvestment funding, improving housing in remote Indigenous communities, investing in First Nations management of land and waters, strengthening First Nations economic and job opportunities – and then some. Tall promises indeed for the most socio-economically disadvantaged people in the nation. First Nations people need allies to hold this government accountable to these promises and especially the long-awaited outcome of Voice, Truth and Treaty!

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is still there. In any event, I retained a copy of all official material submitted to Council, which makes interesting reading, if only for the evidence it provides of what heritage items have already disappeared, because of the bloody-mindedness of two individuals.

Peter Stolz Suffolk Park

Perplexed

Perplexed to read Richard Jones' article 'Now's the time for those reforms', when the opening sentence quotes: 'Just over two weeks ago, we had a revolution, finally'. Really?

For most political progressives, it's a long stretch to claim the election result was a 'revolution'. Sure, it was a relief to be finally rid of a

despicable, vile, and utterly horrid conservative government, but that does not mean that Labor, under a Labor Albanese government victory, heralded a 'revolution'.

Richard makes some very solid and commendable points, and policy changes all worthy of doing by Labor, but abysmally fails to understand the realpolitik of Labor, when history has demonstrated Labor, especially in the era of neoliberalism has sided with capital and sold out the ordinary person.

Let's not delude ourselves into believing it will be any different this time, when the economy and society are facing some unprecedented challenges – stagflation, rising cost of living, energy (poverty) crises, existential environmental crises, accelerating social/income inequalities, homelessness, poverty, lack of housing, rental unaffordability, just to name a few.

If nothing else, this election showed that most people are disillusioned and have lost confidence with the two major political parties. One third of voters voted for either so-called 'Teal' Independents, the Greens, or other fringe right wing parties.

One glaring omission in

the article was no mention of the correlation between big business record high profits, and stagnating wage growth. Consider the rising cost of living and soaring energy costs, with the rate of wage theft, and exploitation that exists in today's workforce? By all accounts there is a pattern emerging; the few (wealthy class) control, own, whilst the majority are feeling insecure - be it the increasing unaffordability of housing, rentals, cost of living, energy unaffordability and so on.

Industrial relations changes remain integral for rectifying this structural problem, otherwise inequalities will continue to fester.

One assumes Richard's claim, that 'globalisation is falling apart', is referring to neoliberalism?

This is wishful thinking and illusory at best as, to date, the establishment institutions may be on the nose with many, and not serving their interests, but are well preserved by the status quo, and are at no risk of failing any time soon.

Another erroneous, and undemocratic call is that all Albanese and Labor need to do is halt the political campaign, when the political disconnect between ordinary

people and politicians is at an all-time low and is precisely why there needs to be a concerted effort for a greater political engagement by ordinary people in the political process of decision making.

The political class have alienated themselves from ordinary people, and Labor has been a big player in this failing, as top-down political decision making continues to show.

Albanese is not the 'Leftie' he once was, he has become part of the political establishment, and understands well, to remain in power, Labor must play to the tune of those who hold and wield the real power in our contemporary world.

Labor, since the Hawke/ Keating government, have shown that now they will comply with those who hold the real power in our system.

> Boyd Kellner Newrybar

Drains, floods, creeks

I was thankful for Duncan Dey's input at the last Council meeting where two representatives spoke in public access to the long overdue attention needed to drainage, silting, flooding. I was thankful to Duncan Dey because he spoke about the attention needed for Marshalls Creek subcatchmen, Capricornia Canal and Readings Bay.

The investigation report of the South Golden Beach levee is a good source of information re: the pumps etc.

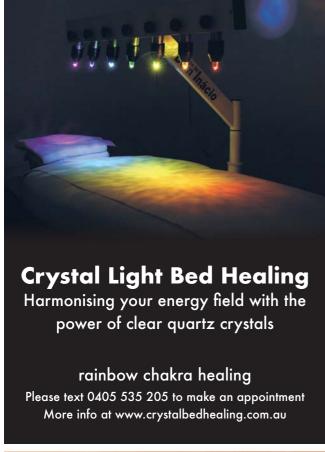
\$250,000 has been applied for to undertake a Shire-wide detailed overland flow-path assessment. People have given information constantly to Council for years

Everetts Creek next to Uncle Tom's corner (Mullumbimby turnoff), totally full of high reeds – a creek of reeds, from Marshalls Creek at Billinudgel to the main river at Brunswick – silted, full of debris, under Tweed Valley Way to Balemo Drive – total disgrace of fallen trees, grass and the highway bridges with mucky waterways, as is Capricornia Canal where mangroves have expanded into the main river in numerous parts.

May what the eye can see attract the necessary attention.

. **Jillian Spring** Billinudgel

■ Letters that did not make it into the paper (including Israel/Palestine conflict) may be available on *The Echo* online at: www.echo.net.au/category/letters.





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CHESS by lan Rogers

The June Queen's Birthday long weekend usually sees the sons for the top players' lack of strongest open tournaments in interest in formerly marquee Victoria, NSW and Tasmania, but tournaments. The prizemoney at

were filled to capacity with play- inflation. Add to this the demise ers and a record number trekked of the Australian Grand Prix, to Somerset for the Tasmanian which the Australian Chess almost entirely absent.

The NSW Open did at least by half a point.

former self, and featured not a NSW Open 2022 single player from Australia's top White: G Lane 40. The tournament was won Black: K Zheng by Jesse Jager, who defeated top Opening: Sicilian Defence rated 21-year-old David Cannon 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 in the penultimate round to secure the \$1,200 first prize.

At least the Tasmanian Open At least the Tasmanian Open Zheng was just two years old! 11...d4? 11...Nd7 featured most of the best from 12.Nb5!! Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nd5 14.Nd6+ Kf8 that State, with psephologist and malacologist Kevin Bonham taking out his 13th Open title.

There are many possible reain 2022 something went wrong. the Victorian Open is little more Certainly Melbourne Chess than a third of the prizes offered the Victorian Open is little more Club and Sydney's Russian club in the 1970s, when adjusted for Open, but elite players were Federation allowed to wither and die over the past decade.

It is tempting to blame covid, see a stirring battle for first place given that both the NSW and between ACT Champion Junta Victorian Opens were played at Ikeda and Sydney's Igor Bjelobrk, extremely cramped venues with with Bjelobrk edging out his rival limited ventilation and no mask requirement. Yet the capacity However, the venerable Vict- fields at both events indicate this orian Open was a shadow of its is not a turnoff for many players.

5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4 a6 7.Nxc6 Qxc6 8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Qe2 Bb4 10.Bd2 d5 11.e5 Lane played this at the 2011 NSW Open when NZ junior 15.0h5 a6?! 15...0c7 16.0h6+ Ka8 17.h4 f5 18.h5 Ne7 19.Rag1 Bd7 20.g4 Be8 21.gxf5

exf5 22.Bc4+ Nd5 23.hxg6 1-0 ■ Players meet at Byron Bay Services Club, Sat 2.30 and Mon 6.00

Bush stone-curlews in Byron Shire

Jeanette Olley

■ he first time I noticed a bush stone-curlew in Brunswick Heads it was waiting at the pedestrian crossing, on its way to the pub, across the other side of the road. A review of the records show that prior to 2018 only the occasional one or two birds were reported in Byron Shire; either at the Belongil Estuary, or near the Court House in Byron, or at St Finbarr's Primary

Brunswick Heads now has a population of six bush stone-curlews that we know of, up from zero prior to 2019. Residents are seeing them hanging around the shops looking at themselves in the windows, in their backyards, in the schoolyards and in the parks and reserves. They are also hearing their unforgettable eerie wailing wee-loo or 'screaming women' calls at night. Police sometimes receive frantic calls from citizens reporting someone being attacked.

As a result of active monitoring and management in Tweed Shire north of us, the Council has established that there were approximately 50 breeding pairs in 2020 from just one known breeding pair in 2012. Records suggest that urban birds started to move south from Queensland and began to colonise the Tweed Coast during the late 1990s and early 2000s. A total of 65 chicks fledged during the 2019–20 breeding season. Over this time most of the birds have established their breeding sites in either

caravan parks or local parks and gardens. As breeding pairs find it difficult to find a suitable nest site, we are predicting they will continue to move south and we may well see an increasing presence of these birds in the Byron Shire.

Endangered species

Like many Australian birds it has been given a variety of names - bush thick-knee, southern stone-curlew, weelo, and willaroo being among the most familiar. They occur throughout Australia, but numbers have declined in the southern states. In NSW, they are listed in the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 as an endangered species. Once upon a time these birds were reported in flocks of 50 to 100, but now it is rare to see even one pair.

