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Outdated traffic data underpins large residential lot proposal

Hans Lovejoy

With the traffic report that accompanies a large residential rezoning proposal on the dangerous Mullumbimby Road and McAuleys Lane intersection relying on outdated and assumed data, *The Echo* asked Council staff if this was considered acceptable.

As of going to press, staff were yet to reply on whether Council can initially require more accurate data from developers around such large significant residential proposals.

A proposal for 33 large residential lots, six neighbourhood/community title lots and one 'association/Community Title lot' is located next to that intersection and is on public exhibition on Council's website.

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Searching for the housing balance



On Monday, a NFA (No Fixed Address) event was held at the Stan Robinson Park, around the Council chambers in Mullum, from 9 till 5pm. With permission from Council, it was co-organised by activist Sarah-Jane McGrath, pictured with Liz Friend, Ron Curran and Kim Goodrick. Sarah-Jane told *The Echo* the event was held in conjunction with Mental Health Day, and aimed to raise awareness and funding for the homeless. 'It's good timing, as [Council's] holiday letting policy is on exhibition', she said. Photo Jeff Dawson

Crime wave hits Mullum

Aslan Shand

Businesses and locals have been raising their concerns over the increase in abusive and aggressive behaviour and break-ins in Mullumbimby.

Locals have reported that they have been woken by loud, abusive busking, fights and screaming while others have reported elderly people being screamed at by people with mental health issues on the streets.

'A lot of my friends won't let their kids walk around town on their own, and others won't walk dogs on the streets of Mullum anymore, because of all the stray dogs,' said one local business owner, who asked not to be named.

'Two to three times a week, there is an altercation or fight outside my shop, and businesses have had windows smashed. I've been in the area for over 15 years, and over the last two years it has been getting progressively worse. I saw someone get stabbed at the pub about three months ago. That in itself was so shocking.

'I see so much of it, especially the mental health issues. Drugs are definitely another issue. The drug deals are going on outside all the shops constantly all day. It just feels like Nimbin now.'

Detective Chief Inspector, Matt Kehoe, Officer in Charge of Byron Bay Police Station, told *The Echo*, 'Yes, we are aware of the mental health and drug issues in, and around Mullumbimby at present, and I speak often with Jenelle [from the business chamber] and other shopkeepers in the CBD.'

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Wategos mansion breaches height limit

Paul Bibby

The owner of two neighbouring multi-million-dollar mansions being built at Wategos Beach could be forced to rebuild part of one of the houses, after illegally breaching height regulations for the iconic precinct.

According to a Byron Council report coming before this week's planning meeting, the owner of 44 Brownell Drive illegally added an entertainment and amenities room to the roof-top pool area of the second mansion she is building,

effectively adding a fourth storey to the dwelling. The two, three-storey mansions, part of a dual occupancy on the 839-square metre site, already boast a combined total of eight bedrooms, four carports, two swimming pools and six bathrooms.

When the height breach on the second house came to the attention of the private certifier involved in the development, the owner, Ms E L Cotton, elected to submit a development application to Byron Council retrospectively, seeking permission for the unauthorised building work.

But Byron Council staff have given

this request short shrift, finding that the breach is inconsistent with the desired character of Wategos, and has the potential to impact the views and amenity of surrounding houses.

The overall building height has increased to 9.879m, 9.4 per cent above the height limit for Byron Bay.

In a letter of objection submitted in relation to the retrospective application coming before Council this week, the Wategos Beach Protection Association (WBPA) said the repeated attempts to increase the height and scale of the house were part of a deliberate 'methodology'.

'In this case, we see a clear example of how overdevelopment of a site can be "gamed" by seeking and obtaining incremental breaches of various aspects of the LEP and DCP,' the association's Robin Ormerod said in the letter.

'WBPA's objection is particularly focused on the incremental methodology used in this type of development process. It is reminiscent of the colloquial expression: give them an inch and they take a mile.'

The matter will come before Byron Council for debate at this week's Council planning meeting.

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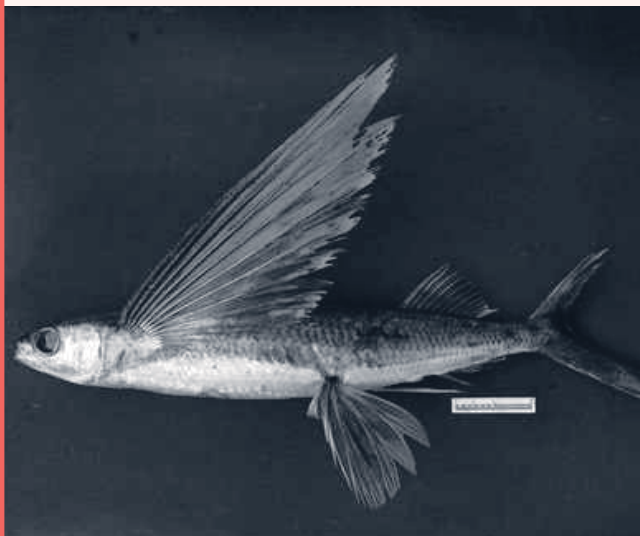


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DV empowerment through fashion

Eve Jeffery

We often think of fashion in terms of haute couture, but a 16 Days of Activism event this year will see clothes become the focus of empowerment in the Haus of Armour project.

It aims to address the low self-worth and poor self-image experienced by some survivors of domestic violence.

Often, survivors of domestic violence leave their homes with nothing more than the clothes on their back, and without the resources to reestablish a wardrobe.

Domestic violence worker with the Women's Resource Service at the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre, Kate Jackson, has created a program which she is piloting during the 16 Days of Activism. She says it's a global campaign to challenge violence against women and girls. The Haus of Armour offers a free personalised styling service for women impacted by



Domestic violence worker with the Women's Resource Service at the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre, Kate Jackson. Photo Tree Faerie

domestic violence, provides free clothes and outfits for women to wear in their everyday lives, and is tailored to each individual's needs.

Jackson is hoping the community will get on board with the project, especially local

fashion labels from the area, who may be able to donate samples, seconds and heavily discounted stock to be used for styling and rebuilding the women's wardrobes.

The Haus of Armour also needs a space for storing

the clothes and outfitting 16 women over 16 days – Jackson is also accepting financial help to create an ongoing program.

To contact Kate, call 0457 864 253 or email case-worker2.shlv@mdnc.org.au.

Youth showcase at the YAC, Oct 15

Byron Youth Service (BYS) and Byron Music Festival (BMF) have teamed up to provide an exciting and potentially career defining opportunity for four local artists from the Northern Rivers youth community.

Organisers say BMF Youth Stage is a two-month music mentoring program, developed by Byron Music Festival and Byron Youth Service, and funded by Festivals Australia.

Youth Projects Co-ordinator, Lindy Lou Smith, told *The Echo*, 'The project encourages creation of new works by emerging artists from 12 to 24 years of age, and is open to original



Bunny Racket will be one of the acts playing at the Byron Music Festival Youth Stage, held this Saturday at the YAC. Photo Jeff Dawson

musicians of all styles.'

'Four artists were selected to work alongside four of the region's most renowned and

successful musicians: Grinspoon guitarist Pat Davern, frontwoman of Byron born band The Jezabels, Hayley

Mary, Simon "Groove Terminator" Lewicki, and Byron born and bred singer/songwriter Kyle Lionhart.

'This project has culminated in a radio-ready song for release and a showcase performance at the YAC on Saturday October 15.'

The Youth Stage will feature performances by Kyle Lionhart, Bunny Racket, PJ Sheek, Da Manager, as well as the four feature artists Kalyia Lee, ANEMOI, Concrete Gold, and Ratmongers.

Tickets are on sale now at www.byronmusicfestival.com.au. It's free for children under 12. The YAC is located at 1 Gilmore Cres, Byron Bay.

Calls for more police and mental health support

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'We are also working very closely with the Community Mental Health [MH] Team, to get the increased support that some of these repeat MH persons need. I can't comment on "increases in mental health patients in the community", as it is more a health matter, but can say that we are dealing with mental health matters on almost a daily basis,' he said.

'We have increased tasks in and around the Mullumbimby CBD, and made a number of arrests in recent weeks for drugs and "proceeds of

crime" offences, and seized cannabis and large amounts of cash. These tasks will continue, and likely increase. We have received reports from the community and would welcome any information on drug activity, which can be made to police or anonymously to Crime Stoppers.'

The distance police need to travel and the lack of police at the Mullumbimby Police Station have been highlighted as leaving the community vulnerable.

'It can take 45 minutes for the police to arrive from Byron following a report,' said

the local business owner. We need extra police resources for Mullumbimby. We go to the police station in Mullumbimby and there is no one there. There is a big distance for police to cover in Byron Shire, and you only have one police station here that has officers permanently in it. I think they need more police and mental health support services.'

Report issues

Jenelle Stanford, President of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, said it is important for the community to come on board

and report issues to the police as they arise.

'If you see something, ring the police. Don't be scared, because you are not the only one calling. Get involved, it's your community.'

Rumours that groups of young people, sometimes referred to as 'eshays', are responsible for the recent spate of break-ins, have been refuted by Inspector Kehoe.

He told *The Echo*, 'I am aware of some break and enter incidents, but don't believe they are attributed to the "eshay" group.'

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Vollies needed for homelessness services

Paul Bibby

Byron Community Centre (BCC) has issued an urgent callout for volunteers to help support the hundreds of local people who make use of the homelessness services at Fletcher Street Cottage.

With World Homelessness Day on October 10 refocusing attention on the Byron Shire's serious housing challenges, the BCC said there was a need for volunteers across a range of roles at the Byron Bay-based service.

The service does not receive any ongoing government funding.

These included being part of the breakfast team, helping to run the shower and laundry services, and

assisting staff to create a welcoming atmosphere for those arriving at the service.

'Since opening in April, we've had thousands of visitors to the cottage,' BCC's homelessness projects manager, Jenny Ryan, said.

'We are definitely welcoming locals to come and volunteer with us or donate to our cause.

'Whether you're giving time or money, getting involved means you're providing a critical contribution to the service.'

Over the course of 119 service days, Fletcher Street Cottage has had 3,261 visits from people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

This includes providing emergency relief to more

than 440 people, and providing 779 support appointments and referrals.

Nearly 3,500 breakfasts have been served up to hungry locals and more than 1,000 showers have been provided.

Key to delivering these services has been the 3,653 hours of volunteer work from members of the local community, which the Centre estimates to be valued at nearly \$110,000.

'It takes a village,' breakfast volunteer Stacy said.

Great team

'It's a great team of people here and I really enjoy helping out.'

Another volunteer, David, said the volunteers benefited

from the work they were doing.

'It makes you feel good to give back to the community,' he said.

Tip of the iceberg

Ms Ryan said that while the shire's rough sleepers were the most visible sign of homelessness this was just the tip of the iceberg.

'Hidden homelessness makes up the majority,' she said. 'It's people sleeping in cars, couch surfing, moving between family members, staying in temporary types of accommodation.'

Those wanting to help out can register their interest by completing a volunteer application form at www.byroncentre.com.au.

DV charity lighthouse walk, Oct 15



From left to right: Claudia Karvan, Madeleine West, Melissa Histon (GYBS) and Jackie Gillies. Photo 'Got Your Back Sista'

A group of Byron Bay residents, including locally-based TV identity, Madeleine West, are calling on the community to join them in taking a stand against domestic violence by joining the 'I Run For Her' charity walk on Saturday October 15.

The group will meet from 7am the Peace Pole next to the Surf Club, and walk up to the lighthouse.

In conjunction with domestic violence group, Got Your Back Sista, the Byron team will be led by local business owner, Kate Histon.

Kate is the sister of Got Your Back Sista founder, Melissa Histon, and is also a strong advocate for taking a stand against domestic violence, having seen the life-long effects it had on her immediate family.

'My nana was a victim of domestic violence. She never left her husband, and there was little support for women like her and my mum, who has suffered PTSD from her childhood,' Kate said.

'Recently my nana passed away. She was a beautiful and kind woman that couldn't live

her life on her own terms.'

In memory of her grandmother, and to show support for the many women who suffer from domestic violence in silence in the Byron Shire, Histon is calling on the community to help raise vital awareness and funds for the charity group.

Kate says, 'I Run for Her' is a yearly campaign that brings domestic violence to the fore and raises much needed funds for Got Your Back Sista to run their expanding support services.

'Since its inception in 2020, "I Run For Her" has raised over \$250,000 and has meant Got Your Back Sista could fund additional case workers and training programs.'

Kate adds, 'All funds raised this year will help the Got Your Back Sista charity to provide the resources, tools and information for women and children to begin their lives again after suffering domestic violence - including running education workshops in Byron Bay!'

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As part of the \$60m proposal, Council staff say if successful, there will be 'safety upgrades to part of McAuleys Lane, as well as an upgrade of the McAuleys Lane and Mullumbimby Road intersection'.

McAuleys Lane is located approximately 150m below the crest of Mullumbimby Road on the way into town, and is on a steep downhill gradient in an 80km/h speed zone.

Within Ardill Payne & Partners (APP) *Updated-McAuleys Lane Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA)*, they state on page 10 that the most recent 'Available Traffic Volume Data' for Mullum Road is from 2016/17.

Instead of supplying up-to-date data, the consultant adopted 'pre-development traffic volumes' for 2020 at

12,142 vehicles per day.

Meanwhile, Council staff say claims by residents that the developer suggested a roundabout were incorrect, and would be extremely dangerous, given the location of the intersection.

Phil Holloway, Director Infrastructure Services said, 'Transport for NSW has also advised that a speed zone change to 60km/h is unlikely to be supported [on Mullumbimby Road].'

'There is information on the proposed intersection in the Traffic Impact Assessment (Appendix E) that was placed on public exhibition with the planning proposal. Documents are available on Council's website at Proposal to rezone 53 McAuleys Lane Myocum - Byron Shire Council (nsw.gov.au).'



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Byron College CEO passes on the baton

Around 100 friends and colleagues gathered at Hoopers in Mullumbimby to bid a fond farewell to Richard Vinycomb, the long time, and much-loved CEO of Byron Region Community College. After 25 years in the director's chair, Richard is passing on the baton.

'It's been an extraordinary ride. When I started at the college in 1997, I had one part-time employee, and we delivered a limited number of courses. Today, we deliver 500 courses to more than 3,000 students annually,' Richard said.

Gusto, commitment

Alison Pearl, Chairperson of the College Board said, 'Richard took to his role as College Director with incredible gusto and commitment. His vision, leadership and administrative nous were soon evident, and our little college grew to meet the demands of our evolving population. Richard greened our sector, he expanded our notion of "community education", he collaborated with future-minded businesses. He searched for



Outgoing CEO of Byron Region Community College, Richard Vinycomb, with incoming CEO, Chantel Abouchar. Photo Jeff 'Invited to All The Good Farewell Parties' Dawson

the most caring staff and dedicated teachers, and all with such good humour, compassion and always kindness.'

Richard says, 'With campuses in Mullumbimby and Byron Bay, Byron Region Community College (BRCC) plays a crucial role in the ongoing economic and social sustainability of the region and has supported generations of adult learners for more than 30 years.'

'Sourdough Business Pathways (a startup incubator and network), Sourdough Business Women and the Byron Centre for Permaculture are all part of BRCC, and examples of how the college has continued to evolve and grow.'

'The college is also developing its online learning system which will facilitate the delivery of its programs in different ways and nationally.'

Richard has also contributed to the community as

a theatre director, having produced and directed local productions, including the play *Extinction*, which played to full houses at Mullumbimby's Drill Hall in 2019.

Richard says his next project may prove to be the culmination of his life's work.

'Watch this space!' he says. Byron Region Community College, Term 4 program is out now. To learn more and apply, visit www.byroncollege.org.au.

Youth leadership training on offer from Rotary

The Mullumbimby Rotary Club say they have been busy raising funds and distributing support to local flood victims in 2022.

Rotary member, Vanessa Wood, told *The Echo* they have proudly distributed over \$53,000 to local residents.

She says, 'We are now focusing on our other passion - supporting youth in the Byron Shire. So, if you are aged 17-29, live and/or study in the Byron Shire, and are looking for fun leadership training opportunities, then consider applying for one of our Youth Sponsorship Packages.'

'Each sponsorship package is valued at \$600, and can be used towards one of our annual residential leadership camps.'

'Participants at our camps will hear from inspiring guest speakers and develop lifelong friendships and community connections to help with future studies and life. Upcoming camps are held on the Gold Coast Hinterland Natural Bridge.'

Wood says there are two aspects to the Youth Sponsorship Packages - the Rotary

Youth Transition Seminar (RYTS) and the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

'The Rotary Youth Transition Seminar is a transition program with the focus to assist the transition from one area of study into the next phase of life. The program is delivered at a six day residential camp for students who are in the senior years of school (Years 11-12), or who are aged 17-18 if not within a school system.'

'The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a personal, professional development seminar program for young people aged 19-29.'

'The program is delivered at a six day residential camp and focuses on enhancing leadership, communication, motivation, teamwork and interpersonal skills.'

'If you want to meet other community minded youth and learn in a fun environment, email your expression of interest for RYTS or RYLA by October 14. The email address is mullumbimby-rotary-youth@outlook.com'.

For more info, visit www.rotary9640.org/page/youth-programs-summary.

