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Mullum club eyes big renos

Paul Bibby

Two years ago, the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club was facing closure after a decade of financial decline.

Now with its finances back on track, after a series of property sales, the club is planning a \$2.36M upgrade that includes a new retrothemed squash-court cafe and children's playground.

The Development Application (DA) for the project will come before this week's Byron Council meeting for assessment, with staff recommending approval, subject to a series of conditions.

A key feature of the proposal is a new cafe featuring the club's old squash court that has been sitting, disused, for decades.

'Much of the original squash court will be showcased with the timber floor, all line-markings and even the original lights preserved,' the project's architects, Project

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A Sample of steampunk



Steampunk bubble performance duo, Aninas and Vivian, aka Beatrix Lush, weren't daunted by the inclement weather at Saturday's Sample Festival. While crowds were down at the Bangalow event, the many who did venture out were treated to loads of great food and entertainment. Photo Jeff Dawson

Holiday letting regulations on exhibition

Council's amendments to NSW State regulations around short-term rental accommodation (STRA) are now before the public until October 31.

Areas that are flagged to be nonhosted holiday letting for 365 days include parts of Byron Bay, Suffolk Park and Brunswick Heads.

In Byron Bay, Clarkes foreshore, Wategos, Belongil, and Shirley Street beachside are flagged. In Suffolk Park, most of the beachfront blocks and the second block back from beach are identified, while in Brunswick Heads, all homes and commercial buildings east of the old highway are flagged.

Across the rest of the Shire, the limit for non-hosted STRA will be a maximum of 90 days per year.

Should the Planning Department agree to the proposal, Council staff say, 'there will be a 12-month transition period for operators to honour existing bookings'.

Council staff argue that, 'There is robust evidence to demonstrate the local housing market is experiencing market failure. Therefore, a more significant policy response is required. [Page 11 of the planning proposal]'.

'The Byron LGA is estimated to have the highest concentration of STRA properties of any LGA in NSW'.

As part of the process, the NSW Planning Department commissioned Urbis to undertake an economic impact assessment (EIA).

In reply, Council sought an expert review of the EIA by Dr Peter Phibbs, which found 'the authors have attempted to use the findings of the EIA as a decision-making tool'.

From page 14 of the planning proposal, staff wrote, 'An important issue raised in the Peer Review is that the EIA did not include much analysis of the positive economic effects of additional permanent rental housing, compared to existing levels'.

Another affordable housing site proposed

Paul Bibby

Could an area of land opposite Habitat in Byron Bay become the site of the next Council-owned affordable housing development in Byron Bay?

Byron Mayor, Michael Lyon, is proposing that the Council investigate the feasibility of building housing on part of a forested plot at 42 Wallam Place, which lies between Sunrise and the Byron Arts & Industry Estate.

In a Notice of Motion to be debated at this week's planning meeting, Cr Lyon says the Councilowned site could provide much needed housing for key workers and low-to-moderate income residents in the Shire.

'Byron Shire is under enormous pressure to provide affordable housing for key workers and lower income residents,' Cr Lyon said in the notice of motion.

'In such a crisis, it is our responsibility to come up with solutions that utilise our community resources in the best way possible.'

The area of land in question has a B4 zoning, and was previously identified, alongside the Habitat site, as being appropriate for a bespoke village development.

It is within walking distance of the Byron Solar Train, and is close to bus routes and cycle paths.

'This site represents an excellent

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Bruns Video mulls over its future

After 28 years, owners of Network Video Brunswick Heads say they are contemplating their future.

Chris, Rae, Ken and Kristin put their thoughts on social media last week, and so far have received media attention from The Byron News, The Daily Telegraph and ABC TV.

They said, 'We love the video store and the local **Brunswick Heads community** we've been serving for over 28 years now'.

'We've built up an awesome carefully curated collection of over 25,000 films and TV shows. We know that it's a pretty rare thing in this age of limited convenience.

'We get many visitors from out of town each day telling us how much they miss their video store and how good it feels to walk into ours'.

'We hope our locals can appreciate what they have



Harry the pooch and Kristin Gentle at the desk of one of only 26 remaining video rental libraries in Australia. Photo Jeff 'Pooch Fiction' Dawson

access to before it's too late'.

'We're going to leave it to our local Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores and Byron Shire communities to show

support and utilise our video store business.

'We appreciate the well wishes etc, but the only thing that will save the video store

is people renting movies.

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Bluesfest 2023 lineup drops

The lineup for the 2023 Bluesfest is out, with Elvis Costello & The Imposters, Jackson Browne, Buddy Guy, Bonnie Raitt and Femi Kuti & The Positive Force just some of the 40 headliners announced in the first round.

Director, Peter Noble, says, 'After a hugely successful 2022, which featured the best of predominantly Australian and NZ artists, it's time to mix it up again.

'For the first time since 2019, Bluesfest is free and unencumbered to showcase the finest genres of music from all over the globe.

'And more good news is that ticket prices, camping and VIP tickets remain the same as 2022's prices. That's despite the significant increase in cost of international flights, and freight

logistics, with artists fees also on the rise.

'Bluesfest will also invest in upgrading the VIP area to raise the VIP experience to new heights'.

Waterproofing

Mr Noble also says that since last year, 'we've invested over \$500,000 upgrading and waterproofing the Bluesfest site and upgrading the Rainbow Tipi accommodation'.

Other acts in the first round include The Black Sorrows, Eric Gales (exclusive), Gang of Youths, Greensky

Bluegrass (exclusive), Joe Bonamassa (exclusive), Kaleo (exclusive), Lucinda Williams, Mavis Staples, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Nikki Hill (exclusive), Southern Avenue (exclusive) and Steve Earle & The Dukes.

Bluesfest five-day tickets, and VIP tickets are at the same 2022 price points.

Onsite camping options are now on sale 'at the same prices as 2022 for those who pitch their tents and vans'.

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Mullum Ex-Services Club DA before Council, Thurs

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'They will be complemented by an authentic, slightly industrial look.'

The cafe will reportedly open onto a new roofed terrace, which will incorporate a children's playground.

'These modifications will improve the club's ability to engage with the community and streetscape and for the first time there will be an equal-access ramp from the footpath into the clubhouse,' the architects said.

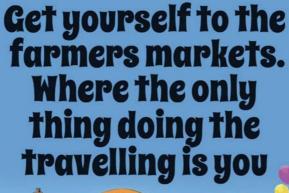
Other features of the project include new women's toilets servicing the bar area, upgrading and re-roofing the existing beer garden, a refurbishment of the sports bar and an extension of the building to provide for the deck, and seating for an expanded restaurant.

The club says there will be no increase to the licensed area and the additional unlicensed area will be 44m².

A key element of the club's financial turnaround, according to the DA, was the sale of neighbouring properties that had been land banked.

The appointment of a new board and management in 2019 also contributed to this.

Prior to this the club was evidently in dire financial straits, having operated at a loss for the previous five years, according to its financial reports. This included recording a deficit of \$184,665 in the 2018 financial year. A key contributor was the loss of poker machine revenue, which fell 12 per cent during that year. The latest project reflects a further movement away from poker machines as a source of revenue.





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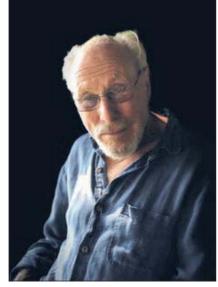
Fred Genis passed away in his sleep at Mullumbimby Coolamon Villa on September 21 at age 88.

He will be missed dearly by his family and all those who loved him.

As a master lithographer, Fred's contribution to the fine arts over his 40-year career was significant.

He worked with world renowned artists from the USA, Europe and Australia, collaborating with a total of 80 artists over this period.

Fred Genis had worked as a partner in the Hollanders Workshop in New York in the late '60s and early '70s. He worked with Robert Rauschenberg, Willem De Kooning, Sam Francis, Jasper Johns, Larry Rivers and James Rosenquist, to name a few. He then set up a workshop in Holland for seven years, and then packed up again to move his family from Holland



Fred Genis. Photo supplied

to Australia and set up his two press workshop in Sydney in 1979.

Fred started printing editions with

John Olsen and Tim Storrier, and continued to work with many more renowned Australian artists, including Brett Whitely, and Lloyd Rees, over a period of 30 years until his retirement in 2007. Lithography requires a unique personal collaboration between artist and printer. Fred Genis describes his part in this highly technical process as being 'like water' - quiescent, fluid, unformed, but able at any instant to show, suggest, assist or even withhold'.

Fred enjoyed a rich, adventurous fun life together with his wife of 63 years, Rina Genis, and his three daughters. He lived in Possum Creek over the last 22 years, and sadly was afflicted with Alzheimer's in the last two years. Several falls and breaks led him to need the loving support of the amazing staff at Coolamon Villa nursing home.

His family are relieved he is free from suffering. RIP, dear Freddy.

Home building to be fast-tracked

Byron Shire is one of 41 NSW Councils 'experiencing high growth' that is eligible to apply 'to fast-track the delivery of essential infrastructure and unlock tens of thousands of homes across the State'.

According to a Planning Department press release last week, the \$300m Accelerated Infrastructure Fund (AIF) 'is being extended for a third round, to help councils roll out critical infrastructure projects that support the delivery of much needed new homes'.

Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Matt Kean, said AIF round three will help support both immediate and anticipated population growth.

To learn more about AIF visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/ Accelerated-Infrastructure-Fund.

Another constrained affordable housing site proposed



An area that the mayor wants to develop for affordable housing, next to Habitat in Byron, contains High Environmental Vegetation and other constraints.

► Continued from page 1 opportunity to provide a significant amount of much needed affordable housing in a timely and straightforward manner,' Cr Lyon said.

However, comments from Council's Director of Environment and Sustainable Development, Shannon Burt, suggest developing the site may be more complicated.

Coastal wetlands buffer zone

In a statement accompanying the Notice of Motion Ms Burt noted that the site was subject to a series of environmental designations, including that it was part of a coastal wetlands buffer zone.

Specific parts of the site were also designated, variously, as coastal swamp forest, threatened fauna habitat, and an area containing High Environmental Vegetation.

...the site is subject to multiple environmental constraints that require further thorough consideration prior to any decisions on development suitability being made,' Ms Burt said.

Ms Burt also noted that part of the land was subject to a particular type of zoning review that applies to land that is owned by public authorities and traditional owners.

'Initial engagement [with the traditional owners] has commenced and is likely to go into 2023,' she said.

'Notwithstanding the above, the Notice of Motion seeks preparation of a report to investigate and outline the planning controls that apply to the subject land, and the constraints and opportunities that are relevant to the development of the B4 Mixed Use part of the site for Affordable Housing.'

Council is currently in the midst of planning another affordable housing development on a Council-owned car park in the centre of Mullumbimby.

This is the latest in a series of attempts by Council to develop affordable housing in the Shire. This includes the Lot 22 site near the **Mullumbimby Community** Gardens, which was shelved following extensive investigation by Council staff.





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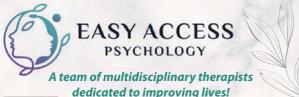
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West Byron developer starts clearing land

Hans Lovejoy

Land clearing has begun on one of the West Byron land parcels on Ewingsdale Road, owned by Tower Holdings.

Two Development Applications (DAs) were hard fought by the community for decades, and their approvals will see a new suburb constructed on ecologically significant land.

Environmental concerns, traffic and a lack of affordable housing were raised as issues throughout the process.

One DA is owned by a 'locals' consortium, who won considerable concessions behind closed doors at a court mediation with Council's consultant lawyers.

The clearing now underway for the Tower Holdings DA – called Harvest Estate project – is headed by wealthy Sydney-based developer, Terry Agnew.

Immediate neighbour, Tom Vidal, alerted The Echo of the clearing, and says he shares a 1km boundary with Agnew's DA.

Vidal is also secretary of the Belongil Catchment Drainage Board, and says he spoke on matters regarding drainage and flooding for the DAs.

Comms broke down

'I personally arranged a meeting between Terry Agnew, his CEO, and some councillors at my place, after communication broke down between the parties in November 2019'.



Clearing has begun on Ewsingsdale land for the Harvest Estate project, which is owned by Tower Holdings. Photo Jeff 'Big Digger' Dawson

'Consequently, a much better outcome was achieved than the first proposal; unfortunately our "local" mates were not so understanding'.

As for the 'locals' DA, he said, 'The secret court negotiations were woeful'.

He added, 'To ask residents to make submissions to the court without notifying us that most points of contention (traffic, storm water, drainage, flooding, social impacts etc. etc) were conceded already was quite unbelievable'.

Anthony Aiossa, CEO of Tower Holdings, confirmed that the Harvest Estate project has commenced 'after an extraordinary long and detailed development approval and construction approval process'.

He told *The Echo*, 'During these approval processes, we undertook a collaborative approach together with Council, and community

stakeholders, to come up with the final masterplan.

'This involved significantly reducing the number of lots in the plan, setting aside a 30 metre wide vegetation buffer along Ewingsdale Road, protecting sensitive environmental habitat areas and creating green spaces all throughout the masterplan area.

'Prior to commencing works, the Northern Rivers environmental group, Boyd's Bay Group, completed a major environmental rehabilitation and revegetation program on the site involving the planting of over 60,000 new plants.

'The commencement of the Harvest Estate represents the first new land release in the suburbs of Byron Bay since the Sunrise development in the mid 1970s.

'The Harvest Estate will also deliver over 50,000 square metres of new public

open space in Byron Bay, over 2.8 kilometres of cycle paths, a public outdoor fitness park, communal vegetable garden and a community centre.

First stage

'The first stage of the Harvest Estate will deliver 55 new vacant land lots in the Byron Bay market, which is one of the tightest housing markets in the country, resulting in extremely high rental and house price growth over the last decade.

'The Estate will allow purchasers to buy a vacant parcel of land and work with their local designers and builders to build their brand new house, which is in walking distance to the Byron Bay town centre and across the road from the Arts and Industry Estate'.

Local interest

Mr Aiossa says the majority of purchasers so far have been locals and it is the 'only master-planned land release estate available in the suburbs of Byron Bay'.

'There may be some short-term inconvenience caused during the construction process, however, this will be managed by the very experienced project team who have been engaged to ensure that that the process runs smoothly and efficiently.

'The limited remaining lots will be offered for sale later in the year and the first stage will be completed in the second half of next year'.

Get ready and prepare for fires

Aslan Shand

While the rain can make us feel safe from the threat of fire, and floods are the more recent disaster in our memories, it is important to prepare your home and property for the fire season.

To help with this the Rural Fire Service (RFS) are running a series of face-toface Get Ready Weekend events and Main Arm Fire Brgade is running one on Sunday September 18 at the Main Arm Store between 1pm and 4pm.

Camille Feneon from the Main Arm Brigade said, 'Preparing your home is common sense and can be simple'.

'In September, every year, NSW RFS Brigades will be out in your community helping you to get ready with advice, guidelines and

resources,' said

Ms Feneon is reminding everyone of the importance of preparing your Bushfire Survival Plan, knowing what you will do in the case of a bushfire, and how you can keep yourself and your family safe.

'Preparing your home is common sense and can be simple,' she said.

Fire permits needed from Sept 1

The beginning of spring on September 1 also marked the start of fire permit season.

From September 1, any person wishing to light a fire in the Tweed, Byron, or Ballina local government areas will require a permit.

'With conditions becoming more conducive to the spread of fire, people now

need to be extremely careful when using fire,' said North Coast RFS Superintendent David Cook.

'With the commencement of the Bushfire Danger Period, anybody wishing to light a fire on their property will require a permit from their local fire station or fire control centre.

'However, even with a permit you need to check whether a Total Fire Ban is in force before lighting any fires'.

Hazard reduction

District Manager, Superintendent David Cook said the RFS encourages all residents to continue with their hazard reduction activities and ensure their properties are properly prepared for the bushfire season.

'We have all recently seen the devastation that bushfires can bring to a

community, so I strongly advise residents to contact their local brigades and use their expertise to assist in carrying out safe and successful hazard reductions,' said Superintendent Cook.

'Never leave a fire unattended and always ensure you have firefighting equipment on hand, such as a full knapsack, spray pumper or hand-held chemical fire extinguisher in good working order.

'If the fire does escape, it is essential to call Triple Zero (000) immediately so that emergency services can respond accordingly and minimise the damage.

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A Sprung!! retrospective



A ten year, best of, showcase by Sprung!! will be held Saturday September 10, from 7pm at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre. Curated by Artistic Director, Michael Hennessy (formerly of Sydney Dance Co), organisers say the 'retrospective serves as both a mirror and a window'. For tickets, visit www.events.humanitix.com/reflections. Pictured are Alice, Kane, Zac, Bryn and in front are Tara, Tallula and Max. Photo Jeff Dawson

Mullum RFS gets backup NBN Sky Muster satellite

A backup NBN Sky Muster satellite service has been installed at Mullumbimby Rural Fire Service brigade HQ, says federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot.

It is part of the Australian Government's Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND)

program, and Ms Elliot says the STAND technology has also been installed at the Tweed Heads Council Civic Centre Auditorium.



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Electric vehicle Expo in Bangalow, Sept 11

Zero Emissions Byron is holding an Electric Vehicle Expo at Bangalow Showgrounds between 10am and 4pm on Sunday, September 11.

Organisers say there will be a range of new electric vehicles, plus secondhand EVs, and VW Kombis that have been converted to EV, and a number of privately owned EVs with their owners on hand.

Electric bikes and other varieties of electric transport will be available to inspect.

'Come along and see the latest vehicles available in Australia. Talk to vehicle dealers, as well as local owners and EV experts and get all your questions answered', said Muriel Watt, ZEB co-convenor.



Alex Bosin, from EV Classic (based in Byron), will be one of the EV specialists on hand at the expo. Photo supplied

Lilith launches poetry book

Echo astrologer and Mana Aloha Hula troupe founder, Lilith Rocha, will launch a collection of her poetry – All Her Glorious Forms - on Saturday September 17 from 2-3.30pm at the Marvell Hall, Byron Bay.

Publisher, Dangerously Poetic Press, say 'There are few who haven't read Lilith's pithy astrology column in The Echo, but her sassy poems are a lesser known delight, her vivid language distilling the human condition into lyrical vignettes'.

'From Sheena Queena the jungle, to Kali, to a hitman, a hula dancer and other



Astrologer and poet Lilith Rocha. Photo Jeff Dawson

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Lilac house saga revisited

Paul Bibby

The \$3,000 fine imposed on a Mullumbimby homeowner for giving her home a purple paint job could be revoked and the colour rules applying to heritage houses reviewed, under a motion being considered by Byron Council.

In the latest chapter of the 'Lilac House Saga', Byron Mayor, Michael Lyon, has put forward a motion proposing that the penalty given to Nicole Haberecht for daubing her Stuart Street home in a forbidden colour be formally scrapped and all instalments returned to her by Revenue NSW.

The motion, to be debated at this week's Council planning meeting, also proposes that the colour restrictions applying to houses in Mullum's heritage conservation area be reviewed with an eye to 'liberalising the range of colours from which a homeowner may choose'.

Cr Lyon decribed the previous decision as a mistake.

The proposal to revoke Ms Haberecht's fine is yet another twist in the longrunning saga surrounding

the Stuart Street cottage, which began more than two years ago when Council received a complaint that it had been painted an 'unsympathetic heritage colour'.

Local planning rules dictate that development consent is required to change the appearance of a building in a heritage conservation area, and that 'appropriate colour schemes must be used'. This specifically excludes 'bold primary colours, black, white, or textured paint finishes'.

Council compliance staff subsequently issued Ms Haberecht with a 'show cause' letter and demanded that she submit a development application for the paint job. This sparked two vears of correspondence between the two parties in which a great deal of ink was expended, but not a drop of conservatively coloured house paint.

A beleaguered Ms Haberecht eventually sold the house. but responsibility for repainting was handed on to the new owners, and the \$3,000 fine remained in place.

This was despite Ms Haberecht's argument that Mullumbimby's housing

stock featured a wide range of different colours; backed by an online petition with over 2,000 signatures supporting her choice of colour.

In his Notice of Motion, Cr Lyon said that the case for revoking the fine was set out in a letter Ms Haberecht sent to Council.

Confidential debate

However, this letter has been deemed confidential and is thus unavailable for viewing by the public.

