

Collaery recognised for bravery



ACT lawyer, Bernard Collaery, has been appointed Honorary Legal Officer for the Australian Bravery Association, despite being charged by the former Liberal-Nationals federal government. Photo Eve Jeffery

Hans Lovejoy

We live in times when exposing crimes has become *the* crime, and the illegal activities of elected politicians and unelected bureaucrats go largely without punishment.

Despite the decline in democratic values and integrity in governments over decades, there are a few who are prepared to risk their livelihood to speak truth to power and do what is ethical.

Persecuted ACT lawyer, Bernard Collaery, was appointed Honorary Legal Officer for the Australian Bravery Association at a black tie dinner held at the Ballina RSL last Saturday.

According to www.forbravery.org.au, 'The Australian Bravery and Gallantry Decorations in the Australian Honours System recognise distinguished acts of bravery or gallantry by members of the community

and uniformed services. Recipients have selflessly placed themselves in jeopardy to protect life, property or the environment'.

Collaery found himself facing closed door courts after representing Witness K, a former Australian Secret Intelligence Service (ASIS) officer. Witness K was involved in, and then exposed, the illegal spying of Australian/Timorese oil and gas negotiations back in 2004.

Collaery told *The Echo* he is under orders not to discuss the case, despite it being in the public arena.

The operation, carried out in a Timorese government building, was aimed at gaining commercial advantage for Australian gas and oil companies, and Woodside Petroleum has been inferred as a beneficiary. The operation was conducted while PM John Howard and MP Alexander Downer were

in office. Downer later went on to work for Woodside.

In December 2013, Collaery's home and offices – along with of Witness K – were raided and searched by ASIO and Australian Federal Police, with many legal documents being confiscated.

While Witness K pleaded guilty, Collaery says he lives in limbo and is still without a passport.

'There are strong grounds for his conviction to be expunged', he said.

And while the charges against Collaery were waived by Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus in July 2022, Collaery says he is still prevented from practising law.

'What's needed is an inquiry into what happened in Dili in 2004, and for us to deal with the real people who were responsible... There has been a vast effort by the coalition government to cover this up'.

Exclusive beach eco-tourist proposal not so eco-friendly

Hans Lovejoy

A locally-based respected ecologist says the developers behind a large exclusive eco village proposal in rare littoral rainforest along Broken Head beach frontage are avoiding environmental scrutiny through loopholes.

Additionally, a scathing assessment of the development application by Council staff – released last week – recommends refusal in part owing to serious environmental concerns.

The Linnaeus Estate is located south of Lennox Head, and has had neighbours concerned for some time that the unique biodiversity of the area will be under threat should wealthy developers gain DA approval to expand the existing footprint.

DA 10.2021.170.1 will be determined at an upcoming Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) meeting on October 19 (www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/planning-panel/mixed-use-development-206).

The NRPP overrides Council's decision making, as the NSW government deems it is a significant development.

In the 1980s, an educational facility was proposed, and more recently in 2015, a community title (CT) rezoning was proposed.

Planning staff error

Yet after Council planning staff made a 'fundamental error' with its zone 'label', it has now morphed into a 'Mixed use development comprising twenty-seven new eco tourist facility cabins, seven ancillary buildings including wellness facility, refuges, depot', and associated

'earthworks and vegetation removal'.

In May 2021, resident and actor, Chris Hemsworth, publicly opposed the development at Seven Mile Beach on his Instagram account.

Wildlife corridor

The staff assessment that accompanies the DA says, 'Almost the entirety of the site is mapped within BSC and NPWS wildlife corridors', and contains threatened flora and fauna.

Furthermore, staff say, 'Much of the site is mapped as High Environmental Value, including the majority of mapped vegetation. There are a number of different native vegetation communities on the site, mostly in very good condition'.

Additionally, staff say in their report, 'It is understood that Nyangbul representatives have objected to the proposal, stating that the proposed development area is an important ceremonial, dreaming and massacre site. On this basis, and separate to any detailed ecological assessment, the proposal is fundamentally not supported'.

Staff say the developer seeks a variation on the development control plan (DCP) around retaining 'any listed ecologically significant areas on-site and incorporates ecological setbacks'.

The staff report reads, 'Not only does the proposal impact listed ecologically significant areas, but it also includes multiple encroachments within the required ecological setbacks'. The report's author does not support the variation request, 'given the high biodiversity values present on the

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Main Arm students, pictured, will join The Pocket students for a night of original songs around floods, natural disasters, climate change and future action. Photo Jeff ‘Class Clown Since 1986’ Dawson

Four local songwriters – Harry James Angus, Emily Lubitz, Ash Grunwald, and Janet Swain – have been working with kids from The Pocket and Main Arm Schools on a very special project. Many of these children experienced the full force of the floods and landslides that came through the area not once, but twice. Co-organiser, Alexandra

Hudson, said a one-night-only performance will feature a backing band with 200 local kids, performing songs that were inspired by their own stories. ‘Their stories will make you laugh, cry and reflect on the changes in our world. These songs are their songs. Their stories.’ ‘The Main Arm Year 5/6 percussion ensemble, mentored by composer and

percussionist, Michael Askill, will present a sonic reflection on the flood event. ‘The show kicks off with the Welcome to Country, followed by local singer songwriter, Abbie Cardwell, performing with Big Voice Choir and The Pocket Kids Choir.’ The performance is on Wednesday, October 26, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at the St John’s Primary School

Hall, located at 11 Murwillumbah Road, Mullumbimby. Hudson adds, ‘While this is a free concert for the community, people will need to book online to secure their place. Tickets are available online at www.songdynastymusic.com. The project is funded by the NSW government, under the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program.