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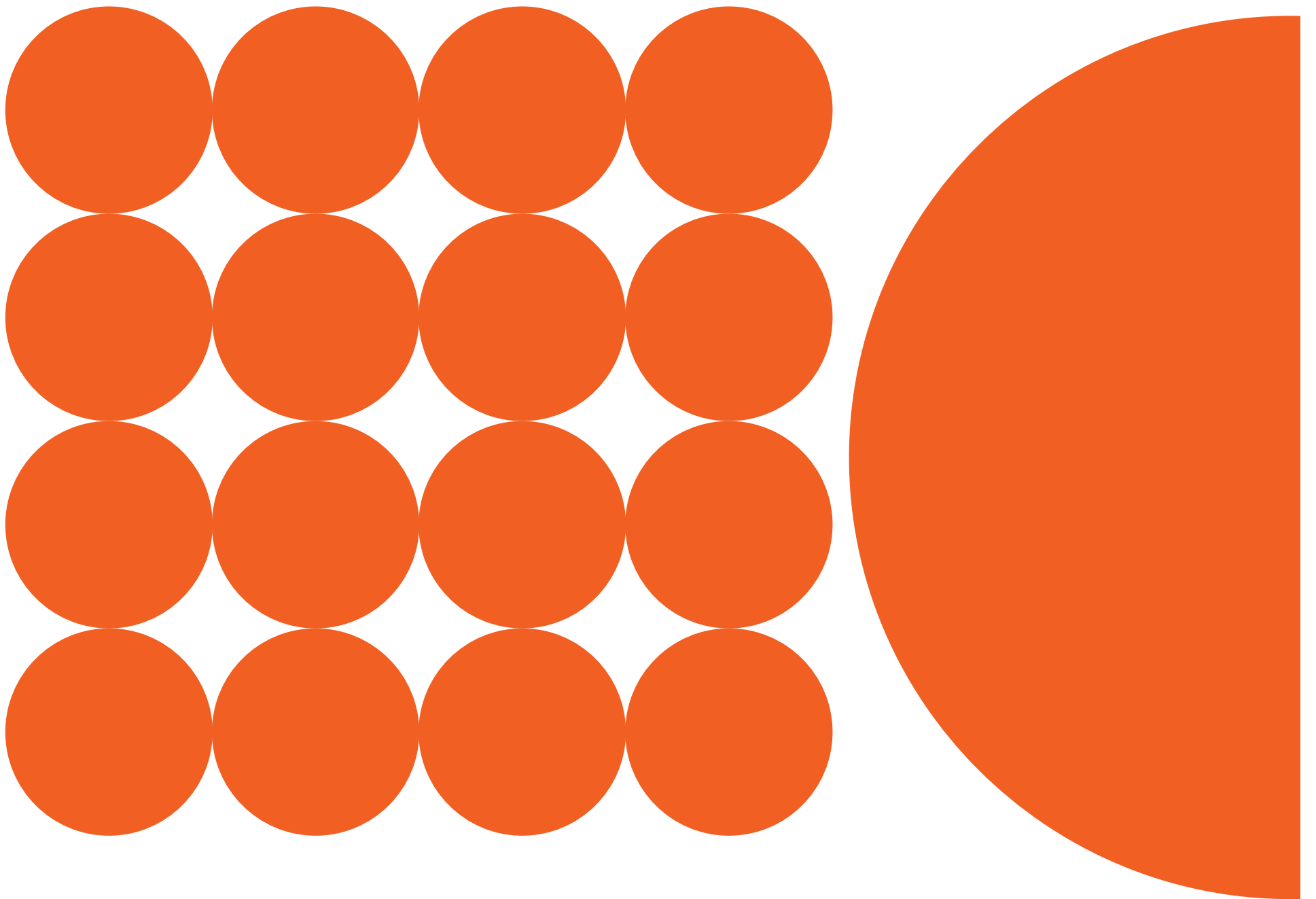
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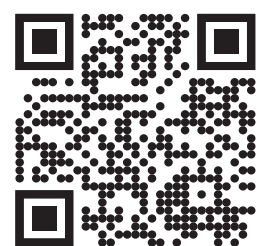


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Vanessa's brave new weird view



Vanessa Stockard's *Brave New Weird* exhibition, now on at the Byron's JEFA Gallery, is a window into a mind that sees differently. With regal chairs, a naked Derek Milkwood, and perhaps threatening, lurking animals, Vanessa's view seems to be through a twisted lens. *Brave New Weird* is showing at JEFA until October 18, and is located at 3/83 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay. Photo Jeff 'Through Huxley's Lens' Dawson

Mullum SEED seeks members for its environmental work

Mullum's Sustainability Education & Enterprise Development (SEED) is on a member recruitment drive, and will hold their AGM on 29 October 2022, 11am-12pm at the Ex-Services Club. They say they are seeking

individuals who are skilled, experienced and passionate about protecting and enhancing the environment to join the board. Currently Mullum SEED provides member support services to over 20 environmental not-for-profit

organisations, and have facilitated the disbursement of millions of dollars of donations and grants for environmental outcomes. Board positions are open until October 29. Email admin@mullumseed.org.au for more info.

Catholic Healthcare reaches rental agreement with Council

Eve Jeffery

The Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group have written an open letter to Catholic Healthcare, on behalf of the 'concerned people of Mullumbimby' after a recent Byron Council staff recommendation regarding the Coolamon Villa aged care facility near the old Mullumbimby Hospital.

The group believe that the rent on the property should be raised to a reasonable rate, and outlined the history of the facility, built on land partly owned by the community.

Additionally, they claim that once Catholic Healthcare took full control of operations in 2007, the community 'no longer had any say in the service'.

The Echo contacted Catholic Healthcare regarding the residents' claims, and over the phone, a spokesperson told *The Echo* that there were 'inaccuracies' in the September 28, page 3 *Echo* story.

The Echo invited Catholic Healthcare to specify any inaccuracies, which they did

not, but they did say that a decision was reached on the lease agreement with Council.

'As a not-for-profit aged care provider, Catholic Healthcare continues to offer a valuable service to the Northern Rivers community at Coolamon Villa, which is home to up to 50 residents supported by a dedicated team of around 50 local employees,' they said.

Meanwhile, Byron Council says its relationship with Catholic Healthcare Ltd is that of lessor and lessee.

They told *The Echo*, 'The relationship was brought about by Council's entering a tri-party Deed (Council, Health Administration and Catholic Healthcare) which was a requirement of Council's purchase of the former Mullumbimby Hospital site, completed on December 11, 2018. At that time, Council inherited two leases dated 1982 and 1989. Council's responsibilities, and those of Catholic Healthcare Ltd, were set out in the leases - the annual rent for the 1982

lease is \$1 per annum for the full term. The annual rent for the first five years of the 1989 lease was fixed at \$5,000 per annum payable quarterly in advance, and after the expiration of the first five years of the term, and at the expiration of each ensuing five years of the term, a sum calculated at the rate of five per cent of the then current unimproved value (as determined pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1916* or any act amending or in substitution of the same) of the freehold of the premises'.

At their September 29 meeting, councillors debated and voted behind closed doors over the matter.

According to the minutes, Council resolved to increase the rent from November 2023, to \$135,000 pa over a ten year term, 'plus a further two five year options'.

The Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group are calling for Council to sell the land to Catholic Healthcare.

■ The full letter from Mullumbimby Hospital Action Group is on page 15.

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Surf flicks raise cash for food larder



Byron's food hub for those in need, Liberation Larder, has benefited to the tune of \$3,160.75 from a George Greenough film night held in early September. The films were screened at the Byron Bay Community Centre as part of the Byron Bay Surf Festival, were sponsored by Justin Crawford's Fallen Broken Street and produced by Tricia Shantz. George Greenough, a local surf filmmaker, wanted to show five of his short films, including the recently remastered *Crystal Voyager*, which featured the 23.5 minute track *Echoes*, from Pink Floyd's 1971 album, *Meddle*. Photo Jeff Dawson

Funding campaign launched for Farley's recovery

Local woman, Farley Douglas, has a gofundme set up to help her cover the medical expenses required to heal from a brain tumour.

A fundraising event, with music, comedy, food and workshops, will be held this Sunday October 16, from 1pm - 7pm, at the Corner Palm, 20 Shirley Street, Byron Bay.

Local businesses have generously donated for a mega raffle. For more visit www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-farley-heal-from-a-brain-tumour.



Farley with her partner, Phil Howel, a well known local musician from the band Phil & Tilley. Photo supplied

Residents push back against holiday letting interests

Paul Bibby

Hundreds of Byron residents have signed a new petition supporting a 90-day cap on un-hosted short-term holiday letting as way of addressing the critical lack of housing in Byron Shire.

The petition, which stood at 650 signatures and rising as of Tuesday afternoon, is part of the Byron Deserves Balance campaign, launched on Monday by a group of long-term locals.

'So many people who used to live and work in Byron have had to move away because their rent has gone up substantially or landlords have decided to short-term holiday let - it's changed the whole town,' the co-founder of the campaign, Liz Friend said.

'A real estate agent said to me last year, "Well Liz, the rich move in and the poor just have to move on... that's the way it is"'

'But the last thing we need in Byron is a playground for the mega wealthy, many of whom don't even live here and don't care about the quality of community. There needs to be a more equitable sharing of opportunity for all, not just a select few.'

A key moment in the ongoing debate over restricting short-term holiday letting came in 2019, when the then-Planning Minister, Anthony Roberts, issued a ministerial direction, allowing Byron to impose a 90-day cap as a way to encourage landlords to put their houses on the long-term rental market.

Three years later, the state government has not only failed to deliver on that promise but appears to have deliberately impeded efforts to make it a reality.

Driven by the housing crisis, and the catastrophic floods of February/March, Byron Council has renewed its efforts to have the cap imposed, placing a new planning proposal to this effect on public exhibition.

While many residents support the plan, a group of business owners, calling themselves Byron Deserves Better, launched a campaign in a bid to derail the policy.

Byron Deserves...

The similarly named Byron Deserves Balance campaign is a direct response to that opposition.

The business owners behind Byron Deserves Better claim that imposing a 90-day cap would 'remove the families who stay in holiday homes in the Byron Shire', thus removing '\$267 million from the local economy' and jeopardising '1,448 local jobs'.

They also assert that Council has grossly exaggerated the figures in relation to the pervasiveness of short-term holiday letting in the Byron Shire, pointing to the fact that just 6.5 per cent of the shire's housing stock has been officially reported as short-term holiday letting.

By contrast, Council says that 35 per cent of the shire's housing stock is being used for this purpose.

The claims from both sides have sparked debate over what the true impact of restricting holiday letting in the shire would be.

When challenged on its assertions about the economic impact of imposing the cap, Byron Deserves Better said, 'we stand by our claims, and we stand by our campaign'.

'The data has been

sourced from Tourism Research Australia (TRA), the leading tourism economics and research body for the Australian Government, and also from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS),' the group said in a statement to *The Echo*.

However, further scrutiny reveals that neither the TRA nor the ABS have undertaken any kind of detailed evaluation of how a cap on holiday letting would affect the local economy.

Byron Deserves Better has also incorrectly stated on its website that Mayor Michael Lyon is proposing a cap 'on all short-term rental accommodation' in Byron Bay.

This ignores the fact that, under Council's proposal, significant parts of Byron Bay, Suffolk Park and Brunswick Heads would have holiday letting 365 days a year.

Nevertheless, an independent Economic Impact Analysis (EIS) commissioned by the NSW Department of Planning in 2021 did recommend that a 180-day cap rather than a 90-day limit would be the best option from an economic perspective.

The analysis, by consulting group Urbis, found that this option would provide the most substantial benefits across the various stakeholder groups while minimising detrimental impacts on the visitor market.

But a peer review of this analysis commissioned by Council questioned these findings, both in terms of the methodology used, and the underlying assumptions made. A key argument of this review was that any policy must give due consideration to the social impacts of unrestricted holiday letting, as well as the economic ones.

Call for applications to help boost the resilience of youth



Small and large grants are still available for community projects through the NSW Government's \$10.3 million Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative.

Funding is available to local councils, schools, not-for-profit organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils providing programs to enhance the wellbeing and resilience of young people in regional NSW.

The Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative supports local programs that help young people develop resilience, build community connection and improve their wellbeing.

Grants up to \$50,000 are available.

Applications close 31 December 2022 or when funding is fully allocated.

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Eco Festival aims to get Tweed residents climate-ready

Tweed Shire Council is calling on businesses, community organisations and not-for-profit groups to get involved in November's Eco Festival, whether as a stall holder, performer, to run a workshop or as a speaker.

The Eco Festival, to be held in Murwillumbah's Knox Park on Sunday November 13 from 9am to 2 pm, aims to bring Tweed residents together for a fun, free event with practical tips to help residents prepare to be climate-ready and environmentally friendly.

Passion for keeping community safe

Tweed Council's sustainability program leader, Debbie Firestone, says sharing local knowledge and passion for keeping our community safe during natural disasters, and protecting our environment, were the driving forces behind initiating this event.

'We are pleased to be partnering with NSW State Emergency Service (SES), Australian Red Cross and the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) to make this event happen, and we know there will be a

lot of practical information people can take away from the event, as well as just having a fun day out with the family'.

NSW State Emergency Service's (SES) Murwillumbah Unit Commander, Jack Frost, said, 'We are currently in storm and flood season, and we encourage the community to make sure they're aware of the triggers for storm warnings, to be sure they have a home emergency plan and, if they're going to evacuate, to know where they are going to go'.

'A new SES warning system has just launched for floods and tsunamis, which will provide more targeted communication during emergencies'.

Proactive focus

Mr Frost said the SES focus is for the community to be proactive before it gets to that critical time.

Applications for stallholders, performers, speakers and workshop hosts are due by Monday October 31. Find out more and apply online at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/SustainableLiving.

Preventing a fall campaign launched for elderly

Local Rotary clubs have joined together to launch an awareness campaign to promote falls prevention, and the value of automatic night lighting within the home for older people.

The campaign launch will take place simultaneously at the Lismore and Ballina Buntings stores, from 2.30pm till 3.30pm on Friday October 14.

Rotary invites the public to come along and learn about falls prevention and to 'get a night light for themselves, their family or their neighbour'.

Lismore Rotarian, Bob Barnes, said, 'Falls are the most common reason for premature admission into an aged care facility and they are the leading cause of injury-related hospitalisation and mortality in older people'.

'This is crazy, unnecessary



Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin, with Lismore Rotarian, Bob Barnes. Photo supplied

and often preventable. We want to get a proactive, preventative message out to the community about staying on your feet, and getting a night light'.

He says, 'Falls prevention involves things such as removing clutter and trip

hazards, and doing some balance and strength movement - and one easy thing you can do is get a simple night light which provides a soft glow and either comes on automatically when it's dark (dusk to dawn) or illuminates when movement is detected'.

Barnes says lights can be located in the bathroom and hallways to assist in moving about the house when it's dark.

'Falls prevention, such as an inexpensive night light and balance exercises, may help an elderly person avoid significant trauma and an expensive public hospital bed'.

'With cooperation from health agencies, it would be great if falls prevention can get into the national consciousness as much as road safety and obesity,' said Bob.

Rotary say endorsement for the campaign has been received from the NSW Falls Prevention and Healthy Ageing Network, Occupational Therapy Australia and Assistive Technology Australia, with support from the NSW Minister for Seniors, Mark Couré.

Farrelly House reopens in Lismore

Eve Jeffery

On Tuesday, to the relief and joy of dozens of Lismore folk, Farrelly House, the home of disability services and support organisation, Red Inc., and the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS), reopened on Magellan Street.

When John Barnes OAM bought the building in Lismore in 2016, he did substantial modifications,

including the installation of a lift, a new entrance, toilets, an altered office configuration, a new air conditioning system and carpeting.

Mr Barnes has had to redo much of that work since March this year after devastating floods in the town.

Mr Barnes says that one of the reasons he bought the building was because the ground floor is largely a 10-vehicle parking area.

'The 2017 flood did not seriously damage it - it only went into the car park'.

'However, since the 2022 flood was some 2.5m above all previous floods it went well into the first floor and seriously damaged the lift, carpeting, plaster walling, insulation, the switchboard and other electrical fittings, furnishings and doors'.

Tuesday's celebration began with choral/signing rendition of *From Now On from the Greatest Showman*, sung, and signed, with gusto by the Red Inc. community, before Mr Barnes spoke about the rebuild and introduced the speakers.

Federal Member for Page Kevin Hogan, State Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin and Lismore City Mayor Cr Steve Krieg joined in with a large group who came to see the ribbon cut.

Red Inc. CEO, Marie Gale, said being in the CBD is very important to Red Inc.

'It enables people with a disability to connect with their community and to feel that they have an opportunity to build meaningful relationships - to feel included'.

She added it was really important for the community as well, 'as it creates that sense of belonging'.

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Yacht rescued following 15-hour operation near Kingscliff

NSW Water Police have rescued a stranded yacht under severe conditions near Kingscliff, following a 15-hour operation to retrieve the vessel.

Housing pods and a village masterplan for Wardell

The Ballina Shire Council has announced a community survey as part of work on a draft master plan for the flood-damaged Wardell village.

Ballina Council plan to improve Lennox Head

Anyone with ideas for improving or protecting particular parts of Lennox and Skennars Heads has until 28 October to let the Ballina Shire Council know.

The Vanishing - NSW Koala Conference

The koala population is vanishing and at the end of the month scientists, conservationists and wildlife carers will gather at Coffs Harbour to highlight the extinction risk facing koalas in NSW and policy solutions to protect koalas and their habitat.

Dunoon's got a little bit of the blues

After COVID and floods, music is slowly making its way back and the Dunoon Village Blues Festival is the latest event making a day of it.

Norco set for rebuild but what about other businesses?

While the community digests Tuesday's news of Norco's Lismore ice cream factory's rebuild, Norco Chief Executive, Michael Hampson wants to stress the importance of the plight of all flood-affected Lismore businesses including small and medium size ventures.

Floodplain developments major concern for Kingscliff, Tumbulgum and Chinderah communities

Concerned community representatives for Kingscliff, Tumbulgum and Chinderah communities met with Member for Tweed Geoff Provest last Friday to discuss the risks of approved but yet to be built developments on flood-prone land.

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Thank-you Eve, you are an awesome teacher. Because of you I finally found my voice and self-empowerment in so many ways, even beyond singing. - Astrid Brouwer

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Everything seemed to be going just dandy before the asteroid hit



Will the uber-wealthy realise they can't escape climate change too?

We survived the awful fires, then a terrible global pandemic, then some dreadful floods.

We even survived the reign of God botherer idiot PM, Scott Morrison, who believes all those things were signs of the Second Coming.