This decline has occurred over the last 30 years and can be attributed to the degradation of habitat, mostly

through grazing, logging, frequent fires, farming and urban development. Owing to the clearing of logs from forest understory, hiding places they once used are scarce now allowing them to be easily hunted by foxes and domestic animals.

Bush stone-curlews in Brunswick Heads.

Photos Reid Waters, surflandphotography@bigpond.com

Bush stone-curlews are very inconspicuous during the day. They stand quite still with their eyes half-closed. Being light grey to light brown in colour and marked with black blotches and streaks, they are well camouflaged. A black band runs from near its eye down its neck, and the eyes are large and bright yellow.

It has a hunch-shouldered stance and long spindly legs. When it is disturbed it lies flat on the ground, with its head and neck outstretched. In this position, they are easily stepped on as they are very difficult to see. They hide behind logs where available and rather than fly away they freeze when approached. While on a walk in the Tyagarah Nature Reserve last year, a blink of its eye was the only thing that warned me that I was just about to step on one laid stretched out in the leaf-litter.

Night birds

The large eyes are well adapted for seeing in dim light and so they start to become active at dusk and through the night. As nightfeeders, they feed on a wide variety of food including insects, molluscs, lizards, seeds, and small mammals. Once they find a partner they bond for life, producing one to two eggs each season.

They breed throughout the spring and summer months, when they are extremely vulnerable to attacks from predators like dogs, cats, and foxes. After putting on an elaborate courtship dance involving standing with their wings outstretched, stamping their feet up and down and keeping their tail upright, one or two well-camouflaged eggs

are usually laid in a scrape on the ground. Both adults share the parenting responsibilities and can be aggressive and protective when danger approaches the nest.

Like most ground-dwelling birds, once the chicks are hatched, they are immediately moved away from the nest and are expected to find their own food. When parents are providing guarding duties, they may raise their wings high and wide in an impressive threat posture while emitting a loud hoarse hissing sound.

Have you seen any?

Besides habitat disturbance and loss other risks include vehicle strike and disturbance of nest sites by people, domestic dogs and cats that may cause birds to abandon their eggs or chicks. Predation by foxes, dogs, and cats can be fatal.

At this time, Byron Bird Buddies are unsure of how many breeding pairs are in Brunswick Heads and have started tracking their numbers. We would appreciate receiving reports of any nesting activity, however, we remind everyone to please keep their distance and not disturb the bird. By working with Byron Shire Council and National Parks we may be able to undertake some protection work at the nest site using temporary fencing and signage and if necessary some fox and feral cat control. Please report nest sightings to byronbirdbuddy@gmail.com.

Be assured that it is normal for these birds to be hanging around urban areas, and with your help and care they may again be wandering carefree around our parks and gardens.

If you see an injured bush stone-curlew or any injured bird please call Wires Northern Rivers 0409 170 062.

■ To view the video visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/ bush-stone-curlews.



CAWI, in collaboration with our local veterinarian volunteer teams, are offering a spay/neuter microchip program designed for cats + dogs living in low income households. Conditions apply.

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CARPET SNAKE COUNTRY

Gabul Jagun – Carpet Snake Country is an exhibition showcasing aspects of Arakwal Country in the Byron Shire through the perspective of Nickolla Clark, a local Arakwal Bundjalung artist living and working on Country.

'Arakwal Jagun. My grandmother's country stretches from the rainforest to the sea, including the rivers, sacred sites, our creator and home Ironbark at Tallow Creek. This is *Gabul Jagun*, Carpet Snake Country,' says Nickolla.

'My practice highlights our important, instinctive, sacred connection to Country through key symbols, features and knowledge that has been passed down through many generations. This brings me closer to understanding and expressing the energy, spirit, cultural lore and stories from Country and culture within each painting.'

'The exhibition explores my personal connection to the land and sea with the many vibrant and subtle colours of my Country. The theme Gabul refers to my people's totem, the Carpet Snake. This is a good reflection on my heritage. *Jagun* is Country, which is fitting as all my artworks reflect the land in which we live and care for.'

'These pieces are a collection of my cultural expressions and I hope they evoke feelings of cultural insight and gratitude towards Country. Giving and receiving *Garimaa* – Respect.'

Lone Goat Gallery, from 25 June to July 30. Exhibition open 24 June from 5.30–7.30pm with a Welcome to Country by Ngurungaeta Brown.

Artist in conversation: Nickolla Clark with Aunty Delta Kay, Saturday 2 July at 2pm.





The exhibition explores Nickolla's personal connection to the land and sea

FREE TICKETS FOR FLOOD-AFFECTED PEOPLE

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium Executive Director, Anita Bellman, is thrilled to announce that there will be free tickets for all flood-affected members of our community to attend the NRC 2022 Visiting Artist program, made possible with the support of our friends at Musica Viva and Southern Cross University.

The NRC 2022 Visiting Artist program, featuring Lior, was to be presented at Lismore City Hall but the damage sustained during the devastating floods means the venue is currently closed. It is extremely fortunate for the community that the Whitebrook Theatre at Southern Cross University is able to accommodate the program this year.

Hywel Sims, CEO of Musica Viva said that as a long-standing supporter of the Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Musica Viva Australia is delighted to provide support to this year's concerts.

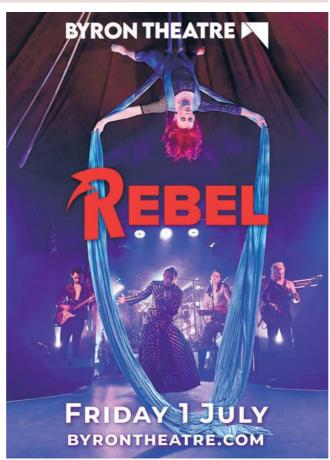
This performance is described as a musical narrative of love, loss and compassion which is a very fitting tribute to our beautiful community at this time.

Through Nature to Eternity will be held at Southern Cross University's Whitebrook Theatre on Saturday 2 July from 7.30pm with light meals and refreshments for purchase from 6pm.

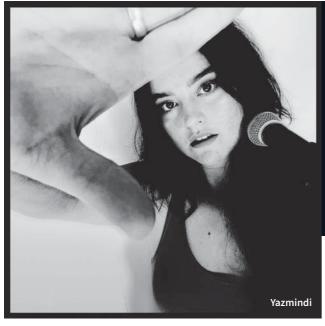
Lior will also present a songwriting workshop in the Music Block at 1.30pm.

For more information, visit: nrcac.edu.au/events.









YOUTH & COMMUNITY FAIR

The Byron Youth Service and the Byron Shire CDAT (Community Drug Action Team) are getting together to host a fun Youth & Community Fair on Wednesday.

The CDAT is made up of a group of stakeholders that include BYS, The Buttery, Byron Police, Byron High school, Mullumbimby High School, The Byron Shire Council and NSW Health.

Lindy Lou, the event producer says that the Youth & Community Fair will host a bunch of activities including; live music, badge making, a giant games area, bubble creations, soccer and our local legends, Hooper's, will be pumping out their delicious burgers!

The live music component will feature local bands: The Irreplaceables, Ratmongers, No Through Road, Wild Rocket, D.A.S.H., Billie Devine and Yazmindi who will be releasing her new single Man.

The Youth & Community Fair is being held at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on Wednesday 22 June, from 3-6pm, and the first 100 young people to attend the event will receive a free burger and drink! So, get in quick!

A MAGICAL YEAR

Joan Didion's celebrated memoir The Year of Magical Thinking is brought to life by Green Room Awardwinning 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.

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.

Byron Writers Festival are proudly supporting this powerful theatre event and we are therefore pleased to offer BWF Members a special discounted ticket price.

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Incorporating The Dinomaniacs original songs, including Rock & Roar, The Dino Dr and Dance with the Dinosaurs, there are some all time classic toe-tapping tunes that are sure to have everyone up and dancing.

There are plenty of surprises, songs, jokes and dancing, as well as exciting opportunities for the audience to get up close and personal with the dinosaurs.

So join in a prehistoric adventure that's out of this world!

The Dinomaniacs Kids Show is on Thursday 7 July. Doors 10am, show 10.30-11.30am. Meet/Greet The Dinos: 11.30am-12pm

Tickets: \$16.50pp

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REBEL – A NON-STOP CIRCUS **BOWIE PARTY**

It is often hard to adapt to the loss of a well-known celebrity, but through tribute shows, it can become easier to mourn the loss and ensure that their legacy

Such is the case with Highwire Entertainment's tribute show, REBEL, an intricately crafted show that honours and pays tribute to the late David Bowie, through the mediums of circus and live music.

