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Calls for Splendour investigation

Paul Bibby

Splendour in the Grass should be the subject of an independent inquiry covering the ecological, safety and social impacts of the troubled festival, a Byron Councillor says.

As the Department of Planning continues to investigate North Byron Parkland's traffic safety breaches during the rain-soaked event, Independent councillor, Cate Coorey, is calling for a far-reaching, independent review of the entire festival.

Cr Coorey has moved a motion, to be debated at this week's Council meeting, proposing that Council write to Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts, expressing its serious concerns about the event and requesting that he initiate the review.

It would include the event's 'ecological, health and safety, social, public amenity, and business impacts, and any other impacts on the Shire.'

'Several resolutions of Council have expressed multiple concerns surrounding the approval process and the final permanent approval given to the owners to hold increasingly large and more frequent events at the site,' Cr Coorey said in her Notice of Motion.

Council unsupportive

'Council never supported the use of the site, as per the 2019 approval determined by the Independent Planning Commission... and does not currently support it.'

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Firsthand flood accounts on film



Filmmaker, Olivia Katz, says being up to your butt in water is easy when it's not full of sewage, debris, chemicals and mud.

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Local flood film, *Out of the Mud*, is a feature-length documentary featuring firsthand accounts from local Northern Rivers residents following the catastrophic floods of 2022.

The film's makers are seeking support for its release, which they hope will happen over the next couple of months.

Bangalow resident and filmmaker, Olivia Katz, says *Out of the Mud* has captured stories of harrowing rescues, heartbreak, and incomprehensible loss, balanced by evidence of these communities' astounding strength, generosity, resourcefulness, humility and

kindness amidst the continuing chaos of this disaster.

Katz says there are just so many people still suffering.

'We are in crisis. The heart of this project is to bring more awareness and more support to the region.'

'People living here mostly know what's happening - the water has receded - but some people are living in gutted houses with one power point, no water or no hot water and no access to a kitchen and proper bathroom facilities.'

While most of the filming is done, there are production costs associated with the completion of the film, including editing, sound and distribution with an estimation

of at least \$45,000 to get the project over the line.

Dedicated to survivors

Katz says the film is dedicated to the survivors, rescuers, the helpers, and the givers, who continue to show up, day after day, to help one another.

'What will ultimately come out of the mud is an unfinished story. The fate of the Northern Rivers is yet to be decided, and while its future looks murky at the moment, it is without a doubt that positive things can come from this disaster; from *Out of the Mud*,' she says.

To support the film, visit www.gofundme.com/f/the-heart-atlas.

Premier secretly visits Mullum's pod fiasco

Hans Lovejoy

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet (Liberal) quietly inspected temporary pod construction works in Prince Street, Mullumbimby last Thursday.

The Echo understands he was invited to the area by local MP, Tamara Smith (Greens), as he was in the region to release the Independent Flood Report.

When asked why the visit was kept secret, Ms Smith told *The Echo* it was a request from his office.

Ms Smith told *The Echo*, 'I was appreciative that the Premier came to see the kinds of cruel decisions that our community is being forced to make because of bureaucratic short-sightedness. Why should vulnerable people, who are flood victims and desperate to be housed in temporary housing pods, be pitted against other flood victims?'

'I raised the Prince Street issue with the Premier as emblematic of what happens on the ground when bureaucracies do not consult early, and often, with the community. A few people on Council is not the same thing as consulting broadly across the community to see potential problems, but also potential solutions.'

'Apparently, the proposal was originally for relocatable pods on wheels, and no landfill. Apparently, Council was only asked to nominate Crown land in Mullum - which is all flood prone. What the heck?'

Ms Smith added, 'With billions of dollars being spent on recovery, this cannot be the best that our community deserves.'



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After a two year hiatus, more than 140 writers and thinkers will converge at the Elements of Byron Resort to explore the theme 'Radical Hope' and celebrate the power of words with festival audiences from Friday August 26 till Sunday August 28. The festival includes workshops, children's events, panel discussions with leading storytellers and thinkers and satellite events. Tickets are available via www.byronwritersfestival.com/tickets or onsite from Friday August 26. Pictured are Festival Executive Director, Emma Keenan (front left) and Artistic Director, Zoe Pollock (front right), with the many volunteers who make the festival possible. Photo Jeff 'Words Fail Me' Dawson

Flood Inquiry findings released

The 2022 *Flood Inquiry* findings and recommendations by Professor Mary O'Kane and former Police Commissioner Mick Fuller, were released in Lismore last week by NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet (Liberal).

Among the recommendations were a reshaping of Resilience NSW to Recovery NSW 'to ensure a more streamlined agency focussed on the first 100 days post disaster; and migration off high-risk floodplains over time using a mixture of planning controls, landswaps, buy-backs and leveraging private investment in new developments'.

A dedicated 'Task Force Hawk' is recommended 'to ensure emergency management is embedded at the

highest level of the NSW government', and a NSW Reconstruction Authority should be established 'with legislation to be introduced by the end of the year'.

A full-time Deputy Commissioner of Police position should be created to focus on emergency management, and 'training for the community to assist with their ability to respond and recover from disasters'. Greater training and support for the SES is proposed as well as 'greater emphasis on affordable housing in the Northern Rivers, with adaptation plans for towns also to be developed over the next three to five years'.

Perrottet says, 'Work will start on implementing a number of the recommendations immediately, while

other recommendations will require further work and be implemented in stages, with ongoing community consultation and engagement'.

Of the 28 recommendations, the NSW government has supported six recommendations and supported in principle 22 recommendations. Of those supported in principle, further work will be undertaken on implementation including consultation with key stakeholders. Further detail on the implementation of all 28 recommendations will be released later this year.

Perrottet added the Inquiry received 1,494 submissions, and held 144 public meetings.

Local MP, Tamara Smith (Greens) said, 'Our communities have been waiting

for six months for some certainty around what went wrong, and what is on offer'.

'Unfortunately, the announcement today raised many more questions than answers, and for many people, what was flagged today brings them no closer to knowing what the future looks like. In terms of government response, the Premier is only accepting six of the recommendations'.

'How much longer will people in our communities have to wait for certainty? What is the timeline for delivering flood-mitigation works before a possible third La Nina event this summer?'

■ The report can be found at www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/projects-and-initiatives/floodinquiry.

Calls for Splendour in the Grass investigation

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Cr Coorey put forward a wide-ranging list of concerns including the health and safety issues that have occurred at the event.

Social media posts from the festival's Facebook page is also included.

Exacerbating these, and other concerns, was the fact that the organisers of the festival have effectively been made responsible for monitoring their own compliance with the conditions of consent relating to the site.

Cr Coorey's motion

included a proposal that Council seek community feedback regarding the impacts of the event.

However, in a response to the Notice of Motion, Council's Head of Planning, Shannon Burt, said that this was the responsibility of the North Byron Parkland's Regulatory Working Group (RWG), which had been 'operating for many years to review environmental management and community relations'.

She pointed to the minutes of the group's most

recent meeting, declaring that 'an update to the RWG was provided at that meeting on the plans for STIG'.

However, far from indicating that the RWG was properly undertaking its oversight function, the minutes suggest the opposite.

Flooding not tabled

Despite being held on May 20, less than three months after the worst flood in the region's recorded history, the minutes make no mention of possible flooding on the Parklands site,

something which proved to be a major problem during the course of the festival.

Ms Burt also said that the RWG provided 'the most immediate forum to receive and give feedback to the organisers of STIG'.

However, former members of the committee itself have indicated that, far from being an effective forum for providing feedback, the conduct of the group, both in policy and in practice, has limited the provision of effective feedback and criticism.

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Railway tunes highlight political failures



Local railway stations came alive last Saturday, with 'Musical Express' which, according to organisers, aimed to 'get the message out to our local, State and federal politicians that we want our trains back on our precious rail corridors as soon as possible'. Musos played impromptu sets across the abandoned stations in Casino, Lismore, Eltham, Bangalow, Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Murwillumbah. Pictured are members from Travesty Road with supporters. Photo Jeff 'Railed And Roaded' Dawson

Aust Day, rail before councillors this Thursday

Paul Bibby

Should Byron Council discontinue its Australia Day Awards in pursuit of a more inclusive celebration?

This is one of the questions facing councillors at this week's Council meeting.

Byron Mayor, Michael Lyon, has moved a motion proposing that Council consult with the local Indigenous community and other stakeholders about moving it to a different date.

'Australia Day holds great significance within the community, and the country at large, as a time to reflect on and acknowledge our history,' Cr Lyon said in his Notice of Motion on the issue.

'Given the weight this day holds, and sentiment

expressed by the people of Byron Shire, I am proposing that Council discontinue the annual Australia Day Awards Ceremony in pursuit of more inclusive avenues for community celebration.'

Attempts by councils to publicly distance themselves from Australia Day by moving events have previously drawn a stern response from the federal government.

This has included stripping at least one Melbourne council of its authority to conduct citizenship ceremonies.

Train issue returns

Another potentially-heated issue on the agenda at this week's meeting is the question of whether trains should be returned to tracks along the Byron Shire.

The catalyst for the return of the issue is the recent removal of train tracks in the Tweed Shire, following that Council's decision to build a bike and walking 'rail trail' on their section of the corridor.

The move effectively puts an end to the dream of reviving the entire Murwillumbah train line, and reminds Byron Council that it is the only Council seeking to bring rail travel back to the Far North Coast.

In 2004, NSW Labor took the trains off the tracks.

In response to the Tweed de-railing, Byron's Labor

councillor, Asren Pugh has moved that Council consider the benefits of extending the northern rail trail down to Mullumbimby.

This would include getting staff to investigate the viability of rail beside a trail for the length of this section, as well as estimating the cost of converting it to a bike and pedestrian track.

'There may be significant positive impacts of extending the rail trail from the Tweed border down to Mullum, including enabling increased access to the trail,' Cr Pugh said in his Notice of Motion.

Cr Pugh also noted that Council was proposing to build a bike trail from Mullumbimby to Brunswick with one option running north along the rail corridor.

'Given the likely NSW government funding for the rail trail, this creates opportunities to utilise this funding to offset the bike trail, saving this money for other projects within the Shire,' he said.

Council's manager of assets and major projects, Phil Warner, noted that Council had 'no budget or an estimate of cost for an investigation and assessment of this scale', but said funds might be obtained from the State government.

The full agenda to this week's meeting can be viewed at Council's website.

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Sewage erupts in Byron



A truck dumps sewage into a pumping station in Byron. Photo Jeff Dawson

A major sewer main at Council's Byron Bay Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) burst last week in Byron, affecting residents.

Council staff said they and contractors were 'working around the clock to fix a break' and two sewage pump stations on Tennyson Street and Milton Street had to be turned off.

In a statement they said, 'The reason it is taking some time to fix the sewer main is owing to the location of the

break and the complexities of repairing the pipe. We recognise that any sewage smell, or presence of sewage is utterly unpleasant and we apologise for this'.

They added, 'People who have concerns about odour, their toilet systems or wish to report any sewage overflows should call Council immediately'.

Council's Works Depot phone number is 6685 9000 (8am-4pm) and after hours is 6622 7022.

Consolation in the face of the climate catastrophe

Hans Lovejoy

Byron Shire residents never cease to amaze. Some of the most intelligent people lurk in the hinterlands and suburbs, plugging away at their profession, largely out of the public eye.

Locally-based climate scientist, Joelle Gergis, was a lead author on the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's *Sixth Assessment Report* from 2018 until 2021.

She has shared her insights of that experience in her latest book, *Humanity's Moment – A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope*.

Apart from informative – and alarming – statistics, there are insightful local and global references along with inspiring quotes.

Personal stories of the rich biodiversity in the region are weaved throughout, along with the devastating floods that ravaged the north coast earlier this year.

And the way in which she explores the human condition, in particular depression, is not only brave and honest, it demonstrates an enormous

depth of intellect and passion for creating the best path forward as we head into the climate change era.

Gergis says she wants the climate change debate reframed.

Reframe debate

'This is a cultural issue', she told *The Echo*.

'I want the book to restore faith in humanity. People say we are doomed – it's not the case. Look at how the frontline workers stood up during covid'.

'There is inherent goodness in humanity'.

The recent federal election results were 'heartening' she says, and the result 'removed the social licence for destruction'.

'We can provide the social licence for the destruction, or the improvement, for the planet' she says.

Yet the sobering reality that anthropogenic (human induced) climate change has truly arrived is threaded throughout the book.

She writes, 'Even if it were still geophysically possible to achieve the most ambitious goal of limiting



Climate scientist, Joelle Gergis. Photo www.joellegergis.com

warming to 1.5°C, we will still see the destruction of 70 to 90 per cent of coral reefs that exist today'.

'For 2°C of warming, 99 per cent of the tropical reefs disappear. As a biosphere, our planetary life-support system, is destroyed. The domino affect on the 25 per cent of all marine life that depends on these areas will be profound and immeasurable.'

'Right now, current policies in place today will lead to 1.9–3.7°C warming by the end of the century, with the best estimate of 2.6°C.'

'This represents a catastrophic overshooting of

the Paris Agreement target, which was specifically developed to avoid dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system'.

Despite the warnings, Ms Gergis says there are no guarantees that countries will honour their carbon reducing commitments, 'As only 14 of the 196 parties have formalised net zero targets into legislation, and a majority of pledges are still not legally enforceable.'

'To have a chance of limiting warming to 1.5°C by 2100, global emissions need to halve by 2030'.

Denmark's progressive

government is an example of how to design a renewable future, she writes.

On page 143 Ms Gergis writes: 'Unlike progressive Denmark, Australia's federal [Labor] government plans to continue expanding the fossil fuel industry, even though the nation has solar and wind power potential that is the envy of the world'.

And on page 195 she writes, 'Australia only generated 10 per cent of the nation's electricity using solar power in 2020 to 2021'.

'It is clear that a powerful group of fossil fuel lobbyists are shamelessly doing everything they can to protect their corporate interests in Australia, while continuing to actively block international efforts to address climate change'.

Head, heart & whole

She says the book was designed to engage people in an emotional way; the book is broken into sections – the head, heart and whole.

On page 266 she writes: 'People often ask me how I managed to find hope in such a fractured and

demoralising world, particularly given my line of work.'

'My most honest answer is it isn't always easy.'

'It depends on which day you catch me. I've come to understand that, for a range of complex reasons, some people are just more sensitive than others.'

'We aren't all as thick skinned as each other. Like far too many of us, I've experienced trauma in my life that makes trusting the inherent goodness of people my biggest challenge.'

'I'm slowly coming to terms with the fact that it's okay to be sensitive, even in my role as a scientist.'

'I'm learning that emotional honesty is something that should be honoured and protected, not attacked, even if the culture of silence is still dominated by men who often struggle to articulate their feelings'.

■ Ms Gergis will launch her book at the Byron Writers Fest this weekend, and will appear at session 66 (Saturday, 4pm, SCU Marquee) and session 99 (Sunday, 3pm, *The Saturday Paper Marquee*).

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'Matriarch' of The Pass rides her eternal wave

We will be celebrating Maggi Luke's wild and colourful life at the Pass this coming Saturday 27 August – drop in if you dare!

Born in The Vale of the White Horse in Berkshire, Maggi broke the mold and blazed her own rainbow path of adventure.

As a teenager, she marched for four days from Aldermaston to London on the first CND Ban the Bomb protest. They marched because 'If we make no protest now, we have given our consent to its use.' She had a fierce sense of justice, a deep love for the environment and a passion for seeing women succeed.

Maggi excelled at school in Wallingford, then escaped to study nursing on the Isle of Jersey, where she met her first big love, Al Fraser, with children Melanie and Tommy Fraser following shortly thereafter.

When she first saw surfers out in the ocean, she was transfixed, and just had to try it. She rode her first wave all the way to the beach. The lure of the surf was Maggi's compass from that moment on.

On Vancouver Island, she was a founding member of



Maggi Luke. Photo supplied

the first Canadian Surf Club, before she threw the boards on the roof for Malibu, California in the 1960s.

A long way from sleepy Didcot, Maggi chatted with Elvis and Tom Jones in Las Vegas, who both went on to quite successful careers after meeting Maggi!

Maggi, Al, Tommy and Melanie returned to the UK, piling into their brand new Hillman Imp to drive down to Cornwall. Maggi paddled straight out at St Agnes Trevaunance Cove, and bought a house as close as she could to the waves.

It was called Dunroamin, which they were not, so she renamed it Goofyfoot.

It was there that this untameable adventurer met Doug, an unemployed Cornish surf bum, who eventually became stepfather to young Tommy and Melanie.

Doug and Maggi married in 1979, honeymooning and surfing in Biarritz, France.

Hanabeth was born in 1980. Tommy grew up to become a carpenter and master builder on the Gold

Coast, while Melanie became a teacher in Verona, Italy, where she brought up her two children Lydia and Dylan.

After working as a teacher at several different Cornish schools, Maggi decided she'd had enough of English winters. In 1981, Maggi, Doug and Hanabeth travelled to Australia via Bali, where she purchased a large number of batik dresses that they sold at markets along the Australian east coast. With an eye for business, she borrowed £5,000 from the bank and went back to the magic island of Bali for more stock.

This was the start of 'Maggic Island Boutique', Perranporth's first surf shop, and an endless summer for at least a decade of Maggi's life.

She made bright, colourful dresses with her Balinese friend, Koni, and surfed Uluwatu.

At the age of 55, Maggi 'retired' to Byron Bay to surf The Pass on her new rainbow McCoy. With help from Hanabeth and Doug, she established the Surf Craft jewellery business that was a great excuse to visit shops and waves from south of Sydney to the Sunshine Coast.

Tommy and Doug built them a house, and Maggi surfed daily at Wategos and The Pass, right up to age 80.

She loved the Rails and the Beach Hotel at sunset.

Maggi was a long-time member of Byron Environment Centre, and a big supporter of The Greens, running for Byron Shire

Council on two occasions.

She and Doug played a major role in the successful Paterson Hill Blockade, which led to the saving of the stunning Paterson Hill heathland and the formation of the Arakwal National Park.

Famously, she ran out into the middle of the road in her dressing gown, forcing the workers truck off the road, buying precious time needed to save the hillside from overdevelopment.

In her later years, her last four great loves were her young grandchildren, Kingwell, Tristan and Connie – and salsa dancing, all of which brought her huge joy. She remained close to her children to her last day, and was extremely proud of the achievements of all three.

Wild, fierce, colourful Maggi led an exciting life, but age and illness took away some of her joy when she could surf no more. She passed away at her leafy Byron Bay home on August 6, 2022.

Aug 27 celebration

The celebration of her life will take place at 1pm on Saturday August 27 at The Pass, followed by a paddle out and drinks and nibbles at the Pass Cafe until 5pm with music from The Lonesome Boatmen. To attend, please contact a family member or call 0430 092 071. Wear flowers in your hair and bright colours, please. Any donations can be made to Byron Environment Centre: BSB 732573 a/c 563015.



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Year Four students (L-R), Paris, Inca, Jonah and Gabriella put the finishing touches on Shearwater's community weaving project, *The Story of Mount Chincogan*, which will be raffled at the school's Spring Festival on September 3 from 2pm. The Festival includes open classrooms, food, bush dance and a Year 12 performance at 7pm. Tickets available via www.shearwater.nsw.edu.au. Photo Jeff Dawson



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Clearfelling koala habitat at Wild Cattle Creek

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) is calling on the NSW government to stop the Forestry Corporation clearfelling 68ha of some of the best-known koala habitat in NSW and converting it into a plantation in Wild Cattle Creek State Forest.

NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, said that at the same time the NSW government is spending millions of dollars buying private land for koalas and planting trees, on public land, they are paying millions to log and clear koala habitat identified as a priority for protection by their own government.

'This has to stop if we want koalas to survive.

'It is well past time the NSW government stopped logging koala habitat on public lands and stopped converting it to plantations, if they have any real intent to save them from extinction.'

In 2016, the Chief Scientist recommended that NSW 'government agencies identify priority areas of land across tenures to target for



Native forest being clearfelled west of Coffs Harbour in Wild Cattle Creek State Forest for conversion to plantations. Photo NEFA

koala conservation management and threat mitigation'.

In reply, in 2017, the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) analysed koala records 'to delineate highly significant local scale areas of koala occupancy currently known for protection'.

Mr Pugh said that across the whole of NSW, OEH identified 100,000 hectares of the most important koala habitat known as Koala

Hubs, with 20,000ha of these in State forests.

'Since then the Forestry Corporation have been allowed to log 1,000ha of these identified priority koala habitats.

'And now they are in the process of clearfelling another 68ha of identified high-quality koala habitat, of which 16ha is part of a Koala Hub, and converting it to a blackbutt plantation'.

Calls to halt proposed RFS/SES merger

The Public Service Association of NSW is calling on the NSW government to halt its proposed merger of the Rural Fire Service and the State Emergency Service, 'until proper community and stakeholder consultation has taken place'.