And the planet has survived the 45th US president – so far.

But what's next?

Our individual demise is sure enough at some point, even though we tend to ignore it.

Moreover, the planet will face another total extinction event, like it has many times before.

It's just a question of whether the grubby, oily hands of humanity are involved.

If an asteroid were about to hit in our lifetime, it may well look like the movie *Don't Look Up*, where self-obsessed, egoic, empty vessel, wealthy types deny it could happen to them.

Yet, if a deadly comet approached Earth in the time of the Stoics (from 301 BCE), who influenced Greek and Roman philosophy and life, then perhaps the contemplation of our ultimate demise would have involved more peace, thoughtfulness, and a better appreciation of what the value of life is.

It's not such a popular topic these days, but at one point, not that long ago, ethics and logic underpinned Western civilisation.

The success of Western civilisation was based in part on rediscovering the philosophy and culture of the Greeks and Romans.

Despite all the slavery, murdering and destruction, they appeared to have a very clear philosophy on how to live a good life.

Some of what Western civilisation took and developed from the Greco-Roman epoch was a Liberal Arts education, which included the Trivium and Quadrivium.

Grammar, logic, and rhetoric was part of the Trivium, which was then followed by the Quadrivium – the study of arts, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy.

Perhaps a lot of humanity's woes around greed, inequality, selfishness, cruelty – all aspects of sociopathic behaviour – could be addressed by a resurgence in these disciplines?

The pursuit of ethics and living in accordance with nature seems like a logical way forward in these times.

And the Meditations by Roman emperor, Marcus Aurelius (121–180AD), are also a great place to start.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

The impact of govt sanctioned abuse

Some years ago, I was involved with putting together a cultural camp for young Aboriginal boys from the western suburbs of Sydney.

Many of the boys attended local schools but they found their time in schools meaningless to the point where engagement was a constant struggle for teachers and for an education system that continues to fail most Aboriginal students.

Many of the boys were drawn from families whose cultural connections were to communities and country in rural and remote NSW and this in itself was a possible factor in the boys being inattentive in school and may also explain why most of the boys struggled to find meaning and purpose in life.

Working with a friend and colleague we discussed a variety of possibilities and landed on the notion of the cultural camp. We recognised that some of the boys were living in situations where they were being raised either by grandparents and/or single parents and that some of them lacked strong Aboriginal male role models and mentors.

During the cultural camp it soon became obvious that, as is the case with many Aboriginal kids in modern society, they had a sense of their identity as Aboriginal people but lacked a deeper understanding of the events and cultural teachings that informed and shaped their identity.

To provide a level of cultural affirmation, a number of culturally grounded men were invited to attend the camp and share their stories of growing up as an Aboriginal male in modern Australian society.

During the camp I conducted a simple exercise with the boys by listing a number of Aboriginal people on a whiteboard, people who featured prominently in recent historical struggles for Aboriginal rights and freedoms. The listed included people such as Chicka Dixon, Mum Shirl, Charlie Perkins, Pearl Gibbs, Naomi Mayers, Sol Bellear, Sir Doug Nicholls, John Delaney, Paul



'Most Australians don't know or understand how restrictive and dehumanising it was to live under the NSW Aboriginal Welfare Board (AWB).'

Professor Bob Morgan

Coe, Gary Foley and others. When I asked the boys if any of them recognised the names and why they were important to our history, sadly, none of the boys knew the people, but they were able to name Aboriginal rugby league players whom many of the boys identified with.

Of course, the boys weren't judged for their lack of knowledge of these important activists, rather my friend and I lamented how different it was for our generation when we were taught about important events in Aboriginal history.

These stories were told around yarnning circles in our communities, and in meeting places, such as the old Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs that operated in George Street Sydney in the 1960s and 1970s.

The boys, and many others, including dare I say, most Australians, don't know or understand how restrictive and dehumanising it was to live under the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board (AWB).

To give readers some idea of how draconian the regulations of the AWB were we need to look no further than the 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board.

According to information shared at www.everyonesbusiness.psc.nsw.gov.au/node/70, 'the Aborigines Welfare Board allowed Aboriginal people to apply for a 'Certificate of Exemption'. This certificate gave Aboriginal people access to the same previously denied benefits as non-Aboriginal Australians, such as pensions, public education, and housing. People had to always carry the certificate and it could be withdrawn any time. It was also a way

for governments to surveillance and monitor Aboriginal people.

In exchange for the certificate, people were forced to renounce their culture, language, and family. Many were ostracised by their family for rejecting their culture. Many also lost contact with their family because they were not allowed to live with them on the reserves and even had to apply for permission to visit them. The intergenerational trauma caused by this loss of family history, kinship ties and cultural identity has had devastating effects on many Aboriginal people today.'

The NSW Aborigines Welfare Act was repealed in 1969 but its impact continues to haunt and traumatise Aboriginal people well into the 21st century. Research involving intergenerational trauma would undoubtedly illustrate how this sordid chapter in Australian history has helped to shape the lives of the boys (and girls) referred to earlier, and signals what is required to overcome its debilitating and lingering impact.

Surely, all children are entitled to the dignity of life, safety and unfettered happiness. All children are sacred, a gift from the Creator and they are entitled to live life free from hunger and cradled in the love of family and friends. They are also entitled to live life free from physical and mental abuse with the expectation that their government will serve and protect them against such abuses.

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Time to pay up

An open letter to Catholic Healthcare on behalf of concerned people of Mullumbimby. Coolamon retirement village in Mullumbimby is a great asset to our community.

The vision for Coolamon was provided long ago by Howard Timms and Keith O'Meara. They were local men who could see that Mullumbimby needed a facility to help older residents with their ageing and assisted-living issues.

These men rallied the community with their leadership and inspiration. Generations of locals have responded to their vision for this aged-care facility in our town. They have rolled up their sleeves and done whatever was necessary to make it happen, including: music hall dinners, street stalls, Chincogan Fiesta, Brunswick Housie, building extra facilities, staff support, purchasing furniture, volunteer driving, bequests, and donations of needed resources.

This has amounted to tens of thousands of hours of voluntary labour and in excess of a million dollars to set up and maintain this vital facility for our town. It is an achievement we are immensely proud of as a community.

Coolamon was built on land that was partly owned by the community. It was built with money from the community and St Vincent de Paul, opening on 9 February 1984. Additions came in 1996 of a craft room, then a chapel and major extensions in 2002. In 2008 the Lang family donated a carport and 23-seater bus with wheelchair facilities. A lot of community money went into the building and furnishing of these welcome additions.

This shared responsibility changed in 2007 when Catholic Healthcare took over the operations of Coolamon. The community no longer had any say in the service. We could see things changing and it wasn't long before Catholic Healthcare stopped paying a small yearly fee in lieu of rent. The Auxiliary and Steering Committee were disbanded after a very long association with Coolamon. The community was let down!

Catholic Healthcare, it is time to set things right.



Cartoon by Ron Atkinson - ronatkison.wordpress.com

There are two things that need to happen to rectify the situation and restore community trust.

We believe a proper rental should be paid by Catholic Healthcare and used for the future rehabilitation and operation of the land. It is not sufficient to say the operation of the facility is a benefit to the local community to avoid paying rent. There has to be good faith on both sides and a reasonable rental payable for the ongoing benefit of this great asset is a good place to start.

Secondly, Catholic Healthcare need to pay for the land they have occupied at Coolamon, at no cost and for a long time. Council could subdivide the land and sell it to Catholic Healthcare. The money from the sale should be used solely for the clearing and maintenance of the hospital site and not lost into consolidated revenue.

Gil Lomath & Caroline Bass
Mullumbimby

Look after the planet

Who's up for looking after this planet? The Byron Environment Centre (BEC) crew are having a Picnic in the Park public networking afternoon, this Sunday 16 October 2-4pm, at the BEC's Rotunda, in Railway Park, Jonson St, Byron Bay.

Post covid restrictions, communities across the state are coming together to reestablish networks at Picnics for Nature, coordinated by the Nature Conservation Council and local environment groups.

Whether your interest is in commenting from the sidelines, back-seat support, front-seat driver, or frontline activist, from Knitting

Nannas to School Strike students, with an interest in local/regional/or global campaigns, or in a 'looking after country' First Nations Voice to Parliament, let's get together and decide on how we are going to protect the rights of nature, and the rights of future generations to a liveable planet. Grab a coffee and bring a cushion, and come along!

PS: Don't dawdle on the pedestrian crossing in front of the park - it's now a \$20,000 fine and two years jail for activists inconveniencing traffic.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

The good, the bad, and the ugly

As a mature-aged person, I have spent all of my life in and around music and activism. From the time that I was taken by my mother to concerts by Buddy Holly, The Everly Brothers, Lonnie Donegan and the likes, to my early teens, when I stepped out to save the foxes from the savage sport in the English countryside.

I have met and befriended many people in the music world, some very famous (the music scene being a huge part of my life, as I didn't become a father). I've been active in putting on events and festivals. I've been a big lover of books and reading. Over the years, I have read many autobiographies and biographies of artists and performers ranging from blues, jazz, folk, and rock and I must say I've never been too impressed by their attitude and behaviour.

Although I still love their music from the '60s particularly, The Stones are

a shining example of the 'bad'. A fine example of the 'good' is Peter Gabriel, who went on to use his wealth and fame for the betterment of others in the world, as an active member of Amnesty International, as an outspoken voice against Tony Blair's illegal war on Iraq. He was a founding member of the WOMAD festivals that take place around the world, where he nearly went broke because of bad weather and circumstances surrounding the first event in England, until Genesis, his previous band, reformed to pull him out of the financial hole.

I am proud to have known Peter in the first half of the '70s, as I knew all the other guys in the band. They were all lovely, intelligent, considerate young people. There was no evidence of drunkenness, heavy drugs, or womanising, and I spent a lot of time with them.

Mick Stacey
Ballina

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NSW EPA fails forests as federal Environment minister looks at developing action plan

Aslan Shand

The federal Environment minister Tanya Plibersek announced in the last week the development of an action plan that will assist in the protection of habitat for threatened species. Yet the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) and the NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) continues to fail fauna and flora across the state and Australia with the country now recognised as a 'global deforestation hotspot'.

Fifteen species and three ecological communities from around the country were added to the federal threatened species list on October 4 including the parma wallaby, koalas, greater glider.

Nature Conservation Council CEO Jacqui Mumford said, 'The federal government's commitment to conserving 30 per cent of our land and sea area will put threatened wildlife on the road to recovery and protecting NSW's state forests from logging is the obvious place to start'.

The addition of the parma wallaby and two types of forest to the threatened list adds weight to long and loud calls to end native forest logging.

'It's madness that logging companies are driving the parma wallaby, koalas, greater glider and dozens of other forests species



Damage to retained koala feed trees by NSW Forestry Commission. Photos supplied

towards extinction to make toilet paper and other low-value products.

'Deforestation in NSW has been identified as a threat to our forest-dwelling wildlife for decades.'

National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) also supported the Action Plan development with CEO Garry Dunnett saying, 'it is our view the majority of the "30%" should be met through the conservation gold standard of national parks, nature reserves and marine sanctuaries'.

'We hope the action plan will prioritise ensuring sensitive landscapes and ecological communities are included within Australia's protected area network.'

'It is critical the definition of the Southeast Coastal Ranges includes both the NSW Southern Forests and the mid North Coast, capturing important ecological communities in need of enhanced protection.'

EPA failures

While the right noises are being made on a federal level the NSW Forestry Corporation is failing to protect native forests and threatened species.

This failure was highlighted again by the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) who pointed out that the 'NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has once again allowed the Forestry Corporation to get off scot-free for wantonly and recklessly damaging habitat trees legally required to be protected'.

NEFA is shocked that the EPA has dismissed all NEFA's complaints that the Forestry Corporation caused excessive damage to 13 marked hollow-bearing trees and seven koala browse trees in core koala habitat in compartment 44 of Wild Cattle Creek State Forest, NEFA spokesperson Dailan Pugh said.

'It is illegal to damage trees required to be retained, and this damage is blatantly obvious, yet the EPA claims it is not damage. Something is fundamentally rotten with logging regulation.'

'Compartment 44 was identified by the Office of Environment and Heritage for protection from logging as a "highly significant" area "of koala occupancy", though the NSW Government ignored their advice to protect it.'

'Instead the Forestry Corporation were allowed to log it subject to the token requirements that eight hollow-bearing trees and ten koala feed-tree species be retained per hectare, with the legal requirement that "Retained trees must not be damaged during a forestry operation".'

'During a brief assessment in July 2022, NEFA identified that most koala feed trees had been logged, and many of those identified for retention had been damaged during logging.'

'We reported the breaches to the EPA, asking them to use the range of injuries to provide clear guidance on what legally constitutes damage to retained trees.'

'There can be no doubt that the worst of this damage will severely affect the health and longevity of the trees, and hasten their death and the loss of the resources they provide.'

'The EPA response last week was that "the damage sustained to each tree did not meet the definition of "damage" as defined in the CIFOA Protocols.'

'I was shocked that according to the EPA, the severe bashing of retained trees by machines that knocks off extensive slabs of basal bark, the crushing and severing of main roots, nor the knocking out of tree crowns by felling trees on them, constitute damage.'

'It is outrageous that hollow-bearing trees (which in this case are also mostly koala feed trees) hundreds of years old, with hollows essential for survival of a plethora of our native species, are bashed and damaged with such reckless disregard by the Forestry Corporation, and the EPA do nothing about it.'

'Similarly the bashing of Tallowoods, so that they are virtually ringbarked, retained as koala feed trees, does not count as damage according to the EPA.'

'This is just the latest in a series of complaints we have made that the EPA have similarly ignored or denied.'

'By their refusal to take legal action for obvious damage to retained trees, the EPA has fostered a culture of careless disregard for the survival of trees legally required to be retained, along with the koalas and hollow-dependent species that need them,' Mr. Pugh said.

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Sunflower
Mullumbimby

DISCORD rally

The Australian Unemployed Workers Union (AUWU) has invited communities to rally on Monday 17 October and send a strong message to Social Security minister Amanda Rishworth that clients need a better deal from Centrelink.

AUWU's DISCORD rally is demanding our federal government lift welfare payments above the Henderson Poverty Line to \$88 a day, and enable everyone who needs a payment regardless of visa status, family situation, or occupation to receive assistance. Compulsory 'mutual' obligation should be abolished immediately to free up funds to improve lives rather than 'line the pockets of their poverty profiteer donors'.

I personally would like to add the Age Pension should be put back to 65 for everyone. Labor should also reverse the appalling decision made by Julia Gillard to push single parents back onto Newstart/Jobseeker when their youngest child turns eight years old.

Many of the harsh changes brought in by Lib/Lab governments over the past 15 years have targeted unmarried women. Single mums and older women are now the most vulnerable, either homeless or facing impending homelessness as rents soar and rent assistance remains at just \$70 a fortnight. Paid part-time employment is taxed by Centrelink with payments reduced by 50 cents for every dollar earned, ensuring the most vulnerable can't get ahead or escape the poverty trap.

This is a crisis that affects women disproportionately as Centrelink fails to acknowledge many women already have a full-time job raising children or caring for other family members.

Labor thinks it can ignore this crisis and go on punishing women for not having a husband to support them. No-one seems to care.

We need to raise our voices loudly and persuade this government that women's lives matter and

show our DISCORD outside Brunswick Heads Centrelink office at 11am, Monday 17 October.

Michele Grant
BV Community Care Council

CEO Byron Rangers

Reading the article in last week's paper, I am feeling compelled to write this letter. Understandingly the lynch mob is out to condemn all of Dean's actions, call him out on his shortfalls and most of all his shortchanging, this coming from multiple sources in our community.

I joined Rangers nearly two years ago and I got to know fellow Rangers as kind-hearted humans that care for our living environment where they can.

Byron Rangers CEO Dean had lots of energy, ideas, and an even bigger vision. The platform he created gave a sense of community, togetherness, and the awareness to look around our towns, forests, farms, and beaches and empower ourselves by actions rather than words. Protocols were put in place to collect rubbish and amounts tallied for national databases. Good ideas:

- Connecting local businesses that are in it for the good, locals and travellers alike, alongside with other environmental heroes and organisations.

- Educating people about our local wildlife and flora, and bringing forward solutions to basically give our wildlife half a chance at all.

Why am I mentioning this? Because it saddens me that something so good turned out so sour and the effects felt through so many layers in our community.

What I believe started initially with good intentions, is now corrupted and with a personal damage bill that will be hard to live with. What I like to take away from this is to implement all the good that Dean taught us. That I empower myself and therefore like-minded others in our community, leaving our towns better than we found them. And that most of the good you've created in this world, ALL comes undone if you make unethical choices and hurt others in the process. Let there be a lesson in it for all of us. I like to conclude by saying a big thankyou to all the good do-ers I got to meet by becoming a Ranger, and I hope that bitterness won't be the only thing left when thinking about this platform. I walk away a better human because of this experience, with a tool kit to be proud of.

Juud Belongil
Byron Bay

CBDC

Once again, we need to be on our guard about possible government actions in terms of CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currencies).

We saw what power-drunk Australian premiers and bureaucrats did during Covid, with their unnecessary lockdowns, children forced to miss school, citizens arrested in homes, prevented from visiting dying relatives, bashed for legally protesting, banned from sitting in parks, visiting beaches, and so on, in attempts at total citizen domination - straight out of the 1984 playbook. Frightening stuff.

As I understand it, the introduction of CBDC could allow the government (either side) to control how we spend our money and therefore our lives.

Be warned.

Jeremy Gilder
Myocum

Precaution, floods

Concern deepens about the flood risks of the West Byron development, and the mind-blowing tonnages of fill that will ensure anarchic flooding to the industrial estate, Sunrise, North Byron, Ewingsdale Road, and Byron townships and environs. No flood-mitigation plan has been forthcoming since the recent floods.