A fun and exciting show suitable for all ages, REBEL features a live soundtrack of well-selected Bowie songs, which are complemented by stunning circus acts.

Each circus performer doubles as a musician, demonstrating excellence in both arenas. The band is led by charismatic performer and singer Stewart Reeve, who looks and sounds just like Bowie himself, and one who would make Bowie proud. His brightly coloured and sparkling Bowie-inspired costuming caps off this visual and aural feast.

Stage dive into the mosh pit for a night of live music, glittering glam rock, phenomenal acrobatics, breathtaking aerials and a spectacular heart-stopping sideshow. Live music combined with circus - and comedy – brings to life an incredible body of work that spanned over 50 years, and an aesthetic that broke ground and inspired generations.

Friday 1 July, at 8pm. Book tickets now at byrontheatre.com before it sells out!

NAIDOC WEEK SHORT FILMS

The 15th Arakwal NAIDOC Week Short Film Fundraiser will be held in the first week of July.

The Arakwal Corporation, Flickerfest & iQ Inc are thrilled to present an inspiring evening of Aboriginal storytelling celebrating NAIDOC Week 2022 and this year's theme 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!'.

The program features ten multi-award-winning short films, with highlights including the moving and insightful Strange Country, Jarli and Shiny One.

The NAIDOC Week Short Films will screen on 5 July at 6.30pm at the Byron Theatre.





NICKOLLA CLARK GABUL JAGUN -**CARPET SNAKE COUNTRY**

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LETTUCE TO THE EDITOR

As a writer you never really know what is going to strike a chord with your audience. What will inspire them? Make them think? Make them change their mind? Make them angry? After more than two decades of publishing I am still surprised by what rocks a reader's boat. About a week ago I discovered that a lot of people have strong opinions on the humble iceberg. I'm not talking about the one that took out the Titantic. I'm talking about the one that has been sinking wallets at the supermarket. Where Leonardo de Caprio stands behind me in the fruit and veg, my hair lifting from the force of the air vent, Celine blasting in the speakers. At this price I'm not sure my salad will go on.

About a week ago I made a post on my socials about the price of lettuce. I didn't think it was controversial. I'd spied an \$11 iceberg in Melbourne, I'd heard a story on Radio National about the impact of flooding on lettuce crops in the Lockyer Valley, and I'd read an article about McDonald's having to use cabbage on their burgers. It was safe to say that climate change had hit the iceberg. So I made a post about it on Facebook (Fb). 1.3k responses later I realised that when it comes to talking about climate there are a lot of people taking their lettuce down the rabbit hole.

After all the radical things I've said, it turns out it's my extreme view on lettuce that is the tipping point. It's clear that there are bunch of very angry peeps out there who don't like their greens - either on the plate or in parliament. Charlie has a photo on his Fb holding a giant fish. I imagine he caught it in a marine park. Rules don't apply to this dickhead. Or science. He's not a fan. He say's 'People who vote greens need there head read. To bad about your lettuce. I'm having steak tonight and fresh fish tomorrow. Your lot pushed for this climate b's now live with it.' Clearly Charlie thinks that we made climate change by talking about it. It was a marketing exercise. It's our fault. He's not a fan of science, salad or spelling. He does however like fish.

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Ken from Cairns told me to get my hands dirty. Then he accused me of living in the inner city. Actually, a lot of people told me I was from the city. Mullumbimby might be the biggest little town, but it's not Sydney. Peter from 'out west' somehow thinks I want to get rid of farmers, and Bradley from Brisbane says 'oh to be young again and imagine that everything is happening to me for the first time in human history. Love, tragedy, vegetable shortages.' I kind of liked that one. Bradley just hates ALL young people (anyone under 60) and he doesn't appreciate them shit-talking lettuce.

John who lives in Sydney tries the old 'do you walk to work, thought not. Green flog hypocrisy.' I didn't have the heart to tell him I work from home. Kevin from Kempsey is a genius. He says 'there are so many gullible people who listen to scientists'. Kevin loves cars, boats and big scary dogs. I get the feeling Kev has never met a scientist, or eaten a lettuce. Rosie seems like 'a nice quiet woman'. There's a photo of her smiling in her wedding dress, but it turns out, according to her Fb she's fighting tyranny. Well, in between Botox appointments. And my shutting down lettuce price conversations is part of her remit. 'Shut up about climate change. What a load of crap.' She then starts raving on about TikTok.

Sometimes you think you've heard everything; that people can't surprise you. But they can. Somewhere in the climate conversation, lurking in the shadows are the real problem: the lettuce deniers. They want to shut down the conversation. These are not salad people.

But I will not be silenced. I am a woman of lettuce.



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TOP GUN: MAVERICK

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Training a detachment of graduates for a special assignment, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past and his deepest fears, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who choose to fly it.



ELVIS

From Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann comes *Elvis*, starring Austin Butler, and Oscar winner Tom Hanks. The film chronicles the life and career of singer and actor Elvis Presley (Butler), from his early days as a child, to becoming a rock 'n' roll star and movie star, as well as his complex relationship with his manager Colonel Tom Parker (Hanks).

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WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JON J BRADLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DAN HANNAFORD, 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
- KYOGLE MEMORIAL HALL 7PM INTO THE **FOREST**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM SIMON AND GARFUNKEL TRIBUTE
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM STEVEN MICHAEL

THURSDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE GIN BUGGS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM MANDY HAWKINS, 5PM SIMON MEOLA, 7.30PM MAJESTIC KNIGHTS
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM ZAC HUBBARD
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD -FLOOD RELIEF PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 24

- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, RIVER GROOVE + JARULAH & BLACKLINE AND THE JOHNNY RINGOS
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, EPIC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM LEIGH JAMES. 6PM GRACE GROVE, 8PM PEACH FUR WITH **GREAT SAGE**
- THE FARM, BYRON BAY, THE SUNSET SESSIONS **PHIL & TILLY**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **NICKOLLA CLARK: GABUL JAGUN - CARPET SNAKE COUNTRY EXHIBITION OPENING**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM LUKE HAYWARD
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **SHIELD MAIDENS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJTAZ**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM
- MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD ■ ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY
- WITH DJ LO QI ■ LENNOX ARTS COLLECTIVE 6PM MARK WALLER JUST A MOMENT' EXHIBITION OPENING AND
- **BOOK LAUNCH** ■ LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM JON J
- **BRADLEY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM KARL S WILLIAMS
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM MR
- **TROY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM NATHAN KAYE ■ COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM MARK BONO
- 9.30PM NO RIGHT TURN

SATURDAY 25

- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, BLOW INS + OFF **JUDY, POWER DRILL & RASH CULT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, HARRY NICHOLS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **DAMIEN COOPER, 8PM KIMMY WITH ANDRE CORDEIRO, 11PM DJ TAI DANIELS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **SHIELD MAIDENS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL 2PM **DANCE CHURCH - ALL AGES COMMUNITY DANCEFLOOR WITH DJ SHIAN LOVE**
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM BYRON KIRTAN, FEAT. AVISHAI BARNATAN & **JAZZY WHETSTONE**

- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, TRIBUTE **TO JAZZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM DJ ABEL TORO
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM '80s **PARTY FUNDRAISER**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6.30PM GLITTERATI RIOT
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM SIMON MEOLA
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7PM DJ THE WHO'S WHO, 7.30PM SOPHISTICATION MEETS THE
- LISMORE LANTERN PARADE FESTIVAL STAGE 7PM LIMINAL
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH SALI BRACEWELL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM STAGE 2
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM GREER **SULLIVAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE **SHOWROOM SHOWMEN - MAGIC**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM MARK DIVOLA, 9.30PM BERST

SUNDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, ADAM HOLE
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM FIRST BEIGE
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK CHAPMAN ■ HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM WILD MARMALADE
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM
- **SHIELD MAIDENS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SHANDELL**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM MR BAILEY'S MINDER BY DEBRA OSWALD -**MATINEE**
- SACRED HEARTH SANCTUARY, MAIN ARM, 5.30PM MURRAY KYLE
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM NATHAN KAYE
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 7.30PM JUNE **TUNES SUNDAY SESH + BLINDMOUTH**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **BOURBON** STREET
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM **2PM THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM EPIC

MONDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JOCK BARNES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **DONNY** SHADES, 5PM CHELSEA SKY EATER, 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**

TUESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHIN
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM LUKE **BENNETT**, 7.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM THE YEAR OF MAGICAL **THINKING**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW **BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH DR BAZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM LENNO DJ **SERIES**

WEDNESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, KATIE WHO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM TIM STOKES, 7.30PM DUDU & MATEUS
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM **TONY AND** THE THIEF
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM CASEY FOGG

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GRU (PG) NFT Daily: 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00pm ALL FILMS A HERO (PG)

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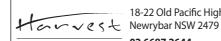
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GLUTEN FREE AND SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS AVAILABLE

Wollumbin Mushrooms and Shroom Bros

Victoria Cosford

Mushrooms might be the perfect food. They have no sugars (great for diabetics), not many carbohydrates (great for weight-watchers), many vitamins and minerals and loads of protein (great for vegetarians!).