The PSA's response was to Premier Dominic Perrottet's 'intention to merge the support staff of RFS and SES, despite no proper consultation having occurred with staff or affected communities'.

Risking lives

'The premier needs to pause and realise that if he doesn't move cautiously and collaboratively he is literally risking the lives of people across the State,' said PSA General Secretary, Stewart Little.

'The RFS had hundreds of vacancies heading into the recent catastrophic bushfires, and the situation has not improved significantly since. The SES have had their budget repeatedly slashed by this government and desperately need a period of stability to consolidate'.

'Neither the RFS or the SES have significant support staff resources as it is. It's hard to see how merging their functions will improve matters'.

He added that 'mergers' really mean 'budget cuts', and both the RFS and the SES were designed to operate separately as they 'serve completely different functions'.

'It takes a special kind of arrogance to look at the recent history of disaster response in this State and say, "You know what I think we need? To get out the razor?"'

Occupational violence focus after NSW nurses stabbed

The NSW Nurses and Midwives' Association (NSWNMA) has commended efforts by SafeWork NSW in pursuing new measures to prevent occupational violence in the workplace, following the stabbing of three Sydney nurses in May 2019.

Sydney Local Health District has agreed to a \$3 million

enforceable undertaking, which includes implementing additional work health and safety initiatives, after failing to ensure the safety of its workers and patients. Three years ago, two registered nurses and an enrolled nurse were injured in a scissor attack at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Camperdown.

Concerns mount for Lennox's Epiq Superlot 5

Submissions have closed on the controversial change of development plan for the large block at the corner of Snapper and Montwood Drive in Lennox Head, with Ballina Shire Council, Ballina MP Tamara Smith and local councillor Kiri Dicker all opposed.

Northern Regional Planning Panel looks at Bentley Quarry

The controversial Bentley Quarry on Bentley Rd will be determined by the NRPP on Wednesday 24 August.

Food, drink and craft brewery 'in principle' approval for South Tweed

Industrial estate zoning was under question at Tweed Council's planning meeting on 4 August as councillors endorsed the development application for an 'artisan food and drink industry including craft brewery, retail area and restaurant' at Industry Drive Tweed Heads South, against the staff recommendation.

Storytelling at its best in Ballina

A new community storytelling event will take place at the Ballina CWA Hall on Sunday 11 September.

Lismore councillors to collectively decide on new GM

In another epically long Council meeting Lismore councillors challenged the recommendation that a hand selected few get to choose the next GM.

Ballina knit-in for Wrap With Love

A big group of knitters responded to Ballina Library's call for a one day knit-in to help the charity Wrap With Love keep people warm this winter.

Tweed Mayor impressed with Flood Inquiry report

The Tweed Shire was severely hit by the record February / March flood, with more than 2,100 homes damaged and an estimated 1,600 residents displaced by the event.

Toddlers take note: Ross Park is ready for play!

A much-anticipated reopening of a recreational area of Lennox Head has finally happened after months of being a no-go zone for the toddlers of the town.

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Noel Outerbridge and CEO James Bell at the 2022 annual convention

Noel was awarded a centurion award for 2021 BY James Bell the CEO of Century 21 Australasia – this represents Noel being in the top 2% of agents in the world for Century 21.

This is a very prestigious Red Carpet event, where Century 21 Australasia network members gathered for the biggest event of the year, the 2022 Annual Convention.

Noel takes pride in serving the local community with his deep knowledge and authentic connections that has been built over his extensive career in the real estate industry.

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*Budgeram means *story* in Bundjalung language.
Thank you to Ninbella Gallery for supporting this monthly column.

Love nature? Bangalow Landcare needs you

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Bangalow Land and River-care has been helping to restore the land and water since 1998.

The group was started by a few locals who were concerned with the water quality in Byron Creek.

Their charter is to revegetate the banks with native species to improve water quality and provide habitat for native fauna.

President, Noelene Plummer, says participating in land care is great fun and it's healthy.

'You're outdoors, you're meeting people. It's good for your mental health to get out. Instead of worrying about everything that's happening in the world today, you can actually feel like you're being constructive and doing something.'



Land carers Tony, Noelene and Robert and their group meet for two hours every Saturday in Bangalow to plant trees and look after the bush.

Noelene says the group has planted a lot of human and animal native food trees. 'None of these trees were here. We've planted all of them.'

Noelene says the group gets together every week. 'We meet up on a Saturday morning, and we do two hours. So

some people can only come once a month and others come every Saturday.'

'We usually have eight to ten people, but we're all getting old.'

Noelene says Bangalow Landcare is hoping to encourage new blood to come and join the group.

'We would like to encourage younger people to join our Landcare group. We've got a lot of older people, and we sort of need young people to come and take on our work – and to eventually take over the group and continue our work.'

Meets Sat mornings

Bangalow Land and River-care works every Saturday morning from 8.30am to 10.30am on varying sites.

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Remembering the cost of war



Photo Mullum Ex-Service Club

On 18 August, Vietnam Veterans' Day was commemorated. On that day in 1966, the Battle of Long Tan was fought, which was one of the most significant conflicts for Australian service personnel in the Vietnam War (1955–1975).

Locals gathered to remember the sacrifices made by almost 60,000 Australians during that war.

According to Major General George Eckhardt's 1991 book,

Vietnam Studies Command and Control 1950–1969, after the French military withdrew from their colony in 1954, the US military assumed control of South Vietnam, which triggered military escalations from North Vietnam.

According to a 1989 report by news service Reuters, North Vietnam was supported by the Soviet Union and China during that war. Lest We Forget.

5G Optus tower operational at Durrumbul, Main Arm

A 5G tower, located around 600m from Durrumbul Hall and approximately 550m from Durrumbul Public School, has been in operation since April 2022, says an Optus spokesperson.

The spokesperson told *The Echo* that 'No DA was required, and consultation was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the *Mobile*

Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2020'.

'As the site was a co-location on existing infrastructure (an NBN lattice tower), the facility is deemed a Low-Impact Facility'.

And while the Optus spokesperson said the government's contribution for the tower was \$375,000, they refused to say how much the tower cost in total.

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Proselytising the demise of democracy

According to most political commentary last week, the reason for the former prime minister casually screwing up parliamentary democracy is to be found in his overweening, narcissistic nature.

When he was in office he secretly helped himself to extra powers simply because he could, and he had no more thought for the damage he was causing than a two-year-old kid has in a tantrum. Clearly he had no actual plan in mind, as is proved by the laughably weak excuses he has given for his behaviour.

The comforting implication of assigning the scandal to Morrison's own character is that there is nothing to see here, and once we've replaced the half-witted governor-general and made it illegal to assume multiple cabinet positions in secret, we can go back to sleep.

However, Morrison's character is bound up in his membership of a cult, and this aspect of his career has not been properly examined in the mainstream media because it is part of his personal life, and therefore off-limits.

The cult in question is Pentecostalism, and the Hillsong Church in Sydney is its most well-known Australian platform, not least for the paedophile tendencies of its founder.

It is important to distinguish the practices of Pentecostals, who fit broadly into the evangelical fundamentalist movement, from those of traditional Christianity.

Churches like Hillsong do not follow the adamant doctrines of Augustine, or the subtle arguments of Aquinas.

Their practices can be summed up as: 'If you are rich then God must love you; here, get lost in this hypnotic music, and help yourself to a handmaiden on your way to the donation plate.'

Even if Morrison's spiritual home is merely a happy-clappy operation teaching misogyny, right-wing politics and how to extract cash from simpletons, the press should still have investigated his government grants to at least two Pentecostal organisations in Sydney and Perth, and

'Churches like Hillsong do not follow the adamant doctrines of Augustine, or the subtle arguments of Aquinas.'

the weirdness of his co-religionists being encouraged into parliament and, in the case of the clueless 'Brother' Stewie Robert, into the cabinet itself.

There is, of course, no imaginable path to theocracy in Australia. Nevertheless, even an acre of Gilead has sinister implications.

Like all fundamentalists, the ex-PM believes that God gave humans total dominion over the world, and most fundamentalists further assert that we should not limit that dominion by regulating industry or protecting the environment.

Either the godless scientists are wrong in their warnings, or God will intervene.

In the meantime, just proselytising for new followers is not enough.

Started in the USA and enthusiastically supported by hardline 'prosperity gospel' evangelicals like Kenneth Copeland, the 'Seven Mountains Mandate' is a plan for believers to infiltrate and take over all aspects of society.

The phrase 'seven mountains' derives from the Book of Revelations and the seven aspects of society to be conquered are: education, religion, family, business, government/military, arts/entertainment, and media. Once the church has taken control of the world, Jesus will return.

Needless to say, the mountaineers were ecstatic with Morrison's rise in Australia, although it's not likely that the man himself thought his power grab was enough on its own to change the secular status quo.

In the end, those purloined ministries probably were the result of his egotism rather than a deeply-laid plot.

But they were nonetheless a small rehearsal for the centralised control that Morrison and his gang of religious authoritarians would like to impose on our liberal society.

David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder

Splen-odour safety plan revealed

I've got a scoop, and exclusive – very exciting for your budding columnist. Is it the internal real-life Splendour safety/media reaction plan prepared just prior to the festival?

Safety Plan, final version three, June 1, 2022.

Confidential.

The essence of the Plan is that there is to be no rain.

Because if there is, it will be a big safety issue, because the volunteers will leave, the water table will make the entire scene a lake, the traffic will bank up and the highway will be blocked.

Our main stage areas will be knee deep in mud.

Customers will be on the road waiting to park/camp for up to 15 hours, their cars will run out of fuel, and eventually they will have to sleep in their cars.

And shit in the street. And be hungry and tired. And walk on unlit roads.

And we may have to make them camp at the Bluesfest site.

Which draws attention to better flood rain mitigation works that are possible if you spend the money.

And then people might ask why we have North Byron as a festival site at all.

So, there must be no rain, which is why it is prohibited.

In terms of PR and reputation mitigation, if it does rain, there are some preferred terms – unprecedented, torrential, 'rain event', and un-forecast.

There are also terms to be avoided – predicted, normal, expected and unexceptional. Continue to stress our main message – patron safety always comes first.

Who can argue that we are responsible for acts of God?

Under no circumstances are police to be diverted from their main task.

They must not become involved in life-saving traffic management or crowd management or anything else that could make the festival work better.

They have one job and one



'Under no circumstances are police to be diverted from their main task.... They have one job and one job only:

Drug detection.'

David Heilpern

job only. Drug detection.

Because if they do not do that, then the customers will use more drugs and buy less alcohol.

Keep on message – drugs are bad, alcohol is good.

In terms of ticket holders, under no circumstances must all ticket holders actually come to the festival.

If they do, we will not have enough buses to transport them to and from the designated drop off points and there will be queues for up to eight hours to get them home or back to their cars.

We only have enough toilets for half of them anyway.

They have prepaid tickets, and so with a bit of luck, covid, or airport strife, or high petrol prices will act as a deterrent.

In any event, it is forbidden for all of them to actually come to the festival.

This is an integral part of the planning.

If they all actually came, and it rained... well that would be a disaster. If that does happen, the key message is to blame others.

Like bus companies or the weather (see above).

Tell people to chill and to be nice to each other. Stress that safety is our first priority.

Our covid plan has key exceptions – water vessels in queues are to be delivered en masse – sharing is to be encouraged.

Covid outbreaks are beyond our control, like the weather (see above).

We have banned pick-up and drop-off completely from the (extremely) North Byron Parklands this year, so, with no

buses it is easier for people to actually walk to Yelgun rest area in the dark on unlit roads with gumboots on.

So, in terms of safety plan, let's make a big 'hoo ha' about not walking on the roads even though we can be sure some will give up waiting for the buses (see above) and try to walk, because if they do get killed we can deny any responsibility because we put safety first by warning them in the first place.

Just before the festival is about to commence, and after tickets, accommodation and transport have been paid for by everyone – the ground rules can be changed to make it harder for under 18s to come to the festival, thus freeing up some car parks in case it rains (see above).

Do not blame the drug testing police. Plead prior ignorance.

Tell them we are sacking our lawyers.

That is the key to this entire Safety Plan and PR interface – blame the lawyers or bus companies or the weather Gods.

Stress that we put safety first.

There have been some wild suggestions that if it rains, and if there is mud, and if there are not enough toilets or water and queues are shared, that this could even worsen a meningococcal outbreak.

What nonsense! Since when has a festival been so badly organised that this is even a possibility. Ha!

■ Former magistrate David Heilpern was recently appointed Dean of Law at Southern Cross University.

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'The job of a newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

– Finley Peter Dunne 1867–1936



Move on koalas

We have lived on our small farm for over 20 years and until recently had koalas visit and use the 'koala corridor' past our property. The previous owners resided for some 20 years and told us about the koalas prior to our purchase of the property.

Owners across the road from us have recently removed and mulched lower limbs from the gum tree corridor, presumably to let more sunlight onto their products.

Complaints to Ballina Shire Council have not been acknowledged, however, the response to our complaint our local councillor stated that 'eucalyptus windbreaks are not native to the plateau red soil and should not have been planted. It is a shame the koalas will suffer, but they could be relocated if the appropriate authorities were notified'.

Perhaps the development covering the red soil with black plastic and gravel, sterilising prime agricultural land in a water catchment zone is not appropriate either.

Update (evening of 15 August): I have just received an email from Council stating it does not have any say over non-urban trees now! Hope all Local Environmental Plans have been amended. Why were we not informed of this on 17 June when we notified Council of trees falling on Ellis Road by the tree-trimming neighbour? No answer from Council staff or councillors on that matter either.

Clive and Sian Quick
Rous

Pods and caravans

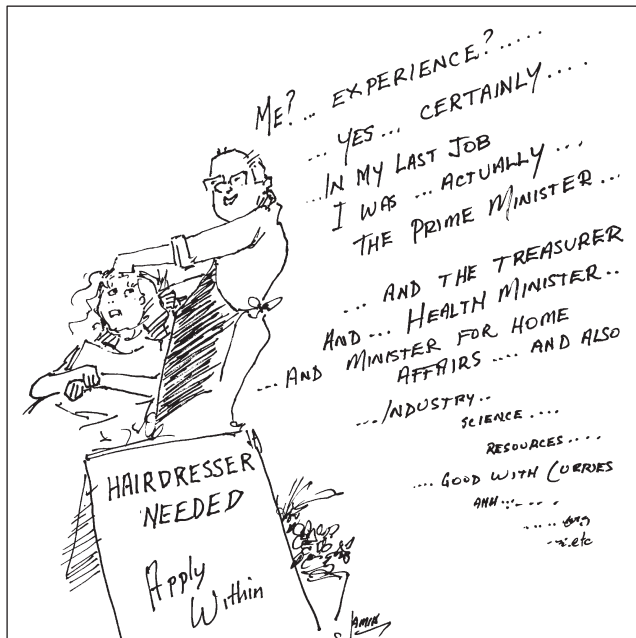
Resilience NSW should place the pods/caravans at the properties of those affected. I'd rather be in a pod on my own drive/garden than moved to a place where I'm not wanted.

A Hunter
Bangalow

Pods – a way forward

Residents east of the railway line in Mullumbimby have every reason to be irate – peak flood levels do rise when fill is introduced into a floodplain. This is a hydrological fact, sadly denied by authorities like Resilience NSW.

Denying a truth is not a way forward in a conversation.



Cartoon by Jamie Hollie

When Council prepared our list of government properties for pods, we were told this land would have its pods on wheels (caravans) so they could be whisked away in flood. I'm not sure who said that. Sadly, it was not conveyed with the list.

If the fill is to remain, the sState should consider the following way forward. It includes residents rather than vilifying them. And it doesn't hold up the other flood victims from moving in.

To balance up the new flood impact on this already flood-impacted neighbourhood, Resilience NSW/NRRC could make Mullumbimby east a first cab off the rank with a pilot project offering the standard three-way package:

1. House-raising where government pays the bulk of the cost; offers a one-stop advice service; does all the paperwork; and cooperates with the landholder to include other wishes that the owner can fund (betterment).

2. Wet-proofing with the same support as above plus with encouragement to also 'raise' one room to create a safe space in which residents and neighbours maybe could take refuge during floods, instead of having to travel in the dark and in water to a yet to be determined evacuation centre. The 'Safe Room' would be a normal bedroom in dry times but become a refuge when the lower story is inundated. It would have its own electrical circuit and kitchenette. It would have a dry composting toilet in the walk-in. Maybe this approach would overcome the impossibility of this suburb ever having a central evacuation centre.

3. Buy-back/land swap, with the landholder choosing which of those options; and the offer covering properties already identified in Floodplain Plans plus others identified in post-2022-flood reviews of them.

And, if the fill is to remain for two years, the state should guarantee its removal as part of their deal for making good the site afterwards.

Duncan Dey

Byron Shire Councillor; BE (Civil) and flood hydrologist

Basement parking

One issue in a recent local news article (*Echo*, August 17) warrants a response!

The controversial issue in Brunswick Heads wasn't about the basement car park per se. It was about the legal integrity of the DCP's Chapter 4 Section 3, Business and Mixed Use Areas, part (d) of which reads, 'No excavated parking basements will be permitted and additional vehicle footpath crossings will be discouraged in the B2 zone.'

When staff were asked, after 23 June, if they had sought a legal opinion the answer was, 'No'. Consequently, when the community's position was disputed by BSC's legal officer, as reported in the article, serious questions are raised.

Section 3 of the DCP was sent, separately and independently to people soon after the 23 June. They were not involved in the issue: (i) a retired PhD academic whose work at both university level and in consultancy specialised in literacy; (ii) a senior public servant working at one of

the highest levels of the State and (iii) two known forensic readers. They were unanimous in their reading of the DCP: that basements were prohibited in both the B2 and B4 zones. Their opinions were backed by a senior legal counsel who, upon reading a linguistic analysis of Section 3, stated it was a 'compelling case' i.e. prohibiting excavated car parks in the commercial zones

BSC's General Manager and Director of Planning had previously been sent a copy of the grammatical analysis on 30 June, well before the 11 August meeting that gave approval to the DA.

So, when did Council's legal officer actually give his opinion on Sect 3(d)? And, for the purposes of transparency, what were his reasons? This issue goes to the heart of the DA's alleged 'compliance', a position echoed by some councillors which, gave rise to fear of litigation by the developer.

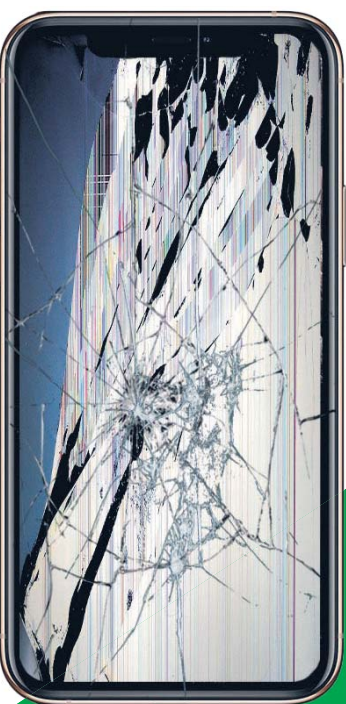
Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Name stealers


A name belongs to a person or a something. From the annals of history arises the term, the 'name stealers'. Describing the people who stole the names of persons who travelled across the lands.

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Clive Carroll

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CHES by Ian Rogers

While the Chess Olympiad is primarily a team competition, individual medals are also awarded, and much prized.

Australia has not won an individual medal since Laura Moylan's silver in Istanbul 2000, though this is partly due to the fact that since then the system has been changed to heavily favour the leading chess countries.

At the Bled Olympiad in 2002, Garry Kasparov was pipped for the gold medal on board one by Zimbabwe's Robert Gwaze, who scored an amazing 9/9. At the closing ceremony Kasparov refused to stand on the same stage as Gwaze, snatching his medal and storming back to his seat.

Kasparov then successfully lobbied the world body FIDE for all medals to be awarded by performance rating rather than score – even though there was already a performance gold, which he won.

However, FIDE chose a performance rating system that severely handicaps anyone who plays a low-rated opponent, even if they win. Thus at least 120 of the 180 countries are immediately ruled out of any hopes for a medal – under the new system Gwaze's 9/9 would have been rewarded with... nothing.

Sure enough, at the recent Chennai Olympiad not a single African player made a top 20 list on any board of the

Open or Women's Olympiad. New Zealand's Vyanla Punsalan scored a remarkable 8/10 on board two including a win over Australia's Heather Richards – a better score than the gold medal winner Nino Batsiashvili of Georgia – yet under the FIDE system was not ranked among the top 40 on her board.

Unusually, two gold medal winners left Chennai severely disappointed.