The debate on the matter at this week's meeting will also be kept from view on the grounds that it will cover 'personal matters concerning particular individuals' and 'discussion in relation to personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer'.

Also designated confidential is much of the legal advice provided by Council's lawyer, Ralph James, in relation to the matter.

This legal advice is said to relate to the 'law and policy of revoking fines and on whether the elected council can/ should not [sic] intervene in the operational aspects of the exercise of Council's regulatory functions'.

Union mute over bureaucrats acting as political mouthpieces for governments

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Public Service Association (PSA) have refused to comment on whether it is appropriate for government policy to be defended by government bureaucrats.

The question arose after last week's story, Health professionals strike over patient ratios, was published.

After The Echo asked Health Minister, Brad Hazzard, why he won't agree

to secure patient ratios, as requested by the NSW nurses/midwives association, his office instead referred the question to NSW Health, who defended the government policy.

The Echo provided the the public sector union with the email exchange, and outlined the long standing and well-established convention of the separation between those who create policy (the government), and those who carry policy out (bureaucrats).

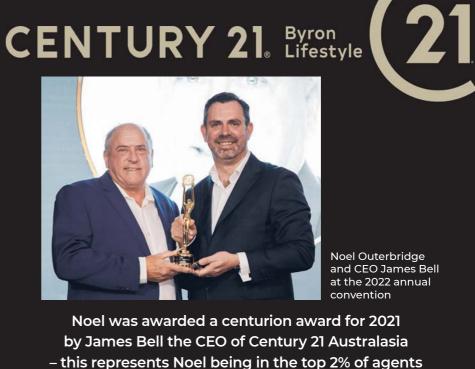
The Echo asked the PSA, 'When policy decisions made by elected representatives are defended by bureaucrats, how are the public supposed to trust the independence of the bureaucracy that carries out the policy?'

A union representative replied by saying, 'The PSA is unable to comment on this matter unfortunately'.





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Locals protest the removal of 49 native trees at Wollumbin High for a car park

As cars tooted in support, around 80 locals gathered Friday morning at Wollumbin High School to protest against the removal of native and endangered trees that were planted by the 'Man of the Trees', Bruce Chick, and school students from when the school was founded.

Koori Mail buys Lismore building

The Koori Mail is celebrating the Indigenous ownership of additional offices in Lismore following the devastating flooding in February this year.

Six months of community-led disaster recovery efforts, zero gov't support

The only dedicated flood and landslide recovery group in Wardell village is still without government funding six months after record-breaking disasters devastated the region.

Costs of 2022 flood four times higher than **Ex-Cyclone Debbie in** 2017

It is now six months since the 28 February floods and businesses and residents are still trying to recover. Tweed Shire Council has now released figures on the recovery costs for Council and the figure is four times higher than the devastating flooding of Ex-Cyclone Debbie in 2017.

Fire at Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre

Lismore Council says that emergency services are attended a small fire at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre on Wyrallah Road, East Lismore.

Casino Drill Hall Precinct upgrade project completed

The Casino Drill Hall Precinct has been completed with the unveiling of the final project; a granite monument honouring Diggers as the centrepiece.

Art bursts into being in Lismore

Local art is set to flourish in Lismore this month, with the opening of Lismore Art Club's Annual Exhibition.

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Drain clearing: a new focus for Lismore residents

Hans Lovejoy

Lismore residents have formed a group to put pressure on their council around drainage maintenance.

Former Professor of International Relations at the University of Sydney, and Lismore resident, Colin Wight, heads the Facebook community action group called the Lismore Drains Community Action Group.

He says they are 'committed to getting Council to fulfil their responsibility in relation to the longstanding, much reported, and yet unresolved, issue of storm drains in Lismore'.

After not receiving a reply around their concerns, as promised from Lismore City Council General Manager John Walker, Mr Wight contacted The Echo, who in turn asked the GM if a reply was forthcoming.

Mr Walker told The Echo that the issue was complex and 'will take time' to resolve. He also said he has



Professor Emeritus Colin Wight is pushing for Lismore Council to clear storm drains. Photo Eve Jeffery

'added drainage issues and financial assistance for such to our works program with the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation'.

Yet Mr Walker's reply to Wight was less congenial.

After spelling Mr Wight's name incorrectly, Mr Walker wrote, 'I am disappointed to receive your confrontational email. Threatening me is unlikely to produce a positive relationship'.

Yet Mr Wight maintains there was no intent of threat or confrontation, and replied to Mr Walker in part, 'I am sure you are aware, many residents were traumatised

by the events of February and March 2022 and deserve better acknowledgement of their issues from local authorities than they have received thus far. Moreover, as a community action group, we are prepared to protest, lobby, involve MPs and the media, to achieve

our aims. It's called political activism. It's not threatening to anyone committed to democratic processes'.

Vital to organise

Mr Wight told The Echo, 'It's vital for community groups to organise if they want to get local issues resolved.

'Working collectively allows a holistic view of the problem, and there's strength (and support) in numbers.

'Trying to deal with the issues on an individual level invariably leads to those in positions of authority dismissing and minimising the problems. It's almost impossible for them to ignore committed and wellorganised groups.

He says he is happy to advise any other groups as 'political activism and research is my strength'.

In his reply to Mr Walker, he asked, 'When can residents expect work to start on clearing their drains?'

Mental health facility to be established in Ballina

A new, permanent Headspace service will be created in Ballina, says local federal MP, Justine Elliot.

Her statement reads, 'The North Coast Primary Health Network (NCPHN) will work closely with the community and Headspace National to establish the new service, which will build on outreach support provided by Headspace Lismore as part of flood relief measures for 2021-22'.

'Headspace Ballina will be funded by \$3.4 million over four years, to 2025-26,

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through the Flood Response package, to make sure young people have the support they need'.

'Over the past months, the NSW North Coast has felt the impact of major flooding disasters...'

'While the new service is being established, young people can continue to access free telephone and web-based support services via e-headspace at www. headspace.org.au or by phoning 1800 650 890.

Nimbin MardiGrass returns



Nimbin MardiGrass. Photo Jeff Dawson



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It's a celebration, it's a protest, it's a community awareness-raising event it's the Nimbin MardiGrass and it is celebrating 30 years of success in changing attitudes to cannabis on September 16-18.

Normally it takes place on the first weekend in May, but owing to the devastating floods in the region it was postponed this year to September to become a celebration of spring planting.

The full program is on nimbinmardigrass.com, and volunteers have begun arriving to set up the event.

Volunteers can register on the website, as can drug free drivers who can be part of the Ubud or Duber networks. Or you can register at the HEMP Embassy in Nimbin or on Facebook at Mardi grass rideshare.

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Youth production Our Home Holiday Town screens Sept 29

A thought-provoking, 'poignant social action' theatrical production called *Our Home Holiday Town* will be screened on September 29 from 7.30pm at the YAC, 1 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay.

Byron Youth Theatre (BYT) director, Lisa Apostolides, says the live production had to be cut short last December, early owing to a covid scare.

'Fortunately, the performance was filmed with eight cameras, crewed by SAE Creative Media Institute students Lee Collier, Phoenix and Jovian Batchelor, who were supervised by experienced local filmmaker and SAE Animation Lecturer, Nigel Haslam'.

Tourism-related issues explored

'This has enabled BYT to hold a special screening in Byron for those who



Cast members from the Byron Youth Theatre production *Our Home Holiday Town*. Photo supplied

missed out in 2021'.

She says the production was the result of a collaborative research project between BYT and the Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University (SCU)'.

Tourism-related issues in the Byron Shire are explored, as are the mental health concerns for young people.

Lisa adds, 'Trained as coresearchers during a series of workshops, cast members conducted interviews and surveys with their peers and community members'.

'The research revealed young people care deeply about their community, particularly when witnessing the negative impacts of tourism activity, including littering, anti-social behaviours, housing affordability, homelessness, and disrespect for Aboriginal sacred sites'.

All proceeds from the night will go towards future youth productions, says Lisa.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com.au.

Spring flower show Sat



Cas Farren with a beautiful cymbidium orchid. Photo Jeff 'Nothing But Flowers' Dawson

Members of Byron District Orchid Society say they are looking forward to their show on Friday and Saturday this week. It will be held at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club from 10am till 4pm on Friday and 10am till 3.30pm on Saturday.

Co-organiser Penny Fox says, 'Everyone is invited to come and see a wonderful display of orchids and potted plants, and there will also be lots available for purchase.

'We welcome entries in

the show from the public, not just our members. If you have something that you would like to enter, bring it to the Club on Thursday afternoon between 4pm and 5.30pm.

'One special award is for a novice grower, so if you have only begun growing orchids in the last five years, you stand a good chance of winning a trophy and a sizeable cash prize'

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Where there's a will there's a way

Paul Bibby

Leaving a gift to a charity in your will is a simple, yet powerful, way to create lasting change.

That's the message from local community organisations like the Byron Community Centre (BCC), as they celebrate Include a Charity Week this week.

For organisations like the

BCC, bequests mean that staff and volunteers can continue to provide vital community services and programs, such as seniors activities, support for vulnerable women and assisting the homeless.

'Leaving a gift in your will is a tangible way to support our local community through a trusted local organisation,' Louise O'Connell, BCC's General Manager, said.

'It is an opportunity to make a donation far greater than one we may be able to make during our lifetime.'

Many local not-for-profits, including the BCC, don't receive any ongoing funding and thus rely on locals digging deep to continue doing their work.

Local solicitor, Kym Chapman, said bequests were quite common in and around the Byron Shire.

'Many of the people who come to me want to leave a gift to something local,' Ms Chapman said.

Those interested in leaving a gift for the BCC in their will can contact Byron Community Centre General Manager, Louise O'Connell, on 66 856 807, or info@ byroncentre.com.au.

Chinny Charge spots filling up

Spaces are filling quickly for the Chinny Charge that will be running for the first time since the covid pandemic started.

'There are only 500 spaces for runners and walkers for the event,' said Mullumbimby Chamber of commerce President, Jenelle Stanford, who restarted the Chinny Charge in 2017.

'Volunteers are preparing the path up Chincogan Mountain to have it ready for this exciting one-day event,' she told *The Echo*.

The under 12 kids' run starts at 1pm and is to the base of the mountain and back. The adult race starts at 2pm, with walkers starting just after that.

All participants have to be off the mountain by 5pm.

Prizes are: \$500 for the first

female and male professional runners; \$250 for the first female and male local runners; as well as a number of trophies, including the Kevin Moran Memorial Shield.

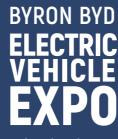
'Everyone can pick up their race bibs 12–1pm outside the Ex-Services Club, opposite the Civic Hall on Dalley Street,' said Ms Stanford.

Bring water

People can bring their own water bottles, but water is also supplied at staging points along the route.

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Secret meeting held over poor governance

Councillors, like all politicians, are in the unenviable position of trying to represent the interests of two parties that are often in conflict with each other.

In the case of councillors, it is the community versus Council staff, and generally that conflict occurs within planning and compliance areas.

The Echo has been unapologetically hard on councillors with regard to their failings to represent the community in

While Council staff may try their best to reflect Council policy or legislation, their advice may be wrong.

When you acquiesce to Council staff advice without question, the community are right to ask who you represent.

But let's take a moment to recognise when councillors actually do something that is reflective of what the community wants. How rare is that?

This week, the mayor has broken the mould of doing whatever staff tell him.

He is courageously seeking better outcomes in the future around a policy that led to a woman being fined \$3,000 for refusing to change the colour of her Mullum house back to heritage colours.

The latest chapter in the long running issue is on page 9.

An attempt to drop the fine was previously made in March 2022 by Cr Duncan Dey, and was closely defeated. Crs Coorey, Westheimer, Hunter, Pugh, and Swivel voted against the motion, while Cr Dey, Ndiaye, Lyon and Balson were in favour.

Then homeowner, Nicole Haberecht, has since sold her home and moved to Nimbin, disgusted at her treatment by staff and councillors.

This time, the mayor seems to think he has the numbers to make right the

Yet staff have flagged they want to conduct any debate on this in secrecy, claiming that it contains 'personal matters concerning particular individuals' and 'discussion in relation to personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer'.

A possible reason for confidential meetings is Council's addiction to secrecy and potential embarrassment around how it's been handled.

All the information about this case is already publicly available, because The Echo and other media reported on

The previous 'report' that assisted councillors in making their decision was authored by Council's legal coun-

It was selective at best, because it failed to present Haberecht's side of the story, something which The Echo sought to do.

Ms Haberecht told *The Echo* at the time, 'I told them I was away for three months, looking after my elderly mother, and have also been recovering from mental and physical health issues'.

The Echo asked Mr James at the time, 'Were you aware of this, and if so, was there a reason this information was omitted from your report?'

There was no reply.

Planning/compliance director, Shannon Burt told Council in March that every effort was made to negotiate with Ms Haberecht and assist her in returning the home to a hertiage approved colour.

Ms Haberecht disagrees.

Another aspect to Mr James's legal advice for this week's meeting relates to the 'whether the elected council can/should not [sic] intervene in the operational aspects of the exercise of Council's regulatory functions'.

Shouldn't councillors question poor policy and intervene in operational matters when it is causing reputational damage to Council?

Come on councillors.

There's a term for those who do what the bureaucracy wants: useful

Get a spine and represent the community for a change.

And make it transparent.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Flood recovery roadmap missing

ames Hacker of BBC TV's Yes Prime Minister once said, '(there are) three articles of civil service faith: It takes longer to do things quickly; it's more expensive to do them cheaply; it's more democratic to do them in secret.'

If it wasn't so tragic and serious, there is a whole new season of Yes Minister that could be written about our 'Flood Recovery'.

Official statements like 'we need to get people back into homes as fast as possible' are starting to read like comedy.

Even local Lismore Labor MP, Janelle Saffin, who is a far nicer, more patient person than I, sounds exasperated.

She told the government to 'please stop telling us it was unprecedented - everyone who was here is fully aware of that. People need to know what the next steps are.'

The latest episode in this drama features the release of the NSW Government Flood Inquiry, authored by former Police Commissioner Mick Fuller, and former Chief Scientist Mary O'Kane.

The Report itself is good, albeit there are obvious recommendations that have been requested for years. Like 'fix the river gauges', and 'have a permanent Emergency Service presence in Lismore'.

What it didn't do was lay out a roadmap for victims made homeless by the floods, explaining what reforms and assistance should be offered so they could know what their options are, and get on with their lives.

Everyone has been waiting for this information for so long, so there was stunned disappointment when none was offered.

All Deputy Premier Paul Toole could tell us was 'we hope to have answers for people by Christmas'.

When Premier Perrottet was asked about funding, he said he feels optimistic owing to a positive telephone conversation he had with the Prime Minister on the way to the press conference.

It fell well short of the answers we'd hoped for.



What is missing is the transparency and accountability, so we can see more clearly who is responsible for outcomes, and a hard timeline, to measure performance'.

Catherine Cusack

As Tom Stoppard observed 'a circle is the longest distance to the same point'.

For flood victims, it was a bitter moment of realisation that all the work we believed was in hand is yet

Kevin Hogan, the MP for Page notes it is the local politicians who have to look despairing flood victims in the eye – and they have had an absolute gutfull.

The next-to-zero progress is as mystifying to our local MPs as it is to the rest of us.

It is particularly bewildering because the premier has spent so much time here during and after the flood, talking to locals and assuring us it is his greatest challenge and personal mission to get the Northern Rivers back on its feet. He does seem to be trying.

So what is going wrong?

I have to wonder if the 'hands on' approach by the premier to get things done here has had the perverse effect of making everything

Is everyone in his government waiting for him to tell them what to do? If so, it seems impractical to expect this level of detail from a premier awash with problems like the train strike, warring ministers, a budget that 'slipped' \$8 billion within weeks of its announcement - but most of all the Barilaro Inquiry, and the distractions of a ten day overseas 'trade' trip.

It is even less clear what work, if any, has been done by his Deputy Premier, Paul Toole, who is responsible for emergency services, and the 'Floods' Minister, Steph Cooke, who hails from Cootamundra.

The Nationals have sidelined better qualified MPs from Northern NSW – including Geoff Provest and Melinda Pavey – and this seems to go back (like everything else) to John Barilaro.

His retirement triggered a leadership contest – a power struggle that saw Mr Toole and inland Nationals defeat the Nationals' Coastal MPs, leaving the North Coast unrepresented in the current cabinet.

There are many ministers and bureaucrats entrusted with money and power to lead reconstruction in the Northern Rivers.

While the flood victims are experiencing the crushing pressure of homelessness, those responsible for their wellbeing appear to be feeling no pressure at all.

What is missing is the transparency and accountability, so we can see more clearly who is responsible for outcomes, and a hard timeline to measure performance.

List the roads that need to be repaired for people to be allowed to return home – and tell us when they will reopen.

Publish the timetable for offering – and then completing – land swaps so people in flood zones can know when they can start rebuilding. We have to stop travelling in circles.

Maynard James Keenan wrote: 'A circle is the reflection of eternity. It has no beginning and it has no end – and if you put several circles on top of each other you get a

There is a huge risk that if they cannot get their act together, the very people supposed to be leading us will retraumatise flood victims all over again.

■ Catherine Cusack is a former NSW Liberal MLC and is based in Lennox Head.





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Village Council meetings

Enough already. When will we once again be regaled by the theatre of a Council meeting? It has been nine months since our new Council was elected and we are yet to see them in action. I remember the days when Council would sit in village halls thereby making themselves available to all and sundry.

There is a plethora of potential venues to hold Council meetings, including community and church halls throughout our shire but our councillors are still squirrelled away in a meeting room with no access for, or oversight from, the general public. This is not good enough. Surely in this day and age technical limitations could not be a reason for being unable to find a suitable alternative venue?

It's high time we had transparent and inclusive meetings.

Bring back the theatre.

Angela Dunlop

Ocean Shores

Bruns parking

Concerning the underground car parking issue in Brunswick Heads, the wording of the development control plan (DCP) says in plain English that underground car parking at the proposed site is *not* allowed. So where do some on Council, and Council lawyer Mr Ralph James, get that we are grasping at straws from? This was NOT explained in the decision, at least not in the article in *The* Echo. This site is also only just above the water table, one of the lowest flood-prone areas in Brunswick Heads.

The population of Brunswick Heads is around 1,650 and yet 1,000 petitioners and the many letters written are not enough? Mr James said what he said in Council, but the actual evidence to back this view has not been presented. Mr James and Council need to be able to explain to the community in plain English how they can interpret the DCP as meaning it's permissible to have this underground car parking here when it is not allowed.

Someone, being Mr James in this case, saying they dispute something is nothing but hearsay. For Council to be swayed by this is simply unconscionable. If Council and/or Mr James cannot



Cartoon by Antoinette Ensbey

clearly and simply explain and publish their explanation so that the community can understand how their opinion, which is not a fact, was arrived at (that swayed councillors), then something fishy is going on, or those making decisions do not have the ability to back their arguments.

> **David Kolb** Brunswick Heads

Third time lucky

Remember those ugly plastic bollards Council put up at the Stuart St/Burringbar St intersection that got knit-bombed immediately by some kind-hearted soul? I was so pleased when they were removed – that is, until cycling along, I hit the rockhard yellow lumps they were replaced with and nearly went flying into the traffic.

I can think of only two reasons these speed bumps may have been bolted into the centre of the bike lane:

1. Their effect upon impact will increase the sales of yoni steaming herbs within the Byron Shire, or 2. Council's bike lane infrastructure is designed by someone who has never ridden a bike along a road. Can we try for third time lucky, please?

Kathleen Angus Upper Main Arm

West Byron floods

During the recent floods, hard evidence was revealed. Physical observation and photos de-mystified the trope that West Byron does not flood. Evidence reveals that the West Byron proposed development area does flood!

Furthermore, there now exists a positive guarantee

that it will be a very unsafe zone to develop for human habitation. The sad plight of all flood victims in Mullum is dangerously compounded by the insertion of 'fill'. It has been noted by expert on hydrology, Duncan Dey, 'that peak flood levels do rise when fill is introduced into a floodplain'.

It has been stated that it could 'take a year to raise the West Byron area with fill'. This will ensure a dangerous flood zone that will cover Ewingsdale Road, hampering evacuation. This water shall then overflow into the residential/industrial area of Sunrise Beach and Northern Byron, guaranteeing dangerous flooding, further exacerbated should climate-change-induced sea level rises occur. Peril awaits the community.