Both Wollumbin Mushrooms' Gary Miller and Shroom Bros' Abel and Andrew Mohanu can be found at the markets dispensing their various types of glorious exotic mushrooms. Always in stock for the Shroom Bros are oyster, king and shiitake, although soon they will be adding pioppino (chestnut), lions mane, woodear and shimeji to the range. Gary - who ran a mushroom cultivation course eight years ago, until circumstances directed him to start his own business – grows oyster, nameko, native enoki, shimeji and shiitake. He says that he's found the past few years a challenge with the latter, which he grows on logs stacked out in the forest.

I suggest it must be exciting using the natural fruiting method he does, visiting the forest (just outside Uki) without ever really knowing what he will find, and he agrees. 'I can never guarantee supplies owing to the nature of the method I use', he says. 'It is disappointing at times but other times it's just amazing. The mushrooms that grow this way are natural, seasonal and micro-seasonal.'

Andrew and Abel, meanwhile, have insulated greenhouses with air-conditioning, a humidification system and fresh air intake to provide year-round growing. Everything they



Gary Miller from Wollumbin Mushrooms.

sell is grown on their farm at Stokers Siding. Abel tells me that there's currently a big demand for king oyster mushrooms, as most of those, the supply of which is currently interrupted, came from China and South Korea. 'We are trying to fill the gap', he says, 'and supply our Australian-grown variety in the meantime.'

Don't forget Byron Gourmet Mushrooms either; glorious, glamorous, certified organic in a wide range of exotica, available fresh, dehydrated or as a seasoning.

They all concur that the best thing to do with mushrooms is to simply fry them (hot heat) in butter and garlic. Gary likes his with eggs, while eastern European Abel agrees with me about a garlicky tumble on top of polenta. Meanwhile, there's a simple and delicious Mushroom Tarte Tatin on the website!

Wollumbin Mushroons are at New Brighton Farmers Market every Tuesday from 8-11am. Shroom Brothers are at Mullum Farmers Market every Friday from 7-11am

The Good Life

d Life

Great foodie weekend end of July

The annual Harvest Food Trail on the weekend of 30–31 July allows locals and visitors the much needed opportunity to celebrate the distinctive provenance of our amazing food and beverage offerings in the Northern Rivers region.

'Part of enjoying the food is knowing the story, understanding where your food was grown, the regenerative methods the farmer used to produce your food, the families behind the brands – and their unique stories. You can enjoy unique farm tours, 'behind the scenes' insights, tastings, chef workshops, lunches and so much more,' says Anne Briggs from Northern Rivers Food.

So what is on offer over the weekend of 30–31 July?

Celebrated chef, nutritionist and author, Sam Gowing, will be running a full-day class at her new Tweed Cooking School. Tweed Escapes and Blue Ginger Picnics have a top deck cruise on the magnetic Tweed waterways, all the while enjoying a platter of 100 per cent local produce.

Norco and Cheeses Loves You have joined forces, opening Allard's Dairy in Burringbar to demonstrate how a dairy farm operates, with cheese making and tastings. Table Under a Tree in Rosebank will showcase their ethical Boer goat farming operations and will present talks on the incredible flavour and health properties of goat meat, and have product for sale.

Zentveld's Coffee Farm & Roastery in Newrybar will open the farm gate doors and offer regular farm and roastery tours. Enjoy superb views from the verandah overlooking the farm while you taste coffee grown organically and learn how they care for their soils, bees and wildlife. Brookfarm are providing a special morning tea and regenerative farming



Eddie Brook from Brookie's is a hands-on local maker of Brookie's Gin and other spirits. Here he is pouring a sample of their still-not-yet-released Cape Byron Single Malt whisky at Cape Byron Distillery in 2021. Their 'Meet the Maker' tour includes exclusive tastes of their new whisky before it launches and is hosted by Eddie and Martin Brook. Photo Simon

tours on their macadamia farm at McLeods Shoot, all with wonderful Hinterland views. Australia's Manuka in Tyagarah will open their apiary where they produce the worlds' most potent and pure bioactive Jellybush honey.

At The Farm in Byron Bay there will be a behind-the-scenes tour to learn about their paddock-to-plate journey, with drinks and a tasting plate from Three Blue Ducks afterward. Duck Creek Macadamias in Brooklet will also be opening their farm gate and offering free tastings of their top quality chocolate and macadamia products.

Explore Byron Bay and Playing with Fire Native Foods will provide walking tours to discover our local edible bush tucker plants in both Bangalow and Mullumbimby,

sharing insights of our Indigenous history and traditional stories. Afterwards you can taste some of their amazing Australian native foods and purchase plants to grow at home. Karkalla Byron Bay has a local lunch special on Saturday featuring local native ingredients.

The Oyster Shed on Birds Bay is participating, with waterfront dining overlooking their oyster farm, where you can feast on oysters with local finger limes and a paired gin cocktail. Bellingdale Farm in Nunderi have prepared a special long lunch, with a shared feasting menu overlooking Mount Warning. At Pipit Restaurant in Pottsville there is a special six course seasonal menu on offer, where guests can glimpse the cooking process in their open-plan kitchen. In Burringbar, local favourites

Mercado Juarez offer a three course lunch celebrating authentic Mexican food.

Further south, Barrio at Habitat in Byron are putting on a special barbeque with an emphasis on sustainable regenerative practices and Crystalbrook Byron has a 'meet the maker' Pork and Pinot Long Lunch featuring Bangalow Sweet Pork. Harvest Newrybar are offering a special long lunch in their bakery, using their woodfired oven, bringing together produce that is native to the region. Ballina RSL will also have a Boardwalk Lunch with a Bangalow Sweet Pork roast – where you can enjoy local produce at its finest overlooking the beautiful Richmond River.

On the distillery and brewing side of things, Two Mates Brewing's Taphouse will be open for celebrations in Lismore, with food trucks and a paired drink special. Lord Byron Brewery have a new tiki bar with tours, tasting paddles and cocktail specials. Cape Byron Distillery are delivering a Botanicals Class as well as a Meet the Maker

tour while Common People Brewing in Bangalow have a Harvest Food Trail special local menu with paired beers. Husk Distillers at Tumbulgum have a morning tea event with homegrown produce and their delicious cocktails enjoyed on their grounds. For those driving, drop into Wild Yeast Brewing in Lennox Head, where you can meet the maker and sample their organically grown nonalcoholic ginger beer.

Visit the NRF Harvest Food Trail website at northernriversfood.org for more detailed information and to download the brochure.