Poland's board 3 Oliwia Kiolbasa won her first nine games and carried Poland to second place with one round to play. However, in her final game against Ushenina, with her team trailing 1-2, the 22-year-old tried too hard to win and lost, seeing her team drop out of medal contention to sixth.

A similar scenario unfolded in the Open Olympiad. 16-year-old Dommaraju Gukesh won his first eight games and was pushing hard for a win in the penultimate round against 17-year-old Uzbek Nordirbek Abdusattorov, but eventually blundered. Though Gukesh took individual gold on board one, he knew that he had cost his team – and his country – the gold that really mattered.

Gukesh's teammate Nihal Sarin later put the loss into perspective: 'Initially we were all very upset, of course. But Gukesh was really in such great form; he was carrying our team. He was winning earlier in the game, and just wanted to win at all costs, which backfired.'

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Why Norths' takeover of Bangalow Bowlo is bad for the community

Professor Linda Hancock

It is important to defend and preserve community social sustainability. That is why we need to fend off the Norths Collective takeover of Bangalow Bowlo. I speak as a researcher with over 20 years' international experience and as a specialist in gambling public policy and regulation. I am not against gambling, but if the products are designed to entrap, and the regulation is weak, we have a problem.

Two national Australian Productivity Inquiries into Gambling, in 1999 and 2010, highlighted the problems of pokies and the corrosive negative impacts of gambling in clubs and pubs.

The best protection against pokies is to not have them. NSW has about half of the two hundred thousand poker machines in Australia, and 70 per cent of those are in clubs. The NSW government is addicted to gambling taxes that prop up State budgets, and receives substantial political donations from Clubs NSW; all well-established by research. Pokies are the problem when it comes to people's gambling losses and the despair this can bring. The status quo is that pokies enable multiple lines of play and fast, high losses. So say testimonials from ex-gamblers who have lost everything.

Agreements lapse after ten years

So now to Norths' takeover of the Bangalow Bowlo. It is a takeover because what is now a community, member-owned, asset on prime land will be transferred to Norths who insist their merger model requires all assets to be transferred to Norths. No matter what sweetening concessions are in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), after ten years these will lapse, owing to NSW

government regulations, and Norths members from other parts of NSW will most likely outnumber the local Bowlo members in deciding future directions for this site. This looks like a bad deal for the Bangalow community.

In 2019/20, the NSW Liquor and Gaming authority ranked Bangalow Bowlo at 965 out of 1,059 venues on net profit from its licensed four machines. It ranked Norths' Tweed Seagulls at 78, amongst the highest on net profit – with 213 machines. There is no per machine venue-specific data available in NSW. Norths want the Bowlo pokies' revenue to be increased to 15 per cent of club revenue. This could be the tip of the iceberg as the number of machines increases.

Designed to entrap

It remains a moot point as to how bad the Bowlo's current financial situation is. Norths want a deal that increases the number of machines and says it will immediately invest in renovations; although some say this would be a loan against the Bowlo transferred title and not really from Norths' coffers.

More machines?

Gambling is not a demand-driven industry, but supply driven, which means 'build and they will come.' The same goes for packaged liquor. The major risk of potential harm is 'exposure' and environments of consumption, i.e. friendly community-accessible venues. Research finds gambling losses increase with the density of pokies. Pokies are designed to entrap, and research has identified features like multiple lines of play, losses disguised as wins and intermittent reinforcement schedules as part of the problem. The truth about pokies is that every button press risks a 15-cents-on-the-dollar loss. The longer



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the time spent brings ever-diminishing returns and any wins are random. Gamblers keep gambling owing to erroneous beliefs. The main risk is getting hooked from time spent gambling, which some report happening on the first visit or the first 'win'.

Some venues are designed with back doors that give gamblers anonymity to hide away. Venues are welcoming and give free tea, coffee, snacks and sometimes alcohol, and for the lonely, a chat. Norths' website boasts of buttons on machines where you can order a drink and the bar will deliver it. Researchers call this 'staying in the zone' and a lack of 'breaks in play' that could be a wake-up call to someone gambling more than they can afford.

Generalised and severe harm

The industry claims that problem gamblers are only one-two per cent of gamblers. Some venue managers used to tell me, 'we have none of them in our venue'. This simply is not true. Research funded by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation (Browne et al. 2016) and replicated internationally, dispels this myth. They found it's more valid to speak about generalised and severe harm than 'problem gambling'.

Harm doesn't correlate with clinical addiction but is widespread across multiple areas of impact: financial, health, psychological, employment performance, family/relationship breakdown and domestic violence. Contrary to industry claims about a one-two per cent rate of 'problem gambling' they found even

'low risk' gamblers reported about 50 per cent of harms – and they got worse for 'moderate' and 'high risk' gamblers.

So, gambling itself is a risk, rather than the safe and enjoyable recreational experience the industry promotes. With machines as they are currently designed, the biggest risk is playing pokies on a regular basis, despite the welcoming free tea, coffee and company. Norths' Responsible Conduct of Gaming policy says gambling on machines is entertainment for 'most people who suffer no harm', and perpetuates the myth that 'problems of a personal and financial nature' might occur for 'a small percentage of our patrons'.

So, with time spent on machines, the subsequent losses come with harm and problems. It is up to communities to fend off predatory expansion by the Clubs industry, because the NSW State government is captured by the industry.

Some places have fought off new pokies applications. The regional Victorian arts town, Castlemaine, won against a new venue Club's applicant. Many pubs and clubs are going 'pokie free' because they have invested in alternative business plans. A bowling club in Oakleigh Victoria became a magnet venue for music and fostered an incredible following. The Bangalow Bowlo could do this too.

It is easy to see good reasons why the Bangalow Bowlo should stay in community hands and not give over to what many see as amounting to a land-grab by a big club that will not be accountable to the Bangalow community.

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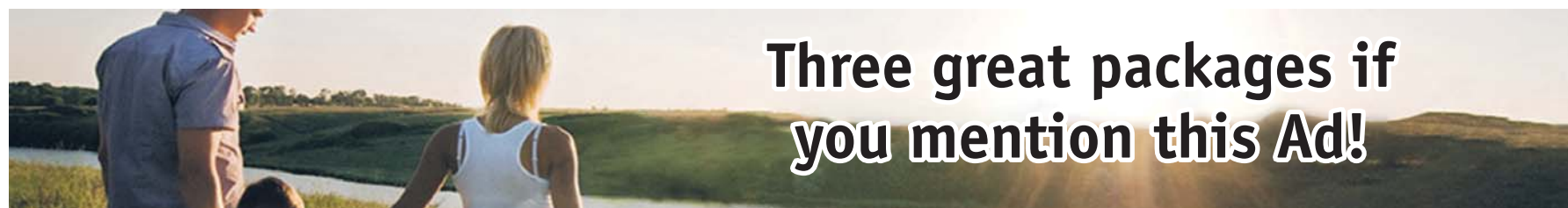
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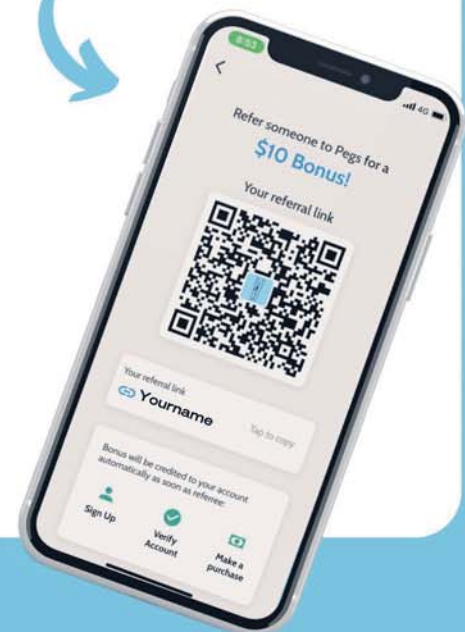


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On the brink: studies showing Antarctica's climate risks

Cosmos Magazine

Understanding ice loss in Antarctica has been improved by a range of research into causes of ice shelves and glacier retreat on the frozen continent.

Multiple studies have recently shown that increasing ocean and atmospheric temperatures are causing important changes in the Antarctic landscape – from positive feedback processes causing ice shelves to diminish, to updating the amount of ice that has been jettisoned into the ocean.

On top of this, parts of Antarctica previously considered less susceptible to climate impacts may instead be on the edge of melting into the ocean if the world is unable to halt continued rise in average temperatures.

Positive feedback

Ice loss can occur in many ways, but one of the key drivers amid climate change is the impact of warming ocean temperatures. Just as an ice cube will melt faster in warmer water, so too can Antarctic ice sheets and glaciers.

And while these icy masses take far longer to melt than a humble ice cube, the principle at play is the same.

New modelling published in *Science Advances* by the Californian Institute of Technology, US, and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) has increased the understanding of how ocean currents can accelerate ice melt in Antarctica.

Researchers in Professor Andy Thompson's Caltech laboratory found the narrow Antarctic Coastal Current causes a feedback process that speeds up the melting of ice sheets.

This is because fresh water, released into the current from melting ice, traps warm water beneath ice shelves along the vulnerable West Antarctic peninsula. This results in a cycle where more fresh water is released into coastal currents, which repeatedly pushes more warm water below the ice.

Such a cycle could mean ice shelves melt at far greater rates than previously believed.

'If this mechanism that we've been studying is active

in the real world, it may mean that ice shelf melt rates are 20 to 40 per cent higher than the predictions,' says Thompson.

From melting to 'calving' – ice loss can occur in many ways.

Calving – which is the shearing of ice from the front of glaciers – is perhaps the most spectacular way ice can be lost from polar shelves. And it turns out that twice as much ice has been lost through calving than has previously been estimated.

That's a lot of ice

These findings published in *Nature* demonstrate substantial change in the Antarctic coastline over the last quarter century.

The extent of ice shelf retreat along the continent was determined by mapping elevation changes shown by data from multiple observation satellites. It shows sizeable retreats in Ellsworth Land and Marie Byrd Land in West Antarctica and parts of Australia's territory claim around the Totten glacier.

Lead author, Dr Chad Greene, says this extensive ice

shedding adds further risk to increased sea level rise.

'Antarctica is crumbling at its edges,' says Greene.

'And when ice shelves dwindle and weaken, the continent's massive glaciers tend to speed up [rate of ice loss] and increase the rate of global sea level rise.'

While West Antarctica is especially sensitive to climate impacts, East Antarctica – the world's largest ice sheet, which is considered the least vulnerable to melt – isn't getting off scot-free.

Researchers from Australia, the UK, US and France publishing in *Nature* suggest East Antarctica's resilience might be diminished if the world shoots past a two-degree increase in average temperature.

Based on projections, keeping temperatures below two degrees might prevent melting of this ice sheet from adding to sea level rise this century. If that threshold is breached, the melting of the EAIS could be substantial.

'If temperatures rise above two degrees beyond 2100, sustained by high greenhouse gas emissions, then East Antarctica alone

could contribute around one–three metres to rising sea levels by 2300 and around two–five metres by 2500,' says co-author Professor Nerilie Abram from the ANU.

'A key lesson from the past is that the EAIS is highly sensitive to even relatively modest warming scenarios. It isn't as stable and protected as we once thought.'

'Achieving and strengthening our commitments to the Paris Agreement would not only protect the world's largest ice sheet, but also slow the melting of other major ice sheets such as Greenland and West Antarctica, which are more vulnerable to global warming,' says Abram.

The Australian Government recently highlighted the danger of climate change on the world's southernmost ecosystems in its *State of the Environment Report*, with scientists from the Australian Antarctic Division assessing the physical and biological trends facing the region.

They found continued and unpredictable changes in the patterns of sea ice formation, as well as melting of glaciers

and ice sheets owing primarily to the warming of upper ocean levels and the lower atmosphere.

Dr Dirk Welsford co-authored the Antarctic assessment in the report. He says Antarctica cannot afford to have the worst impacts of climate change locked in.

'The Antarctic environment is still in comparatively good condition, but the pressures on the continent and the surrounding ocean are increasing,' Dr Welsford said.

'The processes that are changing the Antarctic environment are well under way, and likely to continue for at least several human lifetimes.'

'While time is running out to do something, to prevent locking in the most extreme changes, I'm optimistic that when the global community comes together, like it has with the Montreal Protocol and other agreements, we can slow and even reverse these changes.'

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‘Bring him home’ says Julian Assange’s father

Eve Jeffery

Julian Assange has been locked away for 13 years. In that time he could have raised a baby to teenagerhood or done a medical degree, internship, residency, GP training, and had a year unleashed on the public under his belt. In that time he could have served three terms as the Australian Prime Minister.

Assange, the world’s most famous prisoner, has people on the outside waiting for him. Not just the thousands of supporters who lobby and protest, make art and raise funds to see him freed, but a family – parents, siblings and a wife and children of his own. And his father John Shipton.

Shipton looks like he’s come straight from Central Casting. A tall, handsome, elegant and dignified gentleman playing the role of a Hollywood hero father on the path to save his son. A son unjustly imprisoned. Shipton is a man who is battling a Goliath, hoping to one day reunite on home soil a family spread across the globe – to regain peace of mind and peace of heart...



John Shipton, Julian Assange’s father. Photo Tree Faerie

But wait! This is a movie. John Shipton and his son Gabriel Shipton, who is the film’s producer, are in Byron Bay for a screening of *Ithaca: A Fight To Free Julian Assange*. But it’s no Los Angeles fairytale and it might not have a happy ending. It’s a documentary about a real son who is rotting away in Her Majesty’s Prison, Belmarsh.

Belmarsh is no walk in the park. It has a ‘Category A’ restriction, meaning that Assange is considered highly dangerous to the public and/or national security. Category A prisons house murderers, rapists, armed robbers, kidnappers, drugs and explosives smugglers, and terrorists. You won’t find the pot smokers and fraudsters here.

Shipton is engaging and humble – a sympathetic figure. Someone who you want to see win. There is no flash or glamour, just a quiet and earnest man doing his best for his child. It’s heartbreaking to watch him grapple with language when his emotions are so ragged.

John is immeasurably grateful for the supporters of Assange – ordinary, not-so-ordinary, people who are giving up their time and energy. The artists in particular hold a warm place in his affection. ‘They are fabulous. There is a display in Leipzig at the moment, there’s another one in Vienna, another one in Paris, and then, of course, there are the Northern Rivers locals.

‘There was a big exhibition in Cologne, in which 24 artists submitted works. There is also a website that accumulates all of these projects, and there’s Ai Weiwei; the artists are just unhesitating. Leunig for example is a supporter, his works are pure gold. Roger Waters is very committed.’

Shipton says Julian sees the artworks – he gets cards or letters, and people send news and books.

John also gets to visit Assange inside Belmarsh.

‘It’s a maximum security jail so you have to pass through four secure portals. You’re stripped of everything – you’re not allowed to take paper in, so you’ve got to memorise everything. Then before you go into the meeting room, you get searched again and then the sniffer dogs sniff you coming in.

‘When you go into the meeting room it’s full of [high-fidelity] cameras.

‘Whenever we’re in London we visit, but mostly we just travel incessantly around the world building on the social support and then converting that into political support.’

Assange no good

Shipton says he saw Assange about three weeks ago and he’s not good. ‘He had a stroke about three months ago, a mini-stroke. His left eye is a bit like that [John squints]. There are reports on his health care – one formally submitted to the court by Professor [Dr Michael] Kopelman that was on his mental health.

‘There’s another report done by the United Nations rapporteur on torture, Professor Nils Melzer, who in mid-2019 took two specialist doctors with him to examine Julian in Belmarsh prison. They came to the conclusion he was suffering the effects of psychological torture.

‘It’s interesting because ALL torture aims at psychological changes. Things like not knowing where you stand, arbitrary detention.

‘If you’ll indulge me a little bit: In 1948 Herbert Vere Evatt, Australia’s first President of the United Nations, was co-presenter, along with

Eleanor Roosevelt of the United States, of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* to the first United Nations General Assembly.

‘Australia in 1973 presented to the United Nations General Assembly, for ratification, the Conventions of Asylum. All the authors of these wonderful civil artifacts of the late 20th century have seen fit to ignore their own creations.’

Shipton says all successful 2022 federal election candidates had ‘a platform, in one way or another, of bringing Julian home to Australia. The Labor Party, the Greens, the teals, and the Independents, all of them – every single one. Some of the National Party, in the case of Barnaby Joyce, and some of Pauline Hanson’s One Nation – they all offered support for Julian. So it’s not an exaggeration to say that it was an Assange election. And Assange won it for those people. We expect them now to honour their promises, and act decently towards the body politic and its concerns.’

‘What would I say to Anthony [Albanese]? Well, I guess I would say: Demonstrate your sincerity and let us know what you have done and how we can help. Our attitude is to generate political support for the Prime Minister and his ministers to act in good faith to their previous indications and give them the backbone or stature, through our support, in order to say to the United States, “we just want Julian returned home. We don’t want to see a son of Australia, who has made an immense contribution to the worldwide understanding of how governments do things – we don’t want to see him die in an American jail. Bring him home”’



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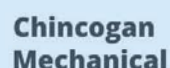
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Local author Robert Drewe features at Byron Writers Festival

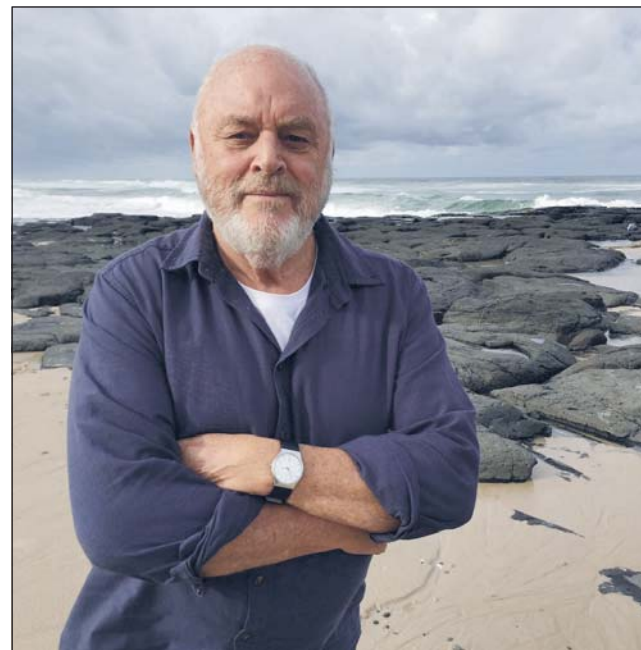
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Acclaimed Bangalow author Robert Drewe, who will appear at Byron Writers Festival, had his latest book *Nimblefoot* launched recently by Kerry O'Brien.

Drewe's latest endeavour springs from the true story of Australia's most famous pedestrian. That's right, Australia's most famous child walker, John Day. It is a story that begins early in the life of the rather short John Day, who disappeared at the age of 14 after riding the winner (a horse called Nimblefoot) in the 1870 Melbourne Cup, and was a witness to two murders.

'I was in the National Library in Canberra and they showed me an exhibition of famous and infamous Australians, from royals to bushrangers, and then there was this little kid, and I thought that was interesting,' Drewe said about his inspiration for the story.

John Day and his inveterate gambling father



Nimblefoot author Robert Drewe.

travelled the world so that John could participate in the long-distance walking competitions that were the forerunner to today's Olympic walking events.

'It was a super version of Olympic walking and marathon running,' said Drewe.

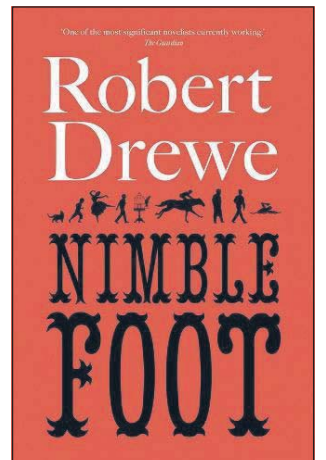
'It wasn't like if you lift your feet off the ground as it is in the Olympics [you'd be disqualified]. These events could be held from town to town, or over 600km and other big distances. Others were held in velodromes. You could hold these things in a theatre, the MCG or from Sydney to Melbourne. Regardless of which version he competed in, John won.'

'He won £30,000 in prize money which equates to \$8 million today between ages 9 and 12, then stopped walking, and at 14 won the Melbourne Cup. I looked him up and there was nothing after that. He intrigued me enough that I thought I'd reimagine his life in fiction.'

Australian psyche

Drewe's novel takes the reader back into an Australia that is a place of racism, sexism and abuse that is, at some points, challenging to observe. Using imagery such as the Pears Soap advertising from the period, in which the white boy washes the black boy clean of his colour, he demonstrates the normalised racism that is an integral part of Australia's history since invasion.

The book also looks at the abuses of power by those in charge that have parallels today. For example the attitude of many politicians about their right to privilege above the 'normal' citizens of the country. These elements of the story highlight and recognise the embedded racism and power imbalances that were a fundamental part of forming the Australian psyche and continue today.



