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Every Splendour in the Grass event, Andy Forbes draws on his deep, dark well of interdisciplinary artistic expression to decorate the stage. For 2022, it's DIY selfie mayhem at the Township. Pictured are Mark Burton, Oliver Buckworth, Leighton Stephenson and Andy. Splendour will be held at North Byron Parklands from July 22-24. Photo Jeff 'On Ya Bike' Dawson

Info, consultation lacking around Mullum pod homes

Paul Bibby

Resilience NSW says it has engaged a team of design experts to ensure that the temporary pod village being built in central Mullumbimby to house flood victims is safe from flooding, and has stated that the pods themselves will be raised above flood levels.

But those living next to the pod village remain concerned, pointing out that they are yet to receive any

assurances from the government that their homes will not be at greater risk of flooding as a result of the development.

The project will see 60 temporary housing pods, each with between one and four bedrooms, installed on a 2.5-hectare field on Station Street next to Woolworths.

In a letter sent to neighbours three days before preparatory construction works began last week, locals were told that the pod homes

would have power, water and sewerage, and would be supported by a community housing provider.

However, the letter made no mention of whether the site had been assessed by engineers or hydrologists to determine whether it was appropriate for this type of development.

With residents receiving no other official communication about the site, a significant number became concerned about the flood-prone

nature of the land, which was covered by around 1.5 metres of water during the February/March floods.

'We understand that people need somewhere safe to live, but many of us are questioning whether this will actually be safe when the next flood comes,' resident Rosie Bookallil said.

'We haven't been provided with any information about whether the project is flood-safe or not. Continued on page 2

Residents critical of plans to expand rural dwellings

Main Arm residents are calling for councillors to scrap their plans to expand rural housing on Multiple Occupancies (MOs) and Rural Community Title (CTs), owing to poor process and it being 'not in keeping with the original ideals of Multiple Occupancy Living'.

In a submission to Council, they wrote, 'We strongly believe that changes to planning controls should follow due process, including impartial, evidence-based Council reports and inclusive community consultation. Planning Proposal 26.2022.1.1 does not align with these views, and we cannot support it'.

MO and CT structures allow land to be managed by a consortium of landowners, and were established as a home ownership entry point for low- to medium-income earners. In 2021, Tweed Shire removed rural land sharing communities options, after MOs were found to be moving toward more traditional residential housing.

With submissions sought by Council around allowing additional dwellings on MOs and CTs, Main Arm Rural Residents Association (MARRA) supplied The Echo with their feedback.

No affordable housing guarantees

MARRA write, 'The amendments cannot guarantee an increase in affordable housing, and no evidence is given to support this outcome. It is worth noting that developers can and do use the housing affordability crisis to their own advantage'. Continued on page 2



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Maya Kent was in the driver's seat of this '57 Chev Bel Air convertible at last weekend's Back to Bruns Hot Rod Run. The event attracted hundreds of classic cars and their proud owners, from the lovingly restored vintage vehicles, through to the meticulously deconstructed jalopies. Photo Jeff 'Top Down, Bumpers Shined' Dawson

Rural development plans blasted by residents

Continued from page 1 Justification in the staff report for opening up rural development was also criticised, with MARRA saying 'there was no community consultation or detailed information made available to residents affected by these changes at that time'.

'Many residents are still recovering from [the flooding] disaster and repairs are ongoing nearly five months later.

'Main Arm has a substantial number of Multiple Occupancy (MO) and Community Title (CT) sites. It is pre-emptive to proceed with this amendment decision before all government flood reviews are complete'.

Bangalow Bowlo proposal faces stiff opposition

Hans Lovejoy

With amalgamation plans between the Bangalow Bowlo and large entertainment corporation, Norths Collective, still under discussion, residents have voiced concerns over losing a valued community freehold, control of the club and the potential for the new owners installing more pokie machines to raise revenue.

Yet according to the club's Vice President, Atosha Clancy, 'Gaming will be limited by the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and we are currently negotiating a maximum number of machines, a maximum floor space and the position of the gaming room, away [from] public view.

'Bangalow Bowlo, like every other bowling club on the far north coast, has gaming. We will limit gaming through the MOU'.

Councillor against

Yet Byron Councillor, Asren Pugh (Labor), is not in favour, and confirmed with The Echo his social media post on July 12:

He wrote, 'Firstly, I want to say that I think the current board have been very open in this process and given lots of opportunities for member engagement'.

interests of the community at heart, and I recognise that there are serious and significant challenges for the Bowlo'.

He says there is a 'clear reliance on a big increase in poker machine revenue'.

'Throughout the FAQs and proposal is a goal of getting to 15 per cent of revenue coming from poker machines.

'With current revenue, this means somewhere between \$350k and \$400k from pokies every year. With the stated aim of getting to over \$6 million in yearly revenue, 15 per cent would mean somewhere over \$900k. Norths is a massive gambling operation, which I believe we should not be a part of.

'I visited Seagulls at Tweed, where they have nearly 200 poker machines - it is a lifeless and dreary place. Poker machines do serious damage to our community and I don't think we should have any more of them in Bangalow'.

Cr Pugh also feared the club being 'subsumed into a massive organisation like Norths means we will not be able to control our club'.

'The zoning of the land

'I look forward to being able to have a good look at the proposed MOU, but at the moment, the negatives far outweigh the positives for me'.

Cr Pugh later told *The* Echo that Seagulls, located in Tweed Heads, was another Norths Collective venue.

Yet Club Vice President Clancy maintains that 'both Norths Collective and the Bangalow Bowling and Sports Club have the same structure: they are wholly owned by their members and are not-for-profit organisations'.

'There are no "shareholders" who receive profit. If the proposed amalgamation goes ahead, Bangalow members will (if they so choose) become members of Norths Collective. The Bangalow Bowlo would therefore be owned by all members of Norths Collective.

'The MOU ensures that a local advisory committee will be set up to advise the amalgamated club on Bangalow issues for ten years.

'We expect to have a draft MOU ready to provide to our members very soon. Once finalised, the MOU will be voted on by the Board of both clubs, before going to the membership for a vote, hopefully late August or in September.

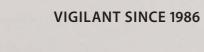
has deteriorated since we were advised by the accountant in January to seek other options. The Bangalow Bowlo now sits on the edge'.

'One concern of the Board, members and community is "what happens in ten years when the MOU expires"?'

'Growing capital has been challenging and the capital reserves that had built up were decimated by the pandemic.

'Personally, I can't see how the club will exist in another ten years without a massive (\$3M-\$5M) injection of capital.

'Norths Collective bring capital, decades of experience in the club industry, job security, and a history of four successful amalgamations over more than three decades. The Greens, at North Sydney, a small old bowling club not unlike Bangalow, is still going strong after 31 years. What I hear from the community is that no one wants to lose the Bowlo; neither do the any of the Board, which is why we are investigating a pathway to give the club a secure future, with local jobs and career paths, and sponsorship for



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'I truly believe that those involved have the best

means that after 10 years, Norths could do what they like, including being sold to build aged or disability accommodation on it. "Trust us" is not enough for me'.

'The financial situation

junior and adult sports, for decades to come'.

For more information visit www.bangalowbowlo.com. au/future.

NSW Biz seeks feedback on uncertain outlook

With the business outlook 'increasingly uncertain', peak lobby group, Business NSW, say they want to hear from business owners 'about what you need to get through a tough winter trading period for many'.

In a press release, they say, 'COVID-19 cases are on the rise, staff shortages remain a concern, the cost of doing business continues to surge, and more interest rate hikes are on the cards. The business outlook is increasingly

uncertain. How is your business preparing for the various challenges ahead?

Challenges ahead

'We will collate all the responses received and present them directly to the NSW government. 'Your participation in this survey is vital.

'The survey should take only five-to-ten minutes to complete'.

The survey is at https://bit.ly/3B1iycj.

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Get ready to revel in food and culture

A new food and culture festival, called REVEL Byron Bay, is set to launch Thursday, November 10, till Sunday, November 13.

Organisers say the event will 'incorporate an array of local restaurants, businesses and iconic locations for long lunches, twilight soirees, public art installations, performances, health and wellness classes, a produce market, tours, panel discussions, and workshops'.

Foodie lineup

The food line up has been curated by acclaimed chef David Moyle, and include event hosts Harvest, Raes on Wategos, Three Blue Ducks, Belongil Beach Italian Food, Bang Bang Byron Bay, Barrio, Capiche, The Hut, The Roadhouse, Treehouse on Belongil, Ciao Mate!, The Eltham and You Beauty.



From left: MLAK – Karlee Mackie, (festival arts ambassador and collaborator); David Moyle (festival food curator); Paul McNeil, (festival arts ambassador and collaborator); Alex Taylor (founder and festival co-director); Jonny Ruddy (festival co-director); Delta Kay (festival ambassador and cultural educator). Photo Jeff 'Always Up For A Revel' Dawson

Festival co-directors, Alex Taylor and Jonny Ruddy, say the festival will look to

showcase the rich culture the Northern Rivers has to offer, following the harsh impacts

of covid and floods. For full program, visit www.revelbyronbay.com.



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No neighbour consultation around Mullum pod homes

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'That includes whether it will create drainage and runoff issues that could threaten the surrounding homes as well as the pods.'

In a written response following repeated questioning by The Echo, a Resilience NSW spokesperson said the Mullumbimby site had been identified following a 'comprehensive review' of suitable land in the area led by the Department of Planning and Environment, and in consultation with Byron Council.

'Flood safety is a priority,' a Resilience NSW spokesperson said.

'A detailed construction design is currently in

progress, which will account for the flood prone nature of the land, and the most appropriate way of accommodating homes on site, based on expert advice and the input of a qualified multidisciplinary design team.

'It will include the raising of pods above flood levels.'

This week, Byron Council confirmed that the Station Street site was one of a number of areas that it had recommended to Resilience NSW as being suitable for temporary flood accommodation.

'Council presented a range of sites and information to Resilience NSW including assessments

on location, proximity to services, suitability etc,' a Council spokesperson said.

'Resilience NSW then identified its preferred sites.' Byron Mayor, Michael

Lyon, said that he understood neighbours' concerns, but that the Station Street site had been earmarked for community projects for a long time, and he had 'made no secret about Council's desire to make use of that land'.

'Our main concern at the moment is about how long the flood response is taking, particularly in terms of housing, and the distress being experienced by the people who've lost their homes,' Councillor Lyon said. 'In an

emergency like this you need to get things going.' But Ms Bookallil and many

of her fellow neighbours say the comments leave many of their concerns unresolved.

'There is still no indication as to whether they have investigated the potential impact on the surrounding homes, and what steps they're taking to ensure those homes aren't affected,' she said.

'Also, if they're still undertaking the design process, why are there trucks out there right now laying down layers of dirt on the site?

'And why hasn't anyone spoken to us as part of this design process? There's been no consultation whatsoever.'

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Fees increase on DA amendments which benefit developers

Hans Lovejoy

After recent fees and charges were adopted by councillors, The Echo sought confirmation from staff that certain mendments around DAs

'In arriving at the fees, we reviewed comparable coastal councils' fee schedules i.e. councils with similar demand drivers to Byron Shire such as tourism and lifestyle factors and median

review of supporting studies) - Stage 2 Pre-Gateway' will rise from \$4,000 to \$13,000 (225 per cent).

A 'Minor Amendment (Single site and not requiring specialist review of supporting studies) - Stage 3 Post-Gateway' will rise from \$2,000 to \$7,000 (250 per cent). A 'Major Amendment (Multiple sites and/or requiring specialist review of supporting studies) - Stage 1 Pre-lodgement Meeting and Report' will rise from \$7,000 to \$10,000 (42.86 per cent). A 'Major Amendment (Multiple sites and/or requiring specialist review of supporting studies) – Stage 2 Pre-Gateway will rise from \$10,000 to \$35,000 (250 per cent).

As for DA application fees, Ms French says they are regulated, and set by the NSW Government's Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 -NSW Legislation.

are now substantially more expensive.

Sharyn French, acting Director of Sustainable Economy and the Environment, told The Echo, the fees relate to amendments to the Byron LEP.

'These come into effect when a landowner wants to amend the LEP, which is generally done to enable an upzoning or additional uses on the land and these amendments can significantly increase the financial value of the land'.

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house prices.

'The structure of the fees was also updated to align with recent changes by the DPE to the LEP amendment process. Some stages of the process are now more resource intensive than before, therefore we need to reshuffle the weighting of fees to best reflect expenses at each stage'.

DA amendment fees

The cost for 'Minor Amendment (Single site and not requiring specialist

DA application fees

According to the adopted fees, submitting a DA 'not involving the erection of a building, carrying out of work or subdivision of land' will rise from \$285 to \$333, while a DA 'consisting of the erection of a dwelling house when estimated cost of construction is \$100,000 or less' will rise from \$455 to \$532. The cost of 'Erection of a building or other works with estimated cost up to \$5,000' remains \$110.

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Taking on the well resourced monied class, one story at a time

Hans Lovejoy

N oam Chomsky once said, 'The general population doesn't know what's happening, and it doesn't even know that it doesn't know. They don't even know what's going on at that remote and secret level of decision making'.

So where do you source your news? If you were to only take the mainstream media as your news sources, you may be unaware that they act as a protection racket for malfeasance and corruption by the ruling class.

It's one big club, as comedian George Carlin once said, 'and you're not in it'.

Without independent journalists, the public would be largely unaware of what the ruling elite do.

It takes a rare breed of person to constantly challenge the most powerful among us.

Meet Byron Bay resident, Walkley Award winner, and investigative journalist, Anthony Klan.

He's a one man operation who publishes www.theklaxon.com.au, along with the occasional *Klaxon* newspaper, and he does it all on a shoestring and with the loyal support of subscribers.

Guide Dogs disaster

Recently, Klan blew the lid on Guide Dogs Victoria.

His investigations revealed that the charity delivered just 35 guide dogs in the 2020–21 financial year, while executive salaries and government funding for the operation have continued to rise substantially over the years.

'Government funding to the charity increased four-fold over the past decade, while the level of service it is providing the public fell by 25 per cent,' Klan *The Echo*.

CEO Karen Hayes, who publicly supported former treasurer Josh Frydenberg in his recent election bid, has since resigned and the close relationship between the Liberals and the Guide Dogs has since been exposed further.

He says, 'Guide Dogs Victoria is, or at least



Byron Bay resident, Walkley Award winner, and investigative journalist, Anthony Klan.

was, one of Australia's most trusted charities, but under the hood, it's an absolute disaster'.

Klan told *The Echo* he moved to the area around two years ago, far from the Sydney bustle, to be closer to family, and for a change of scenery.

Foreign interference by China

He said he now gets followed around a lot less – something that had been occurring in his last few months at *The Australian*, when he was trying, unsuccessfully, to expose a major scandal over foreign interference involving the Chinese Government.

'I would get my photo taken at cafes', he says, 'the tactic of course is to silence any criticism. Eventually I got fed up with being followed around'.

'I kept it mainly to myself for starters, but in November 2019, highly-regarded former *Sydney Morning Herald* journalist and Beijing correspondent, John Garnaut, went public with almost identical experiences.

'In one case, he and his wife were sitting in a Melbourne cafe and were targeted by four people clearly seeking to intimidate them; an incident they reported to Victoria Police.

'Months later, Garnaut and his wife were in another Melbourne cafe, giving evidence about the incident to three plainclothes police investigators, and the same thing occurred – one of the police officers noticed they were being filmed.'

Prior to the recent federal election, Klan fundraised enough money to publish 40,000 copies of his own 16 page *Klaxon* newspaper.

It was distributed door-to-door in the safe Victorian electoral seat of then treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, and the newspaper ran with a front page story claiming Frydenberg was covering up alleged nefarious actions of those in charge of the national corporate watchdog, ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission).

'Despite dozens of requests for comment over 18 months, Frydenberg never replied to me. The top two bosses at ASIC, both Coalition appointees, departed after a major scandal and Frydenberg announced an "inquiry", Klan said. 'Three months later, Frydenberg released a document and said the men had been given the all clear.

'Our investigations revealed this wasn't true – in fact, three-quarters of the inquiry's key findings had been secretly deleted from the document Frydenberg released to the public.'

In a former life as a News Corp (Murdoch) journalist, Klan quit and made a very public fuss when his editors refused to publish stories in the lead up to the 2019 federal election.

Australian editors refuse to publish his investigations

'There were two major investigations that *The Australian* refused to publish, that were kiboshed by the editors'.

'One was into the superannuation system. After my investigations revealed it was the major banks and financial institutions robbing the public blind – and not the so-called "union" or "industry" funds, as much of the media had been claiming for years – the whole investigation got scrapped. I couldn't get the stories out, no matter how hard I tried.

'The second was even more concerning, if that's possible. I had undertaken a major investigation into foreign interference by the Chinese Communist Party in Australia, and my findings were enormously disturbing. 'The investigations went to the heart of

Australia's national security, and heavily implicated both Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton.

'I'm almost certain that if the stories were published, there's no way the Coalition would have won the 2019 election.

'And that's precisely why they weren't published – I am certain of that'.

Who holds the powerful to account?

As to Klan's 'go to' media organisations who he believes are holding the powerful to account, he replies, 'Michael West Media (Michael is a mentor and friend of mine, since working together at *The Australian* many years ago), *Crikey* (particularly Bernard Keane) and *The Saturday Paper*.

Both *The Guardian* and the ABC are highly trustworthy and reliable news sources, and extremely important to the nation. Yet with a few exceptions (ABC's *Four Corners* obviously) the ABC is currently too timid. The biggest problems we face are structural – the same old responses and coverage won't cut it.

'ProPublica and NPR in the US; ByLine Times and ByWire Times in the UK (which syndicates all The Klaxon's articles); and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), which does fantastic work, particularly on international tax avoidance (Panama Papers, Pandora Papers etc)'.

Australia sliding towards entrenched corruption

Holding the powerful to account and public trust are perhaps the most important aspects that keep democracy from slipping into tyranny.

Klan points out in his recent editorial that since 2012, Australia and Hungary have slid the fastest towards more entrenched corruption

He says, 'Since 2012, no other OECD country has slid faster into corruption, according to one of the world's most respected corruption monitors, Transparency International. Hungary and Australia are in a tie for last place, having fallen the fastest over the past decade'.

Yet it's not all bad – there is an appetite among the public for change, and he adds, 'Independent political candidates are riding a wave of popularity, retired judges are putting their foot down and calling out media misinformation, and the drums of an ever-closer Federal ICAC continue to beat steadily in the background'.



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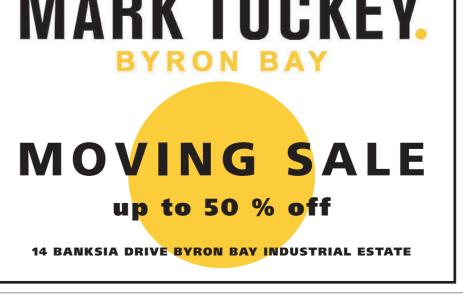
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many challenges in recent years, ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic and bushfires to the devastating floods in early 2022.

North Coast people have shown courage and support for each other in the face of these life-changing events. This updated draft plan includes measures to help the region recover and rebuild with resilience.





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Vale astrologer, musician Varij Varidium | Flood Relief Fund distributes \$1.68m

Well-known Byron Bay astrologer, Varij (Wayne Stuart), died last Thursday aged 74, from bowel and liver cancer.

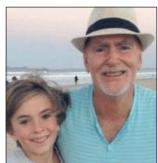
Varij had worked as an astrologer in Byron Shire for the past 30 years, as well as in Cairns and Sydney, and on the occasional overseas yoga retreat, such as in Bali.

His former partner, Sara Crowe, paid tribute to him on social media, saying, 'Varij leaves a son (our son) Bo Stuart, aged 17, several former partners who are close friends, a wide circle of good friends, and thousands of grateful clients and astrology students in the region, and across the country'.

'Varij taught astrology at Temple Byron, set up by his close friend and fellow astrologer, Paul Margolin, for about ten years (2005–15).

'He also gave astrology and tarot readings at the Crystal Castle, and at the Byron Medicine Wheel, for many years, and privately.

'One of Varij's career highlights was creating and directing a series of Astro-Dramas in Byron Bay in the early 1990s. These involved hundreds of people and it was very popular.



Varij and his son, Bo, at Brunswick Heads a few years ago. Photo supplied

'With his insightful readings, weekly astrology group, and Astro-Dramas, Varij helped many people gain greater insight into themselves and their lives. He received hundreds of lovely testimonials over the years.

'Varij also wrote astrology articles for several magazines and newspapers in the 1990s and 2000s, including *Wellbeing* and *Family Circle* magazines, and a weekly column in the now defunct *Byron News*.'

'Earlier, Wayne was a musician for a couple of decades in Melbourne, where he was born and bred. He played guitar and trumpet. His great musical loves included jazz, reggae and Afro-fusion. He wrote songs as well.

Another major lifelong interest of Varij's was politics.

He was strongly left-wing and cared deeply about issues such as social justice and inequality.

'He was an intellectual really, although it's not a word he would have used,' Sara said. 'Varij topped his year in Philosophy in his Arts degree at Melbourne University, then did his Masters on Eastern and Western philosophy, also at Melbourne Uni, in the 1970s. He then became a philosophy tutor at Melbourne Uni. He left a potential academic career to pursue a career in music, then as an astrologer.

'Varij left the physical world for the spiritual realm on a magical full moon evening that was cosmically auspicious for him. It was the brightest full moon of the year, and also the highest king tide of the year – fitting for a Pisces, who loved the ocean. It was also the day of an annual festival in India, to honour all the gurus (teachers), past and present. Varii had a strong connection to India, and later became something of a guru/teacher himself in Byron Shire'.

■ A wake for Varij will be held on July 27, from 2–5pm at Mevlana Hall, near Mullum.



The grant recipients and donors, who took part in a panel discussion as part of the Northern Rivers Flood Relief Fund's 'Thank You' event at Byron Theatre last week. Photo supplied

Paul Bibby

Every day across the Northern Rivers, scores of organisations are helping local communities rebuild and recover from one of the worst natural disasters in the region's history.

The flood recovery effort may have dropped out of the national headlines, but staff and volunteers from these groups continue to do their best to meet the needs of those who were, and still are, affected.

A handful of these groups came together last week at an event celebrating the recipients and donors involved in the Northern Rivers Flood Relief Fund.

'We have heard many stories of how lives have

been saved and changed in ways that no one could imagine, thanks to the support we were able to provide..., Barbara from the Mental Health Support group told the gathering.

More than \$1.68 million was raised by the fund over the past four months, exceeding the original target.

The money was distributed directly to 106 community organisations, in the form of \$10,000 grants by the Byron Community Centre, and the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, which set up and ran the fund.

'The long recovery is what we're tapping into now,' Kate Love from the Community Centre told *The Echo*.

'Once things start to drop out of the national media [headlines] that's when it falls to the community to step in and support.'

David from Vibe Care Pantry said demand for the organisation's food outlets had increased dramatically owing to the floods.

'Being able to install a large commercial freezer, we're more efficient with food that we do get, and we can get it out to more people,' he said.

Unlike some of the larger aid organisations involved in the flood recovery effort, 100 per cent of donations to the Fund were passed on to organisations working on the ground providing emergency relief.

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Melanie fights the law, miraculously wins

Hans Lovejoy

A Mullumbimby resident fought a parking fine and miraculously won.