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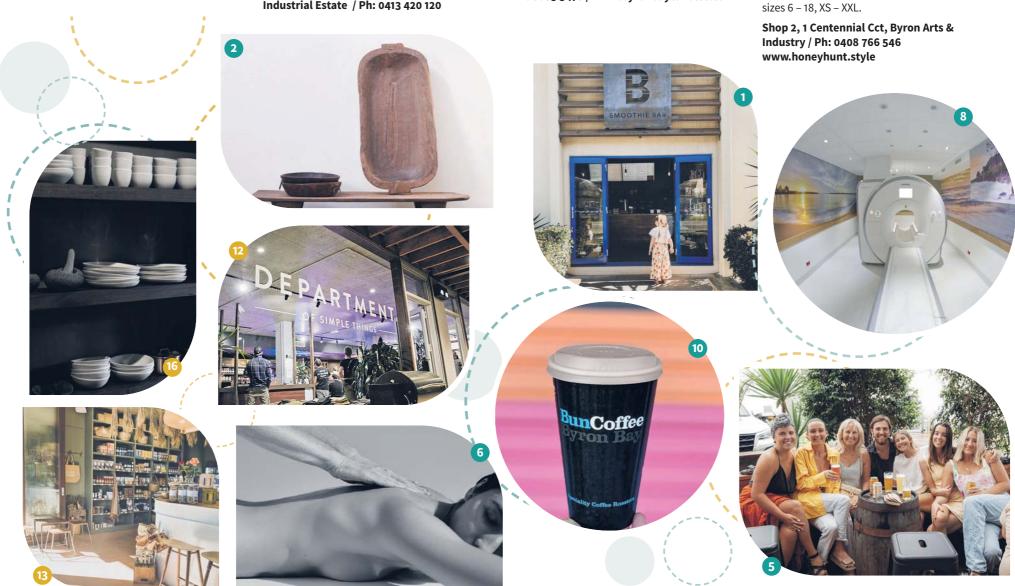
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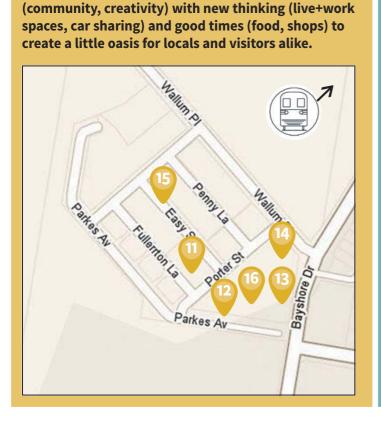
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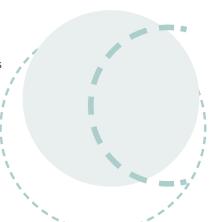
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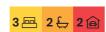




Deep Waterfront Dreaming

4 Inmon Lane **Brushgrove**

4 Inmon Lane, Brushgrove isn't your average waterfront property. Situated at the point of Woodford Island, it offers options to various parts of the Clarence River that few have. Head left and under the Wingfield Bridge to Cowper and the Pacific Highway and you can traverse the South Arm, with still water perfect for water-skiing, estuary fishing and a well-known training ground for rowing. Head right and go around the point and you have unobstructed access along the Main Arm of the Clarence all the way to the Harwood Bridge and then to the ocean beyond via Yamba Heads.



700 sqm

Openn Negotiation - online Auction

Open Saturday 10:00am - 10:30am

Agent

Grant Neilson 0429 664 312

LJ Hooker Maclean 6645 2222 229 River Street







More than rare - it's the only one!

6 Baumea Street Brooms Head

The allure of the Brooms Head area is so strong. Pristine beaches surrounded by National Park, it's a throwback to yesteryear where the family hit the coast in all its uncrowded, peaceful glory. The opportunity to secure vacant land in this coastal hamlet, up until now, was a thing of the past. 6 Baumea Street is the one and only vacant block available for you and your family to create your own slice of paradise. Will it be a beachside cottage, a beachside mansion or maybe even a dual occupancy that is DA approved?

Residential Land - 1,127 sqm

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OPEN HOUSE SAT 25 JUNE 12.45 - 1.15PM **AUCTION** SAT 2 JULY 12PM ON-SITE



LJ Hooker



1 Yemlot Court, Brunswick Heads

GOING TO AUCTION – MOVE STRAIGHT IN

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

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

Off the street and into the house, what you see is what you get, freshly painted new bathrooms, tiled throughout, light bright kitchen with skylight, breaky bench, big open plan lounge, second living room currently has a gym, sauna & big timber dining table. From here walk through the double door opening out to the entertaining area and backuard where you have double gates for vehicle access and a H&C shower for when you get back from the beach. The property really does cater for the seaside lifestyle.

Contact: Peter Browning 0411 801 795





Brunswick Heads





14 Terrara Court, Ocean Shores

GOING TO AUCTION 25/06/2022 12PM

Direct Golf Course

A Putting Green almost in your backyard!

4 Bedrooms - 2 Bathrooms - 2 Car garage - 2 storage Sheds

Must be SOLD sellers have bought elsewhere

A buggy ride or picturesque walk to the country club.

Minutes to Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay and 35min to the Gold Coast & Ballina Byron Gateway Airport. As stated the sellers have bought elsewhere and need this property sold asap.

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Introducing Laine Palmer





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- + DA approval for a second dwelling plus three cabins + Lovely family home with sweeping countryside views
- + Tyagarah Creek runs through undulating arable land
- + Excellent tourism location, 15 mins to Byron & Mullum

Inspect By Appointment

We are thrilled to welcome Laine to our team. Laine works from our Habitat office at 8 Porter Street Byron Bay. She is a key part of our

team, assisting agents and greeting customers. Laine originally came from Sydney and has graduated from University with a Bachelor of International Studies and a Bachelor of Commerce. She has a passion for sewing and knitting her own clothes. "In my spare time, I enjoy surfing, being outdoors and

exercising." Past employers have used the following words to describe Laine: "Professional, easily approachable, always positive, and understanding".

Also, we would like to introduce our knitting group. Like Laine, Katrina also enjoys knitting and we invite anyone wanting to join us for morning tea and light conversations about the market and life in general on the lounge at 8 Porter Street every Monday from 10:30am. Bring your current knitting project. All welcome.



..... overall my association with Katrina Beohm Real Estate was rewarding on all levels.

Diana D - Purchaser

Katrina's professionalism, coupled with her market knowledge, warmth and understanding removed anxiety and delivered calm to what for many is a stressful process. Her staff were at all times polite, helpful and efficient

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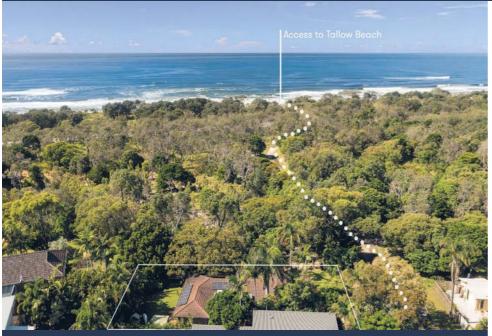
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Beachfront Location with Spacious, Solid Home













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

3 Ocean Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$3.8m - \$4m

Open: Saturday 25th June 11-11.30am





Su Reynolds 02 6685 8466



Luke Elwin 0421 375 635











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- This beautiful property includes mature macadamia trees, a three-level home, separate managers quarters and additional work shed making it the perfect rural retreat
- Recently completed was the gorgeous inground swimming pool with travertine tiles, swim jets, spa jets and solar heating
- A peaceful creek runs through the property and 2 dams provide water for spraying and domestic use, one of the dams adjoins the natural creek

66 Fraser Road, Dunoon

Open: By Appointment

Contact Agent



Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



Charlie Moorhouse 0407 695 921



Modern Spacious home - Exquisite Quality Throughout















656M²

- Absolute quality throughout with travertine tiles, ducted AC, fully fenced,
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11 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park

Price: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



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- Ideally positioned in an exclusive neighbourhood, which is 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: \$950,000 - \$1,025,000

Open: Saturday 25th June 1-1.30pm

506M²

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Stunning Modern Family Home in Central Byron Location













- 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 25th June 12-12.30pm



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- 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

Price Guide: \$1.65m - \$1.8m each





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Charming Character Home in the Heart of Newrybar













- 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 $\slash\,$ 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 24th June 2-2.30pm

Saturday 25th June 2-2.30pm



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Stylish Elevated Suffolk Home With Self-Contained Studio











-) 608M²
- This home boasts an abundance of natural sunlight with a sense of space created by extra high ceilings throughout the entire home
- Thoughtfully designed and includes multiple extra wide north east facing balconies to enjoy the beautiful coastal climate
- This property features a fully self-contained studio with separate kid's room, Ideal for visitors or extended family

7 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park

Open: Saturday 25th June 10-10.30am

Price Guide: Contact Agent



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- Shop 5 is 33sqm, Shop 6 is 41sqm
- Total size is 74sqm
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- Two onsite car spaces
- Currently operating as a fashion boutique

Price: \$1m-\$1.1m Inspect: By Appointment





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340 Bangalow Road, Hayters Hill, Byron Bay

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- 3-5 acres mostly treed with huge potential
- Modest 3 bedroom brick home and sheds
- Adjoins Hayters Hill Nature Reserve
- Less than 5km to Byron Bay

Price: FOR SALE **CONTACT AGENT** Inspect: By Appointment Enquiries: David Gordon 0418 856 222



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1/20 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

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Sunny Beachside Retreat

Looking for a beachside getaway or an ideally positioned • Opportunity to purchase in a highly sought-after investment? -Located on the sunny side of Brandon Street right in the heart of the incredibly popular beachside neighbourhood and just one block back from the beach this delightful townhouse is all about lifestyle.