Truth to fiction

Following the two murders he witnessed in Melbourne, John's life in the book becomes true fiction as Drewe imagines what his life could have been.

'John ran foul of the Sydney trainers and I thought I'd try and fill in a life for him. The only reason someone would truly vanish is because someone is after him.'

Where John ends up, and how he survives the 'boy hunt' that ensues, is where Drewe takes you - on a journey into the challenges of his possible life.

'I did enjoy sitting down with Johnny every day,' says Drewe. 'I got to know him very well. When I am dreaming about him every night I know everything is working.'

You can catch Robert Drewe at the 2022 Byron Writers Festival 26 to 28 August. He will be in a one-on-one conversation about *Nimblefoot* with Russell Eldridge on Friday, 26 August and then on the panel 'Sporting Heroes' with Ben Quilty on Sunday, 28 August.

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They were removed from societies by the people during those times, because they were the opposite of good. How would the name stealers operate in today's world? Do the revelations about what the former PM Scott Morrison had been up to shine a light on this subject? Revealing how the name stealers continue to function today at the highest level of government, they who follow another

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as the secrets are revealed about the name stealers.

Robert Podhajsky
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Honest politicians

The Australian Democrats coined the phrase that meant: 'to keep the "politicians" honest'. One might assume it's also the media's role to do that, but when the media joins with the government to support them, as happens in communist countries, then

the population has no one to provide criticism of public policy.

One would hope *The Echo* will provide opportunity for a representative from the Teacher's Union to give their side of the staff shortage crisis and one would also hope that the causes of staff shortages in several other professions, can also be discussed, as it is in the public interest.

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The Indonesian Kitchen – Warung Sedap

Victoria Cosford

Their beef rendang is Louis Tikaram's favourite spicy dish. The Brisbane-based chef (of Stanley restaurant) was recently quoted in *Gourmet Traveller* magazine, describing it as 'spicy and amazing' and 'the perfect breakfast when I'm home visiting my family in Mullumbimby'. Utilising local Hayter's Hill beef, it's slow-cooked in coconut milk and spices - lemongrass, galangal and chillies from Rini's own garden - until the meat's caramelised and all the liquid evaporated.

It's just one of the popular dishes dispensed by cooks Rini and Iwan from their farmers' market stall. Based in Goonellabah, the couple are up at 3am to cook their fried rice, fried noodles and banana sticky rice before driving to the market, where the rest of the cooking takes place. There's tiny Rini multi-tasking; patient and smiling as she lifts fritters and samosas from a small deep-fryer; ladles spicy peanut sauce on to satays; tongs banana leaf parcels of sticky banana rice across to customers, while Iwan expertly tosses around a vibrant wok-full of rice and vegetables.

Despite its proximity, Indonesian cuisine is not as widely represented here as, say, Thai and Vietnamese, Japanese or Chinese, and when I ask Rini why, she's not sure of the reason. This big-flavoured and spicy food is vastly popular at the markets as evidenced by the number of people - customers and stall-holders both - forking into steaming feasts of rice and chicken and beef and condiments with gusto. Rini and Iwan would like to serve up more Indonesian dishes, but they need more help.



Rini Martinings from The Indonesian Kitchen.

I'm keen to try the banana sticky rice; Simmered in coconut milk, the rice is then pressed on to a banana leaf to sandwich a piece of banana - local Ladyfinger - wrapped like a parcel then steamed. I bite in: it's lovely, gently sweet, not rich at all. A health food, surely!

Find Indonesian Kitchen every Tuesday at New Brighton Farmers Market 8-11am, and Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday 7-11am.

The Good Life

Yulli's: combinations work so well

Simon Haslam

Some combinations just work really well, such as small share plates with chilli/coriander/Asian flavours and beer, so it's no surprise that the plant-based modern Asian menu of Yulli's Byron Bay, the restaurant started by quirky brewery Yulli's Brews, has proved so popular. And, with the return of yum cha on Saturdays and Sundays in September, it's only going to get better, as the restaurant, which restricted its opening hours to five days per week during the last series of plagues, floods and staff shortages, returns to operating seven days a week.

The brewery is famous for its amusing cans, and whilst everyone has their favourite, I particularly like the blurb for 'Slick Rick's Rampaging Red Ale' (eg 'Rick's the sports car you once wanted but couldn't afford'). But, like the cans, the thing about the Yullis' restaurant in the centre of Byron is that everyone will like something different about the place.

For people like me, a 'not-for-health-reasons' vegetarian who likes one beer, then on to the wine, there was plenty to like. With my wife, a gluten-free eater who prefers kombucha, we shared a banquet for two, and we both found highlights in the many dishes (there were so many that for \$44 each this was very good value). I'm looking forward to returning next month when the yum cha is available. It's ideal for those people who agonise over the menu in an unfamiliar restaurant, scared of ordering something they don't like. Yum cha also takes the stress out of finding a restaurant that suits everyone; with yum cha, you're almost guaranteed to find something you'll love.

Another virtue of the Yulli's restaurant in Byron is the three



different eating spaces: one with the al fresco vibe, outside under the umbrellas on the footpath; one in the courtyard by the pool; and the third indoor space, which is ideal on a cold day, but also places you closer to the bar (with Yulli's beer on tap of course) and the buzz of the interior at night.

If you're going out at night with a group it's a great place, with engaging staff, cocktails to go along with the beer and wine, and the sort of vegetarian menu that's interesting, different and tasty, so that those

who don't normally order vegetarian will hardly notice it's all plant-based.

If it's your first time, I'd recommend getting the banquet just to get a taste for the place, and of course once the opening hours return to seven days a week from 3 September, try the yum-cha.

Yulli's Byron Bay (dine-in, licensed and takeaway)
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How to fight climate change

Simon Haslam

How many businesses give away half of their profits to genuine carbon-reduction projects? Not many. But popular locally-produced 'We the Many' gourmet breakfast cereal is leading the way with a unique business model that does exactly that. They've just given \$5000, and their next target is \$100,000, says founder Will Brook.

'Our healthy cereals are now available in Woolworths, but that's mostly important because we want other companies to see that our business model can be as successful as a mainstream business,' says Will. 'We have also rejigged the packaging so that it is a recyclable single-polymer plastic, but the purpose and main mission of the company hasn't changed. We found we weren't being clear enough that we are investing 50 per cent of the profits into carbon reduction, this is the prime purpose of the company and this is the main part of our business model that we want people to know about. That's now really clear on the packaging.'

The pinkish hue of the Anti-oxidant Porridge, just one of their range of breakfast cereals, has been a talking point in our household for the whole of winter, as, somewhat like a healthy version of Ink Gin, when you add liquid to the porridge it turns an inviting pink colour.

'Yes, that's fun,' says Will, 'but all of our range contains ingredients that are scientifically proven for their functional health benefits. The beetroot that gives the pink colour is a powerful antioxidant - red and purple-coloured foods often do have this quality, although the colour is not the scientific reason. One study showed that beetroot juice, like the freeze-dried beetroot we use, increased the cardiovascular capacity of athletes very tangibly, there was a measurable causal relationship. Athletic performance was improved with beetroot when it was used like a supplement, and it's not part of people's everyday diet, but it can be.'

The We the Many range also includes a curcumin product (an anti-inflammatory), and green banana flour (a resistant starch) is another ingredient that has measurable prebiotic effects. '[Resistant] starchy foods have the highest levels of prebiotics,' says Will, 'but in modern days they are rarely eaten. Plaintains, which are very starchy, have been replaced by the sugary bananas that are more common now, but the idea of the green banana is to reintroduce that prebiotic starchiness into the everyday diet, which is much healthier.'



Will Brook, founder of We the Many, fighting climate change whilst eating breakfast.



The wonderful pink colour of the anti-oxidant porridge makes breakfast fun.

'But apart from health, we want other businesses to see what we are doing. We are trying to lead the way in making the climate-helping side of things a core part of our business. To have our products accepted on the shelves of Woolworths is just part of it - we are trying to prove a model that investment in the environment can be part of your 'core business' if you are any kind of business, and [still] be a profitable business. We are in an experiment to prove the success of this kind of business model, except that, of course, we've put your money on the line to prove it can be done.'

'We think it's going to be successful because it tastes really good, but the more people that buy it, through the larger market offered by Woolworths,

this will be a good thing as we are committed to investing 50 per cent of profits in carbon reduction projects.' You can join We the Many in fighting climate change simply by eating their carbon-neutral breakfast range, available at Woolworths nationwide. If you want to find a nearby local stockist, head to the We the Many website.

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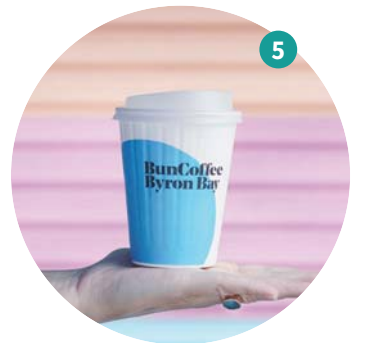
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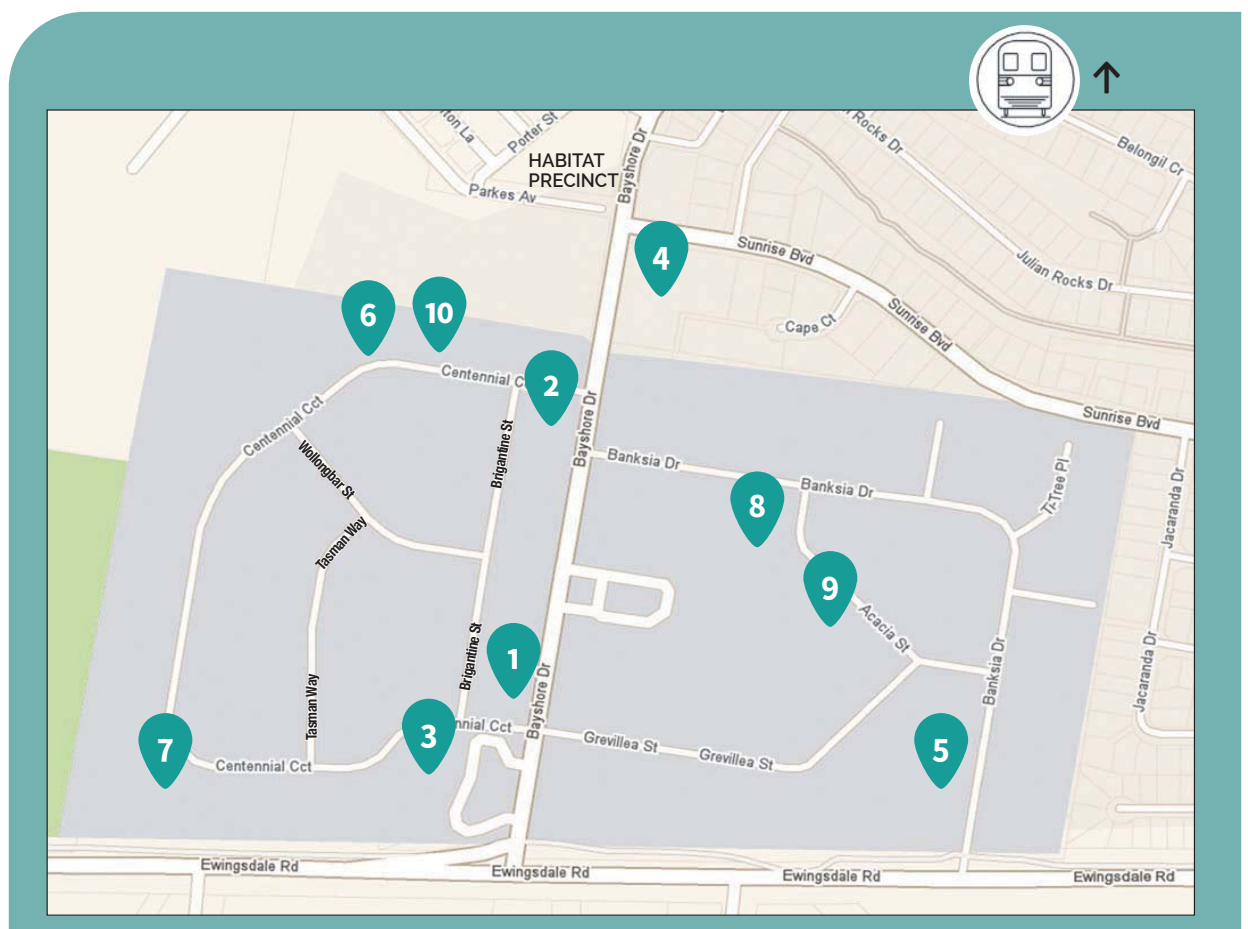


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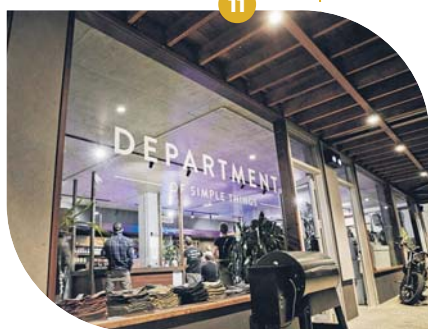
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Help the masked lapwings near you

Jeanette Olley

Just another median strip in our suburb, you might say, but Shara Boulevard in Ocean Shores is also home to a pair of masked lapwings.

For the past five years they have nested in exactly the same spot, on the very edge of the very busy road. The cars whiz past and after 28 days the chicks hatch, they run around for a bit and then they are gone!

Some we know have been whacked by cars, residents have picked their little broken bodies off the road. Others could have been taken by one of the many cats that wander around our suburbs day and night, or a dog off the leash, maybe a fox, even the top predator birds, like the crow. Snakes and lawnmowers are also a threat.

The last nesting for this pair was in May this year; we all heaved a sigh of relief when, for the first time, the three chicks survived for several weeks. They had obviously managed to negotiate the busy road to a larger patch of grass, but slowly over the months, one by one, they all disappeared; the last one being hit by a car in the first week of August. A few more days and it would have fledged.

Shara Boulevard is not the only place in our suburbs where they

claim territory, any grassy open space of land with a 360 degree view is what they want – no matter what the dangers are that may lurk – they need to see their predators, that is their way.

Masked lapwings are known as shorebirds – a term used to refer to 13 different families in the scientific order of Charadriiformes – an ancient group of birds that arose on Earth about 80 million years ago, probably on the supercontinent of Gondwana.

The masked lapwing is very recognisable with a black cap, yellow lappet dangling from its face, long legs, and the run and watch stance. They are strong fliers and are very territorial, especially during the breeding season, which can be all year round, especially after rain.

The masked lapwing does not migrate, it is an Australian resident, it raises its family here and is considered a habitat-generalist, which may account for its survival. They inhabit virtually the whole of Australia. They commonly like large grassy areas, particularly those areas that we humans have cleared for pasture, parklands, and sportsfields. Their favourite foods are insects, their larvae, and earthworms. You won't find them in the bush.

Masked lapwings breed when conditions are suitable. A pair may

come together displaying to each other by bobbing their heads and calling. They choose a place to nest, often returning to the same open grassy area each year, which they will defend, keeping intruders away with their ear-piercing screech and a fast, low swoop.

Both masked lapwing parents share the duties of building the nest, minding the eggs, and caring for the young and guarding them from intruders, they are always on the watch for danger.

The nest is a simple scrape on some cleared ground, where 3-4 eggs are laid. The eggs and flightless chicks really are 'sitting ducks' for any predators. As we know, the nest is often placed in 'inappropriate' locations; such as the median strip on Shara Boulevard, school playgrounds and even the roofs of buildings.

Like most young ground-nesting birds they are able to leave the nest and feed themselves a few hours after hatching. But the food needs to be readily available on the ground, which is possibly why they are moved across a busy road like Shara Boulevard that is fraught with danger very young. It's that or they will starve.

Lapwings are attentive parents, the chick may have to fend for itself, but the parents will provide warmth, guidance, and protection.



visible, or they may try direct dive-bombing. They will continue this action till the threat disappears. It rarely happens that they make contact when they swoop, and spur strikes on people are extremely rare.

The chicks can fly after six to eight weeks, but may stay with mum and dad for another 8-10 months, and sometimes for up to two years. However, they are able to breed after 12 months when they leave.

Ground nesting birds have a tough time of it and many have become scarce and are threatened with extinction. In Victoria masked lapwings are not as common as they once were. They are native birds protected under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, so it's illegal to chase, harass, or kill a masked lapwing.

It is not advisable to move a nest or relocate the eggs, so it's up to us to find other ways to help them survive. We need to avoid their nest sites; try not to antagonise them; and if driving, slow down. If an adult confronts you, recognise that they are only being good parents.

The Shara Boulevard pair are on the nest again, and with a bit of luck and thoughtfulness, let's hope they will continue to successfully negotiate the road-crossing when the next little fluff balls appear. But if you do see an injured masked lapwing, or for that matter any injured bird, please call WIRES Northern Rivers 0409 170 062.

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COSMIC CREEK IN BYRON

Cosmic Creek, the 24-year-old Californian event that celebrates surfing's transition years of the 1970s and '80s, is coming to Byron Bay next month as part of the **Byron Bay Surf Festival**.

Cosmic Creek is the brainchild of Californian surf industry veteran **Eric Diamond**, who established the event to recognise and celebrate the surfboard shaping community, in honour of his father Daryl who delivered the Clark Foam surfboard blanks to the US shaping community from the 1960s through to 1980.

The event has run for 24 years in the US, from its spiritual home of Salt Creek, and this is the first time it has come to Australia.

Participants in Cosmic Creek ride supplied single and twin fins, shaped up to 50 years ago by some of the region's iconic shapers, including Bill Wallace, Gunther Rohn, Dick Van Straalen, Geoff McCoy, Tony Dempsey, Hayden Kenny, and Chris Brock.

The craft ridden in each heat is chosen via a random draw ahead of each heat to ensure no individual benefits from having their own special craft.

The event, which is open to all comers and includes a range of age divisions and an exhibition pro division, is being brought to Byron Bay by surf brand **Vissla**. The competition will run on **Friday 9 September**, and **Saturday 10 September**, and will be immediately followed by an evening of **free music at the Rails Hotel**.

Surfing heats will take place at The Wreck.



FORGING THEIR OWN PATH

Hailing from the inner Brisbane suburb of West End, **Kurilpa Reach** have forged their own path in Australia's music scene.

The original five lads of Kurilpa Reach: singer/saxophonist, **Luke Miskimmin**; guitarists, **Loughlin Craig** and **Will Murphy**; and **Pablo Burdell** on bass, and his brother **Vicente Burdell** as singer/drummer, all evolved from a shared love of classic reggae, blues and indie rock.

Though all five original members went to high school together in the 4101 vicinity, it wasn't until a year after graduating that they started connecting over music. Coming across Vicente at a West End house party, Will showed him a voice memo of *Under the Bridge* he had recorded with Luke that afternoon. With that initial voice memo and some drunken enthusiasm, a drummer was secured. Vicente's brother, Pablo, was up next, agreeing to teach himself the bass in order to join the jams happening next to his room. Will invited the elusive Loughie they'd all been hearing about over for a jam – and finally Kurilpa Reach was born.

The 2021, the addition of **Curtis Scibilia** on trumpet and **Joel Aspinall** on keys and saxophone filled out this seven piece to create the huge sound that KR puts out in its exciting live shows.

Known for their pulsating grooves and high-energy live sets, Kurilpa Reach infuse dub and reggae with psychedelic rock and contemporary roots to create an eclectic sound difficult to pigeon-hole into a single genre.

See Kurilpa Reach on Sunday at 4pm on the Hotel Brunswick stage.

Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.

Maya Angelou

Time is of the essence...



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SAE General Manager, **Dr Luke McMillan** said that, 'SAE's partnerships with industry, and the time staff spend preparing students for work placements, sets them up for once they graduate. SAE is delighted that festivals are back on the cultural calendar for everyone to enjoy. This is especially true for our students, who are once again getting the opportunity to sharpen their skills.'

'Last academic year, 499 SAE students successfully completed their work placements.'

From the beginning of her Bachelor of Audio degree, one of Emily Turner's goals was to work at Bluesfest. With busy schedules supporting acts on stage, Emily said she has nothing but positive memories from what she learnt. 'It was so exciting to be a part of. I was stimulated with new experiences and always learning. Being in that sort of atmosphere and being exposed to all these incredible professionals, like George Benson and The Wailers, it just fed my soul.'

Bachelor of Songwriting and Music Production student, Callum Peutrill got involved in production and stage management over the three day Rabbits Eat Lettuce festival.

Callum said it was a great experience because he was in a small crew with some SAE graduates, who had done



their work placement at the festival last year, and they did so well they were asked back to do paid work this year. 'I certainly think going to SAE gave me the skills and knowledge to be the best I could over the weekend.'