SAE supports free wellness day Oct 29

A free day of wellness to nurture social connections, called Heart Hub Fest, will be held on October 29. Hosted by SAE Creative Media Institute Byron Bay, the event includes the unveiling of an interactive 3.5m heart sculpture that was created by SAE design student, Fernanda Gerdes, as part of a heart coherence meditation. Organisers say the day will have a range of activities including live music, sonic immersion, yoga, and ice baths, with all refreshments provided. The free event will be held at SAE Byron Bay, 373 Ewingsdale Road on Saturday October 29 from 8am–5pm. Limited tickets are available at heart-hub.com. In related news, SAE Byron Bay will host their first in-person graduation ceremony since the COVID-19 pandemic started, on Friday November 4.



SAE design student, Fernanda Gerdes, with her heart sculpture. Photo supplied



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Natalie Grono with her winning photo of Lismore resident, Peter.

Photo & story Jeff Dawson

Lennox-based photographer, Natalie Grono, has been named the winner of the 2022 Nikon Photo of the Year Award, judged and awarded by the Walkley Foundation.

Her photo, *Peter Takes A Moment*, was taken at Woodburn in March this year for *The Saturday Paper*.

The Walkley Foundation has celebrated excellence in Australian journalism since 1956.

A spokesperson for the foundation said, 'The floods in NSW's Northern Rivers were one of the biggest stories in Australia in the past year, and the judges thought Grono's image captured the story, and our nation, in a standout way.'

'Peter is a quintessential Aussie – exhausted and covered in mud, yet stoic and somehow hopeful, he pauses before tackling the mammoth task of resurrecting his life. Grono encapsulates the aftermath of the floods with the contradiction of palm trees against sunny skies, while Peter is still knee-deep in water.'

Linnaeus Estate: decision expected this week

► Continued from page 1 site, and the existence of managed, derived grasslands proximate to the existing development footprint'.

Owners of the The Linnaeus Estate, The Broken Head Coastal Foundation (BHCF Pty Ltd), told *The Echo*, 'On the issue of biodiversity, it should be noted that the property is already subject to a Council approved Biodiversity Conservation Management Plan'.

'Also, the much down-scaled amended application proposes no tree removal whatsoever.

'Further, since the making of the application, the owners have registered on their title a Conservation Agreement with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust of NSW covering some 54+ha of the property, that will protect the HEV areas of the site, in perpetuity.

'To be fair to everyone involved (both those in favour and those against this development), the community consultation process has resulted in modifications to the original DA that have resulted in a substantial reduction in the scope of the development and a significant expansion of the existing Council approved Biodiversity Conservation Management Plan'.

Secrecy around developer names

The Echo asked Brandon Saul, who has represented the developers in the past, for the full names of the developers behind the proposal. He said they all

declined. A company search revealed only one name: Potts Point-based Steven Michael Duchen.

Yet *The Echo* obtained an email sent from Tony Tabatznik to mayor Michael Lyon on October 12, 2022.

Tabatznik claims that his family company, Scarlet, 'was the original purchaser in 1996 and remains the majority shareholder'.

He wrote, 'I was personally involved in the decision to purchase the land, together with Phil McMaster, an environmental architect, and Steve Duchen'.

Tabatznik says 'minority investor' Duchen was appointed trustee to the trust that Scarlet had created, and was 'entrusted with power to make all decisions'.

He said, 'The trust had as its stated purpose "to be educative, environmentally responsible and to act as custodian of the site for future generations." That remains Scarlet's overwhelming desire. Even though we would stand to gain financially if the proposed sale were to go through, we categorically oppose the actions of the trustee in entering negotiations to renege on that stated purpose'.

Regarding the label zoning error by Council staff, Tabatznik added, 'It would be grossly irresponsible if this serious procedural error effectively gave the go-ahead for the proposed development'.

Ecologist David Milledge told *The Echo*, 'The developers have made a point of avoiding

Exploiting loopholes

independent expert scrutiny of the biodiversity issues associated with this DA'.

'By failing to find a "significant effect" (under the Biodiversity Conservation Act) for any threatened species (and consequently not having to prepare a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR)), they have avoided review by the relevant state government agency (Biodiversity Conservation Division of DP&E or the Biodiversity Conservation Trust), and hence the biodiversity component of the DA only goes to Council.

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'The developers are

simply exploiting the way the system is set up, by having their biodiversity consultants make a finding of "no significant effect"'

'As is often the case, the BDAR overrules the ecology and recommends deferred commencement. A travesty!'

During last week's Council's meeting, mayor Michael Lyon asked planning director Shannon Burt how a restricted education zoning became a eco-village proposal.

She replied in part that an issue arose after transferring 'old zones into new standard zone' definitions.

Despite that rezoning 'label' staff decision being an enormous advantage for the developer, and no further investigations or corrections being publicly tabled, Cr Lyon told the gallery, 'It's not our issue to solve', and said he was satisfied he understood the issue.