- Beautifully situated just one street back from Tallows Beach (300 metres)
- A short stroll to Suffolk Park shops and tavern

Auction: Auction this Saturday, 10am onsite Inspect: Open Homes

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Large Family Home in Superb Location, Bangalow

- Multiple living areas with a flexible layout, including a second ensuited bedroom ideal for guests or a professional working from home
- Clean modern lines and zoned ducted heating/cooling throughout
- Private level terraced yard featuring heated in-ground swimming pool with swim jets
- Cul-de-sac location in one of Bangalow's quietest precincts with short walk to town, easily accessing all village amenities and the beaches of Byron or Lennox Head within 20 minutes drive
- Near new condition with nothing to do but move in, unpack and enjoy the village lifestyle

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Saturday 10.30 - 11.00am

Trent Stana 0447 301 660 trent.stana@raywhite.com







Hinterland Hideaway Living, Main Arm

- 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
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- Scenic 12 minute drive to Mullum's cafes and other amenities

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Development Opportunity in Central Bangalow

- 3 adjoining lots in the heart of town
- Development potential on over 2,700m2 a hidden gem
- 3 building entitlements to utilise or reconfigure
- Stunning northerly outlook to showgrounds & surrounding parklands Virtual frontage to picturesque Byron Creek
- Charming original cottage to renovate or cost positive removal
- First time offered in over 80 years

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Auction

Saturday 9th July

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Trent Stana

• Seamless indoor/outdoor entertainers paradise

- Resort style in-ground pool and tropical landscaped yard
- Rural views across fields of green to the lush rolling hills of Bangalow Conveniently located walking distance to shops, cafes, school and
- sporting fields
- Relaxed privacy with only one adjoining property gives the feel of rural living in a family friendly neighbourhood

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Auction

Saturday 9th July

Saturday 9.30 - 10.00am

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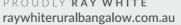


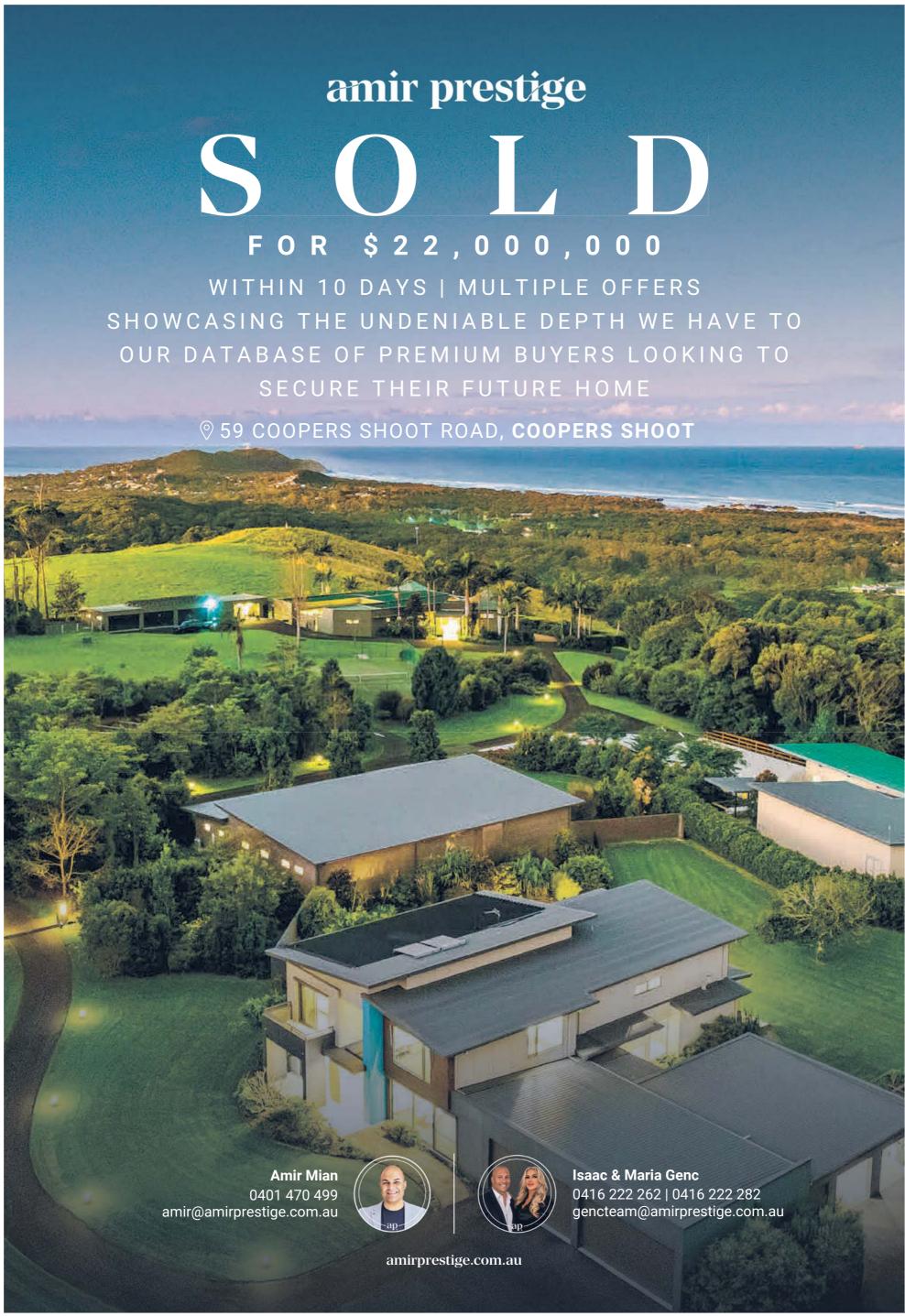
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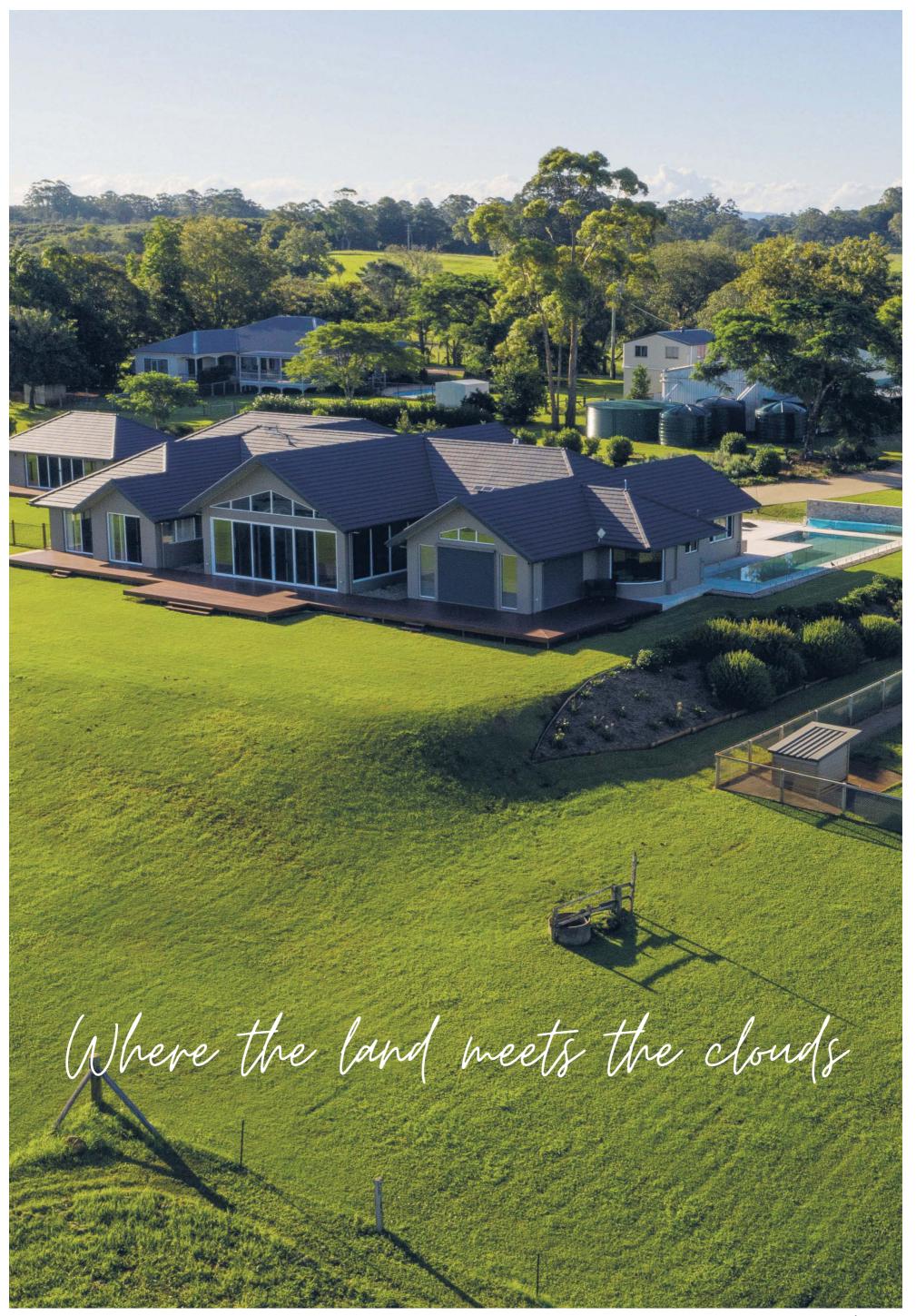
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VIRGO: If this week's downside surfaces as unsolicited opinions about your life choices or an unexpected outpouring of grievances, be generous with understanding, firm with boundaries and wary of unconfirmed fears. Its upside advises lashings of self-care, which you can justify as needing to keep yourself in