Bachelor of Graphic Design and Visual Communication student, Lena Rothe, who received a Destination Australia scholarship, was delighted to be able to fulfil her passion for photography at Flotsam Surf and Photography festival. 'It was an amazing experience. Since I moved to Australia I've been building a reputation as a surf photographer, and to have worked at Flotsam was incredible.'

Dr McMillan said the partnerships are very valuable for students. 'We are incredibly grateful to our industry partners; Bluesfest, Rabbits Eat Lettuce and Flotsam for providing our students with the necessary real-world experience to seamlessly transition into the workplace.' SAE Creative Media Institute understands creators, and provides students with the experience, skills, equipment and connections to succeed in the industry.

Find out more at sae.edu.au.



LORE BUREAU THE ART OF STORYTELLING

The iconic Grand Pacific House, nestled in the Byron Bay hinterland town of Newrybar has opened its doors. A collective of local artists and designers, each a storyteller in their own right, have found a home in this beautifully restored heritage property. In her current exhibition, artist and writer **Joscelyne O'Flaherty** explores both the narrative of landscape and great storytellers of our time in large acrylic works on linen canvas.

'After many years and a myriad of experiences on the international media scene, I can think of nothing I would love more than to bring meaning into people's lives through exploring the relationship between art and storytelling. And it is in this beautiful new studio that my journey is unfolding.'

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Kat brings a fresh and intelligent view to her comedy. She tackles relationships, observations and random events with equal passion and her unique storytelling ability takes her audience along with her for the ride.

Kat has been a professional improviser since 1993, hosted gala events, coached blue chip companies in communication and worked a crowd from the back of a cattle truck. Occasionally, all at the same time!

This event will be way too much fun with MC Mandy Nolan and support Emma Zammit.

See this month's Big Gig on Thursday from 8pm.

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SPECIAL SCREENINGS	BOSCH & ROCKIT (MA15+)	Fri-Sun: 11:20, 2:00, 7:00, 8:10pm
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FINE WINE SCREENING	BULLET TRAIN (MA15+)	Daily: 11:40, 2:00, 5:20pm
FAMILY FILMS	DRAGON BALL SUPER: SUPER HERO (M)	Thu/Mon-Wed: 4:20pm
MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU (PG)	Thu/Mon-Wed: 11:30am	Fri-Sun: 11:20, 4:20pm
Fri-Sun: 11:30, 4:00pm	ELVIS (M) Daily except Thu: 1:40, 4:50, 6:30pm	Thu: 1:40, 4:50pm
ALL FILMS	GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE (M)	Daily: 11:40, 1:50, 3:50, 6:00pm
BEAST (MA15+)	Thu: 11:40, 1:40, 3:40, 7:00pm	Daily: 4:20, 8:10pm
Fri-Sun: 1:40, 3:40, 6:00, 8:00pm	NOPE (M)	Daily: 4:20, 8:10pm
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WEDNESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**, 5PM **JOCK BARNES**, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **CANALETTO & THE ART OF VENICE - EXHIBITION ON SCREEN PRESENTED BY BYRON THEATRE**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**

KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM LEE-ANNE JOY

- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **SIMON MEOLA**, 9.30PM **MARK BONO DUO**

MORE DOGS, MORE IRISH WITH AINE TYRRELL

- CRYSTALBROOK BYRON'S VERANDAH 2PM **BOMBACLOCK**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 3PM **DJ ABEL TORO**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **KURILPA REACH + KATIE WHO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 3PM **SHORTY BROWN'S BLACK FAMILY FUNDRAISER KIDS DISCO**, 4PM **BUNDJALUNG NGHARI - INDIGENISE**

SATURDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MOJO RISING**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **PHIL HOWELL**, 3PM **PABLO LAVERDE**, 5.30PM **THE ATLANTIC SALMON**, 8PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **RADICAL HOPE PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **TRIP KICKS + WEBBERS LAST DANCE**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **DJ MONSIEUR DIOP**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **KYLE LIONHART, SARAH GRANT, BEN WHITING AND DAN HANNAFORD**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM AND 7.30PM **BUNDJALUNG NGHARI - INDIGENISE**,
- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM **ROD MURRAY PRESENTS: A TRIBUTE TO JAZZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ ROBIN SYDNEY**

MONDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**, 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 7.30PM **LEIGH JAMES DUO**, 10PM **DJ GENE ENGLISH**

THURSDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **THE WAY OF THE PSYCHONAUT WITH Q&A PANEL PRESENTED BY MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 7.30PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - KATRINA DAVIDSON + EMMA ZAMMIT - MC MANDY NOLAN**

FRIDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **JAY DEVU**, 8PM **MARK CHAPMAN BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **SPIN PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 5.30PM **DJ IAIN YES**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ XUJA**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **STRICTLY ACOUSTIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **OOZ**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 6.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, **POETS OUT LOUD - YOUTH SLAM 2022, PRESENTED BY BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **GLENN SHIELDS**
- CLUB LENNOX 6PM **TRISH WILSON**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **BLONDIE THE DJ**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **SUNSET SOIRÉES WITH ELENA B WILLIAMS AND RACHEL HEATON**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7PM **MIGHTY RHYTHM**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **BOB FITCHETT**, 9.30PM **REVERSE**

TUESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **NOY BEN AMI**, 5PM **DUDU MARTINS**, 7.30PM **DONNY SHADES**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL®**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS - OPEN MIC WITH DR BAZ**

SUNDAY 28

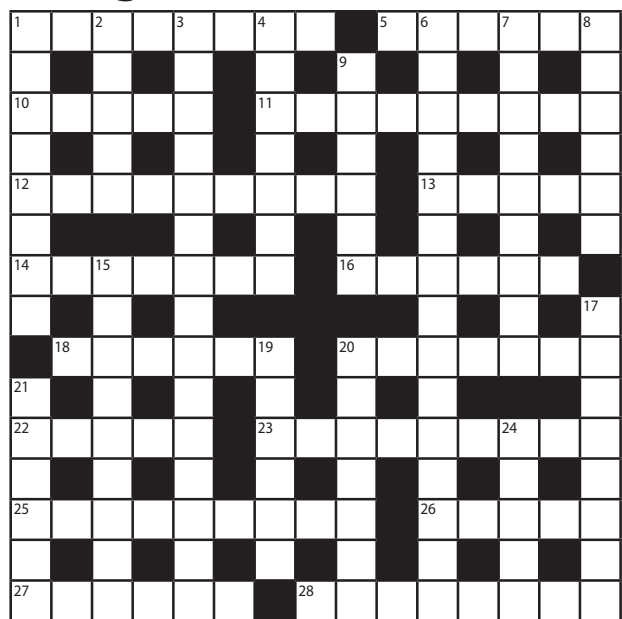
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATT BARR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **ALEX TILLY**, 3PM **GRACE GROVE**, 5.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**, 8.30PM **DJ DANNY B**
- BYRON THEATRE 5PM **MORE BLACKS**,

WEDNESDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DONNY SHADES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **CHRIS SHEEHY**, 5PM **KATIE WHO**, 7.30PM **TIM STOKES DUO**, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM AND 7.30PM **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL®**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6PM **COL GERMANO**

Mungo's Crossword

N453



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Small horn for the prostitute (8)
- Little verbal expressions become weapons (6)
- Mountains, accompanied by directions (5)
- Simple addition, a cult movie (4,5)
- T, pretty ordinary (5,4)
- Imagine 500 sheets of paper (5)
- Protection need for father god, the sun (7)
- Betting nothing – employ partner (6)
- Games left on board (6)
- Breeze in 550 East to diminish (7)
- Stomach ache from small volume containing rotten oil (5)
- Equip mum with a part in a play – a complicated process (9)
- Trump, here around base instinct (9)
- Goddess of peace? Say goodnight to her! (5)
- Putting in place, posing with time lost (6)
- Negotiate performance with gender benders? (8)

DOWN

- Innovations put up in stellar display (5,3)
- Sun god with 502 spokes (5)
- Einstein says it can't be done, just turns into energy. No matter, discuss anyway. (4,11)
- Look carefully for pupil (7)
- Idiot down – normal process for total control (5,10)
- Compensated by putting your clothes on again (9)
- Runs away with 100 sheep on board... (6)
- ...possessions, placed in a ship (6)
- Disgusting – used to get rid of convicted cardinal? (9)
- Respectful – always within lease (8)
- Very expensive – about right for Meryl (6)
- Sirius tracks sailor (3,4)
- Assesses policeman in emergency service (6)
- Nil – game over. The end. (5)

Quick Clues

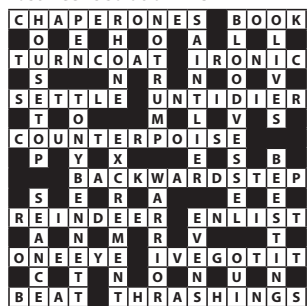
ACROSS

- Hooker (8)
- Blades (6)
- South American peaks (5)
- 1969 American road drama film (4,5)
- Mediocre (5,4)
- Reverie (5)
- Umbrella (7)
- Better half (6)
- Displays (6)
- Grow visibly smaller (7)
- Intestinal pain (5)
- Fuss and bother (9)
- Head of state (9)
- You see her in your dreams! (5)
- Locating (6)
- Conduct business deal (8)

DOWN

- New entrepreneurial businesses (5,3)
- Forearm bones (5)
- Annihilation (4,11)
- Inspect; stare at (7)
- International supremacy (5,10)
- Rectified (9)
- Hightails it (6)
- Belongings (6)
- Abhorrent (9)
- Devout (8)
- US actress known for her accent adaptability (6)
- Prominent in Canis Major (3,4)
- Measures the extent of (6)
- The last of a series (5)

Last week's solution N452



The man who broke democracy

Right now ex-Prime Minister Scott Morrison is the most hated man in the Liberal party. He has broken the trust of his nation. He has deceived his own party. He has given satirists, bored with the well-meaning and benign Albo, a small renaissance into the narcissism of old. He's memed himself into the history books.

But has he done more? Has his betrayal of the people served a higher purpose?

'Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.'

As a cynical destroyer has he unwittingly become a friend to democracy? Has he shown why we need urgent systemic change? Has he triggered the call to action this country has been waiting for?

You can talk about the need for change until you are blue in the face, and by that I don't just mean Liberal blue. I mean unconscious on the floor of our fading democracy blue. I mean the blue of that stuff that appears in the toilet once you've flushed away the evidence. Morrison is our unflushable turd. You can vote him out, but he still floats to the surface. How is it that, until now, nothing he's done sticks?

You can talk about government corruption, talk about the need for true accountability, and while it's heard, and people nod in agreement that accountability in government is a good idea – nothing happens. The promised ICAC is a remote echo from 1000 days ago, and with pandemics,

floods and fires and cost of living increases the call has faded to a whimper. We forget that without transparency, we quite literally have nothing.

Perhaps it's this failure of the public to hold onto the call for accountability that emboldens people like Scott Morrison? It is his hall pass to power. He clearly saw a system he could manipulate and that's exactly what he did. Didn't a little pig (Lord Acton) once say 'power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely'? Men like Morrison have thrived on capturing absolute power. He has displayed vicious opportunism when our country and its people were at their most vulnerable. That's when a seasoned player makes their move; when we're all distracted.

So now we know. We know the harm he perpetrated when no one was watching. It's the ultimate betrayal of his office. It's the ultimate betrayal of us – the people he was elected to represent.

The 'revelations' of Morrison's multiple ministries has come as a shock, not just to the nation but to his own party. What does that tell us about our current system? Something that many of us already



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

knew – it's broken. It's a system that rewards the wealthy with more wealth, and punishes the rest of us with poverty and struggle. It's a system that lights a pathway for the privileged, with secret handshakes, donor dinners, and policy crafted to appease and seduce hungry lobbyists.

Well, now we can see why we need an ICAC. We can see that many of those in power cannot be trusted to hold office without clear lines of accountability. Scott Morrison promised us a Federal ICAC that he clearly never intended to deliver.

Why would he? He is the man who most needs to stand before it. I'm surprised though, that in line with his greedy grab, he didn't initiate it and then appoint himself Chief Commissioner. But then you don't need to be a Supreme Court judge when you're already God.

Let's capitalise on this moment. Let's use this to create an ICAC with retrospective powers. And because he LOVES to be he centre of attention. He can go first.



STARS BY LILITH

As planetary peristalsis draws inwards from lavish Leo to precise Virgo, get ready to state your sources, define your terms and walk your talk...



ARIES: Motivator Mars is currently in the sign of multiple choice, mixed messages and way too much information. But if you turn off the beeps, tweets and alerts, this week's excellent for cleaning up unfinished business. During which Mercury suggests courtesy and diplomacy in preference to a bluntly straightforward approach.

TAURUS: Side-spinning Uranus taking this year's retrograde in Taurus makes some things trickier, some easier. It could be harder letting go of old school beliefs, easier to see fertile opportunities available in changing situations. When pressure peaks, this week recommends physical release: hitting the gym, power walking in nature, mad dancing, whatever works.

GEMINI: Even if it takes a little longer than usual to hash out differences, it's worth doing before your mentor planet Mercury backspins on 10 September. Presently Mercury's making creative compromise the name of the game; finding a formula that works for everyone concerned, and if that's also aesthetically pleasing, even better.

CANCER: Weekend new moon in the sign of healthy habits and the zodiac's purists is your cosmic reminder to bless the mess, then get stuck into the to-do list: addressing unread messages, streamlining operating systems, decluttering your wardrobe, starting that detox, perhaps prepping a new leaner, cleaner menu.

LEO: Now your majesties have been duly wined, dined, gifted and celebrated, this week's about paying it forward. With what appreciative treats could you reward your favourite people and staunch supporters for their loyal care and friendship? And with Venus back in Leo after a year on tour, you won't be playing shy.

VIRGO: Happy birthday to the Shire's caring and careful Virgos! When this weekend's sun and new moon align in your sign to spotlight Virgo's love language of service, get ready to be lavishly rewarded with an abundance of affection and appreciation. Only caution? Send your inner critic on a little holiday.

LIBRA: Communicator Mercury's arrival in your sign during August's final days helps you to ask the questions that direct interpersonal conversations towards mutually beneficial solutions. As always, this week's resolutions lie in dancing the fine line between what's exciting and untried and what's weathered the test of time.

SCORPIO: As creative Venus steamrolls into confident mode in Scorpio's zodiac sector of career and long-range goals, your leadership and visioning skills are in hot demand. With Venus holding court here, dream big by all means, but shuffle your schedule so there's time to rest and recuperate between appearances.

SAGITTARIUS: Mercury's moving into the sign of speaking out against social injustices and imbalances. Mars is currently causing double trouble, but also offering twice as many solutions. And Virgo vibes can be, well, argumentative. So if differences of opinion feel triggering, get out into fresh air and honour recently departed Olivia N.J by getting physical.

CAPRICORN: Rituals are actions intentionally repeated for the purpose of moving us beyond the distractions and obligations of everyday life into a deeper place of presence. This week's Capricorn-friendly star chart supports finding creative new routines that make daily tasks more pleasurable and ordinary moments more important.

AQUARIUS: Aquarians are the zodiac's humanitarians who advocate for people, causes and projects that benefit the wider community. While you're doing that this week, seductrix Venus prancing into her most passionate stance also suggests getting honest about what you really desire and require regarding human connection for yourself.

PISCES: Virgo season, your opposite sign on the astro-wheel, is a pleasantly grounding cycle for Pisceans to refill their inner reserve tanks. This transit can add logic and reasoning to your already awesome intuition, but as you know, to really hear this guidance you'll need to screen out a whole lot of distractions and disruptions.



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Welcome to Byron Writers Festival 2022!

What does it mean to bring back this beloved festival after a two-year hiatus, in the wake of pandemic, fires and floods? What role do the arts play in binding our community?

To me, writers' festivals are at the forefront of making our culture, a forum where our deepest thinkers can put forward their visions for another world. They are a space to broaden the mind and wonder at the power literature and words have to connect us.

Right now we need so deeply to

reconnect, to reflect. If there is any silver lining to be gained from our recent experiences, it is that we can mobilise to adapt right now.

I want us to reflect on our power at this year's festival. It lies in our ability to act together as a community, caring for one another in the common interest. Climate change is knocking on our front door. We need to empower people of all genders and backgrounds. First Nations communities still need to be front and centre of this quest.

Now is the time for a radical kind



Zoë Pollock

of hope, that imagines the world anew, that refuses to be defeated and finds delight and joy in everything this wonderful life and Earth have to offer.

I invite you to join some of our greatest thinkers and finest writers at this year's Byron Writers Festival, to celebrate the power of words to transcend our current reality.

At this year's festival you will hear from social and environmental experts on how we can tackle the challenge that is climate change. You will be uplifted by listening to our most gifted storytellers explaining how they celebrate the human condition and render our experiences so magnificently on the page. You will meet talented

emerging and established writers who are challenging the status quo. In hearing and engaging with these ideas you are playing your part in making the world anew and I am very much looking forward to welcoming you.

— Zoë Pollock, Artistic Director

Byron Writers Festival is held on the lands of the Arakwal Bumberbin peoples of the Bundjalung Nation, we pay respect to the traditional owners of these lands and acknowledge them as the original storytellers of this region.

Three days with your favourite writers and thinkers

Byron Writers Festival is renowned for its relaxed and friendly vibe, beachside location and compelling conversations. But how do you 'do' a writers' festival? Here are some quick facts to help you tailor your festival experience.

All tickets available online at byronwriterfestival.com/tickets.

What happens at the Festival?

Byron Writers Festival brings writers and thinkers from many walks of life to the Byron Shire. The speakers are acknowledged writers and experts in their field and their works span a huge variety of topics – they are artists, environmentalists, journalists, poets, philosophers, musicians, politicians, activists and of course, novelists. It is set up a bit like a music festival, with five big top marquees featuring panel discussions and conversations with Australian and international guests. Most sessions are 45 minutes to one hour in length, and you can wander between stages as you please. The discussions in panels are centred around a topical theme, while conversations tend to



showcase the work of one author. It's a great way to hear new ideas and discover authors you haven't read before.

For refreshments, you can choose from local coffee and food stalls or you are welcome to bring a picnic. Shop to your heart's content at the splendid bookshop run by our bookseller The Book Room, or browse our marketplace showcasing a select group of local artisans. Most festival authors will be in the book-signing tent after their sessions.

On Festival Sunday, one marquee is turned over in the morning to children's authors and illustrators so the kids can have a special day meeting

their favourite storytellers and participating in free creative workshops. Kids Big Day Out kicks off at 9am and runs until midday and is a jam-packed day of entertainment that will set young imaginations on fire.

Do I need to be a writer to enjoy the Festival?

No! Byron Writers Festival is all about stories and ideas and bringing together diverse people, communities and perspectives. Most people attend to listen to contemporary voices, engage with new ideas, meet other curious-minded people and fall in love with new books.

What's the best ticket type for me?

We have created a number of different ticket types, so people from all walks of life can enjoy the stories, discussion and debate that make up the festival program. You can book tickets and check availability (some ticket types may sell out) at byronwritersfestival.com/tickets.

3-Day Passes give you access to all sessions (99 of them!) happening in the main festival program across the whole weekend. This pass is a great choice if you would like the time and space to fully immerse yourself in the festival and wish to attend for more than one day.

1-Day Passes give you access to sessions happening in the main festival program for your chosen day – Friday, Saturday or Sunday. This pass is the best choice if you have limited time but still want the 'festival' experience.

Most writers appear on more than one day but check out the full program online via byronwritersfestival.com/festival-program to find out which days your favourite writers will be appearing.

Feature Events, Satellite Events and Workshops are separately

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Can I take the kids?

Yes! On Sunday 28 August one of the marquees is dedicated to Kids Big Day Out, a wonderful program chock-full of entertainment for kids aged six to 12. The Kids Big Day Out Pass admits one child (6–12 years) and one accompanying adult to the kids marquee only on Sunday for \$40. Additional children are \$20 each, and pre-schoolers are free.

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FIRST NATIONAL BYRON MARQUEE	9.00—9.45 2 Breaking Ground Jackie Huggins in conversation with Rhianna Patrick	10.00—11.00 7 The Making of Bundjalung Ngbari – Indigenise Ella Noah Bancroft, Daniel Browning, Kylie Cakwell Chair Rhoda Roberts Supported by NORPA	11.15—12.15 12 Future Tense: Apocalyptic Cli-Fi James Bradley, Laura Jean McKay, Inga Simpson Chair Rhianna Patrick	12.30—1.30 17 America: The End of Empire? Ed Coper, Andrew Quilty Chair Paul Barclay	1.45—2.45 22 Antarctica: The Coolest Place on Earth James Bradley, Jo Chandler Chair Ashley Hay Supported by Griffith Review	3.00—4.00 27 Motherhood: A Feminist Perspective Natalie Kon-yu, Gina Rushton Chair Zoe Pollock	4.15—5.15 32 Tree Stories Ashley Hay, Inga Simpson Chair Nicole Abadeo Supported by First National Byron		
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His long-awaited book *Costa's World: Gardening for the soil, the soul and the suburbs* was published last year. *Costa's World* is a generous, joyous,



fully illustrated gardening book that celebrates the life-changing joy of chooks; kids in the garden; big ideas for small spaces; Costa's favourite plants; growing the right plants for your conditions; biodiversity in the soil and garden; the power of community; the brilliance

of bees and pollinators; easy-peasy permaculture; and much, much more.