Melanie Saunders told *The Echo* she had parked her car in Brunswick Heads, in front of the public tennis courts, and 'believed that to be a legitimate parking spot'.

She says, 'I had looked around for a No Parking sign but did not see one'.

'After I received the fine, I checked the area again and saw a Venture Park sign 10–15 metres away from where I was parked. The trees around the sign were overgrown.

'The sign had 12 little icons, with all the things you can't do in a "Venture Park" area eg, no camping, no fires, no nudity etc, and one being of a car saying "No Vehicles" in tiny writing. (image attached).

'The signage was facing east, and I drove in from the north, missing the sign completely, because it was obstructed by the trees,



Melanie Saunders succesfully argued in court that the parking signage provided by Council was inadequate. The yellow circle indicates no parking in the area. Photo supplied

wasn't near the entry and wasn't a "No parking" sign.

'In the courtroom, I had to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the positioning of the signage was incorrectly placed, and that it was obstructed. 'It wasn't hard to prove,

had provided proved my point beautifully'. Her husband Craig said, 'She was ferocious in her

as the photo that Council

cross examination, and they submitted enough doubt and then she declared "No more questions your honour".

Ferocious cross examination

'It was a stunning performance, worthy of an LA law trial. The opposing prosecutor scrambled at the end to try and redeem the situation, to no avail'.

Byron Council staff were asked by *The Echo* whether the signage in question would be improved. Solicitor Matt Meir, told *The Echo*, 'Council will be undertaking a review of its signage in this area after this recent court case'.

He added, 'There are a number of signs in the area already, and staff will now review the location and placement of these signs to avoid confusion in the future'.

Veet loved life! Loud, colourful and enthusiastic!



Veet at a Mullum Music Festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

Paula Kelly & Sarah-Jane McGrath

'Veet' was born Gary Ivor Lang on 17 March 1942 in Frankston, Victoria, during World War II to Beryl and Ivor Lang, married before Ivor left to serve in the army.

Young Gary was one of those kids that never had to sweat at school and had consistently good marks as a student. Gary left school and started his plumbing apprenticeship at Swinburn Technical College at the age of 15, becoming the dux of the school and going on to become his father's apprentice in Canberra.

Gary married Lorraine in 1966 and they birthed two daughters Nikki and Fiona.

When Gary's mother Beryl died in 1977, in his grief he found it difficult to maintain the marriage to Lorraine, or relationships with his father and his daughters Nikki and Fiona. That same year Gary and Lorraine divorced. Gary found his new family at the Dreamtime Community in Thora Valley. He went to India in 1980, was blessed by Osho and received his new name, Veet Mayo. Veet later sold his handcrafted marimbas at Bellingen markets.

Passionate activist

Veet was a passionate activist for the planet. One day he headed to Sydney, bought a tent and set it up outside Neville Wran's office in Macquarie Street and protested about the sand mining at Middle Head.

In 1991, Veet headed for Queensland to join a community. There he opened a wood workshop where Veet became a self- taught drum maker and was known as the 'feral cat killer of Cooran'.

Veet and Paula met at Durrumbul Hall in 1997, they danced, laughed, and became one. The mother drums, the highlight of the business, were sold to Cirque du Soleil, to the enactment of Thor Heyerdahl Kon-Tiki raft arrival into Oslo, Norway and to local artist Solveig, Wilsons Creek.

In 2004, Veet and Paula bought a share in the Main Arm Eco Village and moved into an old Bedford bus that they renovated by hand together. As Veet entered his 70th year, they closed the doors on their business and commenced building the biggest drum-house ever. The building never stopped, today the land has many creations: sustainable off-grid housing, workshops, fruit orchards and vegetable gardens.

When Veet realised he needed to document his life story he entered The Hoffman Process, to prepare himself for his final frontier; death, and wanting to remove some of the obstacles which caused him to live unconsciously.

Veet was a creator of magic! Veet's message to us all: 'I am love. I am loving. I am lovable.'

■ For memorial details, see classifieds pages.

Cop & Robber hits the shelves

Children's author, Tristan Bancks, has a new novel for 10–14-year-olds, *Cop & Robber*. Bancks told *The Echo*, 'It's about a kid whose mum's a cop and his dad is a robber and his dad needs his help to commit a crime that could save both of their lives'.

The local launch will be at St Finbarrs on July 29 and 'Byron Public, probably on the same day'. Bancks will also be at Kids Big Day Out at the Writers Fest, and chairing a panel on 'Why Adults Should Read Kids' Books'. For more info visit www.tristanbancks.com/copandrobber. Photo supplied.





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What Lismore Council has to do to get \$20,000,000

Item 16.1 on Lismore Council's July meeting agenda turned into a show stopper on Tuesday evening at Goonellabah, as councillors discussed \$20,000,000, and what they'd have to do to get it. It emerged that a crucial document relating to Lismore's future had been signed by General Manager John Walker with no discussion. Was this administration by stealth?

Ballina Advocate for **People with Disability** speaks to the United Nations in New York

The recent floods affected many people in different ways but people with disability are often affected in ways that no one can imagine and their stories were recently presented to the United Nations in New York by local woman Kelly Cox.

First Nations youth grace the catwalk on the Gold Coast

It was the culmination of two days of building confidence, positive thinking and identity for a range of First Nations youth who have been working together to take a walk down the fashion runway at the Inaugural Guyamgan Bahna Duglaarra Fashion Show on the Gold Coast

Goonellabah koalas win after rescission lost

One of the contentious pieces of business at Tuesday's Lismore Council meeting was the rescission motion moved by councillors Steve Krieg, Andrew Bing and Andrew Gordon on Council's June 23 decision to refuse the DA at 226 Invercauld Road, Eastwood Estate extension.

Are Richmond Valley Council gagging community participation?

Ballina Community Garden open day, Sunday

David Lowe

This Sunday from 9.30am to 2pm, Ballina's Community Garden will be opening its gates to anyone curious to learn more about this tucked away piece of gardening paradise.

The Echo caught up with Community Garden President, Margie Lippiatt, in advance of the big day, to find out what people can expect.

She said the garden has been growing in Ballina for 11 years, with about 60 active members; including a 'big mix' of people.

'Last year, it was our tenth anniversary,' she remembered. 'That was the first open day we've had. And it was such a success that



Community gardeners Michelle, Kathy and Sue tending the brassicas at Ballina Community Garden. Photo supplied

we thought we'll do it again this year and welcome the community'.

President Margie said there will be fence weaving and paling painting, a sausage sizzle, jams and pickles made from garden produce,

as well as fresh crepes made from eggs produced by the garden's chooks.

The garden is located at the corner of Swift and Clarence Streets in Ballina (near the football fields, behind Ballina TAFE).

Bilambil Heights residents object to planning proposal being referred to Minister

Residents of Bilambil Heights have raised concerns over the Tweed Shire Council's decision to allow Planning Proposal (PP20/000) for 1 Walmsleys Road, Bilambil Heights, to be referred to the Minister for Planning and Environment.

The proposal combines two smaller sites for housing development into one larger area. This will 'enable the developer's objective of constructing four blocks of units containing 92

individual units on the site,' said Stephen Bailey, who was speaking on behalf of the residents.

At the 16 June Council meeting, the decision had been deferred for further consideration after residents had raised concerns over the impact of increased traffic and the impact on the amenity of the area.

Mr Bailey told councillors that the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA), paid for by the developer, was inadequate

and that 'an accurate estimate of the existing traffic load on this route is 481 daily vehicle movements'. He said, 'Local residents have objected to this project since it was first conceived because it is out of character with the existing subdivision and it would have significant negative social and environmental impacts on the neighbourhood'. All councillors voted in favour of referring the planning proposal to the Minister for Planning and Environment.

Ballina Council refuses to help pay volunteer flood recovery team's rent

Mia Armitage

The future of a volunteer-led community disaster recovery response group on the Northern Rivers remains in jeopardy, after Ballina Council voted against subsidising its rent.

A majority of councillors voted against Independent councillor Jeff Johnson's proposal last month to pay 75 per cent of the rent for community group Wardell CORE for the financial year ending June 2023.

The rent subsidy would have cost Council \$20,000, with the money to come from a state-sponsored

Local Government Recovery Grants Program worth \$2.375 million.

Staff said it was up to the Council to distribute the funds, with State approval, and Cr Johnson's motion showed the bulk of the program's money would be dedicated to fixing roads.

'Part of the purpose of this money Council's received is to help people affected by the floods,' Cr Johnson told June's ordinary meeting.

In late May, Council confirmed a controversial stated preference for another group to continue operating out of the Wardell and District War Memorial Hall.

Greens MLC: 'Lismore Mayor's position untenable'

Greens NSW MLC, and Lismore resident, Sue Higginson, said Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg's call for his own Council to be sacked and replaced with an autocratic administrator following the catastrophic floods is completely contrary to community expectations of elected representatives.

She says, 'I was dismayed when I watched the Four Corners program on ABC, and saw Mayor Krieg calling for his own Council to be sacked in favour of an autocratic administrator. We have all experienced trauma from

these floods and I recognise that the mayor has suffered enormous loss, but it is wildly inappropriate for an elected representative to walk away from democracy because he personally is unable to process and navigate the work that needs to be done through Council.

In trouble

'Council, as the democratic institution closest to our community, plays an essential role in our recovery, if Mayor Krieg can't see that, which he has now publicly disclosed he can't, we are in trouble.

Careers Expo, July 26, Lismore

The Northern Rivers Careers Expo is on at the Lismore Showgrounds, on Tuesday 26 July 2022.

Organisers say, 'Recent devastating flooding in Lismore meant the cancellation of the local Expo back in May, however after two floods and two years of covid, Connect Northern Rivers (a not-forprofit organisation) has combined with the "Future Options Day" formerly held at Trinity Catholic College and organised by the local Careers Advisers Association to bring the biggest ever free Careers Expo event to the Lismore Showgrounds'. 'There will be over 2,000 students attending in the morning from all over the NSW north coast. Students will be arriving from 9am, and we welcome the public from 12 noon till 3pm.

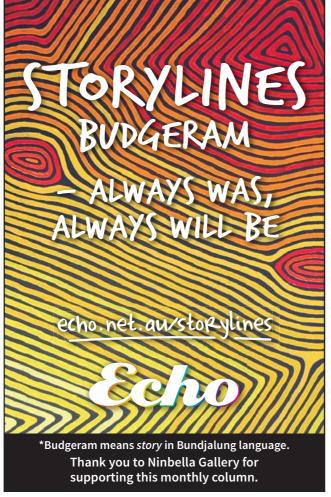
to attend.

'There will be a jobs vacancy board, two pavilions jam-packed and full of large and small businesses looking for staff, apprentices and trainees, lots of universities from all over Australia and TAFE NSW (our Expo partner) and Greg Clark Building (sponsor) will be running a large "Try a Trade".

'TAFE will have 12 different vocational sections including Hair & Beauty, Creative Industries, Animal Sciences, Agriculture, Aviation, Automotive, Allied Health & Fitness, Early Childhood, Engineering, Tourism and Hospitality.

Private Hospital, including St Joseph's Nursing Home and Friends Childcare Centre, Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Ballina, Richmond Valley Council, Lismore City Council, Obieco Industries, Multitask, Club Tweed, Woolworths, Crowley Care, Casino Food Co-op, Thomas Noble Russell, Defence Force Recruiting, Whiddon, Southern Cross University (transport sponsor), Harwood Marine, Hanson Construction, Bennett Constructions, Essential Energy, Frizelle Sunshine Automotive Group, Southern Cross Care, 16 universities from around Australia, Sydney Actors School and Sydney Film School, Rekindling the Spirit (community sponsor), Headspace, St Johns Ambulance NSW, SAE Creative Media Institute, Aruma, and many more. Contact Connect Northern Rivers on 1300 183 352, or Ingrid Johansen, on 0447 185 428 for further information.

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Ballina's little athletes are winners

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Confirmed business that will attend

Some of the businesses attending include Byron Shire Council, Three Blue Ducks, Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Whitehouse Institute of Design, St Vincent's

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Govcorp's flood reconstruction assistance yet to announce advisory members

Hans Lovejoy

A corporation established on July 1 to assist in the reconstruction of the floodaffected Northern Rivers is yet to announce members of its advisory board.

Meanwhile, according to a recent report by ABC's Bruce MacKenzie, details from the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation of a buyback scheme for people with houses in critical flood zones are set to be released within a fortnight.

A spokesperson from the Department of Regional NSW confirmed that the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation exists without government/committee oversight; other than from the Department of Regional NSW, which reports to Deputy Premier, Paul Toole (Nationals).

The Echo has asked follow up questions around what legal requirements, KPIs and reports the corporation will provide to the Department of Regional NSW and the Deputy Premier.

A full run-down of its budget, including staffing wages, has also been sought.

On April 19, Mr Toole's office announced the establishment of the corporation, which will have the powers to 'compulsorily acquire or subdivide land, speed up and fast-track the building of new premises and accelerate delivery of planning proposals'.



As a government-run corporation, The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation will only be answerable to Deputy Premier, Paul Toole (Nationals).

As previously reported, the corporation is headed by bureaucrat, David Witherdin, who had led the Public Works Advisory and the Soil Conservation Service, and was previously the CEO of Local Land Services.

Local MP concerned

Meanwhile, Local Ballina MP Tamara Smith (Greens) told *The Echo* she fears residents may face a similar situation to flood-affected Germans, with their reconstruction authorities being largely ineffective a year on from a flooding disaster.

Ms Smith told *The Echo*, 'When you read about failures in flood rescue in Germany in 2021, where breakdowns in [supply] chains, communication networks, and government responses led to loss of life and exacerbated trauma for people, you could very well be reading about the floods in the Northern Rivers in 2022'.

'When we saw images from Germany of incredible personal heroism by private citizenry in rescuing flood victims, and heard about the incredible effort of the German people who donated \$651 million to flood relief, it was a portent of what we have seen in the Northern Rivers and Australia.

'In those flood-affected communities in Germany, one year on, with most people still waiting for assistance from Reconstruction Authorities, most grant applications [are] still not processed, and acute shortages in tradespeople to assist in rebuilding, you could also think you are reading about the Northern Rivers today.

'You can't suggest to people that they should not rebuild their house in a flood zone, without providing them with timely and concrete prospects, and that is what we are yet to see from the Liberal and Nationals government through their Northern Rivers Reconstruction Commission (NRRC).

'With seven months to a State election, and ultra-low public confidence in democratic processes, we need to see 100 per cent transparent use of taxpayers' money, and appointments that pass the pub test, as well as the test of the public good.'



From left: Mullum Ex-Services Club Manager, Andrew Spice; Julie Williams, Manager of the Neighbourhood Centre; Katie Tweedie, Project Officer, and Karen Beaumont, Kickstart Manager. Photo Jeff Dawson

After the March flood devastations, Karen from Kickstart Management knew she wanted to be able to give back to the community by hosting a fundraiser event for the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre's flood affected people.

Karen told *The Echo*, 'After approaching Andrew from the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, the club came on board to be the event's major sponsor.

'I asked Danny from Hit

That Hit Music Bingo, and DJ Beaver, of The BayFM Discotheque series, who both donated their time for a very worthy cause'.

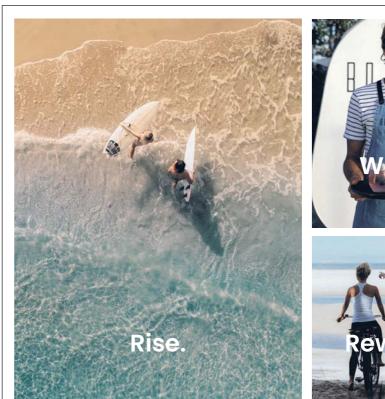
'Raising over \$2,100 for the Neighbourhood Centre, many people who attended were flood victims themselves, so I intended the night to bring them joy and happiness.

'All the positive feedback and reviews I got were just that!

'[I want to give a] huge

thank you to the community and local businesses: Stewarts Menswear, Meadows Medical Centre and Mullum Pharmacy for their donations'.

She added, 'Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club have hosted numerous fundraisers for the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre, with another coming up later this month on Friday July 29: *Women Like Us*, featuring Mandy Nolan and Ellen Briggs'.





Public consultation on the draft NSW Groundwater Strategy

The NSW Government is developing the first state-wide groundwater strategy to better look after and share the state's vital Groundwater Strategy, which is on public exhibition from Tuesday 5 July to Sunday 14 August 2022.

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groundwater resources.

The draft NSW Groundwater Strategy has been developed using the latest available science and will deliver on a key priority of the NSW Water Strategy by providing an enhanced, state-wide focus on sustainable groundwater management for the next 20 years.

Community feedback is currently being sought on the draft NSW

During the public consultation period, the community can register for and attend two online public webinars:

- Monday 25 July 2022 between
 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm
- Thursday 28 July 2022 between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

Submissions close at 11:59 pm on Sunday 14 August 2022.

To view the draft strategy – or to make a submission or register for a webinar – visit **dpie.nsw.gov.au/groundwater-strategy** or email **nsw.groundwaterstrategy@dpie.nsw.gov.au**

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Emergency wedges!

Things are looking like they are about to get a bit messy, with Council and the NSW government dipping metaphorical political wedges into big pots of sour cream and tomato sauce, paid for by us, the taxpayer.

Political wedges are where, for example, really bad, unclear, ill-considered proposals with unanswered questions are pushed onto a small section of a community.

'It's an emergency!' the mayor bleats (page 3), 'It's taken too long already, and we need to act now!'.

Ignoring legitimate concerns and questions from neighbours who face around 60 pod homes being plonked in front of them, without due process, hasn't got great optics. Where is the engineering report to ensure this won't exacerbate a known flooding area?

The optics also look bad when the mayor protects poor, secretive governance.

But this is what we have come to expect.

So far, it looks like Mullum will become a shanty town at its entrance, something that was not included in its masterplan.

And yes, there are always other, and better options.

It's just that Council and the NSW government won't tell anyone what they are, or why they chose these locations. And they have had months to do that. We do know that Bayside in Bruns and the old Bruns tip are also earmarked.

Emergencies are a perfect opportunity to bypass transparency and responsibility. The message from Council, and the NSW government, is that they have little to no regard for process, or care for those who already live here.

Another example (page 1) is





The proposed pod village on rail land, Station Street, Mullumbimby.

where councillors, supported by a questionable Council staff report, are trying to expedite an expansion of rural dwellings, while those residents are still picking up the pieces of their shattered lives, months after the flood.

Should residents expect better treatment than being dismissed and driven over roughshod? We have every right to know what is being plonked in front of us, with transparency and honesty.

Such actions engender trust. And flood-affected residents, let down by bloated unaccountable bureaucracies and ineffective politicians, have every right to be angry they have been so far ignored.

Hans Lovejoy, editor News tips are welcome: editor@echo.net.au

Who's the best at invasion? The West!

s I watch the bombs fall and people die for the ego attachment insanity of a nuclear backed he-man horseriding caricature cowboy tin-pot el-presidento leader, I shy away from the television and radio, half in grief and half in self-preservation?

'There are children dying in the streets and we seem powerless to stop it - raising our voices or adorning our letterhead with flags seems so pathetic, it is almost petty.

'Our marching in the street, our voiced concerns were struck down by the barking squawking of nationalism and racism and fear. They have won and I am sickened to my bones.

'Does any rational person actually believe the excuses being rendered for the invasion of this sovereign country?

How many civilians will be murdered? Will there be war crimes trials? How can we allow them to remain on the Security Council?

'What will this country look like when the invasion is over – win, lose or draw?

'Flattened. Tower block shells. Blood drenched. Traumatised. Refugees flood neighbours, next neighbours, and even dribble here. Will we house them and draw them to our national bosom? History will judge them for the marauding resource-hungry invaders they undoubtedly are.

'At their heart they do not care about democracy - this is an invasion for greed and power and domestic consumption in an effort to right some imaginary wrong. Who do you think you are Mr President - Winston Churchill? Damn you to Hell.'

Can you guess when I wrote these words? Why are they written in inverted commas and italics?

Answer: I wrote them in my diary on March 5, 2003, two days after the invasion commenced.

The country was Iraq, the President was Bush.

And, no - the pathetic excuses of hidden weapons of mass destruction were proved wrong - as we knew they would be. A smokescreen literally and figuratively, only marginally more sophisticated than



national treasure when he should be in a cell next to Putin. Howard and Blair could share sweeper duty.' **David Heilpern**

'George Bush Jnr is almost a

Putin's claims of Nazis and fascists in Ukraine.

And how many civilians were killed when the coalition of the willing invaded the sovereign country of Iraq? Well, the historians bicker – but around 500,000 – likely higher. The number in Ukraine, so far, is about one per cent of that. And let's not forget the thousands of coalition soldiers killed, and tens of thousands who later suicided.

And for what?

A basket-case country then and a basket-case country now.

And which countries were the actual invaders in the coalition of the willing? Only four - United States, United Kingdom, Poland and (yep, you guessed it), Australia.

And make no bones, this was an invasion without Security Council approval and was thus unlawful.

And no, there were no war crimes trials because - well just because. This is the West, and we are like, immune somehow, and oil is oil, and besides, we won.

George Bush Jnr is almost a national treasure when he should be in a cell next to Putin. Howard and Blair could share sweeper duty. And of course, the USA and UK are both still on the (in)Security Council.

And yes, the refugees came from Iraq and we did not welcome them with open arms and equanimity. Not like the Ukrainians. But then we have always preferred our refugees European and Christian. Meh.

So let us not self-righteously call out the Russians as though we would not stoop to such murderous intent.

Less than 20 years ago, we were committing the same mortal sin.

The only possible difference is that Iraq was despotic, and Ukraine democratic. But since when does being a dictatorial sovereign country entitle invasion?

That's a bit of international law

that I must have missed. Of course two wrongs don't make a right, but I find the conservative side of politics and their mates in the media sickening in their

hypocrisy. All their tut tutting and finger waving just reeks.

To read John Howard brazenly call the Russian invasion 'criminal' made me want to throw my chair through the television.

It beggars belief. And so I did throw my chair through the television. Sorry!

And not one journo called him out on that. Perhaps because so much of the mainstream media were cheerleaders for the invasion as well.

Topically, one of the loudest and clearest voices against the Iraq war and our involvement was Anthony Albanese. And who was he joined by - irony of ironies?

Prior to the invasion the Russian leader issued a press release widely reported: 'President Vladimir Putin today called for a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi crisis and said a US military attack would have the "gravest consequences"."

Of course, I condemn the Ukrainian invasion. It is appalling.

Every life lost is an utter tragedy. Bad Mad Vlad.

But as Jesus said (and when quoting the Bible my vote is always for the King James Version where the language is so beautiful):

'Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye'.

Well, there are blinding beams galore on the international stage of sanctimony and piety when it comes to Ukraine.

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Prince Street flood

My relative lives in the northern end of Prince Street. They were evacuated, by the SES, in a Rubber Duckie, for the entire length of the street to Argyle Street, where they transferred to a vehicle.

Her elevated house flooded, as did the car in the driveway, surrounded by approximately one metre of water. In the 2017 flood the water was over-topping the railway line. Prince Street does flood.

> Bob Phillips Mullumbimby

Grow your greens

Who would have thought that the day would come when meat was cheaper than vegetables? And even if you are rich enough to afford them, will they always be available? We need to rethink accessing all our food from the big supermarkets. The local farmers' markets and small independent greengrocers have greater variety and are cheaper.