Dailan Pugh wrote in the 2020 submission to Site R&D:

'Council's own consultant Alluvium (2018) claims the flood model used is underestimating flood increases due to sea-level rises. If this wasn't bad enough Site R&D's own consultants BMT (2019) are in effect saying that the BMT WBM (2017) Site R&D DA flood assessment used to work out flood planning level for a one per cent AEP event in the current climate, is underestimating floor and fill levels by up to half a metre, and thereby flood levels and fill. This has fundamental consequences for site planning and will greatly amplify estimates for climate heating impacts.'

The fill will enhance potential for flooding events.

Jo Faith
Newtown

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Kim Goodrick and Sabine Muschter

The Byron Shire celebrates a diverse range of ideas and beliefs. We consider this to be a good thing. But, when sharing those beliefs with the community, it needs to be done with respect, a commitment to the truth and transparency. These attributes are lacking in the recent advertisements of Byron Deserves Better (BDB) published in *The Echo*, statements on their website and in various articles.

Our concerns are that the ads and statements on BDB website misrepresent the complexity of Byron Council's short-term rental accommodation (STRA) planning proposal for the community; fail to acknowledge the financial interests of those behind the ads in maintaining the status quo; and fail to reference the data they rely on while misrepresenting existing independent research.

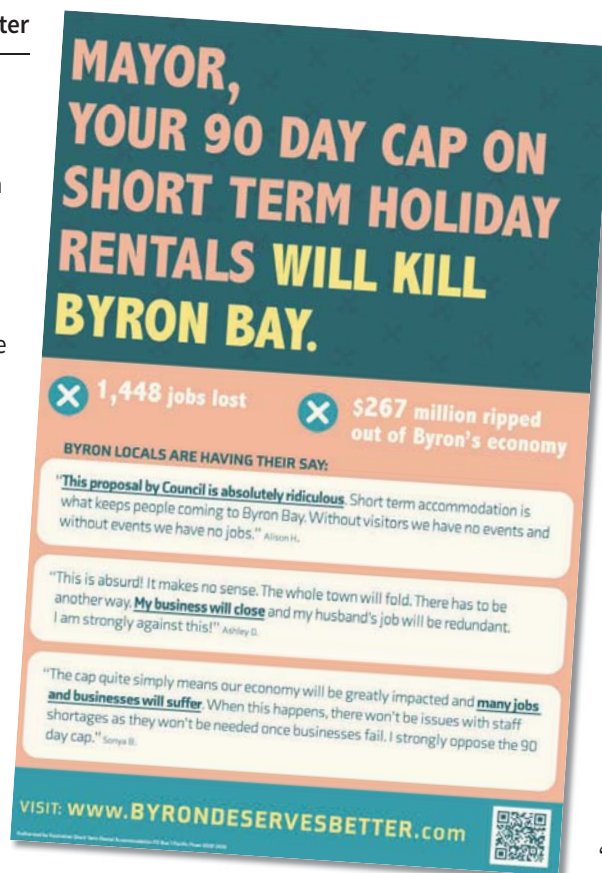
We acknowledge the financial interests of those involved with BDB. They represent a significant business commitment to the Byron area. For example, two BDB supporters work for the holiday accommodation service A Perfect Stay, which hosts 142 of the 2,815 Byron Shire properties listed on InsideAirbnb (6.10.22). However, these business interests need to be balanced with the wellbeing of all residents and workers in the Shire.

Misleading data

The data supplied in the advertisements of BDB is misleading. It fails to acknowledge that under Council's new 90-day cap policy there will be some areas with no STRA limit at all. These areas include Byron Bay beachside, Wategos, Suffolk Park beachside, and half of Brunswick Heads (the 'exempt' precincts). This would be a significant increase in the number of STRA nights allowed in the most populous areas.

The BDB ads state that the STRA numbers used by Council are false. These numbers are in fact drawn from the 'Urbis Economic Impact Assessment' (EIA) Report released in November 2021. The EIA was requested and mainly funded by the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Council's contribution to the total cost of \$108,278 of the EIA prepared by Urbis was \$20,278.

The independent EIA report found that 'of the 5,250 non-hosted STRAs listed in the Byron Shire in 2019 '62% of non-hosted STRA properties in the LGA were available for more than 180 days in the year (2019), 61% of these properties were occupied for less than 90 days in the year' (EIA 2021, page 19). These figures indicate that a change to the 90-day cap might not affect the occupancy of over 60 per cent of STRAs in the Shire.



The BDB ad refers to '5,248 holiday homes in Byron' but this is the figure (supplied by the EIA) for the Byron Shire. This failure to distinguish between the Byron township and the Byron Shire is misleading.

Furthermore, BDB does not correctly reference data to support their allegations on their website and in various articles that 'According to Tourism Research Australia, when you remove families who stay in holiday homes in Byron Shire, as will happen if the 90-day cap is imposed, Council will jeopardise 1,448 local jobs and remove \$267 million from the local economy.' However, Tourism Australia research (TRA) denies that they have put out any research to support those figures and replied to our enquiry regarding the BDB statement: 'TRA noted the Byron Bay article as it was published. TRA does not link its data to sensitive issues such as the example in the article and has not made such claims.'

BDB's ad further states that the 90-day cap 'Will Kill Byron Bay' (*The Byron Shire Echo*, 5.10.22, page 9). Instead, the EIA analyses projected job losses owing to the implementation of the 90-day cap (with 365 days in exempt precincts) compared with the current in-place 180-day cap in terms of job losses. It predicted a total of 120 job losses in direct job losses (cleaning, maintenance etc) and six jobs in retail. It also predicted that 116 of these jobs would be recovered by 2027, resulting in a net job loss of ten (see pages 121-125).

10% rental supply increase

Significantly, the EIA report predicts that with the council's 90-day cap proposed policy (including exempt precincts), an approximate 10 per cent increase in long-term rental supply would result from this simple change.

This view is shared by Dr Peter Phibbs, who peer-reviewed the EIA report in December 2021, and concluded that it

'... seems likely that the economic impacts on Byron Bay of the changes proposed by the Council would be very modest...' (page 7).

Further, in analysing the demographic and housing data the EIA report revealed that the Byron LGA is experiencing housing-market failure, with poor affordability, very low rental vacancy rates, and high concentrations of non-hosted STRA approaching 35 per cent of total dwelling stock (see EIA, pages 43-44).

Dr Sabine Muschter, a Byron local and a co-author of various research studies regarding impacts of STRA on the Byron Shire and other communities, summarises: 'In my view, the proposal will not result in a shortage of tourist accommodation at all as the exempt precincts will increase bed night availability and "hosted" STRAs are not impacted by the policy at all.

'Furthermore, in 2019 Byron Shire's over 100 Approved Accommodation Providers (AAPs), such as hotels, motels etc, had an average occupancy rate in the mid-high 60 per cent, low for a heavily touristic region and compared to the average of 74 per cent in NSW (Tourism Research Australia, 2019; Destination Byron, 2019). This suggests there are a lot more nights available in AAPs for visitors to stay in the Byron Shire. AAPs pay commercial rates and ensure compliance with noise and nuisance requirements,' she explained.

'Therefore, I question the argument that jobs, and money, will be lost with the proposed STRA policy. And just imagine, more families and essential workers will have the opportunity to live locally in full-time rentals and contribute to the town's community activities, as well as the economy, all year round - not just in the holiday peaks.'

So by all means, BDB, have your say and promote your interests, but please don't use unreferenced and out-of-context data, or statements designed to mislead the community about the structure and impacts of Council's STRA proposal.

Please have your say on this issue at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Your-Say-Byron-Shire/ until 31 October 2022. There is also a Change.org petition gathering momentum 'Byron Deserves Balance' www.change.org/p/byron-deserves-balance.

■ Kim Goodrick is a 2022 NSW Government Community Service Award winner for her fierce advocacy for affordable housing in the Byron Shire.

■ See letters on pages 22 and 23.

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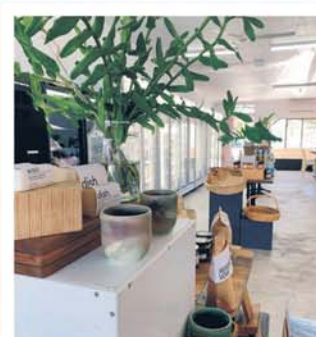
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Step out in style at the Film Festival Gala

The BBFF2022 Opening Night Red Carpet Event is a highlight of Byron Bay's social calendar. Byron Bay International Film Festival is back to shine light in the darkness with a sparkling night of well-deserved decadence and special celebration of Byron and film.

WITH THE FOCUS ON THE PRE-FILM RECEPTION, guests will mingle with visiting filmmakers and Byron creatives while Animal Ventura's sultry sounds weave through the space. Beautiful platters laden with tasty treats courtesy of fantastic local producers including Byron Bay Olive Co will provide a feast for the senses while Zilzie Wines, Grainshaker Vodka and Good Happy Kombucha will keep the drinks pouring to quench the thirst of attendees.

In the cinema, the 2022 Palme D'or winner *Triangle of Sadness* takes centre stage, taking viewers on a deep dive into a wickedly funny satire targeting some of the modern world's key failings.

The wry opening scenes introduce us to the principal protagonist, Carl, a handsome young male model, and to some of the



subjects of the film: fashion, influencer culture and the downright creepiness of the modelling game.

But Swedish writer/director

Ruben Östlund is not content to take easy shots at such soft targets. His satirical goals are more ambitious, and as the

increasingly hilarious and outlandish story unfolds, we are invited to look at inequality, wealth, power, (and its abuses), and the human susceptibility to corruption.

Carl and his gorgeous Instagramming girlfriend soon find themselves guests on a super-yacht, surrounded by the obscenely wealthy, and it is not long before Carl uses his newly-achieved crumb of power to score a point over a socially 'inferior' crew member.

Woody Harrelson is hilarious as the Marxist captain in charge of this boatful of spoilt and amoral bourgeoisie, and capitalism is in Ostlund's merciless spotlight. Old Karl is quoted (and embodied) liberally throughout, most notably and ironically from the mouth of a Russian oligarch.

But the weighty themes float where they should – just below the surface of the story: even some of the targets of the visceral satire are recognisably human, and sympathetic.

Tipped as a top contender at the 2023 Academy Awards, the film won Östlund the Palme d'Or at Cannes 2022 for Best Director after receiving an eight-minute standing

ovation, and has been a hit wherever it has screened.

Triangle opens the door to ten days and nights of award-winning, cutting-edge dramatic films that are by turns comical, romantic, disturbing, and insightful. Throughout, it's their artfulness that got them into the festival – the kind of art that shines light in the dark.

BBFF shining light into shady places

Light (and shade) are explored in another festival stand-out, South Korea's entry into the 2023 Academy Awards, *Decision to Leave*, a fantastically well-realised murder mystery that is also – even primarily – a love story, directed, produced and co-written by Park Chan-wook, who won Best Director at Cannes this year.

When a man falls from a mountain peak to his death, the detective in charge interviews his beautiful wife, Seo-rae, who does not seem overly troubled by the news. She becomes a suspect but the policeman, Hae-joon, feels himself powerfully attracted to her. He is married but his interest in the case becomes all-consuming.

Top left: Oz film luminary Jack Thompson will once again take part in BBFF.

Top right: Palme D'or winner *Triangle of Sadness* kicks off the festival as the feature film on opening night.

Below: *Decision to Leave*, a South Korean romantic thriller is among the many standouts screening at this year's festival.

'Refreshingly unpredictable – a twisty, bewitching love story wrapped in a thoroughly 21st-century murder mystery that's deeply erotic,' the *Hollywood Reporter* enthused.

Decision to Leave features expressive cinematography in a range of setting – interiors, mountains, the coast – setting the scene for the turbulent but restrained emotions of the star-crossed pair. The film demonstrates that Park is a master of filmmaking, an artist at the top of his game.

The 2022 Official Selection contains another Oscar contender, *Klondike*, Ukraine's entry for 2023 which sits along-side quirky comedies and dramas from emerging directors.

There's also plenty happening outside the cinema too – including a real treat in the form of a lunch in the company of Australian acting legend **Jack Thompson**.

For decades, Jack has been a source of encouragement and inspiration to writers, directors, actors – everyone involved with filmmaking – and a staunch supporter of the Byron Bay Film Festival.

Jack takes centre stage at a lunch at Ember, one of Byron's best restaurants, as wines by Zilzie and beers from Stone & Wood flow – as will the conversation as Executive Producer and Madman Entertainment CEO Paul Wiegard uncovers the stories behind what and who has inspired Jack across his illustrious career.

■ Tickets are selling fast, so book early to avoid missing out! Visit: bbff.com.au

Adam Guise: the Greens candidate for Lismore

As the jostling for position in the 2023 state election ramps up, the Greens have announced Lismore City Councillor and climate change activist Adam Guise as their candidate for Lismore.

Mr Guise said he is proud to stand as the Greens candidate for Lismore. 'Having run in 2015 when our campaign nearly unseated a then-incumbent National Party MP, this time we have a real opportunity to send a powerful, grassroots voice to the state parliament to represent our region,' he said.



Adam Guise in Lismore on Monday with MPs Sue Higginson and Cate Faehrmann. Photo supplied

Lismore at the frontline of climate emergency

'As one of so many who was personally impacted by this year's floods, I'm determined to keep fighting for a fair recovery for our region. Relocations, voluntary buybacks and social and public housing must be at the core of the government's response and Lismore deserves a voice that will fight for just that.'

Mr Guise said Lismore is a community at the frontline

of the climate emergency. 'Having been at the heart of the Gasfield Free Northern Rivers campaign which successfully fought off the toxic coal seam gas industry, I know how important it is to fight for the people and places we love.'

The Greens are targeting Lismore as one of their most winnable seats at this election and will provide additional resources to win it. In the 2019 Lismore election result the Greens were

only 635 votes behind Labor. In 2019 Green preferences went to Labor and Labor had enough to beat the Nationals for the first time in years.

318 vote changes

'If 318 Labor voters were to change to the Greens then the cannabis-law-reforming Greens would beat Labor,' explained one local election watcher.

The party says it will run on a platform of tackling the climate emergency,

including phasing out coal and gas by 2030 and supporting the community to rebuild post-floods; as well as social and affordable housing, including voluntary relocations and buybacks for flood-affected families.

'Only the Greens will fight to phase out coal and gas by 2030 and for an adaptation plan that rapidly decarbonises our economy and protects our people and precious places,' said Mr Guise.

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Fear-mongering advertisements

Recently, business owners were lamenting a staffing shortage in the local tourism industry as there was nowhere for potential employees to find local rentals. I am surprised to read that some employers are now backing a 'No' campaign to the Council's Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Planning Proposal, claiming that it poses a threat to jobs.

The proposal is designed to put more accommodation back into the longer-term rental market so that workers and those in vulnerable housing situations have somewhere to rent and thus contribute to Byron's economy and community life.

The proposed precinct model offers large areas of Byron Bay, Suffolk Park, and Brunswick Heads for STRA 365 days per year. Predominantly residential areas only come under the proposed 90-day STRA limit.

There is ample research from Sydney and Southern Cross universities indicating that STRA in residential areas is detrimental to neighbourhood amenity, hollows out communities, and locks many key workers out of accommodation (Gurran et al. 2020, 2022; Che et al, 2020).

While people were unable to find long-term rental accommodation, there were 2,488 Airbnb listings for Byron Shire as of July 2022 (Razaghi, SMH Domain, 29

August 2022). On census night last year, 15 per cent of the dwellings in the Byron Shire were unoccupied (2,348 dwellings) with 30 per cent in Byron Bay – three times the national average (Kassabgi, *Byron Echo*, July 5, 2022).

As a volunteer in an organisation that provides financial and in-kind support to those in vulnerable housing situations, I welcome the rebalancing that the Planning Proposal offers.

Dr Michelle Wallace
Bangalow CWA

So many people have lost their homes, their jobs, live in their cars, possibly had to leave loved ones and friends to live in a completely different area...

The Byron Deserves Better crew are against the 90-day cap on holiday letting in certain areas of Byron proposed by Byron Shire Council. They want to rent their properties for 365 days and have launched a national PR campaign against Council's proposal! I think the Byron community deserves much better than this.

So many people have lost their homes, their jobs, live in their cars, possibly had to leave loved ones and friends to live in a completely different area... I don't believe this is fair. We need to get this

housing crisis under control. Turning so many properties into short-term holiday lets benefits only a few and does not serve the greater majority. It is not the answer! Community is everything! It is very important to get the balance right so we have an equitable and fair outcome.

Liz Friend
Ocean Shores

Oh dear. Australian Short Term Rental Accommodation (ASTRA), an anonymous entity, has advertised again in *The Echo*, this time claiming that a 90-day cap on short-term rentals, '... WILL KILL BYRON BAY'.

Really? Does ASTRA not have enough money to hire a decent ad writer? The ad also screams, 'BYRON LOCALS ARE HAVING THEIR SAY,' and three illogical, dramatic, exaggerated and disconnected statements follow.

I walked around the markets and found four locals willing to give an opinion about ASTRA's full-page ad. Three of them had the same names as in the ad and on this day vehemently disagreed with what was printed.

'I'm really annoyed that I was misquoted. Short-term accommodation kills off communities. People who live here have to tolerate (or not) troublesome holiday-makers who don't contribute to the Byron culture and think Byron is about the lighthouse walk, the restaurants, and the pretty wine glasses,' said Alison H.

'Byron Bay has always had legitimate accommodation and as all apartments are holiday let – meaning no apartments for workers – there are barely enough full-time rentals for a town of this size,' said Ashley O.

'There is no way that ALL businesses will fail, as I was quoted this week. Banning unlimited short-term visitors will not mean no events and therefore no jobs. That's rubbish. What about Bluesfest, Falls, the Writers Festival, Splendour, surfing tournaments, movie festivals, and even The Naked Bike Ride?' said Sonya B.

'When someone lies, they repeat the same information over and over. They don't add new info because they don't have any. I should know, having been here

since 1968. I support the 90-day cap,' said Warren S. 'Here, have an organic banana.'

It's the old story: greediness, profit, me-me-me; with no concerns for community wellbeing.

