

Mullumbimby is without ambulance base

Paul Bibby

Ambulance services in and around Mullumbimby are being compromised by the ongoing closure of the town's ambulance station and the use of its paramedics as 'fill-ins' for towns outside the Shire, a local paramedic says.

The paramedic, who asked to remain anonymous, told *The Echo* that the Mullumbimby ambulance station on Gordon Street had been out of action since the first round of flooding.

Shut since February

'The station's been shut since the February floods,' the paramedic said. 'Only minor repairs are needed, but work hasn't started.'

The paramedic said that the Mullumbimby ambulance crews had been working out of the Byron Bay station.

And while located there, they were frequently being used by the ambulance control centre as additional services for places like Lismore, Ballina and Tweed Heads.

This limited the availability of ambulance services in and around Mullumbimby.

'We are used as area fillers,' the paramedic said.

'This is happening regularly.'

The paramedic said that a temporary location within Mullumbimby could be found to accommodate the ambulance crew until the station was repaired.

This could take the form of a community building or even a

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Splendid for some, not so for others



Despite the lows there were highs: Fiesta Creations crew brought colour and movement to Splendour. More festival photos by Jeff Dawson on page 27.

Miabella Quirk

I'd go back for the music in the kebab shop. I don't who it was, it was just straight-forward house doof.

But I wouldn't go back for the shin deep toxic mud outside of it.

I'd go back for the great view from the Amphitheatre hill. But not the foot-grabbing mud at the bottom that nearly took my boot.

My friend lost his sole, not just the tip of it, but the whole bottom as soon as we got in.

Besides the music they played in the kebab store, Tyler The Creator was a highlight, so was Jack Harlow quizzing the crowd in his strong Kentucky drawl.

When I bought the tickets, I was 16 years old. Now 18, I don't think 16-year-old me would have been happy with a chaperone (as cool as you are, mum).

I don't think I would have handled the first day being cancelled with all the artists I specifically came to Splendour to see, or being greeted by shin deep mud across the festival, broken up by the occasional boardwalk, or understood the trench foot jokes.

I don't know if it's covid or age, but the two years' wait made us more tolerant, or maybe just lowered our expectations. We even called it quits before the Strokes finished, thinking we could get out before the crowds

and get on a bus. No luck. The night quickly grew colder, and the low light reflecting off the lakes of cold mud gave a dystopian air.

The lack of communication, *Wonderwall* playing through tinny speakers, instead of announcing their crowd control instructions, the size of the crowd waiting clueless, could have caused yelling and fighting. Instead, everyone was able to remain calm and quiet, perhaps too exhausted to do anything else.

At one point, a woman to my left fainted, and a path instantly formed in the tightly-packed crowd to allow for paramedics to bring her out into the open air.

This may have been our tipping

point, as my friends and I pushed our way to seek answers from the police lining the fence holding us in.

Systems not working

At this point they must have realised that this system wasn't working, as they began shouting out names of places and saying people going there should push through.

We broke free of the crowd, and made our way to the Mullumbimby bus, on which we sat in silence; dirty and angry.

The next day the mud was thicker but the buses were faster, making our average experience seem incredibly efficient.

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Byron's surfing past chronicled in *Neverland*

Local author, social geographer and research consultant, Tricia Shantz, has released a self-published book, *Neverland: American and Australian Surfers in Byron Bay in the 1960s and 1970s*.

She told *The Echo* the book came about when researching the social history of Byron Bay in the '70s and '80s.

'It is the story of the surfers, American and Australian, who made Byron Bay their home in that era. Their influence has created what the town is today. It is a social history of a time in Byron that changed its history forever.'

Tricia will be on a panel at the Byron Writers Festival on August 28 from 1.15pm.

To order the book, email triciashantz11@gmail.com.



Surfers, Rusty Miller and Roy Meisel, with Tricia and her new book, pictured front. Roy is pictured, in his younger years, on the front cover. Photo Jeff Dawson

Ambulance station closure compromising care, paramedic says

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normal house.

Local Greens MP Tamara Smith said the revelations about the Mullumbimby station were 'very disturbing'.

'It's not good enough that five months down the track we don't have any movement on Mullum repairs,' Ms Smith said.

'I've made some enquiries about that this morning.'

Ms Smith said the concerns were part of a broader challenge facing ambulance services across the region.

'A big issue that we have in the Northern Rivers is that the NSW Ambulance Service is using vehicles and ambos for patient transfers,' Ms Smith said.

'You'll have two



The Mullumbimby Ambulance station during the Feb/March floods. Photo supplied

paramedics taking someone to John Flynn Hospital. To say that they're overqualified to take someone in a non-critical state to a hospital is a massive understatement.

'We've already got so few ambos in the community... but they are then out of action for at least three

hours, because they have to stay with the patient in emergency, and can't leave until they've transitioned their patients into care.'

Ms Smith said paramedics were also having to attend non-life threatening incidents such as acute mental health incidents because

there wasn't any other help.

In a written response to *The Echo*, the NSW Ambulance Service said the Mullumbimby station had suffered 'extensive structural damage' during the floods in February/March.

'NSW Ambulance has engaged a central government agency to project manage the repairs to Mullumbimby station, which must be deemed safe to enable paramedics to work from there again,' a spokesperson said.

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1,000 laptops to the rescue!

A co-ordinated effort by the Byron Bay Business Chamber, Business NSW and NAB has seen the delivery of 1,000 laptops throughout the region.

NAB donated the refurbished laptops, which have also been sent as far as Lismore, Wardell and Grafton to organisations affected by recent floods.

Some local recipients include Mullum High School, the Mullum Neighbourhood Centre, the SHIFT project, the Fletcher Street Cottage, Byron Bay Pre-School, St Josephs Primary School (Murwillumbah) and Human Nature Adventure Therapy (NFP).

NAB Branch Manager, Andrew Scott, said, 'Special thanks to Angela Davies, Regional Manager Northern NSW/Small Business Regional & Agri, whom I contacted, and she assisted the chamber to connect with the Byron Bay branch to be a distribution hub, for laptop recipients in the Byron Bay area to collect their devices from'.

Byron Chamber President,



Diago Trago (from Hello Again), Donna Lorenz (from I Love A Dog), Jason Bently (Byron Chamber Of Commerce President), with Mullum High students and Principal, Greg Armstrong. Photo Jeff 'Top Lapdog' Dawson

Jason Bentley, told *The Echo*, 'Our gratitude to NAB from the people of the Northern Rivers. One thousand laptops donated is one thousand locals, students, businesses and community associations that can use these tools to control their own destinies and empower recovery.'

A special thanks to the BBCC Board who volunteered their time to make this ambitious project a reality. The work continues!

Mullum High School principal, Greg Armstrong, said, 'There are at least 30 kids in serious need, and these laptops will make a

huge difference. This gesture will go a long way in restoring some students' faith in humanity'.

Local businesses keen to learn more about how they can be part of, and benefit from, the broader Byron business community, head to www.byronbaychamber.com.

Labor to renegotiate national gas production

With a new Labor government in power, former Independent Senator for South Australia, Rex Patrick, tweeted last week: 'In the middle of a gas price and supply crisis, the [Labor] government has refused to release a 2021 gas reservation scheme ministerial brief, and options paper that goes to the solution to the crisis.'

It's a significant #transparency failure for the new Labor Government'.

The Echo asked local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, whether the gas reservation scheme ministerial brief is being kept secret, 'and if so, do you support it being released?'

The Echo also asked if Mrs Elliot supports a gas

reservation scheme, 'given that without one, the nation has seen large increases in costs, while the tax paid by these global corporations is minimal?'

She replied, 'The Albanese Government was elected in May 2022, and does not have access to briefs provided to the former government in 2021'.

'On June 9, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Madeleine King, announced a review of the Australian Domestic Gas Mechanism (ADGSM), and that the government would negotiate a new Heads of Agreement with east coast gas producers, ensuring the government can safeguard Australia's gas supply'.



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Aslan Shand

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where Bangalow Koalas had been alerted to the fact there was a koala moving around in the area. Bangalow Koalas had raised funds to put up a sign reminding drivers to slow down as there were koalas on the road. The second car strike took place in the early hours of Wednesday morning, when a local ‘who was on his way to work found a female koala dead in the middle of the road out the front of 825 Broken Head Road, Broken Head,’ said Linda Sparrow, President of Bangalow Koalas. With the koala being declared as endangered in NSW, the State government’s *NSW Koala Strategy* aims to double koala numbers by 2050. ‘Our endangered koalas are fighting an uphill battle to stay alive with habitat loss, car strikes, dog attacks and disease,’ said Ms Sparrow. If you see a koala, either a healthy one or an injured or sick one, you can report the sighting to friendsofthekoala.org, or call the Rescue Hotline immediately: 6622 1233.

Byron Bay United Hospital Auxiliary celebrates 70th AGM

Maureen Weir

The Byron Bay UHA met at the Byron Bay Services Club on Monday July 18 to formalise their end of year financial activities, and to thank the members and supporters for their continuing support. In addition, services awards were recognised and presented by Ms Tracy Sheehan, Acting Executive Officer and Director of Nursing from the Byron Bay Central Hospital. Tracy thanked the members on behalf of all the staff, and congratulated them for their work in the community. Members present reminisced on the amazing actions of the UHA members over the past 70 years. High on the list of discussion was the time when there was a public outcry when the old Byron Bay Hospital was threatened with closing owing to soil contamination under the facility. The Auxiliary researched and arranged and paid for a specialist decontamination service provider to come and remove the contaminated soil under the buildings, thus saving the facility from closure. This year, the branch has gifted \$16,000 in equipment to the health service. Over these 70 years the equipment needs have been varied and it is noted as technology has changed, so did the list of goods. The most recent was a \$10,000 mobile secure phone charging cabinet for the Emergency Department. This allows attendees and their families to keep connected in their



Lorraine Gilmore and Sandra Fleming, on behalf of the present membership, cut the ceremonial 70th birthday day cake at their recent AGM. Photo supplied

hour of need and saves staff time in facilitating this demand. President of Byron Bay UHA, Mollie Strong, called upon the two of the longest serving members of the branch to cut the cake.

■ Maureen Weir is Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary Secretary.

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Is the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation doing anything yet?

Hans Lovejoy

Despite the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) being in operation for three weeks to lead the 'long-term reconstruction of flood-impacted areas across the Northern Rivers, it appears nothing has been achieved so far, owing to staffing and an advisory board that is yet to be finalised.

The Department of Regional NSW replied to *Echo* questions around its legal requirements, KPIs and reports that the corporation will provide to the Department of Regional NSW and the Deputy Premier.

As previously reported, NRRC is a government-run corporation established by the premier, and exists without government committee oversight. A full rundown of its budget, including staffing wages,

was also sought by *The Echo*.

A spokesperson for the Department told *The Echo*, 'David Witherdin, who leads Public Works and the Soil Conservation Service, and was previously the Local Land Services CEO, is leading the corporation as Chief Executive'.

Recruitment underway

'Recruitment is underway to fully staff the NRRC, and where work is already underway, staff and functions will be transferred from the relevant NSW Government departments.

'The NSW Government expects that the NRRC will have about 30 to 40 staff members, with private sector expertise brought on board as required.

'The work of the corporation will be guided by an advisory board, made up of experts, community

leaders and local residents.

'The NRRC will work with councils to identify, prioritise and support projects that can rejuvenate communities within the Northern Rivers area, with a particular emphasis on housing and supporting social infrastructure.

'The corporation will adhere to specific annual reporting requirements as a NSW Government Corporation, specific monthly corporate reporting requirements in relation to the Department of Regional NSW, and will be required to provide weekly operational updates to the deputy premier's Office.

\$300m initial budget

'The NRRC has an initial budget of about \$300 million, which incorporates funding for the Infrastructure Coordination Office,

the Flood Property Assessment Program, water and wastewater system reconstruction, as well as riparian rehabilitation.

'The Development Corporation was formed under the *Growth Centres (Development Corporations) Act 1974*, which was the required vehicle to cut through and deliver reconstruction with the scale, speed and agility that the Northern Rivers required'.

Disaster capitalism

A *SMH* (Nine) report by Ben Cubby on July 24 highlighted that 'catastrophe business' is booming, and that ASX-listed Johns Lyng Group won the contract to manage the Flood Property Assessment Program for the government.

Cubby writes 'It means a for-profit company now has the key roles of assessing damage, making repairs

and recommending demolition of private homes'.

'That sits uneasily with some who, five months on, are still living in the wreckage'.

Cubby's article also profiled Lismore youth worker, Isaac Campbell, 'whose home was recommended for demolition by Johns Lyng assessors'.

Campbell opted out of the assessment, says Cubby.

'He got a second opinion from a structural engineer, who endorsed his decision not to demolish his home, and is now living in a caravan with his wife and two children and selling what possessions he has left to fund repairs himself'.

According to www.eurekareport.com.au, Johns Lyng Group CEO, Scott Didier, called his former business Trump Flooring after reading the *The Art of the Deal* in 1987.

Mandy's next project – stories of drug injection, as a podcast

A new podcast, *The Daily Dose*, is the creation of Mandy Nolan and Dr George Catsi, where they chat with nine people about their lives as people who currently or previously injected drugs.

Mandy says, 'One of the most stigmatised and misunderstood groups in the community are people who inject drugs. Very often, the prejudice from community and the health sector has adverse affects on their wellbeing'.

'Fear of judgement can actually be a barrier to people seeking treatment or services they might need to improve their situation.

'There is a saying about walking a mile in someone's shoes. Understanding someone's circumstance helps develop compassion and connection. That's where the power of story intervenes with positive health outcomes'.

Mandy says the podcast features stories from contributors in our region – from a woman living with chronic pain, to a young man with trauma and mental health issues, to a successful journalist.

'In the interest of safety, their identity is confidential, but they have gifted their deeply moving, at times gruelling and confronting stories to the public record. The end result is a gripping eight part podcast that gives a profound insight into the lives of people who use drugs'.

'Most of what we hear around drug use, and particularly about people who inject drugs comes from the

mainstream media, and it's deeply etched with stereotypes and impacts on people's lives and their access to employment, family and personal relationships'.

Mandy and George say they wanted to share these remarkable and raw stories that really provide the best pathway to understanding, which is listening.

Promoting compassion

'We aren't promoting drug use' says Mandy. 'We are promoting compassion and understanding'.

'It's important to tell real stories that don't rely on stereotypes and prejudice,' says Dr Catsi.

Both Mandy and Dr Catsi previously collaborated through their Authentic You workshops.

'Real stories are powerful, and capable of changing how people see the world. And that was the intention for *The Daily Dose*'.

'*Daily Dose* is an Authentic You Media production, in collaboration with North Coast HIV, and Related Programs, also known as North Coast HARP. It was jointly funded by North Coast HARP & NSW Ministry of Health in Australia'.

A free public launch event will be held at the Brunswick Picture House on Thursday August 4 from 11am. RSVP to authenticyoumasterclass@gmail.com. *The Daily Dose* is available on Google Podcast, Podbean, Spotify, Amazon, iHeartRadio & PlayerFM and downloadable at authenticyoumedia.podbean.com.

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Splendour organisers' statement

Splendour in the Grass organisers put out a statement on July 25 regarding the event's triumphs and challenges, including Friday's cancellation and bus supply chain issues.

They said, 'After three tumultuous years of announcements and postponements, Splendour in the Grass finally returned to North Byron Parklands this weekend'.

'There were highs, there were lows, and there was definitely a whole lot of mud.'

'It was complicated, but it was also an important moment for Australia's live music industry as it moves out of the pandemic that has crippled the sector since early 2020'.

Patron safety was given for the reason for Friday's cancellation, owing to 'a significant weather system [which] hovered off the coast and threatened to hit land later that afternoon'.

'After bus supply chain issues on Saturday night, Sunday night's exit was seamless when the full fleet of buses was provided, moving day patrons out of the venue efficiently. Campers have departed smoothly and on time from both North Byron Parkland and the satellite campground at Byron Events Farm'.

Co-CEOs, Jessica Ducrou and Paul Piticco, said, 'We apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced at our 20th Splendour'.

'It certainly wasn't our easiest show, but even with the trials and tribulations, we are so happy to be back with our Splendour family of patrons, our awesome event team, and our Australian music industry colleagues'.

Ticket holders are expected to be contacted by Moshtix 'with regards to proportionate refunds for Friday'.

Suffolk Park DA given short shrift by Council staff

Paul Bibby

A large development proposal that would seriously impact two threatened ecological communities in Suffolk Park and diminish the town's village character, has been given both barrels by Byron Council.

In a decision that effectively sends the developer back to square one, Council staff last week summarily dismissed the application for a mixed-used, three-storey development at 9-15 Clifford Street.

The application, submitted by a Sydney-based property group, involves demolishing nine buildings and replacing them with two new three-storey structures incorporating seven townhouses, 16 housing units and 300m² of commercial space.

Staff provided 17 separate reasons for refusing the application, including environmental, design, bushfire, amenity and affordable housing features.

'The development application is not satisfactory having regard to the EP&A Act as it is not in the public interest... and is an overdevelopment of the site,' staff said.