SAGITTARIUS: When approached directly, crabs take a lateral sidestep. which is likely to be the signature dance move of this and the next few weeks. Treading gently takes precedence on the current activity list because less forthright, more thoughtful, touchy feely tactics are required while connections are delicate and easily damaged.

ACROSS

1. Contemporary (2,2,4)

- 1. Currently out of bed, young Dorothy returned and dined (2,2,4) 5. Excuses for Baba, twice (6)
- 9. Hit the way in, warned Spooner, threatening heavy rain (8)
- 10. Small family groups around Eastern flocks of geese (6)
- 12. Stalk makes incomprehensible words (5,8)
- 15. Correct conservative (5) 16. Rowers saw no more action (9)

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 17. Sadly at sea, as in Japanese, perhaps (4,5)
- 19. Wharf and Italian river, said Spooner, hoping for tea (5)
- 20. Chapel bastard required for
- teacher's aids (8,5) 22. Bet with mug lair on Helix (6)
- 23. Egyptian god returns after regurgitated meal – it could be
- 25. Three course, dined in upper house (6)
- 26. The lowest class to guide the times (8)

- 1. Covered in excrement, they say, but not discouraged (10)
- 2. Pull to the west (3)
- 3. Place for exciting topside (7)
- Tight circle reasonable, but it can
- be about needless repetition (12) 6. Appreciate three courses – almost
- fresh! (4,3) 7. Mike, laborer, becomes a skilled
- tradesman (11) 8. Small remains of a band (4)
- 11. Great men sent crazy by separation (12)
- 13. Lit gasoline explosion call the law (11)
- 14. Bury New South Wales for one -
- across the Murray! (10) 18. Snake to stop for road surface (7)
- 19. Choose fire, a tool of destruction
- 21. Goddess of terrorists? (4)
- 24. Eggs finished, they say (3)

Quick Clues

- 5. Proofs of not being at the crime scene (6)
- 9. Deluge (8)
- 10. Coils of yarn (6)
- 12. Prattles on (5,8) 15. Entitlement (5)
- 16. Female sculler (9)
- 17. People from China, Japan, Thailand
- 19. Superior grade of black tea (5)
- 20. Used in teaching letter recognition (8,5)
- 22. Coil (6)
- 23. Skin cancer (8)
- 25. Australian legislative chamber (6) 26. Cheapest accommodation
- on-board (8)

DOWN

- 1. Not put off (10)
- 2. Tug (3)
- 3. Down payment (7)
- 4. Redundant; iterative (12)
- 6. In very good condition (4,3) 7. Fabricator of steel containers (11)
- 8. Cummerbund (4)
- 11. Alienation (12) 13. Acts of parliament (11)
- 14. Description of travel into or out of Victoria (10) 18. Bitumen (7)
- 19. Agricultural implement for breaking hard ground (7)
- 21. Egyptian goddess of motherhood and magic (4)

24. Female reproductive cells (3) Last week's solution N443

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Sun in Cancer craves soulfood, Venus in Gemini likes eyecandy. This week's trick is balancing the mix...



ARIES: The celestial calendar sets this month's most meaningful moments in the family arena. With exchanges ranging from tender to hilarious to stormy, things that may not work are logic, reason and common sense. Listening without interrupting, acknowledging peoples' feelings and asking for permission or consent stand a better chance.

TAURUS: We're now in the zodiac's annual segment dedicated to getting stuff done around the house, though its planetary patterning also inclines people to change their minds, giving Taurean patience quite the workout. This week's biggest caution? Going easy on the comfort food - Cancerian transits are known to stimulate the stomach.

GEMINI: When Venus and Mercury couple-up in Gemini, expect some flirty dialogue and double entendres. And a week of meeting kindred spirits, refreshing friendships, surprising synergies and community cooperation. If you have a Mercury project on the go (writing, communication, short trip, any type of media), there's celestial wind

CANCER: With this week's Sun in your security conscious, family-oriented sign for the annual blessing of the Crab clan, nesting instincts are ascendant and home is where the heart is. Annual new moon in Cancer on 29 June asks 'is it worth giving a thought to some kind of at-home business?' Your bank balance might thank you.

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LIBRA: This emotional astrocycle could flip Libran scales every-which-way from sympathetic and affectionate to reactive and angsty, so savvy Venusians will stay calm as they can and ideally at home out of trouble. If changing minds make decision-making more challenging than usual, ride those waves of fluctuating feelings without necessarily acting on

SCORPIO: Psychologists have identified a process called emotional contagion, which means that moods - uplifting as well as grumpy – are catching. There's a lot going on under the surface of this week, including deep and meaningfuls with your inner circle, but if something feels off, follow your natural Scorpionic inclination to investigate.

CAPRICORN: The sign of the Crab, your complementary opposite on the zodiac wheel, values wisdom accumulated by time and experience. You're a traditionalist too, and the annual transit of Cancer's about how to make new conditions work for you. Capricorns love a long-term plan, but you also need to be ready to pivot when necessary.

AQUARIUS: Teary types emoting all over the place aren't Aquarians' favourite scenario, but if your usual intellectual approach isn't cutting it this week, try dropping out of your head and hearing what your heart has to say. Happily, current emotional highs and lows are balanced by cosy domesticity and home comforts with your close, personal circle.

PISCES: Your guiding planet Neptune only visits Pisces every second century. The blue-green orb currently dipping into a meditative five-month retrograde in your sign opens a once-in-a-lifetime healing portal for dealing with painful patterns, trauma and ancestral issues if you're willing to take a courageous audit of your life.

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The closing date for submissions is 6th July 2022.

For general info on the nbn, visit our website at www.nbnco.com.au.

For further site information, visit www.rfnsa.com.au (Site ID: 2482006, 2482007)



Notification of Proposal to Upgrade NBN™ Radio Network Base Station Facilities

As part of the fixed radio (wireless) component of the nbn Network, nbn is proposing to upgrade the existing radio network base stations at the following location(s) to improve service conditions:

- Existing lattice tower at Byron View Communications Tower, Byron Bay NSW 2481 (Site
- Existing monopole at 161 Broken Head Road, Newrybar NSW 2479 (Site ID: 2479006)

The proposed works on site will involve:

- Replacement of existing panel antennas with new antennas which are of similar size to the existing panel antennas
- Removal of existing panel antennas
- Installation of new panel antennas
- Installation of a new equipment cabinet at ground level
- Removal and installation of ancillary equipment including feeders, cabling and works within the equipment shelter

nbn regards the proposed as a Low Impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018. In these circumstances, it does not require planning approval from Council.

Further information on these network upgrade works can be obtained by calling Christabel Amankwah on 0419 793 679.

Written submissions can be sent to Level 3, Tower B, Zenith Centre

821 Pacific Highway Chatswood, NSW 2067 or via email to NBNCo.Submissions@servicestream.com.au.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm Wednesday 6th July 2022.

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The Mullumbimby Showground Land Manager manages the Reserve No. 540009 at Mullumbimby notified on 29-Nov-1929 for Showground. The term of appointment will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Application for membership can be made via portal.crownland.nsw.gov.au

All applications are required to be lodged by 22 July 2022.

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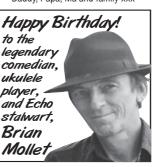
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Byron basketballers crowned State Champions

Tora Crockford

Byron Basketball's U16s girls took out the NSW John Martin Country Championship D3 titles in Bathurst earlier this month.