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Grassroots political party launches

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Youth leader, 25-year-old Santi Esposito, has launched a political party that he says aligns with the values of democracy, equality and preserving and enhancing our precious environment.

As the founder of the Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), he says he is looking for 1,500 like-minded supporters to be registered on the ballot by the electoral commission.

Esposito says, 'As we're barely stepping out of three years of bushfires, floods and a global pandemic, it's not hard to see that the systems around us are failing at a wholesale level.'

'One way to tackle our collective problems is to organise the local community through the democratic process.'

'I was born and bred in the Northern Rivers, and I see inequality everywhere, it's clear that capitalism is just not working for the people. There is lots of homelessness in the Byron Shire right now,



Santi Esposito has launched the Democratic Socialist Party – democraticsocialistpartyaustralia.com. Photo supplied

people and even mums with kids having to sleep in their car or in a van, people are really struggling just to pay rent right now.

'There wasn't even a housing guarantee for the people who lost their houses

in the floods. I believe housing should be a human right, that's a core issue for the Democratic Socialist Party.'

Mr Esposito says he wants to see issues like housing affordability, wealth inequality and environment

degradation given more air-time in the public debate.

'I was really inspired by the Bernie Sanders campaign in the United States.'

'It just showed that there really is this grassroots movement of people who want change.'

'You have to remember that much of the media outlets are corporate owned.'

'So if it's not celebrity glitz and glamour, it just gets swept under the rug, the struggles people in the community are facing should be front page issues.'

Mr Esposito continues: 'This is a party for the people.'

'I think there's so much hope to make our communities a better place to live for everyone.'

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'We need 1,500 supporters to be registered on the ballot by the electoral commission.'

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Ongoing large Wategos house builds could cause drainage issues

Paul Bibby

The Wategos Beach mansion development that breached Byron's height limit by nearly 10 per cent was just one example of the development issues occurring in the famous suburb, Byron Council has heard.

The Echo reported last week that the owners of two neighbouring multi-million-dollar homes at 44 Brownell Drive, illegally added an entertainment and amenities room to the roof top pool area of the second dwelling, effectively creating a fourth storey.

An attempt to get retrospective approval for the breach was rejected by councillors at last week's planning meeting, meaning that the Melbourne-based owners may now have to rebuild that part of the structure.

During the public access section of the meeting, Oliver Dunne from the Wategos Beach Protection Association, said that in addition to height breaches, Wategos was facing the challenge of excessive excavation and drainage issues.

Owners at the beachside



Wategos is named after WWI veteran, Murray (Mick) Watego. His family of 12 farmed the area until the 1950s. Photo www.trip.com

spot have been carving deep into the steep Wategos hillside to get the maximum possible floor space for their homes, then building nine to 10 metres up to the maximum height level, and also excavating down into the earth to create underground carparking.

Minimal dust control from constant drilling

'We've had thousands of truck movements over a period of two years, we've had rock drilling going on 12 hours a day and dust control that's minimal in many ways,' said

Mr Dunne, who is a former mayor of the Byron Shire. 'We've got developments that you would normally see in the centre of the Sydney CBD happening in a small suburb.

'These are very significant buildings by any measure, and the costs of them are astronomical. The impacts on the surrounding area during construction are very significant.'

The size of the houses and the major excavation work involved in building them was also requiring elaborate drainage systems, Mr Dunne said.

'Across the back of Wategos is a group of springs and

intermittent watercourses,' Mr Dunne said.

'You're depending on the owners to ensure that every part of the drainage system, a large-scale drainage system to get the water from down the back to the front, is maintained and tapped.

'There's lots of things can go wrong. But basically you're altering the watercourses around Wategos dramatically and that does have impact and you can see that.'

Earlier, the meeting heard from Dwayne Roberts of Ardill, Payne and Partners, the planning company hired by the owners of 44 Brownell Drive to obtain retrospective permission for the height breach.

Mr Roberts told the meeting that he did not believe the unapproved addition to the second house represented a dramatic change to the building's bulk and scale.

He said that the owners had already been given permission to build above the height limit and the additional work had only increased the overall height by 250mm.

He did not comment on the fact that the building was now nearly 10 per cent above the nine metre height

limit for Byron Bay.

'The husband and wife are in Melbourne and they were unable to travel up here during COVID restrictions,' Mr Roberts said by way of explanation for the height breach.

Relatively distraught millionaires

'They travelled up here earlier this year and walked in and said, "Why is there a bathroom [on top of the second house] when there was a plant room approved?"

'The explanation I got was that the builders were provided with the wrong plans for the height of structure two.'

'They [the owners] were relatively distraught in terms of that was approved as a plant room because now we've gotta go back and seek approval from Council for that area.'

Ardill, Payne and Partners declined to comment on the development at 44 Brownell Drive when contacted by The Echo.