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

The Echo (28 September) carries a full-page advertisement (byrondeservesbetter.com) designed to pressure the Byron Shire Council to relax restrictions on short-term rental accommodation (STRA). The sponsors of the page include the companies that promote and service these properties. Behind them are property investors. Doubtless they have been impacted negatively by the financial effects of the coronavirus epidemic, successive La Niña events, falling property prices, and rising interest rates.

We have all suffered through the last three years. But why should Council bail out these individuals who have a business plan that appears out of step with the interests and needs of our community? Why should their financial return be prioritised over the clear competing interest of our community to retain retail workers, teachers, childcare, aged-care, and healthcare workers, and emergency service personnel, many of whom rely on affordable long-term rental accommodation? This greatly outweighs any increase in jobs for workers who will service STRA.

The economic analysis the proponents rely on is narrow, did not adopt a community perspective, and on peer review was found to make flawed recommendations. It takes no account of the additional housing stress created by recent flooding. Add to this the clear and direct negative impacts of STRA in terms of excessive noise, drinking, boorish behaviour, careless driving on crowded, poorly surfaced roads and the competing case is clear and dominant. The Byron Bay community does indeed deserve better – by limiting STRA and encouraging families and essential workers to come and live here.

David Henry
Suffolk Park

CHESS by Ian Rogers

The Labour Day weekend saw tournaments up and down the east coast, with the biggest news being Dusan Stojic's overwhelming performance in the Queensland Championship.


Stojic (pictured), whose family moved from Yugoslavia to Canberra when he was 10, won the Australian Under 12 Championship in 2001 with a perfect score. Over the next few years, relocating to Melbourne, he was a regular representative for Australia at World Youth Championships and even played alongside Magnus Carlsen at the 2003 U/14 Championship in Greece.

When Stojic tied for first place at the 2006 Doeberl Cup it seemed that the sky was the limit for the teenager. However, school and study for a commerce-law degree intervened, leaving him as a 'mere' top 20 player. Stojic did, however, find time to win Victorian and Melbourne Championships, as well as becoming President of his local chess club in Noble Park.

Then, after a romance with Australian Olympian Alexandra Jule brought him to Queensland, Stojic added the 2018 Queensland Championship to his collection. The repeat title victory on the Gold Coast was a career-best performance for the 33-year-old, who scored 8.5/9 to edge out the tournament favourite, former Australian Open Champion Yi Liu.

The prettiest finish of the event came from fourth placegetter Aiden Brady.

2022 Queensland Championship
White: A Brady
Black: J Cross
Opening: Centre Counter
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6! Back in 2001 I was asked to write an introduction to a new book on this variation of the Centre Counter opening. I liked it so much, I played it in my next game – against Garry Kasparov! Needless to say, I lost, although I could not blame the opening since I enjoyed a winning position at one point in the game. **4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.g3** One of the best set-ups against Black's 3...Qd6 system, aiming for an attacking battery of bishops on g2 and f4. **6...Bg4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3!** A well known pawn sacrifice which has scored well for White. **9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxd4 11.Bf4 e5!** 11...e6 is safer. **12.Rfd1 Qc5 13.Rxd8+ Nxd8 14.b4! Qd4?** Black, with his follow up, believes he is forcing the exchange of queens but instead plummets to defeat. After **14...Qc6!** The game remains very much alive. **15.Rd1 e4 16.Nxe4 Qxe4 17.Rxd8+ 1-0**



and what Byron really deserves



Cape Byron Lighthouse. Photo NPWS

■ Byron deserves better than Byron Deserves Better (full page ads in recent *Echo*).

A slogan, incidentally, that came directly and – savour the irony – was devised by the community opponents of the West Byron mega-development but has now been seconded by the Airbnb lobby as a sort of folksy smokescreen to somehow garner popular sympathy for their campaign. The ‘it’s my party and I’ll cry if I want to’ lobby, the ‘open-slather in the tropics / go the Bay’ lobby, and ‘to hell with anyone or anything that gets in their way’ lobby. There are a proportion of people who are genuinely doing Airbnb as a legitimate way to cover big mortgages and cover their costs. This is totally understandable, but it is the pointy end of the deal. Those Airbnb investors who have multiple properties and have purchased them specifically to turn a profit... mostly absentee landlords... and, to put it parochially, who are ‘rolling in it’... those property investors who seem oblivious or choose not to look at the very serious damage this is having on the community fabric (particularly on low- and middle-income earners)... and one has to sadly conclude that they simply don’t seem to give a stuff and are doing this at a time when the community is already in the throes of an unprecedented housing / accommodation crisis and post a record-breaking flood that has displaced and left so many people either homeless, couch surfing, or even having to sleep in their cars or in tents in the bush. Those investors who are buying up properties at an exponential

rate are jacking up the rents and milking it for everything they can get.

Mayor Lyon and the Byron Council have been more than fair and generous in attempting to get a solution to this problem by restricting the 90-day cap to areas, mainly residential, that are obviously well outside the traditional coastal holiday zone. Yet this lobby group are still jumping up and down, going to the media and whingeing that their already astronomical profits are somehow under threat! It’s actually shameful, to the point of embarrassment, to hear their cynical whining about ‘local government interference’ or their unfettered ‘freedom to do what we want with our properties’ brigade. Well guys, just in case you’ve forgotten, this is still a community where the currency is not all about how many money bags you can drag into the back of your limousine. The community itself is our real currency, our most valuable asset. Byron has a proud record of activism and caring and it really does take a special level of gall and a unique sense of entitlement to witness this lobby doing a dummy spit when the community says ‘hey, slow down... this is getting a little bit out of hand’. Byron really does deserve better, much much better than that!

Please sign the petition at www.change.org/p/byron-deserves-balance.

Ron Curran
Ocean Shores

■ Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL) members are disappointed to see fear-mongering, full-page

advertisements in *The Echo* that oppose Byron Council’s proposal for a 90-day cap for short-term rental accommodation (STRA) in certain residential areas. VOHL challenges the accuracy of statements made in the advertisements.

The advertisements are attributed to a shadowy group under the website name, ‘Byron Deserves Better’ (BDB). This group appears to consist of self-interested owners of Byron STRA management businesses and a few local business owners.

VOHL is appalled that this well-funded group has appropriated a slogan used by a genuine and legitimate grassroots residents’ group that campaigned against the West Byron mega-development.

The BDB website, conveniently, does not mention Council’s proposal for 365-day precincts in the ‘tourist hotspots’ of Suffolk Park, Byron Bay, and Brunswick Heads, where the majority of STRAs are located. Business as usual.

In the most recent BDB advertisement, two fear-mongering statements are made that are not attributed to any research. Research should be accurate, reliable, and independent of vested interests.

BDB states: ‘1,448 jobs lost’ and ‘\$267million ripped out of the Byron economy’. VOHL challenges this group to produce a link to any independent research that states these figures. Otherwise, the public can draw the conclusion that the figures are false.

In direct contrast to these statements is data from the 194-page, independent

Urbis report in Council’s current exhibition on STRA. This report states that under Council’s 90-day cap proposal for certain areas:

1. There will be a low decrease in local employment, with ten fewer jobs up to 2027.
2. Moderate increase in retail spending up to 2027 growing at the rate of 5.9 per cent per annum.
3. Total revenue from non-hosted STRA is forecast to grow by three per cent per annum up to 2027.

Doug Luke
Co-ordinator VOHL

■ Byron Shire – a community, not a commodity.

If Airbnb is such a good idea, maybe STRA should come up with their own tagline instead of stealing the Byron Shire community phrase BYRON DESERVES BETTER, which was created to oppose the West Byron housing development. This development is currently being built on a floodplain, despite 20 recommendations that it should not go ahead.

It’s a balance. No-one is saying get rid of STRA or Airbnb – we just want some regulations.

Short-term rentals have a place. Tourism has a place, expense but it should not be at the cost of the residents who live in this area.

The anonymous people/companies behind this campaign are missing the point, and it seems pretty obvious that most of them are not permanent residents. The ads speak to city money, city priorities, investors with houses that are for rent, who are into profit, not community.

Even Brian Chesky, CEO of Airbnb, admitted it had affected communities, depleted housing supply, reduced long-term rentals and encouraged over-tourism in hotspots. Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Santa Monica, New York, Berlin, London, San Francisco, and New York all have restrictions when it comes to Airbnb: stating that the cost to local communities and renters far exceeds the benefits it offers to travellers. It’s about time the NSW Government and the council get their heads out of the sand and do it for the Northern Rivers.

B Crowle
Byron Bay

■ Read more, pages 10 & 18.

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Every Saturday, 4-9pm, Railway Park
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Spring has arrived at Bell & Ford

Bell & Ford has two beautiful stores – one in the coastal town of Byron Bay and the other in the hinterland town of Bangalow.

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The 16th Annual Day of the Dead Ceremony of Love & Remembrance is a free community event to honour and remember our dead and dying. Bring a blanket, chair and mementos to create a shrine in the roots of the fig tree.

It is created and facilitated by Zenith Virago and the Natural Death Care Centre, community artist Sam Collyer, the Biggest Little Town Choir and you.

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It's also a wonderful way to introduce children to death and bereavement in a gentle and positive way.

Bring photographs or special somethings for the shrine, as well as writing messages for loved ones.

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4pm ceremony

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naturaldeathcarecentre.org





Global Ripple Op Shop

Global Ripple has lots of low-priced clothes, shoes and accessories, including designer labels, and funky bric-a-brac. They have well-priced large and small secondhand furniture items, and are OPEN SEVEN DAYS. New stock is being sorted every day! Global Ripple is a not-for-profit approved organisation and the projects they support are both global and local. They are always needing donations for the shop, including furniture, clothing, bric-a-brac,

and electrical goods. Drop donations off between 9am and 4pm, or call them and they'll collect. The newly opened Hakuna Tomata Cafe is a must to visit with its great coffee, smoothies, middle eastern Yemen rolls, dumplings, açai bowls and loads of other tasties. **17 Grevillea Street, Industrial Estate, Byron Bay | 0457 192 225** www.theglobalripple.org



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Safety night lights for seniors

A fall at home can have terrible consequences for an elderly person, their family and the community. The Rotary Safety Night Lights for Seniors national information campaign promotes falls prevention within the home for older people. The likelihood of falls may be reduced with a simple LED sensor light, which provides a soft glow and either comes on automatically when it's dark (dusk to dawn)

or illuminates when movement is detected. The soft night lights plug into power points or are battery operated, and they can be located anywhere to assist in moving about the house when it's dark. The campaign encourages people to get informed and purchase a simple, automatic night light for themselves or others. Visit Bunnings Lismore and Ballina over 14– 23 October for more information. safetylightsforseniors.org.au



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food and drink on the Northern Rivers and North Coast of NSW. The magazine even has its own dedicated @byroneatdrink Instagram page, and contains a number of informative articles written by *The Echo's* editors and industry insiders.

The next edition will be circulating in the region by 30 November.

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The Good Life



Tweed Artisan Food Festival

The sixth Tweed Artisan Food Festival is a 10-day soiree that delivers 20 curated events showcasing the people, the place and the produce of the Tweed, hosted by the Tweed Artisan Collective and Destination Tweed.

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Some of the finest venues from the region will swing open their doors to showcase the outstanding culinary flavours, culture, and collective pride of the Tweed's local producers, chefs, and farmers.

From distilled botanical spirits to farm-fresh produce to a fusion of native ingredients, talented chefs will curate menus that represent the authentic nature and tastes of the Tweed.

The 10-day event launches at Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum, with storytelling, bush-tucker walks, and a tasting menu threaded with native ingredients – a



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collaboration Tweed Artisan Collective are proud to be a part of. Signature events will pop up at venues such as Halcyon House, Husk Distillery, Tropical Fruit World, Potager, Mavis's Kitchen, Taverna, Apex Dining, and Lolita's Mexican Cantina plus a whole lot more.

There's something to suit everyone's tastebuds at this year's Tweed Artisan Food Festival held over 21. Visit tweedartisancollective.com.au/the-tweed-artisan-food-festival/ for further information and to secure your ticket to the hottest



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The Organic Forrest



Victoria Cosford

From left to right are Hannah Vollmerhouse, Little Oscar, Sue Mangan and Dougal Forrest.

The Forrest Organic's ginger is so fat it seems to be bursting out of its thin papery sheath. 'It looks like cartoon ginger!' I exclaim to Dougal. After a relatively dry winter, everything on their stall looks joyously abundant, succulent, flourishing. Forrest Organics has been operating at farmers' markets for decades, a forerunner of the organic farming movement which today has become mercifully commonplace. Dougal is one of four kids raised on the 50 acres of properties in Federal; all their first jobs were on the farm, and even though at one point he decided he wanted to be an electrician the farm eventually lured him back.

Turning the soil over and oxygenating it – all by hand – is what results in the great quality produce they sell, and Dougal is justifiably proud of it all. Apart from the ginger, he singles out their garlic – the huge Russian variety and the very small, intense Italian – as well as the Dutch Cream potatoes, the latter always generating great feedback, he tells me. It seems there's little the Forrests cannot grow, but it's the ginger that's calling to me. Dougal's mother Sue, ever-smiling face familiar to marketgoers, makes a ginger cake (the 'Ninja Ginger'). She sent me the recipe so, of course – because what is life without cake, I am forced to make it. But the great glory

of ginger is that its uses are not confined to sweets – a favourite and frequently exercised fish recipe of mine, courtesy of Peter Gordon, calls for salmon to be marinated in fresh ginger, star anise, soy sauce, palm sugar and sesame oil before being baked. Brisket slow-braised for hours in fresh ginger, Sriracha, garlic, Chinese five-spice, hoisin and honey then pulled apart is another dish on high frequency at our place.

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The tour comes on the back of the unimaginably beautiful *Circling Time Songs and Stories* production Kutcha presented across regional Victoria, where he played to sold-out rooms, standing ovations, tears, and laughter.

He is a respected elder, so a Kutcha live experience takes you on a journey with stories from his life that segue so eloquently into each song choice lifting your spirit and inducing goosebumps moments.

At the heart of it Kutcha's music is pure soul.

Kutcha is a strong advocate for Aboriginal people, and is dedicated to the continuum of his traditional Songline.



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the musical

October 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd
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NEW SHOWS ADDED - 24th & 25th
 Newrybar Hall, Newrybar

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Kutcha has been prolifically combining songwriting and activism since 1991. It is his experiences as a survivor of the Stolen Generations that have shaped his diverse creative output in groups like Blackfire and The Black Arm Band. At the same time, he's been able to forge a successful solo career combining his Bidgee blues with traditional songs of people and country.

Kutcha is now multi-award-winning singer/songwriter and his most recent album *Circling Time* has garnered critical acclaim. He tells us that music chose him. He uses music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces. He draws on a profound sense of all those who have gone before him on this land, along with his own life experiences, to help his audiences understand themselves, reconnect with their culture, and promote cultural understanding. His music touches the soul and through his humour and insights we realise that, with recognition of the true Aboriginal history, there can be hope of reconciliation.

Kutcha will play two shows in the region on Wednesday 19 October at the Brunswick Picture House and Thursday 20 October at the Star Court Theatre, Lismore. For more visit: brunswickpicturehouse.com and starcourt20.sales.ticketsearch.com.

THERE'S NEW BLOOD IN NEWRYBAR

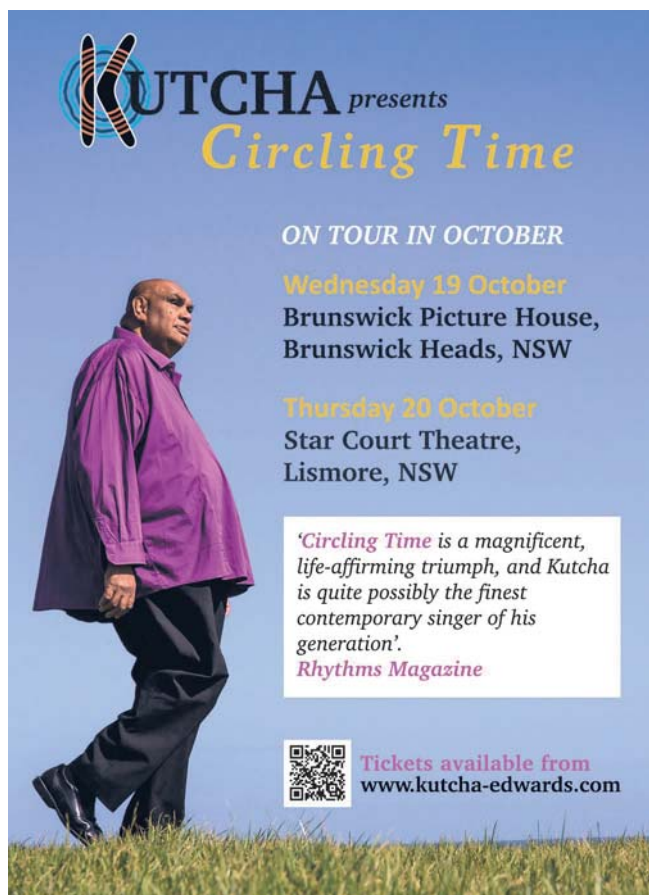


For the last 18 months a team of esteemed local creatives have been collaborating on something truly ground breaking; an original musical exploring what it is to belong in a town where so much has shifted. Titled *New Blood*, this daring contemporary musical theatre piece created by **Melia Naughton, Joel Cooper, and Anouska Gammon** is deeply moving, funny, bold, and affecting. It will star the three creators, along with local talent **Mikey Bryant and Elodie Crowe**. The premiere season of *New Blood* is set to hit the stage in Newrybar this month, and has created a buzz in the region.

The entire season sold out in a week, and has just been extended with an additional two shows on **Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 October**. *New Blood* is on its way to fringe festivals around the country in 2023, and is an exciting celebration of the talent and creativity that exist in our region.

***New Blood*, Newrybar Community Hall, October 20-25.**

Head to <https://events.humanitix.com/new-blood-the-musical> to secure a ticket and follow the team @newbloodthemusical.