It is not hard to grow some greens at home. I can always get a salad together from my garden. The easy ones that are always there,

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either because they are perennial or they self-seed, are: sorrel, parsley, mustard greens, garlic chives, mushroom plant, endive, mizuna, chicory, kale, salad burnet, lettuce, dandelion, lemon balm. There are many more but these ones seem to survive anything, even if I go away for a few weeks. Some, such as dandelion are considered weeds. It's definitely time to learn about these edible greens.

You can grow your own greens even if you are renting or living in a caravan. Simply put them in pots.

Don't waste your time and energy despairing about \$12.90 cabbages and \$10 lettuces – get planting. It seems once the prices go up in the supermarkets, they never come down again. Remember bananas? Cartoon by Sapoty Brook Make your own tea by growing lemongrass, mint and spearmint or plant a lemon myrtle tree. Discover the great joy of picking your own food to eat immediately. Sure beats shopping.

Magenta Appel-Pye Mullumbimby

Act now, ALP

Byron Greens call on the ALP to act now to save endangered species in our forests. With a change of govern-

ment we now need a change of bad coalition decisions.

There's lots to do, but one urgent issue is the protection of endangered species on public lands. It's simply a case of reversing a shameful action that currently accelerates the extinction of endangered species, including the koala and the greater glider in our region. Byron Greens support the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) demand that ALP Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, urgently reverse the coalition's reckless decision that allows forestry practices to destroy the habitat of endangered species. We have written, and encourage all residents to also contact the minister to reverse the decision.

In 2018 the coalition withdrew the requirement for pre-logging surveys from the NEFA Agreement (RFA). This year, NSW Forestry Corporation has been fined for breaching its logging conditions, but sadly, the destruction of endangered species habitat is lawful under the coalition's callous changing of the rules.

We thank NEFA for their vigilance and ongoing alerts about the destruction. The devastation of endangered species is avoidable, it just requires the political will to change the processes back to require surveys prior to logging to ensure the protection of habitat. Please let the government know you care. Byron Greens

Poor site selection

The Byron Council couldn't have chosen a worse location for affordable housing and apartments than right in the middle of, and overshadowing, Mullum's only bit of nightlife dining. This will also result in the loss of much-needed public parking to boot.

Best we hear no more of this very stupid plan, unless they say that they have scrapped it – permanently. Mary McMorrow

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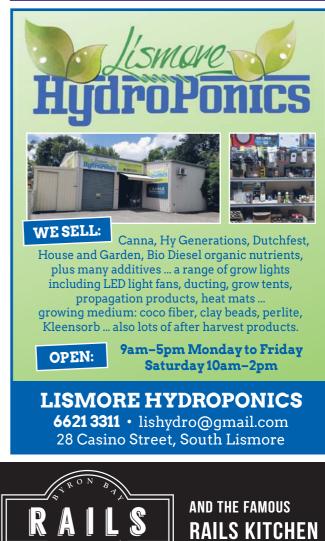
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We wish to inform you that the Splendour in the Grass music festival will be held at North Byron Parklands, Wooyung on Thursday 21, Friday 22, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 of July 2022 with camping patrons arriving from 10am Wednesday 20 July and departing by 5pm Monday 25 July. The approved hours of operation are 9am to midnight on Thursday 21 July and from 9am to 2am on Friday 22, Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 2022. Please note, music will commence from 11am. The main stages will cease operation at midnight. Audio testing will take place on Thursday 21 July during event hours.

COMMUNITY HOTLINE

The Splendour in the Grass Community Hotline will be in operation from Wednesday 20 July to Monday 25 July inclusive. The hotline will be staffed during the event, and a recorded message service will operate outside of these hours. Please note, all calls to the Community Hotline are logged and recorded for quality purposes.

THE SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS COMMUNITY HOTLINE NUMBER IS 1300 899 440

Residents with any parking, noise or litter concerns during the festival period should contact the Community Hotline and we will have our Community Response Team assist you. The Community Hotline is not to be used for general event enquiries. Residents can also email community@northbyronparklands.com with any concerns. Any venue related enquiries can also be directed to North Byron Parklands on community@northbyronparklands.com.

TRAFFIC

A traffic management plan, prepared by an RMS accredited traffic engineer, has been developed in consultation with state and local regulatory authorities to help minimise the impact of this event on the local road network and the immediate areas surrounding North Byron Parklands. Changed traffic conditions include:

- Temporary turning lanes along Tweed Valley Way into North Byron Parklands defined by delineation devices. This is to assist with the steady flow of through traffic. <u>Please follow the directional signage</u>. Please note traffic infrastructure will be in place from 9am Monday 18 July and will be removed by 5pm Tuesday 26 July.
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place along Wooyung Road in addition to Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way commencing approx. 100m south of the Yelgun interchange continuing along Tweed Valley Way to 300m north of Jones Road, as well as on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- To manage potential illegal camping or parking in the immediate surrounds of North Byron Parklands, Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road, Billinudgel Road and Jones Road at the Tweed Valley Way intersections.
- Traffic control staff will be in place along Wooyung Road in addition to Tweed Valley Way between the Yelgun Interchange and Jones Road.
- All traffic control will be managed by RMS accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.
- Camping patrons will begin to arrive from 10am on Wednesday 20 July and depart by 5pm Monday 25 July.
- For safety reasons, there is NO PEDESTRIAN access into North Byron Parklands. NSW Police will be enforcing this requirement.

GETTING TO THE EVENT

The only way patrons can access the Event is via one of the following:

- Festival Shuttle Buses and authorised Private Shuttle Services;
- Private vehicle WITH A VALID PAID VEHICLE PASS; or
- A Taxi Service, including authorised Uber Vehicles

No other means of transport will be allowed on site. To guarantee your smooth arrival at the festival, please ensure one of the above authorised modes of transport.

PATRON DROP OFF & PICK UP

In an effort to reduce the impact of festival traffic on surrounding roads to North Byron Parklands, there will be NO DROP OFF OR PICK UP of festival patrons at the event via all private vehicles or unauthorized shuttle services. DO NOT Drop Off or Pick Up patrons along Tweed Valley Way or surrounding areas. This is ILLEGAL and dangerous not only for pedestrians and vehicles, but also causes traffic delays. NO STOPPING signs will be in place along the surrounding roads and adjacent to North Byron Parklands, with NSW Police patrolling these areas and enforcing the NO STOPPING zones. Significant fines apply.

PATRON DROP OFF & PICK UP LOCATION

Byron Events Farm (Bluesfest site), 35 Yarun Road, Tyagarah.

Patron Drop Off and Pick Up Festival Shuttle Buses will be operating from Fri – Sun, 10am – 2am from this location to the Event. For more information regarding pre-purchased bus tickets go to www.splendourinthegrass.com/info/buses

FESTIVAL SHUTTLE BUSES

All persons travelling to the event via bus will be checked for a bus ticket and valid 2022 Event ticket or wristband prior to boarding and will not be allowed on the bus without this. All patrons are required to pre-purchase a bus ticket prior to their arrival at the event. For more information go to www.splendourinthegrass.com/info/buses.

PARKING

There is NO PARKING along Tweed Valley Way or in the streets surrounding North Byron Parklands. Special Event parking restrictions will be in place and Council parking enforcement officers will again be on patrol throughout the event. Council issued parking fines will apply. Please note that camping or sleeping in vehicles within the Byron and Tweed Shires is <u>not</u> permitted. The maximum penalty

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Any persons attempting to gain entry to the festival without a valid event ticket either on foot, by private vehicle, bus or other means is considered to be trespassing and therefore breaking the law. Under the Enclosed Lands Protections Act 1901 NSW Police will be issuing on the spot fines of \$550 for trespassing, and trespassers will be evicted from the North Byron Parklands site.

We truly thank you for your patience and understanding, The Splendour in the Grass team

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Articles

Vindictive and bad faith prosecutions?

David Lovejoy

s Bernard Collaery's friends and supporters celebrate the dropping of the prosecution against him, it is still relevant to ask, why were Witness K and his lawyer Collaery put on trial in the first place?

The facts are not in dispute. In 2004 the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) planted microphones in the cabinet room of the Timor-Leste government in Dili. The information derived from this hostile act against the Timorese people helped the Australian side negotiate a great advantage in the division of oil resources in the Timor Sea. The ultimate beneficiary of the crime was Woodside Petroleum.

At the time of the illegal operation against Timor-Leste, John Howard was the Prime Minister, Alexander Downer the Foreign Minister, and the late David Irvine was Head of ASIS.

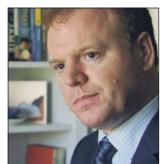
When in 2012 Alexander Downer was given employment by Woodside Petroleum, Witness K, the senior intelligence officer who led the 2004 operation, went public with the story. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister at the time, and possibly misled by the spooks, denied the facts of the case outright to PM Xanana Gusmão, who then took Timor-Leste's grievance to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

Soon after Tony Abbott took power, ASIS raided the home of Witness K, seizing his passport so that he could not travel to The Hague to testify. The office of Bernard Collaery was also raided and documents relating to Timor-Leste's case were unlawfully removed and only restored, two years later, after a ruling by the International Court of Justice.

In 2018 a new treaty restored the rights that had been stolen from Timor-



John Howard and Alexander Downer. Photo ABC



Richard Boyle revealed unethical ATO practices. Photo ABC

denied access to much of the prosecution's case. Although Witness K pleaded guilty and received a light sentence, Collaery's trial under Attorney- General Christian Porter was vindictively drawn out and remained unfinished when the Coalition lost office. The new government has since waived the prosecution.

A cover up?

So why were Witness K and Bernard Collaery secretly tried under unfair circumstances for revealing – eight years after the event - an illegal overreach by Australian spooks?

The obvious interpretation of this story is that Howard, Downer and the ASIS chief Irvine are simply criminals, and that both sides of politics have covered up their guilt on the basis that people who rise to that level of power are untouchable, no matter what they do. The cover up is still uncomfortable, so it has been politic to try to destroy the lives of those who inconveniently present the truth, as a warning to others similarly inclined.



Former military lawyer David McBride. Photo Sydney Criminal Lawyers

Security Information Act, which allows the government to conceal anything that might remotely touch on national security. Thus the bugging was never about screwing the Timorese out of their oil for the benefit of a fossil fuel corporation, it was all to do with genuine spy stuff.

Not even the Murdoch press has tried that line, so we can be confident that all is as it appears, and in a just world Howard and Downer would be facing the kind of sanctions currently faced by Julian Assange in an unjust one.

Therefore, until the government creates, as promised, better safeguards for whistleblowers, institutional culture will continue to reward criminals and punish heroes.

As The Echo editorial noted last week, the machinery of state repression is still grinding away against other whistleblowers, including David McBride and Richard Boyle. McBride brought Australian war crimes in

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Leste in 2004, but of course the original architects of the crime had not been brought to justice.

Also in 2018, five years after their premises were raided, Witness K and Bernard Collaery were charged with conspiring to communicate secret information to the government of Timor-Leste. Collaery was also accused of sharing information about the bugging operation to ABC journalists. Both trials were held in secret, with defence lawyers

An alternative interpretation would be that the advantage given to Woodside Petroleum was accidental, and arose during the perfectly legitimate surveillance of the young and inexperienced Timor-Leste government, which was then being infiltrated by terrorists and Indonesian spies.

This would explain why Collaery had to be tried in secret under the National

Afghanistan into the open, and Boyle revealed unethical practices towards small businesses within the ATO. Both men should have their prosecutions waived.

To end on a hopeful note, the more fuss is made in public, the more politicians have to pay attention. Why not write to the Attorney-General: attorney@ag.gov. au urging him to do the right thing?

David Lovejoy is co-founder of The Echo.

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Byron Writers Festival will once again welcome a stellar lineup of leading authors following a two-year hiatus. Bestselling authors including Sarah Wilson, (*This One Wild and Precious Life*), Bruce Pascoe (*Country: Future Fire, Future Farming*), Hannah Kent (*Devotion*) and Christos Tsiolkas (7 1/2) will headline the star-studded program.

They will be joined by screen favourites; Bryan Brown, who has penned his first collection of short stories, *Sweet Jimmy*; and Costa Georgiadas (*Costa's World*) of *Gardening Australia*.

'The silver lining of the pandemic was that many of our most beloved authors wrote and published amazing new books,' says Artistic Director Zoe Pollock. 'The range of talented authors we have been able to secure for this year's program is just incredible. We wanted to bring back all the authors that our audience have missed out hearing from in person over the past two years. What a treat for the Byron Writers Festival goers!'

Other leading literary lights include Arnold Zable (*The Watermill*), Steve Toltz (*Here Goes Nothing*), Nikki Gemmell (*Dissolve*), Kathryn Heyman (*Fury*), Mirandi Riwoe (*The Burnished Sun*) and many more.

As always, the festival plays host to a talented array of emerging authors. Get set to discover some of the best new voices in Australian writing, including Emily Brugman (*The Islands*), Sara El Sayed (*Muddy People*), Nigel Featherstone (*My Heart is a Little Wild Thing*) and Amani Haydar (*The Mother Wound*) to name just a few.

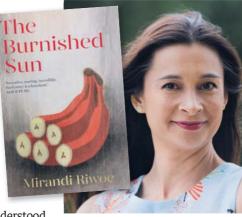
Enjoy listening to all these authors and more this 26–28 August with a 1- or 3-day festival pass. For the full program, head to www.byronwritersfestival.com/festival.



The Burnished Sun

The Burnished Sun, by Mirandi Riwoe is a story collection that includes two prizewinning novellas along with a range of historical and contemporary stories, all written by characters who seek to belong and find acceptance. These superbly crafted stories explore the inner lives of those who

are often ignored or misunderstood. We follow a migrant mother who yearns to feel welcomed at a



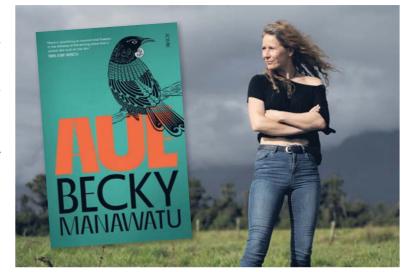
stories reveal hidden desires and human fragility.

Auē! Writing from the Long White Cloud

Becky Manawatu (Ngāi Tahu) was born in Nelson, raised in Waimangaroa, and lived in Germany and Italy before returning to the West Coast with her family. Her stunning debut novel *Auē* was the best-selling New Zealand novel of 2020 and 2021.

Much of the novel was written in a family friend's house at the mouth of the Mōkihinui River north of Westport. A formative experience that led to the novel was the murder of Manawatu's 10-year-old cousin, Glen Bo Duggan, by his abusive stepfather when Manawatu was 11.

'Auē' is a Maori word meaning to



kids' party in a local park; a young skateboarder caught between showing loyalty and being accepted; and an Indonesian maid working far from home who longs for the son she's left behind. Bookending this collection are two powerful novellas – Annah the Javanese re-imagines the world of one of Paul Gauguin's models in nineteenth-century Paris, while the highly acclaimed The Fish Girl reworks a classic W Somerset Maugham story from the perspective of a young Indonesian woman.

With rich emotional insight and a light touch, these wide-ranging

'The Burnished Sun effortlessly traverses between the sublime and the everyday, and across continents and time. Riwoe conveys small worlds in each story.' – Alice Pung At Byron Writers Festival, Mirandi Riwoe will take part in the panel 'Lost Voices' (Friday 26 August) with Eleanor Limprecht to discuss what it means to fill the gaps history has forgotten. 'Writing From The Margins' (Saturday 27 August) with Becky Manawatu and Mykaela Saunders to discuss how change originates at the margins of society and how they subvert dominant

narratives with their writing.

cry, howl, groan, wail, bawl.

The novel tells the story of teenage boy Tauriki and his eightyear-old brother Arama who is sent to live with rural relatives at Kaikōura.

Taukiri was born into sorrow. Auē can be heard in the sound of the sea he loves and hates, and in the music he draws out of the guitar that was his father's. It spills out of the gang violence that killed his father and sent his mother into hiding, and the shame he feels about abandoning

his eight-year-old brother to a violent home.

But Taukiri's brother, Arama, is braver than he looks. He has a friend, and his friend has a dog, and the three of them together might just be strong enough to turn back the tide of sadness.

Becky Manawatu's bestselling multi-award-winning novel is both raw and sublime, introducing a compelling new voice in New Zealand fiction. At Byron Writers Festival Becky Manawatu will be taking part in the panel 'Outside Influences' (Sunday 28 August) with Mawunyo Gbogbo where they will discuss their depictions of the criminal world and the complicated nature of love, 'Writing From The Margins' (Saturday 27 August) with Mirandi Riwoe and Mykaela Saunders, and 'Reaching Across the Generation Gap' (Saturday 27 August) with Bronwyn Birdsall and Sara El Sayed.

All tickets are available at: www.byronwritersfestival.com/tickets

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Articles

Imagining a new City of Lismore

Paul Jones

he City of Lismore is my home town. It was an exceptional place to grow up, nestled within a picturesque valley at the confluence of two rivers; it was proud, sporting, cultural and busy.

The surrounding rural landscapes and coastal areas became world renowned for their environmental richness and beauty and acknowledged as Bundjalung Country of our First Nations people.

But Lismore is now in crisis. This sprawling town of pubs and clubs, monuments and institutions, with an established and dignified town block of four main streets, of thriving industry and commerce is broken. The unprecedented flooding of 2022 has wreaked so much devastation that, coupled with the foreboding predictions of similar or worse future scenarios owing to the compounding effects of global climate change, Lismore is now faced with an existential dilemma.

Recognising the past and looking to the future

Options for the City of Lismore are limited. A major new study now underway, led by the National Recovery and Resilience Agency and the CSIRO, aims to examine ways to mitigate the impact of these disasters.

The town of Lismore was surveyed, planned and proclaimed in the Government Gazette on 1 May 1856 on a former cattle station named Lismore by William and Jane Wilson. Tellingly these pastoral operations, later owned by the Girards, were abandoned in part owing to recurring devastating floods. 'Lismore' has managed the impacts of flooding since its origins, including raising dwellings and buildings, flood-proofing construction, utilising pumps and levees, however the scale and intensity of impacts are increasing. The recordbreaking February flooding followed by a second major flood through the town within weeks has left the town despondent.



mark hanging in the air around the flags of heart logos flying defiantly from the rooftops.

Lismore as a town has to reset for now, repair, renovate and soldier on but a new vision must arise from the ruins that can offer Lismore future security. Lismore is physically and mentally in a state of depression, there is nothing healthy in business-as-usual without an endgame that resolves the maddening cycle of flood devastation. Serious consideration must be given to relocating our town, the CBD, the industrial sector, services etc out of the floods' way.

This is a regional issue, it is a State issue and it is a national issue. Climate change threatens numerous settlements on Australia's coastal plains and floodplains. Lismore is now an immediate test case.

Ballina remains particularly vulnerable; the region needs to design now for future inundation scenarios that will render current settlements uninhabitable.

We must take up the initiative and develop new settlements utilising all the principles to enable the best industrial and civic buildings is a different matter, not to mention the heritage buildings that give depth and character to the city and its community.

The economic costs will be substantial but the benefits could be incalculable, particularly compared to the execrable saga of diminishing returns with a business-as-usual approach. Government must address futureproofing urban Australia: our finite resources of minerals and fossil fuels should be utilised to fund this resilience before it's too late in both cases.

Relocation options, criteria, program and economy need to be examined. Here is an opportunity to realise an urban/town/city design model that will encompass all the advances of our proven knowledge-base for successful town planning providing mobility, services, economy, self-sufficiency and quality of life in harmony with our natural environment and lifestyle.

A future of opportunity

A positive, lively, safe and desirable future will attract investment and secure a future for Lismore.

The old town of Lismore

access between old and new, reducing car dependence, improving mobility, access to services, and reducing emissions. Infrastructure in general will have to be reconsidered and renewed. Energy, water, waste, communications, transport - these are all opportunities to consider best practice and innovative solutions.

A new built environment presents a myriad of options, challenges and opportunities. Enormous costs are to be expected, but small in the scheme of things is the vision and the masterplan. New development could be incremental to minimise risk and enable early return on investment.

Perhaps a simple and familiar solution would be best; a string of villages along a linear transport spine that would offer small-scale land release to enable land swaps, diversity, and interdependence together with schema requiring large-scale developer engagement.

Time for vision

Nevertheless any proposal should be focused on attracting new business investment and development that will benefit from locating into a highly desirable part of Australia with a diverse, educated and cultural community. Lismore needs a vision now, relocation will take time. Humanity has moved with the tide for eons, not to do so is certain death. Land acquisition will be required, the challenges are huge but the conversation has to begin. There is a kernel of truth in Lismore's current dilemma, not to acknowledge this could be the ultimate folly. Paul Jones is an architect based in Byron Bay.



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Brave souls are returning, businesses that can be viable have reset, but there remains a huge invisible question

of placemaking, transport and communications infrastructure, environmentally sustainable design, regenerative practice, employment and circular economy through rural to knowledge industries.

Relocation?

Is it possible to relocate a city the size of Lismore? How do you move a community and its heritage? Moving residences up to the hillsides is the easy part, moving large scale retail,

also represents an opportunity, the floodplains could be regenerated for agriculture, where possible, the township could be a sport, entertainment, cultural and recreation destination, farmers' markets and any outdoor activities that allow flood compatibility would be possible. Landscape renewal and regeneration could feature the heritage monuments that must remain. Central to any schema should be a transport system that provides quick and easy

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Letters

Lismore has endured floods like they have never seen before – now where is the leadership?

■ As I have made clear in past letters, I have had concerns about the appointment of John Walker as General Manager based on my knowledge of his past business and local government record.

When reviewing my documents after hearing our mayor on *Four Corners* last night (more later) I found a story from the ABC Goldfields on Lismore's current GM after he unveiled his restructure of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council.

This ABC story was issued in March 2016, soon after John Walker commenced as General Manager and after he had axed the positions of the Directors of Corporate Services, Community Services, Development Services and Engineering Services and replaced them with a Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Does this sound familiar Lismore?

Describing the changes as 'repositioning' rather than cost cutting, John Walker said that in addition to the three jobs that had been made redundant, five or six more would probably go and that would save the Council around \$1 million a year. After he left the Council, there were 71 vacancies on the Council that they were having difficulty filling, and the Council had to repay staff who had been underpaid over the previous five years to the tune of \$2 million.

An independent review by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council into the culture of the Council, focus group sessions, interviews and surveys were conducted and the findings were that 'the information provided indicates that there have been ongoing issues related to bullying, harassment and discrimination' and 'the organisational culture is toxic and that the City is not a psychologically safe place to work'.

Mr Walker is now Lismore's General Manager, appointed by the Steve Krieg team.

Our Mayor, Mr Krieg, said on *Four Corners* last night that the Council should be put into administration – something I would never have thought any mayor worth their salt would suggest.

Whilst I've never been a conspiracy theorist, it seems as though widespread rumours – including that there will be National Party candidates for Lismore at the election next year, possible council amalgamations in our region, the mega quarry at Bentley, the Dunoon Dam, and the site being prepared in Casino, virtually behind closed doors, for a Wasteto-Energy incinerator have some truth.