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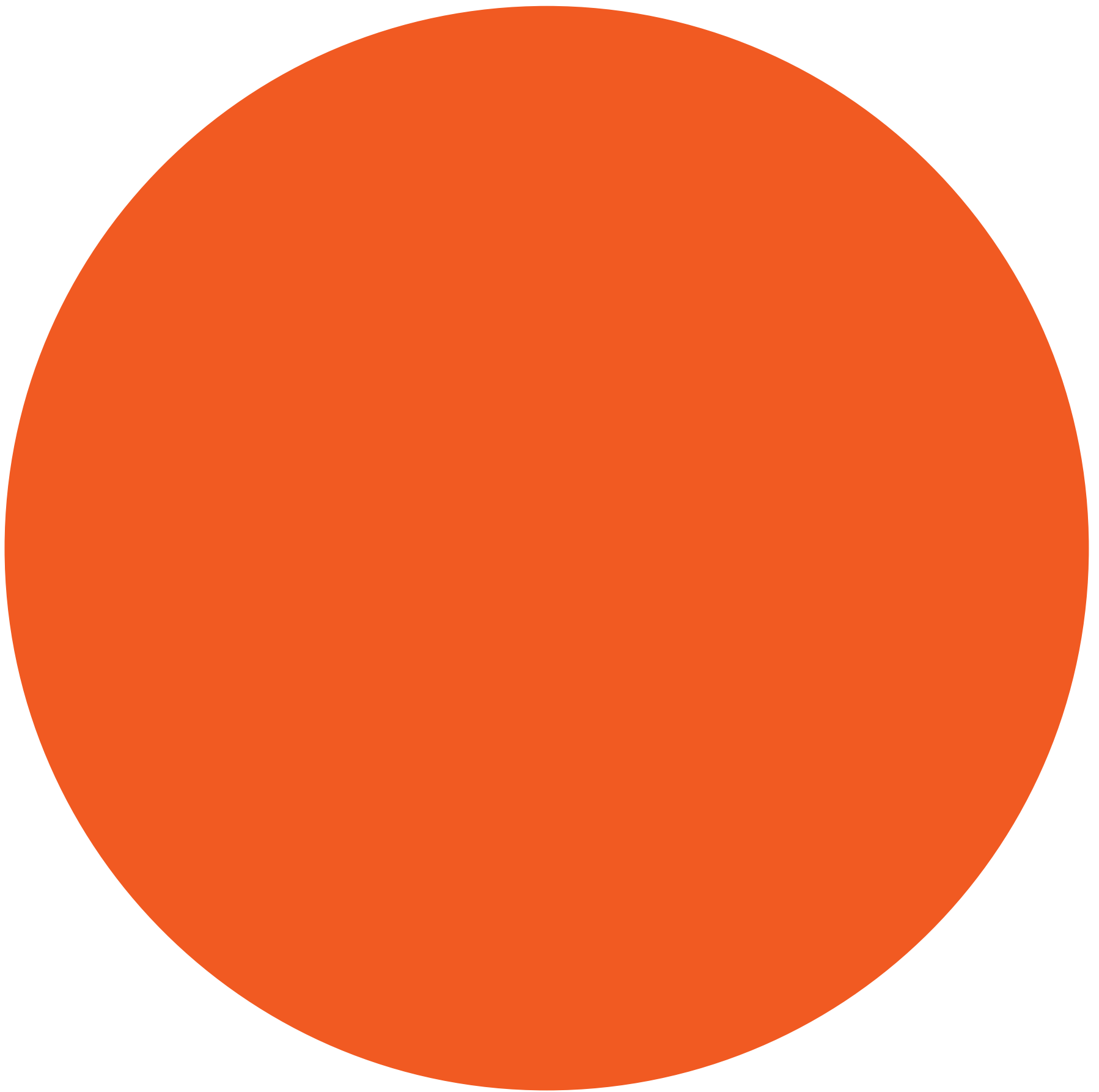
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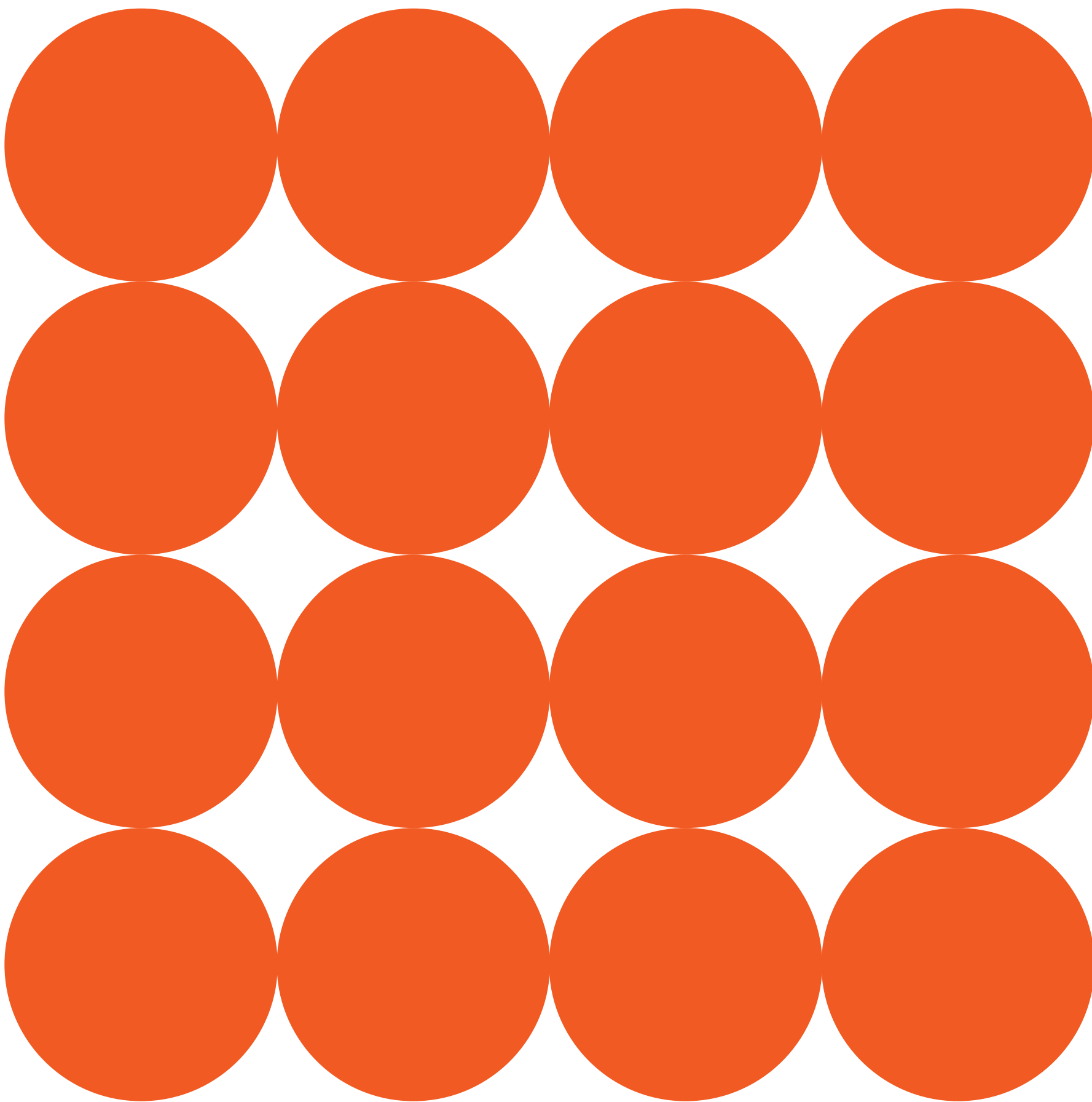
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A big celebration will be held Saturday night, October 22, at the Nimbin Hall, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Nightcap Action Group's direct actions on Mt. Nardi, which resulted in the cessation of logging and the creation of the Nightcap National Park.