You can catch Costa at Byron Writers Festival on Saturday in the panel 'Soul Food: The Companionship of Gardens' with Indira Naidoo and farmer and chef Matthew Evans; and on Sunday again with Matthew Evans in 'What Lies Beneath' exploring the amazing story of the systems that sustain us.

Apology: Byron Writers Festival unreservedly apologises for any offence or harm caused by referring to the work of Bronwyn and Ella Noah Bancroft's *Sun & Moon* as a Dreamtime story in *The Echo* on 17 August. This was incorrect, this book is an original story of words and pictures created in a contemporary context.

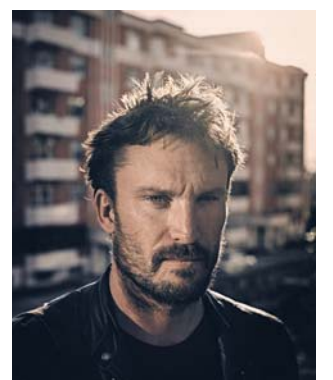
We are deeply committed to honouring and elevating contemporary First Nations stories in a respectful way and will be taking steps to address this.

Andrew Quilty: America's last days in Afghanistan

Award winning photojournalist Andrew Quilty's book *The Fall of Kabul: America's last days in Afghanistan* is the story of how America's longest war came to an abrupt and tumultuous end, told through the eyes of participants who lived and witnessed this historic event firsthand: Afghan soldiers and Taliban fighters; Presidential Palace staff protecting the president; American servicemen guarding the airport; and young Afghans desperately fleeing their country.

Andrew Quilty was one of a handful of Western journalists present in Kabul as the city fell. The book is his account of what happened in the chaotic final days of America's capitulation to the Taliban.

The recipient of multiple awards, including a Gold Walkley and the Overseas Press Club of America, Quilty has established himself as one of Australia's great war reporters.



Andrew Quilty will be appearing at Byron Writers Festival on Friday in the panel 'America: The End of Empire?' with author Ed Coper and ABC's Paul Barclay; and the panel 'Strained Relations: Dictatorships and Diplomacy' with acclaimed journalists Louisa Lim and Karen Middleton. On Sunday you can catch Andrew Quilty in the session 'Abandoning Afghanistan' with award-winning writer, human rights advocate and Afghan refugee Mariam Veiszadeh.

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- You're a big fiction fan
- You want to hear from powerful First Nations women
- You're interested in self-growth and seeing the world anew

Big fiction

Sit down on Friday for conversations with some of Australia's most decorated writers. Local legend **Robert Drewe** talks about his latest novel *Nimblefoot*, the story of Australia's first international sporting hero John Day. **Jennifer Byrne** chats to **Steve Toltz** about his razor-sharp, hilariously entertaining meditation on our 21st century world, *Here Goes Nothing*.

Arnold Zable (*The Watermill*) discusses his wonderful contribution to Australian literature and the joys and struggles of his illustrious career in 'A Lifetime of Writing'. Best selling author of *Burial Rights*, **Hannah Kent**, talks about her latest book *Devotion* in which she explores the lyricism of nature and complexities of love in a historical landscape.



Powerful First Nations women

Start the day with 'Breaking Ground' and hear Bidjara and Birri-Gubba Juru woman and revered historian **Jackie Huggins** speak about her seminal work *Sister Girl: Reflections on Tiddaism, Identity and Reconciliation* with **Rhianna Patrick**.

Winner of the 2022 Stella Prize, **Evelyn Araluen** discusses her incredible genre breaking collection of poems, *Dropbear*, with ABC *The Art Show*'s **Daniel Browning**.

Don't miss the annual **Thea**

Astley address, named in honour of one of Australia's most influential and distinctive novelists, delivered this year by Jiman/Bundjalung woman Professor **Judy Atkinson**.

Seeing the world anew

Gomeroi astrophysicist **Krystal De Napoli** (*Astronomy: Sky Country*), award-winning journalist **Christine Jackman** (*Turning Down the Noise*), and **Dr Yves Rees** (*All About Yves: Notes from a Transition*) discuss the turning points in their lives in the session 'Epiphany:

Seeing the World Anew'.

In this busy world, many of us are craving stillness. **Dr Paul Callaghan**, **Christine Jackman** and **Indira Naidoo** answer the question 'How can we slow down and appreciate the wonder and joys of the world?' in the session 'On Stillness'.

How does mortality bring the fullness of life into sharp relief? In the session 'Living with Awe', surfer, award-winning author and journalist **Tim Baker** (*Patting The Shark*) and celebrated author **Chloe Hooper** (*Bedtime Stories*) discuss how their experiences have led them to appreciate life more with **Nikki Gemmill**.

The Devotion of Hannah Kent

As a teenager Hannah Kent travelled to Iceland on a Rotary Exchange, where she first heard the story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir, who later became the central character of her first novel, *Burial Rites*, that went on to become an international best seller.

Kent's latest novel *Devotion*, published last year, has already gathered a swag of awards and nominations as well as praise from fellow writers like poet and playwright Karen Millwood Hargrave who described it as 'Rare and exquisite, both beautiful and muscular in its portrayal of love found and denied. It's a story of love as a radical act, and a celebration of



place and persistence. As we've come to expect from Kent, this is masterful storytelling with pull-no-punches stakes. It's taken root in my heart.'

Hannah Kent is appearing at Byron Writers Festival on Friday in a one-on-one

conversation with Susan Wyndham, and on Saturday in the panels 'Love and Other Stories' with Trent Dalton and Nigel Featherstone, and 'The Migrant Contribution' with Emily Brugman and Yumna Kassab.

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FIRST NATIONAL BYRON MARQUEE	9.00—10.00 Writing From the Margins Becky Manawatu, Mirandi Riwoe, Mykaela Saunders Chair Grace Lucas-Pennington	37	10.15—11.15 Positively Capital Emily Bito, Natalie Kon-yu, Jeff Sparrow Chair Antony Funnell	42	11.30—12.15 Understanding Russia This session has been cancelled	47	12.30—1.30 Birds, Dingoes, Trees: Decentering the Human in Fiction Laura Jean McKay, Inga Simpson Chair Krissey Kneen	52	1.45—2.45 Shaping Australian History Anna Clark, Fiona Foley, Mark McKenna Chair Paul Barclay	57	3.00—4.00 Gender Fluidity Dylin Hardcastle, Yvea Rees Chair Krissey Kneen	62	4.15—5.00 Sweet Jimmy Bryan Brown in conversation with Chris Hanley Supported by First National Byron	67
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- You're up for big conversations about climate change
- You want to hear from media greats
- You feel like something for the heart and soul

Tackling climate change

The solutions for humanity's greatest challenge are at our fingertips. Filmmaker **Damon Gameau**, inventor and engineer **Saul Griffith** and environmentalist **Tim Hollo** sit down with **Sarah Wilson** to discuss what our 'Brave New Green World' could look like.

Tasmanian chef **Matthew Evans**, rural and regional journalist **Gabrielle Chan**, and farmer **Anika Molesworth** explore the possibilities of 'Regenerative Farming' and the impacts it can have on our landscape and health.

Find out more about Australia's role in 'The Electric Revolution', with author of *The Big Switch* **Saul Griffith** in conversation with **Kerry O'Brien**.

Science can only get us so far in our work to transform thinking about the climate crisis. **Bronwyn Adcock**, **Ed Coper** and **Joëlle Gergis** discuss the



work that needs to be done to convince people to make the changes that are needed in the session 'The Limits of Science'.

Big names from the media

Byron Writers Festival is honoured to present 'The Mungo Panel: Has the Media Lost its Mojo?', in memory of national treasure and long-time festival stalwart Mungo MacCallum. Who better to carry this special inaugural panel than **Kerry O'Brien**, **Karen Middleton**, **Margaret Simons** and **Barrie Cassidy**.

The end is nigh and the stakes are high, but who cares?! There's always another election to win and an electorate to spin. Join comedians and commentators **Jonathan Biggins**,

The Chaser's **Charles Firth** and *The Shovel's* **James Schloeffel** as they riff on the notion of taking Australian politics seriously with our very own comedian-come-politician **Mandy Nolan**.

From internet trolls to sexist workplaces and unattainable standards of personal presentation, women in the media have a rough time. Sit down with three powerful female voices, *The Drum's* **Julia Baird**, **Wendy McCarthy** (*Don't Be Too Polite, Girls*) and *Double J's* **Mawunyo Gbogo** for 'Women in Media'.

Matters of the heart and soul

Settle in for a heartwarming chat in the session 'Stories as Solace' with ABC's *The Book*

Club's **Jennifer Byrne**, author **Arnold Zable** and festival founder **Chris Hanley**.

Love has been the central inspiration for much art over the centuries. Three stellar Australian writers **Trent Dalton** (*Love Stories*), **Hannah Kent** (*Devotion*) and **Nigel Featherstone** (*My Heart is a Little Wild Thing*) explore how love has inspired their latest works in the session 'Love and Other Stories'.

Sit down with three of Australia's most-loved green thumbs, *Gardening Australia's* **Costa Georgiadis**, *Gourmet Farmer's* **Matthew Evans**, and broadcaster **Indira Naidoo** for 'Soul Food: The Companionship of Gardens' and dig deep into how gardening can be a source of joy and wellbeing for all.

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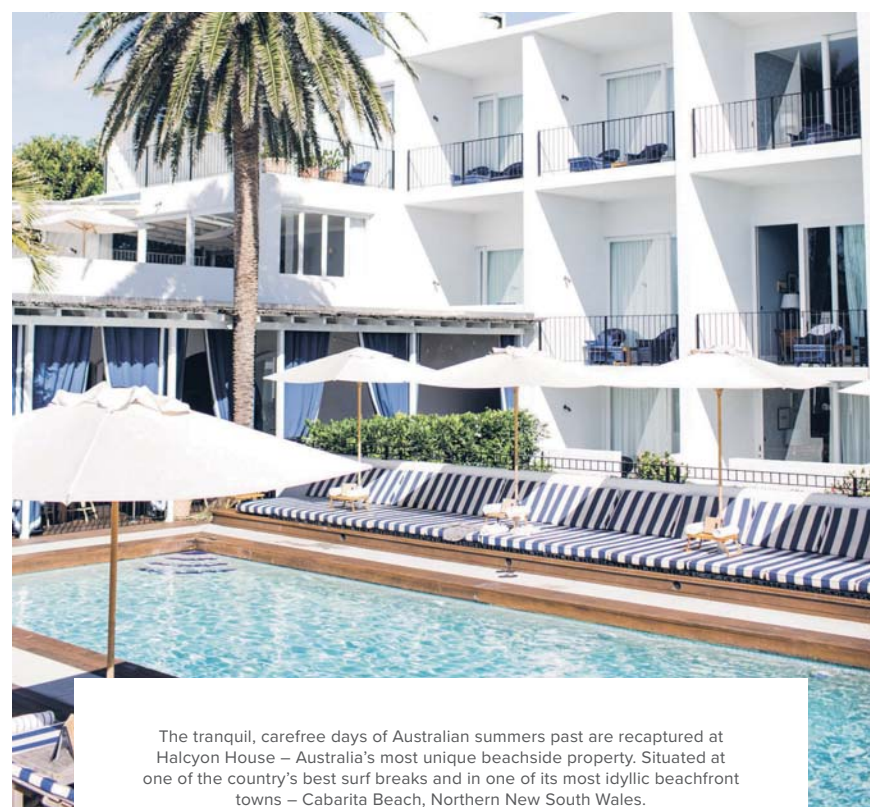




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Local kids review books by festival authors

Cop & Robber by Tristan Bancks

Reviewed by Indi, age 12

This dramatic and action-packed story is about Nash, a thirteen-year-old boy and his divorced parents – his mother is a cop, his father an ex-boxer and criminal. Coming from a broken home, Nash is stuck in between his parents' worlds as he fights to find his truth and decide between right and wrong.

Nash encounters a humongous dust storm, evades reckless bounty men, and plots to rob the school fair as he learns that sometimes you must bend the truth to protect loved ones.

You'll experience action-packed, adrenaline-pumping moments and slower, sad chapters – making this a book you won't be able to put down.

I relished this entertaining book as it accurately captured the perspective of young people. Nash was a very relatable character.

Big Magic by Sarah Armstrong

Reviewed by Harper, age 11

Tulsi is an 11-year-old girl that comes from a long line of woman magicians, she lives in a circus in Mullumbimby and her mum, Merry, is also the ring master. Tulsi has always wanted to learn Big Magic but her mother has never let her.

One day Merry tries to do a disappearing spell but it goes horribly wrong. Merry disappears forever, or does she? Tulsi is the only one who can bring her mother back, but she needs the help of another magician, Sylvie. She is the only one who can help her. Sylvie is Merry's mum and all she really wants is power. Sylvie needs to teach Tulsi a lifetime's worth of Big Magic by the next full moon.

Finally, three weeks later, Tulsi is ready to go into the place where her mother went, but where exactly has she gone?

Sarah Armstrong is a really amazing author. I really like the way she bases her books in Mullumbimby.

Paws by Kate Foster

Reviewed by Nina, age 9

Paws is a story of a boy called Alex, a shy boy who loves his cockapoo, Kevin. Alex gets overwhelmed with noises and crowds, Kevin is his comfort. A few days before the famous Paws dog show competition, Kevin goes missing. Alex is very worried, but then hears Kevin bark at the house that the new kid lives at. A beautiful friendship is formed and for the first time Alex feels like he has a real bond with someone, he is also happy that Kevin has made a new friend too, with Derek's dog Vinnie.

Along the way, Alex realises that he has more friends than ever before, and that his disappointment is overcome by his new found happiness of having

meaningful bonds with people around him, and friends he never thought he had. To Alex's surprise, he and Kevin win 'The Most Meaningful Connection' trophy, a newly created prize in Paws. Not only that, Alex's talent in art is also recognised – he was told his artwork will be the new Paws logo for the following year!

Paws is a heartwarming story for me because it shows the importance of positive, loving human connections. Through his loving family, his dog, and his newfound friendship, Alex transforms from a shy boy to a boy who believes in himself. I think Paws is worth reading, and is a reminder for us to be kind to others because your kindness creates connections that could make someone's life better.

Tristan Bancks, Sarah Armstrong and Kate Foster will all be at Byron Writers Festival as part of the Kids Big Day Out program on Sunday.

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Community resilience and healing

The future is here, we'd better get ready. What does it mean to be resilient as a community in the face of climate change? In light of recent natural disasters, journalist **Bronwyn Adcock**, Lismore Councillor **Elly Bird** and former fire commissioner **Greg Mullins** look at how we can better prepare ourselves and recover or rebuild after major events in the session 'Building Resilient Communities'.

The session 'Learning from Country' will ask how we can learn from Country to heal the impacts of climate change. Gamilaraay astronomer and writer **Karlie Noon**, *Dark Emu* author **Bruce Pascoe**, and Bundjalung woman **Leweena Williams** share their thoughts and knowledge on how we can read



the landscape to understand and address what is happening to our Earth.

Award-winning journalist **Julia Baird** and broadcaster **Indira Naidoo** discuss wonder, processing grief and the power of nature in 'Stars and Phosphorescence', an uplifting conversation on how to deal with life's hardest moments and live with grace.

Feminism and gender equality

Jessie Cole (*Desire*) and **Nikki Gemmell** (*Dissolve*) have both written very personal and powerful memoirs on relationships, sex, and creativity. They join forces with **Zacharey Jane** to interrogate how 'Female Desire' can be imagined through a matriarchal lens

and the impact of trauma on physical intimacy.

What would the world look like if there was no patriarchy? **David Leser** (*Women, Men and the Whole Damn Thing*), **Yves Rees** (*All About Yves: Notes from a Transition*) and lawyer **Mariam Veiszadeh** explore how gender equality can be achieved with *See What You Made Me Do* author **Jess Hill** in the session 'An Equal World: Overcoming Patriarchy'.

Join female leaders **Jackie Huggins**, **Anika Molesworth** and **Gina Rushton** in 'Climate Change and Gender' for a look at how women and girls hold the keys to unlocking a green future.

Ripping yarns

Sport is the ultimate performance of a cultural moment. Join author **Robert Drewe**

and artist **Ben Quilty** for a chinwag that explores ideas of heroism and humanity through depictions of 'Sporting Heroes.'

Gourmet Farmer's **Matthew Evans** and *Gardening Australia's* **Costa Georgiadis** share their wild enthusiasm for the fascinating systems that sustain us in the session 'What Lies Beneath'.

The session 'A Life of Crime' will explore what ingredients make up a 'bad' character, and why we are so drawn to them as readers. Iconic Australian actor **Bryan Brown** (*Sweet Jimmy*), bestselling author of *Boy Swallows Universe* **Trent Dalton** and comic writer **Steve Toltz** (*Here Goes Nothing*) share how they bring the lives of criminals to life in their writing with **Matthew Condon**.



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Bronwyn Bancroft: Leading change through artistic expression



Dr Bronwyn Bancroft is a proud Bundjalung woman and artist who has published more than 45 books in a career that spans 37 years. Bronwyn recently collaborated with her daughter Ella Bancroft on the children's book, *Sun and Moon*.

Your books are a perfect blend of visual written storytelling. What inspires you and how does your culture inform your work?

I am constantly inspired by the wonder and generosity of nature. The immersive experience of just 'being' in nature is a penultimate moment to replenish my energy and imagination.

The innate beauty of the natural landscape, especially on Country, has been the source of imagery and the written word for decades in my creative journey. I am continuously striving to embed my own family's place in this country, historically, socially and spiritually. My artistic journey is about acknowledging the tenacity and endurance of my family in our quest for survival amidst the chaos of colonisation and the exclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Graduating to writing and illustrating my own stories has been a wonderful milestone in my career.

You have paved the way for so many contemporary First Nations authors and artists. Can you tell us a bit about your work advocating for First Nations artists and how your own practice is central to that?

My journey as an artist commenced in 1976 when I left Tenterfield to travel to Canberra to commence my first degree. I know that Gough Whitlam and his government's education policy allowed me to attend a tertiary institution. There was no way

my family could have supported me financially to attend the art school.

I am the youngest of seven children. I have witnessed and lived real life experiences that have instilled in me the despair around the spectre of inequality and disenfranchisement of my family, extended family and community. This continuously motivates me to change societal structures that have previously alienated minorities and the original people of this country.

I have advocated for artistic rights around copyright protection and intellectual rights since the 1980s. Volunteering has been a huge part of my life because I feel it is essential to give back to our world and hopefully challenge and change hierarchical frameworks that actively work on exclusion.

What was it like creating *Sun and Moon* with your daughter, Ella Noah Bancroft?

Creating the book *Sun and Moon* written by my eldest daughter, Ella, was a thrilling moment for me. To see her words written and be offered the opportunity to bring the images into existence is the ultimate reward for a mother who is an artist.

Collaborating with my children has always been a life goal. I illustrated a book for my son, Jack, called *The Eagle Inside*; and now I am working with Ella.

Ella's writing is magical; it brings to life the fantastical with the message of just recalibrating our pace in the contemporary world we live in.

■ **Ella Noah and Bronwyn Bancroft** will all be appearing at Byron Writers Festival as part of the **Kids Big Day Out** program on Sunday.

Feature Event highlights

Can't make it to a whole day at the Festival? You can still get along to one of Byron Writers Festival's separately ticketed Feature Events, spotlighting a curated selection of festival guests addressing key themes of the 2022 Festival. Tickets available online at byronwritersfestival.com/feature-events.

Literary Morning Tea: This One Wild and Precious Life

How can we live with joy and abundance in such challenging times? Sit down for morning tea with the courageous and inspiring Sarah Wilson, author of *This One Wild and Precious Life* and host of podcast *Wild*, for a wide-ranging chat about the pathway to a more nourishing, connected life. **10-11.30am, Thursday 25 August at Crystalbrook Byron.**

Spin

Charles Firth (*The Chaser*) and James Schloeffel (*The Shovel*) are joining forces to provide a masterclass in the ancient art of lying. From political messaging to corporate deception, they'll show you how to bullsh*t your way through the trickiest situations life can throw



at you. **7-8pm, Friday 26 August at Byron Theatre.**

The Bogong

Don't miss this cabaret-style celebration of the lived experience in crafted spoken word form. First Nations storytellers Evelyn Araluen, Fiona Foley, Megan Albany, Paul Callaghan, Gary Lonesborough and Mykaela Saunders will explore the theme 'Belonging' and deliver a feast for the ears at this special, one-off event. **7.30-9pm, Friday 26 August at Brunswick Picture House.**

Keynote: 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.