These incinerators have been refused in South-West Sydney and indeed anywhere near 'high-density residential developments' because of the huge risks to public health and the environment. As one media release said, 'Regional NSW is being treated like a pack of peasants' and farmers have strongly opposed them elsewhere owinge to the impact on their farms.

With Lismore City Council being ostensibly prepared for being put into administration, it's time for people in the region to do the research on these issues and organise to oppose what would clearly have long-term negative impacts on our communities in this wonderful region.

> **Ros Irwin** Caniaba

■ Steve Krieg got in with a large team and an advertising blitz on TV. His mandate was to outnumber the Greens with his councillors and get rampant development; and then the floods hit, ha ha ha.

But it just goes to show how vulnerable democracy is to some cold hard cash – but only if you do it during elections. Obviously illegal at any other time, whereas the politburo doesn't suffer that vulnerability as it's on merit within like a public service. **William Goode**

East Lismore

■ The recent ABC Four Corners program: Washed Away – The Planning failures deepening Australia's Flood Crisis was a timely confirmation of the imperative debates surrounding housing for Australian communities on floodplains. It also confirmed facts that had circulated in NSW activist circles concerning the role of Minister Roberts of the NSW Department of Planning.

Minister Roberts is a baptised rigid neo-liberal supporter. This 'market' ideology is a political stamp ensuring power and hubris in the NSW

coalition government. There is no acknowledgement of sustainable responsibility to the biosphere. This was noticeable when resigning Minister Rob Stokes emphasised the need to address the latter. This revision of planning policy did not sit well within Mr Roberts' political waters. It also has triggered hostile reactions in the ranks of neo-liberal developers to garner the profits from traditional economic rationalism (a capitalist profit ideology lacking tolerance to the rights of nature and democratic will of the people).

At a posh high-end luncheon funded by miffed neoliberal developers Mr Roberts pronounced, 'I hear you... I hear you'. Viewers also had the opportunity to hear him! The outstanding mantra in this herd of people is: 'Wilful Ignorance'. Deny climate change and inappropriate development on floodplains.

'People need houses' is a trope persistently associated with Minister Roberts. Indeed, this was evident in the statement of neo-lib bureaucrat Tom Forrest who used 'neo-lib speak' as a defence: 'We want no kneejerk self-indulgent emotional statements' – the old trope. Several weeks ago Byron

councillors had to endure a barrage of discontent by developers concerning the fees and charges which made 'investing in Byron entirely unviable'. One sensed that a 'booby trap' had been laid before councillors. Indeed, totally unaware of the ecological struggle forming the history of Byron, developers promoted some lunatic economic 'expert' who theorised the inflated cost of a cup of coffee to approximating \$160. Yet Paul Bibby writes (13 July) 'an economic Health Check of the Shire found that building approvals grew significantly during COVID-19 from \$100m in October 2020 to nearly \$175m just one year later.'

We learn that 'developers are not interested in building permanent housing for local people'. Of course not, quick turnover of development ensures greater profit!

Remedy: a moratorium on floodplain development, everything must change.

> **Jo Faith** Newtown

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Public accessibility to sport is key to great Australian sportspeople

Damian Kassabgi

here is a new face of Australia. Our Prime Minister is Albanese. Our highest test cricket run scorer this year is Usman Khawaja. Our highest ranked golfer this year is Minjee Lee. And our most popular and successful athlete this year is, of course, Ash Barty.

So too Nick Kyrgios is our nation's collective product and someone only we could create. A loose-unit from the suburbs of Canberra, a Greek-Malaysian tennis extraordinaire.

We know Australia can be a great equaliser - but now it's true for tennis too.

Our abundance of land has been used wisely for public tennis court access, combined with an anti-exclusive club culture. The court conditions are, of course, not all perfect, but it's not beyond the means of the vast majority of us to enjoy the game.

I remember being carted around Sydney on Saturday mornings for round-robin competitions. There was no formal umpire or supervision and the gates usually didn't have locks. It never occurred to me that tennis may be considered an elitist sport.

When I worked in Canberra the public accessed the Parliamentary courts on weekends (when the pollies were away). Also, it was mainly the Labor MPs who would turn out for the social Wednesday morning hit - then Minister Albanese and Don Farrell being part of the working class crew!

Our mass public tennis court system stands in contrast to just about every other nation who are stuck with their elite, gold-plated tennis grounds for the rich and established.

And Wimbledon is the most exclusive of them all – with all the hierarchy, privilege and outdated



Damian and the regular crew that play on Sunday afternoons in Mullum near the Community Gardens. Photo Damian Kassabgi

Sutherland Shire were for

'Australian' friends - bush

trails, wearing a green and

gold uniform, beach after

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over to your mates' places

for tea (dinner). Weekends

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In early rounds of Wimble-

don, some stadiums were

close to empty, the Kyrgios

always full. At this year's Aus-

tralian Open men's doubles

stadium, however, was

and of course tennis.

tralian story.

church in broken English, big

meals, visiting family, trading

Both are part of the Aus-

etiquette only Her Majesty's courts could demand.

This year, however, came a swarthy Australian, in his Air Jordans, red cap, tattoos and specific – yet well known - ethno-Aussie accent, and thumbed it to the upper class.

But do we identify him as 'one of us' and do we credit him with the same Australian-ness as Hewitt and Rafter?

Many wog kids (southern Mediterranean, Middle-Eastern, Latino) were 'infected' by African-American culture, and more specifically American basketball culture in the '90s. We'd buy Chicago Bulls' caps and adorn ourselves with Adidas pants that had side buttons all the way up to the hip.

This counterculture in the suburbs of Sydney was rarely welcomed.

For me, weekdays in the

Yami's local heroes

There are so many unsung heroes in our Shire and often the most ordinary things get overlooked. Over the past two-and-half traumatic years battling fires, covid and floods the crew at Yami's cafe in Brunswick Heads have managed to stay open, every day, every week, year in, year out.

When every other business was closed, Zac and Joey, with their revolving support staff, have provided a welcoming beacon of hope and resilience and youthful optimism in Park Street, along with delicious food, coffee and cakes. To all the young local people who stepped up onto the front lines, we thank you for being there, for making life under siege more bearable with a cheerful smile, a newsy update and music drifting in the air.



Nick Kyrgios. Photo Carine06 / www.flickr.com

conceded that they had never played in a stadium 'so packed'.

The court is electric, the sport is re-defined, the colosseum filled for an Australian gladiator of our time.

Sport can be a refuge from violence and dispossession. America casts aside being in the minority if you can thrill and win - think Jordan, Bryant, LeBron and the Williams sisters. France, with its banlieues and endemic inequality for migrants, celebrates in the streets the exploits of Zidane, Mbappe and Pogba.

Sport can also be a window into a world reimagined - on what society could become. Die Mannschaft (the German soccer team) showed what a unified Germany could accomplish when it won the World Cup with a team of Turkish,

the big house and the servants in the granny flat.

An extra bedroom is the cheapest part of a house with no additional plumbing or kitchen required.

Creating more density in our region without overdevelopment would use existing infrastructure like roads, sewers, water pipes, and parks without the need for extensive augmentation of these networks.

As we sprawl across our beautiful, productive, and often bio-sensitive natural environment we destroy not only our fragile ecosystems and food production infrastructure but also the very reason many came here. Currently in Ballina Shire and Kingscliff, among other places, houses and buildings are incessantly marching across gorgeous land with buildings which often have lots of style but little practical substance. One of the main obstacles to overcome is proper block

Tunisian, Polish, Albanian and Czech backgrounds.

What the Kyrgios revolution offers is a largeness about being Australian, not in the volume of his voice but in the fearless audacity of facing the world in your own way – no longer as a supplicant to the colonial world order.

What we can hope for is that Kyrgios' Wimbledon loss becomes the catalyst for greater things. That it turns into a hunger to win next time. That it produces a more focused and tempered player, because we now know that he has the talent to be one of the greatest of our generation.

It's also a reminder about the courts in our regions. The Mullumbimby courts continue to be in desperate need of repair post-floods. In Byron, it surprises me that Council has handed over the keys to a private provider without any local club or player oversight.

Publicly run tennis is part of the Australian story, and Australians such as Kyrgios and Barty are products of it. The alternative is Her Majesty's Wimbledon where the luck of to-whom-youwere-born defines your life so totally.

Damian Kassabgi is a member of the Byron Bay tennis club and a former policy adviser to prime ministers Rudd and Gillard.

shaping with a change in emphasis from a broad eastwest axis to a longer northsouth block axis. Two and one storey houses with the main rooms facing north in north-south axis block permits blocks to be as small as 250m² and still permits the design of correct orientation and solar aspects, together with adequate private spaces and good access. R2 zones in Ballina Shire could easily be cut up to provide more density without destroying privacy and good design. Also, in our communities we have lots of leftover space including huge roadway verges, space between/ behind/in front of houses, and height for an additional one storey, which could be cleverly repurposed. Graeme Barr Lennox Head

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

When chess tournaments, like so buster; however, the credulity-stretchmany other activities, ground to a ing plot doomed the film to medi-

pandemic set in and film productions

were granted exemptions to proceed. Former Commonwealth Champion Lane appeared in a number of Australian productions, including Heartbreak High and Frayed, but his big break came from Netflix when he was cast as a high-ranking general in Netflix's 2022 thriller Interceptor, which was filmed in Sydney in the month before the Doeberl Cup. Lane's role was limited – though more significant than that of Chris Hemsworth, who could manage

many other activities, ground to a ing plot doomed the full to medi-halt in early 2020, some players used others branched out into new fields. 57-year-old International Master Gary Lane had occasionally featured in commercials but began taking his acting career more seriously as the pandemic set in and film productions

rather than Hollywood, was the path to fame and fortune and last month finished fourth in the NSW Oper thanks to this fine, last round win. NSW Open 2022 White: G Lane Black: K Zhang

final, Kyrigos' opponents Showing up matters, even when there's no profit to be made. Thanks to everyone at Yami's for being there when our community needed it

> **Michele Grant Ocean Shores**

Better land use

most.

Comments by Damian Kassabgi (Echo 6 July) need to be applauded regarding better land use in our region. As an architect I am often



Opening: Sicilian Defence 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4!? 6.Nb5 Qb8, followed by 7...a6, offers nothing for White. 6...a6 7.Nxc6 Qxc6 8.Bd3 White's unusual plan is a Lane favou-rite, which 25 years earlier he had tested on the originator of this variation, Mark Taimanov only an uncred-8...Nf6 Taimanov had played 8...Bc5!? 9.Qg4 ited cameo. In Inter-Kf8 and eventually won a complicated game. ceptor, Lane (in 9.Qe2 Bb4 10.Bd2 d5 11.e5 d4? This meets the role, left) could a brilliant refutation. After the simple 11...Nd7 often be seen standthe struggle is just starting. 12.Nb5!! Bxd2+ ing beside or behind the US President, ning the Black gueen. **14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qh** ning the Black queen. **14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6+ Kg8 17.h4!** Black's king is in a frowning or looking box, but White needs extra forces to continue worried as the end of the attack. 17...f5 18.h5 Ne7 19.Rag1! Bd7 the USA grew near. *Interceptor* had **20.94** Now every White piece enters the fray een intended as and Black is helpless. **20...Be8 21.gxf5 exf5** Netflix's 2022 block- 22.Bc4+ Nd5 23.hxg6 1-0

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

It's the simple things in life that matter, that bring joy and hope for the future.

confronted with the impossibility of building adequate accommodation for those who live in granny flats, with the currently imposed 60m². Adding another 30m² (or even as little as 15m²) as suggested in the article would provide far better accommodation for those now required to live in these buildings, whether they be a solo granny or a family. We seem to be creating the equivalent of the old upstairs and downstairs accommodation where the affluent live in

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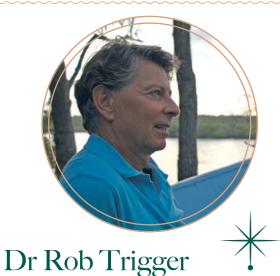
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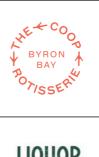
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The Harvest Food Trail is a fantastic opportunity to appreciate and enjoy the distinctive provenance of our region. After the experiences of the past two years the event is a time to come together, reflect and celebrate our wonderful local producers and food providers. Lorissa Barrett, Harvest Food Trail Coordinator at Northern Rivers Food offers some suggestions for making the most out of the Trail: 'Part of enjoying the food is knowing the story, and farm tours are the perfect way to learn more about where your food comes from', said Ms Barrett.

'If you're interested in visiting farms you could start in the Tweed region and visit Tropical Fruit World in Duranbah, Bellingdale Farm in Nunderi, and Cheeses Loves You; a NORCO farm in Burringbar with Deb Allard's famous cheeses. Travelling south from Burringbar, drop into Australia's Manuka at Tyagarah Apiaries in the Byron region and learn about their pure bioactive Jellybush honey with tastings and visit their farm store. You can then travel a little further down the road and visit The Farm, Three Blue Ducks and Brookfarm - all will be demonstrating their regenerative farming practices with farm tours on offer. Travel onward to the village of Newrybar and visit Zentveld's Coffee Farm – another regenerative





farm offering tours of their plantation. While you're in the neighbourhood, just five minutes down the road pop into Ducks Creek Macadamias in Brooklet - who have special tastings of their delicious chocolate macadamia range. Travel from there to Rosebank in the hinterland and visit Table Under a Tree who are opening their farm gates just for the Trail to showcase their small-scale working farm, Three Paddocks, producing local, ethical goat meat. They also have a small farm store.

'For those more interested in the beverage side of things there are opportunities to learn about the craft from some of the most awarded breweries and distilleries in the country. Enjoy distillery tours, tastings and pairings, or shake up some drinks in the masterclasses on offer at Husk Distillers (in the Tweed), Common People Brewing (in Bangalow), Cape Byron Distillery and Lord Byron Distillery (in Byron) and Two Mates Brewing (in Lismore). If non-alcoholic beverages are preferred, drop into Wild Yeast Brewing in Lennox and try their special organically grown spiced ginger beer.

'You can hear from celebrated chefs and producers while enjoying fine dining with a local focus in the Tweed at Bellingdale Farm, The Oyster Shed and Pipit. In Byron book into Crystalbrook Byron's special "Pork and Pinot" dining experience. In Ballina book into Harvest Newrybar for a Sunday lunch celebrating produce that is native to the region, or drop into Ballina RSL for a special Sunday Boardwalk winter roast lunch featuring Bangalow sweet pork with all the trimmings. Karkalla Byron Bay will have an Indigenous dining experience, and Delta Kay and Playing with Fire Native Foods offer Indigenous food tours over the weekend in both Mullum and Bangalow. If you feel like getting out of the car, book into a special celebratory Tweed Escapes & Blue Ginger Dining Top Deck Picnic Cruise onboard the Spirit of Wollumbin departing from Tumbulgum in the Tweed. 'Also, on the Trail there will

be farmers' markets at Duranbah, authentic Mexican at Mercado Juarez in Burringbar, a barbeque at Barrio in Habitat

Singhs: growing bananas in Fowlers Lane since 1974

Victoria Cosford

On Saturday mornings Neville Singh gets to sleep in – till 6am. Every other morning he's up at around 4.30am picking, then packing, the bananas that have been part of the family livelihood for nearly fifty years.

Neville's father started the Fowlers Lane farm in 1974, growing and selling bananas to Sydney and Brisbane markets. yellow Cavendish, he grows Senoritas (tinier even than Ladyfingers), Blue Java ('like ice cream'), Red Dakkas and plantains. I want to know more about plantains, the larger members of the banana family, that rarely crop up in recipes unless they're West Indian. Neville tells me they're a lot starchier and lower in sugar than the standard banana.

'They're more a cooking banana', he says, mentioning later that he and his wife will cook with them about once a week, with fish or pork most commonly. 'They're not as easy to grow as other types', he says. 'You need to take more care of them as pests get to them.' Rarely eaten raw, they're treated more as a vegetable than a fruit in cooking – baked, roasted, fried – and once the flesh is processed it can be made into a flour then transformed into baked goods like bread and cakes. Then there's these red bananas, the Red Dakkas. A bit sweeter and creamier than

ordinary bananas; Neville says they are rarer and are also relatively unknown, 'No one grows them because they're harder to grow'. Does he ever get sick of

Does he ever get sick of bananas, I ask? 'Some days', he replies, 'I do feel sick of the whole thing. My son is slowly taking over – so maybe another couple of years!'. You will find Neville Singh and his glorious bounty of bananas every Tuesday at New Brighton Farmers Market from 8–11am and every Friday at Mullum Farmers Market from 7–11am.

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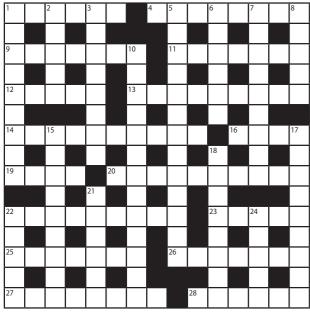
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Mungo's Crossword



Cryptic Clues ACROSS

- 1. Scarcity produces dead planet (6)
- 4. English, unhappy grim worker -
- she leaves the country (8) 9. Ensure the news is favourable,
- with a British award for a green vegetable (7)
- 11. Paine and Carey, wardsmen (7)
- 12. Mopes around the course (5)
- 13. Tiny tonne upset nobody (9) 14. New Zealand Christmas bush
- for Italian river shack, Britain and Australian state (9) 16. Light earth (4)
- 19. Unusual definitely not well
- done (4) 20. Checks spelling for evidence about 26. Titillating literature (7)
- promotions (10)
- 22. Store 24 beware of the bull! (5,4)
- 23. Talk about money hideaway (5)
- 25. Apprentice offers support over wet weather (7) 26. Books found in heath – but could
- be porn (7)
- 27. Princess's hair in trouble (8)
- 28. Bad tempered woman carries sign around Australia (6)

DOWN

- 1. Princess's mood it could be fatal for dogs! (9) 2. A girl astray (5)
- 3. Minced meat twice for the sporting colleague (8)
- 5. Having fun pissing around the band! (6,7)
- 6. Party for 9 and 19? (6) 7. Ramshackle camera in a display of old Yankee gear (9)
- 8. Irritable trial over axis (5) 10. Worker with 1000 queens around
- the boss snot rags! (13) 15. Julie embraces Murphy - could
- be 28s! (9) 17. Reckless road speed, reckless man (9)
- 18. Green vegetable found in coo crib (8)
- 21. She rules out the flag (6)
- 22. Saw, reported and quoted (5)
- 24. Foreign country, but called a mate (5)

Quick Clues

- ACROSS 1. Shortage (6)
- 4. One settling abroad (8)
- 9. Food for Popeye! (7)
- 11. Finders ... losers weepers (7)
- 12. Laxative salt (5)
- 13. Person of no importance (9) 14. Iconic NZ tree in the myrtle family
- (9)
- 16. Touch down (4)
- 19. Infrequent (4)
- 20. Reviews text for errors (10)
- 22. Where to buy crockery (5,4)
- 23. Safe storage place (5)
- 25. Intern (7)
- 27. Anguish (8)
- 28. Shrew (6)

DOWN

- 1. Animal viral disease (9)
- 2. Awry (5) 3. Fellow worker (8)
- 5. Engaging in noisy celebration (6,7)
- 6. Where putting takes place (6)
- 7. US roots-music genre (9)
- 8. Grumpy (5)
- 10. Bandanas (13)
- 15. Termagants (9
- 17. Outlaw (9)
- 18. Cabbage cultivar with a large edible flower head (8) 21. Placard (6) 22. Referenced (5)
- 24. Ceramic material (5)



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This morning I read an alarming article in The Australian. It detailed the case of Dr Asarjahu Granot who was served with a Supreme Court writ in 2021 that accused him of several counts of negligence, including the claim that an operation was inconsistent with the procedure consented to by the mother of the girl in question.

According to The Australian the writ alleges that 'the defendant (Granot) left the operating theatre and approached the plaintiff's mother showing her the labia and clitoral hood that he had removed from the plaintiff'.

The plaintiff at the time was 13. She is now 27 and is studying to become a doctor.

She has said 'I don't have proper anatomy anymore. I don't have a labia minora and he's made my clitoral hood into barely nothing. It's not functional. I can't even have a proper relationship.'

This was a little girl. The same age as my youngest daughter. I can't imagine subjecting her to that kind of brutalising surgery. I can't imagine how much that poor young woman has suffered, and how she continues to suffer.

Plastic surgery like this is a danger to women when we live in a world of digitally orchestrated visual propaganda where nothing is real. And instead of a diversity, there is just one acceptable type of vagina.

Pornography has a lot to answer for, and so do the nudity guidelines set by the Australian Government that insist media representations of female genitalia be airbrushed. Porn vaginas aren't real. They're digitally doctored. And so real women physically get themselves doctored so that their vaginas look like the ones in the pictures.

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Some labioplasty is medical, but the majority is purely cosmetic. Cosmetic! Men aren't having their genitals butchered to look 'perfect'. No one is taking a knife to a scrotum to fashion a peachy bulge. Along with domestic



violence, and the repealing of abortion freedom in the US this is more proof of patriarchy's plan for women. It is gendercide. Where our unique biology is rendered generic. It's factory farmed femaleness; McGinas.

Vaginas are like fingerprints. They're as unique as the person who has one. There is not one socially acceptable fingerprint. There are not cosmetic surgeons being paid big bucks to surgically alter our fingertips towards a curated 'perfection'. Because that's ludicrous. Labioplasty for the most part is ludicrous and barbaric. It's unnecessary. Its very existence and success is predicated on the fact that women and people with

vaginas have been fed a bullshit lie. The lie is that they 'look wrong'. And that the only way to fix the 'wrongness' is to cut it away with surgery. This is genital mutilation. We judge other cultures as primitive and harmful to women when they practise this as part of their religion. Yet labioplasty is one of the most popular elective surgeries you can access. Just a quick Google and I find I can get a labioplasty payment plan for just \$30 a week. A self-mutilation payment plan!

How ironic. A woman or person on a minimum wage who can't get a homeloan or secure housing can get her/their vagina remodelled.

At least other cultures can blame religion. What do we blame?

Oh, freedom. Apparently it's freedom to make our own choices. But how do you make a 'choice' when the information that feeds your choices is corrupted?

It makes me reflect back to the MONA exhibition of Greg Taylor's work 'C*nts and Conversations' that showed 60 plaster casts of vaginas. I was so impressed to find out the artist was a man – someone who loved and understood vagina diversity and shone the light on it in a non-pornographic way. The use of plaster allows a threedimensional view. It was sensual and amazing, and anatomical and intimate all at the same time. This should be a travelling exhibition for schools.

Ironically, it's censorship in a permissive society that has led to our voluntary self-mutilation, while art is telling the truth.

The truth sets us free.

That's when you can make the most important choice of all - to not believe the bullshit.

You are perfect.

Tell your vagina. And pass it on.

STARS

planet Chiron turning retrograde in Aries could bring up issues you thought were done and dusted, and others you weren't even aware of. If you find yourself dancing with your shadow side, make every effort to disengage from low-vibe behaviour.