Co-organiser, John Seed, says he will be facilitating a deep ecology workshop that weekend, near Nimbin and

will be at the town hall on Saturday night to tell some stories and sing a couple of songs. He says, 'I'm looking forward to reuniting with other forest protest musicians from days of yore, including Lisa Yeates and Soozah Clark. The Rainforest Information Centre grew out of these protests, and is one of the sponsors of this event'.

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Federal fire training raises preparedness questions

Aslan Shand

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As there is no reticulated water supply in Federal, it means there is no permanent town water supply that can be easily tapped into to ensure a constant water supply while fighting a fire in the village.

Instead, the Federal Goonengerry RFS brigade wanted to determine if they could get water to the store if it was needed to fight a fire.

Successful training

'It was a very successful training on the ground in Federal,' Bob Graham, RFS Group Commander, told *The Echo*.

'The Captain of Federal/ Goonengerry, John Nardi, and Captain of Clunes, Nev Battistuzzi, brought together a range of brigades to train, this included seven RFS



A combination of seven RFS and two Fire and Rescue NSW brigades came together to simulate fighting a fire at the Federal Store. Photo Carl Sparre

brigades, and the Bangalow and Mullumbimby Fire and Rescue NSW brigades'.

'It was a very realistic training day at the Federal Store, simulating a structural fire, involving a static water source, and the necessity of

relaying the water supply from a distant water source.'

The question of how the growing Federal community could supply a clean water supply via tanks was raised, following issues with weeds in the dam, which blocked

some of the pump filters.

'There was a good spirit of co-operation on the day, resulting in a smoothly run operation,' said Graham.

'A stellar performance all round,' agreed Pete from the Main Arm RFS.

Flood engineering support on offer

Are you in the Northern Rivers, and needing engineering support owing to the flood events of February/ March 2022?

Volunteer engineers are being deployed by Engineers Without Borders Australia in partnership with local host Holding Hands Under Ground, to help with a range of needs, including: structural assessments of houses; geotechnical assessments of landslide, and advice on washed out waterway crossings.

Director of HHUG (Holding Hands Under Ground Incorporated), Ella Rose Goninan, says, 'If you don't have insurance, are currently

experiencing financial hardship, and your issue isn't subject to a decision or action by an authority then we hope to be able to help you'.

'Find out more information, and fill out our community engineering support form at www.hhug.org.au.

October 31 deadline

'Applications close October 31.

'We are very grateful for the volunteer engineering support that Engineers Without Borders Australia are providing to the Northern Rivers in this difficult and complex time for our region.

'This project is designed

to complement all other support that is currently available to residents. We sincerely hope everyone finds the support they need – whether through this initiative, or the existing services of government or other agencies.

'To this end, we are coordinating with local councils, Landcare and other organisations to ensure people are matched with appropriate avenues of help.

'Please note, this project is currently an entirely volunteer-run initiative, is in a pilot phase, and we are seeking funding for continuation beyond this phase'.

Rising Above, plays October 28 at Drill Hall

A group of former Cape Byron Playback Theatre players have banded together to present a community Playback performance, *Rising Above*, on Friday October 28, at the Drill Hall Theatre, Mullumbimby. Performances start at 7.30pm.