'The multi-dwelling housing does not meet numerous planning requirements owing to the design, location and scale of the building, and consequently will not result in a low-density residential development.'

'It will have an adverse impact on the natural environment by removing native vegetation from the subject site and adjoining Council lot that forms part of at least two threatened ecological communities.'

The decision is a win for the many Suffolk Park



A large Suffolk Park mixed-use proposal is back to the drawing board. Concept illustration from DA 10.2022.137.1.

residents who opposed the development, including 80 who wrote letters of objection.

These letters covered a wide range of concerns including flood risks, traffic impacts and the impact on the town's village character.

One of the local opponents of the development, Lynne Richardson, said she was pleased that staff had refused the application but was wary of what the developer might do next.

'My feeling is that a lot of the community shared the same concerns as the staff,' Ms Richardson said.

'I was really pleased that they tackled the scope of the project and the fact that the environment was in grave danger from the proposal'.

'But we're concerned that the developer will challenge the decision in the Land and Environment Court.'

'Regardless of what happens we'll just grit our teeth and keep fighting.'

Bulk and scale

Among the 17 reasons for refusal set out by Council staff was the fact that the bulk and scale of the development contravened planning rules, including those covering floor space ratio.

property group owned by Phillip Wolanski'.

In a written response to *The Echo*, a Denwol Suffolk representative said that its development complied with height, floor space and parking rules, included 12 affordable housing units and was on a site that was 'zoned to allow for this type of development'.

Developer replies

'As you may know, there are so many complex and competing interests surrounding this site, including conflicting Council controls,' said a spokesperson for the developer.

'The many community members that attended the community consultation sessions were able to engage with us to understand these complexities and we believe, generally, left feeling positive and energised by the proposed project.'

With staff having refused the application, Denwol has the option of either appealing the decision in the Land and Environment Court, or redesigning the development.

The Echo understands that the developer has been told by Council staff that to have a chance of having the development approved, it would need to submit an entirely new development application that involved a complete redesign of the project.

The development was also inconsistent with the design and character requirements contained in the legislation, staff found.

The developer's promise that 12 of the 16 units would be used to house key workers was also questioned by staff, who found that the application was 'lacking in detail to demonstrate that it would actually be used for affordable housing'.

Inconsistent

Staff also found that the proposal was not consistent with bushfire regulations, noting that the proposed bushfire management asset protection zone encroached on a neighbouring property without the landowner's consent.

According to documents within the DA, the proposal is from Denwol Suffolk Pty Ltd, 'a Sydney-based diversified

'We don't trust in governments. We don't trust in United Nations, thank God... if you are putting your faith in those things, like I put my faith in the Lord, you are making a mistake.'

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successful Environment
Day Festival**

It was perfect weather for last Sunday's World Environment Day Festival held in Murwillumbah with the sun shining and locals enjoying the range of speakers, entertainment, and information available.

**Alarm bells for
Alstonville green belt**

Ballina Shire residents in Alstonville and Wollongbar are worried about a proposal to erode the green belt between their two villages.

**Is Richmond Valley
Council gagging
community
participation?**

Ever had a reason to present a point of view to your local councilors during public access? Proposed changes to the Richmond Valley Council meeting Code of Practice mean that you might no longer get that opportunity if the general manager doesn't approve of what you have to say.

**Ballina Rotary all
shook up and powering
forward**

The Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond has been busier than ever recently with flood recovery and fundraising, with a bit of help from Elvis. Now they're gearing up for a major mental health symposium.

**The floods are a story
too big to tell, and too
big NOT to tell**

Sigrid Macdonald, a deaf business owner of Lismore who works in the field of accessibility, says there is so much she could say about the floods that she hasn't been able to work out where to start – here is one part of the story.

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What's happening at Epiq?

Photo & story David Lowe

Residents of Lennox Head living near the large, muddy site at the junction of Montwood Drive and Snapper Drive, say they have been left in the dark about what's planned for their immediate neighbourhood.

Ballina councillors have also been out of the loop, with a change of use application for Super Lot 5 now with the State government.

Once the fertile centre of a farm, the big fenced-off area became the HQ for construction while the surrounding Epiq development was being built. Since then, the land at the bottom of the valley has seen large amounts of earthwork, but no signage or public announcements about what is planned.

There has been no community consultation about the site since 2018.

Super Lot 5 contains acid sulphate soils, and adjoins an endangered ecological community containing a large number of native frogs, birds and other wildlife.

The area is also directly upstream of a wetland, which goes on to drain into North Creek.

The Montwood/Snapper



Dam in corner of Super Lot 5, Montwood Drive, Lennox Head.

site had initially been earmarked for a residential aged care facility, but documents lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment show Clarence Property are now in the advanced stages of planning a higher density 'integrated housing' development on the site, with internal roads and two-storey buildings.

The submission period for public comment has already expired, after a two-week exhibition window, earlier this month.

Ballina Council's role in recent years has been limited to approving an earthworks stockpile on the land of excavated material from the Epiq estate. That happened just before Christmas in 2020.

Council staff have recently been given extra time to make a response to the DA

modification in regard to environmental concerns that include a dam which has been built on the corner of the site (and has been overflowing recently).

It's unclear whether this dam is also the source of the water that has been spilling out of the site across the footpath and onto the road when it rains.

Residents say that this large development will further add to the traffic and other challenges of the area, which is experiencing significant growing pains as multiple residential subdivisions advance.

At the time of publication, Clarence Property have not responded to requests from *The Echo* for more information about what is planned for the Montwood/Snapper Drive site.

Nationals choose Ballina candidate, Josh Booyens



Financial manager and musician, Joshua Booyens, will challenge current NSW MP, Tamara Smith, in 2023.

Photo & story David Lowe

After a closed meeting of voting members in Ballina on Sunday, Joshua Booyens was announced as the Nationals Party candidate for the NSW seat of Ballina, which includes Byron and Ballina local government areas (LGAs).

The seat is currently held by Greens MP, Tamara Smith.

Political newcomer, Josh Booyens, works as a senior finance manager and comes from a farming family.

'This has been a long journey for me, going into politics,' Booyens told *The Echo*.

'I'm great friends with Don Page and Ben Franklin. They've encouraged me over the course of the last few

years to think about it. And here I am, as endorsed candidate for the NSW Nationals for the seat of Ballina. I'm looking forward to delivering.'

'My career has been all about service – serving people and listening to people – in my banking and finance career. I've also been heavily involved in community, with Lismore Symphony Orchestra and various other community groups.' He said, in all areas of his life, community involvement is what drives him, 'listening to people and making things happen.'

The Nationals Party held

the re-drawn NSW seat of Ballina from 1988 to 2015, under Don Page, before the electorate made history by electing Greens candidate Tamara Smith during the great CSG fight in the Northern Rivers.

In the 2019 election, Ms Smith's majority increased, despite a strong challenge by Nationals candidate Ben Franklin. This came despite an enormous pork barrelling campaign by his government.

With the seat of Ballina spending so many years in Nationals hands, Booyens agreed there would be a lot of attention on the electorate in the lead-up to the 2023 election.

Green, warm and dry

The Echo asked: What can people expect from you? 'In terms of what I stand for, we're talking about green, warm and dry,' said Mr Booyens. 'I'm environmentally progressive, I absolutely believe that we can afford to invest in conservation and our environment. It's one of the biggest resources, and impacts on all parts of the Northern Rivers. The second one is people; getting out and listening to people, not having an agenda, not going out with an ideology. I simply want to be that conduit between people and government.'

The Lismore Show is back!

Missing from the calendar for the last two years was the North Coast National – Lismore Show. It will return to the Lismore Showground in October.

Show Society President, John Gibson, says the three-day agricultural show will be held from Thursday, October 20 to Saturday, October 22.

'It's good to be back,' said Mr Gibson.

'The Lismore Show has always been a place for our

whole community to come together and it will be again this year.'

'At this stage, we are still planning the show, so we will be announcing more details in coming months, but one thing for certain is that we will be back this year.'

Cancelled in 2020/21

The Lismore Show was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 owing to COVID restrictions – the first time it was cancelled

since World War II.

'Owing to the ongoing effects of the natural disaster that hit our community in February, and now flooding in other parts of the State and in Queensland, we are unsure if all the agricultural displays and some other events will return this show; however, now more than ever we need to support our farmers and agricultural community and provide a reprieve from the natural disaster.'

Flood Grants Support Sessions in Northern Rivers

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Byron students rise to the climate challenge

Simone Museth

The voice of our youth screams loud and clear: ‘What do we want? Climate action! When do we want it? NOW!’

The 2022 Byron Bay High School Year 11 drama production, *Rising*, will be performed August 9, 11 and 12 and its creation was driven by the student themselves, over many months of research, interviewing, improvising, reflecting, workshopping, collaborating and rehearsing.

Rising began as a project exploring climate change and likely outcomes if we continue to sit idly by, yet was swiftly swept up in irony, as our region experienced two devastating floods, mere weeks into the process. The backstage rooms of the building that the group work in, and the treasured items that were housed there, were all flood-damaged.

Students became acutely aware of how much more challenging things must be for those in schools that were completely inundated by the floodwaters.

Rising provides a montage of short vignettes that



Rising actors, Lucy Stephens and Saede Silvers. Photo by former student photographer, Alisha Doherty-Hough.

tell the stories of various families, individuals and communities as they face the challenges of floods and bushfires resulting from climate change.

The events explored in the play are gleaned and developed from wide research, interviews, story-sharing and personal experiences, and have been transformed and woven together into semi-fictionalised narratives inspired by true stories of survival, despair, solidarity and strength.

The play’s title, *Rising*, reflects its content in many ways. Rising temperatures, rising floodwaters, but more

importantly, the rising up of the young people in our community; who unashamedly demand immediate and positive action on climate change, and who will not be silenced. This play is a vehicle for their collective voice.

The project has been initiated and managed by actor and writer, Dave Houston from Full-On Theatre, and the students have collaborated under his guidance and creative vision alongside artists such as Umbrella Theatrical Productions director/producer, Adrienne Meg Lester, movement artist and musician, Mitch King, writer/performer, Lainie

Chait from Raw Encounters media, and me, their drama teacher, Simone Museth.

The project has received support from Create NSW, FRRR (Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal), ETREA Foundation and Black Summer Bushfire Recovery.

Rising is showing at Byron Theatre, Tuesday August 9 from 7pm, and at Byron Bay High School Performing Arts Centre on Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12 from 7pm. Byron Theatre tickets can be pre-purchased online or at the venue: www.byron-centre.com.au/whats-on.

Byron High tickets can be purchased from the school office or on the door, subject to availability.

For more info visit www.fullon.biz/rising.

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A colourful catalogue of contradictions

Either it's a nefarious blueprint for 'Agenda 21', where governments cede to unelected global bureaucrats pushing for depopulation and 'The Great Reset', or it's an obligatory document to guide north coast councils (and developers) over the next 20 years.

Well, let's find out!

The *North Coast Regional Plan 2041* is open for public feedback until August 24, and follows on from a previous plan from five years ago. It's described by the State government as a plan to 'set the framework, vision and direction for strategic planning and land use, planning for future needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure, a healthy environment and connected communities'.

The plan applies to the Local Government Areas from Bellingen and Port Macquarie-Hastings in the south, up to Tweed in the north, and west to Kyogle.

Like all government documents aimed at selling to the public how growth will be managed, there are plenty of colourful, full page pictures and words like 'encourage sustainable and resilient building design' and 'creating a circular economy'.

Informative factoids

And over its 144 pages, there are some informative factoids, like 'NSW produces a lower percentage of its electricity from renewables than any other state or territory, despite significant investments' (page 40). Another (page 44), is that 'Berries are the most significant industry on the North Coast, with 98 per cent of the State's berries grown in the region'.

Yet like the original document five years ago, it's a colourful catalogue of contradictions and lofty assumptions that you would only expect from a worn-out government that has been in power for nearly a decade.

For example, on page 70 it reads, 'The region's coastal areas and disused railway infrastructure present opportunities to upgrade tracks and trails and make areas newly accessible to the public. The Northern Rivers Rail Trail will eventually connect Murwillumbah, Byron Bay, Bangalow, Lismore and Casino'.

Given the age of climate change and increasing fuel costs, it's such a wasted opportunity for the region to not reinstate a once reliable rail network.



It's hard to garner excitement from a NSW government plan that sets out the future for the region, so here is a pic of some kittens in a basket.

In some ways, *The North Coast Regional Plan 2041* presents itself as a brochure to attract more residents and visitors to the region, and on the other hand, it will be relied upon by councils so they can justify their decision-making.

The task for the reader is to separate the meaningless feel-good spin with how this document will interact with legislation, and other forward planning documents.

So what's in store for Byron Shire? It's on page 107, where the Shire is benignly described as 'One of Australia's most desirable LGA's to live and visit'.

The map on page 109 shows Mullum CBD land expanded as an 'urban growth area', covering what we know to be flood-prone Lot 22 and areas east of the railway line. Clearly, the 2022 floods were not considered too closely when formulating this document.

When increasing the north coast population, one hopes there are the water resources to support them.

It's not particularly clear how that would work, yet on page 50 the document outlines the challenges and ends with its own solution – the NSW Government's *Risk-Based Framework for Considering Waterway Health Outcomes in Strategic Land-use Planning Decisions* (2017).

The document also says, 'Recent population and rental vacancy data indicate that demand for additional housing may be higher than previously projected'.

So if the bureaucrats got it wrong about Airbnb, what else did they miss?

To read the draft plan and make a submission, visit www.dpe.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/north-coast-2041.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Everyone knows the trouble I've seen

A Chinese saying goes: 'Better to be a dog in times of tranquillity than a human in times of chaos'. I'll certainly woof to that.

The muddy disaster of Splendour in the Grass was another symptom of the chaotic times we now live in.

While people desperately tried to enjoy themselves despite everything, not so far away were families camping out, beside their uninhabitable homes destroyed by floods a few months earlier.

There are literally thousands of people who are essentially homeless, and not just from those floods, but also from the giant fires – you know, the ones that destroyed millions of acres of forest while our then Prime Minister was holidaying in Hawaii.

The pandemic closed Splendour in the Grass for a couple of years, and the organisers were determined to go ahead this time, and even jacked up the attendance capacity to fifty thousand to cash in on the pent-up demand for live music and fun.

NSW Greens MLC Sue Higgins represented the community, when she was a lawyer, trying to prevent the organisers using this fraught site for the festival as it is a sacred place for local Indigenous people, with priceless wildlife habitat – and it's flood prone.

Eventually, the State Liberal Nationals government overrode the community in favour of the site's owners. Splendour in the Grass organisers trumpeted that you wouldn't find a throw away cup at the festival, in a vain attempt to gain green credentials.

Now there are throw away tents, sleeping bags and gum boots, but hey, let's not get picky. Then there was the no-small-matter of performers flying halfway around the world to be there, and fifty thousand people flying and driving there.

Has anyone estimated the total carbon footprint?

While this is taking place in our swampy back yard, there are deadly serious issues looming large. Australia is facing a dire shortage of critical



'Australia is facing a dire shortage of critical pharmaceuticals for treatment of diabetes, stroke, leukaemia and flu and colds'.

Richard Jones

pharmaceuticals for treatment of diabetes, stroke, leukaemia, and flu and colds. A pharmacist in Byron Bay waved his hands in the air and said 'It's end days' when my partner attempted to buy Panadol and fill a script for a common antibiotic. He didn't appear to be joking.

There are 320 drugs listed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) as currently in short supply and another 80 may soon be added to the list.

Just what is going on? We used to make lots of our own drugs before the mad drive to globalise. Remember we used to make cars in Australia too?

All that changed when the fanatical globalists took over.

We're beginning to pay a heavy price. Our pharmaceuticals are now mostly made in China and India. Not only are covid shutdowns causing supply disruptions, but huge increased demand caused by people falling sick is mopping up supplies.

It's likely a significant number of people will be put at risk by not being able to buy their life-saving medications.

While many are already suffering in Australia from the effects of the climate emergency, the situation globally is not looking good either.

You've seen the houses and forests burning in Europe, but have you seen how twenty million people are facing starvation in the Horn of Africa? Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya have had the fourth inadequate rainy season in a row. It's the worst drought in forty years. Yemen, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Congo, Haiti are all hunger hotspots.

This has been made so much worse by Putin's war on Ukraine. Twenty million tonnes of

wheat are stuck in silos, penned in by waterways strewn with mines. Putin finally realised it would be a bad look to cause the deaths of millions of people by blocking desperately needed wheat. He reluctantly signed an agreement to allow it to be shipped, but showed his displeasure at being forced to sign by lobbying four cruise missiles at the Port of Odesa. Two were brought down by Ukrainian defence forces, and people sunbathing on the beach clapped when they saw it. Two got through, unfortunately.

How on Earth does one cope with all this? I don't know about you but I'm quite traumatised.

When I saw Mandy Nolan on TV the other night and they showed footage of Lismore at the height of the floods, tears started coursing down my cheeks.

Even as I write these words, my eyes are filling with tears.