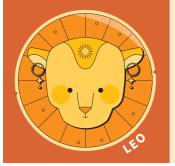
ARIES: Your action-oriented sign isn't CANCER: Chiron pivoting into retrograde LIBRA: Although there's a fine line CAPRICORN: With healing planet Chiron over-inclined to soul-searching, but in your sector of leadership and ambition can change not only what you do, but your emotional approach to your work. And Venus in Cancer declares loud and clear that nurturing numero uno definitely isn't selfishness - it's an essential necessity for you and all those you care for.

between excitement and stress this week, good news is its flamboyant energetics are set to light a bright fire of creative inspiration in your heart. Which makes it easier to delete choices that don't as fellow Libran Marie Kondo is fond of saying - 'spark joy'.

reversing in your home and family sector. old issues or difficult dynamics can surface. Sun and Mercury are amping up your need for privacy and intimacy, making this an auspicious time for a mindfulness retreat. Take a break to decompress and explore things on a deeper level.

BY LILITH

As this week's Sun and Mercury make their onstage appearance in Leo, we wish happy birthday to the Shire's fiery Lions...



TAURUS: With a Sun/Mercury alignment in your sector of domestic delights - and drama – and your prima planet Venus in the sign of home, that's where your heart is this week. Make the most of this auspicious period for connecting with your roots, hosting or visiting family and spending quality time with your tribe, whether bloodline or personal choice.

GEMINI: The Sun and Mercury swinging into your zodiac sector of socialising remind you of the need to collaborate with more people than just the committee in your head - which is admittedly a colourful cast when you're a Gemini. Synergies could spark and sizzle quickly this week, then just as easily fizzle, so don't commit without due diligence.

LEO: Tadah! This week's Sun and Mercury blazing into the radiant sign of your own fine self sounds the celestial signal to tap into the noble traits of Leo. Invest energy into your creative pursuits. Remember love is a two-way street, and ask yourself how can you be a more generous lover.

VIRGO: This week's planets in the sign of artistic expression and self-promotion ask you to consider how you want to shine in the world. If you can add value, beauty or inspiration to someone's life, why not? And unless you put it out there, how will those in need of your unique skillset find you?

SCORPIO: Chiron shifting gear in your work area suggests the possibility of power struggles and recommends healthy self-control. Consider other people's feelings and dignity, regardless of whether or not you're justified in being cranky with them. Support is all around you, but you have to ask for it.

SAGITTARIUS: With grand-plan Jupiter in Aries and wordsmith Mercury in Leo, people might be talking a good game this week, but can they back it up and follow through? Venus in guarded Cancer has valid concerns. Best not to take promises and estimates at face value; do background checks before signing up.

AQUARIUS: When this week's glowing cosmic confidence boost of Sun, Mercury and Jupiter in enthusiastic fire signs ignites exciting ideas, savvy Aquarians will keep in mind that budgets, timelines and interpersonal sensitivity still apply. This week's biggest push-pull is likely to be around choices between 'me' or 'we'.

PISCES: Planetary healer Chiron's moves are game-changers for everyone, and its reversal this week in your zodiac sector of money, honey, followed closely by generous and expansive Jupiter asks: Is it time for you to acknowledge and release any long-held counterproductive beliefs around work and prosperity?



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THE LOOOONG WAIT FOR Splendour is over!

Remember the time your dad told you that you couldn't have a bike until you were ten? Think back to how excited you were when you were approaching the date when you could go for your learner's permit and then your licence. Waiting for some special things can seem to take forever to arrive...

But, have you ever highly anticipated anything so much that you could burst, only to have it swept away before your eyes?

This is exactly what happened to thousands of teenagers who FINALLY were old enough, and had tickets, for Splendour in the Grass, then it got postponed (oh the disappointment) and then it got cancelled (oh the HEARTACHE) not once but twice ! (OH NO! OH NO! OH NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!)

The plans, the outfits, the make-up, the hook-ups, the friendships, the music, all down the gurgler.

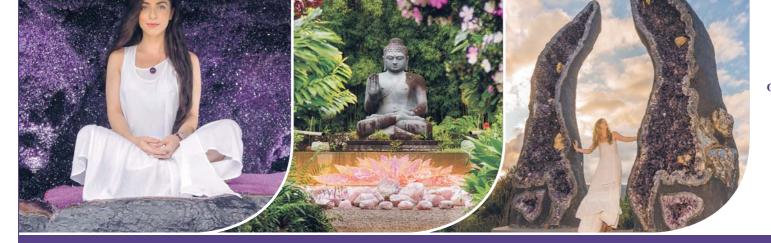
To make up for all the lost time, this year's event at North Byron Parklands is bigger and better than ever. Long awaited and even longer awaited, and so highly anticipated that some people can't even think straight.

The country's youth (and some not so youthful) are chomping at the bit to get through those gates and onto the Parklands for the best in awesome festival food, vibey dance and a stellar lineup of artists, a combination that you will only ever see once in a lifetime and only at Splendour in the Grass 2022.

– Entertainment Editor, Eve Jeffery

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GORILLAZ

Virtual band Gorillaz are: singer, 2D; bassist, Murdoc Niccals; guitarist, Noodle; and drummer, Russel Hobbs. Created by Damon Albarn and Jamie Hewlett, their acclaimed eponymous debut album was released in 2001. A truly global phenomenon, Gorillaz have achieved success in entirely ground-breaking and unique ways, touring the world from San Diego to Syria, Montevideo to Manchester, and winning numerous awards, including the coveted Jim Henson Creativity Honor. The band are recognised by The Guinness Book Of World Records as the planet's Most Successful Virtual Act. Headlines Friday.

THE STROKES

Formed in NY in the late '90s, it is impossible to overstate the impact that The Strokes made on the global music scene with their debut album. Universally acclaimed, this minimalist rock masterpiece propelled singer Julian Casablancas, guitarists Nick Valensi and Albert Hammond Jr, bassist Nikolai Fraiture and drummer Fabrizio Moretti into the stratosphere. Two decades on, *Is This It* is as stunning as ever and a perennial feature on best album lists around the globe. Headlines Saturday.

TYLER, THE CREATOR

Tyler, The Creator is an auteur. A recording artist, songwriter, producer, director, designer and more: he first emerged in 2007 as co-founder of the collective Odd Future before going on to co-create and star in the cult TV show *Loiter Squad on Adult Swim* with his Odd Future cohorts. This was just the beginning for Tyler – since then he has become a Grammy Award winning artist, releasing six studio albums, launching an internationally acclaimed music festival, and this weekend he is playing at another. Headlines Sunday.

YEAH YEAH YEAHS

Yeah Yeah Yeahs are true indie rock royalty! Originating from New York City in 2000, the band released their first studio album, *Fever to Tell* in 2003 followed by *Show Your Bones* in 2006 and *It's Blitz!* in 2009. All three albums earned Grammy nominations for Best Alternative Music Album and were followed with the band's highly anticipated fourth release *Mosquito* in 2013.

We can't wait to welcome the bona fide music legends when they take to the stage at Splendour in the Grass 2022. Make sure you're front and centre for their set on Friday 22 July, or heads will roll!

GLASS ANIMALS

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At the beginning of the third album from London band Glass Animals, frontman Dave Bayley asks himself a series of questions about fundamental issues: identity, memory, love, friendship, the person you have been and the person you want to be. How do you answer so many questions that cut to the heart of who you are? Well, as Bayley sings in the very last line, *"You go make an album and call it Dreamland.*" And they did, in 2020.

Glass Animals have since notched up over two billion streams, appeared on James Corden and Jimmy Kimmel, and toured the world to strikingly diverse audiences, from Glastonbury to Primavera and Red Rocks to Coachella and now Saturday Splendour in the Grass 2022!

LIAM GALLAGHER

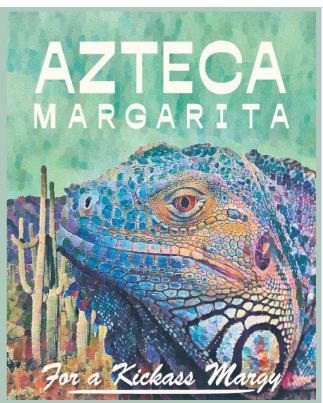
We've come to expect big things from Liam Gallagher, but recently he revealed plans for 2022 that are biblical – even by his colossal standards. He released his new album *C'mon You Know* on 27 May and scored a fourth consecutive number one UK record. He also celebrated the 25th anniversary of Oasis' era-defining gigs at Knebworth playing the biggest show of his solo career to date on 4 June 2022.

Get ready for one helluva show as Liam Gallagher takes over North Byron Parklands on Sunday 24 July!

KACEY MUSGRAVES

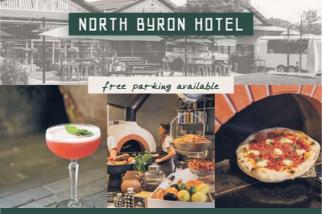
C.C.N.

Kacey Musgraves' new album, Starcrossed, is a bold, empowering, and extremely personal series of songs that display the six-time Grammy Award winner's continued growth as one of the finest singer-songwriters of our time. It's the follow-up to Golden *Hour*, which earned Musgraves her third number one debut on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart, and distinguished her as only the third artist ever to take home Album of the Year at the Grammy Awards, Country Music Association Awards, and Academy of Country Music. She's great - don't miss her Friday show (you'll be sorry).









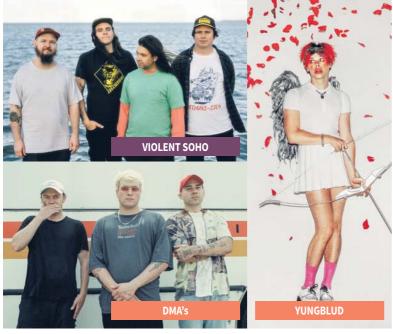
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DUKE DUMONT (LIVE)

So unassuming is Adam George Dyment, aka Duke Dumont, that it's easy to forget he played one of the most pivotal roles in making UK deep house the thundering global juggernaut it is today. Simultaneously dropping number one hits across the last decade while pumping out tracks that permeated underground club scenes, he's continually shifting the lines and redefining the realms of UK dance and pop. His performances are pulsating, emotional journeys.

With an untouchable back catalogue of originals and his latest album, *Duality*, under his belt, Duke Dumont's Splendour set is sure to be an addictive mix of sonic explorations. Get ready!

VIOLENT SOHO

Childhood friends from Mansfield, Queensland, Violent Soho have honed their talents over 15 years of making music together in a career that started with being signed to Thurston Moore from Sonic Youth's record label, moving to the US and touring with heroes like The Bronx and Built to Spill.

Violent Soho have carved a name for themselves in Australian rock music history and hold a very special place in the hearts of many Australians.

DMA'S

DMA'S have gone from strength to strength since exploding onto the scene in 2014 with their debut single *Delete*. **RGINBOUL BAR** Forging their reputation abroad, their album *THE GLOW* earned a number four chart position in the UK and number one in Scotland, making it their highest charting LP both at home and abroad. The band recently embarked on their long-awaited return to the UK and Ireland and now they are heading to Splendour.

YUNGBLUD

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COMEDY

Australia's favourite Yorkshire born singer-songwriter and multiinstrumentalist, Yungblud, is making his way to Splendour in the Grass in 2022!

In the three years since his first visit down under, Yungblud has established a massive Australian fan base and cemented his place as a festival favourite from Byron Bay to the Apple Isle. Back to tear up the stage at Splendour in the Grass, Yungblud comes armed with a bunch of fresh new tracks from his 2020 album *Weird!* and all the larrikin good vibes his Australian black hearted fans love.

THURSDAY 21 JULY

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9.00-10.30

DANE

TOMAS

9.15-10.15

JORDAN

BURNS

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8:00

MORGAZMK

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FITCH

MAE WILDE -GENDER BENDER

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JACK HARLOW

6:00

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BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE CHEEKY CABARET

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ZEDENA

MICHAEL HING, GERALDINE HICKEY,

LUKE MCGREGOR & MORE

6.00-9.00

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JACOB

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5:00

HALO

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SUNSET DRUMMING

CIRCLE

4.45-5.30

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4.00-4.45

Hailed as the 'hitmaker of tomorrow' by *Variety*, Jack Harlow is one of music's greatest new stars. The Louisville, KY native boasts three Grammy Award nominations, two number one singles, 12 RIAA platinum certifications, and over five billion career streams to date. Harlow released his critically acclaimed, RIAA platinum certified debut album, *That's What They All Say* in December 2020, which featured the seven times platinum worldwide hit, 'What's Poppin', which peaked at number two on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and earned the 24-year-old his first Grammy nomination for Best Rap Performance, along with a wide array of other award nominations.

11:00

JUMAN

10.15-11.15

SPARKLE IS BACK

10.00-12.00

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Harlow is now poised to reach even greater heights with his hugely anticipated second album, *Come Home the Kids Miss You*. Don't miss him on Saturday.





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DILLON FRANCIS

For the last decade, Dillon Francis has barely stopped moving. Since he first broke out with a series of vibrant dance tracks, he's maintained a whirlwind tour schedule, playing festivals and shows across the world. In between making hilarious music videos, designing his own clothing line, and writing a surreal animated TV show, he has, of course, issued a nearly countless number of electrifying cuts. His restlessness has made for otherworldly, overwhelming music and compelling art, no matter what medium he's working in. There are always new worlds to explore including Splendour 2022.

TIM MINCHIN

One of the world's most popular Aussie live acts, Tim Minchin has been selling out award-winning gigs in the UK, US and Australia for over a decade. His most recent tour, *Back*, was seen by over a quarter of a million people. His 2020 studio album *Apart Together* debuted at number three in Australia and in the top 30 in the UK.

Catch his impressive live show when he plays at Splendour in the Grass 2022!

THE JUNGLE GIANTS

The Jungle Giants are fast becoming an unstoppable force. Known for delivering explosive high-energy live performances, the band include allrounder Sam Hales (vocalist/ guitarist/ songwriter/ producer), lead guitarist Cesira Aitken, bassist Andrew Dooris and drummer Keelan Bijker.

With the release of their number one ARIA-charting fourth album *Love Signs*, The Jungle Giants are channeling hope, love and a dance-pop sensibility into their most irresistible and genre-defying work yet.

Driven by optimism, creative freedom



and a desire to 'Go weird, go funny, and not be scared,' The Jungle Giants are paving the way for their continued metamorphosis.

MURA MASA

Mura Masa (stage name of Alex Crossan) began making

music at the age of fifteen, lacking total affinity with the local metal and folk scenes, but gaining exposure to electronic music across the water. *Mura Masa* – the self-titled debut album contained snapshots of Alex's upbringing, but it also soundtracked the very specific move to London and the melting-pot he abruptly became exposed to. What emerged was an album bursting with curiosity and creativity – and he's bursting to perform for you on Sunday.

AMYL AND THE SNIFFERS

Led by 'human firework' Amy Taylor, the internationally acclaimed punk rock four-piece returns to the stage after a long and productive covid winter. Following their 2019 ARIA Award win for Best Rock Album, Amyl and the Sniffers released the thrilling, monstrous, Comfort to Me. Co-produced with Dan Luscombe (The Drones) and mixed by Nick Launay (Nick Cave, IDLES), the album signals a major gear shift for the Sniffers, where love and hate, spit and sweat, beer and politics collide over 45 propulsive and iconic minutes. Celebrate the Sniffers new world order when they bring their ball-tearing live show to Splendour in the Grass.

AITCH

There couldn't be a more favourable moment to be a Manchester-based MC, the 0161 has been endlessly churning out rap talents in recent years, but few quite like Aitch. Hailing from New Moston, an area in North

SO SO MANY Highlights!

Manchester, Aitch's artistry derives from the sheer proximity to the UK's epicentre and breeding ground for all forms of underground bass music – whether it's rap, grime, dubstep or drum and bass.

Aitch is undoubtedly one of the biggest success stories this year. He has gone on to make a solid mark on the scene nationally, and onward to you at North Byron Parklands.

G FLIP

The Melbourne-based drummer, singer, producer, and self-taught writer, G Flip, has been making waves overseas for the past three years. Their debut hit About You took them from bedroom producer to national superstar. Fast forward and G has sold out all five of their Australian headline tours, been nominated for three ARIA awards, won an MTV EMA Award, four places in each of the Triple J Hottest 100s of 2020 and 2019, the highest viewed Triple J Like A Version of 2020, two limited edition Crocs collaborations, and a number of gold, platinum and multi-platinum certified singles. G Flip is the real deal - unfiltered, charismatic and with endless energy to burn.

RUEL

Ruel's resume reads like that of a seasoned global superstar. The Sydney-bred, London-born vocalist is quickly becoming one of this generation's most influential artists. Since winning the ARIA for Breakthrough Artist in 2018 (the youngest artist to do so), Ruel now has a billion global streams, millions of followers and three sold-out world tours under his belt and this weekend Splendour is added to that.

JUNGLE

Less than a decade ago, Josh Lloyd and Tom McFarland were two friends with what felt like the impossible dream of one day seeing their name above the door of their local venue – fast forward to today and Jungle have performed on five different continents, headlining shows across the world, while also winning new fans at festivals, and you can enjoy them live when Jungle take the stage at Splendour!

TOM MISCH

Tom Misch has always chosen the road less travelled. From picking up a violin at age three and training in the Suzuki method, to steadfastly releasing music on his own label Beyond the Groove, to breaking out as a full-fledged star with his critically and commercially hailed album *Geography*, Misch is a shining example of how ploughing your own furrow, staying the course and sticking to your guns can pay off in rich dividends. Catch Misch's boundary-defying sounds when he performs at Splendour on Saturday 23 July.

GRINSPOON

Seven albums, 13 ARIA nominations, over half-a-million records sold and a back catalogue etched into Aussie music history. They're one of our most durable and, undoubtedly, best-loved rock bands – Grinspoon.

When it comes to the music biz, longevity is an elusive beast. Put simply, Grinspoon are the premier rock band in the country. After playing 400+ live shows, seeing six consecutive albums debut in the top ten, with multi-platinum sales across 25 years, it's fair to say they've earned their place in Australian music history. You are in for a treat when Grinspoon play at Splendour in July 2022!

ORVILLE PECK

Orville Peck is a country recording artist and songwriter known for his deep baritone voice, strong musicianship and songs that are boldly sincere in their storytelling. Never confirming his identity, Orville, who is openly gay, grew up living an itinerant life and he is never seen without his signature fringed mask. Orville lends his time and platforms to activism and the causes he is committed to.

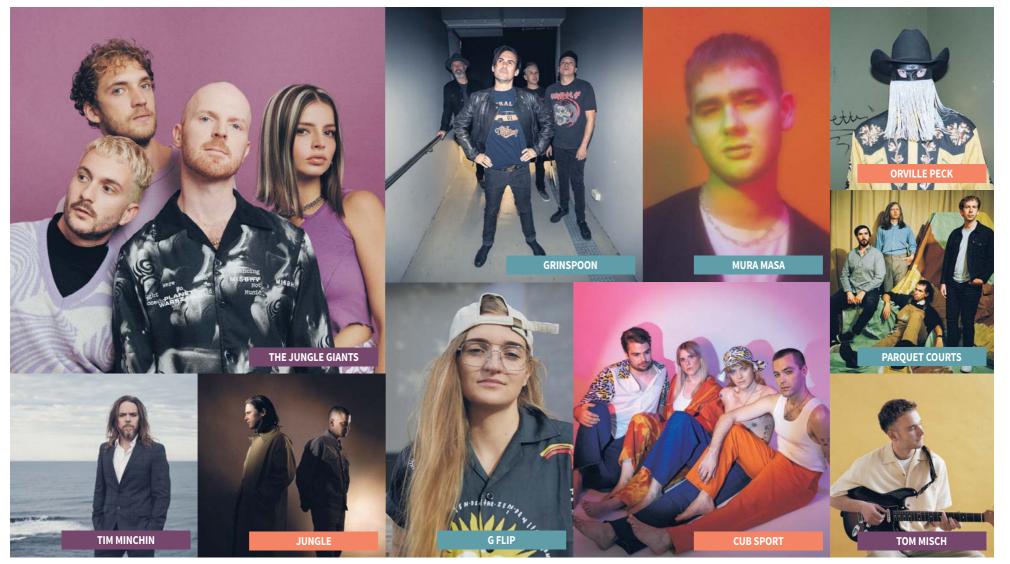
Don't miss Orville's talent when he performs at Splendour on Friday 22 July.

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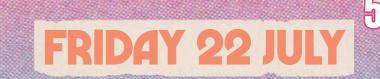
Parquet Courts' thought-provoking rock is dancing to a new tune. Their new album, *Sympathy For Life*, finds the Brooklyn band at both their most instinctive and electronic, spinning their bewitching, psychedelic storytelling into fresh territory, yet maintaining their unique identity. Built largely from improvised jams their focus is on grooves rather than rhythm, so it's time to get dancing when Parquet Courts play tracks from their record, live at Splendour 2022.

CUB SPORT

Cub Sport has undergone a transformation from local indie band to global pop powerhouse. With sold out shows across four continents, and a community and message that is impacting lives worldwide, the prolific independent Brisbane group are forging their own path to global acclaim. With over 200 million streams to their name, the energy around Cub Sport is fearless and captures the uniquely vulnerable writing and vocal delivery that has seen the group win praise everywhere. They are something not to be missed on Friday.



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JPEGMAFIA

Los Angeles-based rapper and producer JPEGMAFIA released his fourth full-length album, *LP*! in October 2021. The highly anticipated album was first teased with the frenetic 'Trust!'. A highlight of this show is the six-minute epic 'Sick, Nervous & Broke', which shakes between bass and skittering cymbals as Peggy somehow manages to namecheck everyone from Mexican boxer Canelo Alvarez to '90s singersongwriter Sarah McLachlan. Check him out this weekend.

RUBY FIELDS

Hailing from the suburbs of Sydney's South Coast, Ruby Fields is an Australian singer-songwriter who creates narratives that people feel a close connection to. Her debut album *Been Doin' it for a Bit*- true to Ruby Fields' style, is full of relatable anecdotes, festival mosh-worthy moments, escapism and humour, but also features previously unrevealed moments that divulge an entirely new side of Ruby Fields. See her at the Parklands.

SOFI TUKKER

Sofi Tukker is the genre-defying duo of Sophie Hawley-Weld and Tucker Halpern; celebrated for their inclusive and global perspective on electronic music and their work's themes of liberation, unity, and selfempowerment. Their commitment to equality and fostering community while recombining the pillars of dance music into exciting new shapes has established them as a singular act. Friday – be there!

METHYL ETHEL

Methyl Ethel – the *nom de plume* of West Australian songwriter, producer, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Jake Webb. Methyl Ethel has toured extensively, appearing at internationally renowned festivals, and Splendour is thrilled to welcome him back to Splendour in 2022!

JULIA STONE

Her third solo album, made over the course of three years, Julia Stone's record, *Sixty Summers* arrived in



2021 as a powerful rebirth for one of Australia's most prolific artists. Emerging from the wildernesses of folk and indie-rock, Stone dove headfirst into the cosmopolitan, hedonistic world of late-night, moonlit pop. She brought the grit and glitter of the city, with all its attendant joys, dangers, romances and risks. The new era for Julia Stone replaces dirt-underfoot with wet pavements and sticky dance floors; trades blue skies for red lights and red lips, and this weekend – all of that for Splendour.

BAKER BOY

Baker Boy was first introduced to adoring fans in 2017. The entirety of Baker Boy's art, from his infectious flow to his music's modern-throwback production to the jaw-dropping dance moves he perfected as part of the Djuki Mala dance troupe is something you just have to see, and Friday is your chance to do just that.