With AC Grayling, Damon Gameau, Anne-Marie Te Whiu, Mia Thom and Luka Lesson. **7.30-8.30pm, Saturday 27 August, Byron Theatre.**

Bundjalung Nghari - Indigenise

Five Bundjalung writers, Steven Oliver, Melissa Lucashenko, Daniel Browning, Kylie Caldwell and Ella Noah Bancroft, explore the healing and resurgence of being back home on Country; 'We are still here, with the same voice and language of our ancestors, *Bundjalung Nghari - Indigenise* enables a new amplification of the continued truth telling in the 21st century.' Presented in partnership with NORPA, curated by Rhoda Roberts AO. **Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August at Brunswick Picture House.**

Festival information

When: Friday 26 August till Sunday 28 August, 8.30am-5.00pm

Where: The grounds adjacent to Elements of Byron, 144 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay

Tickets available online at byronwritersfestival.com/tickets or from the onsite festival box office.

Getting to the Festival

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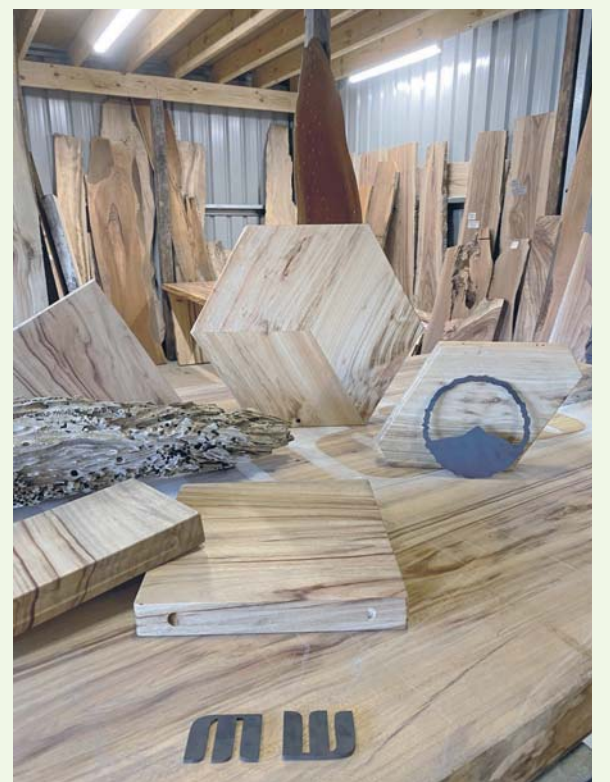
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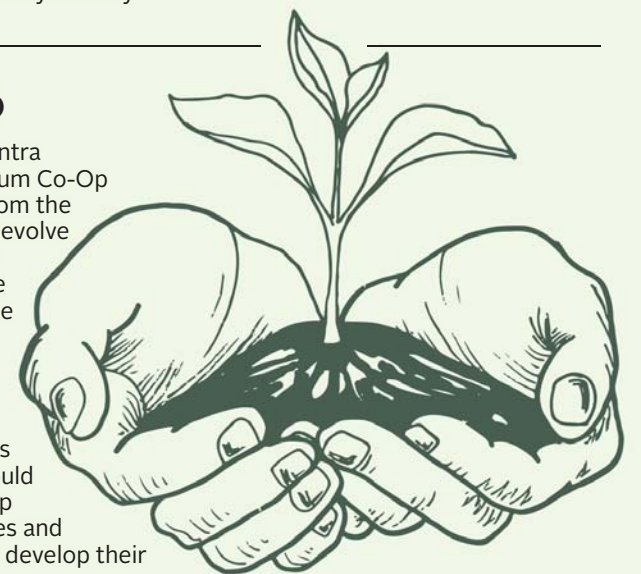
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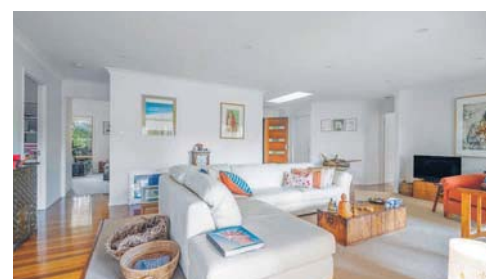


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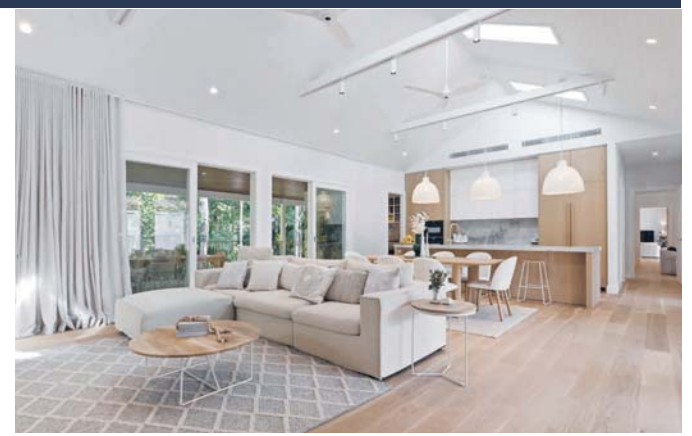


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- Located in this prime, north facing beachfront location is Cavvanbah Villas – 4 luxury resort style villas, approved as holiday accommodation
- The property sits on a 662m2 block and is within an easy stroll to Byron Bay's main street and a few steps out the back gate to Main Beach
- The 3 deluxe villas and 4th larger villa are freestanding and have access to a private pool and outdoor relaxation areas
- The property has a history of very strong established income making this blue-chip property one of the highest returns on your investment

4 662 M²

1 Cavvanbah Street, Byron Bay

Price: Expressions of Interest

Open: By Appointment



Su Reynolds
0428 888 660



Chris Hanley
0419 662 338



Luxury Manor Home with Established Guest Accommodation

5 3 2 617M²

- This stunning property encompasses a main residence spread over 2 spacious levels plus an attic, there is also a secondary dwelling with solid income and established business, and an additional studio
- The self contained secondary dwelling would make perfect guest quarters or just continue using as a thriving accommodation business
- The landscaped gardens are very private with well established trees and hedges, plus a host of gardenias, magnolias, hydrangeas and pecan trees

15B Rifle Range Road, Bangalow

Price Guide: Expressions Of Interest

Open: By Appointment



Tara Torkkola
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Sally Green
0488 030 116



Architectural Home Showcasing Ocean, River and Hinterland Views

3 2 2 359M²

- In an elevated premier position in a sought-after small development rests this extraordinary home that is perfect for growing families
- The home features a well thought out design complementing the North Coast climate with a generous balcony creating seamless indoor/outdoor living
- Enjoy stunning views of the ocean, river and hinterland from this fantastic elevated position

House 3, 4-6 Roundhouse Place, Ocean Shores

Price Guide: \$1.35m – \$1.45m

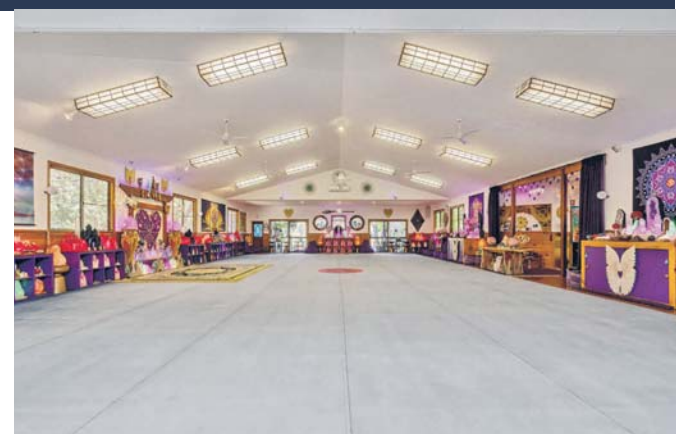
Open: Saturday, 27th August 12-12.30pm



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3 Parklike Acres – 5 Buildings – Minutes to Byron

- This is a rare opportunity to own a significant land holding minutes from Byron's town centre and iconic beaches
- A private, parkland setting situated on an incredible 1.17 ha (2.9 acres) parcel of land with five separate buildings that offer a multitude of uses
- The impressive no-expense-spared, enormous hall is lavishly equipped opening out to a large, covered deck area with kitchen facilities, bathrooms and seating with possibilities of converting to another incredible home (STCA)
- The current Council approval on this property allows for many residential and commercial options. A private home sanctuary with multiple income possibilities and much more

5 6 80 1.17HA

46 Melaleuca Drive, Byron Bay

Price: \$5.5m

Open: By Appointment



Su Reynolds
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Denzil Lloyd
0481 864 049



Style – Location – Privacy – Byron Bay

3 2 1 358M²

- This renovated, gorgeous cottage is set on an elevated north-east facing block with a beautiful leafy outlook
- The home is surrounded by high fences offering complete privacy and security for kids and pets
- Relax around the fire pit, in the private outdoor bath or in the new cedar spa bath – warm on cool nights and cool on hot summer days
- The large covered veranda is ideal for outdoor dining and entertaining.

House 2, 5 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.595m – \$1.695m

Open: Saturday, 27th August 11–11.30am



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Luke Elwin
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Fully Renovated Picture Perfect Cottage

3 2 2 602M²

- Perfectly positioned in the shires most sought-after village rests this charming, character filled cottage set on a large 602m² level yard with stunning landscaped garden surrounds and immaculate fixtures and fittings throughout
- Featured are high ceilings, hardwood oak flooring and a large skylight which allows an abundance of natural sunlight to filter through the home
- Outdoors is a stunning entertainers deck and a brand new 6 seat spa which overlooks the immaculate landscaped garden

6 Sansom Street, Bangalow

Price Guide: \$1.55m – \$1.7m

Open: Saturday, 27th August 10–10.30am



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Unique Heritage Charm in Byron Hinterland

5 3 4 1,012M²

- "The Old Church" is situated on a lovely leafy quarter acre block and is ideal for a holiday letting investment or as a beautiful holiday home
- There is DA approval for a substantial extension of 600sqm of habitable space with a full set of detailed and coordinated construction drawings
- The Old Church was built in 1911 and has been lovingly restored and maintained. It is currently enjoying a constant holiday letting income

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar

Price Guide: \$2.5m

Open: Saturday, 27th August 12.30-1pm



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Incredible Industrial Opportunity on Large 1,516m² Block

1,516M²

- Positioned on prime vacant industrial land in the heart of Billinudgel
- Unlimited potential to create a desired workspace or let out for extra income potential
- Incredible industrial opportunity with lapsed DA approval for 7 Units including a manager's residence
- The expansive block covers 1516m² of level land making developing easy
- This is the perfect investment opportunity for business owners or developers

10A Mogo Place, Billinudgel

Auction Fri 9th Sept at 12noon onsite

Open: By Appointment



Paul Prior
0418 324 297



Sunset Views – Adjoins Reserve – Central Byron

4 3 563M²

- An excellent opportunity to own in the sought-after 'golden grid' location, set on a very elevated block with mountain views and ocean glimpses
- The large 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom home with 2 living rooms, plus separate studio (4th bedroom and third living room) is full of potential
- Located at the end of a quiet lane, adjoining acres of bush reserve, it is easy to forget how central and convenient this special location is

60 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$3.6m

Open: Saturday, 27th August 12-12.30pm



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Luke Elwin
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Immaculate Family Home with Stunning Luxury Finishes

4 2 5 765M²

- Recently undertaking an extensive renovation with a Scandinavian influence this home offers a relaxed coastal lifestyle, moments to local cafes and local beaches
- Greeted by wide Blackbutt timber floors with soft matt finish, custom timber joinery throughout and seamless flow to the wide wraparound verandahs
- Crisp white interiors capture the natural light flooding from all directions accentuated by the Velux skylights

33 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores

Price Guide: \$1.35m – \$1.45m

Open: By Appointment



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INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT

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📍 43 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

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A slice of quintessential Byron Bay perfection beckons at “The Manor”. An original cottage that has been sympathetically restored to embrace its traditional charm, it offers relaxed yet refined interiors, where stained glass windows, high ceilings and panelled walls serve as a reminder of the home’s stately past. These combine with a minimalist Scandi aesthetic of custom-made soft furnishings, warm natural timber pieces and statement lighting, enriching the home with a modern and unforgettable appeal. Designed to embrace the balmy Byron lifestyle, a seamless connection between the indoors and outdoors offers enviable integrated living. Timber bifold windows and doors create an easy flow between the kitchen, living and dining zones and the timber deck. Retreat here to soak up the sunshine, enjoy a BBQ with friends, or cool off in the glistening plunge pool.

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In the pursuit of property perfection, one residence rises above them all: “Skyfall”. Right at home in what locals lovingly refer to as “God’s country” and the “Golden Triangle”, this spectacular estate in the Byron Shire hinterland promises privacy, prosperity and a life of pleasure.

Sprawling across 15 lush acres and wrapped in sweeping coastal and countryside views, an architectural masterpiece awaits at its heart. Perfectly poised atop the ridge line to capture shot gun barrel views of the iconic Byron lighthouse and accessed by a sealed, private driveway, “Skyfall” represents unrivalled living and entertaining. Spanning two luxurious levels and embracing galleries of glass to invite in the stunning views, it boasts a spacious chef’s kitchen with quality finishes.

A home designed to embrace the natural beauty of its location, it spoils you with numerous idyllic alfresco options to enjoy.

AUCTION 3RD SEPTEMBER, ON-SITE 10AM

OPEN FOR INSPECTION

THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST 4:30 – 5:30PM

Inspection by Appointment

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35 Marine Parade Byron Bay
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5 BED 4 BATH 2 CAR



47 Tuckombil Road Tuckombil
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4 BED 2 BATH 2 CAR



1/99 Broken Head Road Suffolk Park
| Confidential

5 BED 2 BATH 2 CAR



5/28 Argyle Street Mullumbimby
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2 BED 1 BATH 1 CAR



292 Picadilly Hill Road Coopers Shoot
| Confidential

5 BED 2 BATH 2 CAR



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| Confidential

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79B WALTERS ROAD, UPPER ORARA

POA

A sprawling luxury home, with three separate private quarters, set over 54 pristine acres places this estate at the pinnacle of the market. Perfectly positioned on a private hilltop in the heart of magnificent, unspoiled Upper Orara Valley, Coffs Harbour
The commanding main house has 5 bedrooms, and 3 bathrooms and boasts private landscaped gardens, lush rainforests, and approx. a kilometre of river frontage
With equestrian facilities, a resort-sized swimming pool, gym & pool cabana with a bathroom, and the studio gallery room to showcase your art or space to foster your



creative yearning completes this unique offering
With a soon-to-be-built Hollywood-style film studio (by Russell Crowe), waterfront precincts of Coffs Harbour, the mid-north coast is quickly growing into a regional powerhouse.
This beautiful property can be your forever home or weekend retreat.

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The majestic five-bedroom residence features three bathrooms and housing for eight vehicles.



Whilst the second wing features guest accommodation with an ensuite bathroom, it is also adjacent to the four-room office that would be perfect for the discerning professional or growing home business.
A rare chance to acquire a true masterpiece.

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26 Marri Avenue,
Wilson's Creek
5 beds 4 baths 2 cars

Just a short, scenic drive from Mullumbimby's vibrant town centre, Wilson's Creek is a blissful mountain valley of extraordinary natural beauty. Set amongst serene, landscaped grounds, the beautifully presented interiors flow across multiple sun-kissed living zones, exuding timeless warmth, character and tranquility.

AUCTION ON SITE
Saturday 3 September
12pm

WELCOME
Thursday 4.30pm - 5pm
Saturday 9am - 9.30am

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RayWhite

1 Elk Horn Place, **Bangalow**

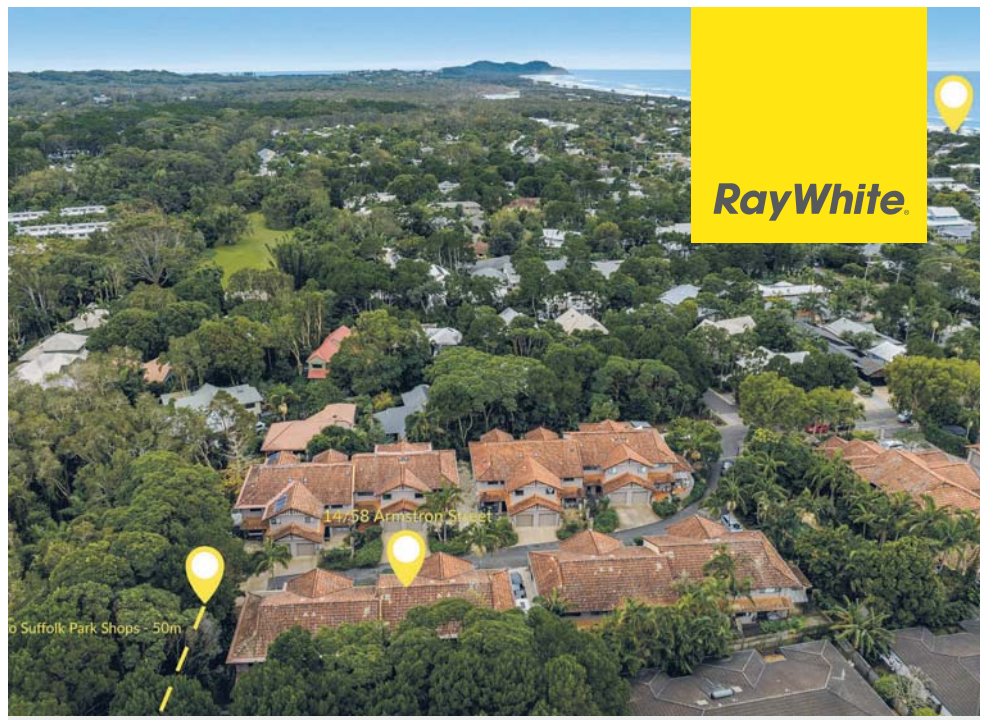
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Peaceful & Leafy Family Home

Located on a quiet leafy street within walking distance to Bangalow Village, this neat and tidy family home enjoys a large and level 1,019 sqm block. Backing onto reserve and with only one adjoining neighbour, the home is private and spacious. The peaceful cul-de-sac of Elk Horn place also enjoys a park and is surrounded by native bush reserve.

- Totally private with only one adjoining neighbour
- Very quiet end of cul-de-sac position
- Playground across the lane with walking trail to village

Price: Contact Agent
Open: Saturday 27th
11.00 - 11.30am



RayWhite

14/58 Armstrong Street, **Suffolk Park**

3 2 1

Beachside Living

Positioned in a quiet, gated enclave, this home is the ideal beachside lifestyle location. Low-maintenance – you'll spend more time enjoying walks along the beach, sipping coffee at Suffolk Bakery, or catching a wave at Tallows. Backing to reserve, the split-level home enjoys a leafy outlook and peaceful birdsong.

- Opportunity to purchase in a highly sought-after location
- Modern kitchen, neat home w/ complex on-site management
- Low maintenance, paved courtyard, leafy outlook & complex pool

Price: Contact Agent
Open: Wednesday 24th
4.00 - 4.30pm
Saturday 27th
11.00 - 11.30am



RayWhite

29 Benloro Lane, **Myocum**

5 4 6

Exquisite Lifestyle Opportunity

This stunning property boasts a beautifully renovated circa 1903 homestead, a fully approved secondary dwelling, and a brand-new handcrafted barn. Steeped in history, the home was originally owned by the Brisbane based Castlemaine Brewery and was the first house to be bought across the Tweed River. The homestead has been completely renovated and is defined by old world charm, natural light and a thoughtful blend of modern conveniences and high-end fixtures and fittings.