I'm deeply sad and I'm certainly not alone. This is a very difficult time for many, and it's a time for compassion, understanding and real tolerance. Those shocking floods brought out the best in our community. We came together and helped each other. Groups of young volunteers went from house to house offering help.

We need this wonderful community spirit to continue. The future of our young people is at risk, and we need to do everything we can to harness our energies – planting trees, making our living spaces safe from future floods, and doing what we can to secure our local food security. Working together as one united community we can overcome so many obstacles.

■ Richard Jones is a former NSW MLC and is now a ceramicist.



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Whistleblowers

By looking at Australia’s history of corruption, I feel that whistleblowers are not appreciated and protected enough and will have their career and life destroyed.

Isn’t it in the interest of an open, honest, and fair society that we are depending on inside information to be alerted to criminal practices?

Wasn’t the use of a listening device at the time of the negotiations with the just-emerged new country Timor-Leste a very bad criminal act against one of the poorest countries of the world?

Many risk their life if they speak up, as seen in *Underbelly*. Remember that NSW had to import Mr Peter Ryan from Britain for the position of the Commissioner of the NSW Police in 1996, that’s how bad it was.

It’s urgent, and now is the time to update and rework these important laws. Do you know that Richard Boyle, former employee of the South Australian Tax Office, is facing over 160 years in prison for speaking out about the heavy-handed debt collection tactics. Isn’t Julian Assange just a whistleblower on bad and deadly criminal behaviour? Time to act!

Chibo Mertineit
Hamburg

Neighbourhood Centre

We all have reason to thank the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (M&DNC) for their contribution during the flood. In the lull after a crisis it’s easy to forget those whose volunteering is ongoing

throughout the year.

I am wanting to particularly commend the handful of food program volunteers who continually provide a vital service, especially during difficult times. It’s been disheartening since the flood that food supplies have decreased and volunteers are finding it challenging to prepare enough food for the demand in the community.

My understanding is the existing team feel stretched and badly need the support of additional volunteers. I would request the M&DNC to do whatever is necessary to ensure this vital service is sustainable.

Ruth Winton Brown
Possum Creek

Grammar from days of yore has currency

Once upon a time, I was taught that the use of a heading was important because it set up for the reader an expectation about what was to follow. We had it drilled into us that each paragraph had to say something about the heading for the writing to make sense. I don’t believe this has changed.

In the Development Control Plan (DCP) for Brunswick Heads the section headed ‘3. Business and Mixed Use Areas’ relates to the B2 and B4 zones in the village. Under the heading there are points (a) through to (e). There are no sub-sections that separate the B2 from B4 zones.

The developer is using point (d) which is worded, ‘d) No excavated parking basements will be permitted and additional vehicle footpath

crossings will be discouraged in the B2 zone’ to leverage for a private car parking basement for 21 vehicles in the B4 zone.

Those grammar lessons need to be applied. The first part of the sentence relates to the heading which is going to tell the reader about the whole of the B2 and B4 zones. The use of the item ‘and’ means, I’m going to give you more information about B2, namely that ‘additional vehicle footpath crossings will be discouraged’. The meaning is extended to say that additional footpath crossings will not be discouraged in the B4 zone.

Furthermore, and here I quote a competent reader’s response to (d), ‘So it’s hard to fathom how underground parking could be approved for a B4 zone when it’s being prohibited in a B2 zone right next door’. Locals know because they have successfully prohibited basement parking in the commercial zones and the wording in 3(d) continues that opposition into a gazette DCP.

Should the developer wish to go to court on the meaning of 3(d) then he is advised he is taking on the history of grammar and those who have taught and are teaching it.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Byron Bay wolves

Man is a wolf to man – an age-old proverb which continues to generate commentary.

I do not think that the sentiment applies generally, and certainly not in Australia. Come to Byron Bay, it is

another matter.

What on earth can precipitate a \$4 per hour levy for parking a car anywhere within cooe of their town centre?

How rare it is to find such a shared lack of shame among the leaders of any community!

Herman Hofman
Bathurst

What a night it was

The program that night included a superb movie *River* (Tuesday 19 July, ABC), catching up on Tanya Plibersek at the National Press Club with the *State of the Environment Report*, and Bob Brown sparring with Sarah Ferguson on 7.30.

River, with its magnificent photography combined with the Australian Chamber Orchestra backing, sends messages to us, and the one that haunts me is ‘we must ask ourselves are we being good ancestors’ – the answer is a resounding ‘NO!’

The 2021 State of the Environment Report is shameful as was the first one in 1996. Both highlighted the loss of native species, land clearing and precious topsoil blowing in the wind, to name just a few common problems. Back then we were committed to meet our international commitments to ecological sustainable development. Now we are struggling to meet our international commitments to keep our planet habitable.

The destruction of the natural environment pre-dates the 12 Howard years and the recent nine years of Coalition rule. It goes way back to the first white ancestors who cleared the forests

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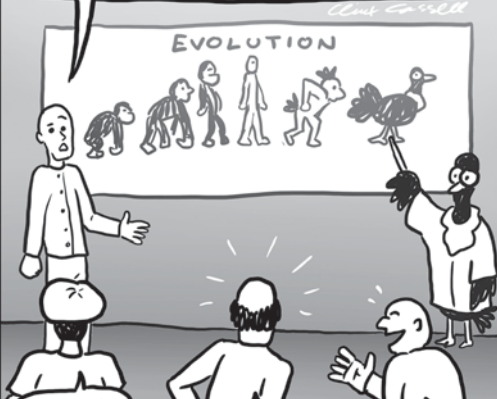
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Splendour in the swamp traffic chaos

■ Once again we have seen that neither venue nor organisers of Splendour are fit for purpose.

Owing to my local knowledge I managed to get home past the festival site on Thursday in ‘only’ one hour for a trip that normally takes ten minutes.

Not so lucky my partner who was stuck in traffic for four hours coming from Mullumbimby, as were many others.

Don’t get me wrong, I have nothing against Tuff Mudders but I find it totally unacceptable that hundreds of ‘innocent bypassers’ are caught in the middle.

Interestingly, even in the local media there was never a strong opposition against Splendour, maybe it is just too big to fail...\$?

Burkhard S Waltrup
Crabbes Creek

■ I’m a neighbour to Splendour in the Grass at Yelgun. The traffic carnage that we have witnessed as campers made their way into the Splendour site this afternoon (Thursday 21 July) has been truly appalling. It took four hours and 50 mins to travel what is normally a five-minute drive. Another driver took two hours hours and 30 mins to travel 1.5km.

Splendour blame the congestion on police testing within the site – why wasn’t this allowed for in their traffic management plan?

What will it take for our local and State government to sit up and take notice at what these large events do to our local community? Will it be the death of a local resident when ambulances can’t get through?

50,000 patrons attending this year’s festival is too much for our local roads and infrastructure.

You’ve only got to read the local community Facebook pages (Brunswick Heads, Burringbar, Mooball) to see the impact this event has on our lives.

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and tamed the flow of the inland rivers so they could grow homeland food on the driest, flattest, inhabited continent on the planet. Adapting the environment to our needs has progressed mercilessly. It’s everybody’s fault.

Minister Plibersek mentioned a few times that she had only been in the job for six weeks. Really? Twenty-four years in parliament, voting on countless pieces of environment and energy legislation, she is clearly no novice on these

issues. She also insisted that Labor will keep to its election promises; an emissions target of 43 per cent and no ban on exporting coal, as, she explained, burning it overseas doesn’t count.

For lots of reasons Labor is better than the other mob, but better is not good enough when it remains shamefully deaf to the advice from the world’s many climate scientists. How can it seriously ignore their advice?

We can also celebrate the environmentally committed Teals breaking the Liberal vote and the Greens winning

unwinnable seats. Here’s hoping the Teal remains more green than blue.

So let’s hear it loud and clear, from the Greens and Independents, that they want us to stop being bad ancestors. That we can’t ignore the unprecedented fires, the devastating floods on floodplains, the trickle of the once mighty Darling River and the vanishing species.

That we can respect the limits of this great and wonderful land. That we can leave some hope for our children and grandchildren

and all the rest of those to come. We all just have to put the planet first.

Sandra Heilpern
Bangalow

Prince St pods

The clamour over the proposed new emergency housing on rail land in Prince Street is to be expected. Resilience NSW is under no obligation to consult with our community in an effort to streamline and fast-track the process of providing housing for flood-affected residents.

Local councils were asked

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Half-hearted Council approach to beach rehabilitation

Jan Hackett

Protection, restoration and rehabilitation of Main Beach, Byron Bay, has been ignored by our local authorities for decades. Before I left Council I was assured an application for grant funding to address beach rescue had at last been made.

The Echo alerted us recently that funding had been approved and work was to begin, yet much to my dismay, I found that staff's commitment to saving our beach remains half-hearted and limited.

Sand scraping

Piecemeal band-aid actions here and there are a waste of money. Yet staff plans to only sand scrape half of Main Beach, from the car park to Clarkes Beach. This ignores the massive sand and dune loss west of the car park up to Kendall Street (the western boundary of Main Beach), which is currently suffering the greatest degradation and erosion. Staff say the sand profile is too low to scrape on the



Effective dune care like that in New Zealand is an essential part of the maintenance and recovery measures needed at Byron Bay. Photo supplied

western side, which is true, but what about doing some work on dune protection?

Soft engineering and revegetation

Beach scraping should be used in combination with other soft engineering and revegetation schemes, such as beach nourishment (adding new sand to increase sand levels), addressing beach drainage, the creation of buffer zones and estuarine ecosystems and, most

importantly, the protection and rehabilitation of the dunes, including:

- educating visitors – noticeboards, leaflets, and beach wardens to explain how to avoid damaging the dunes,
- boardwalks and 'dutch ladders' to stop the removal of sediment by humans,
- fences constructed of simple materials to create sand traps and hold incoming sand,
- the planting of natural plants and grasses to prevent further sand loss, and

- the closure of damaged areas to the public to allow rejuvenation to occur.

Dune stabilisation essential

When I asked Council to fund rescue work at Main Beach, we specifically agreed on the need to protect and stabilise the depleted dunes along the entire length of Main Beach, that is, from Clarkes to Kendall Street.

As the western side of the car park (which is in the middle of Main Beach), is currently suffering the greatest erosion, protection of those dunes cannot be ignored. Yet staff are prepared to turn their backs, saying 'it's not possible', and simply do some scraping on the eastern side (because it's easy).

The Coastal Management Act 2016 clearly states that the objectives of coastal management are:

- to maintain the presence of beaches, dunes and natural features of the foreshore,
- to protect and enhance natural processes and

coastal environment values,

- to recognise the inherent ambulatory and dynamic nature of the foreshore and manage coastal use and development accordingly, and, most importantly:
- to restore the beach and land adjacent to the beach if any increased erosion of the beach or adjacent land is caused by the presence of engineered protection works (aka the car park and groynes).

Time for action

Main Beach needs help if we are to have any beach at all within the embayment. Council cannot continue to dilly dally or ignore the problem any longer. They must act courageously, strategically and responsibly NOW, or our town's greatest asset will not just be reshaped, but will die an ignominious death.

■ Jan Hackett is a former Byron Shire Councillor.

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Invitation to engage

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The proposal seeks to retain the creative, innovative and social energies that can be felt within the precinct today. Visually the development would act in harmony with the culturally significant landmark that is the majestic A&I Hall.

The proposed precinct would incorporate:

- Four interconnected buildings on one foundation.
- A variety of architectural styles and materiality which consider the heritage of the area.
- Village square facing the A&I Hall with food and beverage venue/s surrounding.
- Central courtyard opening to the sky with surrounding commercial and retail tenancies opening through to Station Street.
- Laneways to provide experiences and connectivity within and through the site as well as future connection to the proposed rail trail.
- First floor commercial and wellness offering of approximately 500m² overlooking the courtyard, Station Street and the A&I Hall.
- 7 x 2 storey 110m² residences overlooking the rail corridor.
- Single level of underground parking accessed via Station Street.

Further information is available at www.6-10stationstreet.com.au. Please contact us with any questions and feedback by 8th August. After that time a DA will be finalised and lodged with Council. We will be holding community engagement sessions on 5th August in Bangalow. Bookings are essential and can be made through the website or by contacting us directly.

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Lies, damned lies and statistics

Tricia Shantz

It is the former British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, who is famously credited with the phrase: 'There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics', but the expression has been around almost as long as the word statistics (first coined in 1749 for those wondering). It is a phrase describing the persuasive power of statistics to bolster weak arguments. It is also sometimes colloquially used to doubt statistics when they're used to prove an opponent's point. We know that statistics can, and are, used depending on the person using them, for whatever means they are trying to achieve.

The 2021 Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census data was released earlier in the month with much fanfare and interest. I realised that ‘stats’ were no longer just for nerdy demographers anymore when it was a hot topic of discussion around the dinner table with our Millennial children and their partners. Oh, how things have changed!

The first Census data that I worked on was thirty years ago when I was working in Byron Shire Council as a Town Planner/ Community Projects Officer and developed the Council's first *Community Profile: August 1992*. No one was much interested in the 1986 and 1991 statistics then. The data was clunky and difficult. It was boring. People who looked at statistics were considered boring. There was very little comparative data. There was little to no analysis provided by the ABS. The information was basic. I still have that profile. It is interesting reading after all these years.

‘Statistics in and of themselves don’t really tell us what we need to know about a place. It’s how the numbers are put together.’



Having lived in Byron Shire for 40 years, the most common refrain from newcomers is, 'Oh, you must have seen so much change.' Of course, Byron was never going to stand still. The 1986 and 1991 Census data began to show just how Byron Shire was changing.

At that time Byron Shire became one of the most rapidly growing shires in NSW. The region had undergone the highest proportional growth, in terms of population, out of any region within NSW between 1981 and 1989, excluding the Sydney Metropolitan Region. Inward migration was principally responsible for this growth. Suffice to say, the Community Profile was not common reading outside of Council or the NSW State government. There weren't the numerous cafes with barista-made coffee that there are now, with people sitting around discussing all manner of Byron topics.

The reason for the development of the profile was to provide information for a NSW State government program called the NSW Area Assistance Scheme (AAS). The AAS was established on the north coast of NSW in 1991 in recognition that the north coast had a deficiency in physical and community services, primarily as a result of the region's rapid population growth. The introduction of a similar scheme had begun in Western Sydney in 1979, and was extended in 1985 to include the Hunter, Illawarra, Macarthur and the Central Coast regions. There were a number of reasons for this scheme: to increase awareness of local and regional needs and promote regional resource planning and co-ordination; to promote

Tricia Shantz is the author of the soon to be released book *Neverland: American and Australian Surfers in Byron Bay in the 1960s and 1970s*.

the equitable distribution of resources within the region; and to aid co-operation and co-ordination between all agencies involved in community development.

Based on statistics – such as the number of sole parent families, unemployment rates, income levels, housing ownership – governments allocated funds where social infrastructure was needed.

The wider public's interest in statistics was piqued when Bernard Salt came on the scene in the '90s and popularised demographics by providing descriptions as well as analysis of the Census data. He coined the now oft-used phrase 'seachange' and wrote a book, *Seachange Shift* about it. He labelled towns and cities in a way that made people, other than nerdy demographers, take notice. I still remember being at a seminar held in Lismore where he described Dubbo as a doughnut city, meaning that the population from the city centre had decreased substantially, but the bit around the edges had filled out. It was memorable, evocative language.

Much later 'profile.id' came along as a website census database that provided useful Census data by Local Government Area (LGA), and then began to also include analysis. Statistics in and of themselves don't really tell us what we need to know about a place. It's how the numbers are put together; how they are compared to previous years' and compared to other places, which gives them meaning. Profile.id did this well so that people like me didn't need to develop community profiles for council areas anymore.

Byron Shire stats

More and more people were looking at the census data and looking at what it meant. Which brings us to now, when ABS census data has become of interest to millennials. What was

their interest? Notably, in Byron, 57.7 per cent of persons ticked 'no religion', compared with 32.8 per cent for NSW and 38.4 per cent for Australia; 19.5 per cent of persons did voluntary work through an organisation or group, compared with 13 per cent for NSW and 14.1 per cent for Australia; unoccupied private dwellings comprised 15.4 per cent, compared to 9.4 per cent for NSW and 10.1 per cent in Australia; gGroup households comprise 8.9 per cent, compared with 3.8 per cent for NSW and 3.9 per cent in Australia. Further to this, 50.2 per cent of renter households have rent payments greater than 30 per cent of household income, compared with 35.5 per cent in NSW and 32.2 per cent in Australia.

So, what does this all mean? Well, a whole lot more looking at the data to see how the Shire has progressed and regressed in terms of housing affordability and availability.

While the 2021 Census does take into account the 2020 covid year, it doesn't take into account the catastrophic floods that occurred in the Northern Rivers in 2022; mainly affecting Lismore and Murwillumbah, but including parts of Byron Shire, and bound to make significant changes to the demography of the region as a whole. Anecdotaly, some people from Sydney and Melbourne who took up residence during covid are heading back to the cities. Their offices are calling them back. Trickling in are overseas visitors.