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 Brunswick Heads, NSW

Thursday 20 October
 Star Court Theatre,
 Lismore, NSW

'*Circling Time* is a magnificent, life-affirming triumph, and Kutcha is quite possibly the finest contemporary singer of his generation.'
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INTERVIEW WITH JON STEVENS

QUESTION: what could be more awesome than Jon Stevens touring the Noiseworks and INXS collection?

ANSWER: Jon Stevens bringing the Noiseworks and INXS collection to Bluesfest 2023.

An assault of the musical senses, this show is nothing but relentless hits – a visceral charge of emotion that will transport you all the way back to last century – Seven spoke to Jon Stevens from his Melbourne home last week.

Stevens played Bluesfest for the first time in 2022. 'It was the back end of the Noiseworks and INXS tour. We were just playing the hits from both those bands and honestly, I didn't really expect much of a crowd – but it was crazy. It was phenomenal. It went nuts!'

Stevens says it was overwhelming. 'Every single we played, everyone knew them, so it was pretty wild to get that love.'

In August Noiseworks released *Heart & Soul*, the first new single for 30 years from an album due for release in October, and Jon is very excited about bringing new music to Tyagarah.

Stevens said Noiseworks started the album a few years ago – it was supposed to come out in 2019 but with the sad loss of original member, guitarist Stuart Fraser, and then COVID, it has been delayed. 'I'd just came off the back of doing 80 something shows – I spoke to the boys and

said, "Listen, we need to get this record out. It's no good sitting on the shelf." The album's great; it has some great songs on it. Stewart's playing is amazing. He's on all the tracks and we need to honour our brother.'

Stevens says it's really exciting. 'For a band whose original members haven't played together for 30 years – it's a long time. Jack Jones (Southern Sons) has joined us on guitar, we're so excited about Jack coming on board.'

But it won't all be new songs at his Bluesfest show. 'People want to hear the hits again. Obviously I'm gonna give them a show they won't forget. I'm a great believer in giving the people what they want.'

Jon has a warning for punters though. 'I had a double heart bypass surgery 13 years ago and now I'm an ambassador for the National Heart Foundation. I did this whole campaign for them a few weeks ago, telling everyone to go and get checked. I thought I better go and get checked myself, so last week I did and I ended up in the in the operating theatre, getting a stent put in my heart. Go and get checked!'

Back to Blues, Stevens says he's bringing the same band he's travelled with for a while. 'They're unbelievable. They can play anything. We can play anything on a minute's notice. They've been with me for years. I love them dearly.'

For more information about Jon Stevens and his Bluesfest set, visit: bluesfest.com.au.



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PLAN AN EVENT-FULL TIME IN THE TWEED

There's always something happening in The Tweed, celebrating the very best of our region, from food and the arts to sports and surfing. Here are some upcoming events across the region not to be missed – mark them in your diary and get ready for an eventful time in The Tweed!



TWEED ARTISAN FOOD FESTIVAL, 21–30 OCTOBER

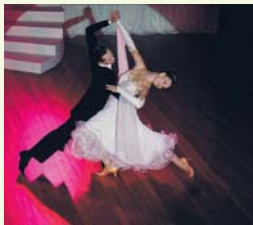
A celebration of bespoke food experiences with more than 20 events held over 10 days from the stunning Tweed coast to the lush hinterland, showcasing the outstanding culinary flavours, culture, and collective pride of the region.



THE UKI FESTIVAL 2022, 22–23 OCTOBER

Celebrate Uki's flood recovery as Uki says thank you to the 'Mud-Army' that came to their aid after the Big Flood of Feb '22. Catch **Ash Grunwald, Hat Fitz and Cara, The Warren Earl Band, Jesse Witney, Emmagen Raine, Mandy Nolan** and more.

TYALGUM DANCE SPECTACULAR – 12 NOVEMBER



The Northern Rivers' premiere annual dance event is back with Australia's best Ballroom, Latin, and New Vogue dance couples performing an exciting and glittering display of their incredible talent live at Tyalgum Hall.



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TWEED REGIONAL MUSEUM – CAPTURING NATURE, 25 OCTOBER TILL 28 JANUARY



Capturing Nature brings to life a fascinating array of early images and reveals the 19th century Victorian obsession with classification and a deep enthusiasm for all things in the natural world.



MURWILLUMBAH SHOW, 4–5 NOVEMBER

Boasting one of the most picturesque showgrounds in Australia, the annual Murwillumbah Show offers a high-level agricultural competition and provides entertainment and education for locals and visitors alike.

KINGSCLIFF TRIATHLON – 20 NOVEMBER



Set in a picture-perfect coastal destination with a family-friendly course, and combined with Kingy's laidback atmosphere, it's easy to see why the Kingy Tri is one of Australia's favourite multi-sport events!

For more details, head to whatsontweed.com.au.

PUNK-FOLK – ACOUSTIC MUSIC WITH ATTITUDE

What makes the clean-cut son of a Baptist minister growing up in a typical Australian suburb in the 1970s turn into a larrikin musician?

Answer: The Ramones, the Buzzcocks, Sex Pistols, and The Clash.

Most people **DeeBee** knew when he was 19 were listening to Toto or Donna Summer's disco. For DeeBee there was something about the punk sound that made him feel connected. All that angry energy, anything but pure and simple.

Okay, so DeeBee's Punk-Folk show isn't PUNK – it's acoustic guitars, banjo, mandolin, piano, and raunchy vocals.

Punk-Folk is stories about growing up in a sheltered and stifling family where music was forbidden fruit, and tales about all the wonderfully misplaced people DeeBee has met on the road.

Punk-Folk is a comical look at what happens when we break free of a conservative religious upbringing and how music is what feelings sound like.

The support for this show is **Mo McMorrow**, a whirlwind of creative energy. In song, this energy translates to a nuanced brand of Irish-Americana led by beautiful vocal melodies, and steeped in transatlantic themes of place and ancestry.





Mo McMorrow's vocals conjure music legends and newcomers alike. There's the playfulness of Dolly, the quirk and intimacy of Nancy Griffith, the melodramatic, stylish nod to Roy Orbison and vintage crooners.


Catch these two great performances at the Drill Theatre, Mullumbimby, on Sunday 23 October.

Bar and kiosk open. 3pm matinee doors open 2pm. Cost \$20. Drill Theatre members and concession \$15.00. Follow the links: www.stickytickets.com.au/BV9EG.


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 <p>A Midsummer Night's Dream Byron Ballet Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October See website for times</p>	 <p>ICONIC Pop Culture Cabaret Monday 17 October 7:00pm</p>
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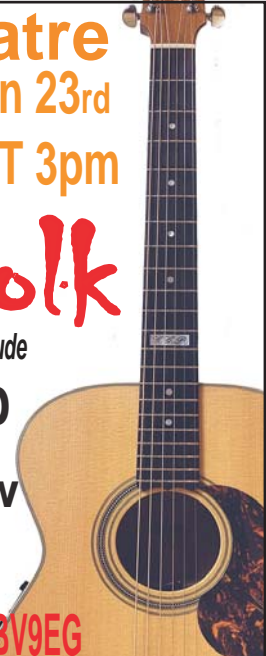
Deebee Bishop

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HOLISTIC WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Conscious Life Events is bringing their best-loved and most successful event, **The Conscious Life, Holistic Wellness Festival** to Byron Bay in November.

Organisers say that this amazing new event in Byron Bay will offer a fantastic, fun-filled, and educational weekend, in some cases – life changing!

Joining in will be both national and international keynote speakers, all sharing their knowledge, wisdom, and skills with you, helping us to create change and raise consciousness.

Prepare your mind, body, and spirit for some sweet health hacks and mind-expanding ideas. The Conscious Life, Holistic Wellness Festival is an earth-friendly and empowering event that will rock your world, and by rock the organisers mean rejuvenate your juju, raise your consciousness, and help you tap into your own inner power.

It's just what the world needs right now. Health, truth, and the freedom to choose. Reconnect with a



like-minded community. Transform worried and unwell into happy, healthy, and whole.

Stress less and find your truth with two whole days of clean nourishing food, workshops and seminars, live music, exhibitors including meditations and massage, intuitive readings, alternative therapies, and loads of new natural health modalities.

Inspiring change makers and thought leaders, practitioners, and healers will be on hand to open your mind and get your body and soul back in balance.

There will be exhibitor stands – everything on offer is good for you!

The Conscious Life, Holistic Wellness Festival is one of Queensland's largest, most successful and effective health and wellbeing events.

With over 70 exhibitors, plus a FREE comprehensive schedule of events including seminars, workshops, meditations, and kids' workshops.

This event is on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 November. Tickets \$15/\$12.50 earlybird + \$25 weekend / \$20 earlybird (expires 14 October). <https://www.trybooking.com/CBZJK> More info: <https://consciouslifeevents.com/clhwf/>



WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE

Byron Ballet brings to life the humour and love bloopers of Shakespeare's famous comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Saturday.

If you've never seen a ballet before this is one of the easiest to follow with music everyone will recognise.

Following rave reviews from last season performing 'The Dream', *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is easily on the shortlist for Byron Ballet's finest production in their 16 year history.

It's not every day we get to see four athletic male dancers on stage together in the Byron Theatre and this time the producers have flown in five professional guest dancers to join their local cast and *corps de ballet*.

Don't miss this one. Four shows this weekend Friday-Sunday including a matinee on Saturday.

Book now at byroncentre.com.au.

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DON'T WORRY DARLING

Not everything is what it seems in the life of Alice and Jack Chambers. In *Don't Worry Darling*, Alice (Florence Pugh) and Jack (Harry Styles) are lucky to be living in the idealised community of Victory, the experimental company town housing the men who work for the top-secret Victory Project and their families.

While the husbands spend every day inside the Victory Project headquarters, working on the 'development of progressive materials', their wives - including Frank's elegant partner, Shelley (Gemma Chan) - get to spend their time enjoying the beauty, luxury, and debauchery of their community.

by the company. All they ask in return is discretion and unquestioning commitment to the Victory cause.

But when cracks in their idyllic life begin to appear, exposing flashes of something much more sinister lurking beneath the attractive façade, Alice can't help questioning exactly what they're doing in Victory, and why.

While attending a party hosted by Frank, Alice sees something she shouldn't have. Just how much is she willing to lose to expose what's really going on in this paradise?

Don't Worry Darling is screening at both Ballina Fair Cinema and Palace Cinema in Byron Bay this week.

For times visit: ballinafaircinemas.com.au and palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay.

GIG GUIDE

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



WEDNESDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, OLE FALCO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM MARK CHAPMAN, 5PM AKOVA, 7.30PM CHRIS SHEEHY TRIO, 9.18PM DJ JAMES OWEN
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM SIERRA FERRELL BAND + JONNY FRITZ
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION MORNING MELODIES
- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM JIMMY DOWLING WITH MARTHA BAARTZ AND MATT GREEN
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM MERLIN
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM ROCKIN RON
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM NIK PHILLIPS, 9PM PINK TRIBUTE
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JORDAN MAC

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM SOUL'D
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM STEVE KILBEY PLAYS THE CHURCH SINGLES 1980-1992
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM BEN WHITING
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM, SWAMP CATS WITH OPEN MIC JAM
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 3PM BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY'S BIG SING CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM SLIM PICKENS

THURSDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, OOZ
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM RAY RED, 5PM KATIE WHO, 7.30PM RAGGA JUMP, 10PM DJ WAX ADDICTS
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM JORDAN MAC
- ELTHAM HOTEL, 6PM STEVE GUNN, 7PM STEVE GUNN + MYLEE GRACE
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL - TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHT

SATURDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, EPIC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM ANNA AND JORDAN, 3PM JAY DEVU, 8PM JEROME WILLIAMS BAND, 10PM DJ REFLEX
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM AND 7PM BYRON BALLET - A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ SAM KING CURTIS
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM ZAC HUBBARD, 7PM THE BREDDA BROTHERS
- ROUS MILL HALL, 7PM OP SHOP CHIC SPRING BALL - LIVING IN THE 70S

- UKI MARKET FELICITY LAWLESS AND JESSE MORRIS
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM JOE CAMILLERI & THE BLACK SORROWS
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM HARRY NICHOLS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM JFK

FRIDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, GIRL & GIRL
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM YAZMINDI, 7PM GIMMY FLOWENS, 8PM THE UPLIFTING BELLS END, 9PM DJ NOAH DEVEGA
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM BYRON BALLET - A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
- NORTH BYRON HOTEL 7PM DJ ABEL TORO
- BANGALOW HOTEL HUBCAP STAN & THE SIDEWALK STOMPERS
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM PACHA MAMA
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM THE BADLOVES & KING CANYON

- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM DENNIS WILSON
- CASINO GOLF CLUB 7.30PM VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL - TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM MR TROY
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM LEE-ANNE JOY
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM FELICITY LAWLESS AND MSELNEOUS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM GREG WALL, 8PM MAMA MIA - ABBA TRIBUTE, 9.30PM FAT ALBERT

MONDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JON J BRADLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM AMBER FARNAN, 5PM INO PIO
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM ICONIC PRESENTED BY MISSION ENTERTAINMENT CO.

TUESDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JESSE WHITNEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM JOSH LEE HAMILTON, 5PM JOSH LOVEGROVE
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM BACK TO THE TIVOLI

WEDNESDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, LEIGH JAMES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DANNY SHAMESS, 5PM CHLOE JETT, 7.30PM JBS BLUESBREAKERS
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM MUNCH: LOVE, GHOSTS AND LADY VAMPIRES - A WORLD ART EVENT
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM KUTCHA EDWARDS
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO

SUNDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE GIN BUGGS
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM GOODRICH, 7PM DJ MADAN, 9PM DJ LORDY WARDY
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM BYRON BALLET - A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK CHAPMAN
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM LAITH MCGREGOR & JAMES IOANNOU - RHYTHM & MOTION EXHIBITION LAUNCH

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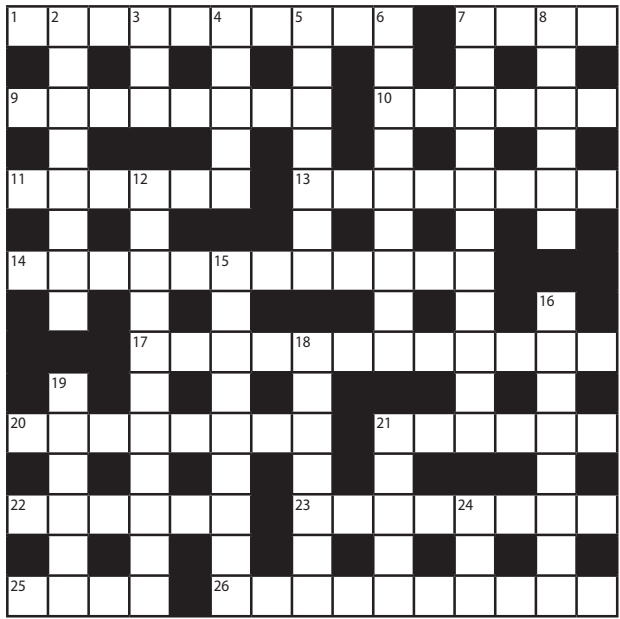
For me, the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake.

Alfred Hitchcock

BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS
Thursday Oct 13th to Wednesday Oct 19th
Admission Prices: Adults \$15, Stud/Conc \$13, Senior \$12, Child \$11
Table with columns for dates (THU 13TH to WED 19TH) and movie titles/times.

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Fly and scrawl nonsense (10)
- Old city, George – English press forward (4)
- Gratis trip – there's no weight (4,4)
- Balances peers (6)
- A wave for the kangaroo (6)
- Hotel man affected by alcohol (8)
- Our lads drank madly – totally pissed! (5,2,1,4)
- Suffer pain with cutting tool joint – very clever! (5,2,1,4)
- Guide maturity to the lowest class (8)
- Lawyer unknown, stench unknown – at least he's not a boarder! (3,3)
- Chauvinist, a bonking leader (6)
- Hurry, use the footpath (4,2,2)
- Prophet big after morning (4)
- Wagner, perhaps – he runs the circus (4,6)

DOWN

- Boar stewed in fat, with port (8)
- Poet cur short – but he's still a poet! (3)
- Floating or transmitting? (2,3)
- Top up with Alberici – but it's a problem (7)
- They're negative, but choose Barker and Corbett (9)
- Rise above – and a path for Superman's refrain! (2,2,3,4)
- Bile working in old measure (6)
- Armies set on devastation for the homes of the religious (11)
- An experimental facility with a flower in gypsum rock (9)
- Sad notice in addictive drug (8)
- Senator revealed disloyalty (7)
- Master disrupted river (6)
- Fantasy – Shakespeare's was on June 21 (5)
- Nothing like the Organisation of American States (1,1,1)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Bunkum; hogwash (10)
- Appetite (4)
- Unchecked vertical descent (4,4)
- Matches (6)
- Born 1946–64 (6)
- Biofuel generated from organic waste (8)
- Extremely intoxicated (5,2,1,4)
- Very quick-witted (5,2,1,4)
- Below deck (8)
- He lives at home not at his school (3,3)
- Someone who discriminates based on gender (6)
- Get a move on! (4,2,2)
- American singer Tori ... (4)
- A person in charge of performances (4,6)

DOWN

- Left side of a ship (8)
- Edgar Allan ... (3)
- Broadcasting (2,3)
- Quandary (7)
- Sub-atomic particles (9)
- Where I go on "my beautiful, my beautiful balloon"! (2,2,3,4)
- 3.78 litres (6)
- Friaries (11)
- White soft stone used for carving (9)
- Main constituent of tobacco (8)
- Treachery (7)
- Brook (6)
- Ambition (5)
- Organisation of American States (1,1,1)

Last week's solution N459



Breast in Show

We need to talk about breasts.