It's hard to see ahead when 'polyspeak and \$\$\$' dominate all narratives, but civil society must value its voice, vision and determination to bring transparent responsibility and sense to all development. There is no real evacuation plan or safe centre for residents of West Byron! Shame, shame, shame on you Minister Roberts, (Department of NSW Planning) and Byron Council for not standing up for the community. Resist this development folks!

Jo Faith Newtown

Controlled markets

Our country's economic problems ie the cost of living! Is because we have an open, competitive capitalist economy.

The people with the capital, the assets and the

money control everything, even the cost of basic essentials – food, housing, clothing, education, transport, health etc.

We also have discretionary spending: dining out, luxury cars, big fancy houses, resorts, entertainment, sports, big TV sets, etc, etc.

The solution is simple. Apply price control to basics and essentials, and tax the crap out of the luxury discretional spending. Controlled market for basic essentials, open market for luxuries and discretionary stuff.

Problem solved... Welfare and government services still need funding from taxes. Too many corporations are paying no tax, and zero on profits, because the profits have been sent offshore and hidden. Tax corporations on their turnover which cannot be so easily hidden; a GST on corporate activity with no 'credits'!

Anthony Plesko Ballina

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Can our new democracy save us?

Dr Jeffrey Lewis and Dr Belinda Lewis

■ here's been a great deal of self-congratulation over Federal Labor's first 100 days in office. The 47th parliament, with its tinge of green, seems set to address climate change, constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, and issues of parliamentary integrity.

Many commentators also celebrate the election result as a victory for democracy. In contrast to authoritarian regimes like China and Russia. our democracy provides citizens with genuine electoral choice. Even without constitutionally enshrined rights, Australian voters are relatively free to express their political views.

But is this electoral system the best that democracy can be?

Representative democracy evolved through the 19th century as a way of forestalling social and class-based violence. The merchant and professional classes who installed democratic electoral systems aimed to: 1. Sustain their own interests, security and power in the economic hierarchy; and 2. Ensure a peaceful compliance from the dangerous and ignorant lower classes - the 'great unwashed'.

In order to achieve this compliance, the political and social élites propagated a cultural fantasy to convince poorer people that the system was both logical and fair. It was in poor people's best interests to voluntarily delegate their political power to their betters - people who were wealthier, better educated and more articulate than themselves

The core of this fantasy was the idea that democracy and capitalism provide equal opportunity, legal protection, rights and freedom for all citizens. This means that every individual will receive their 'just deserts'.

This propagated ideology was broadly disseminated through religious, educational, cultural and media institutions. Education and literacy were carefully manipulated so that élites maintained their control of knowledge. Poorer people were usually forced to leave school at a young age, channeled into unskilled and skilled jobs that were controlled by the owners of capital and property.

As liberal theorists like Jeremy Bentham declared,

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this 'utility' represents an individual's value for the whole society, It's their place.

The emergence of electrical and corporate media fortified this system through repetitive stories of just deserts, nation and loyalty to a hierarchy that was normal, natural and necessary. Both the broadcast news and fictional narratives construct the world through this same fantasy of just deserts. Heroes emerge as examples of super individualism – the essence of hierarchical capitalism and democracy that rewards the mighty.

Alternative ways of thinking were rarely encouraged. even through the rise of the internet. Over the past twenty years, the 'digitopian' ideal of 'all information to all people at all times' has never been realised. Rather, our potential for creative or radical thinking has been subordinated by the rule of 'Googlism' and the reduction of complexity to bytes of highly selective and carefully targeted information.

What we call freedom is rarely more than a marketed incarnation of the fantasy of just deserts.

Concomitantly, representative democracy has stalled around the creation of the 'mediated politician' and policy by popular polling. Our capacity to think and speak freely has been overwhelmed by those individuals who dominate the public 'mediasphere'. These are the political 'superheroes' who so brilliantly articulate their own interests in the guise of collective or national interest.

Defenders of democracy would respond by saying that everyone in Australia has the right to freedom of speech. Only there can never be real freedom of speech because there has never been equality of speech. That was never the intention of our democratic forefathers. Not everyone's voice was meant to be heard.

This isn't surprising, given the types who are attracted into politics and support its

deceptive ideology. Our electoral system is constructed around an adversarial model so that politicians tend to be extraverted, forceful people whose primary function is to acquire and exercise power over others. Even when they begin with reasonable or honourable motives, our elected representatives

quickly become lost in the pursuit of power and their prospects as a political superhero.

There is very little honesty or humility in parliament, not simply because of the personality types attracted into politics - but also because democracy and the media have encouraged selfinterested, anthropocentric, and narrow thinking.

Such people are rarely concerned with creative or radical ways of conceptualising ideas, problems and solutions. Equally, the urban disposition and outlook of most politicians deflects them from any deep understanding of nature and the non-human

We could point to a wide array of illustrations of this failure of vision, but there is none more stark than the state of the world's biosphere. Australia's State of Environment Report (2022) is a blight on our political processes, politicians and capacity for free thought.

There's nothing new in the report, only an continuation of the issues that scientists, ecologists and everyday citizens have been discussing for well over fifty years.

And it's not only the fossil fuel industry that's been exercising deception. It's the media and the whole public sphere that have deliberately and meticulously obfuscated the true condition of our world's biosphere.

Instead of looking squarely at the critical damage that our hierarchical social systems have caused, our democracy has produced politicians and media systems that have unceasingly ignored or denied the truth. In a real sense, democracy and its inscribed ideology have been obsessed with their own survival.

Any hope that Australia's 47th Parliament might bring a change in direction have been shattered by the new **Environment Minister, Tanya** Plibersek. Showing little understanding of complex Indigenous politics and cultures, World Heritage or the astounding beauty of the Pilbara environment. Plibersek is refusing to exercise her power to protect this vulnerable region. Within a hundred days, the minister has surrendered some of the world's oldest and most significant palaeolithic rock art to the destructive greed

of corporate extractive and fertiliser industries.

There have been attempts to theorise new forms of democracy. Principal among these theories is a 'participative' and 'rights-based' democracy. Supporters of this form of democracy argue that elections are really just the beginning point for a more active citizen engagement.

Deriving largely from the UN Charter on Human *Rights*, political activists have generated some significant advances, especially around the cultural status of oppressed groups – including women, ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples and LGBTOI+ communities.

Even so, the discourse of rights has had few successes in preventing the violence that humans continue to inflict on non-human life forms. In fact, the discourse of rights has been inverted and enlisted by all types of cultural and political interests. Violent political extremists invoke the ideals of freedom and 'rights' to justify their own oppressive politics and attacks on citizens.

This dynamic is also played out at a local level. Byron residents are well aware of the problems of overdevelopment; disruptive, violent vacationers; housing unaffordability; homelessness; crumbling infrastructure; environmental destruction.

Democracy was never designed to resolve these issues; it was rather designed to support the hierarchies that underpin them.

Taken as a whole, there seems little progressive or creative thinking in the 47th Australian Parliament. Just more deceptive platitudes and narrow thinking. Even the so-called Skills Summit generated the same cache of tired ideas and historical trajectory. More cheap labour, more development, more harm to the environment and non-human life forms.

Fresh ideas are rarely heard, or represented, in our century-old system of parliamentary democracy. This doesn't mean we get rid of it. It says, rather, that we need to use it as a platform for political and cultural innovation. We need to interrogate the failings of the current system and look for models that are not structured around steep irrevocable hierarchies. We need to explore possibilities that liberate creative thinking.

That is; we need to think better. Act better. As a beginning point we need to focus on the biosphere and all those creatures and life forms that have no voting rights.



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It's a shame more people didn't vote for the Greens.

While the holier-thanthou, 'mature' Labor Party are pumping their chests about economic management, The Commonwealth Bank has notched up a record nine billion dollar profit and, thanks to the privatisation by Paul Keating, the Australian public won't see a cent.

Mr Keating may dismiss and berate The Greens' leader Adam Bandt for referring to him as 'the Patron Saint of Privatisation' but the evidence speaks for itself.

To claim some 'mandate', with only a third of the primary vote, to uphold a borrowed Coalition policy of 243 billion dollars in tax cuts for the super wealthy, is fake, cunning and delusional.

It's a shame more people didn't vote for The Greens, including some f..... locals who couldn't be bothered to vote at all. Climate action might be a real possibility and not more coal and gas fields, as proposed by Labor.

Rod Murray Ocean Shores

Feminism & festival

Recently, a friend and I were chatting with 'Joe' (white bloke, late 40s) about what we (white women, late 60s) considered some of the more egregious behaviours and attitudes of former PM, Scott Morrison. Among our grievances, we cited his infamous 'I don't hold a hose' attitude; Robodebt; Sports Rorts; the refusal to set up a federal integrity commission; and his remarks about how lucky the women protesters were in the women's march on Canberra, to live in a country where we females could protest publicly without being shot at (LOL). We cited his constant stonewalling of the media's questions, his refusal to be accountable or apologetic, or empathetic. Naturally, we cited his secret assumption of the 'undercover ministries.'

'Joe', having recently learned of the phenomenon of psychological projection (the process of misinterpreting what is 'inside' as coming from 'outside'), told us that we women were merely projecting dissatisfactions from our respective lives onto the ex-PM. We were so blindsided by this casual, unconscious, patriarchal 'analysis' of our upset and outrage over Morrisons's behaviours, statements, mindset and apparent beliefs, and how these had negatively

impacted a broad spectrum of Australians, (think Centrelink recipients, think the Tamil 'Biloela' family, et al.), we were momentarily stuck for words. Rather than argue (my friend had steam coming out of her ears, but I thought: why bother?), I said, deadpan, we'd go away and reflect on whether we were, as he judged, just two dissatisfied women projecting our personal grumbles onto Scotty from Marketing, and get back to him.

Imagine then our delight to find ourselves at the Byron Writers Festival among thousands of politically-tunedin-and-turned-on adults, all nodding, clapping and laughing our heads off as one guest speaker after another pilloried the self-interested, power-grabbing, patriarchal shenanigans of the former PM. Journos, authors, actors, comedians, satirists, all let rip. Sharp insights, gags and hilarity flowed - e.g. Scotty, arriving at the Pearly Gates, decides to let himself in, having secretly taken on the jobs of both God and St Peter, unbeknownst to them, of course.

So, if all that political/ satirical call-and-respond in the festival congregation was (in Joe's perception of things) merely a mass projection of the collective dissatisfactions of all our lives, including, notably, we politically attuned, babyboomer feminist voters, then let me assure you, dear readers, it was well worth the price of admission. Amen.

> **Shelley Neller** Mullumbimby

TOOT. Trains Of Optional Thoughts.

I appreciate Louise Doran's (31 August) and anyone else's passion for getting trains back on the 1894 Murwillumbah to Casino line. But it's time to move on. Historically, ALP's Bob Carr was in political trouble over railway strikes and rail inefficiencies and couldn't get federal funding. So they closed the line in 2004.

A lot has developed since then transport-wise. Not in Australia though. Big in Europe and Asia are electric scooters, bikes, mopeds and cars. I like trains too. I've been on trains in Cuba, Thailand, the zigzag railway near Lithgow, and even the cute electric tourist train in Byron. I recently travelled on the 300kph Stuttgart-to-Paris train, trains in Switzerland and France, and under the Channel to England. All of them were fast, on time and

full of people.

Moving along, say to about 2050, we will have renewables-powered, superspeed recycled-plasticand-cardboard driverless monorails running all around Australia. I will join the committee to lobby for this economical service that has 'paying customers and not just pensioners with free tickets,' as Bob Carr sort of

Let's have bike and trail paths for now, and the monorail when we've raised the necessary \$10 billion from the (to quote Louise): 'Locals [who] want a train service.' How hard can that be?

And, in summary, almost, with John Cleese's words: 'That parrot train line is dead. It is no more. It is not resting. It is deceased.'

Raphael Lee Cass Byron Bay

The unholy trinity

Flooding, drainage, construction – the unholy trinity.

Mr Holloway declined to answer questios by *The* Echo regarding drain maintenance, then diverted onto commenting about unprecedented natural disaster. That's a separate issue.

We experience floods on a regular basis. Notably 2017 when levels were the highest experienced in this area over my 80 years.

The Council inquiry recommended clearing drains, Saltwater Creek and the Brunswick River to allow egress of water around town. No work was done. Why?

So, it's pointless reporting that Council's budget has been expended, as it's not a matter of how much is spent, but how much work was done.

He further reports that our drainage system is not designed, nor has the capacity, to manage flows above minor flood events. Engineer James Flockton reported this following the 2017 flood.

Then why is Council continuing, in full knowledge of potential danger, to put over a metre of fill in a floodplain, place 60 more buildings on it, then 30 units on top of a car park on Station Street? Why?

Until the mayor and general manager are held accountable for this dangerous, irresponsible decisionmaking, using our money, they will continue building on inadequate infrastructure, putting our existing homes at increased risk.

> **Marlene Crompton** Mullumbimby

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Iron Gates DA at Evans Head refused – appeal to be lodged

Aslan Shand

he community has fought against the controversial Iron
Gates development at Evans
Head for over 30 years. The curent development application (DA) has been under consideration for eight years, and was refused on Tuesday, 20 August, by the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP).

However, in their decision the NRPP were clear that the development site is currently 'zoned R1 General Residential, and that limited residential land supply and high housing costs are key issues at Evans Head'.

The DA was refused on grounds related to fire and flood risk, fill requirements and not satisfying a number of statutory requirements relating to State Environment Planning Policies (SEPP).

The developer is Graeme Ingles under his company Goldcoral Pty Ltd.

Following questions from the chair about the width of the single access road and its limited potential for widening – given it ran through wetlands – The proponent's solicitor, sought a 48-hour delay to get further information. However, this was denied, and the NRPP Chair, Paul Mitchell, put it to the solicitor that it was bit late to be requesting (yet another) extension of time given the history of the application.

Delivering the verdict Mr Mitchell said that 'that the land in question contains an environmentally-important rainforest area, is surrounded by other environmentally and culturally valuable land, and is only accessible by a single road - which is severed during floods. Accordingly the panel believes that a suitable scale of development at Iron Gates could be appropriate, but ONLY if its design and scale were compatible with the site's setting and the application fully addressed all applicable environmental and other constraints; particularly emergency access and egress'.

'In the above context the Panel believes the current application is unsatisfactory and should be refused and we give our reasons for that as follows:

Bushfire risk

'The proposal is unsatisfactory from a bushfire risk perspective...

'Our second concern is the absence of a perimeter road around all of the proposed residential area is not consistent with good practice in subdivision design and the proposed fire trail appears to be inadequate...

'Our third concern is the Intrusion of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) into a large number of residential lots...

'And our final concern is the narrow width of a number of the residential roads within the proposed subdivision...

Ecological and flood

'The proposal is likely to have unacceptable ecological impacts principally because of the substantial earthworks and filling required, insufficient buffers adjoining the rainforest wetlands and foreshore reserve and poor subdivision design...'

Other cocerns included the inadequacy of the proposed stormwater management system; unsatisfactory arrangements

for the evacuation of residents or "shelter in place" during flood event; "excess" earthworks and filling; insufficient buffers to ecologically important rainforest, wetland and foreshore areas; and unsatisfactory bushfire design perspective.

SEPP not met

'The proposal is unsatisfactory in that it does not satisfy several applicable statutory requirements including SEPP 55 in relation to land contamination, SEPP 71 in relation to potential conflict between land and water-based activities, or the provisions of the Threatened Species Conservation Act in relation to proper assessment on a number of potentially endangered species on the List, and the provisions of the Richmond Valley Local Environment Plan in relation to subdivision design, particularly the incorporation of appropriate buffers and suitable road design and some of the risk previously mentioned,' said Mr Mitchell.

National Park

While the audience enthusiastically applauded the

result, Dr Richard Gates from Evans Head Residents for Sustainable Development Inc told *The Echo* that 'the Iron Gates battle is not over as the land is inappropriately zoned and needs to be rezoned.'

Dr Gates said that this is something opponents of the Iron Gates DA have been trying to do for years, but Richmond Valley Council has ignored them.

'You just have to look at the history of the site to know that the community opposes it, but Council seems to be a captive of the State government's mad push for housing development everywhere without any consideration for environmental constraints or limits to growth,' he said.

'Just look at the idiot Regional Plan For Development for 2041, a developers' wet dream!'.

Dr Gates said he would 'not be surprised if there are further attempts for residential development on the site and that there might be Court action by the developer given previous history, but such action would be met with community opposition.'

Appeal

Responding to questions from *The Echo*, developer Graeme Ingles said that they will appeal the NRPP decision.

'The development application will be appealed to the Land and Environment Court (L&EC). We will be responding to the issues raised by the Northern Regional Planning Panel and the community. We will look to do that through the court process.'

The Echo also asked if they would consider selling the land to the State government and about their timeline for the 1997, \$2 million L&EC ordered remediation work.

Mr Ingles said 'It would be inappropriate for us to comment further on the matter while the court process is pending.'

Rezone the land

Dr Gates has said that it is now time for the land to have the residential zoning from the 1980s removed and for it to be rezoned as environmental.

■ Read longer version on *The Echo* online at www.echo.net.au/ iron-gates-da-at-evans-head.





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A time to remember

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his weekend we'll commemorate the 49th anniversary of September 11, 1973, when a fascist military coup d'etat, backed by the Nixon administration, was conducted on a democratically elected government on the other side of the world, Chile. An act of terror during which over 40,000 Chileans associated with the political left were captured and tortured with over 2,000 murdered or 'disappeared' including my mother's elder brother, Exequiel (Ezekiel) Poncè-Vicencio.

Salvadore Allende was a medical doctor and passionate democrat, elected as Chile's president in 1970 to one of the most unequal societies in the world. The ethos was a 'path to socialism' through democratic means – a society to be built more in the image of Scandinavia rather than the communist forces of Cuba or the USSR.

However, democratic socialism was too uncomfortable for Western powers in the middle of the Cold War. The US, with the help of Australia, took a key role in destabilising the Allende regime resulting in the installation of military chief Augusto Pinochet, who ruled the country for nearly 20 years. This, even George Bush's Colin Powell later remarked, was 'not a part of American history that we are proud of.'

But how much do we know of Australia's involvement in the Chilean coup? Recent documents have come to light including confirmation that an Australian Secret



Exequiel Ponce-Vicencio with the then Chilean President, Salvador Allende, circa. 1971. Photo supplied

Intelligence Service (ASIS) station was established in Chile at the request of the CIA in 1971, approved by Liberal Prime Minister William 'Billy' McMahon. We do know that a high-level Australian official (name redacted from documents) questioned whether the station's opening should be deferred, noting the situation in Chile 'has not deteriorated to the extent that was feared' and that Allende 'had been more moderate than expected'.

It took Labor Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, to order the closure of the operation in February 1973. However, the ASIS did not leave Chile till October 1973, ensuring they kept the operations going till the September coup was complete.

Who were these ASIS operators, why were they supporting the overthrow of a democratically elected government, and why did they believe that supporting the climate and preparations for the coup were more important than taking orders from the newly elected Australian Prime Minister to come

home? There continue to be a number of unanswered questions that remain cloaked in secrecy to date. So far ASIS has claimed that releasing unredacted information would be a 'threat to national security' and the courts have stated the Australian Archives Act allows the government to keep certain documents classified 'to preserve...[its] capabilities to keep secrets as necessary.'

The failure of timely closure of Australia's covert operations ordered by Whitlam was one of the reasons he gave for the sacking of the Director of ASIS on 21 October 1975. This took effect on 7 November, just four days before Whitlam's own dismissal in 1975.

Former spy-turned-UNSW-Professor, Clinton Fernandes, has said, 'It's an obscenity to the memory of the victims to continue to hide the truth.'

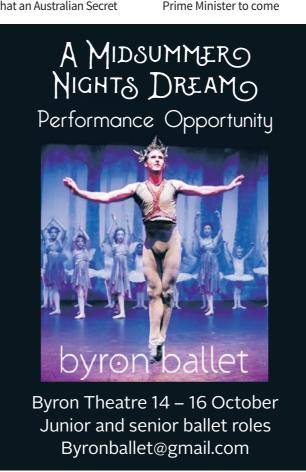
With one hand Australia was dutifully supporting the US in the overthrow of a democratically elected government, and with the other it welcomed over 20,000 Chileans who migrated during the '70s - seeking a refuge from the Pinochet dictatorship and calling Australia home. The vast majority of Chilean Australians came here during this period.