Prior to covid, Byron Shire experienced approximately 2.7 million tourists per year. The total estimated resident population then was 31,556 persons. Byron Bay, which bears the brunt of the tourism visitation, was just 5,521 persons. It's a small town after all, whose residential population hasn't really changed in numbers all that much over these years. Byron, its Indigenous language name Cavanbah, has always been a meeting place, according to the local Indigenous people. Ancient tribes/ clans came there to meet and eat. It has always been a transient place, where people come and go, come and eat and go. Just as well, as it is an expensive place to live. The Census data tells us that too.



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The community has been informed so there is some transparency, but we have no say in housing design or standards, layout or site selection. We're expected to sit back, shut up and be grateful they're doing something practical in response to the disaster. Apparently the community is the biggest obstacle hindering the path of our decision-makers.

It doesn't help when the local editor says 'it looks like Mullum will become a shanty town at its entrance'. Guess what? Many slick tourists think Mullum is already a shanty town, with rundown old buildings and full of disreputable characters; that's its charm!

Why is public housing always seen as ramshackle, filled with low-life, messy untouchables, when this project will be housing local residents affected by the floods? Same people, just in

different dwellings. I also dispute the claim the Prince Street site was under 1.5m of floodwater. The northern end close to the river may have been, but the stretch opposite Woolies was about 30.48cm (1ft) under during the peak. Neither Woolies nor the Council offices were under water and the rail land is at the same height. Proposed homes will be above ground, which would limit the impact on neighbours.

We need housing and we need it quickly, setting up mobile home parks is the best available option and we can always improve the housing stock and layout further down the track.

It is insulting that our input has not been sought or welcomed by Resilience NSW or Byron Council – but this project isn't nearly as ugly or unwelcome as the mega-wealthy's building disasters we've endured in Byron Shire.

Michele Grant
Ocean Shores

Aged care calamity
We are both in our 80s, have a Home Care Package, but now need to select a home care service provider who requires a Centrelink Fee Advice Letter. As we both receive age pensions we are

told on: www.myagedcare.gov.au/income-and-means-assessments/ that, 'If your aged care provider requests a fee advice letter please call Services Australia on 1800 227 475 or the Department of Veterans' Affairs on 1800 555 254'.

Since 4 July I have repeatedly called 1800 227 475, 132 300 and other suggested numbers without success. The Centrelink phone app has nothing relevant to this issue and simply sends us back to the same number which does not answer after 16 minute's [of ringing]! This lack of response is totally unacceptable. Elderly people are not as cognitively alert as they used to be and most are not computer literate.

We contacted Justine Elliot's office and also that of the Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, asking for their intervention, not just for us, but for our aged cohort. We are still waiting for the Fee Advice Letter, so now we are faced with the invidious choice of wasting time and the environment by travelling either to Brunswick Heads or Ballina to access Centrelink!

Gareth Smith, Maxine Caron
Byron Bay

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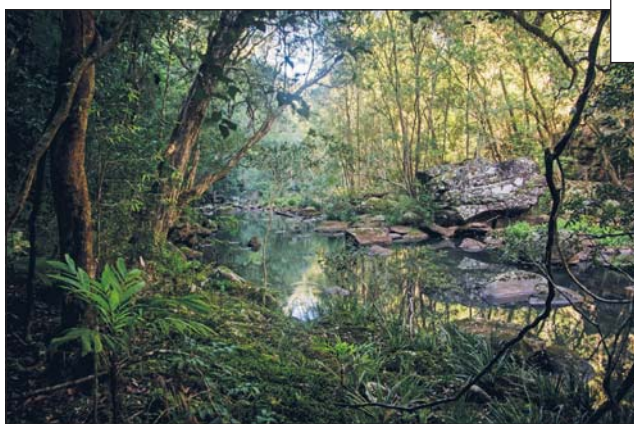
Charles Hunter

In Australia there are over 800 major dams. So why do we need more?

Less than 2.5 per cent of water on Earth is fresh, and humans have dammed over half of the rivers around the globe. Dams significantly modify landscapes and have immense ecological and social consequences. Whilst many water management authorities view dams as critical to building 'societal resilience' in the face of

impending climatic change, increasing environmental awareness is contributing to the belief that dams are actually a hindrance to socio-ecological resilience.

Put 'on hold' indefinitely in 2014 by Rous County Council (RCC), or so the local community thought, the proposed Dunoon Dam in the Lismore region of northern NSW started trickling back onto the agenda in late 2019 as one of Australia's worst droughts on record savaged much of the country. Australians started



The Channon Gorge will be drowned under the new Dunoon Dam if it goes ahead. Photo David Lowe

to panic, and so did water resource managers.

After significant community opposition and 13,000 public submissions (86 per cent being against the dam) RCC voted against the Dunoon Dam in July 2021 and agreed to follow a different strategy, which included assessing the use of ground-water and water recycling. However, the NSW government just wouldn't accept the long-standing opposition by traditional owners or the broader community's decision, and decided to release a new strategy called the *Future Water Project 2060*. This lead Rous County Council (RCC) to their recent backflip on the initial community-led decision, and they've put the Dunoon Dam back on the agenda. Again.

Controversial dam?

The proposed Dunoon Dam is an incredibly controversial topic, and one that is dividing the local community. If the new dam goes ahead then irreplaceable ancient lowland 'Big Scrub' rainforest (riparian ecosystems) and

priceless Indigenous heritage sites including burial grounds and scarred trees will be inundated and destroyed. Gone forever.

RCC, the local government body responsible for water resource management is ultimately charged with making the decision on whether the Dunoon Dam goes ahead. RCC currently provide 100,000 residents with water via the 14 gegalitre Rocky Creek Dam which opened in 1953. At 50 gegalitres the Dunoon Dam will be over three times the size of nearby Rocky Creek Dam leading one to ask, 'Why so big?'. RCC have stated that the costs of building a 50 gegalitre dam versus a 20 gegalitre dam are roughly the same.

Prior to the RCC vote against the dam in July 2021, former RCC Chairperson, Mr Keith Williams (who was voted out in the last local elections held in late 2021), had stated that population growth and climate change were the key drivers behind the proposed \$250 million Dunoon Dam. Williams also stated that use of ground water and potable reuse

'The only thing as certain as drought in Australia is the stupid call to build new dams.'

– Maryanne Slattery 2019

of wastewater had been considered as alternatives to the dam, but were just too expensive. However, the reality is RCC has not actually properly assessed different strategies, as detailed plans and costings for alternatives have never been completed.

What price can we place on destroying critically endangered ecosystems and priceless Indigenous heritage sites?

Dams and socio-ecological systems

Human-managed natural resources, including rivers and dams, are complex socio-ecological systems and the proposed Dunoon Dam is more than just a water body. It is part of a major hydrological basin and also many complex and connected human and ecological processes.

Managing these complex socio-ecological systems requires strong governance frameworks that are critical to building socio-ecological resilience, and these governance frameworks must include community participation, the engagement of all stakeholders, and transparency and legitimacy in the engagement process.

In the case of the Dunoon Dam, when the project was being assessed in 2014 there was a community working group that worked closely with RCC. However, in 2020 there was no community working group, apparently owing to coronavirus, and the only community engagement was limited to public submissions (that said, there were still over 13,000 of them). Limited community engagement was again the norm in May 2022 indicating, yet again, a lack of transparency and process legitimacy. This key failure highlights a significant weakness in RCC governance framework.

The traditional owners who stand to lose significant cultural sites and who have also been strongly opposed to the dam since it was first proposed in the 1990s have been engaged directly by RCC, however, owing to threats and pressure from 'white folk' who support the dam, the RCC will not share details of their engagement with this important community group as they don't want local Indigenous people viewed as the 'gatekeepers' of the project.

Climate impacts and adaption plans

Anthropogenic climate change is creating an epoch characterised by much uncertainty and panic, and the slow pace of climate change policy needed to address these issues makes one actually question the concept of sustainability. There is still much public disagreement about climate change, even though there is a strong consensus amongst scientists. Debate continues as to how policy makers across all levels of government should respond, and this is clearly demonstrated in the case of the proposed Dunoon Dam.

The scientific consensus is that there will be many profound impacts driven by climate change that will be complex and unintelligible and affect marine and terrestrial ecosystems, and their biodiversity. The impacts of climate change will also affect the future demand and supply of water. There is a growing belief that the impacts of climate change will be hard felt at local levels and this has in turn created a pressing need for an increased focus on climate change adaption responses and planning at local levels – as we are seeing with RCC and the Dunoon Dam.

How to address and adapt to climate change at a local level is not only a huge responsibility, it also presents enormous challenges for governments at all levels to make decisions that involve the complex nature of society, politics and ecology linked to socio-ecological systems.

In the case of the Valley of the Dammed, just eight people – the board of RCC (perhaps with some newly attached puppet strings held by the NSW government) – will make the decision on whether or not the Dunoon Dam goes ahead, and the NSW State government is currently very keen on dams. Surely this is not good governance and throws into question the natural resource management policy framework in Australia?

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29 Shirley Street in Byron Bay has been home to the Backpackers Inn, comprising 45 rooms with multiple beds, a managers' residence, pool, administration and recreation areas, for decades.

Earlier this year a draft proposal for a redevelopment of the site was shared with the community. Prior to lodging a DA, however, two adjoining sites were purchased - #s 2 and 4 Milton Street. This change has improved the concept, most notably by providing for more open space and improved car parking.

Instead of 21 apartments across 4328m², 26 apartments across 5937m² are now proposed. The three bedroom apartments would lie across two building forms to the north and south of the site. The central area would be open, with landscaped recreation space (a pool, decking, yoga and barbecue

area) around a century old fig tree.

One level of underground parking, accessed off Milton Street with dedicated entry and exit lanes, would provide for 78 cars, 50 bicycles and electric charging for each dwelling.

The design is somewhat traditional, with masonry and extensive screening for protection from weather, privacy and to support foliage. Reliance on straight lines has been limited, with inverted and traditional arches, rounded pools and thick walls curving down to providing seating.

There is more detail at www.29shirleystreet.com.au. Please come back to us with questions or feedback by 8th August. After that time a DA will be finalised and lodged with Byron Shire Council.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

After a decade at the top, Magnus Carlsen has decided not to defend his World Championship title.

Ever since he beat Ian Nepomniachtchi in his fourth title defence, Carlsen, 31, has said that it is very unlikely that he would play another classical World Championship match.

'Ultimately, that conclusion stands,' said Carlsen last week. 'It's one that I'm pretty comfortable with, one that I thought a lot about for more than a year, probably a year and a half. Long before the last title match.'

Many had disbelieved the Norwegian, yet in every interview Carlsen remained consistent, saying that only a special challenger would make him reconsider.

The World Chess Federation President held talks with Carlsen, offering to devalue the classical games and make rapid chess more important, but Carlsen could not be convinced. 'I did not have any demands or suggestions for that meeting,' Carlsen said, 'I was there to tell them that I would not defend my title.'

Carlsen had long said that the months of targeted work needed to play in a world title match was not his idea of fun. 'I am not motivated, I feel that I don't have a lot to gain,' he said.

Carlsen did not regret his decision



Carlsen after winning the title in 2013.

to try for the world title 'on a whim' in 2013, after dropping out of the previous World Championship cycle. 'It's been an interesting ride since 2013,' he said. 'The World Championship title has given me a lot and opened a lot of doors, and I'm happy about that. The matches themselves have been at times interesting, at times a little bit of fun.'

Carlsen stressed 'I'm not retiring from chess - I'm still going to be an active player. Frankly I'm excited to get back to when I was all about trying to improve, be the best in the world and not care about the World Championship! I don't rule out a return [to the Championship cycle] in the future, but I wouldn't particularly count on it either.'

Carlsen's decision means Nepomniachtchi will play Ding Liren, runner-up in the qualifying cycle, for the world title next year.

Ding admitted surprise, as well as delight: 'I am very excited about playing a World Championship match, but I have to improve my English now!'

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

What does the current federal government solar discount mean for you?

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Celebrating First Nations voices

The stories of Australia's eminent and emerging First Nations writers will be at the forefront of this year's Byron Writers Festival held on Arakwal Bumberbin and Minjungbal country of the Bundjalung Nation, where stories have been told for thousands of years.

Read on for festival session highlights and join us for a three-day celebration of First Nations storytelling, with a focus on healing and learning.

Friday

On the first day of the festival, get a look behind the scenes of the stunning upcoming NORPA production *Bundjalung Nghari – Indigenise* with authors and creators **Ella Noah Bancroft**, **Daniel Browning**, **Kylie Caldwell** and curator **Rhoda Roberts**.

Don't miss winner of the 2022 Stella Prize, **Evelyn Araluen**, who will discuss her incredible genre-breaking collection of poems in *Dropbear*, with **Daniel Browning**.

Professor **Judy Atkinson** will deliver the Festival's annual Thea Astley Keynote Address titled 'Listening to Truth Telling'. Atkinson's ground-breaking book *Trauma Trails, Recreating Song Lines: The Transgenerational Effects of Trauma in Indigenous Australia* offered a pathway to healing through the listening and telling of stories.

Delve into the fascinating realm of Indigenous knowledge systems for 'First Nations Science', featuring founder of DeadlyScience **Corey Tutt**, astronomer **Karlie Noon**, and astrophysicist **Krystal De Napoli**.



MARCIA LANGTON



EVELYN ARALUEN



AARON FA'AOSO



DANIEL BROWNING



KARLIE NOON

Saturday

Kick things off with festival favourite **Bruce Pascoe**, who discusses his latest work *Country: Future Fire Future Dreaming* with **Cheryl Leavy**.

Aaron Fa'Aoso has earned a living as a professional footballer, a Kings Cross bouncer, a remote community health worker and is today best known for his role in ABC's *Black Comedy*. He discusses his memoir *So Far, So Good* with **Danny Teece-Johnson**.

Marcia Langton leads a stellar

panel of First Nations authors **Veronica Gorrie**, **Chelsea Watego** and Double J music and pop culture reporter **Mawunyo Gbogbo**, who will discuss how the Black Lives Matter movement continues to reshape our cultural landscape and consider its impact on people of colour today.

Sunday

Start your day with three ground breaking-poets – **Evelyn Araluen**, **Huda Fadlilmawla** and **Anne-Marie Te Whiu**. Together

they explore 'Poetry as an Act of Decolonisation' with **Grace Lucas-Pennington**.

How can we learn from country to heal the impacts of climate change? In 'Learning From Country', **Karlie Noon**, **Bruce Pascoe** and **Leweena Williams** share their thoughts and knowledge on how we can read the landscape to understand and address what is happening to our Earth.

The important session 'Indigenous Healing' will see leading First Nations thinkers **Judy Atkinson**,

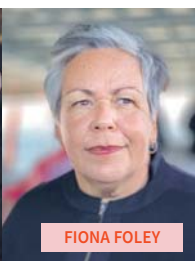
Paul Callaghan and **Marcia Langton** explore how Indigenous communities can heal and what others can do to support and learn from this work.

Over in the Kids Big Day Out tent, Bundjalung artists, authors and storytellers **Bronwyn** and **Ella Noah Bancroft** start the day with a beautiful presentation of their picture book *Sun and Moon*. Budding scientists can flex their STEM muscles with **Corey Tutt**, author of *The First Scientists: Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples*.

Feature Events at the Brunswick Picture House



ELLA NOAH BANCROFT



FIONA FOLEY



RHODA ROBERTS



STEVEN OLIVER

In the afternoons and evenings the Brunswick Picture House will become a hub of highlight festival Feature Events including 'Bundjalung Nghari – Indigenise' presented in association with theatre company NORPA and curated by **Rhoda Roberts**. 'Bundjalung Nghari' (meaning: story) features theatrical readings of beautiful and powerful stories, poems and essays penned by Bundjalung writers including **Steven Oliver**, **Melissa Lucashenko**, **Kylie Caldwell**, **Ella Noah Bancroft** and **Daniel Browning**. Actors include **Rhoda Roberts**, **Sarah Roberts Fields**, **Damion Hunter** and **Tom Davies**. **Steven Oliver** and **Ella Noah Bancroft** will read their own pieces.

The festival has also partnered with *Blak & Bright* curator **Jane Harrison** to present 'The Bogong',

a Blak version of the international storytelling event 'The Moth'. 'The Bogong' is a celebration of the lived experience in crafted spoken word form. Featuring six First Nations storytellers, it's a feast for the ears. Join **Evelyn Araluen**, **Fiona Foley**, **Megan Albany**, **Paul Callaghan**, **Gary Lonesborough** and **Mykaela Saunders** for a cabaret style event that will explore the theme 'Belonging'.

Also at Brunswick Picture House is 'Borrow a Living Book' offering the unique opportunity to sit down with a local Bundjalung Elder who will share a story of their lived experience. Immerse yourself in rich stories from respected First Nations Elders, up close and personal, and over a cup of tea. For all Feature Events go to www.byronwritersfestival.com/featureevents.

The Dreaming Path

The Dreaming path has always been there, but in the modern-day world, it can be hard to find. There are so many demands on us – family, health, bills, a mortgage, a career – that it can be hard to remember what's most important: you.