Lisa Apostolides from the group says, 'The performance recognises that the arts can play an important role in supporting recovery in its many guises'.

'The one-off show, under the auspices of Mullum Performing Arts Community Theatre (MPACT), has been scheduled during Mental Health Awareness month, acknowledging the power of reflection and connection in keeping us mentally healthy.

'During the performance,



Playback theatre players (l to r): Lisa Apostolides, Paulina Heart, Laurel Cohn, Mandy Morris and Peter Chown.

the audience's stories are brought to life and played back by an experienced ensemble of actors and musicians'. Tickets available

at events.humanitix.com/rising-above, or at the door. Lisa adds a percentage of ticket sales will go to not-for-profit Mullum Cares.

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Amanda and Scott, Byron business owners.

“A 90-day limit on short term holiday rentals is utterly unworkable and the Byron Shire Council’s false information is very misleading to the community. **People will lose their jobs and Council appears to be un-aware of the vast amount of dollars that come into Byron through the holiday visitors group.** If these visitors cannot get accommodation in Byron Bay, they will be taking their dollars to other destinations.”

Nigel and Christine, regular Byron visitors.

“We are both single parents who work hard for guests and owners in this industry. We make a small wage and having our own small business gives us a little more flexibility around our children and raising them on our own without help or support from another partner. **If the 90 day cap is implemented, we will not survive and will not be able to pay our bills and provide for our children. In an area where jobs are limited we fear we would struggle to find a job. This decision will ruin small businesses like ours.**”

Aymie L, Byron small business owner.

“**Short Term Rentals do NOT impact the availability of affordable housing.** The types of people looking for affordable housing would not be able to afford the expected rental of these holiday homes and the people who own them are not looking for a permanent tenant as they also want to stay in their own property part of the year.”

Melissa D, Byron local.

“**The council have it all wrong!** They are actually taking away accommodation for tourists and workers not providing more. They can’t be serious.”

Michael F, Byron local.

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Developer's DA for six OS units successful, despite strong resident opposition

Paul Bibby

A six-unit housing development in Ocean Shores has been approved by Byron councillors, despite strong opposition from a group of local residents who say it is not in keeping with the suburb's low-density zoning.

In a decision which follows a three-year fight over the development, a majority of councillors voted in favour of the project at 8 Kumbellin Glen at last week's planning meeting.

The project will see Chincogan Property Developments demolish an existing house and build six, two-bedroom units spread over two separate blocks on the 1,075 square metre site.

Those in favour of the development argue that it will provide much needed, reasonably-priced housing for the shire, as well as helping to address the shortage of two-bedroom rentals.

But those opponents say building six units in a quiet residential cul-de-sac is inappropriate.



Street Elevation Impression from October 13 Council (Planning) Agenda.

'This is a tough gig being a councillor,' Byron Mayor, Michael Lyon, said during last week's meeting.

'There's no development in a residential area that comes before us that everyone is happy with.'

'But we've got a job to do around whether this is compliant or not, and the reality is that it is compliant. I also think this particular type of dwelling with two bedrooms is really important...'

However, a significant number of impacted residents disagree. Around 110 people signed a petition opposing the development, arguing that it was inappropriate for an area

zoned R2 Low Density.

'I would argue that a three-storey, six-unit block is not low density,' local resident and qualified planner, Shane Sylvanspring, told the meeting.

Precedent?

'This development comes at a cost, not only for neighbours, but it also doesn't stop any future developer from applying for a three-storey development in a low-rise area in the future.'

But in their report on the development application Council staff disputed the density argument.

'The density of the proposal in terms of built

form and floor area is not inconsistent with what may be expected of an allotment of this size,' the staff report said.

'It would be possible to construct a [considerably larger] triplex comprising four bedrooms, each with double garages.'

'The type of housing being proposed will add to the mix of housing types in Ocean Shores which are generally considered family sized dwelling houses.'

It was not the first time the development at Kumbellin Glen had been debated at Council. The matter first came before Council in November 2020, when Chincogan Property Developments applied to build seven units on the site, with councillors granting permission for just five.

The developer later re-applied with the current six-unit proposal.

Greens Councillor, Duncan Dey, moved a motion that would have again restricted the developer to just five units, but this motion was unsuccessful.

Former mayor recuses himself from large eco-resort DA decision

Hans Lovejoy

Former Byron Shire mayor, Simon Richardson, will not be voting on a large eco-resort DA, called the Linnaeus Estate, located in rare littoral rainforest along Broken Head beach frontage.

Richardson is a member of the Northern Regional Planning Panel, which overrides Council's decision making on large and significant DAs.

They will decide upon the contentious Linnaeus Estate DA on October 19.

Richardson was appointed as member to the Planning Panel by councillors unanimously in April 2022, after quitting as mayor in April 2021.

During his term as mayor, Richardson was supportive of developing the ecologically sensitive land when it was before Council.

This week, Council staff released a report roundly criticising the DA proposal, owing, in part, to serious environmental concerns (See page 1 story).

According to NSW Government Boards and Committees Remuneration documents, a Planning Panel member earns \$39,463 pa, yet can also earn \$1,435 per day 'under special circumstances'.