However, many couldn't leave and many believed that it was important to stay and fight for the return of democracy - including Exequiel Ponce, who remains a missing person. The former head of the national union movement and socialist party leader was arrested in 1975 for his political organising and affiliation. A son of a peasant farmer later turned dock worker, he is among some 2,000 Chileans who have disappeared from all records. I remember, even in the 1990s, as democracy began returning to Chile my mother talked in hope that they may find her brother. But no, like many others they weren't in a prison, they had long ago been murdered in a myriad of ways, including being dropped deep in the sea - ensuring their records are lost from history all so completely. Like many Chilean women, for my mother the grieving is incomplete.

Our own local filmmaker David Bradbury brings much of this to light in his 1986 documentary, Hasta Cuando? (When will it end?). He entered the country under the guise of making a film about music and religion, only to capture the horrors of a brutal military dictatorship. It's wonderful that not only an Australian, but a local of this region has helped bring these memories of injustice to life.

We are free here to speak our mind and remember well the terrorist acts of the past. Lest we forget, lest we let it happen again.









Demand management is key to our future water

Nan Nicholson

Roccounty Council's (RCC) new Demand Management
Plan (RDMP) 2023–26 is extraordinary. Parts of it could have been written by WATER Northern Rivers; the lobby group that advocates for genuinely diverse water options and the permanent shelving of the proposed Dunoon Dam.

For example, the RDMP says: 'A key driver of this RDMP is the economic benefit of deferring or downsizing new water supply works as much as possible. By reducing total water demand, the cost of building new water supplies and transferring and treating water are reduced and any capital investment required to meet the needs of growing communities may be deferred'.

Much of the RDMP supports this approach. It includes detailed residential and non-residential programs, proposes innovative water education and behavioural changes, and examines leakage reduction, smart metering, pricing, monitoring and more.

Surprisingly though, the

RMDP has a lapse regarding the idea of rainwater tanks.

The RDMP acknowledges that rainwater tanks are widely supported in the community as a component of the region's water supply. But, RCC plans to gradually eliminate tank rebates on the grounds of cost-effectiveness.

Tank rebates might not be cost-effective in the short term for RCC. However, RCC's role in provision of water security goes far beyond cost-effectiveness. It concerns changing the culture of water use over time towards active water-conserving attitudes, and a reduction of expectations that water resources are unlimited.

Tanks certainly change the culture of water usage, as any rural householder dependent on tank water can attest. A water tank demonstrates its limits and fits with the reality that our water resources are finite. The use of tanks reduces the drawdown on Rocky Creek Dam, even if some refills by watercarriers are required in extended dry periods.

Tanks can be topped up by intermittent rain showers in drought when the same amount falling on a dam's dry catchment has no runoff and Onsite collection of water has to be cheaper in the long run than transport over long distances, or pumping from below ground. That is, if triple bottom line accounting is used, as it should be.

cannot be collected.

Tanks in this high rainfall region can easily catch all of a household's requirements. The average house roof area is 278m² and the average annual rainfall in Lismore and Ballina is a little over 1,000mm. This totals 278,000 litres that could be collected from an average house in a year. It would refill 18 times the 15,000-litre tank that is estimated to be sufficient for a household of three people (based on three people using 165 litres/day for 30 days without rain).

If encouraged – or even mandated – for all new housing developments, tanks could delay or avoid completely the need for risky expenditure on socially divisive infrastructure like dams or groundwater.

Water tanks or water bladders can be installed under-house or under-deck. They can be a scalable part

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of each development as it occurs, paid for by the developer, and do not require a large speculative outlay from distant ratepayers who will not benefit.

Lismore's population growth pre-flood was estimated to be stalled or negative (draft NSW Far North Coast Water Strategy, 2021). Post-flood, its growth is even more uncertain. The population growth in the RCC-supplied region is mostly on the coast, in Ballina and Byron. This is precisely where the water should be collected, following the basic water management principle of collecting water as close as possible to the point where it is used.

Onsite collection of water has to be cheaper in the long run than transport over long distances, or pumping from below ground. That is, if triple bottom line accounting is used, as it should be. Tanks provide diversity and back-up in the event of failure of the main supply.

For instance, in the 2019–20 bushfires the water treatment plant at Rocky Creek Dam was in danger of being burnt down. This would have severely impacted RCCs ability to provide safe drinking water to the region.

Downstream evacuation

In the 2022 floods, the dam water level came to within 600mm of the top of the wall. RCC staff were sufficiently alarmed at the prospect of wall failure to order all residents immediately below the dam to evacuate.

Also in the 2022 floods, RCC appealed for restrained use of water owing to the huge demand for washing down houses etc that threatened drinking water supply. More tanks, constantly filling from rain at the time, would have been a useful contribution.

Large mains failures or algal contamination are infrequent but not impossible threats to a water supply overly dependent on surface water storage. Tanks encourage a culture of self-sufficiency in the same way that solar panels encourage self-sufficiency in power. They make householders more careful of the resource and proud to contribute to the community by reducing some of the demand.

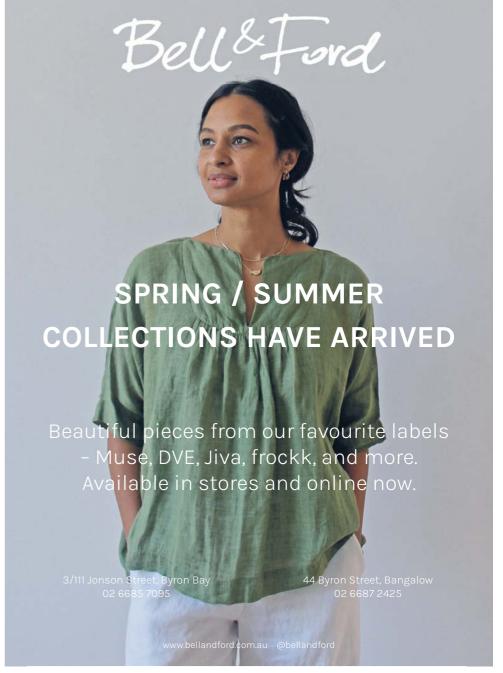
Rous County Council shouldn't underestimate the value of community engagement – it will be needed as climate change bites.

Has RCC quantified how much water has *not* been drawn from the reticulated system because of the tanks that are in use? Has it quantified how many existing and future houses could fit tanks beside or under the house? And how much water could that save? Tanks are no silver bullet, but they can have an important role to play.

The Rous Demand Management Program has much to admire, but it needs to be more ambitious in its scope, especially regarding individual responsibility for water supply.

Submissions to the Rous Regional Demand Management Plan 2023–26 are due on 12 September. See the plan here: www.rous.nsw.gov.au/ on-exhibition.





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Call to stop logging NSW public forests to be debated as fire risk increases

Aslan Shand

ver 20,000 people have signed a petition asking the NSW government to debate the proposal to place a moratorium on logging in public native forests, transition to 100 per cent sustainable

plantations by 2024 for the native forestry industry, and ban the use of native forest materials as 'biomass fuel'. This is forcing the NSW Legislative Assembly, also known as the Upper House, to debate the petition and it is due for debate next week on 15 September.

CHESS by lan Rogers

Bobby Cheng won the tournament of his life this week in Barcelona – and then lost thousands of dollars in a blitz game

The 25-year-old former World Under 12 Champion and youngestever Australian Open Champion has taken a year away from his work in finance to see how far he can go as a chess player. His first event, the Chennai Olympiad, saw him top scoring for the Australian team.

Cheng's second test was the 23rd Open International de Sants in Barcelona with a field featuring a dozen Grandmasters in a field of 250.

As usual nowadays in Europe and the Middle East, the field was peppered with high-rated Indian players. Top seed Sunilduth Narayanan soon took the lead, but a conservative finish allowed compatriot Suri Vaibhav and Cheng to catch him on the line.

Cheng was expecting that the three players would share the top prizes but instead the players were told they must play blitz games for the money.

Cheng was not happy, later describing the situation as akin to gambling – he could lose half of what work in just ten minutes. And he did.

The first blitz match saw the player with the best tiebreak, Narayanan, sit believed that this checkmate threat might saw it out while Cheng was paired with him, but... 35.Rxg7+! Kxg7 36.Bd4+ Kg8 Vaibhav, whom he had beaten to win 37.Qg5+ Kf7 38.Qg7+ Ke8 39.Rxe6+ 1-0

the World Under 12 title in 2009.

This time the result was reversed and Cheng had to settle for the 2,000 Euro third prize. Narayanan then beat

Vaibhav to take home 5,000 Euros.

The playoff took the gloss off what should have been cause for celebration: equal first in a big European Open, plus enough world ranking points to move within striking dis-tance of Anton Smirnov and Temur Kuybokarov as Australia's #1.

Cheng's best game was the high pressure encounter in the last round against Peruvian Renato Terry which took Cheng to the tie for first

Barcelona Sants Open 2022 White: B Cheng

Black: R Terry Opening: Old Indian Defence

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'The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) is calling on the NSW Legislative Assembly, when they vote next week, to revoke the Forestry Corporation's licence to kill threatened species, after finding more wanton vandalism of koala feed trees and hollow-bearing trees in Wild Cattle Creek State Forest,' NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh said.

'These are some of the few trees that legally required protection. This is not an isolated case, the Forestry Corporation were fined \$285,600 in June for logging in a Koala High Use Area, rainforest and a rainforest buffer 4km to the west, and last month the EPA announced they are prosecuting the Forestry Corporation for logging six Giant Trees and seven Hollow-bearing Trees 5km to the south,' he explained.

'This illegal logging is occurring in what is some of the best koala habitat in Australia, proposed as part of the Great Koala National Park.

'In 2017 the Office of **Environment and Heritage** identified compartment 40 as a Koala Hub, one of 567



Damage to hollowbearing tree by the Forestry Corporation at Wild Creek Cattle Station. Photo supplied

priority areas across the whole of NSW for protection as a highly significant area of koala occupancy.

'Despite this, within this Koala Hub most of the larger koala feed trees were allowed to be logged, and many of the few token trees they were legally obliged to protect were extensively damaged.'

Logging increases fire risk

The increased risk of fire as a result of logging has also been established and supports the proposition to stop logging NSW native forests.

Independent NSW MP Justin Field has highlighted that a new study, based on research conducted in New South Wales South Coast forests, has strengthened the

growing evidence that logging increases fire risk and it sharpens calls to transition out of native forest logging.

The study assessed 119 sites in coastal forests between Ulladulla and Narooma on the NSW South Coast and found that 'changes in vegetation associated with logging, and to a lesser extent wildfire, increase the risk of fire.'

'This research adds to a growing body of evidence that logging increases the risk and severity of fires in our forests by opening up the canopy, drying out the forest floor and creating ladder fuels bringing fires up into the forest crown,' said Mr Field.

The NSW Government was warned last year by their own Natural Resources Commission that the combination

of logging with the impact of the 2019-20 fires presents a 'serious and irreversible' risk to the environmental values of NSW forests. In the last month both the koala and greater glider have been declared endangered in NSW, in part owing to the combined impacts of logging and wildfire.

Declining bird life

The impacts of the Black Summer fires have directly impacted functional bird populations vital to rainforest and they are struggling to recover in the years after the Black Summer bushfires devastated Australia regeneration, according to new UNSW Sydney research.

The researchers found that unprecedented megafires negatively impacted the diversity of functional rainforest bird communities among burnt areas of the Gondwanan compared to surviving regions.

The researchers say that we need to recognise the real cost of bushfires on biodiversity.

'NEFA is calling upon people who care about koalas and other threatened species, to contact their local members to ask them to vote to remove the Forestry Corporation's licence to kill by stopping them logging public native forests', said Mr Pugh.

Quiet achievers

Thank you to Mandy Nolan for her wonderful article on the Country Women's Association (CWA). Her personal experience of CWA's support would be a story familiar to many, many women and their families throughout the

CWA members tend to go about their work quietly but support the community in a multitude of ways. We provide friendship and a voice for women. For Bangalow CWA, the baking and craft sold in our rooms allow us to contribute both significant funds to disasters and local groups supporting those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, eg SHIFT, Liberation Larder, One Roof Byron and also to smaller causes and needs within our local community such as an annual school scholarship and the Bangalow Show.

Local CWA branches use their collective voice to lobby for issues of particular importance to this region such as homelessness,

ceasing offensive slogans on Wicked vans, support for the Uluru Statement and improved regional health care services. Yes, Mandy, 'there is mood for change' and, many of us, like you, look forward to debating changes to the motto.

> Di Campbell Bangalow CWA branch

Robo justice

How good is it to see our new Labor government delivering on yet another election promise, and what a massive difference compared to previous Coalition deceit?

The announcement of a Royal Commission into the disastrous and potentially life-threatening Robodebt fiasco by PM Albanese must have brought joy to the hearts of the thousands of vulnerable Australians who were snared in this human tragedy.

How good is it going to be watching these former disgraceful Coalition ministers hauled before a Royal Commissioner, put under oath and made to 'fess up

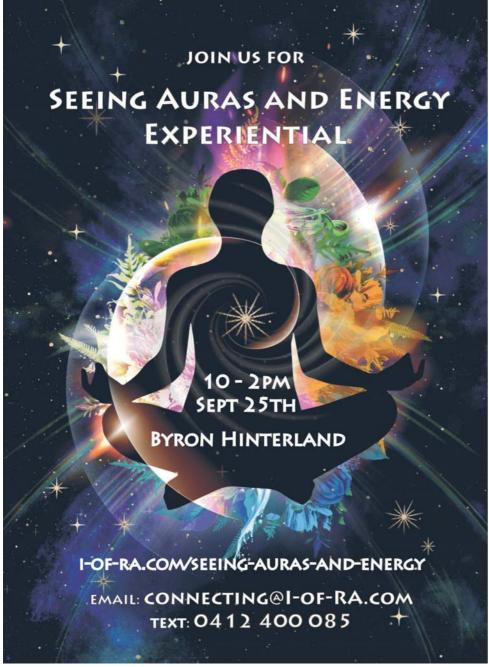
for all the hurt and suffering they've caused?

The Coalition insidiously orchestrated this illegal scam in 2015 when they transformed the existing income data-matching process to an automated system, therefore removing all human oversight by Centrelink staff before debt notices were issued, and placing the onus squarely on the welfare recipient to prove their innocence.

Even after thousands of complaints by aggrieved Australians, numerous suicides linked to this horrendous scam, and the scheme finally being ruled illegal in 2019, Centrelink continued to pursue unlawful robodebts until Mav 2020. This monstrous debacle was undoubtedly the brainchild of the Coalition and heads need to roll.

In Richmond we are so very lucky to have Justine Elliott as part of a Labor government that always defends the rights of vulnerable Australians.

> **Keith Duncan** Pimlico





Unspoken words – unfulfilled dreams

WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that the following story contains images of deceased persons.

Bob Morgan

he sanctified lessons of the universe have a magical way of connecting us with thoughts and imaginations that have lain dormant and imprisoned for years. Such is the case as my mind and heart turn to Father's Day. I never knew my biological father, Eric Morgan. He was taken from us in the 1950 flood that inundated my birth community of Walgett when I was only 12 months old. My father and a sister drowned in the flood after a boating accident as my father was heading out to a shearing shed to do an inspection. My mother witnessed the unfolding of this tragedy as she stood, with me in her arms, on the banks of the flooded backwater, metres from the dwelling that we called home.

Even though I was present during this tragedy,

I have long loved and been fascinated at the resilience of my mother and the manner in which she dealt with the tragedy of losing both a husband and a daughter. I attribute all that I do that is good to her unconditional love and teachings. The tragedy has left a lifelong vacuum for me because the boating accident robbed me of the opportunity to have the conversations that sons have with their father. I never got to laugh, to cry, to be disciplined and to be praised as we learn life lessons handed down from father to son.

My father was a Gumilaroi man and a shearing contractor. An Aboriginal shearing contractor was a rarity in the days when Aboriginal people were ruled by the infamous Aboriginal Welfare Board that controlled my father's business affairs and other aspects of his life. It was a time in Australian and human history when Aboriginal people were denied the same rights and freedoms that non-Aboriginal Australians enjoyed as their birthright. Even though times



Bob Morgan with his mother Edith Morgan. Photo supplied

have changed and progress continues to be made, albeit at glacial pace, so much more is required if Australia is to assume the venerated mantle of a just and noble society, especially in respect to the socio-political positioning of First Nations people.

Life lessons

Each year, as Father's Day approaches and especially as I continue to age, I find myself thinking about how my life might have been different had my father not been taken from us when I was so young.

The void created through the absence of my biological father was filled by a wonderful and loving step-father who provided some of the life lessons that only a father can deliver. But even with this wonderful man in my life I have always felt cheated by the unpredictability of life. Whilst honouring the father figures in my life, it would be totally remiss and disrespectful of me to not acknowledge my mother,

Edith Morgan; she was the one who kept me grounded and ultimately laid the foundations for what has been a relatively privileged life.

In one of those quirky synergies that invades our space every so often, especially in those moments when life can be at its darkest, music brings solace and comfort, and so it was that my moments of recent reflection were penetrated by a song from the 1980s; Mike and The Mechanic's 'In the Living Years'. The haunting lyrics of the song are a poignant reminder of how easy it is to get lost in life's maze and that all too often there are words unspoken and dreams unfulfilled.

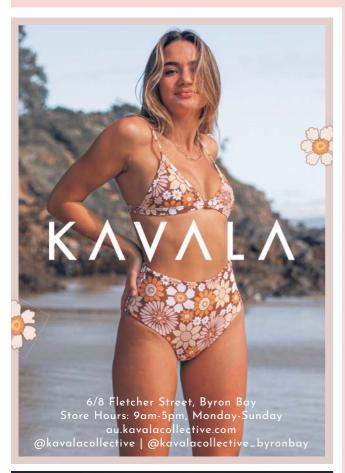
Perhaps this is one of the reasons why I have spent so many years working with other Aboriginal men who also struggle to give meaning to our lives and who strive to fix the broken and flawed man within. It is also possibly why I have been a friend and colleague of the work of the men's rehabilitation and treatment centre, The Glen, on the Central Coast of NSW. The men who find

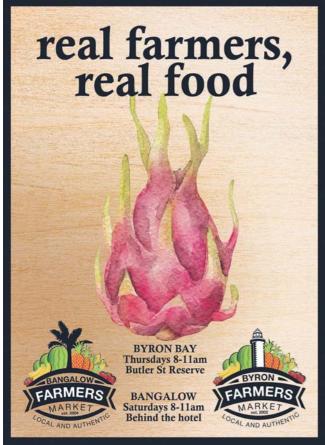
themselves entering The Glen have been damaged in so many ways – judgement and demonising them serves little purpose as they learn to deal with responsibility and ultimately pathways to their rehabilitation.

I am now a septuagenarian; an old man who has lived and loved as a son, a brother, a partner, a father, a grandfather and a greatgrandfather – and as a friend. And even though I am as flawed as the next man I have worked hard to develop and maintain a loving and nurturing relationship with those I share life's journey with. This journey hasn't always been easy, and there are regrets that haunt me as I continue to age, but there is atonement and hopefully forgiveness for the transgressions committed along the way.

So, as we celebrated Father's Day this year, I hope you reached out and tell your Dad, or the man who has helped define the path of your mortal journey, that they are loved. Even if they have passed, they will still hear your words. Regrets are hard to live with.









SUFF Culture now

Covid related complications may have required the organisers to move the 2022 Byron Bay Surf Festival to an early September timeslot, but both the surfing and cultural programs have benefitted from the extra time available.

On the surfing front, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September will see Vissla present their Cosmic Creek surf competition for the first time in Australia. Cosmic Creek pays homage to surfing from bygone eras and has been held in the USA for more than 20 years. The competition will be held in the Clarkes Beach to Belongil stretch, subject to surf conditions.

The Byron Shire Council have been enthusiastic about the Festival and the organisers have appreciated that support.