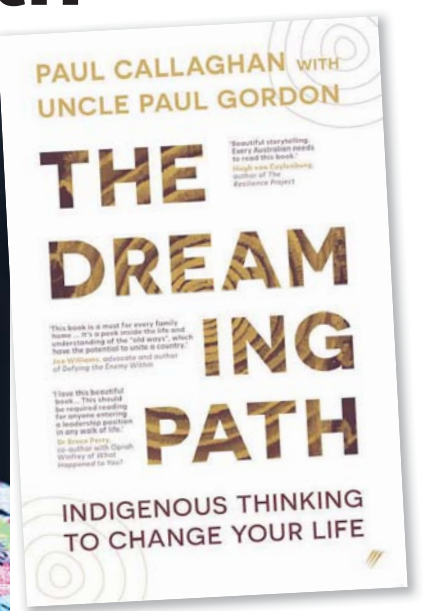
In their book, *The Dreaming Path: Indigenous Thinking to Change Your Life*, **Paul Callaghan** and **Uncle Paul Gordon** sit with you around the fire and share knowledge that reveals the power of Aboriginal spirituality as a profound source of contentment and wellbeing for anyone willing to listen. This ancient wisdom is just as relevant today as it ever was.

Themed chapters that bring together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal worldviews invite you to reflect on caring for our place and the importance of story, relationships, sharing and unity; inspiration and resilience and much more.

This year **Paul Callaghan** will join the Byron Writers Festival lineup to share conversations, exercises, Dreamtime stories and key messages from this amazing book.



PAUL CALLAGHAN



Paul Callaghan belongs to Worimi land and has held executive positions across multiple sectors including community services, social housing, health, farming, education and youth services. These days **Paul** runs his own cultural consultancy business, aiming to share his learning about connection to Aboriginal culture, philosophy and spirituality.

At Byron Writers Festival **Paul Callaghan** will take part in the panel 'On Stillness' on Friday 26 August; 'A Sense of Wellbeing: What Does It Mean to Be Well?' on Saturday 27 August; 'Indigenous Healing' on Sunday 28 August; and 'The Bogong' Feature Event at Brunswick Picture House on the evening of Friday 26 August.

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

Banned from Council

Thanks mainly to the machinations of the Council's senior staff and the Department of Public Prosecutions, I haven't been able to, in person, see the new Council acting at all.

I used to be banned from going within 20m of the entire Council boundary seven days a week, but now it is only on Thursdays when Council meetings are on. Generous.

Anyway, what follows is necessarily based on the official record plus limited chats with the informed. I haven't seen or heard enough of Councillor Swivel's doings, but on the basis of two key votes I'll now award him the interim title I always expected: Cr Blowhard. He talks big but when it comes to the crunch he's just another follower of the senior staff way of doing things. At least previously we had Cr Cameron putting on the record a dissident vote for common sense. Now there is just abject surrender.

The other recent dispiriting farce was the vote to give developers huge discounts on certain fees. Until about the 1960s any developer could and would start a subdivision somewhere out in the sticks and expect Council to build roads and connect all the services for free. The benefit, they always argued, was that their development would 'increase the rates base' and be a 'shot-in-the-arm for the local economy'. Clearly we are headed back to those good old days, courtesy of councillor stupidity and cowardice.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Bible stories

A small correction to David Heilpern's article from last week to give credit where its due. Seventy-five years before the King James version these lines appeared in the Tyndale bible: 'Ypocryte / first cast oute the beame oute of thyne awne eye / and then shalte thou se clearly to plucte oute the moote oute off thy brothers eye.'

Amongst William Tyndale's other contributions to the English language were, 'In the begynnyng' and 'let there be lyghte', but for his efforts (quoting Wikipedia), 'he was convicted of heresy and executed by strangulation, after which his body was burnt at the stake.'

Rob Watson
Tyagarah

Vulvas

Many Nolan is valiantly trying to make an important point in her article 'Vaginas are us', in the face of the escalating trend in seeking an illusory image of bodily perfection.

However, her point would be far more effectively made had she used the correct terminology. The vagina is only a very small part, the internal part, otherwise known as the birth canal, of the female genitalia. The external, visible area of the genitalia, which includes the labia, clitoral hood and other features is NOT the vagina; more correctly, it should be called the vulva.

This is more than a pedantic issue. I am aware of many women who experience discomfort or itching in the genital area and complain about it as an 'itchy vagina' have been misdiagnosed with,

and treated for, conditions such as thrush; only to gain no relief and later learn that they have a condition of the vulva such as lichen sclerosus which may lead to vulvar cancer, which often necessitates the surgical removal of the entire external genitalia. As you can imagine, this has very traumatic and lasting psychological impacts on the women concerned, and sometimes on their intimate relationships. Such cancers are more common than you may think, as most people are uncomfortable discussing them and they do not generate anything like the same public awareness as, say, breast cancer.

Many of these cases could have been prevented if only we had learned to use the correct terminology when referring to those parts of our anatomy. I have a friend who is a survivor of brutal vulvar cancer surgery and for the past 27 years has tirelessly advocated greater awareness of this issue, and I write this letter in support of her efforts.

My message to Mandy, and to all women, is that we need to clarify our communications in relation to those parts of our bodies by always using the correct terminology.

Jill Garsden
Goonellabah

Letters to the Editor

Send to Letters Editor Aslan Shand, email: editor@echo.net.au, fax: 6684 1719. Deadline: Noon, Friday.

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Greg and his wife Angie started the business eleven years ago, and a year later launched into the farmers'



markets. There was a popular retail outlet for years too in Mullumbimby, but that's gone now, so Greg can focus on what he loves most, the interaction the markets provide, and always, he tells me, 'the joy of watching someone eat your products and seeing the satisfaction in their reactions.'

It's been, he continues, a long journey of discovery. Bread-baking – the total commitment required, the

antisocial working hours – will only be successful if you are passionate. 'If you are passionate then you will create your loaf', says Greg. 'A loaf with your flavour and characteristics. Don't confuse determination with passion.'

The commitment is paramount, but also, Greg says, it's about your personal environment. He's assisted by 'two awesome staff members, Taeko and Yumi', who do all the prep work throughout the day.

'And I go in at stupid o'clock and do all the baking.'

Greg's best sellers are his sourdough and his gluten-free breads; his personal favourite – a baguette turned into garlic bread. Reminding me it's time to make this timeless classic myself!

Find Scratch Patisserie every Tuesday at New Brighton Farmers Market 8–11am and Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday 7–11am.

Local Single Malt launch

Cape Byron Distillery are finally releasing their first single malt whisky to the Australian public. To honour the occasion, Master Distiller, co-founder Jim McEwan, along with co-founder and distiller, Eddie Brook, will be celebrating with a series of exclusive whisky events. The launch events in Byron will be the first in Australia.

World-renowned Master Distiller, Jim McEwan, has inspired generations of whisky distillers, blenders and fans through his tenures with Scotland's Islay distilleries Bowmore, Bruichladdich, Ardnahoe and now Australian distillery, Cape Byron. Jim has played a pivotal role in the birth of Cape Byron's new spirit, sharing his wealth of experience in the art of distilling as a mentor to the distillery's Eddie Brook.

Guests joining the exclusive local launch event on 26 August from 6-9pm can expect a signature Brookie's G&T on arrival, some witty banter and cheeky tales from the dynamic duo, whilst sharing a few drams and priority access to the first bottles of whisky before they are released to the general public. These events will give attendees the privilege to get their hands around the distillery's first release before they go on sale online or with retailers.



The event will be showcasing four releases from the distillery including: Cape Byron 'The Original' Single Malt Whisky and the 'Chardonnay Cask' Single Malt Whisky, an exclusive event-only release.

The launch will be held at the distillery in Byron Bay, after which the team will attend various lesser locations, such as Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney over August and September.

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Sample Food Festival will celebrate the resilient Northern Rivers community and feature a selection of the region's best restaurants, breweries, distilleries and market stalls showcasing local artisans and producers.

This year's special guest lineup includes Australia's number one vegan chef, Shannon Martinez; best-selling cookbook author, Julia Ostro; founder of Blackboard Coffee and recipe creator for the popular Instagram account @recipearce, Nick

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The festival offers attendees \$5 and \$10 tasting plates, showcasing the menus from some of the

region's finest restaurants including; Harvest Newrybar, No Bones, Forest Byron Bay and Loft Byron Bay. There will be artisan desserts from Natural Ice Cream Australia, palate cleansers from Stone & Wood Brewery, local boutique distilleries and The Cellar wine bar.

Plus there will be cooking demonstrations, kids activities, talks, live entertainment

and a bevy of associated events, such as the Ladies Wine Soiree on 1 September, with special guest chef Mindy Woods, from Native Food Restaurant Karkalla Byron Bay.

For the first time, Sample Food Festival will be offering pre-sale tickets to the event. Limited capacity picnic experiences will also be on offer for groups of up to six, and include festival entry and a reserved picnic spot in the main food precinct on a Wandering Folk picnic rug. There will be extra room around the festival site for attendees to bring their own picnic rug too.

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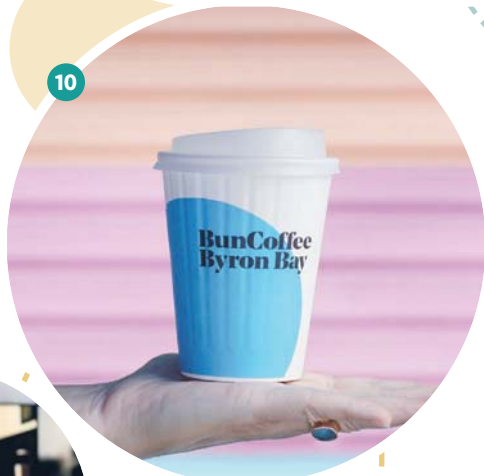
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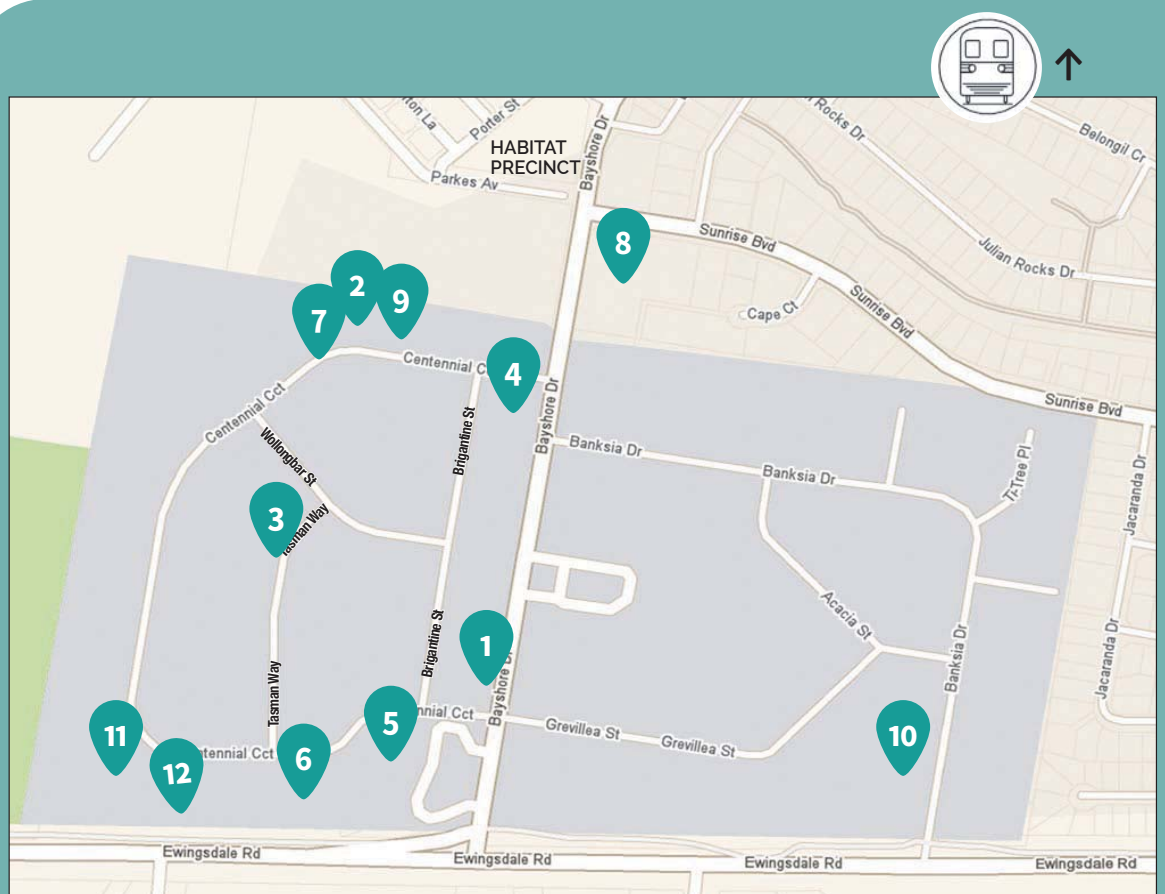


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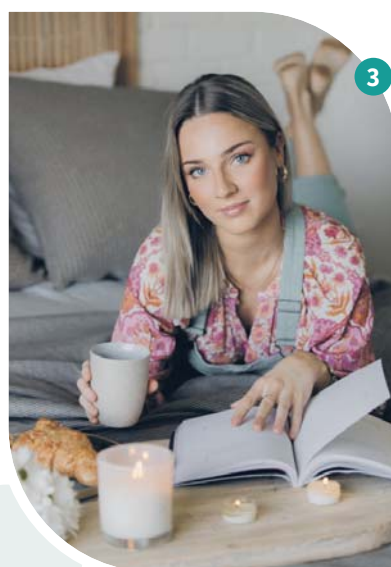
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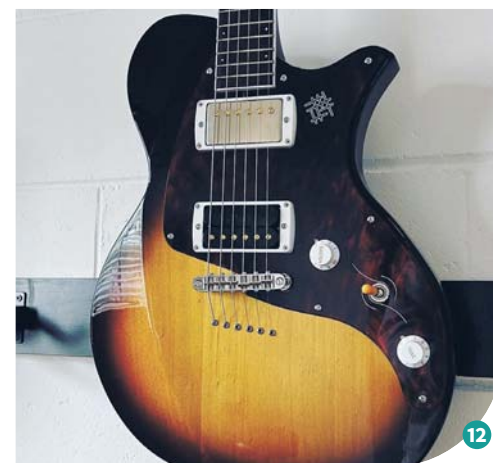
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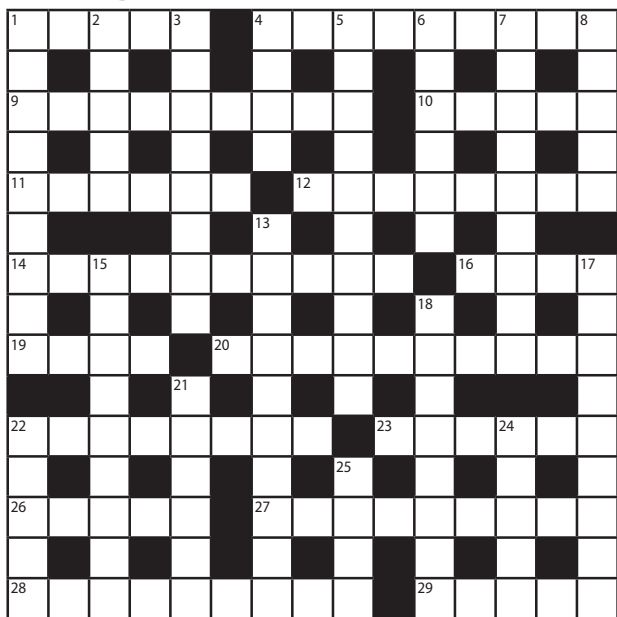
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Mungo's Crossword

N449



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Update about three points (5)
- Popular step – chant briefly and casually (2,7)
- Everyone and a single in the ball – just playing around (9)
- Despise sailor with hot alternative (5)
- Campanologist in the woolshed? (6)
- Current cleric is precise (8)
- Cabinet member in charge of publicity to run things (10)
- Irrational royal in the dock (4)
- Farewell, Indian car (4)
- African wise men with program language to take the left path! (5,5)
- French sea shanty for the trader (8)
- She follows back about cool painting (6)
- American lawyer embraces sheep in play (5)
- Protocol for apparel? Nonsense, sods creed (5,4)
- Heads team unexpectedly, in a hurry (4,5)
- Rate not small – idiots! (5)

DOWN

- Robin, embarrassed, right in the animal (9)
- New loan rejected by artist (5)
- Undermine Caucasian worker (5,3)
- Popular courses in pubs (4)
- Foreknowledge of 101 in appearance (10)
- Law drops territory to create image (6)
- Popular law case within earshot (2,7)
- Eat voraciously in the canyon (5)
- English betting publicity in alleyways will produce avenues! (10)
- Rita, for one, in lost dreamtime (5,4)
- Instruments for stenographers? (9)
- Boar aims to provide divine food (8)
- Time hot skin complaint – and beat it! (6)
- Brothel keeper goes both ways (5)
- Angry transit (5)
- Wilder part of the chromosome (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Refresh (5)
- Incidentally (2,7)
- Flirtation (9)
- Loathe (5)
- Spitting image (6)
- Faultless (8)
- Manage (10)
- Jetty (4)
- Bye-bye (4)
- Witchcraft (5,5)
- Shopkeeper (8)
- Bullet that leaves a trail of smoke (6)
- Theatrics (5)
- Black tie, for example (5,4)
- Got a move on (4,5)
- Donkeys (5)

DOWN

- European robin (9)
- Famous for his Ned Kelly paintings (5)
- Subvert from within (5,3)
- Taverns (4)
- Clairvoyance (10)
- Effigy (6)
- Able to be heard (2,7)
- Ravine (5)
- Walking paths beside the sea (10)
- She helps avoid parking fines on the Gold Coast (5,4)
- Scribes (9)
- Eaten to become immortal! (8)
- Defeat comprehensively (6)
- Gentlewoman (5)
- Intersect (5)
- DNA segment (4)

Last week's solution N448



I WENT TO SYDNEY FOR WORK AND ENDED UP IN A COVID-19 WARD

And I didn't have covid.