It's now the second DA assessment Richardson will not vote upon as a Planning Panel member, with the first being Council's large bio energy facility proposal in Byron Bay. That facility was approved by the panel in May 2022, yet Council are yet to announce how it will be funded, since its grant



Former Byron Shire mayor, Simon Richardson. Photo David-Hancock

application was recently rejected by The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

Last week, *The Echo* asked the Northern Regional Planning Panel if Richardson would vote on the Linnaeus DA with the panel, as concerns were raised that he had a potential conflict of interest, 'and has aired comments publicly via social media around this proposal which are incorrect'.

A statement was supplied by a spokesperson for the Northern Regional Planning Panel: 'Mr Richardson has declared a conflict of interest and won't be on the panel'.

'Planning Panels are independent of the Department of Planning and Environment, which only provides administrative assistance.'

Main and Clarkes Beach Dune Recovery Project

Beach-scraping works to start soon on Main and Clarkes beach to help nature repair the dunes.

Main and Clarkes Beach dunes play an important role for our community. This work has been made possible with the support of the NSW State Government. It is a \$170,000 project jointly funded by Council.

Works will take place between Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club and the Byron Beach Café over 10 days during November, pending natural processes such as tides, weather, swell and beach profile condition. This has been scheduled to best align with weather and nesting seasons as well as busy seasons for amenity use.

Beach scraping, also known as sand harvesting, supports mother nature by speeding up the movement of sand from the intertidal zone to rebuild the dune face, which creates habitat for native plants and animals. Dune revegetation, fencing and public accessway management will be completed after the sand harvesting to support this work.

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BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL

Development policies tweaked

Councillors propose amending planning instruments that govern DAs

Paul Bibby

A significant increase in the minimum floor level for all new buildings in flood affected parts of Byron Shire, and a blanket ban on basement car parks in Brunswick Heads, are among a raft of changes to local planning rules being proposed by Byron Council.

Councillors are proposing to make the changes to the Byron Development Control Plan (DCP), a key planning document that, while far from sexy, plays a central role in shaping local development.

At last week's planning meeting, councillors spent more than two hours debating a list of 25 proposed amendments put forward by Council staff, many of which flowed from issues that have arisen in the assessment of local development applications (DAs).

The list of proposed amendments passed by councillors will now go on public exhibition.

'There has been a change in the dynamic of the types of buildings we're seeing in Byron Bay and the Byron Shire,' former mayor Oliver

Dunne told the Council during the public access section of the meeting.

'It's a new design ethos and it represents larger, bulkier buildings which go straight up off the site – two, three, and even four storeys.'

Mr Dunne said that in recent years, the shire had witnessed a departure from the North Coast vernacular, the coastal architectural style characterised by the classic Queenslander house.

Fit for purpose

'It means that your DCP is no longer fit for purpose, compared to what people have submitted and what people are trying to achieve,' he said. 'We would request Council look at the entire DCP and see whether it's fit for purpose.'

While councillors stopped well short of a complete planning policy overhaul, they did implement a number of significant changes in a bid to more effectively regulate development across the shire, particularly residential development.

This included significantly increasing the minimum floor height for new buildings built in areas that are

now considered to be at risk of future flooding.

All floor levels on new buildings in these areas will now need to be greater than or equal to the 'five per cent AEP flood level' as recommended in the North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Plan.

Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) levels are a means of describing how likely a flood is to occur at a particular level.

Thus, a five per cent AEP flood level is a flood level that has a five per cent chance of occurring, or being exceeded, in any given year at the given location.

Previously, all floor levels in areas of the Byron Shire considered to be flood affected, needed to be greater than or equal to the 10-year flood level plus 0.3m.

The new level works out to be significantly higher and will have a significant effect on development in these areas.

A less far-reaching but equally topical amendment to the DCP is the ban on basement carparking in Brunswick Heads.

The measure is the direct outcome of a controversial development in the town in

which a mixed-use development with a basement carpark was approved under a loophole in the DCP.

Councillors are proposing that the amended policy state that 'excavated parking basements are not permitted within Brunswick Heads'.

Height limits

The policy would also state that buildings in the town be limited to two storeys, and that roof top decks will not be permitted.

Other key amendments proposed by councillors include changes to the rules regarding building height planes, solar access and privacy in Urban, Village and Special Purpose Zones, and additional controls specific to the Wategos Beach residential area.

These latter controls include limiting the size of underground car parks to 50 square metres, limiting the size of dwellings to 50 per cent of the total site, and requiring developers to submit a stormwater plan that includes strategies to mitigate and manage stormwater flows.

The full list of proposed DCP amendments can be viewed on Council's website.

Future long-term settlement planning feedback sought

In response to the 2022 floods, Byron Shire Council has released a discussion paper called *Working out possibilities together*, and is seeking input from the community on the options for future long-term settlement planning for the Byron Shire.

Council's Director Sustainability, Economy and Environment, Shannon Burt, said residents are being asked to think about long-term

planning for how, and where people will live and work in the future, given the wider consideration of climate change and natural disaster management.

'This consultation is about high-level strategic planning which, after living through the floods, we now need to stop and have a rethink about – and it's an opportunity for the community to be part of this process to make sure

we've considered all views.'

The discussion paper asks people to consider the following questions: 'Where appropriate and possible to do so, how can we build back better to reduce our vulnerability to future events?; How can we provide housing differently to meet future needs?; Thinking about potential new areas for people to live and work, where would these areas be and what needs to be considered

in choosing them?'; and 'What are the priorities in building supporting infrastructure to recover from recent events and to mitigate the impacts of future ones?'