On Saturday morning, Surfers for Climate will present the traditional Wategos Wizards longboard comp at Wategos Beach.

On Sunday 11 Sept, the Freestyle & Stoke Surf Sessions will be hosted by Varuna Surfboards. Varuna have innovated hollow, wooden, hiperformance surfboards made from balsa and will have boards available for anyone to try.

The Sunday session will finish with the hugely popular BBSF Party Wave. There is free entry for spectators to all the surfing being held during the Festival. NSW National Parks and Marine Parks play vital supervisory roles throughout the Byron Shire and Surfers for Climate acknowledge their assistance.

The surf culture program will begin on the evening of Thursday 8 September with the global premier of the new Jack Coleman surf film *Natural High* and some very special guests at the Palace Cinemas.





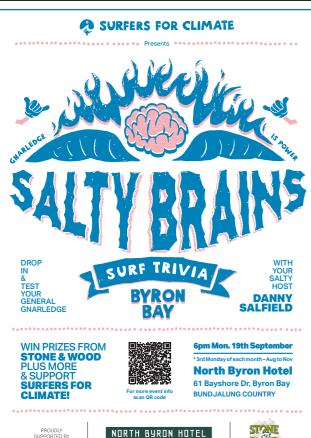














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WSOD



At the official Festival opening night on Friday 9 September, the legendary surf filmmaker Jack McCoy will present his 'Tales from the Tube' show at Byron Community Centre. Included will be a Welcome to Country, and special guests include Derek Hynd and Jaleesa Vincent, and Jack will be screening some previously unseen footage from his decades of surf filmmaking.

On Saturday afternoon, Gage Roads is joining the Rails Pub to host the Frothing Forever Party. This is a free event with a great lineup of bands starting at 4pm with The Terrys headlining.

The Varuna Closing party will be held at The Secret Garden on Sunday afternoon from 4.30pm and will include an environmental panel with Dr Bronners, Sean Doherty, Surfrider Foundation and Varuna.

Some of the cultural events are ticketed – please see the Byron Bay Surf Festival website for full details: byronbaysurffestival.com.au.







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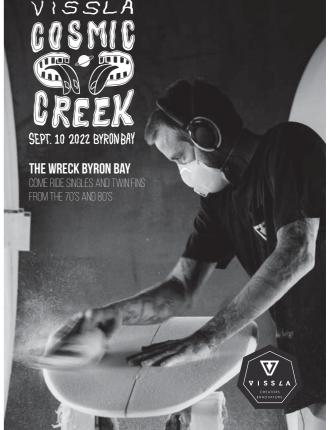
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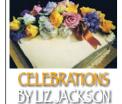
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Sweet n Sourdough

A traditional Tuscan doughnut - or bombolone - is a light and airy yeast-based affair, often filled with sticky jam. And yet Megan Hunter's interpretation of these bear no yeast whatsoever; they are sourdoughnuts!

I can vouch for their light and airy lusciousness and indeed as I bit into one I felt transported to a Florentine bar. It's a measure of Megan's meticulous experimentation, tweaking and re-tweaking until she was happy with the result, that her version appears a faithful replica of the Italian original recipe. While the original inspiration for her doughnuts came from a small family business in Tasmania, the recipe which Megan has worked with for several months is Italian.

'I had been following them', she tells me of the Tasmanian sisters whose doughnuts first inspired her, 'and got really inspired to make my own version of a sourdough doughnut. So I messaged them to see if they would mind - and I was given the go-ahead.'

Being sourdough, of course, means it's a long slow process. 'Our whole process', she says, 'starts 36–48 hours before they are ready to eat! There is a lot of proving and rolling and then more proving.... This means that Megan



and her small family team must start the process the day before a market. Based in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate, she shares a commercial kitchen, and it's there too that her range of glorious fillings are devised. I asked her which is the most popular? 'They all are!' she laughs, 'But if I had to choose: our signature lemon curd is up there.'

I've always loved the slightly chewy quality of a good doughnut, despite its fluffyness - and I cherish childhood memories of buying still-hot sugar-coated doughnuts, the ones with holes, from the David Jones Food Hall in Canberra. Megan's have precisely that quality as well with the added bonus that they're fermented, so they're a healthier option!

Sweet n Sourdough can be found every Friday at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market 7-11am.

RUOK?

On RUOK Day, Thursday 8 September 2022, Bun Coffee has a special offer to help people stay connected and start a conversation. Buy a coffee and they will give you a free small coffee for a friend or colleague to start the conversation: 'Are you okay?'.

Why that particular question? The organisers at Bun Coffee

say RUOK Day was founded in 2009 by Gavin Larkin who, tragically, lost his father to suicide in 1995. To honour his father and try to protect other families from the pain he has endured Gavin chose to champion just one question -'Are you okay?'. Suicide knows no boundaries and by looking out for and supporting those we care about we can all play a role in suicide prevention.

RUOK Day encourages all Australians to recognise that they have what it takes to ask, 'Are you okay?' – and then to listen to the answer.

Bun will also be taking gold coin donations on the day to donate to Byron Youth Service.

6am-3pm, Thurs 8 Sept, Bun **Coffee Roastery Door and** Espresso Bar.

The Good Life

New Lawn Bar at Tweed River House



Simon Haslam

As the days warm up, can you imagine sitting by the side of the river at Tweed River House, enjoying the sweeping views across to Mount Warning, with full table service and sampling from a special cocktail list? The Lawn Bar is a new way to experience Tweed River House, and it's due to open early-mid October. You won't be actually on the lawn, rather, on comfortable chairs on the Lawn Deck, with shading, and there will also be an undercover area to keep you protected from the elements.

Restaurant manager and sommelier, Aaron Wigg, has crafted a special cocktail list for the Lawn Bar but you can still have the classics or choose wines and bubbles by the glass or bottle. The Tweed region doesn't have a lot of European-style bars, where you can relax alfresco but still get classy table service, so it sounds like a winning idea.

GM Gregory Lording says it was



other regular diners were interested in coming for drinks and some light food, without necessarily wanting to eat a full meal. 'We will be taking reservations

so people can be guaranteed a 90-minute spot, as well we will accept walk-ins subject to availability,' Gregory says.

It will be open Friday-Sunday from noon to 6pm from mid-October.

See tweedriverhouse.com.au.

Loft: a local favourite

Located metres from the beach in Byron, Loft has always been a great place, many would say the best place, in Byron for a north coast cocktail. With an airy interior and terrace that overlooks Jonson Street, a range of wines and food, coastal chic styling featuring natural elements and luxuriously oversized seating it is a wonderful destination right in the heart of town.

With the recent arrival of Chef Steven Haby at Loft, the dining menu is receiving a rightful new focus, and soon, to complement those changes, an expansion at the quality end of the wine list. Having owned a restaurant in Williamstown, and earned a chef's hat at his Ice Bar Cafe, Prahan, and then at the Walters Wine Bar Melbourne, Haby has lived locally for the last 12 years, giving him not only true local knowledge of Northern Rivers produce and food culture, but also, because he's been running his own guest house, an insight into what visitors enjoy most about their Byron experience.

'It's all about the relaxed vibe and lifestyle that Byron has to offer,' says Haby. 'People love the casual, laidback feel. That's why Loft is so loved. It's breezy, it's coastal and it's relaxed. You really feel like you're on holidays!'. Well, that's true when you're dining, but the venue was really busy when I dined there, so I asked Haby what had lured him back into working hard again instead of kicking back and running a guest house?

'I can assure you running a guest house is not as easy as it may seem, however, running a sizeable commercial kitchen is quite pressured. Customers have high expectations these days with so many food shows around. They are far more educated when it comes to cooking processes and styles than they were 30 years ago. I have always been a passionate person when it comes to food. I live and breathe food, and am always following the food pages with great interest. I guess I missed the challenges that a commercial kitchen brings and at times I do ask myself "why?". But after a busy night and lots of compliments and great feedback, it all brings an incredible amount of satisfaction, that a lot of people never experience in their daily working life. A glass



Delectables at Loft: breezy, coastal, relaxed.

of wine after a busy service also helps!' he said.

The menu is dynamic, with smaller plates such as Moreton Bay Bug tacos, or Ballina Squid 'fritto misto' designed to have as a bite with a drink; 'medium' plates such as Oven Roasted Ballina Prawns with XO butter and chives, or Kinkawooka Mussels in chilli, lemongrass and kaffir lime; and larger mains such as Cape Grim Sirloin or local 'fish of the day'; and for those looking to try a range of dishes there is a very good value full fourcourse set-menu experience for \$69.

The food is wonderfully balanced, with sophisticated orchestrations of flavours, and generously portioned. Even the Frank's Burringbar Potatoes side dish was firstrate, served with confit garlic and the best side of flavourful mustardy mayonnaise I've

The Seared Hervey Bay Scallops (from the small plates menu) were perfectly cooked with a sensuous golden-brown searing. The Karaage Agedashi Tofu was a hit, the flavour was multi-dimensional. The soft inner tofu had a delicate flavour, the tofu crust was crunchy with its own distinct flavour, and the accompanying shitake and ginger Asian broth was a wonderful combination. Even though this dish was classed as a 'medium' sized option on the menu, it was substantial.

Other dishes include Hiramasa Kingfish Ceviche served with pink grapefruit and lime; Burrata with heirloom tomato, chorizo pamplona, roasted red peppers, basil and caper berries; and Japanese Chicken Slider. Amongst

the main-sized dishes the barbeque chicken was the best chicken dish we've eaten in recent memory; as well we tried the Roasted Sugar Loaf Cabbage with beautifully roasted macadamias, roasted chickpeas and more.

In step with the addition of more restaurant-style items on the menu, there are imminent plans to expand and upgrade the wine selection to include a greater range of quality wines; a deserved accompaniment to the food. We had a bottle of the current 'wine of the month', a delightful 2019 unwooded chardonnay, more flinty than rich, from Cloudbreak in the Adelaide Hills, that went well with the seafood, chicken and vegetarian dishes we chose.

Loft is a favourite of many, all the elements work; prompt, friendly and knowledgeable service, a range of sizes and styles of wonderful food, a world-class beverage selection - and it's all at our back door.

loftbyronbay.com.au Insta: loftbyronbay Open every day 4pm-late From 1 October Loft will also be open for weekend lunches 12 noon (Saturday and









Asking the question "Do we choose Love or Fear?", the inaugural Art Byron will gather local and nationally celebrated artists for a feast of events including exhibitions, gallery talks, music, film, a multimedia installation and an art dinner.

The four-day event will bring the local arts community together and provide a dynamic platform for contemporary art, across multiple venues within the Byron Shire.

Founder Lisa Cowan said 'Art Byron will provide the opportunity for visitors to experience the depth of the Northern Rivers art scene and see the calibre of artists working across our region.'

Groundwork for Art Byron 'Love or Fear' was envisioned by renowned First Nations artist Karla Dickens, who lived through the devastating March flood events that swept across Bundjalung country around Lismore, the place she has called home for the last 20 years.

Dickens, standing knee deep and defiant in the flood waters, was the subject of 2022's Archibald prize winning portrait by fellow Aboriginal artist, Blak Douglas.

Art Byron will include three main exhibitions all curated by Ms Dickens.

The festival will feature works from some of most revered artists in the country, including The Tennant Creek Brio, Hiromi Tango, Beki Davies, Stephen Bird, Zion Levi and Polly Borland.

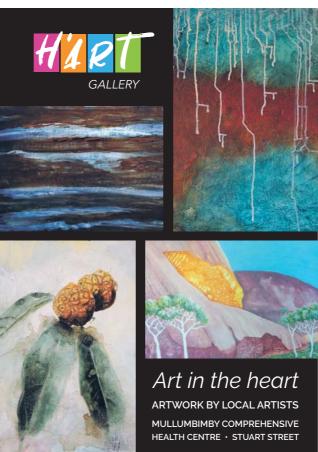
The inaugural Art Byron will take place from Friday 30 September - Monday 3 October in multiple venues across the Byron Shire. Most events are free or gold coin donation entry. More info and full program at art-byron.com.au















On the big screen at **Byron Theatre**

Enjoy two thrilling NT Live screenings at Byron Theatre. On Wednesday 21 September at 11am.

Ralph Fiennes leads the cast in David Hare's Straight Line Crazy, a blazing account of the most powerful man in New York, a master manipulator whose legacy changed the city forever.

Then after two sold out sessions, Byron Theatre presents an ENCORE screening of Prima Facie, the one-woman show that opened at Sydney's Griffin Theatre in 2019. This has now been staged to huge acclaim in London starring Jodie Comer (Killing Eve) making a stunning West End debut in the UK premiere of Suzie Miller's award-winning #MeToo play. Showing on Friday 23 September at 6.30pm. Tickets are selling fast.

Book now at byrontheatre.com.

Applications are now open for **BSA's Year-Long courses**

If you are interested in focusing on and expanding your art practice, now is the time to apply for Byron School of Art's 2023 Year-Long courses. BSA Year-Long courses offer support for emerging and established artists as well as an encouraging platform for those seeking introduction to the field. Study for one, two or three vears. Visit the BSA website for more information.

byronschoolofart.com





Byron Writers Festival presents Still Life with Sarah Winman

Off the back of an incredible festival weekend, Byron Writers Festival is thrilled to present acclaimed British author Sarah Winman, who will appear live in conversation about her latest novel, Still Life.

Sarah Winman has captivated millions with sweeping, richly rendered works celebrating love in all its forms, from the paean to life and loss that is Tin Man, to the coming-of-age tale of family and friendship, When God Was a Rabbit. Still Life is no exception, roaming the Tuscan Hills and piazzas of Florence, to the smog of London's East End, in a joyful ode to love, passion and art set against the upheavals of history.

See Winman in conversation with Zacharey Jane and be transported by a story that 'bolsters the heart and soul'. 6pm, Thursday 22 September at Byron Theatre. This event will sell out so don't delay. Bookings via byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on.

Pleasures of life Drawing

It is a rare and unique opportunity to paint multiple models presenting together. IMMERSE YOURSELF...

Follow Your Art presents... AN ARTISTS AFFAIR Skin in Springtime.

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Expect a high vibration of creativity, music, food, and inspiration!

Divine vegan banquet provided.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL www.followyourart.net.au **Sat 17 - Sun 18 September 2022 Stokers Siding Hall.**

Art in the heart of Mullumbimby

Art lovers look no further than the Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre - home to the H'Art Gallery. Featuring more than 40 artworks by 12 local artists, the gallery is an absolute must-see.

Graphic impressionist Solveig curates the two-floor gallery and rotates the exhibition every six months. The space provides local artists a platform for an extended period to display and sell their work.

Visitors to the health centre are greeted by the art, which provides a distracting escape from stress and concern while creating a vibrant, healing atmosphere.

Conveniently located on Stuart Street, the H'Art Gallery is art in the heart of Mullumbimby. Enquire at info@solveig.com.au.

60 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby

Spring play at Pocket Park

Byron Shire Council and Roundabout Theatre will be presenting a series of FREE creative lunchtime events this spring to

> celebrate the launch of a new Pocket Park in the thriving and vibrant Byron Bay Arts and Industry Estate. Over the month of September you will be able to try some new circus skills with Circus Arts Byron Bay, immerse yourself in a visual arts and funambulism (tightwire) experience

by Claudie Frock & Seed Arts, participate in a pop-up dance party with the infamous Cassettes, join art-folk duo Bella Frankie for a lunchtime of music and sing alongs and bring your pooch down to the park for wacky dress ups and portraits with Andy Forbes and Simone O'Brien. The Pocket Park is a new public space to meet, connect and play in. Come on down in your lunch break and help celebrate this lovely piece of green.

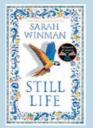
See display ad on page 27 for dates. Located next to the Council Depot. Bayshore Drive, Byron A&I Estate.



Still Life: Sarah Winman







Don't miss British author Sarah about her stunning latest novel 'Still Life'.

Moving from the Tuscan Hills and piazzas of Florence, to the smog of London's East End, 'Still Life' is a sweeping, joyful novel about beauty, love, family and fate.

Bookings essential via byronwritersfestival.com/whats-or









Park. Located next to the Council Depot. Bayshore **Drive, Byron Bay Arts and Industrial Estate**

12pm-2pm | September 8, 13, 14, 22, 28



BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL





Margaret Olley: The Art of Flowers

Margaret Olley: The Art of Flowers celebrates Margaret Olley's favourite subject - the beauty and joy of flowers. Olley dedicated her career to exploring the endless possibilities of humble, domestic objects combined with colourful, textural and sculptural arrangements of flowers.

The Art of Flowers brings together some of the finest examples of her much loved flower paintings, spanning five decades of work, from public and private collections.

The exhibition includes some of Olley's early explorations of still life via a rich and expansive palette. From here flows the story of her extraordinary life and the evolution of her practice, driven by her singular vision and her obsession to paint.

The Art of Flowers is a splendid offering of rarely seen paintings by Australia's most celebrated painter of still life.

2 Mistral Rd, South Murwillumbah 02 6670 2790 https://gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au



Only three weeks left to enter the OSAE with \$15,000 in prizes.

30 September is the final day for submissions, so be creative and enter one of the seven categories: Watercolour & Gouache; Printmaking, Drawing & Pastels; Oil & Acrylic, Mixed Media; Sculpture & 3D Art; Photography; and Digital Art (https://osartexpo.com). The exhibition will be held at the Ocean Shores Country Club over the weekend of the 5-6 November with online sales available for a further four weeks into December. This is an opportunity for artists to exhibit and sell their work.

Go to www.osartexpo.com to enter.

ART BYRON

a contemporary art gathering: sept 30-oct 3 '22

The inaugural Art Byron gathering on Bundjalung Country will bring together outstanding talent, creating an open forum for like-minded people to share, discuss and explore contemporary culture.

Full program: art-byron.com.au



Laith McGregor



Polly Borland



Michael Donnelly







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Cryptic Clues ACROSS

- 1. ET circle forms a source of power
- 6. Spell, new in search (6)
- 9. Firm and severe in a state of panic (13)
- 10. Looked closely at noble journalist (6)
- 11. Against work sitting (8)
- 13. Set men can't break laws (10)
- 15. Fail to hit the girl (4)
- 16. A thousand in a biscuit starchy food (4)
- 18. Hack stays loyal to eating utensils (10)
- 21. Took charge gently and lived! (8) 22. They say it's only a blow-up mattress, but stay unobtrusive (3,3)
- 23. Violently invading over conflict new cautions about bad weather ahead (5.8)
- 25. Each around a bridge how the señor describes his country (6)
- 26. Make fewer schedules apathetic (8)

DOWN

- 2. Student centre ordered a reading desk (7)
- 3. Suppliers scam farm machinery
- 4. Traitor journo assessed (5)
- 5. Nothing in the parcel it's a joke
- 6. Silent members of the Sound of Music family? (9)
- 7. Mohammed or Baba (3)
- 8. About soccer teams curs (7)
- 12. Ingredients aren't simple, but they last forever (11)
- 14. Pitch a nut (9)
- 17. Stops seizures (7)
- 19. BL a nutter (7)
- 20. Renders unconscious small boy back in Minos's place (7)
- 22. Queues and reinforces fabric (5)
- 24. Eggs in Kharkov, a gourmet town (3)

Quick Clues ACROSS

- 1. Energetic; charged (8)
- 6. Hypnotic state (6)
- 9. Amazement; anxiety (13) 10. Stared (6)
- 11. Combating (8)
- 13. Performances (10)
- 15. Slip (4)
- 16. Food obtained from trunk of palm tree (4)
- 18. Used for eating in Asia (10)
- 21. Chaired (8)
- 22. Hide; avoid attention (3,3)
- 23. Forecasts of thunder and lightning (5,8)
- 25. Iberian country (6)
- 26. Lethargic (8)

DOWN

- 2. Rostrum (7)
- 3. Freelance workers (11) 4. Graded (5)
- 5. Caricature (7)
- 6. Cloistered religious order (9)
- 7. Arabic name (3)
- 8. Eyeteeth (7)
- 12. Everlasting (11) 14. Australian rainforest tree (9)
- 17. Apprehends (7)
- 19. Peculiar character (7) 20. City in ancient Crete (7)
- 22. Furrows; wrinkles (5)
- 24. Reproductive cells (3)

Last week's solution N454

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A very sober noodle

It's almost 6pm. I've been checking the clock. At 6pm I have a glass of wine. I start looking forward to it around 4pm. There's a warm fuzzy glow knowing that at 6pm I get to open a bottle and pour a fresh red. These are the nights when I don't have to drive to work. On those nights there is no 6pm booze. My relaxing alcohol is reserved for the nights when I don't have to go anywhere. I will have one glass, then a second. I'll be making dinner, the music will be on. Or I'll be sitting on the deck chatting to my husband. I'll usually have a third glass and then that's it. I'm done.