There are three places you don't want to end up in this country: mandatory detention, jail and a COVID-19 Ward. Ten days ago I lay in a bed in a big Sydney hospital in a glassed-off room with three elderly covid patients, and I wondered, how did I get here?

And how the *F* do I get out?

Two weeks ago I was heading to Sydney for a week at the Comedy Store. After a hustings hiatus I was really looking forward to getting in front of a crowd, and *not* having to talk about the evils of coal and gas. Well, maybe...

I was at my dining table with my niece and her fiancé, just chatting after dinner, when the room moved like I was on a boat. So I went to bed. I woke up feeling fine and I figured I was dehydrated. Or that I'd had a 'turn'. It's something older women talk of in hushed tones.

I was at the Gold Coast Airport when the dizzy thing hit again, the second time when I was boarding, so I thought 'Bugger, I've got vertigo, maybe I shouldn't fly...' I bunked out, got my bag off the flight and headed to Tweed Hospital. They did a bunch of tests, most of them in the janitor's closet because every consulting room and crevice had an old person waiting for placement in aged care. It's called 'bed blocking' and the hospital is exploding.

I left with the doctor telling me I was iron deficient. Even though he hadn't tested me for iron. Oh, and let's not forget I answered the 'How much do you drink?' question honestly; 'Some weeks nothing. Some weeks two bottles, and when I have lots of luncheons and parties I have probably had as many as five.' He said, 'You need to love yourself. You are enough'. I thought, 'That isn't medical.' But I said, 'Have you never had a social life?'. I find out later what I'd experienced is called 'anchoring'; when doctors assume things about you and make a diagnosis, eg; this woman is here because she's an alcoholic. Also, she lives in Mullumbimby, so she must be a vegetarian, therefore she is low in iron. An anemic alcoholic.

So I told work I was going to be a day late. I arrived in Sydney and I was still dizzy. My vision was a bit weird. I thought I'd seen a negative result on the covid test they did before I left hospital, but something popped up on my phone and when I read it, it said 'COVID

POSITIVE'. Shit. I was already in Sydney. So I rang a friend, got supplies dropped to where I was staying and cancelled work. Nearly 48 hours later I was so dizzy and nauseous I couldn't leave the bed because I couldn't walk without lurching and hitting a wall or falling. I was alone and scared. I wanted my mummy. The online doctor told me to call an ambo. So I was taken to hospital. In my confused state I told them I was covid positive.

I wasn't though. I'd read an old text that popped up from January.

Consequently I was put into a COVID-19 Ward. I was given a couple of doses of Stemetil and put on a drip. I was aware of the old man opposite me breathing in that way people do when they're dying. It was so sad in there. Just nurses in PPE. Like big yellow balls of plastic. Mr Twong was in a nappy, he didn't speak any English and wouldn't eat. Mr Smith next to me boasted, to whoever would listen, about things like being friends with the king and queen of Tonga. And the man across from me, whose name I didn't know, was clearly dying. The neurologist came and told me my eyes were moving in a strange way so they thought I might have had a stroke. That week of lost work just got a lot worse. A stroke *and* covid? I'd just wanted to get in front of people and make some vagina jokes.

I started to regain some capacity. I realised I had no covid symptoms. Could I have made a mistake? I checked my messages. Yes. I did not have covid. I had misread it. I told a nurse. I told another nurse. They said that made sense because the test they did on my arrival was negative. But why didn't they check my pathology? I realised they'd written my birth date wrong on my ID bracelet. So – nothing matched. They had me as 61 years old. I was deeply wounded not one person had twigged that I didn't look 61. They refused to change my birth date because apparently, even though it was wrong, it couldn't be changed unless I was discharged. So now I'm 61.

I started to panic. After about four hours of hitting the call button I got a room on another ward in iso. The poor dying man died just as I was leaving, so it was a good time to leave – at least I was alive.

After 24 hours in a COVID-19 Ward, a hospital room with its own bathroom was like moving into the Hilton. It even had a window! The TV was broken, but I could stare at the sky. I was in iso, so

no visitors were allowed. My husband came to Sydney to pick me up, but he was sent home. They kept testing me for covid. I kept testing negative. The neurologist apologised and said 'This has never happened before. We are taking this seriously. We spoke about this at length at our hospital board meeting this morning and we have put in protocols so it won't happen again.' Great. But that didn't help me. I needed an MRI and stroke tests, and I couldn't get them because I was a close contact. I was a close contact because they'd put me in a COVID-19 Ward. They refused to do any testing until Thursday 28 July – ten days after my admission. I'd started to feel better every day except that I'm locked in a hospital at a cost to taxpayers of about \$2k per day. That's a lot to pay for a mistake. Bureaucracy rules in this broken system. You see, to get the tests I had to stay an inpatient. As soon as I discharged I'd become an outpatient and I wouldn't get seen for months.

It's hard to think straight when you are in this situation. Sick people in isolation don't advocate well. I was still dizzy, but not as sick, and I realised I shouldn't be in hospital, so I discharged against medical advice. A friend pointed me in the direction of a private clinic, where I got the scans I needed a week sooner than the public hospital would have done them. I stayed covid negative, and, as it turned out I hadn't had a stroke. I'd had a debilitating, but non life-threatening condition called Vestibular Neuritis. It's an inflammation of the inner ear. Oh, and that weird neurological response my eyes kept giving? Well, my local GP told me that was from the massive doses of Stemetil.

My dear friend drove to Sydney to pick me up and I have never been so glad to be home; covid and stroke free, and broke. But not broken. Whereas our health system, it's buckling. Everyone is working 16-hour shifts. People make mistakes. And that's how a covid negative person ends up in the COVID-19 ward.

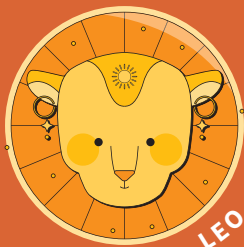
At least now I've written about it, the whole debacle is tax deductible.

Want to learn how to write about your opinions? It will make your posts so much better! I will be distilling some of the secrets in Write to the Bone; opinion-writing workshop, on 13 August in Mullumbimby.

Limited spaces. \$150 – on mandynolan.com.au

STARS BY LILITH

Jupiter joining the outer planetary holding pattern of Saturn, Neptune, Pluto and Chiron pressures Earthlings ever more urgently towards a more expansive, inclusive perspective...



ARIES: Still taking on more than you can manage? It's an Aries thing. But with Jupiter and Chiron both hibernating in your sign, this week isn't one for pushing on through. Better sense to scale back, take a pitstop and not get annoyed with people telling you what you don't want to hear.

TAURUS: Taurean dancer, Martha Graham, says it best for this week: There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all of time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will be lost. The world will not have it.

GEMINI: No need for your busy mind to fret about the current retrogrades Gemini, because Mercury's present placement is excellent for creative thinking. It can be a bit rigid in the opinion department though, so if naysaying know-it-alls get up your nose, keep stormier responses off social media and practise your finesse.

CANCER: Late week Cancer moon might find you quantum leaping out of cruise control and into a new position of authority in your clan. Then, spritz, bossy weekend new moon in the sign of taking the lead suggests you be doing that locally; changing the world starting with baby steps.

LEO: With this week's cosmic confidence boost restoring your roar, Leo new moon on 29 July plugs into your own personal power grid. This is your special annual date to put your paws up for a right royal pampering while you give the rest of this year's wish list some creative consideration.

VIRGO: Not that Virgos are astrologically inclined to be in any way sketchy, flighty or unprepped, but this week's celestial indications say it definitely pays to have a plan. And also a backup plan in the event that the universe runs interference, which, no surprise, is also on the star cards.

LIBRA: Big daddy Jupiter joining this week's retrograde parade of outer planets recommends zooming out to a wider focus to view what may seem like disruptions as actually being something necessary. Agreed, this isn't easy. But the reframe is a useful mind shift that makes difficult circumstances easier to deal with.

SCORPIO: It won't exactly be an easy cruise through current stubbornness, short fuses, drama queens, divas and egos on parade. But if you're feeling called to any kind of leadership role in this uncertain world, this week's flaming triffecta of Mercury, Sun and new moon in the sign of sovereignty is your launch pad.

SAGITTARIUS: Mouthy Mercury's presently a bit prone to exaggeration. And while there's nothing wrong with poetic license, bedazzling of the truth could earn you some backlash. This is a good week for brainstorming creative ideas, but, be prepared to back up your claims and statistics with legitimate credentials.

CAPRICORN: It's no secret Capricorns have the zodiac's most exacting standards. But believe it or else, not everyone can live up to them. Nor even want to. With motivator Mars currently in your house of fun, open yourself up to the messy and unexpected during this weekend's new moon. And keep expectations realistic.

AQUARIUS: This week's possibly surprising turn of events could highlight passe lifestyle patterns, outgrown habits, and who no longer really fits on Team Aquarius. Rather than criticise them, ask yourself 'Might someone be mirroring a part of you that needs to shift?'. Sorry Waterpourers, it's just that kind of week.

PISCES: Outer planets affect collective energy, and the best approach to their retrogrades is finding your own practical application of their message: Don't force your way through. Listen to subtle signals. Act for the highest good... When the cusp of mystery and imagination meets showtime this week, your happy place lights up.

SPLENDOUR 2022

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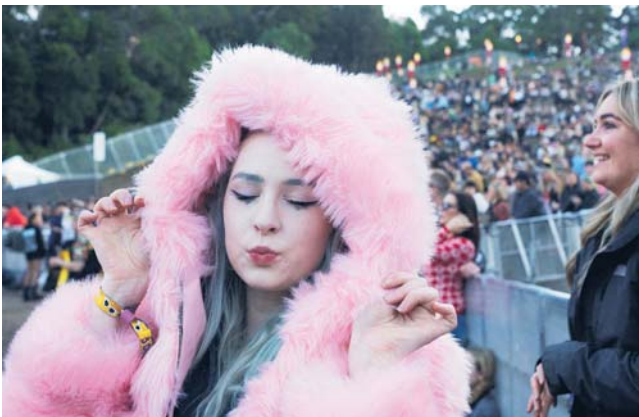
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LARRY GURRUWIWI ON THE WORLD STAGE



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ABOVE: FLAMINGO MINSTRALS | BELOW: RAINBOW FIESTA CREATIONS



LEFT: TIPI TWOSOME | RIGHT: BOYS WILL BE BOYS



ABOVE: GETTING READY TO ROCK | BELOW: UMM, WHAT COMES AFTER 3?



ABOVE: SELFIE INDULGENT | BELOW: GRETTA GARBO





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FESTIVAL BACK WITH A BANG

The Southern Cross Soloists will present the Bangalow Music Festival after a very, very long wait. Seven had a chat with Artistic Director, Tania Frazer, about just how exciting it is to be back.

After two years out of the loop, how excited are you not only about being able to perform, but also about immersing yourself in the festival?

We are so ready to deliver this festival! Every time I'm in Bangalow, it's like I never left – it's my home away from home. The excitement and the camaraderie of working with so many world-class musicians in such a short, intense bubble is such a unique experience. It's a super-charged week of intensive work, but it is so thrilling and artistically rewarding.

How important is it for people who live in regional areas to be able to access the type of world-class music on offer at the festival?

It is so valuable and motivating for anyone to be surrounded by high level human achievement and to be inspired by role models who have strived to achieve success in their careers. When I was 18, I moved to London so that I could be surrounded by high level musicians, and to soak

up the atmosphere.

So it is extremely important for us to present the same quality of artists at the Bangalow Festival as at any European festival. Just seeing and hearing these incredible artists up-close is inspiring.

What is a festival highlight – or three?

1. The world-class musicians – all of them!
 - Singers: Alexandra Flood and Alexander York.
 - Pianists: Maxwell Foster and Vatche Jambazian.
 - Guest string soloists: Emma McGrath on violin, and Jonathan Bekes on cello.
 - World-class musicians of SXS.
 - Quartet in Residence: The Orava Quartet.
 - SXS Artist in Residence, Chris Williams on didgeridoo, and Eric Avery on violin in the Maps and Journeys program.
2. I'm so excited at the moment with preparing the music. We are actually presenting something like seven world premieres at this festival which is pretty rare at any small chamber music festival. However, all of these new Australian works are completely relatable for audiences, and two of these new works are by First Nations composers.
3. We are also presenting the first composer to be the recipient of the ADFAS Byron Bay scholarship this year, Lismore's Tilly Jones. Tilly is an extraordinary young

composer, and the diversity of her compositional style is outstanding. We are performing four short works by Tilly in the Thursday night Locals' Night Concert, and I really recommend people come to hear her works. They are super cool, with titles such as 'The Gumboot-wearing Steampunk', and 'Octatonic and Gin', and I guarantee the audience will love them!

4. As usual, the Zentveld's Coffee Concert will be an absolute highlight, and new this year is our Bitesize events, for those who maybe just want to have a small taster of the festival. It's the perfect chance to come along if you have never been before.

This year we have two events at the stunning Ninbella Gallery, and an atmospheric Bach by Candlelight Concert at Bangalow's Uniting Church.

How important is it to maintain a thriving music industry in troubled times?

It's only when we are told we can't have something that people stop taking that thing for granted, and the performing arts was one of those things over the past years.

It was only once it was gone that people suddenly realised how valuable the arts are to our everyday lives. This was quite the revelation because, before covid hit, the arts were having to continually defend the value they bring to society and our continued relevance in the 21st century. So I suppose one small silver lining of covid was that it answered that question: Yes – society does need the arts and they are valuable.

Even now, the effects of having almost no arts over the last two years is still being felt. You can particularly see this in the film and TV industries, where the general public are screaming out for more content, but everything is delayed because of covid shutting down production.

But also, the musicians who are solo artists or chamber music artists actually had a terrible time during covid, as they earn all their income from contract solo appearances, as opposed to musicians who have permanent jobs in orchestras. These soloists were unable to perform at all, which meant zero income. So it is especially gratifying to be able to offer all these musicians the space to perform at the 2022 festival.

What do you hope is the main takeaway from the festival?

My aim is to give people the most immersive, awe-inspiring weekend away, where they can put their worries aside, listen to incredible music, and soak in the atmosphere that the gorgeous township of Bangalow possesses. The combination of world-class music, excellent food and restaurants and stunning scenery turns the festival weekend into a magical little haven in the most enchanting corner of Australia. Many musicians and audience members say to me afterwards that they have Bangalow withdrawal symptoms straight after the festival each year... so that is why they are all so keen to return year after year!

Bangalow A&I Hall, 11-14 August
Tickets available at www.southernxsoloists.com/bangalow

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August 2022

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Event Screening with Q&A
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7:00pm

RISING
Stories of Flood & Bushfire
Tuesday 9 August
7:00pm

Prima Facie - NT Live
Starring Jodie Comer
Wednesday 10 August
11:am & 6:30pm

The Way of the Psychonaut
Event Screening with Q&A
Tuesday 16 August
6:30pm

An Afternoon at the Opera
Mezzo-Soprano Rosel Labone
Sunday 21 August
2:00pm

Canaletto & the Art of Venice
Wednesday 24 August
2:00pm

2022 Byron Writers Festival
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The Sentimental Bloke is a 1919 Australian silent film based on C. J. Dennis's tales of working-class life and love in the backstreets of Melbourne.

In 2019, the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) of Australia digitally restored the film to mark its 100th anniversary as part of the NFSA Restores program. In 2021, composer and pianist, Ian Munro, composed a new score for the film using Australian songs from the period of the film. Ian, and pianist Ying Ho, perform Ian's new score live in the venue while the NFSA's 2019 digitally restored film is played, so that the film may be enjoyed in as close to its original form as possible. The film screening will be followed by afternoon tea and talk by composer Ian Munro.

This event will be held on 20 August at 6.30pm in Studio D1.29 at Southern Cross University, free tickets will again be available for flood-affected members of our community.

For more information visit www.nrcac.edu.au.