SURFACES

Surfaces is a Texas-based duo comprised of Forrest Frank and Colin Padalecki. The band formed in 2017, with Forrest manning vocals and production, and Colin handling writing and arrangements, they released their debut album later that year titled *Surf*. Within a year of partnering, Surfaces' music began to take off, connecting with fans around the world who found something special in the band's blend of buoyant production and 'no shirt, no shoes, no problem' energy. Feel the vibe on Sunday.

THE CHATS

Catch the rebel spirit and iconic anthems of pub punk outfit The Chats when they play Splendour 2022! When 2017 single *Smoko* became a bona fide viral hit on YouTube, the band were propelled from their Queensland shed to almost overnight renown in all the right circles. Now they have propelled themselves to Byron.

CONFIDENCE MAN

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HOLLY HUMBERSTONE

Storytelling is indeed an important part of Holly Humberstone's craft. She wants all her lyrics to be ones people could tattoo on themselves,



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weekend.



and she writes lines that are specific to her life; from her sister's struggles with mental illness, to growing apart from her friends. Catch Holly's inimitable brand of songwriting and visionary creativity when she performs at Splendour 2022.

ROLLING BLACKOUTS COASTAL FEVER

Revered Australian guitar-pop five-piece Rolling Blackouts Coastal Fever are lead by singer-songwriterguitarists Tom Russo, Joe White and Fran Keaney, and rounded out by bassist Joe Russo and drummer Marcel Tussie. Following in the footsteps of their breakthrough debut album *Hope Downs* in 2018, the band's most recent LP, the number four ARIA-charting album *Sideways to New Italy* garnered praise by critics across the world. Listen for yourself on Friday.

TRIPLE ONE

Triple One are impossible to categorise, and even harder to ignore. Brash bars come courtesy of rappers Marty Bugatti and Obi III Terrors, melodic hooks by Lil Dijon float in paranormal fashion while greyscale production is expertly crafted by Billy Gunns. Triple One are a sonic experiment between hard, soft, and all the textures in between. Find out what they are all about on Saturday.

WET LEG

In a moment of drunken clarity, at the summit of a Ferris wheel, Rhian **Teasdale and Hester Chambers** decided to start a band. Armed with their guitars, a penchant for French disco and a hive of imagination that draws on everything from Pierre Bachelet, the Ronettes, and Jane Birkin through to Best Coast, The Strokes and the B52s they set about making some recordings of their own. This has spawned an ever-growing catalogue of inimitable, chaotic alt/ pop majesty. Enter the kaleidoscopic world of Wet Leg when they play at Splendour in the Grass on Friday. Everyone's invited to the party!





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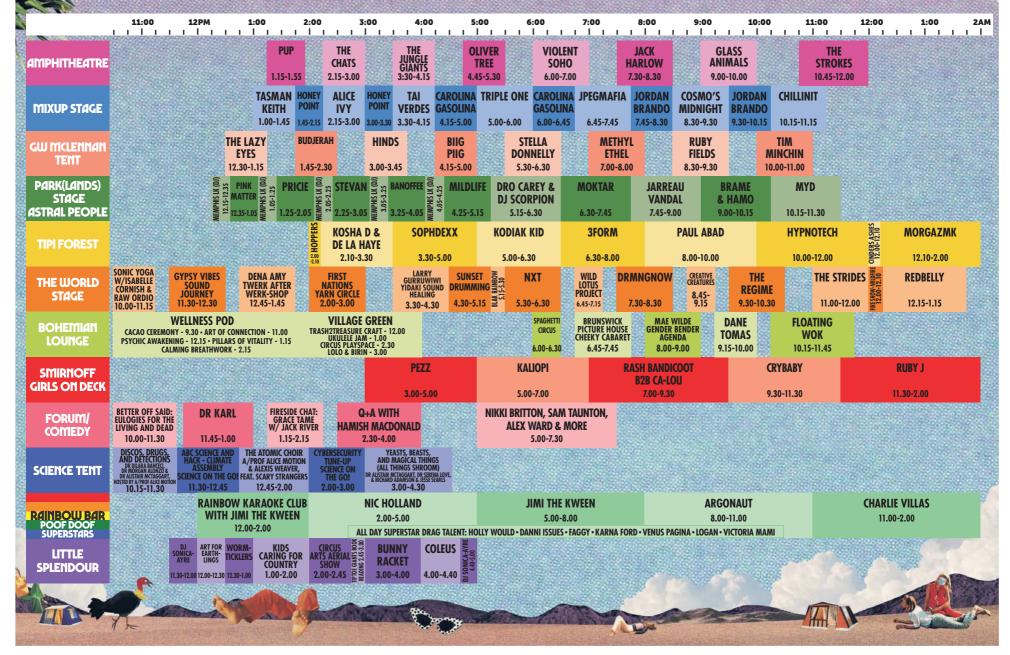


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MO'JU

Mo'ju has been called one of Australia's most exciting singersongwriters and their music has amassed critical, commercial and cultural influence. 2018's release Native Tongue was one of the year's most important and award-winning releases, impacting not only Mo'ju's life and music but also the Australian musical landscape. With the album being a career definer for the singersongwriter, Mo'ju had documented a deep and intimate exploration of family and identity, in particular her Wiradjuri and Filipino roots. They play Splendour on Sunday.

MIIESHA

A strong, proud Anangu/Torres Strait Islander woman, Miiesha released her debut collection of songs titled *Nyaaringu* in 2020. Meaning 'what happened' in Pitjantjatjara language, *Nyaaringu* explores the stories and the strength Miiesha inherited from her late grandmother, whose interludes narrate the project. Miiesha's story is not just worth hearing, it's needed. Friday at Splendour.

BABE RAINBOW

Can you see a rainbow in the sky? Byron Bay's very own hippy-rockers Babe Rainbow bring their zest to Splendour in the Grass 2022. The histories in the Rainbow Archive come from a range of perspectives, you can feel the Aquarius everywhere. Babe's music is so big it's almost psychedelic; guaranteed to blow your mind. Zest is best. Sunday at Splendour.

TAI VERDES

Three months into the COVID-19 pandemic, Tai Verdes was an essential worker at a Los Angeles Verizon Wireless store. Now, his debut album *TV* has reached number three on *Billboard*'s Heatseekers and number five on the Spotify charts. He's playing Splendour on Saturday.

THE SNUTS

Following a tense chart battle with Demi Lovato, The Snuts became the first Scottish band to achieve a UK number one for 14 years with their 2021 debut album *W.L.*. We can't wait to catch their uninhibited, sweatdrenched live show when they play Splendour in the Grass on Sunday.

SYCCO

The ascent of Sycco, aka 19-year-old First Nations artist/ writer/ producer Sash McLeod, only started in 2020 (mid-pandemic) but her pop-driven, psych-infused, dance-inducing brand of electronica has already won her fans near and far. Sycco was recently announced as YouTube's Music Foundry Class of 2021, scored a Times Square billboard as the face of Spotify's Equal Campaign, was named as Apple Music AU's Up Next Artist for August *and* won Australia's prestigious Levi's Music Prize – but she's only just getting started – be there Sunday.

BIG TWISTY & THE FUNKNASTY

Big Twisty & The Funknasty are arguably one of the hottest upcoming funk/ hip hop acts in Australia right now. Whipping crowds into a funk frenzy across the country with their explosive, ten-person live show, they are here to open up your mind, free your body and have a funkin' good time. Big Twisty & The Funknasty are no strangers to the big stage – see them this weekend.

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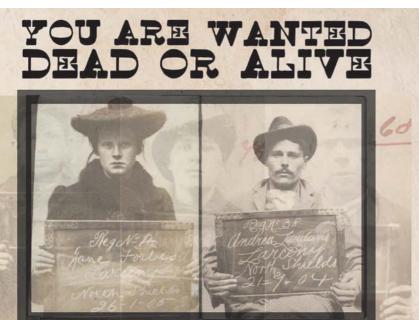
One of Australia's most exciting rising indie/ punk acts, Perth four-piece Sly Withers set themselves apart from the pack with their uncanny knack for writing brilliant harmonies. This is heart-on-your-sleeve rock at its best. Check them out on Friday.

BUDJERAH

He might be young, but there's always been something wisebeyond-his-years about Budjerah. Featuring the acclaimed singles 'Missing You' and 'Higher', his debut, self-titled EP was released in early 2021. Don't miss Budjerah's impressive talent when he takes the stage at Splendour 2022.

JK-47

If you're a hip hop fan in Australia, you should by now know the name JK-47. Whether you know him as the 2020 Triple J Unearthed Artist of the Year, or from his jaw-dropping Like A Version where he put a fantastic twist on 'Changes' by 2Pac, you would already know that the talented Indigenous artist is a force to be reckoned with. It's no surprise to see acts like Illy, Chillinit, Allday, 360, Nerve and many more showing him love. He's at Splendour on Sunday.



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KING STINGRAY

King Stingray is a story of lifelong friendship and two cultures coming together. Growing up together in Yirrkala in North-East Arnhem Land, founding members Yirrŋa Yunupiŋu (frontman) and Roy Kellaway (guitar) have been playing and making music together for as long as they can remember. Now it's time for King Stringray to take the stage at Splendour.

BANOFFEE

Banoffee is a Melbourne-born, Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter and producer with a musically transgressive and deeply vulnerable approach to pop. She has toured with Taylor Swift on a worldwide stadium tour as part of Charlie XCX 's troupe, and represents the new wave of mutant pop bubbling up from today's queer club underground. She has been described as one of pop music's 'recent great forward thinkers' and is known for infectious melodies that belie more unsettling, experimental textures and beats. Saturday.

THE BUOYS

A fizzled-out Tinder date collided with a Gumtree ad, and from the flaming ashes rose The Buoys, the sweet and savory all-female Sydney outfit making noise across Australia. Provoked by workplace feuds, slow walkers on the footpath and a tonne of bad dates, The Buoys carve out a fresh space in the indie guitar scene, traversing the bounds from uncertainty to curiosity, disappointment to determination, and traversing North Byron for Splendour.

SOUL MOVERS

Led by leggy front-woman, Lizzie Mack and featuring the legendary OG-Red-Wiggle, Murray Cook on lead guitar, The Soul Movers' music takes fans on a ride across a cool musical spectrum of 1960s and '70s soul, pop, and rock 'n' roll, making them one of the most entertaining live music acts on the national touring circuit. The Soul Movers showcase their incredible energy and skill at Splendour in the Grass on Sunday.





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Composed of rappers Rako, Goyo, DALI HART, producer-singer Nerdie and producer pokari.sweat, 1300 initially came together following a chance encounter at a house party, after years spent orbiting around one another in Sydney's Korean-Australian music scene. Less than a year into the 1300 project, they've already blazed an incendiary trail with their debut single, Brr. 1300 is the future of K-hip hop, now at Splendour.

PRICIE

Pricie made her grand debut with the release of her powerful and charismatic single *Too dang good* in early 2021, leading the rapper, singer-songwriter to be labelled as one to watch. Pricie has impressed a long list of tastemakers around the globe and with her list of accolades ever-growing, make sure to keep a firm eye on this diverse and ever-so-talented artist when she takes the stage at Splendour in the Grass!

ANDY GOLLEDGE

Andy Golledge's performance at Splendour in the Grass follows the release of the Sydney alt-country rocker's debut album Strength of a Queen. This show is set to be a wild and stimulating experience, and much like all of Golledge's live shows, you can expect it to be exhilarating and unpredictable. If you are going to discover one thing at Splendour, make sure it's Andy



NEED TO KNOW STUFF



- from The Supremes, to Destiny's Child, The Spice Girls, TLC, HAIM, and all the talented powerful women in between - Pink Matter are shaping this tradition in their own way on Australian shores. The group have earned support slots for Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Harvey Sutherland and The Internet and are booked for the country's biggest festivals, including Laneway and Splendour in the Grass.

DENA AMY

The South African-born, Australian-raised Dena Amy is a chameleon of the arts; an accomplished DJ, singer, producer, dancer and actress. Dena has stockpiled a seriously impressive list of festival and club plays including Splendour, Falls Festival, Field Day, FOMO, Harbourlife, Beyond The Valley, Spilt Milk, For The Love and Snowtunes. In the US, Dena has played at Coachella, EDC Las Vegas, CRSSD Festival, Electric Forest and a number of exclusive RÜFÜS DU SOL & Friends events. She plays Splendour again in 2022.

SHANTAN WANTAN **ICHIBAN**

Shantan Wantan Ichiban has proved to be one of the most versatile DJs on the circuit. He has created some of Sydney's most successful party nights across a wide range of genres.



the dance floor. Some say this ability was learned, but legend has it he was born with it. He is set to obliterate the Splendour dance-floor owing to the sheer amount of dancing.

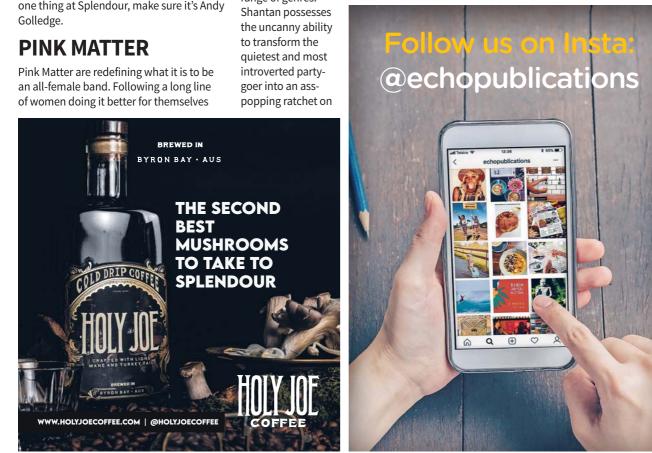
MUNASIB

Munasib is your favourite artist's favourite DJ, keeping company with burgeoning local talent and sharing stages with international superstars. The Australian born, Bengali DJ marks a sea change in Australian dance culture, reflecting the plurality of the country's multiculturalism with sets that as easily include Bollywood beats as Vince Staples' 'Norf Norf'.

Regularly sharing the stage with musician friends and collaborators including Milan Ring, IJALE and Bodega Collective, Munasib has a curatorial ear for just about everything. He's on the Grass on Sunday.

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Last, but absolutely not least, the Unearthed winners will play Friday. Be the one who says, 'I remember them the first time they played Splendour!'.



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All event ticket holding patrons travelling to the event via bus are required to pre-purchase a bus ticket prior to their arrival at the event. For more information go to www.splendourinthegrass.com/buses.

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If you are planning to drive to Splendour you MUST prepurchase a vehicle pass. You will need a pass whether you are camping on site or just parking for the day. The number of passes available each day is capped and car-pooling is highly encouraged.

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Farm, 35 Yarun Rd, Tyagarah (the Bluesfest site). There will be an area where vehicles can park up and wait at the end of the night when collecting people from shuttle buses, and a meeting point that will be manned with Event staff and Security. Regular shuttle buses will run between the Byron Events Farm Drop Off Pick Up & Park N Ride location and the Splendour site on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fares apply.

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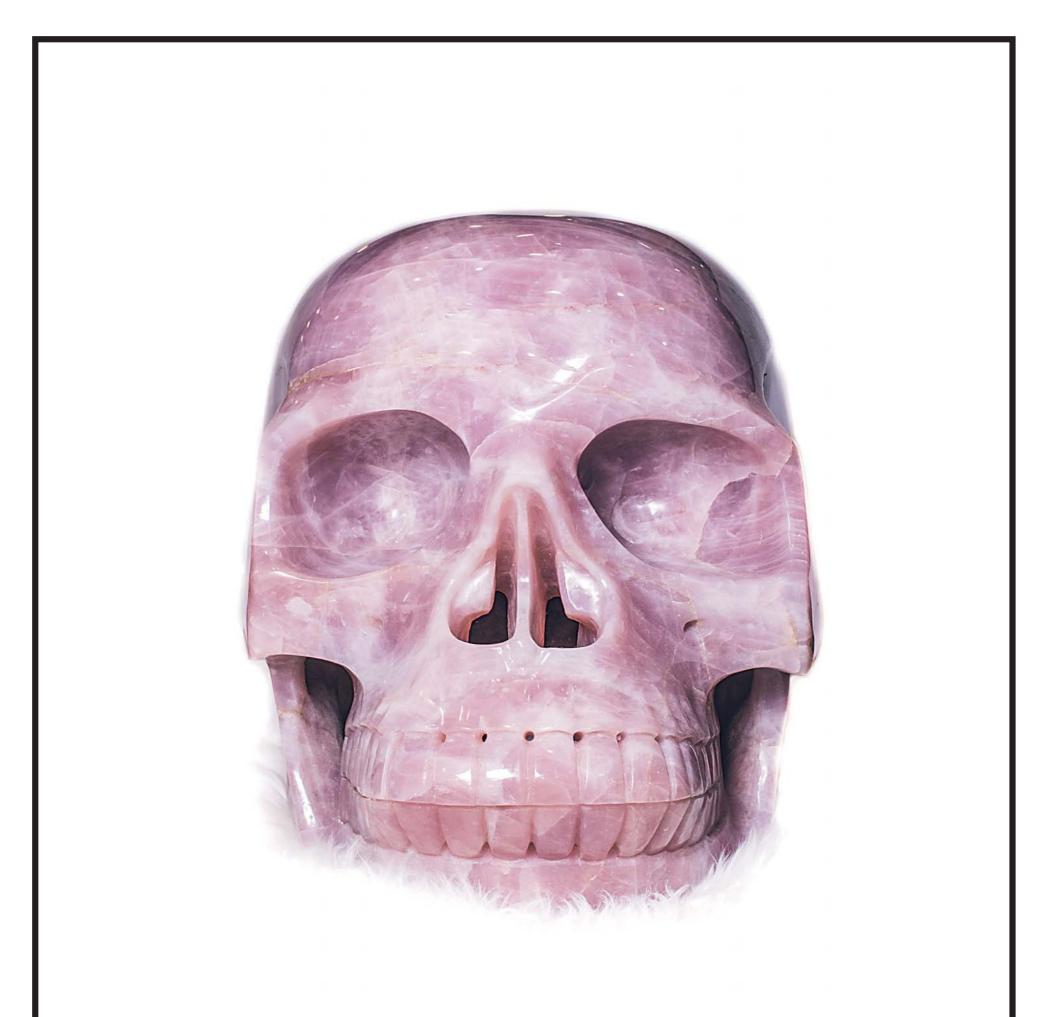
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The Bangalow Music Festival have released the program for the 19th edition in Bangalow across the winter weekend of 12–15 August. Virtuoso soloists will come from as far as New Zealand and from across Australia to celebrate the best of chamber music in the historic A&I Hall, Bangalow. Music in its full technicolour glory has the fundamental ability to unleash a multidimensional mix of emotions that transcend the spoken word. Music radiates inexhaustible joie de

vivre with its vitalising energy, and strange, indescribable undercurrent of nostalgia. Take in a concert or two, or three.

This event starts with a prequel on 11 August: the Schools Concert and the Locals' Night feature the emerging artists of tomorrow. From then to the farewell on Sunday, the weekend is wall-to-wall music – this is a stellar event and if you love music, then this is the place to be.

To see the festival program, visit: www.southernxsoloists.com/ festivalprogram.

For tickets and information, visit: www.southernxsoloists.com/bangalow.

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT SONGWRITERS

Virtuoso, Emma McGrath, plays The Bangalow Music Festival

in August.

The Rock and Roll Coffee Company, Mullumbimby, proudly presents the first of a series, showcasing original music and visual art. 'Something About Songwriters' is an intimate celebration of the truth and delight we find in each other through sharing artistic space.

Much loved songstress Rebecca Ireland takes us on a sweet lyrical and rhythmic ride with acoustic renditions from her most recent work, *Roadside Flowers* through to pieces from her debut album, *Love & Sticky Tape* and beyond.

Marika Bryant from ABC Arts Hub says, 'Rebecca's poetic and lyrical slant on life is original and poignant'.

Other performers on the day will be Jessie Rose and Matt Day who are Broadwaters. Journey through diverse landscapes of well-crafted songs, intricate fingerstyle guitar-meets-storytelling in velvet harmonies; a match made in heaven.

Katie Grubb is an up-and-coming local artist who has already won the hearts of people in China with her biophilia, colour-popping works. Katie's latest series has been exploring chaos theory and the unlimited potential of uncertainty, and will be featured.

The Rock and Roll crew will be offering up their vibrant Pan-Asian fare with a nighttime twist; and their bar will offer cocktails, beers, wines, hot drinks and sweets. Yummy times.

Doors open at 6pm. Limited tickets \$25 - see QR code on ad, or visit FB Something about Songwriters Wednesday 27 July. 55 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby.

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MOTOWN'S SHADOWS

Dancing in the Shadows of Motown are a ten-piece powerhouse band featuring internationally renowned singers and musicians who faithfully recreate the dynamic live performances of The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye, Martha and The Vandellas, The Four Tops, Fontella Bass, The Jackson Five, Junior Walker and many more Motown Legends.

This amazing show presents classic hits including: 'Reach Out', 'Stop in the Name of Love', 'Ain't too Proud to Beg', 'Heatwave', 'I Heard it Through the Grapevine', 'Dancing in the Streets', 'Uptight', 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered', 'You Keep me Hanging on', 'What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?', 'Ain't no Mountain High Enough', 'Standing on Shakey Ground', 'My Girl' and many more magical Motown classics.

Featuring ARIA winner Patou Powell, Franchesca Appolis, Kimi Tupaea and Veena Rao, Dancing In The Shadows Of Motown have been taking metropolitan and country audiences by storm since forming in 2017. This dynamic, all-singing, all-dancing band has performed sold out shows at many major venues – including the iconic Sydney Opera House Studio and The Basement, and this month they are going to Byron Theatre. Don't miss this awesome show.

29 July, Byron Theatre at 8pm, tickets: bvroncentre.com.au.

ANGUS AND PIXIE

With four critically acclaimed studio albums and five number one radio singles, a Golden Guitar Award, a number one ARIA Australian Country Album, and an ARIA Awards nomination under his belt, Angus Gill is one of the most exciting and prodigious acts on the Australian Country Music scene. He's not only a musical chameleon, a gifted producer, a songwriter's songwriter and a consummate performer, he's also a comedian with a natural, dry sense of humour. Gill is one of the youngest Australians to have performed on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville TN, alongside Nashville TV star, singersongwriter Charles Esten.

Add Pixie's fiddle playing, which is uniquely Australian, and with his amazing energy, storytelling and humour, he has become one of the most recognisable artists in the industry. He's also one of Australia's most eclectic and talented entertainers, playing roots, bluegrass and Irish folk styles with incredible dexterity and finesse.

Pixie has been a support artist and toured and recorded for some of the biggest names in the world: Bob Dylan to Cher; Jimmy Barnes to John Williamson, and he has been a studio musician on the recordings for hundreds of other artists.

Catch these two great artists in one show at the Mullum Ex-Services Club on Saturday 6 August, from 8pm. Visit: www.mullumexservices.com.au for more information.

IT'S FAULTY TOWERS

Faulty Towers – The Dining Experience comes to Mullum straight from London's West End via the legendary Sydney Opera House. Officially the world's most soughtafter tribute to the BBC sitcom, Faulty Towers - The Dining *Experience* is simply unmissable – and 'outrageously funny' (BroadwayBaby)!