Every day 57 Australians are diagnosed with breast cancer. By the age of 85, one in 15 of us is at risk of being diagnosed. For women, that likelihood is closer to one in eight. In 2022 an estimated 212 males and 20,428 females will receive their breast cancer diagnosis. Although a very small percentage of men get breast cancer, it is predominantly a cancer that impacts women. Our risk increases with age and it's the second leading cause of cancer-related death.

The biggest risk factors: being a woman and getting older. Bummer, that's me. That's all my girlfriends. That's pretty sobering. In fact it's part of why I have become sober. As a woman who is getting older I can't hide from the very real fact that just one drink each day can increase your risk of breast cancer by 50 per cent. That's staggering. And while I can't do anything about the other two main risk factors, the alcohol is something I can do something about.

Breast cancer is so common for us that it's almost expected. It's the knock on the door we always knew was coming. We hear it hit next door, down the street. We wonder when the loud knock is for us. The comedian in me can't but help see the irony in a metaphor about unwanted knockers.

I don't have breast cancer, but I have known so many women who have survived and wonderful women who have died from breast cancer. Courageous Barb Pinter was a beautiful woman I met at a birth-support group in Byron Bay in the '90s. She was an earthy natural woman with long blonde hair and an easy laugh. She spoke softly but had a quiet confidence. She had a strong connection to community. When she got her diagnosis she started up a local breast-cancer support group, and brought women undergoing treatment, or in early recovery, together.

I remember facilitating, at Barb's invitation, a comedy session for the group. It seemed like an odd thing to

do, and frankly I was nervous. I wondered how I would be welcomed, a breast-cancer-free woman asking them to laugh at their struggles. I think I even called our session 'laugh your tits off'. Bloody hell. I'd never do that now, but women dealing with adversity are pretty bloody amazing.

The women talked about their mastectomies, their breast reconstructions, their decision to leave the scar and get a tattoo instead. They talked about their kids, about their guilt about not being the mother they wanted to be, about the grief of leaving their loved ones, and about the joy of every day. There were tears and laughter. I felt profoundly moved and deeply affected. It was such an honour to stand in that space and hear those stories. I was the only woman who hadn't experienced breast cancer in the room, but I benefited from those stories. It's probably over a decade ago and I still remember them. I got to see what real courage actually looks like.

I wished others could hear these amazing stories, these honest insights. Wickedly funny, brutally honest. My two favourite things. Beautiful Barb later died. Her cancer came back. I can't see a field of pink ladies without thinking of her. Her gentle faded blue eyes and her soft voice. When we sat side by side with our pregnant bellies in full bloom,



who could have known what our futures would hold?

After watching one of the people I love most go through diagnosis and treatment this year, the months of pain and solitude, of coping with chemo, nausea, brain fog, isolation, and grief I realised that so many women right now are quietly enduring the same thing. These women who become survivors. The women that we sometimes lose. It's even harder for regional and rural women who have less access to support and have to travel long distances for treatment.

This year I'm raising money for local breast-cancer support – with proceeds going to Cancer Compassionate Fund for treatment support. It's a standup comedy fundraiser hosted by me called Boobfest – starring Bev Killick, Ellen Briggs, Bron Lewis, and Alexandra Hudson.

Bangalow Bowlo, Wednesday 19 October at 8pm. Tix are just \$25 on mandynolan.com.au.

STARS BY LILITH

With Sun, Venus, and Mercury all in happy birthday Libra, Venus values rule: beauty, artistry, and diplomacy.



LIBRA

ARIES: Aries holocaust survivor Eddie Jaku, who published his best-selling memoir called *The Happiest Man on Earth* when he was 100 years old, says it best for this week: *Life can be beautiful if you make it beautiful. It's up to you. Every breath is a gift. Happiness is in your hands.*

TAURUS: If plans and efforts seem mysteriously blocked, this week poses the questions: Are there any ways you might take a different approach? Listen to subtle guidance? Do things differently? Maybe start by following Venus's lead into the social arena to get things moving with a change of faces and places.

GEMINI: With Mars energising your sign, information overload and contradictory input are on this week's star cards. During which it's important not to feed duality or division, so focus on common ground and avoid triggering conversations. Take regular time out to switch off the noise and drop into stillness.

CANCER: If the temperature of this week's waters gets too high, especially during Sunday's Cancer moon, the best method of keeping cool could be playing the fool. Not in the mood? Then try opening the doors of your inner solitude to a wider range of humanity than the usual preferred few.

LEO: Spring is sprung and the social season's begun. Your natural leadership qualities will be evident this week, so don't be surprised if people turn to you for assistance with event planning and other activities. Give generously and rewards are likely to be both instantaneous and long lasting.

VIRGO: Librans aren't all indecisive people-pleasers, and there's much to learn from their best traits during Libra season. Being less judgmental could be a good starting point that saves you internalising a whole lot of stress. And focusing on what's working rather than what's not would make a splendid follow-up.

LIBRA: Librans aren't always witty and well balanced – we all have our off days. But with the celestial trio of Sun/Venus/Mercury in your sign, you Venusians are definitely this week's party-hearty, suave, and charming mob. And your astrological imperative is to revel in all the love coming your way.

SCORPIO: This week even your left brain mightn't know what your right one's up to. (That's how others feel when you're being inscrutable, and the word is baffled.) To clarify: the balancing act required in your life right now is between rule-breaking Uranus and security-conscious Saturn.

SAGITTARIUS: The ingredients currently bubbling in this week's Sagittarian cauldron are likely to be the need for freedom alongside your yearning for something worthwhile and enduring. The trick is combining the two in your personal stew – which is eminently doable with Venus and Mercury polishing your negotiating skills.

CAPRICORN: The current standoff between your ruling planet Saturn and agitator Uranus, both in fixed signs, is about deconditioning – in particular of old beliefs, value systems, and certainties that have become a liability. This week would benefit from a little experimentation, and flexibility will get better results than stubbornness.

AQUARIUS: A lot of hot air flying round out there in LaLa Land, everyone gasbagging and talking up a storm this week, but with Saturn retrograde in Aquarius, who's following through? As astrologer Michael Lutin advises: With Saturn in your sign, bandage your pain with a smile and blow everyone's mind with your courage.

PISCES: Being more familiar with mutability than other signs, this week's labile emotional currents may not be as challenging for you as for most. Possibilities may or may not eventuate, and how much you respond to this gameplay depends on how engaged you are in playing it. Or not...

How we accidentally planned the desertion of our cities

COVID-19 may have kick-started the decline of the Australian CBD, but newly published research shows how planning decisions had already created cities that lacked resilience.

The changes in our work preferences have highlighted how vulnerable our cities are to economic shocks. Moves to entice (or compel) back to the office may be just a short-term fix for precincts now struggling with low levels of foot traffic.

Historic zoning practices created separate areas of residential, commercial and industrial activity in our cities. This practice created whole precincts like the CBD and residential suburbs dedicated to a single use.

The lack of diversity arising from this pattern of development ultimately reduces resilience when conditions change. It is arguably one of urban planning's greatest failures.

The most resilient places during COVID-19 lockdowns were those that had a diverse industrial employment mix. It meant they did not rely on a single sector for jobs—and the lockdown impacts varied from sector to sector.

For example, Melbourne's last remaining inner-city industrial zone, Port Melbourne,

provides a diverse mix of production as well as commercial services. It was among the most resilient places of employment in Australia to COVID impacts. This example offers valuable insight into a truly 'mixed use' precinct.

Areas with diverse land uses became the goal of new planning policies that emerged in the 1980s. By introducing zoning changes, policymakers hoped to replicate the vibrant, dense and localised environments of older cities that predated the rise of cars.

However, research shows policies that aimed to increase land-use mix do the opposite in practice.

What does the research show?

Research tracked changes in land use and zoning for over 10,000 parcels of land in Brisbane from 1951 to 2021. We selected six precincts 1-10km from the city centre. These precincts are now zoned as mixed-use and high-density, with more diverse land use as the goal.

The Conversation created a comprehensive data set by digitising historic land use

(1951) and zoning maps (1952 and 1987) and integrating this with data from 2021.

Research found a large increase in commercially zoned land across all study areas. Rezoning former industrial precincts accounted for most of this increase. While residential use remained the dominant land use across all study areas, commercial use grew from 2.3 per cent of combined land area in 1951 to 28.9 per cent in 2021.

As a result, by 2021, commercial services provided almost all the jobs in these areas. Most of the land zoned as mixed use, which allows low-impact industry (such as vehicle repairers, shop fitters and printers), was used for housing, shops, gyms or offices.

By allowing open competition between commercial, residential and industrial uses, policy aiming to diversify land uses has the opposite effect of sidelining industrial use. One reason is that centrally located industrial sites are often large and under single ownership, which makes them a prime target for developers.



Brisbane City Council's 1951 Land Use Survey

Policymakers have sought to minimise the connection between industrial decline and an economic growth model centred on property development. Instead, they often attribute this decline to globalisation or the changing economy.

Yet our research shows industrial zoning does protect industrial land. Areas that were zoned for heavier industrial uses in 1987 retain some kind of industrial use in 2021.

What sort of industry are we talking about?

Industry today, particularly manufacturing, is no longer characterised by large-scale industrial production with heavy machinery. Most Australian manufacturers

range from micro breweries to clothing and textile producers and custom bike shops.

And inner-city locations attract manufacturers for the same reasons they attract services sector firms. These areas offer access to large markets, skilled labour and specialised suppliers.

Yet the remaining centrally located, industrially zoned sites, suitable for industrial equipment and containing loading docks and other supporting infrastructure, are vulnerable to displacement by residential and commercial development.

How do we improve resilience?

The loss of revenue for businesses that rely on commuters

has led to lobbying for government action to get workers back to the office. However, greater flexibility makes workers happier, and hopes of a return to pre-pandemic practices look increasingly unrealistic.

The idea that land should be put to its 'highest and best use', in an economy that values residential and commercial development above all else, undermines the city's resilience.

If the role of planning authorities is to regulate land use in the community's interest, it is questionable whether simply giving priority to its most lucrative use does that. Policymakers should reconsider planning that creates open competition between industrial and residential or commercial uses.

The research contributes to the growing evidence that zoning can be used to protect diverse land use, rather than simply enable land-use conversions. More active planning is required to deliver the goals of truly mixed-use urban precincts.

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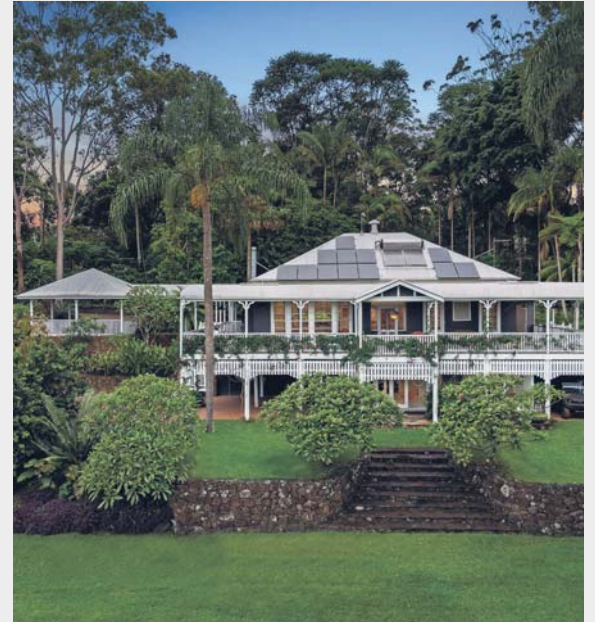
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4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms 2 cars 400M²

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- An enticing sparkling pool and solar energy system complete with a brand-new battery storage make this property a very attractive offering
- The back yard has direct access to the rear lane and there is a big, grass sports and playing field and kiddies playground directly opposite

4 Elkhorn Parade, Ballina

Price: \$1.05m – \$1.15m

Open: Saturday, 15th October 9–9.30am



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Renovated Byron Bay Character Beach Cottage

4 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 2 cars 594M²

- This character beach home has been stunningly renovated to create an outstanding home in a central Byron location
- Featured is off street parking for two cars (with the security of an electric gate) although you are so close to everything you could leave the car at home
- The renovations have been thoughtfully designed to create a stylish and practical family home which includes a sleek, modern, chef's kitchen

75 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

Price: \$1.85m

Open: Saturday, 15th October 1–1.30pm



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Modern Family Home – Plus Income Potential

5 bedrooms 3 bathrooms 2 cars 801M²

- This modern, family home is grand in its proportions and split over two levels which offers an abundance of space for growing families
- Featured is a very large home office space that has private access and is great for running your business from home without interrupting your privacy
- The oversized double garage is ideal for those with many hobbies and includes a workshop, two storerooms plus extra storage

17 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$2.5m – \$2.75m

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Luxuriously Renovated 1950's Beach Cottage Plus 2 Studios

5 bedrooms 5 bathrooms 2 cars 651M²

- Included in this offering is a recently renovated 3-bedroom main residence and 2 additional freestanding studios allowing extra income potential
- The main residence has a newly finished kitchen and dining space that has access to the timber deck area which includes a breakfast bar
- Featured are 2 free standing studios at the rear of the property each with bathrooms and access to timber decks with an outdoor bath and shower

5 Browning Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction – Ending Wednesday
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Open : Saturday, 15th October 11–11.30am



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Resort Style Family Home in Beachside Suffolk

3 Beds 2 Baths 2 Car 698M²

- This home was made for entertaining, with an open floor plan that opens through glass, stacker doors creating seamless indoor/outdoor living
- Special to the home is the spacious, luxury covered outdoor entertaining area with views of the 10-meter resort style pool and spa
- The low maintenance garden, with established plantings promote peace and privacy so you can enjoy the pool and spa in your own subtropical oasis

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Captivating Family Home in Idyllic Setting

4 Beds 3 Baths 2 Car 650M²

- Generous space spread across two levels with versatile layout
- Low-maintenance sub-tropical garden and 40 megalitre saltwater in-ground pool
- Enough space to set up your home office with plenty of living space
- Dual living areas and kitchen with attractive outlooks and generous upper deck
- Within a short stroll to sports fields, playgrounds, the path that circles charming Lake Suffolk Park, and only an 8 minute drive to Byron town centre

16 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park

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Renovated Beachside Townhouse – Private and Elevated

3 Beds 2 Baths 1 Car

- Located only minutes' walk to beautiful Tallow Beach this generous townhouse will make a fantastic first home or smart investment for the future
- Set in a small complex in a quiet part of Byron, yet within a short distance to the centre of town and our amazing beaches
- The home offers an open plan living dining area with polished concrete floors which flows seamlessly to the sun-filled north eastern patio and yard

7/3 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.15m – \$1.25m

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Architecturally Designed Beach House with Ocean Views

2 Beds 2 Baths 1 Car 300M²

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

30/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.85m – \$1.95m EOI Closing Wed 19th Oct @3pm

Open: By Appointment



Oliver Aldridge
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For Sale

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2 Carports



New Brighton
Beachside Delight

Tucked away in a peaceful, private location within one of New Brighton's most desirable streets, this contemporary coastal residence offers the ultimate relaxed yet chic lifestyle.

Imagine strolling down to the beach for your early morning walk, swim or surf, then returning home to enjoy coffee and breakfast on the covered timber deck. Flowing from the dining area, this is the perfect spot to entertain your family and friends, to enjoy the simple pleasures of life and make treasured memories together.



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For Sale

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This well-presented villa is set towards the end of a cul-de-sac, providing a quiet and enjoyable place to live.



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For Sale

170 Dudgeons Road,
Mullumbimby

3 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
1 Garage
10 Open Spaces



A Slice Of Heaven In The
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Live the ultimate rural lifestyle on this 44 ha/108-acre property with spectacular views stretching to Cape Byron and Mt Warning. You've found paradise.

It's time to make your dream a reality with this breathtaking property in a truly magnificent part of the world. Drive down the private country lane, surrounded by lush natural beauty, before entering the expansive rural property.

Properties in the stunning hinterland behind Byron Bay are rare gems.



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For Sale

9 Gaggin Street,
New Brighton

4 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
4 Garage
2 Carports



Expressions of Interest -
Closing 28/10/2022 at 12PM

Imagine the sound of the waves lulling you to sleep at night, then waking each morning to take a short stroll, only a few footsteps down to the uncrowded beach for a swim, surf or walk along the sand. Later in, you may wander to one of the local cafes for your morning coffee, breakfast or lunch, depending on how slowly you wish to take the day. In this fantastic beachside location, you can relax, exhale and replenish your soul.



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3 Bathroom
3 Garages



Your Dream Lifestyle Starts Here

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Grab your paddleboard and get ready to explore the tranquil waterways or feel the sand between your toes as you stroll along the quiet beach. You'll quickly discover why the sleepy seaside village of New Brighton is one of the most sought-after areas on the coast.



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For Sale

1/3 Halyard
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3 Bathroom
2 Open Space



Stunning Waterfront Oasis With Stunning Waterfront Oasis

Situated on the bank of the beautiful Yelgun Creek, this property offers the ultimate lifestyle opportunity. Soak in the serenity of the waterfront home as you decide whether to take in the magnificent view from the expansive deck or create a masterpiece in your private studio. You've found paradise.

This house is the essence of style, embracing the environment and bringing the calmness of outside in wherever possible - welcome home.



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For Sale

14 Narooma
Drive,
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
1 Garage
2 Carports



Elevated Family Hideaway on Large Block

The attractive home's floorplan offers a range of options. While the property is Council-approved as a three-bedroom house, the current owners have merged two bedrooms to create an oversized master bedroom with ensuite. There are several options to create up to four bedrooms, depending on your needs. You have two living areas to choose from plus a dining area adjacent to the modern kitchen. You also have a studio space downstairs, which would also be suitable to run a home-based business.



Auction - 22/10/22

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Northern Rivers Tweed Region

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For Sale

1/25 Strand
Avenue, New
Brighton

5 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
2 Garage



Striking Dream Beach House with Ocean Views

The charming seaside village of New Brighton is truly one of the North Coast's best kept secrets. Rest, relax and rejuvenate in this sensational location, right opposite the beautiful, unspoilt New Brighton Beach. Wake each morning to enjoy the beautiful sunrise over the ocean, followed by a refreshing early swim or surf. Spend your days playing with the kids or grandkids on the sand or take a relaxing walk along the beach whenever the mood takes you.