MURWILLUMBAH, IT'S TIME TO PARTY

Stone & Wood's Brewery Festival returns and they are bringing the party back to Murwillumbah with the return of their brewery beer festival: Murbah Open Day, on Saturday 6 August.

Throwing open the gates to their Murwillumbah Brewery, Stone & Wood welcome the people of the Northern Rivers and surrounds to a day of great food, good music, brewery tours and of course, the freshest beers in town.

Running from 11am to 5pm, Murbah Open Day is an event for the whole family and a chance for the people at Stone & Wood to give back to the amazing community that supports them.

For one day only, the festival will be flowing with an easy drinking Kolsch style ale – Murbah Session Beer. Brewed especially for the festival and the good people of Murwillumbah, the Open Day will be your one chance to grab a glass of the good stuff this year.

Entry to the day is by gold coin donation with all profits from the festival going towards an amazing local cause: Wedgetail Retreat.

Wedgetail Retreat provide free palliative care to the Northern Rivers community, giving locals and their families a warm and welcoming environment to call home. Operating without government funding, Wedgetail relies on the support of its community to keep its doors open and continue with the amazing care they provide.

Details on the music and food lineup to come, so keep your eyes on the Stone & Wood socials for more information. Find out more here: stoneandwood.com.au.



THREE GREAT BIG BANDS, TWO GREAT PERFORMANCES, ONE TIME ONLY!

The Royal Australian Navy Veterans Band is the musical arm of the Royal Australian Navy Band Association Incorporated, which is an ex-service organisation receiving no funding from government.

The Royal Australian Navy Veterans Band was born in 2000 with a 75-piece marching band in the Sydney Anzac Day March, all volunteers, all former RAN Band members, all veterans.

For the next ten years the Veterans Band marched in Anzac Day parades in all parts of Australia until 2010 when the Band moved to overseas travel as a concert band.

As many veterans can no longer play, the band has turned to their brothers and sisters from Australian military bands and community bands to join in to make up the numbers and be veterans in arms. This includes your very own Ballina Concert Band.

These three great bands will join for a Gala Concert at the Ballina RSL on Vietnam Veterans' Day with all proceeds from admission, which is a donation at the door, to aid the Northern Rivers Flood Relief Fund.

The Royal Australian Navy Veterans Band consider it an honour to be joined by the Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney in a first for the two bands.

The massive concert will feature 80 musicians on stage performing a range of music for all ages and from all genres.

A combined band of 50 musicians will provide musical support for the Vietnam Veterans' Service of Commemoration commencing a 10.45am at the Cenotaph before it moves on to the Ballina RSL Club.

The Club would like to invite everyone to come along and enjoy a very memorable concert. Seating is on a first come, first served basis, doors open at 2.30pm.

For more information, visit: ballinarsl.com.au.

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BEN'S AT BRUNS

Ben Whiting, a native to Byron Bay has authentic and occasionally nostalgic musings on life and love – he has created a fresh take on contemporary indie folk, with a distinctive crowd-pleasing rock edge honed on the streets of Melbourne. This edge is always underscored by his magnetic vocals, singular guitar stylings and songs that simultaneously include optimism, beauty and darkness. In another incarnation Ben has played festivals including Splendour in the Grass and has supported artists such as Katy Perry, Grinspoon and The Angels. He followed this period with a pivot to a folk aesthetic, and has now integrated his rock experience back into his songwriting and performances.

Saturday 7.30pm at the Hotel Brunswick

CALLING ALL ACTORS AND CREATIVES FOR HOT SHORTS 2022!

The Drill Hall Theatre has been busy polishing this year's HOT SHORTS offerings with local writers. With an exciting slate of original 10 minute plays, they are now calling all actors, directors and stage managers to be part of the action, to help bring these plays to life in November this year.

If you would like more info, or you want to be part of the action, please email drillhalltheatre.hotshorts@gmail.com or come to The Drill Hall Theatre, 4 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby on Monday August 1 at 7.15pm

Rehearsal times are very flexible and there are a number of roles to be filled. Performances will be over the last two weekends in November with a production week proceeding that.

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ELLY REDESIGNS HER CAREER

Following stints as a travel consultant and leasing agent, Elly Waite wanted more from her career. After weighing up her options, she pursued her passion for design by studying at SAE Creative Media Institute.

Three years later, Elly's living her dream: as a graphic designer at strategic communications advisory organisation, Colony; giving advice as a guest lecturer to SAE's future creatives; and selling her children's book, *Byron the Dolphin* to Hollywood actors.

Having left school in 2010, Elly took some time out to decide what she wanted to do with her career. 'I spent some time in the travel and real estate industries for a few years, and soon realised that wasn't where my passions lay. By the time I started studying for my Bachelor of Design at SAE in 2017, I was 25, and I had a very clear idea of what I wanted in my career.

'Design is something I'm extremely passionate about, so I found it really easy to focus on my studies. I think studying in a small cohort, I didn't feel like just another number'.

After graduating SAE Byron Bay in 2019, Elly picked up a contract role as a graphic designer at the Uniting Church in Brisbane, before securing a position at strategic communications advisory organisation, Colony.

'I've been at Colony for around 18 months now and we have quite a big team of 15 designers here. Given the nature of the organisation, we work with a range of clients including Colgate and Palmolive Fiji/PNG, Kina Bank, Brian Bell Group and Prime100. It's a really satisfying environment to work in because every day is varied, whether that's designing marketing material or packaging'.



Elly Waite, living her dream at SAE.

One of the positive aspects of studying at SAE was the long-lasting connections Elly built, and has since been invited back as a guest lecturer. 'I really enjoy talking to students. Maybe I can spark some inspiration for them, and give them the confidence to do freelance projects for themselves, particularly if they're not creatively satisfied in other areas of their lives. That will ultimately be what helps them grow and learn.'

Reflecting on the start of her career, Elly said that early period was key to where she is today. 'The advice I'd give anyone is just embrace whatever comes your way, because you don't know where it will take you.'

SAE Creative Media Institute provides students with the experience, skills, equipment and connections to succeed in the creative industry.

Find out more about SAE's Open Day at sae.edu.au.

ONE IN THE MILLION

The Million are on tour with the release of their new single 'No One's Home'. Ushering in a new era, the release is the rawest and most unreserved we've heard them, taking their effortless knack for a pop hook and delivering an emotional sucker punch.

Reflecting on their short but sharp discography so far, the band says 'No One's Home' adds a missing dimension. On their last EP, 'Why We'll Never be Together', they mastered glossy pop hooks paired with emotional release but this time around they're digging even deeper. 'No One's Home' embraces a richer sound of maturity and delicate vocals. It's softer without losing the stickiness of the hooks.

You can see them Friday from 9.30pm at the Beach Hotel.



The Million, ushering in a new era.

An Afternoon at the Opera

Byron Theatre 21 August 2pm



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<p>REBEL Bowie Glam Circus Rock Show Wednesday 27 July 8:00pm</p>	<p>Dancing in the Shadows of MOTOWN Friday 29 July 8:00pm</p>
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
AT BYRON THEATRE IN
AUGUST

Antidote Films and Byron Theatre present a special screening of *Meet The Wallers* with a Q&A with Mark and Nicole Waller, as well as director, Jim Stevens, on Friday 5 August at 7pm. Filmed over 20 years, *Meet The Wallers* is a remarkable peek through the keyhole into family life – and a meditation on art, mortality, philanthropy and happiness.

Byron Bay High School presents their Year 11 Full-On Theatre Production on Tuesday 9 August from 7pm. *Rising* is a montage of stories encapsulating real-life events, depicting the recent effects of climate change in our region.

Byron Theatre is very proud to present the next excellent National Theatre Live title: *Prima Facie*, for two sessions on Wednesday 10 August: 11am and 6.30pm. Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*) portrays Tessa, a young, brilliant barrister. She has worked her way up from working-class origins to be at the top of her game. An unexpected event forces her to confront the lines where the patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge. Don't miss this one!

Mind Medicine Australia is thrilled to invite you to an exclusive screening and Q&A of *The Way of the Psychonaut: Stanislav Grof's Journey of Consciousness* on Tuesday 16 August from 6.30pm. The film showcases Stan Grof's groundbreaking work in human consciousness with psychedelics, Holotropic Breathwork and Transpersonal Psychology.

On Sunday 21 August from 2pm there will be 'An Afternoon at the Opera' with international Mezzo-Soprano, Rosel Labon, accompanied by Lindsay McGregor (B.Mus) on the Steinway. Labone has performed opera, oratorio and concert repertoire at venues throughout Australasia, and now appearing in Byron Bay.



The remarkable *Meet the Wallers* showing at Byron Theatre.

No artist better captures the essence and allure of Venice than Giovanni Antonio Canal, better known as Canaletto. Based on the exhibition at The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, *Canaletto & the Art of Venice* is an immersive journey into the life and art of Venice's famous view-painter. Don't miss this Exhibition on Screen on Wednesday 24 August at 2pm.

Byron Writers Festival presents two special events at Byron Theatre.

Charles Firth (*The Chaser*) and James Schloeffel (*The Shovel*) are joining forces to provide a masterclass in the ancient art of lying: *Spin* is on Friday 26 August from 7pm. Then, on Saturday 27 August from 7.30pm, don't miss the panel discussion on radical hope. How can we approach our current moment with radical hope? Five leading thinkers will consider how we can look unflinchingly at our cultural and environmental situation, while finding a new way to imagine our future.

Aine Tyrrell is back with special guests, Bunyarra Culture Collective, for an evening of visuals, song and storytelling on Sunday 28 August from 5pm. *More Blacks, More Dogs, More Irish* decolonises the stories we inherit and enables us to start thinking about what stories have been hidden in order for us to forget the truth of who we are and where we are.

Menopause The Musical® is now performing to huge nights AND a Wednesday afternoon matinee owing to popular demand!

Tickets on sale now for Tuesday 30 August at 7.30pm, and Wednesday 31 August at 2pm.

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For more details on any of these fabulous events, visit byrontheatre.com

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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**

THURSDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DONNY SHADES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **GUY KACHEL**, 5PM **BEN NOY AMI**, 7.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **OOZ**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT WITH VANESSA MITCHELL + MC IMAAN HADCHITI**

FRIDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 5.30PM **LEXI CLARK DUO**, 9.30PM **THE MILLION**, 10.30PM **DJ REIFLEX**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **DANCING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, **JAYAN BAND**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SAM KING CURTIS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **WOMEN LIKE US – HOMETOWN FLOOD RELIEF**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL – TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 5.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ROCKIN' RON**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM **ANDREW DE SILVA'S PURPLE REVOLUTION**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9.30PM **SECOND GEAR**

SATURDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **YAZMINDI**, 3PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**, 5.30PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**, 8PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**, 10PM **DJ LORD SUT**
- BYRON THEATRE 2.30PM **TOP DOG FILM FESTIVAL 2022**, 7PM **GUTSY GIRLS ADVENTURE FILM TOUR 2022**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **BEN WHITING & THE PACIFIC NATIONALS**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **BYRON KIRTAN WITH OHAD REIN**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM **TITI MAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ JOE MCKAIN**

- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7PM **FAULTY TOWERS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **DJ DORFSTA**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **CHEEKY BEV'S DJS**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM **VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL – TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **SUNSET SOIREES: LIVE MUSIC WITH – MT WARNING**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **SURF REPORT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS **BRETT HEALY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **GOODRICH**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **MIKEY EDWARDS**, 9.30PM **REMEDY**

SUNDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **HARRY NICHOLS BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **SARAH GRANT**, 4.30PM **EPIC**, 9PM **DJ RENEE SIMONE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **IS MAN KIND**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL, 3PM **DJ ABEL TORO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- CRYSTALBROOK BYRON'S VERANDAH 2PM **BOMBACLOCK**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 3PM **BEDDY RAYS ALBUM LAUNCH**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **AL TILLEY**
- SACRED HEARTH SANCTUARY, MAIN ARM, 5.30PM **PETER HUNT**
- LENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 1PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **DIVISION 4**

MONDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **HAYLEY GRACE**, 5PM **CHELSEA SKYEATER**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **JOHN CROSBIE**, 5PM **MANDY HAWKS DUO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- OCA, BYRON BAY, **RODRIGO FERRAZ**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS – OPEN MIC WITH DR BAZ**

WEDNESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **GABRIELLE**, 7.30PM **LUKE HAYWARD DUO**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **SCANDINAVIAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **STEVEN MICHAEL**

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Inspect
Friday 29th July 1-1.30pm

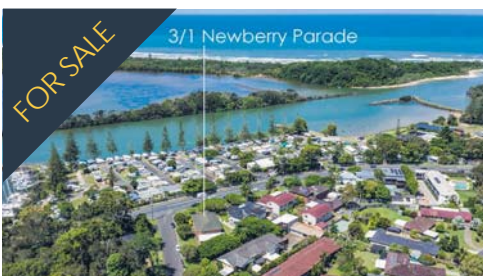
Price
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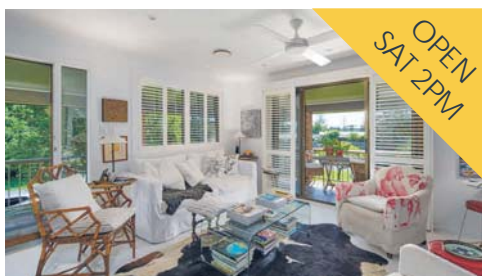
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Here's a perfect opportunity to purchase a desirable home of taste and distinction. This immaculately presented, north-facing, apartment is opposite the Brunswick River and marina. Just 60 metres to the water and less than ten minutes walk to the heart of the village.

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280 The Pocket Road, **The Pocket**

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Surrounded by tropical gardens and manicured lawns this immaculately maintained & architecturally designed home enjoys a north east aspect on an easy-care acre. The property has a feeling of seclusion yet is only a short drive from cafes, shops and beaches.

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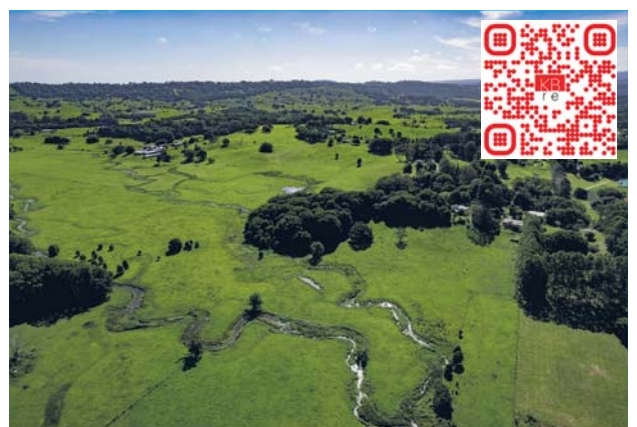
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- Watch the kids in the pool while making dinner
- Eco friendly features throughout including solar panels with back up battery system and emergency circuit
- Abundant water supply from a natural spring and rain water tanks
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- Potential elevated secondary dwelling house site with stunning valley views (STCA)

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Architecturally Designed with Panoramic Ocean Views

 2  2  1  300M²

- In a tightly held, unrivalled position set amongst the treetops with panoramic nature reserve and ocean views rests this architecturally designed home
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- Unique to this property is the world class facilities on offer and year-round on-site management giving you the opportunity to holiday let or permanently let

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Elevated 80 Acre Parcel of Land in Stunning Hinterland

 2  1  4  80 ACRES

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

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Idyllic Country Oasis with Breathtaking Hinterland Views

 4  2  2  1205M²

- This home is positioned on a large 1205m block and is set across 2 levels which provides plenty of space for growing families
- 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

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The Ultimate 7.5 acre Coastal Hideaway in the Heart of Byron

 6  3  5  3.13 HA

- This magical retreat offers multiple living options with a flexible floorplan that showcases a blend of modern and reclaimed materials with earthy tones
- 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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Elevated Land with DA Approval for Four Dwellings

1050M²

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- Unlimited potential to create your dream home or further expansions
- DA approval for 4 dwellings
- Unbeatable location within a family friendly community
- 7-min drive to Brunswick, 12 min to Mullumbimby and 20 minutes to Byron Bay
- 1050 m² of clear and usable land – building here will be refreshingly uncomplicated

44 Yamble Drive, Ocean Shores

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Unlock the Potential of This Prime Coastal Suffolk Park Block

2 1 1 556M²

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- Existing 2 bedroom cottage offers a rental income, while you plan and design
- Located a short drive from the centre of Byron Bay
- Ideal location for families and retirees alike
- Fantastic lifestyle opportunity that has endless potential

8 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$1.85m – \$2m

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Light & Bright Family Friendly Townhouse in Fantastic Location

3 2 1

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6/37-39 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE RAINBOW TEMPLE is now closed to visitors as we respond to a demolition order issued by Lismore City Council. We are drawing breath and going into hibernation while we prepare a development and heritage listing application. For now, the temple and tunnel will not be accessible at all and overnight stays will not be allowed. We trust that a positive outcome may be achieved so that the Rainbow Temple can be open once more for visitors. Guy Feldmann.