Become part of the action as Basil, Sybil and Manuel serve up mayhem on a plate alongside a three-course meal and two-hours of non-stop laughter. Expect nothing short of guaranteed fun and a brilliant night out as you climb inside the BBC's iconic TV show and experience it from the inside out.

With over 70 per cent of the show improvised, this is a completely immersive and highly interactive comedy spectacular where anything can happen and usually does!

This show has appeared in 41 countries over the years, and tours constantly and returns for extended seasons every year to Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and Edinburgh Fringe, and has an ongoing residency in London's West End.

The cast for Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club is Gemma Drummond (Sybil), Jack Newell (Basil) and Andy Foreman (Manuel).

This international sensation is coming to Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club 30 July. Doors 6.30pm, show 7pm.

Tickets: \$75pp - all tickets include a three-course meal. Bookings enquiries@mullumexservices.com.au and 6684 2533.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE GOOD OLE HOEDOWN!

Bring your fam, your friends and your cosmic cowgirls to come party at free event at the Billinudgel Pub. The event will kick off in classic Byron style, starting at 11:11am and will finish at 4:44pm. The perfect stop-off on your way to Splendour in the Grass, or just a good excuse to get your hands on some good drinks and great entertainment.

Free buses to Splendour, live music, giveaways, free Zephyr Pony Rides, GloTatts Glitter, line dancing, jumping castle and more. This is one event not to be missed.

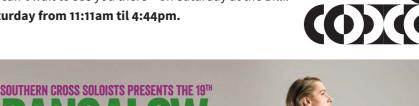
Live Music by Le Shiv, Gabriella Cohen, Mt Warning & The Swamps + Hannah Darling!

Drinks will be supplied by Gage Roads Brew Co & Azteca Margarita.

All of this is brought to you by Nine Lives Bazaar, FallenBROKENStreet, Mr Vintage, Zephyr & Azteca Margarita.

We can't wait to see you there - on Saturday at the Billi. Saturday from 11:11am til 4:44pm.







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REBEL REBEL

Rebel was originally scheduled at Byron Theatre in early July, but was postponed owing to lead singer, Stewart Reeve, contracting covid while on tour.

After a full recovery, *Rebel* is back on the road to bring you the best David Bowie tribute show money can buy; A visual and aural feast of a performance!

Rebel is a live circus rock tribute to the original rebel, David Bowie. 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.

The show is headlined by the incredible multi-award winning Stewart Reeve, who looks and sounds just like Bowie himself, and one who would make Bowie proud.

You won't want to miss this!

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WEDNESDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, TOMMY CASTLES MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM LEZ
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM CHRIS SHEEHY, 5PM TIM STOKES, 7.45PM NANA'S PIE, 9PM AUSTIN MACKAY BAND, 10PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM PISSARRO: FATHER OF **IMPRESSIONISM – EXHIBITION ON SCREEN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **URZILA CARLSON**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM TONY AND THE THIEF
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO

THURSDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE GIN BUGGS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 11AM DJ REIFLEX, 2PM DJ TAI DANIELS, 4.30PM COAST & OCEAN, 7PM PACIFIC AVENUE, 7.30PM THE COLLIFLOWERS, 7.45PM BIG DINNER, 8.45PM THE WHARVES, 11PM DJ SOPHDEXX
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM SIMON MEOLA
- **BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM** MIDDLE NAME DANCE BAND, DONNY LOVE **& BABY COOL**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT
- REGENT CINEMA MURWILLUMBAH 5 30PM THE SACRED SOUND TEMPLE PRESENT -**MURRAY KYLE + GAIA TREE**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 7PM LARRY GURRUWIWI & MALAWURR + BOBBY ALU

FRIDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, PINK ZINC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM KARUAH, 4.30PM SIMON WRIGHT, 7PM ASHER BUE & BEARFOOT, 10PM DJ MADAN
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM BANDALUZIA **FLAMENCO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM THE SWAMP CATS
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ ANDREW HAIG**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM INO PIO
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM STEPHEN LOVELIGHT
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM GUY KACHEL
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE ULTIMATE LED ZEPPELIN **EXPERIENCE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM JASON DELPHIN, 9.30PM NO RIGHT TURN

- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ XUJA**
- ZEPPELIN
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 11.11AM GOOD OLE **HOEDOWN!**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM OOZ
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM KAILEY ΡΔΙΙΔς
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM SUNSET SOIREES: WITH ANDREA SOLER
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM JASON DELPHIN
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM MATTY ROGERS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM ANDREW TAYLOR, 9 30PM BERST

SUNDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JESSE WHITNEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM GRACE GROVE, 4.30PM JAMES D'KHAN, 7.30PM DJ **REECE HAIN**, 9PM **DJ DANNY B**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM SHAUN KIRK
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- CRYSTALBROOK BYRON'S VERANDAH 2PM BOMBACLOCK
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 3PM DJ ABEL TORO
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK **CHAPMAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **BELLA PATON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM JASON DELPHIN
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM LATE FOR WOODSTOCK

MONDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JAMIE **ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM MICKA SCENE, 5.30PM MATTHEW ARMITAGE, 11.30PM JAY DEVU
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM NIK PHILLIPS

TUESDAY 26

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM JESS JOSH HIGGINS, 5PM LEIGH JAMES, 7.30PM PHIL & TILLEY
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW **BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH DR BAZ**

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SATURDAY 23

RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM KALLIDAD

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12,30PM JESSE WHITNEY, 3PM MARSHALL OKELL, 5.30PM DUDU & MATEUS, 8PM THE APPOINTMENTS, 10PM **DJT U**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM ABBA & THE BEE GEES -A NIGHT TO REMEMBER
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM THE BREDDA **BROTHERS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON BAY, **GROOVE TERMINATOR, DAN B & SPECIAL K**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM UPBEAT

WEDNESDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAN HANNAFORD
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON, 5PM BILL JACOBI, 7.30PM JASON DELPHIN
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM REBEL
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, SCANDINAVIAN **FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM TONY AND THE THIEF
- ROCK & ROLL, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM SOMETHING ABOUT SONGWRITERS WITH **REBECCA IRELAND AND BROADWATERS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM PHIL JAMIESON
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO

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FOR LOVERS OF HORROR

The Black Phone is a story set in 1978, about a serial child abductor nicknamed 'The Grabber' (Ethan Hawke) who prowls the streets of a Denver suburb. Siblings, Finney (Mason Thames) and Gwen Blake (Madeleine McGraw) live in the area with their abusive, alcoholic father Terrence (Jeremy Davies). At school, Finney is frequently bullied and harassed. One of Finney's acquaintances, Bruce, is abducted by The Grabber. His sister Gwen, who has psychic dreams much like her late mother, dreams of Bruce's kidnapping and sees that he was taken by a man in a black van with black balloons.

Without giving too much away (or scaring the pants off you before you even sit in your seat), this story is actually so scary, if you love horror, you're gong to really love The Black Phone which opens at Ballina Fair Cinemas on Thursday.

For tickets and info, visit: ballinafaircinemas.com.au





SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL

This week Palace Byron invites you to warm your midwinter with the Carlsberg Scandinavian Film Festival. The full 2022 programme has been revealed featuring a superb selection of the best new cinema from the Nordic region and will be screening at Palace Cinemas Byron Bay from 22 July to 10 August 2022.

This year's specially curated selection encompasses films from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden with a number arriving direct from this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Opening the Festival is the Australian Premiere of Margrete – Queen of the North (Margrete den første), a lavish historical drama set in 1402 from acclaimed director Charlotte Sieling. It explores the legacy and dilemmas faced by Denmark's Queen Margrete (played by the brilliant Trine Dyrholm) a visionary ruler who brokered the historic Kalmar Union; uniting Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Dyrholm also stars in A Matter of Trust (Ingen kender dagen), a tender and moving portrait of interpersonal trust and unspoken truths. Five stories intertwine in Annette K. Olesen's artful, elliptical, and bittersweet relationship drama, which had its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival this month.

Selected for the 2022 Cannes Film Festival Critics' Week, this year's Special Presentation is Finland's The Woodcutter's Story (Metsurin tarina), the directorial debut of Mikko Myllylahti. In an idyllic village, Pepe the woodcutter's quiet life is suddenly torn apart by a series of tragic events over the course of a few days, but he seems to be fine with it as if he holds a secret to existence that is hard to grasp.

Closing the festival is The New Land (Nybyggarna), - the 1972 sequel to the original The Emigrants (Utvandrarna), - starring cinema legends Max von Sydow and Liv Ullmann as Swedish immigrants who struggle to establish a new life for themselves in the forest of Minnesota in the mid 19th Century. In 1973, the film was nominated for an Oscar and won Best Foreign Language film at the Golden Globes and in 2022 celebrates its fiftieth anniversary.

The Emigrants (2021) (Utvandrarna) from Sweden is famed director Erik Poppe's new adaptation of the 1971 award-winning classic, which closed the 2021 Festival. Starring Lisa Carlehed and Gustav Skarsgård, it follows the emigrants' journey from Sweden to the United States in the mid 1800s, telling the story for the first time from Kristina's perspective.

For food lovers A Taste of Hunger (Smagen af sult) is Session Times: Thu 21 - Wed 27 July the story of a couple who sacrifice everything to get a coveted Michelin star for their popular restaurant in Copenhagen starring Katrine Greis-Rosenthal and Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. This is just the tip of the FAMILY FILMS Scandinavian Film Festival - there are so many great movies, you just can't not go! 10:45, 2:00, 4:00pm **Tickets are now** on sale at www. ALL FILMS scandinavianfilmfestival. 4:15, 7:30, 8:15pm com





WOMEN LIKE US FOR HOMETOWN FLOOD RELIEF

While Mandy Nolan's not your MP, she's still your MC, which means she can still do a lot of good work on the ground. Nolan is teaming up with her partner in crime, Ellen Briggs, to present Women Like Us on home turf. 'Our community has been smashed' says Nolan. 'Laughter is an incredible way of bringing people together. I've been hosting comedy fundraisers in Tweed because after covid and the floods the morale is quite low, and there is so much work to do'. This show addresses both. Now in it's 206th iteration, the smash touring show, which is heading to the UK next year, continues to wow audiences wherever they go. 'We've never had anyone leave disappointed' says Ellen Briggs. 'Except our husbands.'

Women Like Us are donating \$20 from every ticket sold to the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre for flood relief. 'There are still so many people in hardship' says Nolan. 'So many people still waiting to know how to move forward. If we can help with fuel vouchers or assistance to replace their whitegoods, then even though it seems small, it tells people that we have not forgotten them.'

Women Like Us - at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club on Friday 29 July at 8pm. Tix \$40 at womenlikeus.com.au



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Laidback luxury in Koala Beach - walk to the beach!

Walk to the beach and come home to contemporary elegance and laidback sophistication in this breathtaking large four-bedroom home in the eco-sanctuary, Koala Beach, Pottsville. With deluxe, high-end finishes throughout, impressive street appeal, fully landscaped gardens, and

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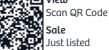


A charming bright and airy coastal home in Ocean Shores

This charming, one-bedroom, freestanding home situated on a 322 sqm block in a quiet pocket of Ocean Shores represents a wonderful opportunity for first-home owners, sea-changers and downsizers. If you're looking for a private coastal retreat in a convenient location with the potential to extend (STCA), this is just the ticket. Did we mention the beach is an easy stroll from your front door?!

- Freestanding home on 322 sqm in Ocean Shores.
- Potential to extend the dwelling (STCA).
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View



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- Impressive quality throughout, immaculately finished and exceptionally well maintained.
- Abundance of natural light, louvered windows and high ceilings throughout.
- 20 minutes south of the Gold Coast Airport and 30 minutes north of Byron Bay.



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- Elevated sun-drenched northerly aspect reaches to the panoramic Pacific Ocean outlook
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"Folly Farm" via, Rosebank

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- The quintessential hinterland hobby farm offering sweeping northerly vistas to the magnificent Nightcap Range
- Immaculately presented character family home, wrap around verandahs, huge outdoor living areas overlooking the oasis pool
- Elevated frost-free 5 acres with landscaped grounds, subtropical orchard and plenty of room for the ponies
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- Relax in your own private hinterland paradise
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- Watch the kids in the pool while making dinner
- Eco friendly features throughout including solar panels with back up battery system and emergency circuit
- Abundant water supply from a natural spring and rain water tanks
- Right near the Channon village and its beautiful community
- Potential elevated secondary dwelling house site (STCA) with stunning valley views

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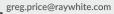
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Architecturally Designed with Panoramic Ocean Views

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- In a tightly held, unrivalled position set amongst the treetops with panoramic nature reserve and ocean views rests this architecturally designed home
- Split over three levels, with high quality fixtures and fittings throughout with expansive ocean views in a convenient beachside, central location
- · Unique to this property is the world class facilities on offer and year-round onsite management giving you the opportunity to holiday let or permanently let

30/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: EOI Closing Tuesday 2nd August



Open: By Appointment



Idyllic Country Oasis with Breathtaking Hinterland Views

₿ 4 1205M² 2 📥 2 • This home is positioned on a large 1205m block and is set across 2 levels which

provides plenty of space for growing families



Elevated 80 Acre Parcel of Land in Stunning Hinterland

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- Nestled in the tightly held hinterland rests this expansive, elevated 80-acre property with mid-century timber cottage and abundnce of fruit trees
- The expansive property includes a separate shed, pighouse, paddocks and pastures for cattle, perefct for farmers or hobby farm enthusiasts
- A peaceful creek runs through property and features a private waterhole for you to enjoy

136 Repentance Creek Road, Goonengerry

Price Guide: Expressions of Interest



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Open: Wednesday 20th July 12-12.30pm



The Ultimate 7.5 acre Coastal Hideaway in the Heart of Byron

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- This magical retreat offers multiple living options with a flexible floorplan that showcases a blend of modern and reclaimed materials with earthy tones

- · Unique to the home is it's offering of multiple outdoor, covered entertaining areas with breathtaking hinterland views
- Featured on the property is a gorgeous salt water pool which is perfect for the summer months and entertaining with friends and family

5 Wickham Place, Clunes

Price Guide: \$1.05m - \$1.15m

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- Featured is a self-contained guest cabin that includes a private, panoramic deck with plunge pool that takes in incredible views of Mt Warning
- Entertaining is easy with an immaculately landscaped, alfresco dining courtyard area, with a built in BBQ, fire pit and pizza oven

154 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

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6 5 _____ 3 **5** 6990M²

- Set on a large 6990m2 parcel of land this solid brick home offers a huge amount of opportunity and potential in a brilliant position
- This large home covers 256m2 of internal space, with 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms making it Ideal for a large family as there are separate quarters
- This property offers the perfect backdrop for those wishing to renovate and modernise this large property or create future upside on your investment

11 Coolamon Avenue, Mullumbimby

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Private Sanctuary Just a Short Walk to Town and Beaches

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- Boasting one of the largest internal floor spaces within the complex this North facing family home is turn-key ready
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- ₿ 4 <u></u>) 780M² 2
- This very neat brick and tile home offers generous internal spaces, a versatile



Tightly Held Hinterland Property with Unrivalled Views

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• This stunning hinterland property sprawls across 3 generous acres, and offers complete peace and privacy with unrivalled panoramic hinterland views

- · Featured is a masterfully built 5-bedroom, 3-bathroom main residence, additional private 1-bedroom self-contained studio and separate self contained dwelling offering an abuandance of space and income potential • Only 10 minutes to eclectic Bangalow Village and 20 minutes to Byron Bay

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264 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek

Price Guide: \$3.25m - \$3.5m

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floorplan and is turn-key ready!

- The large and sunny yard backs onto open space and enjoys extra room for a veggie patch, pets, a pool addition or perhaps a granny flat, (stca)
- This home is perfectly positioned within walking distance to Emmanuel College & West Ballina Shopping precinct

34 Horizon Drive, West Ballina

Price Guide: \$845,000 - \$925,000





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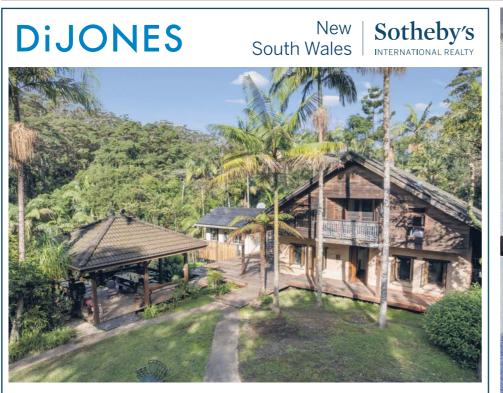
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This property offers a unique opportunity to create a private family compound or to develop an eco resort with up to 40 cabins (STCA). Only 5 minutes from Minyon Falls with easy access to serene forest trails, walks, amenities and less than an hour drive to Byron Bay, this is a rare market offering with huge future development potential.

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\$1.2 million – \$1.3 million



This massive family home in Ferngrove Estate is the perfect property for large or multi-generational families. The abundance of space & light



Beautiful by the Beach

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Perfectly and privately placed a mere 250 metre stroll to the beach is this original Western Red Cedar coastal cottage. Facing due



Fantastic for Family

46 Kallaroo Circuit, North Ocean Shores

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Thoughtfully designed, craftsman built and immaculately maintained is this impressive coastal residence. Located in a quiet, flood free secure neighbourhood it is within easy walking distance to the sun,



surf and sand of South Golden Beach. Within many definitive attributes, it is a peaceful home of generous proportions and versatility. Both the main open plan living, and large separate recreation room assimilate to a private outdoor undercover entertaining area including in ground salt pool. Representing outstanding quality at an attractive price point feel free to call for an inspection sure to impress. *Motivated Vendor.

Inspect: Saturday July 23, 10.00–10.45am **Contact:** Mark Lycos 0438 680250 North Coast Lifestyle Properties - Brunswick Heads mark@nclp.com.au

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- Spacious north-facing master suite with air-con, a ceiling fan, walk-in robe & a luxurious ensuite
- · Four additional bedrooms have built-in robes, two have airconditioning, plus there is a sixth bedroom/study. The bonus is the ensuite in the second bedroom at the rear - an excellent option for guests or a relative living with the family
- A covered outdoor area overlooks the level, fully fenced backyard, capturing the morning sun and offering a pleasant year-round space for entertaining.

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North from the rear this authentic beach retreat features polished timber flooring, high vaulted

ceilings and a large covered rear verandah; the perfect place to relax and entertain. There is solar power and lush tropical fully fenced rear gardens which include a pool.

Close to New Brighton and Brunswick Heads, for those seeking a relaxed, healthy and carefree existence, be sure this home of rich persona assures that perfect, peaceful North Coast lifestyle. *All offers of merit will be considered.

Inspect: Saturday 9.00-9.45am Contact: Mark Lycos 0438 680250 North Coast Lifestyle Properties - Brunswick Heads mark@nclp.com.au

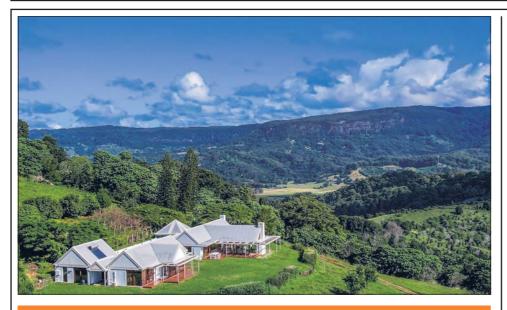
front living to the back entertainment verandah.

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280 The Pocket Road, The Pocket

\$2,300,000



This is an extremely rare opportunity to purchase a private oasis on just over an acre, in the heart of Mullumbimby, with river frontage and development potential. A short stroll from Mullumbimby's thriving town centre over the Federation Bridge, the property sits on the banks of the Brunswick River. A baker and artist have lovingly created the three-bedroom rustic cottage which is packed full of quirky charm. With rolling lawns, established fruit trees, an abundance of bird and marine life, the property is the perfect playground for kids big and small. Plant, picnic, bird watch, fish and even kayak into the nearby town of Brunswick Heads. With subdivision potential (STCA) there's an opportunity to live in the existing property whilst building your dream home. Features here include: - Flood free 4931m² block with development potential (STCA) - Park-like grounds and premier location in the heart of Mullumbimby Only 500 metres from town and 20 minutes from Byron Bay Boating and Kayaking with 100m of river frontage 3 bedroom home plus machinery shed with 3-phase-power Established trees-hoop pine, fig, silky oak, mango, orange, mandarin, macadamia, lemon, lime, grapefruit, wax jambu and mulberry



The Ultimate Lifestyle Property

Surrounded by lush tropical gardens, manicured lawns and native flora, this private, architecturally designed and immaculately maintained home enjoys a north-east aspect on an easy-care acre. The home offers high ceilings, timber floors and is built over multiple levels providing flexible living options. The light and bright main area offers three bedrooms (one with ensuite), lounge room, the main bathroom, and a well-appointed hardwood timber kitchen with stone benches, quality appliances and spacious dining.



few small acreages with this sort of convenience and location, just 5 minutes from Brunswick

Heads and 25 minutes from Coolangatta airport. The solid brick and tile home is centrally located on the flat and easy care 1.25acre lot. There is loads of potential for renovating and extending with dual occupancy a possibility with council approval. The 3 bedroom home with a study is in good condition with recent improvements including new kitchen appliances, lighting and rewiring. Adjacent to the house is an oversized double garage with loads of room for cars and workshop space. This is a brilliant little property with loads of possibilities at a very reasonable price. The sellers are very realistic and ready to sell.

Open: By appointment Guide Price: \$1,390,000 to \$1,520,000

Expressions of interest, closing August 11, 2022 Contact: Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237 Todd Buckland 0408 966 421 | Byron Shire Real Estate

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Inspect: Saturday 23 July 1.00pm Auction: 30 July 10am on site Contact: Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237 Todd Buckland 0408 966 421 | Byron Shire Real Estate

This connects along a breezeway to a large, hexagonal, outdoor dining/entertaining space, with a barbecue. A second covered walkway leads to the private master pavilion with a spacious bedroom, ensuite and a calming tree top vista.

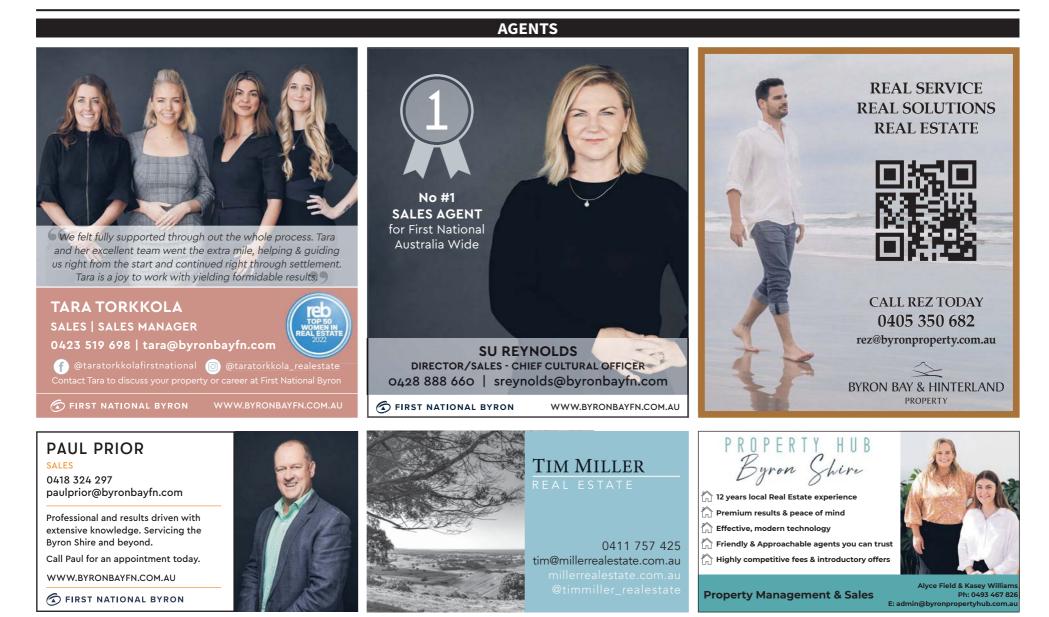
At garden level, there is a laundry and bedroom/home office space. Alfresco living is maximised by many shaded deck areas and lawns across the property.