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'Skyfall' is located in the famously beautiful hinterlands of the Byron Shire, an easy four minutes' drive to the pretty village of Bangalow and 15 minutes to the iconic coastal township of Byron Bay. With 15 acres (approx. 6 Hectares) of lush, gently rolling countryside, infinity pool, multiple indoor outdoor living zone and natural spring set in the gully, this really is god's own country. Perfectly poised on top of a ridge to fully capture the stunning views, open plan with high end finishes, chef's kitchens with butler pantry, 'Skyfall' is a modern contemporary residence is an architectural tour de force providing perfect privacy from the world, while also providing vast vistas, that stretch from country to coast – an absolute must see!

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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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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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Palm Lake Resort – Site 36

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Spacious and well-presented home located on a large corner block featuring a delightful front entrance verandah overlooking the garden. This home is perfect for indoor/outdoor living with an attractive front verandah as well as an inviting back patio for that early morning coffee. Add your own finishing touches and relax and enjoy your new lifestyle.

Large open plan carpeted living/dining area that features raked ceilings and a new split system air conditioner

The spacious adjoining kitchen has a lovely bay window that overlooks your front garden.

Two carpeted bedrooms with built-in wardrobes and ceiling fans; master with access to the bathroom. The 3rd bedroom with its own access to the front verandah would be ideal as a home office or hobby room.

The generous size two-way bathroom features a shower with a separate bath, large vanity as well as a separate toilet.

Adjacent to the home is a separate garage with remote operated roller door.

Palm Lake Resort is situated in a prestigious location close to shopping centres and sports clubs which include some of Australia's top bowling and golf venues.

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Ultimate 'Byron Shire' Hinterland

280 The Pocket Road, The Pocket

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- Easy-care acre with stunning tropical gardens, manicured lawns, native flora & fruit trees under 10 mins to the beach

- Multi-level, architecturally designed home with four bedrooms and three bathrooms and flexible living options
- Private, well-appointed master suite pavilion with tree-top vista
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- High ceilings, fans, mixed hardwood timbers, louvre windows and multiple expansive deck entertaining areas
- Reverse cycle split system air conditioners to each main living space
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Byron Shire Real Estate

The Ultimate Byron 'Bolthole'

98 Yankee Creek Road, Mullumbimby Creek

Land: 41 acres

\$2,850,000



Set on 41 idyllic acres just eight minutes from Mullumbimby, 'The Bolt hole' is on the market for the first time in nearly two decades.

Five-bedroom hardwood weatherboard home with two master suites – one in a separate pavilion with a dressing room and gorgeous outlook. Two-bedroom studio with income potential (STCA).

Three fenced paddocks, veggie gardens, chook run, big views from the top of the block, three spring-fed dams and 90,000 litres of water storage in four tanks.

Stunning gardens, exotics, fruit trees, timbers and two meandering creeks.

Huge workshop, three machinery sheds and three-bay carport. Timber floors and louvre windows throughout, combustion fan, aircon and ceiling fans.

Solar hot water and 6.6 kW solar power, plus battery-ready inverter to go off-grid.

If privacy, seclusion, stunning acreage and convenience to Mullumbimby and the beaches of Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay are important to you then call to arrange a viewing with Gary or Todd.

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Auction



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Sprawling 105 Acre Hinterland Farm, **Corndale**

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- Panoramic river valley vistas on offer from the original timber homestead's verandahs
- Prime grazing country with rich alluvial flats bordered by beautiful Coopers Creek
- Extensive plant and equipment list supports the 9,700m2 of enclosed sheds and allows endless possibilities to repurpose the existing infrastructure
- Situated on a quiet country lane, just minutes to Clunes and Bangalow privacy and profit await the creative new owner of this amazing opportunity

Auction

Friday 21st October

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Thursday 3-3.30pm

Saturday 12-12.30pm

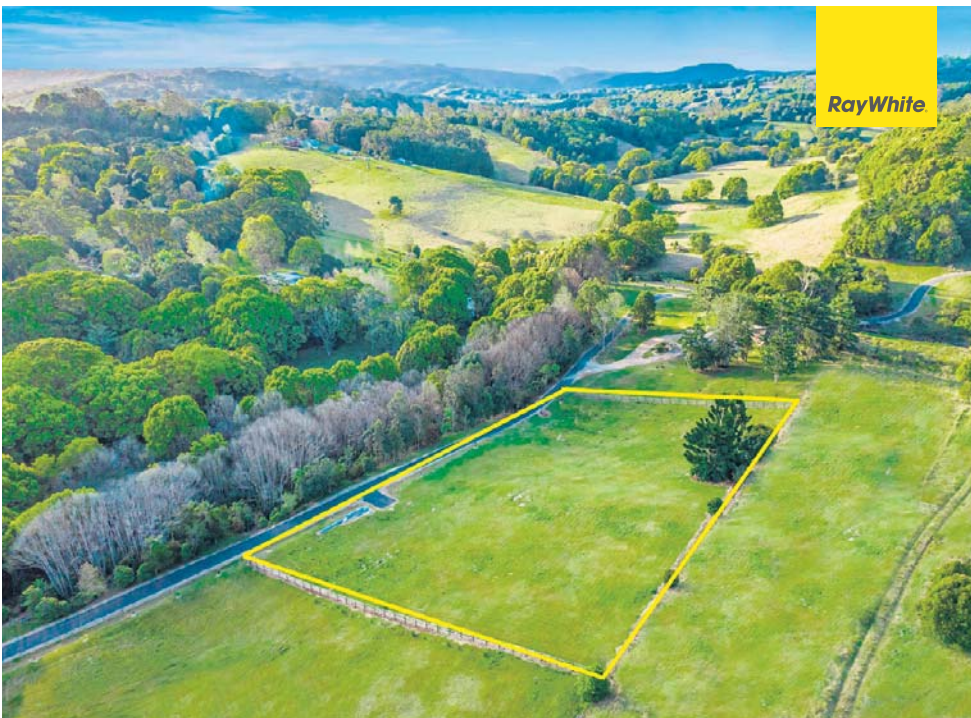
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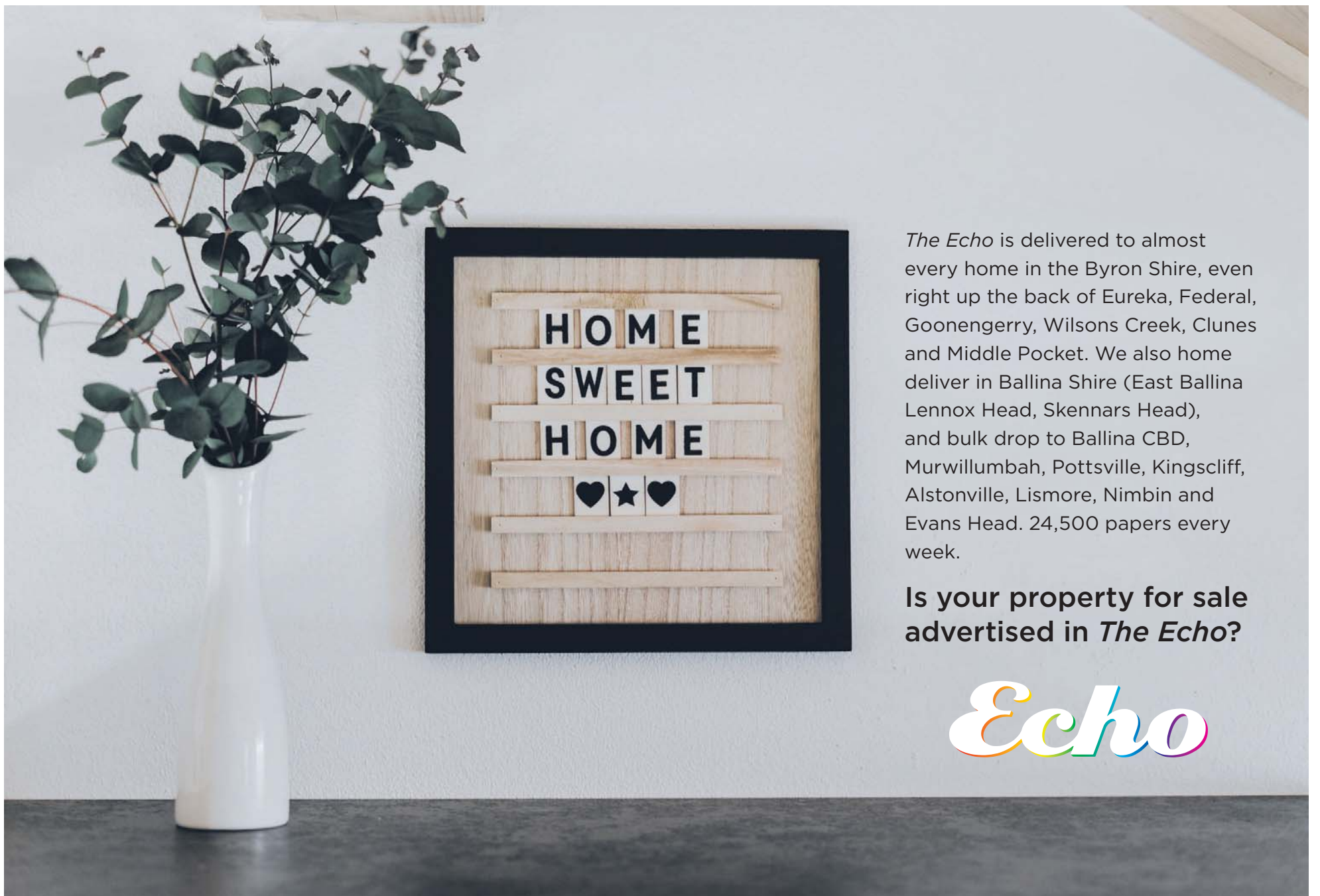
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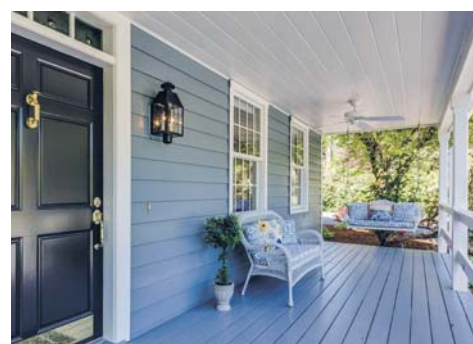
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13	TH	6:11 / 18:53	22:13 / 8:05	1123.158 / 2319.116	0438.022 / 1737.011
14	F	6:10 / 18:53	23:12 / 8:45	1200.154 / 2354.105	0507.029 / 1827.049
15	SA	6:09 / 18:54	9:29	1242.148	0538.037 / 1923.055
16	SU	6:08 / 18:54	10:17	1330.141	0616.046 / 2032.058
17	M	6:07 / 18:55	11:09	1431.135	0712.055 / 2152.058
18	TU	6:06 / 18:56	12:04	1545.133	0833.060 / 2301.054
19	W	6:05 / 18:56	13:01	1654.135	1001.060 / 2353.047
20	TH	6:04 / 18:57	13:57	1750.140	1113.055
21	F	6:03 / 18:58	14:54	1837.146	1208.047
22	SA	6:02 / 18:58	15:51	1918.150	1254.040
23	SU	6:01 / 18:59	16:48	1996.152	0135.025 / 1337.033
24	M	6:00 / 19:00	17:47	2032.151	0204.018 / 1419.028
25	TU	5:59 / 19:00	18:48	0905.157 / 2110.146	0234.013 / 1502.025
26	W	5:58 / 19:01	19:52	0945.166 / 2148.139	0306.011 / 1548.024

Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

Mullum-Bruns cricketers take first win of the season

Mullumbimby Brunswick Cricket Club's third graders kicked off the season with a seven-wicket win over Lennox Head playing at home on Lofts Oval last Saturday afternoon.

Lennox Head, the reigning premiers, batted first and Dave Thomson top scored with a productive 61 in Lennox's total of 125 from 24 overs.

Their march was cut short by Hamish Lang who was the chief destroyer for Mullum-Bruns taking a five-wicket haul as he made his long-awaited comeback. He finished with the figures 5/11 off just five overs.

His opening partner James Clarke contributed with a very healthy 3/29 off his eight overs.

The Mullum-Bruns



The 'in form' Jared Carr got his season off to a flyer with a big hitting 75 that included six sixes. Photo supplied

opening pair of Heath Godbee-Johnston (19 runs) and Jared Carr ensured a comfortable victory. Jared hit the high score of the day with 75 runs that included six sixes and nine fours.

Junior cricket commences this weekend and The Master Blasters introductory cricket program for 7-10 year olds will start on Wednesday October 26. Please contact your local club.

Prize money on offer for Byron Bay's top criterium cyclists



BBCC members have been keen to get back into it, and now have hundreds of dollars to race for over the coming series. Photo supplied

The Byron Bay Cycle Club is gearing up for another season of criterium racing at the Cavanbah track and will be introducing cash prizes for grade winners over the upcoming three-race series.

The criteriums will be held on Sunday mornings from this week October 16, then November 20 and December 11.

The three-race series will have points for podium finishes and participation in each of the four grades.

The overall points leaders drawn from any

grade, after the three races, will win \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third respectively.

'Prize money is a novel idea for the club, but we wanted to encourage people to come and race,' organiser Andrew Hoskins said.

The money will help to drive a regional overlap and attract riders from other clubs like Yamba and Grafton.

'There is an entry fee to race, so we are just recycling the money. And it should make it more exciting,' he said.

'We know there are plenty

of people looking to get back up and running so we are expecting a good turnout,' he said.

Race contenders can register online or turn up early on the day. To race, cyclists need to be registered with Cycling Australia.

If numbers do come through the BBCC is looking to establish a Twilight Race series as well, in the later months of summer and autumn.

The Club also organises a social ride of 70-80 kilometres every Saturday, and also offers a shorter ride.

Footballers want your help to build clubhouse

Byron Bay Football Club has 600 registered players and is fundraising to build a new clubhouse.

The club was founded with one team in 1963, and now fields almost 40 every week over the season.

The BBFC has secured \$650,000 in government grants, and over \$140,000 from seven passionate locals as part of its Starting 11 Foundation Member program (four spots still available).

But the club still needs to raise around \$400,000 in additional funding, so it's calling for community support through its Ultimate Byron Experience Community Clubhouse Raffle.

'Football is at the heart of our community, and with over 600 playing members at Byron Bay FC, when you include players' families and



The new clubhouse imagined on the Recreation Grounds for the ever-growing Byron Bay FC. Photo supplied

friends, our club is involved in over 2500 local lives,' said BBFC Head of Community Partnerships Clint Bown.

'The raffle offers over \$20,000 worth of prizes donated by local clothing brands, restaurants, cafes and hotels. Other great prizes include a signed LP *Darker Still* by the Parkway Drive boys and a signed THOR Hammer donated by

Chris Hemsworth' he said.

The draw will take place this Sunday, October 16, at 5.30pm.

Tickets available via the BBCC website: www.byronbayfc.com.au.

'Our raffle is in its last week - and we encourage everyone to grab a ticket. The more we sell, the closer we are to realising our dream,' Brown said.

Local surfer collects NSW bronze medal

Byron Bay SLSC's Daniela Berti Carrabs took home the bronze medal in the youth longboard contest at the NSW Board Riding championships on the weekend.

The event was held at Merewether Beach near Newcastle and fantastic conditions paved the way for some strong surfing across the day.

All up there were 98 registered competitors from 28 clubs.



Dani (centre) with fellow competitors from the Byron Bay SLSC, Tyler Moon and Michael. Photo supplied

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Further to the Byron Rangers story in last week's *Echo*, Rainforest Rangers has told *The Echo* that it is not affiliated with that organisation. Its CEO, Richard Christian, told *The Echo* Rainforest Rangers is part of Rainforest4Foundation, which is a Mullumbimby-based NPF that undertakes restoration projections and works with Landcare groups. For more visit www.rainforest4foundation.org.

The Mullumbimby Agricultural Show Society is looking for bands, duos and soloists for its open mic event at the Mullum Show, to be held Saturday, November 12 from 9.30am, on the main stage. Co-organiser Kylie Martin says, 'There are four different classes: covers and originals, 13 years and under and 14 years and over. Registration is required'. For more info and to get involved, call Kylie Martin on 0421 604 885 or email passionismuzik@gmail.com.

Engineers from UNSW Sydney say they have successfully converted a diesel engine to run as a hydrogen-diesel hybrid engine, 'reducing CO₂ emissions by more than 85 per cent in the process'. With inventions like this, it's no wonder that the federal Liberal-Nationals, who are wedded to the fossil fuel industry, did everything they could to destroy tertiary education during their ten years in power.

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce is seeking passionate business leaders to join the board. To get involved visit <https://bit.ly/3e9Uw67>.

If you are looking for some independent and well



There's no denying that Australian journalist Julian Assange, locked mostly in confinement and without charge, is being slowly murdered by the UK government. And the US government wants in on the action. Meanwhile, the new federal Labor government is yet to heroically step up and demand his release. Go on Labor, be brave. Do what's right, and be on the right side of history. Reporting on crimes is not a crime – protecting unconscionable acts is. Last Saturday, supporters turned up at Byron's Railway Park as part of global protests. Photo Jeff 'Wikileaks Since 1986' Dawson

researched observations on Australian politics, *Knights In Shining Llama* is worth a look. Last week's YouTube episode examined the torching of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal's independence by the previous Liberal-Nationals government.

Wet enough for ya? ICYMI the Bureau of Meteorology's severe weather long-range forecast 'shows risk of flooding and an early tropical cyclone'. They say, 'Rivers are high, dams are full, and catchments are wet across much of eastern Australia, meaning any rainfall has the potential to lead to widespread flooding'.

Geez, a few wealthy individuals with vested holiday letting interests have really stirred up the community, huh?

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