Of course there have been times when I've drunk the fourth glass, and the odd evening when I've finished the bottle. If I'm out with friends I probably drink seven glasses. I don't count. This is how I relax. I'm not alone, many people I know also use an alcoholic beverage to fuzz out the stress of their day. The bottleshop has always had more appeal than a yoga class.

My father was an alcoholic. So was his father. My mother's father probably was too. Like many Australians I am more likely to become an alcoholic than an Olympian. If they did have alcoholism in the Olympics I have no doubt that Australia would take gold. Drinking is so normalised we even do it at sports games, at Catholic mass, at birthdays, engagements, weddings, concerts, restaurants. You can even take a glass of wine into the movies.

I've stopped drinking many times. Earlier this year I stopped for a few months. I have stopped previously for two or three years. I'm aware that on the doomsday clock of alcoholism, with my DNA, I've always been about five minutes to midnight. So every now and then I give myself long breaks. I'm on one now. This time I'm contemplating it being permanent; What if I just never drink again? It's as tempting as a glass of red.

I don't struggle to be sober. I can go long stretches of time without alcohol and without much difficulty. I guess it's because I know it's not forever. It's like a sober island holiday before I head back to Bingeland.

But if I'm being honest, I don't like myself when I drink. I'm boring. I repeat myself. I talk too much. I talk too much about myself. Most people do. Booze gives you the disinhibition you need to become the dickhead that lurks beneath the surface. Booze pops that cork. And reactions are as diverse as the poison on offer: from 'Have I told you I love you?' to 'I've always hated you'.

Not drinking makes you feel superior. But it also makes you feel lonely. It makes you feel awkward. It makes you wonder if anyone actually likes you. Not drinking is very isolating. You feel like the kid you were at school being shunned by the cool crowd. And there is just so much reality. Let's not forget that. Reality when you are sober is fucking endless.

When I go out, my usual ease with strangers is clunky and weird. I'll admit it – it's hard to schmooze without booze. It takes so much effort. You become so self-aware chugging on your third water and stuffing your face with cheese from the grazing table. The inner critic tells you 'go home'. It says 'No one wants you here, you're boring'. It reminds you there is tea at home, and a comfy bed, and that morning is just one sleep away. I love mornings. They've become my evenings. Coffee is my new addiction. I tether my hope to it every day.

I have so many friends that I share a wine with. When I tell them I'm not drinking they say 'that's great Mandy' but some look disappointed. Like they've lost a friend. I feel sad too. I've loved our late night boozy raves; our stupid-but-precious drunk intimacies. But I can't see how, for me,



SOAPBOX

my fabulous social drinking is remotely sustainable. What happens to old drunk women?

So I've given up again. Someone asked me the other day how I can do it. She admitted her social anxiety was so bad she couldn't talk to people in public settings without a glass of champagne in her hand. Sparkling water does not break the ice, and for her its only use is removing red wine stains.

I think I've worked it out, for myself anyway, how to find my place as the sober friend and not make my drinking friends feel bad. The other day I told someone: 'I've given up drinking, but I've taken up listening'. Drunk people don't listen. That's why they can talk when the music is loud.

Be a binge listener. Drunk people *love* talking about themselves - I know, I used to be one. Ask questions and keep the focus on them. No one ever gets drunk and goes out and listens. And when they start repeating themselves, it's time to go. You can assure yourself that no new memories are being made. They won't even notice.

And you? Well, you wake up at dawn feeling incredible. Check your clock. Is it coffee time yet? Is 6am too early?



STARS BY LILITH

As this week's full softens our resistance to change, the transitions in our lives flow with more fluid and rhythmic pace...



ARIES: It's time to ditch the no pain/ no gain mantra as an irrelevant refrain. If something's tripped your emotional alarm system, grant yourself some grace around this weekend's kindly, compassionate full moon, when listening to your inner guidance could reframe a difficult situation into a surprisingly different light.

TAURUS: With your planetary leading lady Venus, the celestial siren, shifting her caring skills and assistance into the sign of service, helping others could be this week's primary love language. The payoff? Venusian signs, like yourself, are likely to find that giving feels twice as good as receiving.

GEMINI: Mercury's three-week reversal makes a whopping seven planets retrograde. Which means that, with inflammatory Mars in Gemini, it's highly advisable to restrain impetuous reactions, keep provocative opinions off social media and think again before pressing send. Best uses of this week? Introspection. Reflection. Auto-correction.

CANCER: Many of us are currently in need of a battery recharge, and the best way to do that is by taking care of yourself from the inside out. Lean in to the things that make you feel strong, energised and nurtured this week; the foods, attitudes and movements that kindle your inner glow.

LEO: If this week seems a bit penny-pinching or petty-minded, why get your royal whiskers in a snit when it makes you look grandly expansive and gloriously generous in comparison? Adopt the operating strategy recommended by Leonian author Aldous Huxley: Do everything lightly. Lightly, my darling.

VIRGO: As this week's Venus trades her Leo crown for a chic let's-get-down-to-business suit in your sign of precision, practicality and productivity, why take care of absolutely everything yourself when you could just as easily accept a little help from your friends? Better still, a lot of help.

LIBRA: With Mercury embarking on a three-week reversal in Libra, decision-making reaches the status of an Olympic sport. But it's necessary to decide what you no longer need in order to free up available space so that Libra new moon's influx of new interpersonal possibilities can refresh the dialogue between yourself and others.

SCORPIO: With Mercury highlighting imbalances in current power structures, is there something you need to review and address in personal politics, like – more equitable arrangements that take all parties' needs into consideration? Ditch the cynicism, keep the common sense, and look for unexpected assistance coming your way.

SAGITTARIUS: If near enough just doesn't seem good enough this week, full moon on 10 September could help you access your own excellence rather than expecting it of others. And note to self; it's the little things that make this week divine, disquieting or a mischevous mixture of both.

CAPRICORN: What rulebook tells you to wear yourself out personally overseeing absolutely everything? Only your own. All work and no play makes a crabby Capricorn, so delete the 'should' word from your vocabulary and explore the elegant sensuality Venus is beaming into this week's rational practicality.

AQUARIUS: Uranus, your ruling planet, meeting this week's Aquarius moon sparks opportunities to make up, break up, or do whatever you need to shake things up and move to new ground whether that's a passe relationship, unsatisfying job, or spending time in a place that doesn't feel right with people you've outgrown.

PISCES: Sensible, disciplined Virgo vibes are always excellent medicine for you lovable bundles of extreme emotions. Especially this weekend, when once-a-year full moon in your sensitive, psychic sign downloads a host of intuitive cues and clues, with synchronicities and serendipities that feel like divine timing.



Magic Murwillumbah



Bolt + Buckle

It's an accepted fact that men are hard to buy for. Well... it used to be... until Bolt + Buckle came along and they are now the self-professed 'men are so hard to buy for' store.

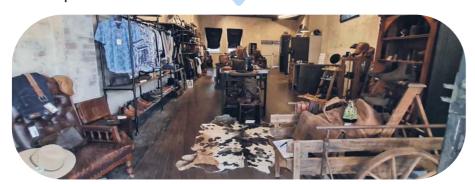
Opening nearly a year ago, Bolt + Buckle has quickly established itself as the 'go to' shop for men's gifts and fashion in the Tweed, all presented beautifully with a rustic industrial fit-out in the art-deco Austral building.

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This 'News, Lifestyle & Gift Emporium' boasts a carefully selected range of luxurious and versatile gifting options for the entire family - all within a restored 1908 building.

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Spring has sprung and the store is full of colour! There has never been a better time to explore The Foundry Murwillumbah.

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The Regent

The Regent has been the heart of the arts in Murwillumbah and surrounds for over 70 years! Step back in time, soaking up the history of showbiz that's steeped into the walls of this glorious Art Deco building, nestled in the M|Arts Precinct. Experience full immersion with our curved screen and Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound. Enjoy live music on the balcony every Saturday,

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Spring dining at Tweed River House

Celebrate the best of the Northern River's fine produce on a seasonal journey as the chef recreates the great nouvelle cuisine classics of the provinces of France.

Dine in the century-old Dining Room under elegant, pressed tin ceilings, or the River Terrace, overlooking the Tweed River with sweeping hinterland views.

131 River St. Murwillumbah South 02 6672 5269

Tweed Regional Gallery

A total of 60 finalists have been selected for the inaugural Wollumbin Art Award.

The finalists were selected from an incredible 473 entries and their work will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery from Friday 30 September 2022.

The WAA exhibition will highlight the breadth and depth of artistic practice in the region with photographers, printmakers, painters, textile artists, ceramicists and filmmakers all represented in the exhibition, including works from well-established artists on display alongside emerging artists.

Finalists are vying for a \$15,000 first prize to be announced at the awards night on Saturday 1 October from 5pm. Winners of the Wollumbin Youth Art Award will also be announced on the night.

All 60 WAA finalists will be on display at Tweed Regional Gallery from Friday 30 September to Sunday 20 November. The WYAA finalists will be on display at the Gallery from Friday 23 September to Sunday 27 November.

2 Mistral Rd, South Murwillumbal 02 6670 2790 gallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au





Cure All exhibition tours at the Museum

Join Museum Curator, Erika Taylor, on a free entertaining tour of Tweed Regional Museum's newest exhibition, Cure All. The exhibition explores stories of health and medicine in the Tweed through displays of more than 200 fascinating objects and photographs from the Museum, both the strange and the wonderful.

The tour is interactive and full of surprises. Get up-close and personal with the Museum's leeches, be fascinated by killer pills, cure-all concoctions, and illicit potions, and experience some electrifying quack medicine.

Free. Bookings call 02 6670 2493 or via www.CureAllTours.eventbrite.com.au

Tours: 11–11.45am, on Sat 10 Sept, Wed 21 Sept and Wed 12 Oct.

Tweed Regional Museum 2 Queensland Road Murwillumbah 02 6670 2493 trm@tweed.nsw.gov.au museum.tweed.nsw.gov.au





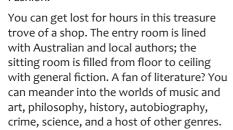
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Magic Murwillumbah



Pulp Fiction

Pulp Fiction is a little gem of a shop that has a wonderful, eclectic mix of offerings. Their unique secondhand store is home to an abundance of funky clothes and fiction, perfect for the unique individual! Whether you're a complete bookworm or a fearless fashionista, you're bound to find something to enjoy at Pulp Fiction & Fashion.



Fossick further to explore rooms full of eclectic fashion items – nostalgic fabrics



and styles from bygone eras in Pulp Fiction & Fashion's extensive collection of vintage and secondhand clothing and accessories.

Visit them for extreme literary fiction, non-fiction, and eclectic funky fashions.

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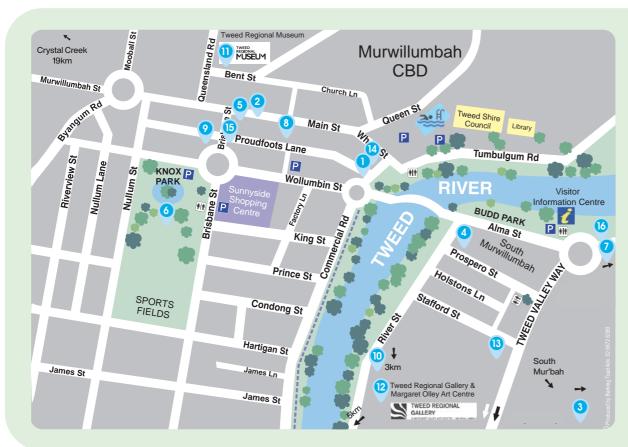
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Ben's Patisserie

Established in Murwillumbah in 2016, Ben's Patisserie is an authentic little food lovers' joint, spreading the love for freshly made, artisanal pastries and patisserie for five years. Renowned for their award-winning macarons and croissants, they create everything from scratch with selected and mostly local ingredients. Celebration cakes available.

5 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah 0415 570 808 bens.patisserie@yahoo.com.au







BP Murwillumbah

BP Murwillumbah, aka the newly established Gourmet Garage & Co, has been transitioning for many years from your typical service station to a must-visit family owned and operated BP, doing things a little differently.

Independently managed by a few local girls with a vision to create a unique one stop shop, it's driven by dreams to continue expanding, with a focus on locally sourced eco products, healthy alternatives, vegan options, gourmet produce and boutique gifts.

The cafe has really taken off with home style food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, all made on-site alongside fresh juices, smoothies and quality barista made coffees.

Open 365 days, 5am-10pm. 216 Tweed Valley Way, Murwillumbah 02 6672 8355





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MORE FREE CONCERTS

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium Executive Director, Anita Bellman, is thrilled to announce the third concert in the NRC 2022 Visiting Artist Program.

NRC will present internationally acclaimed musicians Giovanni Sollima and Avi Avital.

Sollima is an internationally renowned Italian cellist and composer whose works are frequently performed internationally. He has collaborated with many of the world's best orchestras, conductors, and chamber musicians.

The first mandolin soloist to be nominated for a classical Grammy, Avi Avital has been compared to Andres Segovia for his championship of his instrument and to Jascha Heifitz for his incredible virtuosity.

This event is your passport to this rich musical landscape. Avital and Sollima present four centuries of culture from opposite sides of the sea. These good mates will use words and music to share traditional Salento, Bulgarian, Turkish, Sephardic and Macedonian works. They'll also forge new traditions when Giovanni plays one of his own improvisations, followed by Tarantella Orientale from composer Eliodoro Sollima (or, as Giovanni knows him, Papa).

Listen to music with world roots brought to local stages. Be part of a musical community as diverse as Australia.

This rare musical event will be truly wonderful and the team at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium would love to share this with you.

FOR THE LOVE OF THE OCEAN

Thursday 29 September at SCU's Whitebrook Theatre at 7.30pm - free tickets for all floodaffected members of our community to attend the NRC 2022 Visiting Artist Program have been made possible with the support of Musica Viva and **Southern Cross University.**

For more details and bookings for this event and the 2022 Visiting Artists program please visit https://events.nrcac.edu.au

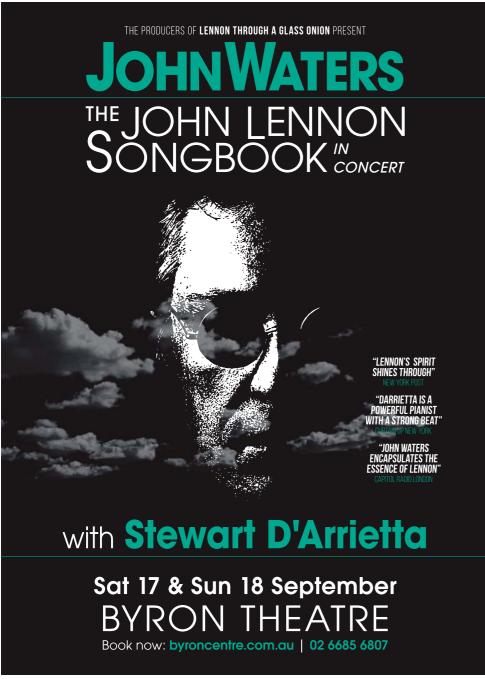
Stone & Wood are celebrating Byron's marine sanctuary and sharing the stoke about our salty backyard with live music, short films and a discussion panel.

Supported by Patagonia Byron, this event will be a community gathering of ocean lovers - with discussions from experts, chats to local change-makers and researchers and toasting to our awesome blue planet. This event is co-hosted by Australian Marine Conservation Society and National Parks Association.

Also see Green Heroes, Australian Seabird & Turtle Rescue, Dolphin Research Australia and Australian Marine Conservation Society alongside beautiful short films

celebrating our ocean by Craig Parry and Morgan Maasen, and feel-good music. The event is all about the Cape Byron Marine Park: what makes it so great; the launch of a **Hope Spot** in northern NSW, and how we can all ensure its protection into the future. The expert panel will discuss the sanctuary.

This event is on Thursday from 4pm. For tickets visit: events.humanitix.com/celebrating-our-saltwatersanctuaries.





E N T E R T A I N M F N T

INSPIRING CREATIVITY THROUGH THE WAVES

The Byron Bay Surf Festival makes its very much anticipated return this weekend with events throughout Byron's venues and surf beaches. Seven caught up with festival founder James McMillan for a chat about the event.

McMillan says he is compelled to put so much energy into the festival because surfing is worth it. 'It's been the best and most consistent thing in my life since I started at age ten. Nothing beats it. The joy and anticipation you feel when a magic wave is coming your way and you know it's all yours is exciting – it's a gift of energy directly from Mother Earth. Surfing goes much further than the act of riding a wave too; it's a whole lifestyle based on being right in tune with nature, and being at the beach, which is heaven. It's unpredictable, it's beautiful, also frustrating at times. You learn a lot about yourself, about your fears, your limits, and also the sway of the seasons. Surfing gives and gives.'

McMillan says the festival brings a lot of likeminded and curious people together. It inspires people, and it evolves creativity in the act of surfing through the type of surfing events we curate. Also, amongst all of the fun, it's really cool how BBSF educates people through the environmental partnerships we have and the opportunities we give those crew to bring their products and messages to the festival and deliver them to a welcoming audience in fun and interesting ways. I also like how I don't have to do any emails when the festival is actually on.'

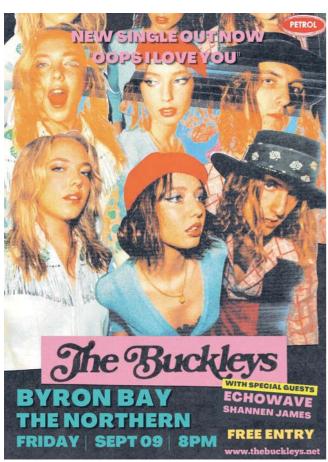
McMillan says the festival's surfing events are done in an alternative way. 'The newest event we are presenting is the Vissla Cosmic Creek. It fits right in with us because it's about fun and surfing on alternative equipment. It has a nostalgic and creative vibe. Our Freestyle & Stoke event on Sunday is always very popular... anyone can come along and surf in it and we have some interesting categories like the Woodsniffers,



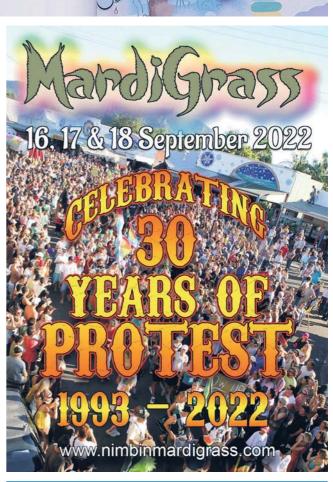
the Extraterrestrial Softboards and the BBSF PartyWave. The Wategos Wizards is our longboard comp on Saturday and it often has quite a few of the raddest single fin longboarders in Aus and the world surfing in it.

McMillan says the physical act of surfing itself is art - it's creative and spontaneous. 'The surfers' dance is a reaction to the movement of the waves. I could stop there. But also the arena, the ocean, is not a fixed playing field and seeking a wave puts you in direct connection with wild nature, often totally alone. If you happen to catch a big wave or get inside the tube then you could experience either of two extremes, you might touch god, or you might nearly drown. Either way, the experience will have inspired something deep within you, and by the time you get home you will already want to do it all over again. A powerful energy is created inside you and some surfers may then express this through other arts. Surfing is very addictive and for me its about the no-mind-state'.

The Byron Bay Surf Festival runs from Thursday to Sunday. For full program, visit: www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au.











THE BUCKLEYS TAKE IT AS IT COMES

When Sarah, Lachlan and Molly Buckley, the young sibling trio out of Byron Bay, Australia started making waves just a few years ago, nobody knew what to expect. What resulted eclipsed anything beyond even their wildest dreams.