The separate studio has its own private entrance, perfect for guests or a home office/business.

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- 21 Philip St, South Golden Beach. Sat 12-12.30pm

Chincogan Real Estate

• 40 Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am

Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley

- 2 Burra Burra Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 32 Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 56 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.30-11am
- 3 Paldi Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am • 10/2 Arika Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm

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- 788 Friday Hut Road, Binna Burra. Sat 12.30-1pm
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- 5 Wickham Place, Clunes. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 34 Horizon Drive, West Ballina. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 91 Terania Creek Road, The Channon. Sat
- Address Available on Request, Corndale. Sat 3-3.30pm

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- 108 Pimble Valley Road, Crabbes Creek. Sat 10.15-10.45am
- 22 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head. Sat 10.30-11am
- 13 Cunningham Street, West Ballina. Sat 11–11.30am

- 1 Gloria Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
- 26 Booyun Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 19 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 21 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 359 Fernleigh Road, Fernleigh. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 26/5-7 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 2.30-3pm
- 4/27 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 5/137 Broken Head Reserve Road, Broken Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 12 Clover Hill Circuit, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 60 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 6 Hibiscus Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 31 Brushbox Drive, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am

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- 72 Bonnydoon Road, Uki. Sat 10.30-11am
- 14 James Street, Girards Hill. Sat 10.30–11am
- 10 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 10 Flintwood Street, Pottsville. Sat 11–11.30am
- 5 Martin Street, Murwillumbah. Sat 11.45am-12.45pm
- 10 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 5 Old Ferry Road, Murwillumbah. Sat 12.30–1pm

Ray White Rural Bangalow

- 147 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Thu 2-2.30pm
- 7 Meadows Close, Bangalow. Sat 9.30–10am
- 48 Rankin Drive, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 147 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am

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• 35–37 Edwards Lane, Kynnumboon. Sat 1-1.45pm

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- 36 Natan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 3 Ocean Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 1/22 Coral Court, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30–11am
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- 12 Scenic Vista Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 344 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar. Sat 11–11.30am
- 7 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm

- 26 Anderson Street, East Ballina. Sat 11.15–11.45am
- 17 Fitzroy Street, Wardell. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 26 Elkhorn Street, Ballina. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3/27 Claire Circuit, West Ballina. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 24 Claire Circuit, West Ballina. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 76 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 24 Noryln Avenue, Ballina. Sat 12.45–1.15pm
- 58 Dolphin Drive, West Ballina. Sat 1.30–2pm

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 54 Palmers Road, McLeans Ridges. Sat 11-11.30am

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- 81 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.45am
- 8 Banksia Place, Mullumbimby, Sat 11–11.45am

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- 3 Coachwood Court, Murwillumbah. Sat 10-10.30am
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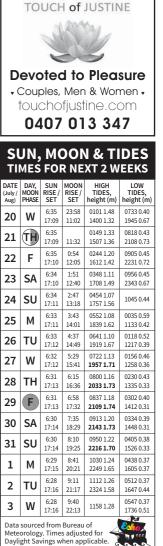
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Given the nature of the role, your standard measurements must be close to our standard size small:

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Only those selected for interview will be contacted.

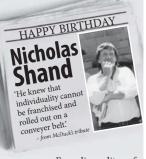
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Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Wendy (dec) & Robert, Jim & Sarbjit, Don & Jessie and David. Loved by her six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Loved wife of Sarwan (dec).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Founding editor of The Byron Shire Echo

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Milo, we miss you so much! 0431589088

Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held in the Tweed Heads Memorial Gardens, Crematorium Chapel, 176 Kirkwood Road. Tweed Heads South, NSW on SATURDAY (July 23, 2022) commencing at 10.00am

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be held on Sunday 24 July at the Cherry

This meeting will be our AGM, however,

Roddy Jordan on 6687 5339 or via email

hollysbuddy1@bigpond.com to attend.

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Kim at Raine & Horne Byron Bay 39

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Sex & Love Addicts Anon

women for whom sex and/or romance

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Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club will

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Repair Cafe

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Bosom Buddies

up in the tip, or to advise how it might

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group

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10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell

Community Centre. Contact Karen

Emerge Australia

0439 438 576 for further information.

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit

charity supporting those with myalgic

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous

is peer-support group of men and

or holiday rental soap for recycling to

all visitors are very welcome. Contact

'Celebration of the Centenary of the

August 10am–2pm at 31 Byron Street,

park area, at the market end of Stewart

next working bee is Saturday 23

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Mullumbimby District **Neighbourhood Centre**

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

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

Byron Community Centre

The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy, and counselling for locals in need. Homeless Breakfast: 7-9am. Wednesday, Fletcher Street kitchen, Byron Community Centre, Homeless Showers: 10am-12pm, Monday and Wednesday (book in at breakfast), Byron Community Cabin, Carlyle St. Community Counselling: Free counselling for Byron Shire residents. Face-to-face, by phone, or via Zoom. Community Support Worker: Emergency relief and assertive outreach casework for those experiencing homelessness. Seniors Computer Club: 9–11am, Friday, Byron Community Cabin (school term only), Carlyle St. Laptop Library: The Laptop Library lends laptops to seniors and provides tuition on how best to be connected. Seniors' Activities: Seniors' drumming, chair yoga, ukulele, choir, and drama. Call 6685 6807 for bookings. Severe Wet Weather Shelter: Emergency shelter during extreme weather for rough sleepers. Signage displayed at the Byron Community Centre when on. Sign-up required. Info: www. byroncentre.com.au or call 6685 6807.

Low-cost or free food

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

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.Pickleball Pickleball is on at the Cavenbah Centre on Tuesday from 8am to 12pm, and Thursday from 10am to 12pm. Cost \$7.

ACA

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

Drug support groups

Call Alcoholics Anonymous 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire - www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www. na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meeting held Fridays 2pm by Zoom. Contact for details' 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au. l an ambulance or police on 000.

Feel Good Friday

A free weekly group for women to access support and relax. Feel Good Fridays happen every Friday from 1 till 3pm at the Byron Community Cabin on Carlyle Street (behind the tennis courts in the recreational grounds). Just drop-in, no bookings or commitment necessary. For any further information and any questions just let me know by calling the Byron Community Centre on 6685 6807.

Library fun

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

Byron Bay library fun

Storytime: 10.30am Tuesdays; Baby bounce 10.00am Wednesdays. Share singing, stories, rhymes and books through our enjoyable Storytime and Baby bounce experiences in the Library. Phone Byron Bay Library for information or bookings. Bookings essential: 6685 8540.

at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

Contact Improvisation

Contact Improvisation Saturdays 11am-1pm at Gondwana, 23 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah. All levels of dancers welcome. Enquiries 0402 059 564.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at quarterly meetings, currently online. Attendees must be Exit members. More information on www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

Carers' support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Susanne 0428 716 431.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzerati2010@ gmail.com.

Language exchange

Byron language exchange club runs every 2nd last Friday of the month from 6pm (alternating Ballina/ Byron). Practise other languages or help someone with your English! Find us on Facebook, Contact: bronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10-12 and market Saturdays 9–1. Discover your local history, join our team - 6684 4367.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. Mullum Magic Toastmasters: Practice public speaking and develop leadership skills in a fun supportive environment.We meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday at 6.45–9pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, 58 Dallev St Mullumbimby. Contact Ashni, 0439 843 657. New members and guests welcome

Meditation

Dzogchen meditation and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. Buddhist meditation and conversation with John Allan Mondays 6.30-8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron, No fees, John 0428 991 189. Byron yoga philosophy club free meditation classes Monday, 7pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. Byron Bay Meditation Centre, Tuesday 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: byronbaymeditationcentre.

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Wake in Fright

Drill Hall Film Society presents the original Wake in Fright on Saturday 30 July at 2pm (doors open 1.30). Wake in Fright is about Gary, a young schoolteacher bonded to the NSW Education Department to teach in a desolate desert whistle-stop, visits Bundavabba (Broken Hill) for the vacation, loses all his money in a two-up game and descends into drunkenness and depravity with the friendly locals. Book at drillhallfilms@ gmail.com or ring Sonia on 6684 2112.

Ballina Community Garden open day

Ballina Community Garden will be open to everyone on Sunday 24 July 9.30am-2pm on the corner of Swift and Clarence Streets. Scarecrow making at 10am and 11.30am, storytelling at 11am, and a sausage sizzle 10am-12noon. Find out more at: http:// ballinacommunitygardens.com.au/wp.

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. Small cost. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors at the Community Art Gallery at the Drill Hall is open Thursday to Saturday 10am-2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am-4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum. potters@yahoo.com.au.

CWA Bangalow

hours are Monday-Friday 10am-2pm and Saturdays 8am-12 noon.

Toy Library

for loan.

Up your skills

Come to Upskill in Mullumbimby, a free introductory building and carpentry workshop. Workshops are held every Saturday, 9am to 1pm at Shedding Community Workshop. Bookings Essential via shedding.com.au. Contact Sophie Wilksch via email at shedding. communityworkshop@gmail.com.

Muslim prayer Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu'ah service

held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 1.30pm. Come to the remembrance of Allah.

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Go4Fun Online

Go4Fun Online is a free 10-week program for children aged 7-13 (and their families) who are above a healthy weight. Go4Fun Online includes: Weekly online sessions, Personalised support. Rewards and prizes. Check your eligibility and register for Term Three, visit: go4funonline.com.au.

Lismore High Centenary Dinner

Owing to floods devastating Lismore, the Lismore High School Centenary Dinner and other proposed functions have been cancelled. However, the special publication of the *Lismore* High Centenary Lens publication is now available for purchase. For more information, contact 0414 734 313.

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.

each month at 10am at Ballina Cherry Street Bowling Club - partners or carers are most welcome to attend -This is a great opportunity to share, learn and benefit from other people's experiences. Meetings also held on Wednesday nights in Lismore. Enquiries phone Bob 02 6628 1527

Hearing Voices Group

Hearing Voices Peer Support Group in Mullumbimby, Anyone with present or past experience of voice hearing (or visions) is welcome. Offer your experience, gain support, knowledge and explore meaning in a safe accepting space. Every first Friday of the month. Info call 66871111.

Overeaters Anonymous

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you are not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? Is your weight affecting your life? Brunswick Heads Uniting Church Fridays 5-6pm cnr Fingal/Byron St. www.oaqld.org

Bruns Progress

Residents, come and have your say at the Brunswick Heads Progress Association. We meet on the first Monday of every second month at the Brunswick Heads Community Centre at 6pm. Find us on Facebook.

Bruns CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meets each Friday, 10am to 2pm. All women welcome to come along with craft projects or learn new skills, have a cuppa, biscuit and a chat. Saturday 9 April, Easter Stall: Cakes, jams, handmade clothes, plants and bric-a-brac. Cash only. CWA Rooms, corner Park Street and Boovun Street. Brunswick Heads

Tech Savvy Technology Support Workshops

Byron Bay Library presents a series of free technology sessions designed

or visit www.slaa.org.au. Bridge club Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Monday, seated at 12.15 to commence play at 12.30. Visitors welcome. See bridgewebs.com/ brunswickvalley/home.html or for partner ring Lesley 0468 807 306. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge

Bangalow CWA has reopened and our Club. BV scrabble club

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am-12 noon,

Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available

at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct,

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au. website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8-16-vear-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www. al-anon.org.au

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Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. Byron: Drumming with Gareth Jones at Byron Theatre; Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell 12 till 1pm, Wednesdays; Choir with Kim Banffy, 10-11am; Ukulele 11.30-12.15. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@bvroncommuntvcentre. com or call 6685 6807. South Golden Shores Community Centre Women's table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. Byron Bay Croquet at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. Pottsville Fun Croquet Club com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. Info: Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

Byron Gem Club

The Bryon Gem and Lapidary Club is open weekly to members new and old. Visitors welcome to view club facilities. Activities – semi-precious and gemstone cutting, shaping and polishing – gem faceting – silver work - gem setting and jewellery making etc. Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club work shed located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagarah Airfield. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Association

ASA meets every third Tuesday at 10am at Ballina Surf Life Saving Club. To learn about shares and investing. For networking. Guest presenters discussing news and current trends in the market. Any questions 6686 4144 or www.australianshareholders. com.au.

Landcare

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

Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critical soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please

encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at http://emerge.org.au/. Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays 5-7pm. \$7, all welcome. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.

Play and sing playgroup

Meet at The Hub Baptist Church Ocean Shores (next to Target) 69.30 am-11.30am Fridays druing school term. For families with children 0-5 years. More info facebook or ph.Katie 0438 531 011.

Prostate Cancer Support

We invite men who have had or are newly diagnosed to join this active prostate cancer support group at these meetings held on the third Monday of

to introduce you to technology and it's many functions. No experience with technology required! If you are a beginner or need to brush up on your tech skills then we hope you will join us for these fun and practical small group sessions. Light morning tea will be provided. Sessions held fortnightly on a Tuesday, 9:30am-11:30am. For essential bookings or further topic information please phone the Byron Bay Library staff 6685 8540

Seniors computer club

Byron Shire seniors computer club invites interested seniors to come to learn how to use your photos creatively. Meets at Ocean Shores Community Centre, Wednesdays 1–3pm during school terms. For more information phone Lynne on 0428 665 948.

Sport

Byron basketballers ready for representative comp

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Beez basketballers are gearing up for a new season and will be hosting a double-header to get the competition underway on Saturday 30 July.

The Byron Beez aim to have a men's and women's team ready to go for the Sunshine Conference.

'With a lot of help we have been able to field what we think is a competitive Women's Beez representative team for this season. The first time in about six-or-so years,' Jenny Ogle said.

'With all the problems of late we are focussing on trying to keep women and girls in sport.

Five away games

'In these times of financial hardship, owing to the floods and pandemic, it hasn't been easy for local businesses or the workforce, but we



The Women Beez with coach, Matt Ogle. Photo supplied

have managed to secure some sponsors to help with expenses, and FarmCare is our major sponsor.

'The teams have three home events and five away games, needing to travel to Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Lismore, and Ballina,' she said. The season gets underway at the Cavanbah Centre on Saturday 30 July with the women starting at 11am and the men at 1pm. And the week after, Saturday 6 August, the women play at 1pm and the men at 3pm.

Red Devils fight on for a top-five finish

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Red Devils have collected another win in the Northern Rivers rugby league premiership by overpowering the Kyogle Turkeys in Kyogle 56–12 in round 11 of the competition earlier this month.

The Devils ran in ten tries to two in the rout and managed to convert eight of them from the boot of Joel Stocks. Try scores included Akariva Durusolo, Connor Wilson, Kolbi Wood, Joel Stocks, James Whitby, and Blake Steel, with Dylan Montgomery bagging two.

The win puts the Todd Carney-coached side into seventh place on the congested ladder, equal points with Marist Brothers (who have a game in hand). Ballina (12), Evans Head (13) and Bilambil (14) are all within reach of the Byron side. Murwillumbah are on top with eight wins from nine.

After last weekend's bye the Red Devils travel to Yamba this Sunday to take on the Lower Clarence.

Mullum Giants

Mullumbimby Giants lost to the Tweed Coast Raiders at home last Sunday and will be there again this weekend to take on Bilambil. The Giants are ninth on

the ladder.

Calling high school aged kids for the Byron Basketball 3x3 musters

Are you interested in playing with the Byron Bay Basketball group? If the answer is 'yes' then you need to get involved with the Byron basketball 3x3 Musters.

'We're lining up for a bumper season with absolutely full competitions



Locals feature on the podium of the Oz Grom Open

Ross Kendall

The 2022 Oz Grom Open concluded last week with eight new champions being crowned across a variety of age divisions, as well the World Surf League (WSL) Pro Junior Qualifying Series (JQS) event being decided.

With the previous day's unpredictable conditions disappearing overnight, competitors were able to revel in the clean and punchy three-to-four foot walls that graced the competition area.

Kobi Clements (Long Reef, NSW) won the boys' final in the Pro Junior division while Raya Campbell (Coolangatta, Qld) topped the girls' division.

Harry O'Brien (Lennox Head) went through to the final after achieving second place in his semi, after scoring two of the heat's top-three waves, but he couldn't match this in the final and came away with fourth place.

Fellow Lennox Head surfer, Juniper Harper, was in contention during the



Juniper Harper working her home break for a place in the Oz Grom finals at Lennox Head. Photo Ethan Smith, Surfing NSW

final after scoring a 6.0 ride, but couldn't find another compelling wave score to challenge the champion and finished the event in third place.

Leihani Kaloha Zoric (Byron Bay) also did well, finishing in second place in the U/14 girls' division, while Ocea Curtis collected fourth place in the U/16s. Max McGillivray (Evans Head) surfed well beyond his years to win the U/14 boys' after he belted out turns that would have fit in perfectly in older age divisions.

The six-day event ran from 7–12 July and comprised of a WSL sanctioned Pro Junior Qualifying Series event, as well as an elite competition for promising grommets in the Under 14, 16 and 18 divisions.

Lismore set to host Mini World Cup

Ross Kendall

More than 2000 people from across NSW and Queensland will converge on Lismore in September to take part in one of the nation's largest regional football tournaments – The Joeys Mini World Cup.

The event will be held between 26 September and 1 October, hosted at various football clubs around Lismore.

Lismore City Council General Manager, John Walker, said Council had worked with Destination NSW, the Northern Rivers Football Academy and Football Far North Coast to secure this regionally significant event for at least the next three years.

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(L to R) Heinrich Haussler, Mayor Steve Krieg, former socceroo, Rale Rasic, and John Walker, LCC general manager. Photo supplied

thank Destination NSW, the Northern Rivers Football Academy and Football Far North Coast, which will both assist with the coordination of the tournament.'

The Joeys Mini World Cup is an annual regional football tournament played in the September/October school holidays. It began in 2010 at Inverell and quickly grew into one of the nation's largest regional football tournaments. It eventually moved to Hervey Bay to allow for more growth, where it remained until 2021. Lismore City Mayor, Steve Krieg, said the tournament would be a natural fit for Lismore given the city's long history of hosting large sporting events that benefit our local economy and businesses. 'We have a long tradition

of successfully hosting large national sporting events and this six-day Cup is estimated to generate more than \$2.2 million.

'It could not come at a better time with many of our businesses re-opening after the February natural disaster, with more to open soon.'

across the board so anyone who wants to play basketball needs to attend these Musters,' said James Short from Byron Bay Basketball.

Get on the court

Coaches are also being reminded that this is the best time to come down and recruit for their teams. It is a \$5 entry fee and will take place at the Cavanbah Centre, 249 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay. Wednesday 20 and 27 Want to play basketball this year? Then it is time to get on the court as part of the 3x3 musters. Photo supplied

July: High School Boys, pool B, 4.45pm–6pm; High School Boys, pool A, 6pm–7.15pm. Thursday 21 and 28 July: High School Girls, 4.45–5.45pm; High School Boys, pool C, 5.45–6.45pm. 'All teams and players are welcome, old and new,' said Mr Short.

See the Byron Bay Basketball website for more information: www.byronbasketball.com.

Lismore perfect

'Lismore's reputation as a sporting and football regional hub makes it the perfect location to continue to grow this event,' he said. 'The tournament will bring more than 2000 people from across NSW and Queensland. In previous years it has attracted teams from Germany and New Zealand. The age categories range from Under 10s up to Under 19s and includes an open women's category. 'Council would like to

For more information go to: https://www.joeysminiworldcuplismore.com.

Submit your sports stories

Do you have sports stories that you'd like to have told? If you want a sports story included in *The Echo* newspaper or *The Echo* online then email *The Echo* sports editor Ross Kendall at: sport@echo.net.au.

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Good news for Upper Main Arm Public School students and teachers - they are finally returning back to their school for Term Three, after extensive flood repairs. They had been sharing the space at Durrumbul Primary School.

Europe continues to be scorched at temperatures never before recorded. That it. That's the message.

Labor has released an alarming environment report for the nation, kept secret by the former Liberal-Nationals government. It's like the former government were really, really bad tenants, who trashed the family home and hid all the mess. After nine years, they also decimated the education and arts sector, left spiralling inflation and debt, stacked government departments with their cronies, and favoured their dodgy mining and religious mates.

Phew. It was a different rare albino humpback whale that washed up dead on a Victorian beach. Um, shouldn't we be sad about that too?

Lismore Mayor, Steve Kreig, sure prompted a lot of yabber yabber over his 4 Corners TV appearance last week about the floods. He said he wants an autocratic administration to sack the Council he supposedly leads. One could lead by example and quit if it's all too hard, hey Steve?

In case you need a report to tell you the obvious, the latest National Drug Strategy Household Survey (NDSHS) released last week shows strong and growing support for ending the war on drugs, and legalising cannabis.

Peter van Onselen 🥥 ... · 01 Sep 20 🗄 The future of the Liberal Party in one



Mainstream journalist, Peter van Onselen, boldly and incorrectly tweeted in 2020: 'The future of the Liberal Party in one photo....' Both Porter and Frydenberg are now out of politics - and both Liberal MPs surrounded themselves in disrepute and dodginess. Van Onselen's poor judgment (he is close to Porter) perhaps demonstrates that when fawning courtier 'journalists' become too cosy with the political class, corruption can boldly step in. Who then, holds the powerful to account? See page 4 for a profile of what a real journalist does.

Appointments of former 'Every time Labor says it can't politicians to supposedly afford to do something, please non-political jobs damages remember that the stage three tax cuts, which overwhelmingly benefit high income

earners, will cost over \$200 billion in the first eight years', Greens Senator, Nick McKim.

A new book by local author, Darrell McDowall, explores life as an infantry special services soldier in Vietnam, and the adventures that led to being bodyguard to gurus. He says of Gurus' Bodyquard, 'It is time for radical change on our beloved planet Earth, and this book offers a doorway to this coming change. We do have a choice, and it will happen through chaos, such as what is occurring at present in the Ukraine, or it will happen through a changed consciousness in us, humankind'. The book is available at The Book Room Byron Bay.



democracy and diminishes public trust in institutions. Proving that is a new report from the Grattan Institute, who claim 'federal and state government boards, tribunals, and agencies are stacked with people who have worked in politics almost always for the party that was in government when they got the job'.

Backlash nearly watched ABC TV's Insiders Sunday morning, but after host David Spears opened with 'Albo backflips on ISO payments', the TV was turned off. There was no 'backflip', it was a policy from the previous government.

Comedian, Echo columnist, and political activist, Mandy Nolan, was profiled last week on ABC TV's show, Compass. See Mandy Run is available on ABC iView.



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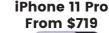


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