Telstra plans to install a new mobile phone base station located at 113A Orana Road, Ocean Shores NSW 2483 (Lot 100 on DP1140928) www.rfnsa.com.au/2483003

1. Telstra's existing base station that services the Ocean Shores and South Golden Beach area is located at Billinudgel. This Telstra facility is at capacity, which is adversely affecting some customers' experience. The purpose of this base station is to provide improved coverage for Ocean Shores and South Golden Beach. The proposed facility will accommodate Telstra's 4G technology. Additionally, the proposed facility will provide much needed coverage during and after flood events. Improved safety in Ocean Shores and South Golden Beach has been a key focus for Telstra since receiving community feedback on the lack of coverage quality during the recent northern NSW flood event.

2. Proposed works at the above site will involve the installation of six (6) panel antennas on a headframe attached to a mounting pole that is positioned on the rooftop of the building, the installation of two (2) equipment cabinets located on the rooftop of the host building, installation of ancillary equipment attached to the mounting pole and within the equipment cabinet, installation of one (1) power system on the rooftop of the building, the installation of one (1) Telstra meter box on the rooftop of the building.

3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as Complying Development in accordance with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* based on the above description.

4. In accordance with Section 6 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Max Peel, Aurecon Australasia via email to: max.peel@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Max Peel, Aurecon Pty Ltd, Locked Bag 331, Brisbane QLD 4001 by COB 24 August 2022.

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Applications are sought for a suitably qualified and experienced English Teacher. Expertise and experience in Stage 4, 5 and 6 English is essential, with HSIE experience.

The successful applicant will be dynamic and creative, working with the educational principles inspired by Rudolf Steiner and be committed to a high standard in teaching and professional learning.

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DEATH NOTICES

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21.09.1932 ~ 20.07.2022

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In accordance with Bob's wishes a private service and cremation will take place.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

BURSTALL, WENDY (nee Parnham)
24/10/1934-09/07/2022

Passed away with family by her side at Byron Central Hospital.

Precious and beloved Mum to Deb and Shas. Grandma to Huw and Kai and mother-in-law to Craig.

If you wish to join us to celebrate Wendy's life, her funeral will be held Saturday 30 July at 11.30am at the Tweed Heads Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, 176 Kirkwood Rd, South Tweed Heads.

MARGARET GHIONI

22.11.1935 - 19.07.2022



Passed away peacefully. Dearly beloved mother of Ray and Gina, much loved by daughter-in-law Gaye and granddaughter Anna. Adored by sister Denese, brother-in-law Rick and their family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the **Uniting Church Byron Bay, Thursday the 28th of July at 10.00 am.**

Michael Lewis GUARDIAN FUNERALS BALLINA 6686 7036

ALIDENES, MARIA ELIZABETH

28.07.1946 - 22.07.2022

Passed away peacefully with family by her side. Deeply loved wife of Leo and mother of Katrina, Nick and Michael. Loved mother-in-law of Erin. Proud and devoted grandma of Oli and Leo. A cherished sister.

Maria will be sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

An invitation is warmly extended to those wishing to attend the funeral service to be held at **St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on Friday (July 29, 2022) commencing at 1.00pm followed by Burial at Mullumbimby Cemetery.**

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DATE (July/Aug)	DAY/MOON PHASE	SUN RISE/SET	MOON RISE/SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
27	W	6:32 17:12	5:29 15:41	0722 1.13 1957 1.71	0156 0.46 1258 0.36
28	TH	6:31 17:13	6:15 16:36	0800 1.16 2033 1.73	0230 0.43 1335 0.33
29	F	6:31 17:13	6:58 17:32	0837 1.18 2109 1.74	0302 0.40 1412 0.31
30	SA	6:30 17:14	7:35 18:29	0913 1.20 2143 1.73	0334 0.39 1448 0.31
31	SU	6:30 17:14	8:10 19:25	0950 1.22 2216 1.70	0405 0.38 1526 0.33
1	M	6:29 17:15	8:41 20:21	1030 1.24 2249 1.65	0438 0.37 1605 0.37
2	TU	6:28 17:16	9:11 21:17	1112 1.26 2324 1.58	0512 0.37 1647 0.44
3	W	6:28 17:16	9:40 22:13	1158 1.28 0001 1.48	0547 0.37 1736 0.51
4	TH	6:27 17:17	10:11 23:12	1251 1.31 0045 1.37	1834 0.59 0710 0.39
5	F	6:26 17:17	10:44 00:45	1353 1.35 0045 1.37	1949 0.65 0710 0.39
6	SA	6:25 17:18	11:21 0:14	0142 1.25 1505 1.43	0802 0.39 2119 0.65
7	SU	6:25 17:18	12:05 1:19	0253 1.16 1618 1.54	0902 0.38 2249 0.58
8	M	6:24 17:19	12:56 2:28	0412 1.12 1726 1.66	1007 0.35 0004 0.47
9	TU	6:23 17:19	13:57 3:37	0528 1.13 1826 1.79	1112 0.29 0102 0.35
10	W	6:22 17:20	15:05 4:42	0633 1.17 1920 1.90	1212 0.22 0102 0.35

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1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN Coolangatta	
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757
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3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
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4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299
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4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911

4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807

FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS

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

The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–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 Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details.

Mullumbimby Toastmasters Club

Mullum Magic provides a safe and fun environment for members and guests to develop their public speaking skills. Meeting 7pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Mullum Ex-Services Club. Guests welcome. Contact Bruce 0418 515 991, or Ninian 0411 629 982.

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-year-olds meet at 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

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** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

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.

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
Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads Library**, Monday – Story Time 10.30 till 11.30am; Friday – Baby Time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby Library**, Monday – Story Time 10–11am; Tuesday – Baby Time 10 – 10.30 am. **Byron Bay Library**, Tuesday – Story Time 10.30–11.30am; Wednesday – Baby Time 10.30 till 11am.

Byron Bay library fun
Storytime: 10.30am Tuesdays; Baby bounce 10am 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.

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@byroncommuntycentre.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** 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, mazzzerati2010@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 byronbaylanguages@gmail.com.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am–12noon and market Saturdays 9am–1pm. 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 Dalley 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.com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

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.

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.

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.

Op shops
Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 9am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Cathy 0432 606 849. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 9am–12noon. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop opens** Tuesday to Friday 11am-3pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

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.

Toy Library
The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children’s Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

CWA Bangalow
Bangalow CWA has reopened and our hours are Monday-Friday 10am-2pm and Saturdays 8am–12 noon.

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 1.30 pm. Come to the remembrance of Allah.

Baby cafe
Bubbamummas baby cafe drop in mornings, Thursdays from 9.30am at New Space, Shop 2 next door to Target 86 Rajah Road Ocean Shores. Morning tea, discussions, guest speakers. Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA). Details 0431 477 445.

Free ESL
Free English as a Second Language classes suitable for beginners to advanced learners. Kingscliff 6674 7267.

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 drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap for recycling to Kim at Raine & Horne Byron Bay 39 Fletcher Street 0499 839 566. Small and large quantities welcome. https://soapaid.org.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon
Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

Over-60s fun activities
Seniors Activities **Tuesdays at the Byron Community Centre**, Jonson St, Byron Bay. Elder Beats seniors drumming 10.30–11.30 am with Gareth Jones in the theatre, 11.30am

Morning tea in the Cavenbah room, 12–1pm Chair Yoga with Pippy Wardell. **Wednesdays:** Choir with Kim Banffy, 10–11am; Ukelele 11.30am–12.15pm. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings, further information seniors@byroncommuntycentre.com. or call 6685 6807. **Fridays:** mahjong and cards for seniors in Byron. Enqs: Nancy 0498 480 373

Volunteers sought
Volunteers sought for Northern Rivers Volunteering, representing more than 100 community organisations. Info: 6621 7397

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 Club.

BV scrabble club
Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club will meet each Tuesday afternoon from 1 till 4pm at the Brunswick Bowling Club. New members welcome. Contact Steve on 0407 844 718.

Repair Cafe
Mullumbimby’s Repair Cafe at Shedding (Mullum Commons), 91 Main Arm Rd on Saturdays 1.30-4.30pm. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Bosom Buddies
Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

Emerge Australia
Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at http://emerge.org.au/.

Indonesian Conversation
Klub Ngobrol, Indonesian conversation club to practise Indonesian and learn about Indonesian culture. Meets third Friday of the month, 5.30–7.30pm, Byron Services Club. Ph 0405 463 663.

Bruns tennis
Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays 5–7pm. \$7, all welcome. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.

schoolteacher bonded to the NSW Education Department to teach in a desolate desert whistle-stop, visits Bundayabba (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.

Celebrating 100 years
The Bangalow Branch of the CWA ‘Celebration of the Centenary of the CWA of New South Wales’ is on 13 August 10am–2pm at 31 Byron Street, Bangalow.

Bangalow community lunch

A free community lunch is being held at the Bangalow Anglican Hall on Saturday 30 July 12noon–3pm. Organised by the Possum Creek Elders and the Bangalow Men’s Shed it is open to anyone interested in building stronger ties to the community and making new friendships. The speakers for our lunch will include Dr Jean Renouf, Jo Winward from Be Someone for Someone, and community priest, Rosie Wynter, who will share their insights into what it means to be a caring connected community and how important it is for our well-being. RSVP Ruth Winton-Brown 0413 261 011 or Peter Bradridge 0414 410 416.

On The Horizon

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NR Collectors Club

The Northern Rivers Collectors Club Inc. are holding their 30th Antiques and Collectables Exhibition and Trading Fair at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Saturday 13 August from 8.30am to 2.30pm. Entry: adults \$6, kids \$1. There will be a valuer attending. There will be thousands of items for sale; antiques, vintage, retro and modern. The Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah) is providing a sausage sizzle and tea, coffee, cakes, drinks etc. Proceeds to Tweed Palliative Support Inc. Details 6677 9577 or 0439 779 577.

Author talk
Byron Bay Library is pleased to present an author talk by Tony Park, author of new book *The Pride*, on Wednesday, 10 August from 10.30am. Please phone 6685 8540 to book a place at this event.

Bridge lessons
Bridge lessons are available from Friday 2 September to 7 October 9.45–11.45am at the Cavanbah Centre,

Byron Bay. Entry is \$60 which includes a copy of Paul Marston’s book *Paul Marston’s Bridge Course* and club membership. Bridge is a rewarding pastime, which is stimulating and inexpensive. Enquiries: Helen Baker on 0401 669 639. Peter Bradridge 0414 410 416.

BV Probus Club
The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 2 August, and starts at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker is Kathryn Garvan, speaking on her time as an SES volunteer. Visitors welcome. Enquires: Margaret on 6680 3316.

Seniors mahjong
Seniors welcome to our friendly group, meeting in Byron Bay on a Friday afternoon. No charge. Card players welcome too. Enquiries: Nancy 0498 480 373.

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

Social tennis winners crowned at awards night

Tim Lanyon

After six months of Tuesday night social singles tennis at the Byron Bay Tennis club, Ben ‘Chef Benny’ Warriner outclassed 88 other competitors to lift the winner’s trophy.

The weekly event commenced in early January amidst pandemics, floods, hail storms, and heat waves and concluded with the biannual awards night last week.

With an emphasis on ‘social’, all levels are welcome to compete in the competition with the points being allocated for more than just wins. Points are awarded for attendance, on-court fashion, community spirit, and to those who bring along extra crackers to contribute towards the platter; all efforts matter.



Social tennis Semester One award winners with dog, Bali.

A perpetual trophy is awarded to the player that best exhibits these qualities, and this time around local artist, Geoff Murray, was a popular winner.

The ‘Socialite’ award went to Taylor Miller.

The competition is a mixed-gender event with players matched according

to their level of play. Nicknames are encouraged and you’re likely to come up against regular players such as ‘Waffles’, ‘Gravy’, ‘The Wall’, ‘Mussels’ or ‘Tay Tay’.

Byron Bay Tennis also offers adult squads and group sessions for all levels along with a fun social doubles evening on Thursdays.

Byron Bay beats the rest at BJJ open

The Academy Byron Bay won overall first place at the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu winter Australian Open held on Sunday, 17 July at the Cavanbah Centre.

The event featured 200 competitors from over 40 academies from around the country. Southside Brazilian Jiu Jitsu from the Gold Coast came in second overall.

Byron’s 10-year-old Eva Brooks, got the fastest submission of the day.



Byron dominates NSW croquet State Championships

Ross Kendall

Local players shone when they took on players from 18 other clubs during the division two golf croquet State Championships jointly hosted by the Byron Bay, Ballina and Cherry Street clubs earlier in July.

The singles four-day event was won by Byron Bay club member Dhillon Tiffin, in his first ever competition.

A remarkable achievement considering that he has only been playing for eight months.

‘The first time I saw Dhillon play I told him that he’d make the State team in two years. This is the first step in Dhillon fulfilling that potential,’ Byron Bay Croquet Club (BBCC) coach, Max Donati, said.

The singles plate event was won by Byron’s Dennise Simmons 7–6 in nail biting

circumstances. Dhillon Tiffin also starred in the doubles, held over two days, which he won with Werner Borkhardt.

Casino player, Leonie Condon, combined with Qld player Marlyn Nelson to take out the doubles plate.

Anyone interested in learning the tactical fun game of Golf Croquet can ring Max on 0431 906 536 or Dennise on 0408 857 180.

Home win for Lismore’s women’s rugby



Lismore City women’s rugby union ten-a-side team sits in third place on the competition ladder, just two points shy of second placed Richmond Range, and Casuarina out in front. In the game before last Saturday’s bye the team had a good home win over Richmond Range 22–5. Photo supplied

SCU becomes nine-time national surf comp winner

Ross Kendall

Southern Cross University (SCU) is the country’s greatest competitive surfing university after claiming its ninth title at the UniSport Nationals Surfing Championships held on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast last week.

The result at Coolum Beach puts Southern Cross ahead of closest rival, the University of Wollongong, with eight titles.

Southern Cross University was also crowned overall Women’s Champions after the two-day competition.

Leading from the front was Team SCU Captain, Brittani Nicholl, who took out the women’s longboard national title and finished fourth in the shortboard division.

The Digital Media and Communications student is a former WSL QS pro-surfer who has also represented and captained Team Australia in the International Surfing Association World Championships.

‘It is one of those sports



Team SCU celebrates the win (L to R): Maddie Parker, Brittani Nicholl, Jesse Carrasco and Ruben Brinsmead (missing Mitch Barraclough). Photo Southern Cross University

we do well in, so for us to bring home that title it felt special, not only individually but as a team. It felt good to know we are the best university when it comes to surfing,’ Brittani said.

‘We’re feeling pretty satisfied. We only had a small team of five this year, off the back of covid. To be able to compete against other unis with much bigger teams and still walk away with the win, we’re pretty

happy with that one.’

‘This is the sixth time in the past ten years that SCU has won the overall surfing championship and the ninth time we have taken it out since the annual university student surfing competition began in 1994,’ said Dave Graham, the University’s Sport and Recreation Officer.

‘In my eyes, it gives us the right to claim that SCU is the number one Surfing Uni in Australia.’



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Should Splendour numbers be pared back, given how unprepared organisers were last weekend? Given the debacle affected not only patrons, but local kids stuck on their school buses, will the State government show some leadership to ensure this won't happen again? Why can't the disused rail network be fixed up to help prevent another shemozzle? When local decisions are taken away from councils, and the financial interests of a global corporation (Live Nation) align with the State government, it clearly becomes a problem for everyone.

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Congrats to the local Nationals candidate, Josh Booyens, who was chosen to contest the NSW election next March against Greens incumbent Tamara Smith. See page 10. Booyens thinks of himself as 'green, warm and dry' which reads like a slogan formulated after a focus group gathering. The NSW Nationals are indeed in need of new blood after the departure of former leader, the disgraceful and abhorrent John 'Pork' Barilaro.

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'We do not trust educated people and rarely, alas, produce them, for we do not trust the independence of mind which alone makes a genuine education possible' – US author and activist, James Baldwin (1924–1987).

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Ballina councillor, Keri Dicker, says a recent staff report regarding short-term holiday letting in the Ballina Shire is 'pretty frightening'. She wrote on social media, 'At the time of writing, there were 45 houses available



Main Beach surf, Saturday: 'Hey guys, it's a great view of Byron from up here'.
Photo Jeff 'Air Planker' Dawson

for long-term rental across the Shire. Only 11 of those were in Lennox Head. By comparison, there are 668 short-term lets available on Airbnb, the majority being in Lennox Head. 92.5 per cent of these are "entire houses" and 50 per cent are multiple listings, where the same person has listed multiple properties for short-term let (indicating a commercial operation). The [number] of short-term holiday lets have increased 250 per cent in the last five years'.

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Should police be at the centre of disaster management on a permanent basis? The Police Association of NSW thinks so, and has made its submission to the 2022 Flood Inquiry. Nah, let's just properly fund the SES and RFS.

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The 47th Australian Parliament sat for the first time on Tuesday! With the former Liberal PM refusing to return to parliament until August, sitting Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade

Unions, Sally McManus, tweeted, 'If a worker refused to turn up to work, it's called "unprotected industrial action", and they would be fined \$13,320 and have their pay docked for the week'.

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