Dubbed 'Hippie Country' for their feel-good, fun-time music that doesn't fit squarely into any box, their 2019 debut single *Daydream* shot to number one on Australian country radio charts.

However, the true litmus test of a new band is never their first effort - it's their second. First albums come with all the luxury cliches: you have your whole life to prepare your first album, and nobody has any expectation. The second effort is the one that really shows what a band is made of, and for **The Buckleys**, that effort is their brand new five-song EP Take It As It Comes.

Take It As It Comes showcases a number of different sides to the band, but not so much that they stray too far for fans to forget why they fell in love with them in the first place. Stagnant is not in this band's vocabulary, which makes Take It As It Comes absolutely the right package.

The Buckleys will be performing a live show at **The** Northern Hotel on 9 September with special guest, Mick Buckley and others. The free event kicks off at 8pm.

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chance to win at bayfm.org/subscriber The **Byron Ballet Company** is offering local dancers the opportunity to perform with seasoned professional dancers in Shakespeare's famous tale, A Midsummer Night's Dream. The tale brings to life a comedic story of unrequited love and the merging of both the human and fairy worlds.

Special guests include: Micheal Braun as Oberon, King of the fairies; **Brittany Duwner** as Titania, Queen of the fairies; and Joshua Freedman, who will bring delight to the stage as the cheeky trickster, Puck.

Director **Yvonne Hall** says ballet students will gain priceless experience and inspirational training with the guest

professionals. 'We are sure that

local audiences will love the show. There is a lack of male dancers in country areas so it's vital that we can get these dancers into our local community and show the young people the brilliance of these dance artists. This particular show involves four male professional guests.'

There will be performance opportunities for ballet students at both junior and senior levels.

The performance dates will be 14-16 October at the Byron Theatre. Any local dancers who would like to be involved can contact the director via email at byronballet@gmail.com.

Nimbin's annual MardiGrass is usually a harvest festival but the crop was flooded this year so now it's a **Spring** Planting Ceremony.

There will be movies, a photo exhibition and Yarndi Yarns to share 30 years of memories, as well as all the usual favourite events in Plantem Park, Sativa Stadium and Indica Arena.

Major highlights include the **Great Green Cabaret** on Friday evening, the Kombi Konvoy, 420 protest and **Hemp Olympix** heats on **Saturday** and the finals and Big Protest Rally on Sunday. Pot Art and Pot **Poetry** is on again, as well as a new event, the **MMMA**; MardiGrass Marijuana Music Awards.

The **Hemp Olympix** now famous events (the **Bong** Throw and Yell, Growers Iron Person Event and the Joint Rolling competitions) will be

monitored this year by Belgian officials after world records were broken last year but drug testing was not

completed beforehand, in the appropriate way, so the records were not accepted.

The **Hemposium** is an extraordinary packed program of speakers on all things cannabis spread over four stages on both days, featuring an amazing collection of Aussie weed experts, doctors and gardeners, medicine makers and hemp farmers, lawyers and scientists, politicians and hippies. Michael Pettersson, the ACT Labor MP who

was successful in getting laws changed to allow Canberrans to grow two plants for personal use, is a special guest. All balanced with hours of comedy and music in the evenings.

The two core issues we are protesting about are: first, to be allowed to grow our own medicine instead of having to buy it, expensively, from big corporations via a doctor. Second, to change drug driving laws to a sobriety/ impairment test so that medicinal cannabis users are not being unfairly penalised.

There is a concerted effort to help people get to and from MardiGrass without the risk of losing their licence. Drug free drivers are registering on Facebook at **Mardigrass rideshare** and on the website.

MardiGrass will be held, 16-18 Septemer. The extensive program with a lot more information is all available on the website nimbinmardigrass.com.





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CINEMA

THE ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

The 2022 ST. ALi Italian Film Festival presented by Palace, Australia's pre-eminent

event celebrating the culture and cinema of Italy, returns this spring, promising to transport viewers on a favoloso escape to Italy.

The festival will open with the Australian premiere of Italian box office hit Belli Ciao from popular comedy duo Pio and Amedeo. It follows two formerly inseparable friends who reunite in their hometown in Puglia after years apart, resulting in an entertaining north vs south culture clash.

Closing the festival this year will be the Oscar-winning trilogy of romantic comedies Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (Leri, Oggi, and Momani) starring the inimitable Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni. From acclaimed director Vittorio De Sica, this classic will be a fitting way to bid arrivederci to the festival. It also forms part of the Spotlight on Naples, the heartbeat of Italian Cinema, the festival sidebar presented by the Italian Cultural Institute Melbourne.

Many films from this year's selection were either filmed in Naples and/or from or featuring Neapolitan stars or directors.

From official competition in Cannes comes this year's festival centrepiece: Mario Martone's new drama Nostalgia, featuring a superb performance from Pierfranceso Favino, about a man who returns to his hometown of Naples after forty years and rediscovers the city's codes and rules, facing a past that haunts him. Two exciting announcements are the Special

Session Times: Thu 8 Sept - Wed 14 Sept

ALL FILMS

SPECIAL SCREENINGS

Preview Sat: 8:30pm

BODIES BODIES BODIES (MA15+)

THE PERFECT DINNER (18+)
Prosecco Screening Thu: 6:30pm

Opera di Roma: LA BOHEME (CTC) Sun: 1:00pm Wed: 11:00am

TICKET TO PARADISE (CTC)

Grand Opening Wed: 7:00pm

WOMEN'S ADVENTURE FILM TOUR (CTC) Thu: 6:30pm

DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS (CTC) Sat/Sun: 11:15, 1:30, 2:30, 5:00pm

EMBRACE: KIDS (G) Daily except Fri: 11:00, 1:30 Fri: 10:00, 1:30pm

MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU (PG)

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AFTER EVER HAPPY

BEAST MA15+ 93 MIN

BOSCH & ROCKIT MA15+ 107 MIN

BULLET TRAIN MA15+ 126 MIN

DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS PG 106 MIN

DRAGON BALL SUPER: SUPER HERO (DUBBED)

ELVIS M 165 MIN

MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU PG 87 MIN

THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF LONG M 108 MIN

TOP GUN: MAVERICK M 130 MIN

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING M 125 MIN

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE M 97 MIN 10:00 AM

FAMILY FILMS

PALACE CINEMAS

★ SESSION TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE ★ Check online for all live session times

AFTER EVER HAPPY (M) NFT Thu: 12:50, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00pm Fri,-Mon: 11:50, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00pm

Tue/Wed: 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00pm

BOSCH & ROCKIT (MA15+)

Fri/Mon-Wed: 11:00, 1:30.

5:00, 6:00pm Sat/Sun: 11:00, 1:30, 6:00pm

BOTH SIDES OF THE BLADE (MA15+) NFT Daily except Sat: 11:00, 3:30, 6:00pm

Sat: 11:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15pm

BULLET TRAIN (MA15+) Daily

Thu/Wed: 1:40, 4:20pm

Sun: 4:00, 6:15pm

ELVIS (M)

except Thu/Wed: 1:40, 4:20, 7:00

Thu/Fri/Mon: 12:45, 4:00, 6:15pm Sat: 4:00, 7:15pm

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Tue/Wed: 11:30, 3:00, 6:15pm

Thu: 11:00, 1:30pn

Presentation films coming direct from their world premieres at major international film festivals: Lord of the Ants (II signore delle formiche) starring Luigi Lo Cascio, direct from its In Competition screenings at the prestigious Venice International Film Festival, is a powerful new drama based on the 1968 trial of Aldo Braibanti, a Roman intellectual whose relationship with a younger student caused a nationwide scandal; and The Hummingbird (Il colibri), Francesca Archibugi's star-studded ensemble drama led by Pierfrancesco Favino, which follows its main character from childhood to adulthood, exploring the relationships that have criss-crossed his life over the years, direct from its Gala screening at the Toronto International Film Festival and

Festival Director, Elysia Zeccola, says 'It's that time of year when we emerge from our wintery cocoons to embrace spring and take a cinematic trip to Italy! Join us at the cinema for a ST. ALi coffee, vino or aperitivo, as we screen together.'

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ORPHAN: FIRST KILL (MA15+)

THREE THOUSAND YEARS OF

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GRANDE (M) Thu/Sun: 11:30, 3:50 Fri/Mon/Tue: 11:30, 3:50, 6:15pm Sat: 11:30, 3:50, 6:15, 8:30pm Wed: 3:50, 6:15pm





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WEDNESDAY 7

It's free to list your gigs in the gig guide. gigs@echo.net.au w: echo.net.au/gig-guide

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JOHN J BRADLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM JOSH LEE **HAMILTON**, 5PM CHRIS **DEL MAR, 8PM MANIFOLD RESOLUTION, 10PM DJ** REFLEX
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **GEORGE GREENOUGH'S 'ECHOES' PRESENTED BY FALLENBROKENSTREET & BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF

THURSDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, MARSHALL OKELL DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM HAYDEN HACK, **8PM NOAH DILLON**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM AND 6PM DRAMAWORKS 2022 PRESENTED BY THE NORTH COAST DRAMA **COLLEGIATE**,
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM MICKA SCENE
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHT
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE **8PM THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7.30PM **LOVE FOR ONE NIGHT**
- STONE & WOOD BREWERY, MURWILLUMBAH, 4PM CELEBRATING OUR **SALTWATER SANCTUARIES**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM IN HEARTS WAKE

FRIDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM RAGGA JUMP, **8PM SUPERCHEEZE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM TIAGO FREITAS. 8PM SOUTH SUMMIT + SUPPORT, 11PM DJ **DANNY B**
- BYRON THEATRE 4.30PM 'NEVERLAND' BOOK **LAUNCH PRESENTED** BY TRICIA SHANTZ IN **CONJUNCTION WITH** THE BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL, 7PM JACK MCCOY'S TALES FROM THE TUBE PRESENTED BY **BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **8PM THE BUCKELYS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK **6PM BROADWATERS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM BOB DOWNE: JAZZY
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ ANDREW HAIG**
- HOOPERS, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM ROD MURRAY
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM TINTENBAR UP FRONT - ANDY PENKOW

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM **DEAN DOYLE** WITH SOPHISTICATION MORNING MELODIES
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7.30PM **LOVE** FOR ONE NIGHT
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, THE TRAVELLING FILM **FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY** SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **PAUL DESMOND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM GREGG PETERSON
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM **8PM SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE**

SATURDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM FOREVER FROTHING DJS, 6PM LIQUID CONTOURS, 6.45PM TAKAICARDIA. 7.30PM **LE SHIV**, 8.30PM TEENAGE DADS, 9.30PM THE TERRYS. 10 30PM FOREVER **FROTHING DJS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM AMBER FARNAN, 8.30PM ROSA MACK, 10.30PM DJ NOAH DEVEGA
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM AND 8.30PM SYDNEY COMEDY **FESTIVAL SHOWCASE 2022** PRESENTED BY SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, TOM CD AND THE **CUNNING CRIMINALS** + JACK TULLY AND THE SEERS, TAINUI RICHMOND **AND SMS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM DAN HANNAFORD, 7.30PM SKYEATER
- **BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE** HOUSE 7PM BOB DOWNE: **JAZZY**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM ROD **MURRAY PRESENTS: A** TRIBUTE TO JAZZ
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, KEAPER + **BLINDMOUTH AND JONO'S** MATE SHEEP
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM DJ **SLINKY**
- UNITING CHURCH. MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 5.30PM THE FRIDAY GUYS
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **SUPERCHEEZE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7.30PM **LOVE FOR ONE NIGHT**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, **THE** TRAVELLING FILM **FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY** SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL, 5PM SUNSET SOIREES WITH BILL JACOBI
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES **CLUB 6.30PM BRAD HOLMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM SIMON MEOLA

■ TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM **8PM GREG ANDREWS** SINGS ELTON JOHN

SUNDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, LUKAS JOHN BAND
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DONNY SHADES, 5PM KING RIVER RISING, 7.30PM DJ WAX ADDICTS, 9.30PM **DJ GLORIA ANSELL**
- CRYSTALBROOK BYRON'S VERANDAH 2PM BOMBACLOCK **REGGAE**
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 3PM DJ ABEL TORO
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK CHAPMAN
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE NINTH CHAPTER + HAYDEN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **BOB DOWNE**: **JAZZY**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM CRAIG
- LENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 8AM DR BAZ & THE **MEDICINE MEN**
- CWA HALL BALLINA 3.30PM BALLINA TAILS
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, THE TRAVELLING FILM **FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM NOY BEN AMI

MONDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SIMON MEOLA
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM CHELSEA SKYEATER, 7.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF, 10PM DJ OREN **SELECTA**

TUESDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL BYRON BAY, 5PM TIM STOKES. 7.30PM LUKE HAYWARD TRIO, 10PM DJ ZAC EWING
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7.30PM **LOVE** FOR ONE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, GUY KACHEL
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM FELICITY LAWLESS **DUO**, 10PM **DJ QUENDO**
- BYRON THEATRE **6PM PARADISE SWAMP** PRESENTED BY BYRON **COMMUNITY PRIMARY**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF

SCHOOL

■ ELTHAM HOTEL 7.30PM **LOVE FOR ONE NIGHT**

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Introducing 'Mana' – a progressive real estate

brand in Australia.

After seven years with Raine & Horne Ocean Shores and Murwillumbah, Julie-Ann Manahan and Charlie Markham have made the momentous decision to launch their own brand, right here, in the Northern Rivers and Tweed regions.

'Our focus is local. We know how special this part of the world is and we love our community. Giving back is our mantra. And we want to do what we can to support the community,' says

As independent leaders in the region, Julie-Ann and Charlie have listened carefully to what locals want from a real estate agency, helping families, couples, single parents, downsizers, and people upsizing to make life-changing decisions. They offer support through every step of the journey moments of mid-campaign stress, the jittery pre-auction nerves, and that first move out of home into the student share house.

'Our team is a salt-of-theearth bunch. We put people first. We see the 'serve us' in customer service. This is your dream; we are here to make it a reality,' says Julie-Ann. 'We want to make it a fun and seamless experience. Think of Mana as connecting the dots to make your property journey easy.'

Mana is at the forefront of marketing technology. Their platform provides marketleading psychographic solutions to improve and better understand the customer experience, by recognising

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The aim is to continually grow the local, national, and international network, engaging some of the brightest minds, influencers and brands across the globe.

'There are no barriers, no third party, so we can give our clients, contractors, consultants and team exactly what they need,' says Julie-Ann. 'Whether it's finding a sparkie or plumber



Julie-Ann Manahan

for their new home or liaising with town planners, council and all specialists associated with DA lodgement, we remove the stress from our clients'.

'Mana' is the spiritual life force energy or healing power that permeates the universe, according to Melanesian and Polynesian mythology. It represents strength and soul. 'It was the perfect name for our brand,' says Julie-Ann. 'We are putting the soul into

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For more information or to arrange an interview, contact Julie-Ann Manahan: Phone: 0411 081 118 Email: iam@manare.au www.manare.au

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67 Howards Road Burringbar NSW 2483

Pocket Herbs & Produce - North Coast Freehold Business & Lifestyle Opportunity

Set in the pristine foothills of Burringbar NSW, a largely undiscovered gem of the Far North Coast, this private 5-acre property offers an unprecedented lifestyle and business opportunity.

Located just 20 minutes south of Murwillumbah and only 30 minutes north of Byron Bay.

> 4 Bedroom 3 Bathroom 26 Garage

Expressions of Interest Contact Agent

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For Sale

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Laidback Luxury in Koala Beach Walk to the Beach!

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

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For Sale

2/10 Whitton Court Ocean Shores NSW 2483

A fresh and bright sanctuary in Ocean Shores

This contemporary three-bedroom freestanding duplex in Ocean Shores presents a rare opportunity to move into the coveted neighbourhood of North Ocean Situated within walking distance of Ocean Shores Public School and an easy drive to pristine South Golden Beach, this highly livable home won't last long.

> 3 Bedroom 3 Bathroom 4 Garage

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JUST LISTED

7 Meadows Close Bangalow

| \$1,790,000-\$1,960,000

This stunning, low set, home is ready for a new chapter. Perfectly positioned in a quiet neighbourhood of Bangalow. You can have the comforts of suburban living mixed with a touch of country. This property should not be missed.

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COMING SOON



752 Bangalow Road Talofa

| Contact Agent

One of the most gracious homes in the Northern Rivers is getting ready to come to market. Set on a stunning 79 acres and elegantly poised on top of the hill, Graciosa is flaunting her charm. Circa 1900's with over 100 years of history.



11/10 Balemo Drive Ocean Shores

| \$1,100,000-\$1,200,000

This well designed, spacious townhouse in Ocean Shores, is a perfect opportunity to get into the property market. It is in a great location with easy access to local shops, schools and only 15 mins to Byron Bay.



Stunning 2 acre Lifestyle property 3kms from the heart of Byron town

| Contact Agent

Stunning Lifestyle property on 2 acres in Byron Bay with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and a 2 bedroom cottage, all just 3kms from town. It also has a magnesium pool and a tennis court.

Address on request.





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Perched at the top end of leafy Goonellabah, your private paradise awaits. Boasting 25.26 acres wrapped in picturesque views, it's ripe with promise and potential – where you can fulfil your equestrian, farming or agriculture dreams in a spectacular setting. Onsite, a five bedroom residence with pool awaits, along with multiple storage sheds and a historic former tea house. Modernise the home to your preferred tastes, refreshing its current floorplan that hosts a large open plan living area, country-style timber kitchen and dining zone. Two bedrooms feature downstairs, along with a laundry and bathroom with separate toilet. Upstairs hosts an additional living area, three air-conditioned bedrooms and 2nd bathroom with shower and toilet, while outside, a covered entertaining area is nestled near the pool. Numerous established gardens thrive amongst the rolling greenery, with a dam and mixture of flat and hilly pastures beckoning, making this suitable for horses and cattle. Storage is plentiful too, with multiple sheds on site as well.

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ARCHITECTURAL OCEANFRONT LIVING BETWEEN LENNOX HEAD & BALLINA





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Situated on one of the most sought after coastal locations in Northern NSW, opposite the stunning Sharpes Beach an architectural dream home awaits you. This prize dwelling boasts clear ocean views, 19m lap-pool trimmed with Italian mosaic, luxurious roof top living and a truly bespoke environment inside and out unmatched in the area.

As you drive-up the subtly patterned concrete driveway, you're met with a minimalist feast of strong lines and bold structural components; nothing was spared in this magnificently built home.

A glistening feature hardwood garage welcomes you towards the front door, where knee high windows give light to the interior hallway within.

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43 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

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This original Byron Bay cottage, situated in desired 'Golden Triangle' with its beautiful stained glass windows, airy light-filled rooms with lots of big glass windows to take in the Byron sunshine, high ceilings and timber bifold windows and doors opening out onto a lush garden and grassed area with its own splash pool, is pure sophisticated luxury. Immaculately refurbished the interior layout provides seamlessly integrated indoor/outdoor spaces and open plan living to come together as a group, as well as smaller, more intimate nooks for quieter, relaxed contemplation.

Situated in the heart of Byron within walking distance to cafes, restaurants and shopping precinct.

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② 2/50 PARROT TREE PLACE, BANGALOW



Simply bring your suitcase, your groceries and simply move straight in as there is a a special place waiting for you, where the air is fresher, the sun shines brighter, and the world feels more fulfilling. Set against an idyllic rural backdrop, this is your chance to escape to a semi-rural paradise. One of just three houses in a boutique development just under 3 years old and basking in mountain views, it's been master built by Sivewright – passionate, meticulous craftsman with an excellent eye for quality and detail. The end result is a light-filled two-storey sanctuary where no work is to be done, simply bring your bags and move straight in. Filled with sunshine, it's comfortable and inviting, with gleaming Blackbutt floors to further enhance its warmth and charm.

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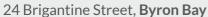
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Large Industrial Landholding

Centrally located in the bustling Byron Bay Arts & Industry

excellent opportunity for investment and/or redevelopment.

Currently the home of AlkaWay water filters, the property

includes approximately 455 sqm of internal space and an

approved 1 bedroom 1 bathroom caretakers' apartment.