After straight wins through heats against Illawarra, Maitland, Lithgow and Bathurst, captain and point guard Lilly Short led the Beez through a successful but nail biting semifinal with Shoalhaven. Just one hour later the side triumphed over Maitland in the grand final.

Shooting guard, Thea Mills, took out the most valuable player award.

Coach Gary Lucas said the team fought incredibly by playing an intense pressure defence to come from behind in three games. He commended the girls on their determination and



The all-conquering Byron Beez U/16 girls' team. Photo supplied

composure when challenged by bigger and older opponents.

Equal opportunity

Short was recently selected for the Basketball **NSW Special Performance** program, and three other team members represented the North Coast in the statewide Academy of Sport games in Wagga Wagga earlier this year.

The win is a great

recognition of the clubs' investment in its young female players, and efforts to ensure equal opportunities for player development across both male and female competitions.

The Beez will try to extend their winning streak to Port Macquarie next weekend for round five of the North eastern junior league division one, where they will take on teams from Tamworth, Central Coast and Newcastle.

Local rugby league's chance to shine this weekend

Ross Kendall

The Mullumbimby Giants' first grade league squad have enjoyed a two-week break after their 54–14 win over the Lower Clarence and will be ready to play away against Marist Brothers this Sunday in Lismore.

The big-scoring game played at home was the first win from five starts for the Giants and has them ninth on the ladder. But with the six teams above them having only two wins apiece, including Marist Brothers, the season is wide open.

Byron Bay Red Devils have also had two weeks off



Try time for the Giants playing at home earlier this month. Photo supplied

following the long weekend and a bye last weekend. The Red Devils are sixth on the ladder and are coming off a 46–6 loss to the table-toppers Murwillumbah, but have two

wins under their belt.

The side takes on Bilambil this Sunday at Red Devil Park and have an opportunity to break into the NRRRL top

Byron Bay rugby union finds its winning mojo

Ross Kendall

Byron Bay clinched a crucial double-points victory in the far north coast first grade rugby union competition when they downed Lismore 38–7 last Saturday playing at home.

Harry Simmonds was awarded the man of the match after scoring three tries in a victory that sees Byron move into fifth place on the competition ladder after two wins for the season.

Byron picked up their first win of the season before the long weekend when they beat Ballina 29-17.



Rampaging rugby from Byron has brought them into contention this season. Photo Chris Stevens

Byron have 15 competition points, equal with Wollongbar and one win behind Ballina (19). Bangalow (20) trails, with

Casuarina (21) on top. Byron has a bye this

weekend. Their next home game is 9 July.

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Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Requiem Mass to be held at St John's Catholic Church. **Mullumbimby on WEDNESDAY** (June 22, 2022) commencing at 11.00am followed by Burial at **Mullumbimby Cemetery.**

MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS



Timothy David Black 24.12.1974 - 02.06.2022

A memorial service to celebrate Tim's life will be held at the Byron Bay Surf Club on Thursday the 23rd of June at 3:30pm. All Welcome

BRANSGROVE Lachlan Alexander Kench 6.3.1969 - 15.6.2022

Passed away peacefully, at his home in Alstonville in the care of his loving family, aged 53 years. Loved and loving husband of Michelle for 29 years. Adored father of Sarah, Emma, and Amy. Loved son of Geoff & Gillian. Cherished brother and brother in-law of Alison, Shane & Joy, Aaron & Danielle, and Christian & Vanessa. Son in-law of Charlie & Lyn Diehm. Loved by the extended Bransgrove and Diehm families.

Family and friends are invited to attend the service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Lachlan, to be held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Zadoc Street Lismore, Thursday 23rd June 2022, commencing at 10:00 am.

Those unable to attend may join with the family via livestream at https://www.lismoreanglicans.com



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Community at Work

On The Horizon – deadline noon Friday

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

Flood grants

Mullumbimby CWA has \$20,000 in grants for flood affected people and businesses in postcode areas 2482 and 2483. Grants of \$500 will be give on a needs basis. Please visit the website https://cwamullumbimby. wordpress.com and select the Flood Grant application form. A copy of driver's licence must accompany the application. Applications close 15 July, 2022. Info: johnandjen6@gmail.com.

Refugee Poetry Prize

Refugee Week is June 19-25 and Ballina Region for Refugees is celebrating it at Ballina Library with a week-long display, a talk by our Acting President, Stanley Yeo, and the launch of our annual Seeking Asylum Poetry Prize. Stanley's talk is at 10am on Monday, 20 June called Remembering Afghanistan.

This years theme of the poetry prize is A Turning Point. We welcome poems, from anyone in the community, that consider the experiences, aspirations and hopes of refugees and asylum seekers looking for a new home, a home in which they can build new, meaningful and safe lives. Poems from refugees and asylum seekers themselves are especially welcome. Closing date: Sunday 14 August. Send in up to three poems of up to 50 lines each. Entry is free and is open to anyone living in Australia. Information and the entry form are available at https://br4r.org.au/poetry-comp.

The Sapphires

The Drill Hall Film Society presents *The* Sapphires, on Saturday 25 June at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm). Set in the heady days of 1968, four young, talented singers from a remote Aboriginal mission, are discovered by an unlikely talent scout. Plucked from obscurity and branded as Australia's answer to The Supremes. Please book at drillhallfilms@ gmail.com or ring Sonia on 6684 2112.

Gender and Disaster Two two-hour sessions 'Lessons

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Book Fair

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire Book Fair covers three big days this year. With a mountain of books for sale, mainly secondhand including some new, all are in very good condition. This year covers a multitude of genres such as rare editions, special selections, fiction, non fiction, art, children's, history, geography, spiritual plus, CDs, games and jigsaws and more. To be held from Friday 1 July to Sunday 3 July 9am to 4pm at the Byron Bay Surf Club in the heart of Byron Bay. An event not to he missed

End-of-Life Choices

Voluntary euthanasia End-of-Life Choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. The next meeting is on Thursday 30 June, 10am to midday, at the South Tweed Sports Club, Attendees must be Exit Members. For further Information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

Winter Appeal

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club calls on community to give generously to The Smith Family's Winter Appeal to support thousands of children and young people with their education as they deal with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For those who are interested to find out more about VIEW or who would like to join visit view.org.au or call 1800 805 366.

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Further to last week's dig at Council gifting land to developers, staff have told councillors that no permission has been given to gift public land as part of the Asset Protection Zone required for the large Suffolk Park DA on Clifford Street. In 2020, Council approved a DA for an exclusive restaurant bordering Scarrabelotti's Lookout. It included car parking access that Council gifted to the developer. The land where the road is located was originally donated to the public by Frank Scarrabelotti. Once the DA was approved, it was promptly put on the market.

Last week's story regarding the 90 day letting cap incorrectly stated 15,000 homes would come onto the market if a 90 day cap was introduced. The correct number, as estimated by the NSW planning department, is 1,500.

While NSW's public school and Catholic school teachers will hold a joint strike on June 30 over staff shortages and pay, the government will ask itself why, in an inquiry, they have been so useless in providing reasonable working conditions and pay. See page 8. That's sum guvmint action!

Fines and costs totalling \$285,600 have been awarded against Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) after the Land and Environment Court found tree felling in exclusion zones had done 'actual harm' to koala habitat in Wild Cattle Creek Forest near Coffs Harbour. See page 8.

Shireen Abu Akleh and Jamal Khashoggi were two US journalists, murdered by Israel and Saudi Arabia

respectively. And now, Australian citizen and WikiLeaks publisher, Julian Assange, is fighting his extradition to the US by the UK Home Sec-

retary, where he could face a 175 year sentence. Such is the punishment for doing real journalism.

Established indie filmmaker, David Bradbury, is seeking financial support so he can continue to speak truth to power. With the end of the financial year upon us, David is asking the public to consider making a one-off tax deductible donation. Alternatively, you can become a member of the Frontline Film Foundation for as little as \$5 a week. Visit www. frontlinefilmfoundation.org. au for more.

If you want to be advised of the planning panel's meetings (see page 1), you have to keep checking their website. After The Echo was handballed around by

the planning department for asking how to improve procedure, it became clear that the only way to improve

Jagun" - Carpet Snake Country', says artist Nickolla Clark of her new art exhibition.

It opens at Byron's Lone Goat Gallery this Friday evening. Photo Jeff Dawson

public awareness of panel meetings/decisions is by changing the law. Do they want us informed or not?