- Polished timber floors and high ceilings throughout with original decorative cornicing
- Wrap-around covered veranda w/ views over the dam & beyond to the Border Ranges
- High quality & fully approved secondary dwelling

Price: Contact Agent
Inspect: By Appointment



RayWhite

36-38 Benloro Lane, **Myocum**

5 5 5

Multi-Dwelling Rural Retreat

One of Myocum's most sought after lanes, this magnificent lifestyle property enjoys a private and peaceful rural feel within a 15 minute drive of the Byron Shires main town centres and stunning beaches. The property boasts multiple dwellings, stunning native gardens, dams and a creek which invite abundant birdsong to fill the fresh coastal air. With frequent visits from wallaby, echidna and the resident Koalas, this property represents a nature lovers dream

- Solid infrastructure includes family home, secondary dwelling & studio
- Gorgeous landscaping, two dams, small creek, and licensed bore
- Lush native gardens attract beautiful native fauna

Price: Contact Agent
Open: Saturday 27th
12.30 - 1.00 pm



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AUCTION **7** **4**



'THE GABLES' Circa 1867

- Magnificent 7 Bedroom, 4 Bathroom Residence
- Approx 2,803m² - 2 Titles & 3 Street Access
- Completely Renovated With Grand Open Plan Living on Both Floors
- Previously operated as a Hotel, Guest House, Restaurant, Antique Display and B&B

Inspection: By Appointment

Auction: Sunday 11 September, 1.00pm on site

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Elders

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Coastal Hamptons Living



Inspired by the beachy laid-back lifestyle of the Clarence Coast – 13 The Glen, Maclean offers welcoming and encouraging indoor-outdoor living with an onus on relaxation and entertaining. The master-built home is light, bright and has been showered with elegant, casual and coastal vibes that are certain to be enjoyed by its new owner.

A living and dining space that incorporates natural textures and a soft gentle pallet perfectly mirrors the surrounds of the property and creates the heart of the home. This versatile area has brilliant crossflow ventilation and is flooded with natural light through the

double-hung windows and stacker doors.

The contemporary kitchen which boasts a dishwasher and gas-electric freestanding oven, has been embellished with shaker-style cabinetry and stone counter tops, and flows to the covered alfresco entertaining deck creating a space that emphasizes the year-round versatility of the home.

The master bedroom with walk-in wardrobe and ensuite bathroom offers external access to the rear verandah and is flooded with natural light. Like the master, bedroom two also has access to a covered verandah, while bedroom three

in keeping with the other rooms, offers built-in storage and has been accented with vertical VJ paneling that emphasizes the classy yet coastal vibe of the home.

The main bathroom is also impressive with its semi-panel-less shower, has been finished in sheet marble and adorned with soft tones of pastel and brushed chrome fittings. A fully equipped laundry room with built-in cabinetry provides plenty of additional storage and bench space.

Relaxing resort style is sure to make you the envy of all your guests around the impressive inground magnesium swimming pool that the property

offers, providing an area for summertime indulging.

Nestled at the end of a private cul-de-sac, the in-town acre (4,088m² parcel) has a generous screening of natural bushland surrounds along with cleared yard space that incorporates a fire pit area and plenty of room for the gardening enthusiast to create an oasis.

The property offers covered parking for two vehicles at the front while good clearance under the home allows for accessible storage space for yard equipment and personal items. There is also the added benefit of a secure workshop room under the home.

3 2 2 4,088m²

Address: 13 The Glen, MACLEAN
Sale: \$1,025,000
View: Inspections By Appointment
Agent: Tim O'Connor
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187 CAMERON ROAD, MCLEANS RIDGES

Captivating pavilion-style residence



4 beds 2 baths 3 cars 3.9 ha

OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 1.00PM - 1.30PM
SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 9.30AM - 10.00AM
PRICE GUIDE \$1,600,000
AUCTION SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 10AM

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205 JAMES GIBSON ROAD, CLUNES

An idyllic farmhouse close to the village



4 beds 2 baths 2 cars 1.6 ha

OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 12PM - 12.30PM
SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 12PM- 12.30PM
PRICE GUIDE \$1,550,000 - \$1,650,000
AUCTION SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER AT 4.00PM ON-SITE

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TINTENBAR 23 George Street

Lots 13, 14, 15 & 16 Section 6, DP 758980 part of subdivision at 23 George Street Tintenbar
Here is an opportunity to purchase vacant land in the popular hinterland village of Tintenbar with a lovely rural setting.
Lots 13,14,15 & 16, at 23 George Street Tintenbar zoned RU1 are in total, 4748 m². To be sold as one total parcel with 4 separate Torrens titles, or sold at the discretion of the owner. They have not been allocated dwelling entitlements.

Well located, only 10 km from Ballina with quick access to the Pacific Highway Motorway via a designated turn off to Tintenbar. 10 minutes to the Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport, 20 minutes to Byron and only 40minutes drive to the Gold Coast Airport.
The land, being in George Street is only a short walk to the Tintenbar Medical Centre and General Store with its Post Office, Fuel and Coffee Cart. Access to the local Tintenbar tennis courts, Reserve and school are only a short distance away.

CONTACT AGENT FOR PRICE GUIDE

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Located in the highly sought-after Coffee Camp, Dragonfly Farm is an expansive country estate that merges the grandeur and classic stylings of a time gone by, with the modern conveniences we expect from a contemporary home.

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Open: by appointment
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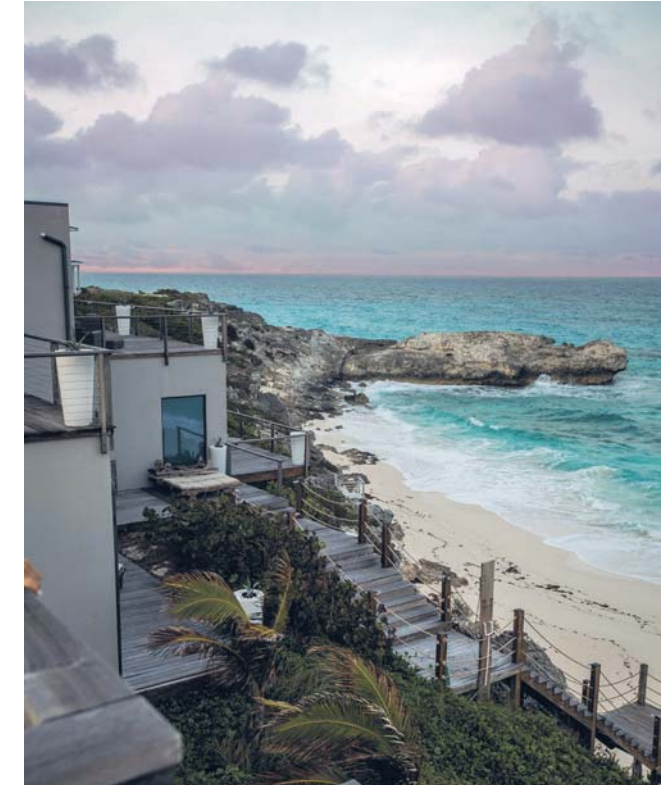
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• 10 Goolara Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
• 3/1 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
• 7A Tathra Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
• 14 Warina Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
• 8 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm
• 14 Muli Muli Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm
• 2521 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 2-2.30pm

Century 21 Byron Lifestyle
• 9 Homestead Avenue, Goonellabah. Sat 9.30-10am
• 24 Earls Court, Goonellabah. Sat 9.30-10am
• 171 Whites Lane, Alstonville. Sat 10-10.30am (Open for inspection and Farm Tour)

Elders Real Estate Brunswick Valley
• 32 Bulgoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
• 70 Helen St, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
• 241 Broken Head Road, Broken Head. Sat 12-12.30pm

First National Byron Bay
• 3/18-20 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Thu 3-3.30pm
• 1 Dylan Lane, Byron Bay. Fri by registration
• 44 Yamble Drive, Ocean Shores. Fri 11-11.30am
• 10A Mogo Place, Billinudgel. Fri 12-12.30pm
• 4/49 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Fri 1-1.30pm
• 8 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
• 54 Leslie Street, Bangalow. Sat 9-9.30am
• 5/20 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
• 15 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
• 30/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
• 13 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
• 6 Sansom Street, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am

- 44 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 5/68-70 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11am
- 32 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6/21-25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- House 2, 5 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 3/18-20 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 31 Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.30am-12pm
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24	W	6:09 / 17:27	4:13 / 14:29	0627 1.07 / 1855 1.61	0056 0.47 / 1202 0.40
25	TH	6:08 / 17:28	4:56 / 15:25	0706 1.13 / 1933 1.66	0130 0.41 / 1244 0.34
26	F	6:07 / 17:28	5:36 / 16:22	0742 1.19 / 2009 1.69	0200 0.36 / 1320 0.28
27	SA	6:06 / 17:29	6:11 / 17:19	0817 1.24 / 2043 1.71	0230 0.32 / 1357 0.25
28	SU	6:05 / 17:29	6:43 / 18:16	0853 1.29 / 2115 1.69	0259 0.29 / 1432 0.24
29	M	6:04 / 17:30	7:14 / 19:12	0930 1.33 / 2146 1.65	0328 0.27 / 1511 0.26
30	TU	6:02 / 17:30	7:43 / 20:09	1008 1.37 / 2219 1.58	0358 0.26 / 1550 0.30
31	W	6:01 / 17:31	8:13 / 21:07	1048 1.40 / 2253 1.47	0430 0.26 / 1634 0.37
1	TH	6:00 / 17:31	8:45 / 22:08	1132 1.41 / 2330 1.35	0502 0.28 / 1724 0.46
2	F	5:59 / 17:32	9:21 / 23:11	1222 1.42 /	0539 0.32 / 1825 0.55
3	SA	5:58 / 17:32	10:01 /	0016 1.21 / 1324 1.43	0623 0.36 / 1947 0.60
4	SU	5:57 / 17:33	10:49 / 0:17	0119 1.08 / 1441 1.46	0721 0.41 / 2127 0.59
5	M	5:56 / 17:33	11:44 / 1:25	0245 1.01 / 1603 1.53	0836 0.42 / 2255 0.50
6	TU	5:55 / 17:34	12:48 / 2:30	0417 1.02 / 1714 1.64	0956 0.39 / 2359 0.38
7	W	5:53 / 17:34	13:57 / 3:29	0531 1.09 / 1814 1.75	1107 0.31

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON)	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	1800 656 463
LIFELINE 131 114	
MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898



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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Thursday 9am–4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include:

Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.**

Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.

Financial Counselling: outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts.

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

Byron Community Centre

Byron Community Centre The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need.

Fletcher Street Cottage: A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness can come to get practical relief opportunities, find connections and access broader support. Fletcher Street Cottage services are open Monday–Friday. **Breakfast:** Monday–Friday, 7am–9am. **Showers and Laundry:** Monday–Friday, 7am–12pm. Office Support: Monday–Friday, 9am–12pm. **Support Appointments:** Individual support appointments with community workers or specialist services. For bookings please call 6685 6807. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au. **Byron Community Cabin:** Seniors Computer Club (school term only), 9–11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au Phone: 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. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

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 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 call 1300 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.

End-of-Life Choices

Voluntary Euthanasia and End-of-Life Choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. Meetings are held at Robina and Tweed Heads South. Attendees must be Exit Members. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

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 10:3–11:30am; Wednesday–Baby Time 10.30 till 11am

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 11.30am–12.15pm. Suggested donation of \$10. No bookings needed, information seniors@byroncommunitycentre.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.

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am–12pm 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 6.30–8.30pm, 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.

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.

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

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

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.

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 cafedrop 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.

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.

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 Emmerge Australia Website at http://emmerge.org.au/.

Brunns tennis

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

Play and sing playgroup

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

Prostate Cancer Support

We invite men who have had or are newly diagnosed to join this active

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

Hearing Voices Group

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Australian Shareholders Association

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

Brunns Progress

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

Ocean Shores Seniors Tennis

Mixed tennis at Waterlilly Park every Monday and Wednesday from 8.30–11.30am.

Brunns CWA

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

Tech Savvy Technology Support Workshops

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

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Ocean Shores Bushwalk

Yalla Kool Reserve Landcare will be conducting a bushwalk through the Ocean Shores reserve showcasing the results that years of planting and weeding have brought about. What was once a weed infested gully is now rich in biodiversity. A sausage sizzle will be held after the walk. Meet on the corner of Warrambool Road and Yalla Kool Drive at 9am on Sunday 11 September. A reasonable level of fitness is required on some steep and rough sections of the track. More info

call Felicity 0467 650 140.

Cabaret

The Drill Hall Film Society presents a special 50th golden anniversary screening of *Cabaret* on Saturday 27 August at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm). Please book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia on 6684 2112. With its masterful mix of music, movement, memorable performances, stunning visuals and 'divine decadence', it packed a creative wallop.

Centenary Lens of Lismore High School

The centenary edition of Lismore High School's *Lens*, covering the life of the past 100 years of Lismore High is on sale at the Book Warehouse Lismore and Ballina for \$30. Information on posted copies (postage \$10) at lismoreinfo@bookwh.com, or call 6621 4204.

BV Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 6 September at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 10am. Guest speaker for the day is Andrew De Waad from Jit's Pharmacy. Andrew is a Naturopath who will share his expertise with us. Visitors welcome. Enquires phone Margaret 6608 3316.

Bombers knock Red Devils out of league finals

Ross Kendall

Byron Bay have been bundled out of the 2022 NRRRL by a tenacious Evans Head who won last Sunday's match 22-21 at Red Devil Park.

The game was in the balance right up to full time after Evans Head scored a field goal to give themselves a one-point lead with just four minutes left on the clock. Despite some extreme effort from the home side they ran out of time, and the opportunity for a premiership in 2022.

The game was brought alive in the second half when a revitalised Red Devils took charge of momentum and clawed their way back from a 20-6 half time deficit.

The first half saw the visiting Bombers playing creative but direct football that saw them run too freely in the outside channels and scoring down the left wing on three occasions. Defensive lapses



The referee went to both touch judges before disallowing a potential match winner for Byron Bay. Photo Ross Kendall

and handling errors kept the Red Devils on the back foot and with plenty to do in the last 40 minutes.

They responded to the challenge and dominated the game deep into the second half, and had drawn level with 20 minutes to go. The momentum, and the crowd, right behind them. They crossed over again, but the try was disallowed.

They managed to hit the lead in the final quarter

through a field goal from close quarters, but almost immediately the Bombers mirrored the tactic at the other end and the game was locked in at 21-21 with only a few minutes to go.

In only their second foray into the Red Devils red zone for the half, they again came away with a field goal to give them the lead - and the win - and a place in next's week major semi final.



Celebrating 100 years of hockey in Ballina

Just one of the women's teams that have represented the Ballina Hockey Club over the last century. Photo Supplied

Ballina Hockey Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with a reunion birthday party on 17 September.

The club was first established in 1922 to support a women's team with the men coming on board in 1929, according to member Maureen Bradbury.

The first hockey field in

Ballina was at Clement Park (now the Ballina Coast High School field) and today it is a water-based turf at Kingsford Smith Park.

All welcome

'The Hockey Club is having a reunion and celebration at the Ballina Jockey Club on the 17

September this year,' Maureen said.

'The Club would like to see as many older as well as current players attend. There will be a dinner, plus memorabilia, write-up, photos, and plenty of wonderful catch-ups. The theme for the night is the roaring '20s (dress-up optional)'.

Big field compete for Mullum's Rural Classic golf tournament

Jason Cook and Max Tatam have won the Mullumbimby Rural Co-op and Whites Rural Classic 2022 golf tournament held at the Mullumbimby course on Saturday, 13 August.

Despite rainy conditions the organisers considered it a very successful day with 160 players contesting the event.

Players vied for overall honours as well as prizes available on individual holes.

Runners up were Barnard Browning and Jason Abbott.



Plenty of winners on the day despite inclement conditions. Photo Supplied

Top four ready for finals in local rugby

Wollongbar-Alstonville, Bangalow, Lennox Head and Ballina have all claimed top four places on the Far North Coast rugby first-grade premiership ladder and will contest finals next weekend.

Ballina's 43-26 win over Bangalow last Saturday at Quays Reserve gave them the edge over Casuarina, who lost to WAR 68-24 in the last game of the regular season.

Who's up against who this weekend?

The result will see WAR take on Bangalow this Saturday at 3.15pm, while Lennox Head are up against Ballina on Sunday at 3.15pm. All games are being played at



Plenty of running rugby from WAR when they ran in ten tries against Casuarina on the weekend. Photo Vicki Kerry

Lyle Park, Wollongbar.

The final four in reserve grade sides are Casuarina, Ballina, Richmond Range and Evans River.

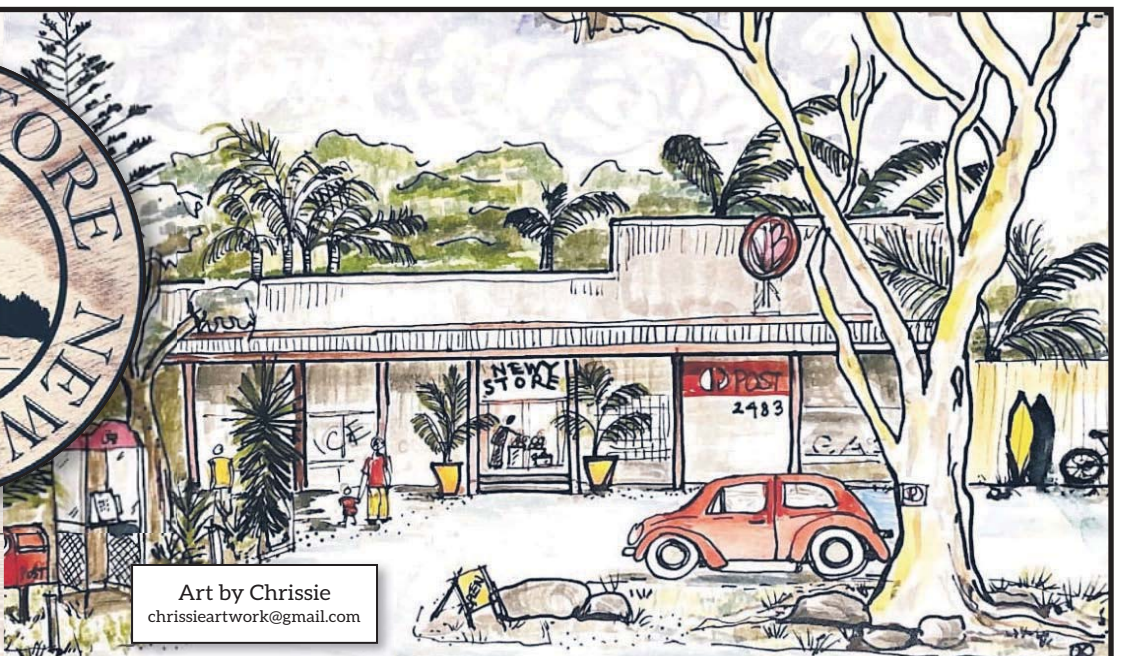
Casuarina and Lismore shared top points in the women's 10s with Richmond Range and Ballina filling out the top four.

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Congrats, Santos Mining, for recording a 300 per cent jump in profit. Nothing like making hay in the intermittent sunshine, after two consecutive La Niña events and back-to-back negative Indian Ocean Dipoles (IOD). The BOM believes there is a 70 per cent chance of another La Niña being declared later this year. And rivers are drying up in the northern hemisphere.

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The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) reports that the wild and prolonged weather events in recent months have seen the SES clock up its busiest 12-month period on record. And they need members. To get involved with the SES, visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au.

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On August 27, starting at 10pm, BayFM's Icecream Kid will host an overnight radio marathon for lovers of the Grateful Dead. This all-night marathon, with prizes, special guests and shenanigans, will help raise money for BayFM's new studios. To get involved, visit bayfm.org.

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Council is reviewing the Bangalow Sports Fields Plan of Management (PoM), and the community is invited to have a say at www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au by September 5.

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Michael West Media reports 'Financial regulator APRA has switched [its] mandate to protect banks over customers, leaving high-risk in the property market'.

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'On August 19, 1953, the US and Britain orchestrated a brutal coup that deposed Mohammad Mosaddegh, the popular Prime Minister of



Books are available again from the Mobile Library. On Saturday, Brian Kelly performed a smoking ceremony at the Bangalow stop, and the day also featured bush poet, Ray Essery, as well as a coffee cart and cakes! For more info visit www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au. Photo Jeff Dawson

Iran, beloved for his progressive and pro-worker reforms, because he sought to restore national control over the country's oil reserves' – Jason Hickel, Professor at The Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Spain.

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Simon Benson is a News Corp/Murdoch 'journor' who is allegedly romantically connected to Nats MP Bridget McKenzie. He knew during the election campaign that Morrison had secretly appointed himself as ministers with secret powers. Yet he didn't tell the public until after the election, and chose to do so in his book, presumably for financial gains.

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Get your purple threads on for Wear it Purple Day, this Friday August 26. The annual event raises awareness for LGBTIQ+ folk, and especially young people.

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A creek near the intersection of Cooks Road and Tooheys Mill Road in Nashua is in

need of a name, says The Geographical Names Board. They are suggesting Tooheys Creek, 'after brothers John and James Toohey, who

originally cleared the land in 1882 to plant sugar cane for their now famous brewery'. For more information, visit www.gnb.nsw.gov.au.

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