• Level 1000sqm land holding, w/ 455sqm of buildings

• Hold multiple tenancies or prime redevelopment

• Solid & well-established tenants in place

opportunity

Estate on a large 1000 sqm parcel, this property offers an

Price: Forthcoming Auction Friday 9th

Open: Private appointment 3.00 - 3.30pm



18 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby

This home is steeped in history and old charm yet renovated to enjoy modern comforts. High ceilings, solid timber floors, French doors and double-hung sliding windows accentuate the character of the traditional federation home. Well-appointed, private, and low maintenance gardens ensures the owner will enjoy the lifestyle this area has to offer.

- Rear lane access garage, private & fenced off yard
- Retractable screens for outdoor room, enjoy year round
- High ceilings, timber floors & ornate features

Price: Auction Open: Saturday 10th 11.30am - 12.00pm Auction: Saturday 1st Oct 12.00pm onsite

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1 Elk Horn Place, Bangalow

Lot 202 Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby

Elevated North Facing Land Parcel

Tallowood Ridge Estate is positioned between the vibrant township of Mullumbimby and the foothills of the nightcap ranges. The estate features parks, playground, and sporting fields with modern services. Proposed lot 202 is an elevated 680 sqm block with exceptional views north to Mount Chincogan & backing onto reserve. Part of stage 8, this block is due to be completed, released to the owner and available for building in March 2023

- Underground power lines, FTTP nbn & reticulated sewage
- Cycle paths, walking tracks, playgrounds & open spaces
- Close to town, schools and enjoying Mt Chincogan vista

Price: Auction Open: By appointment Auction: TBA



680sqm

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



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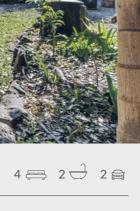
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Price: Contact Agent

Inspect: Saturday 10th













Beachfront Resort Villas - 6.9% Net return

- 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 bluechip property a low maintenance and high yield investment



1 Cavvanbah Street, Byron Bay

Price: Expressions of Interest

Open: By Appointment



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Chris Hanley 0419 662 338



Mediterranean Home Set on 5 Acres with Pool and Studio

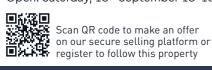


- The main home of the property covers 238m², with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms - making it ideal for a family, or those seeking extra space
- The property features 2 additional studios. Studio 1 is the converted Horse Bails, ideal for artists and Studio 2 can be used as an additional living area
- Mediterranean-inspired residence features original hacienda with terracotta tiles, solid rendered masonry walls, curved internal walls, and timber ceilings

224 Tyagarah Road, Myocum

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Online Timed Auction Open: Saturday, 10th September 10–10.30am





0423 519 698









3 Bed Circa 1900's Railway Cottage in the Village on 511m2



- This picturesque 1900s 3-bedroom railway workers cottage is the epitome of cottage and village living, offering character, charm and convenience
- With beautiful original ornate features throughout such as hardwood floorboards, and the kitchen showcases the original exposed brick fireplace
- Enjoy outdoor living surrounded by tropical greenery, established gardens and veggie beds to grow your own fresh produce

54 Leslie Street, Bangalow

Price Guide: \$1.2m - \$1.3m

Open: By Appointment



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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 (2.9acres) 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





Open: By Appointment





€ 80 1.17HA

46 Melaleuca Drive, Byron Bay

Price: \$5.5m







Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049



Style - Location - Privacy - Byron Bay











- 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
- Walk to Roadhouse cafe, Tallow Beach or bike ride to town and beaches

House 2, 5 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.595m - \$1.695m



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0421 375 635



Private Central Byron - A Charming Home











- This home is positioned in an incredible location, being so central yet tucked away in a quiet little lane with next to no through traffic
- The outdoor living and yard is perfectly aspected to the north maximising natural light and welcoming sea breezes.
- An abundance of character such as timber flooring, gorgeous raked ceilings and an architectural design epitomises the relaxed North Coast lifestyle
- The easy maintenance yard features established trees for extra privacy

1 Dylan Lane, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$3.55m - \$3.65m

Open: Saturday, 10th September 11.30-12pm



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Open: Saturday, 10th September 9-9.30am

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8,000M² / 2 ACRES

- Resting on an elevated, level parcel of land in a quiet cul-de-sac is this magnificent 2-acre vacant block in highly sought-after location
- · With an abundance of space this property presents endless possibilities for you to create your dream home to fit your family's needs (STCA)
- Walk to "The Farm" for dinner or coffee or take a ride along the bike path to Byron's CBD and Main Beach

Lot 5, Cuckoo Dove Place, Ewingsdale

Price Guide: \$2.25m - \$2.35m





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Luke Elwin



Central Byron - Sunset Views and Ocean Glimpses







- An excellent opportunity to own in the sought-after 'golden grid' location, set on a very elevated block with beautiful mountain views
- 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



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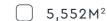
Grand Design - Privacy - Botanical Surrounds



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- Set on an elevated 5552m2 (1.25 acre) level parcel of manicured gardens, offering complete privacy, this home is grand in its design and proportions
- The spacious floorplan offers a large country style kitchen with quality finishes, multiple living rooms and a separate dining area
- The outdoor dining and entertaining space overlooks the stunning resort style swimming pool, lush lawns and established gardens

15 Valley Court, Ewingsdale

Price Guide: \$3.75m - \$4m

Open: By Appointment



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Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



Resort Style Property with Unique Passive Solar Design

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991M²

- Resting on an elevated, level parcel of land in the highly sought-after Laurel Avenue is this magnificent, spacious 4-bedroom family home
- Special to the home is the spectacular views across to breathtaking ridgelines and ranges providing daily magical sunsets to enjoy
- This immaculate passive solar design home comes complete with an additional guest bedroom and lagoon style pool
- Unique to the property is the landscaped yard with fully edible garden

8 Laurel Avenue, Mullumbimby

Auction Guide: \$1.4m - \$1.5m

Open: Thursday, 8th September 9-9.30am Saturday 10th September 12–12.30pm



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Great value: Offers over \$1249 000

Currumbin Waters, bordering NSW, is a sought after Gold Coast suburb. It's quiet, leafy, near the beach and popular with families and retirees.

> Land size: 663m² House/undercover area: 220m² 4

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Idyllic country retreat

454 Crabbes Creek Rd, Crabbes Creek

Auction

Original Australiana home

12 O'Donnells Lane, Billinudgel

\$1,500,000-\$1,590,000



Set in a lush and fertile valley with a creek meandering through, this 14.13ha (approx 35acre) property sits in a truly idyllic spot. The home offers four bedrooms plus study or fifth bedroom, two bathrooms, open plan



lounge/dining and kitchen, which flows seamlessly to the large tree shaded timber deck.

The backyard is an entertainer's dream, featuring an inground swimming pool spa, fire pit and pizza oven. A very special and charming feature of this property is the lovingly restored 120 year old former dining carriage of a grand old train. This stunning space offers quality finishes is complimented by a modern day adjoining self contained area, all in keeping with the bespoke bygone era.

Open: Saturday 1.30-2.15pm

Auction: Saturday October 8th, 2022 - 10.00am on site

Janis Perkins – 0438 841 122 Real Estate of Distinction Byron Bay



homestead (circa 1920) is steeped in history. Situated in a flood-free zone of Billinudgel, the classic home is connected to both local town water and town sewage. Divided into two homes, each has

separate water and electricity meters, allowing the property to be home to two separate households. The land size of this property is approximately 2725 square metres (or 3/4 of an acre).

The pretty views from this historic home capture sweeping vistas across the village of Billinudgel and beyond to the surrounding hinterlands and lush green, rolling countryside. An ideal investment with return on investment in the form of two properties for the price of one. Alternatively, this property is ripe for investment, with huge potential to capitalise on land in such a

Open: By appointment

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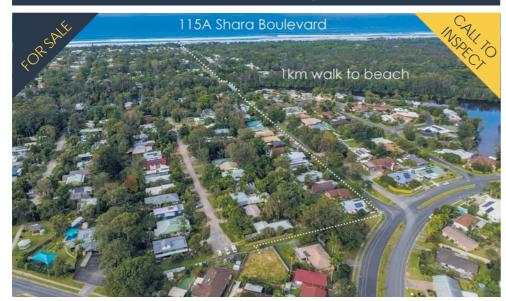




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565m²

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- + Spacious bedrooms, three with built-ins & ceiling fans + North-facing tiled area overlooks level fenced yard
- + Timber shed, room for a pool & 3kW of solar power







LISMORE

Price: Expressions Of Interest Inspect: By Appointment







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- Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122
- A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR AN INVESTMENT
- Recently renovated quality commercial property + Five good-sized rooms, all with sinks & shelving
- + Large open-plan reception & an accessible bathroom + One on-site carpark & two hour on-street parking
- + Ideal for a medical practice or office hub

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Inspect: By Appointment

Price: \$1.09 million - \$1.14 million

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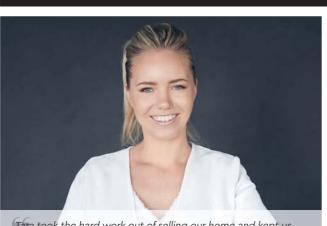
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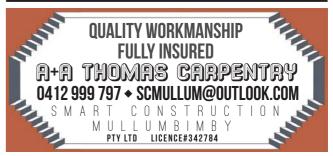
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15-09-1946 - 28-08-2022

Left us peacefully after a long battle. Loved son of Allan and Bonnie Pepper. Cherished brother of Lyn and John. Lifelong member of Mullumbimby community. Pep will be missed greatly by his family and many friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service to be held at Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery on THURSDAY (September 8, 2022) commencing at 11.00am.

Michael Currie at BRUNSWICK VALLEY FUNERALS

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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 sup port. 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,

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www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au.

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Byron Community Cabin: Seniors Computer Club (school term only), 9-11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au, 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

SUN, MOON & TIDES TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

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Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

meetings call1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org. au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: www. standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

Carers' support

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

Rainbow Dragons

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

Language exchange

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

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

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

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@ byroncommuntycentre.com or call 6685 6807. South Golden Shores

Community Centre Women's table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. Byron Bay Croquet at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. Pottsville Fun Croquet Club at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries

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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.

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

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 Emerge Australia Website www.emerge.org.au.

Bruns tennis

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

Hearing Voices Group

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

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.australianshareholders.com.au.

Bruns Progress

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

Ocean Shores Seniors Tennis

Mixed tennis at Waterlilly Park every Mon and Wed from 8.30-11.30am.

Bruns CWA

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

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.

On The Horizon

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Bangalow Progress Association

The next Bangalow Progress Association General Meeting will be held at 6pm Wednesday 21 September at the Bangalow Mens Shed, off Station St car park, Bangalow. Community members of the 2479 postcode are invited to attend. Our shared values and proactive engagement in emerging development and infrastructure projects can make a real difference to our village. Current focus is on two game changing initiatives - the development of 6-10 Station St, and the amalgamation of the Bowlo with Norths Rugby Club. Join the discussion.

The Dressmaker

The Drill Hall Film Society presents The Dressmaker on Saturday 24 September at 2pm starring Kate Winslet, Judy Davis and Liam Hemsworth. Please book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia 66 842112.

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.

Bouncing Back

A free seminar in Lennox Head on bouncing back from extreme life events with Barney and Kada Miller. They will explore the challenges of extreme life events and what it takes to bounce back from these challenges. This event is being held at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Monday 5 September at 6pm. Space is limited, please reserve your place via communityspaces.com.au/tickets.

Veterans BBQ Byron Bay

Byron Bay RSL sub-branch is holding a free BBQ day for all local veterans and families at Clarke's Beach Byron Bay on Sunday 18 September at 11 am. Alcohol free. Enquiries: email: jimrog48@gmail.com.

Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group will be held on Wednesday 14 September, 10am until 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club (previously known as Bowling Club), Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group to experience the personal cancer stories. Partners and carers are also welcome, Enquiries, Bob Corney

Prepare Mullum flood

Sunday 25 September there is a meeting for flooded residents in Mullumbimby to discuss current challenges and flood preparedness. It will be at St Martin's Hall, 38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby from 2–5pm followed by dinner by donation. See mullumcares.com.au for more info.

BV VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club has an interesting speaker at its next luncheon on 8 September, He is Hans Lovejoy, editor of the Byron Shire Echo. The venue is Ocean Shores Country Club. For catering purposes, members are asked to advise Wenda if they are attending, on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com. For information on VIEW visit view.org.au, call 1800 805 366 or email view@thesmithfamily.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA (Country Women's Association) of NSW will meet on Wednesday 14 September from 9.30am. For the meeting venue and membership enquiries please contact Jen 66847282 as there is a venue alteration owing to flood

Hugh Mackay

Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire present Hugh Mackay talking about his recent book The Kindness Revolution. Bangalow A&I Hall 5.30pm, Thursday 15 September. Bookings essential \$25 at www.byronbayfol.com

CWA Bruns

CWA Brunswick Heads is holding a spring market stall Saturday 17 September, 8am-1pm. Homemade items to eat and wear! Crn Park and Boovun Sts. Brunswick Heads.

Charity Golf Day

This year's Byron Bay Central Hospital Charity Golf Day, to be held at Byron Bay Golf Club, will take place on Sunday 25 September. The Hospital Auxiliary's purpose is to fundraise for equipment for Byron Central Hospital. The Auxiliary every year receives a wish list to purchase a diverse variety of equipment.

Connecting generations

Generation, Jam with our famous local musicians, John Hoffman, Stan Ceglinski and Music Jewel. Enjoy Frog hotels and finger puppets, and delicious morning tea and free shoulder massage at Uniting Church Hall Mullumbimby on Sunday 11 September 10.30am to 1pm. Contact Ruth Winton-Brown 0413 261 011.

End-of-Life Choices

Voluntary Euthanasia 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.

Orchid news

Byron District Orchid Society members are busy preparing for the return of their show on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 September at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. We also welcome entries of orchids and pot plants from the community on the Thursday afternoon. If you would like information about this, contact Penny on 0427 801 600.

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 $more\ in fo: by ron bay meditation centre.$ com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

Play and sing playgroup

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

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.

Best local netballers claim premierships

Local netball grand finals were played last Saturday at the Mullumbimby courts deciding premiers across six divisions.

In seniors division one it was an all-Mullumbimby affair with the Rainbow Magic side proving too strong for the Giants.

In senior division two the Mullumbimby Marbles led throughout their contest with the Byron Bay Tallows winning 36-17.

Player of the day was Clare Bissett.

In the 17 and under division one the Bangalow Balls defeated Mullumbimby's Mighty Mushrooms.

In the 17 and under division two the Bangalow Beetles narrowly defeated the Ocean Shores Hot Tuna.

Emma Kennedy was player of the day.

In the 12 and under division one the Ocean Shores Starfish defeated the Mullumbimby Minions, and in division two the Ocean



The Mullumbimby Marbles slot another goal on their way to premiership glory. Photo Ross Kendall

Shores Turtles beat the Bangalow Bullsharks.

The 12 and under player of the day was Kiana Nages.

After the grand finals the Brunswick Byron Netball Association held its 2022 presentation. Association Person of the Year went to Julie Ryan and Robyn Venn.

Spring netball

The good news for netball

fans is that Brunswick Byron Netball will be running social competitions for senior (15 years and over) women, and mixed teams.

The spring competitions run on Wednesday nights from October 12.

Register at www.brunswickbyronnetball.com. au before September 29, or email: n.j.anderton61@ gmail.com

Pickleball open day served up in Ballina

Northern Rivers Pickleball was launched with a rainbow region inspired event at the-Ballina Indoor Sport Centre for nearly 60 participants last Saturday.

'Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia and the world,' Beth Hansen, NRP Secretary said.

Pickleball started decades ago in the USA, about five years ago in Queensland, and has been spreading rapidly south and west throughout Australia since then.

It is a sport played by all ages, with some similarities to tennis, badminton and ping-pong, and played on a court about a quarter the size of a tennis court.

The solid paddles are larger than ping-pong bats but smaller than tennis racquets, and shorter than badminton racquets. The ball is the size of a tennis



(L-R) Rik Dillon, NRP President, Jackie Hinrichsen, NRP Marketing Manager, and John Whitty from Cherry Street Sports Club presented a cheque. Photo supplied

ball, but made of plastic with holes in it like a golf practice

Brightly-coloured gear was the order of the day to emphasise the fun aspect of the game played locally.

'Pickleball is an addictive game and a great workout, especially for those who

avoid a gym. Once started, players claim they can't get enough of it,' Beth said.

In Ballina, there are players from 15 to nearly 85 years old. Retirees and part-time workers come during weekdays, with all ages playing on the weekends, whenever the courts are available.

Champions crowned at Mullumbimby Ladies Golf Club



During two weeks in August, members of the Mullumbimby Ladies Golf Club competed in the 2022 championship, where Julianne Ross (R) emerged the winner, while Michelle Stenner (L) took out the B-grade championship alongside Captain Gwyn Parsons (M). Photo supplied

Bilambil win NRRRL grand final

The Bilambil Jets have won the 2022 rugby league first grade premiership after beating a gallant Evans Head 30–18 last Sunday at Bilambil East Sports Field.

The home side ran in five tries to four with Oliver Regan converting all five, while the Bombers only kicked one over.

The loss brought the end to a strong finals run that saw the Evans Head side beat Murwillumbah 36-28 the week before.

Marist Brothers beat Northern United 36-24 last week to claim the Trophy grand final.

Brunswick Heads bowlers celebrate 70th birthday



Over one hundred bowlers helped celebrate the milestone for the BHWBC. Photo supplied

Kerry Dexter

The Brunswick Heads Women's Bowling Club recently celebrated their 70th birthday with a gala day of bowls action that included 28 visiting teams.

In all, 112 women attended the August 25 event coming from Coolangatta, Cudgen, Kingscliff, Cabarita,

Ocean Shores, Byron Bay, Ballina, Bangalow, Lennox Head, South Lismore, Lismore Heights and Casino. New district president, Sue Goode, also attended.

The winners on the day included: overall winner, P Johns (Ballina); runner up, J Matthews (South Lismore); first round winner, G Martin (Lennox Head); and second

round winners, S Skennar (Ballina) and friendship team player, M Martello (Bangalow).

Margaret Darby, President, cut the cake along with life member Darilyn Guest.

It was an extremely busy day for the female members but well worth it to celebrate the club's 70th birthday with such a great group.

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to assist with rebuilding
after the flood devastation.
Taxpayers have been paying
its employees wages for
some time now and they
have done nothing so far.
Do you suppose they are as
incompetent as Resilience

NSW? See page 12.

The AFR (Nine) reports that a 40-hectare Byron Bay landholding with private access to a beach stretching for 1.1 km has been listed for sale by Brian and Peggy Flannery, with an asking price of more than \$160 million. 'The North Belongil Beach property forms part of the 90 ha of land at Byron Bay the Flannerys purchased 12 years ago for \$18.5m'.

An assertion made by Deputy Liberal leader, Sussan Ley, that 'no one in the world is making an electric ute' has been found by RMIT ABC Fact Check to be 'wrong'. In related news, Liberal leader Peter Dutton's approval rating has dropped like a bag of potatoes to 22 per cent.

From former NSW Labor Premier Bob Carr: 'The Governor General's role in getting \$18m from Morrison for a charity without a record, office or program, and no competitive bid, is set to be the most controversial vice regal indulgence since Kerr's dismissal of Whitlam'. It's emerged that the secret signing in of Scott Morrison to his mulitple ministries happened at the same time

Economist Richard Denniss says, 'Scrapping Scott Morrison's stage 3 tax cuts will

the GG was gifted the \$18m.

be good for the economy, good for women and good for productivity growth. Breaking [Labor's] bad promises is

good economic management'.

ICYMI – Friendlyjordies'
Jordan Shanks and ClubsNSW
whistleblower, Troy Stolz,
face criminal contempt
proceedings after their online
interview was aired. It has
now been deleted. Stolz, who
alleges the organisation is
involved in criminal conduct,
is dying of cancer.

From federal Greens MP David Shoebridge: 'In the NSW 2022 Budget Estimates, it was revealed that the Government spends \$713,940 per year to hold a child in youth detention. It would be cheaper to send them to Harvard'.

Pakistan's devastating floods resulted in one third of the country being under water, according to the South Asia Index, with '50M people displaced, a million houses

with a live band scoring all the action,' and features twenty-four characters played by just

five actors. The play runs September 8 till 24, from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from

www.norpa.org.au. Pictured is director Julian Louis on set at the pub. Photo Eve Jeffery

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