Info sessions

For more information about the discussion paper survey and upcoming consultation sessions, visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au/ after-the-floods.

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www.echo.net.au**NSW government
awards instead of
funding community-
led disaster efforts**

The NSW government is yet to announce dedicated public funding for community-led disaster recovery groups on the Northern Rivers but last week officially commended three at Parliament House.

**A parade of heroes at
the Lismore Show**

Hearing stories about people helping each other during the floods has been nothing if not heartbreaking and heart uplifting, and the lengths that the community went to to lend a hand will be the legends recounted into the future.

**Nimbin village on Level
3 water restrictions
effective immediately**

Council has placed the village on Level 3 water restrictions effective immediately and they will remain in place until further notice.

**The Northern Rivers
Reconstruction
Corporation debate in
Lismore**

The New South Wales Government website says that the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) leads and coordinates reconstruction activities for essential assets, infrastructure and housing in the Northern Rivers.

**Ancient Megafauna
to descend on Tweed
Regional Museum**

Ancient giants from a forgotten time will come to life at the opening of the Tweed Regional Museum's latest show *Capturing Nature*, which explores some of the earliest Australian natural history photographs.

**Memorial Bravery Garden
dedication in Ballina**

Dozens of community members along with special guests gathered at St Andrew's Village in Ballina on Saturday for the Australian Bravery Association's re-dedication of a war memorial garden and the unveiling of a plaque – a reminder of those who served.

**No argument: Nimbin
folk need a new loo**

Lismore Council meeting Cr Adam Guise moved a motion that Council seek grant funding from the NSW government to construct an accessible toilet block at Peace Park, Nimbin.

www.echo.net.au**Flash flood alert system installed
for Burringbar, Mooball, Crabbes Ck**

A new automated flash flood alert system for the villages of Burringbar, Mooball and Crabbes Creek is being launched following a successful trial last summer.

The alert system is specific to residents in the Burringbar Creek and Crabbes Creek catchment areas, which are not covered by the Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM's) flood warnings given the time between rainfall and flooding is too short.

Residents of these areas are encouraged to register for the service that will provide automated flash flood alerts via SMS, email and recorded voice calls (landline) for free, ahead of the upcoming wet season.

'The trial was done in consultation with local residents, who advised project officers of their concerns, what flood impacts they needed to know in advance, how much warning time they needed to prepare their homes and to evacuate.

'They also advised officers of their preferred channels to receive the warnings,' said a spokesperson for Tweed Shire Council.

Quicker predictions

It is estimated that those registered on the service can expect a 'heads up' may be issued between 12 and six hours before the predicted flash flood' and an alert for

'minor, moderate or major flash flood alert may be issued between six and three hours before.'

The system was created in collaboration with officers from Tweed Council, SES, BOM and the Department of Planning and Environment and funded under the NSW and Australian governments' Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

The system has two main components: flood forecasting and alert distribution.

The flood forecasting system involves a cloud-based computer system, running continuously, that accepts data from local rain and stream gauges and combines this with various BOM prediction products to forecast flooding in the near future.

More rain coming

SES Murwillumbah Unit Commander Inspector Grant 'Jack' Frost said, 'With another wet season well and truly underway and predictions of another La Nina weather pattern coming to fruition, it is critical members of the community are prepared in case of another flood'.

Mayor of Tweed Shire Chris Cherry thanked the community for their participation in the project.

To register for the free flash flood alerts, visit tweed.nsw.gov.au/flood-alert.

**Lennox Lions Club celebrates
20 years of community service**

The three remaining Lennox Lions Charter members, from left: Frank Hughes, Don Hurley, Terry Hodgetts. Photo supplied

Lennox Head Lions Club members say they have been so busy this year that they almost overlooked the fact they have been active in the community for 20 years!

The club's Christine Stores says, 'Lennox Head Lions was formed in early 2002, owing to the efforts of guiding Lion, John Lynch, and it was chartered on September 21, 2002, with 21 members. Its current membership stands at 23'.

'Three of those charter members remain active club members today. One of those members, Don Hurley, recalls John Lynch walking up and down the main street of Lennox Head recruiting potential members to form the new club'.

'Don has remained a Lion in Lennox because in his words, "the club strikes such a good balance between making a contribution to our community and having fun."

'Terry Hodgetts, another charter member, has had a busy year assisting in the club's flood relief program.

'With the advent of the devastating floods all the members' efforts have been

focused on supporting those in our area who have been flood affected. Goods and services to the value of over \$250,000 were distributed, made possible by business and private donations and grants from The Australian Lions Foundation and government bodies.

'While this year has been a particularly busy year Terry notes that since 2002 the club has always been heavily involved in supporting specific community needs, such as contributions to natural disasters, including flood relief assistance and the Lennox Head tornado.

'Frank Hughes, another Charter member, points out that a major focus has always been on the local area with financial assistance to support young people in the community who need help with attending sporting or relevant educational events and active support of local sporting groups and schools.

'He is also proud that the club responds to a variety of other local needs such as house fires, support for SES and fire brigade and plays

the major role in the local promotion of Australia Day.

'On one occasion the club received local government support to host a New Year's Eve celebration in Lennox Head. The club also provides a BBQ for the Monthly Lennox Community Markets and has, with assistance provided a dragon boat and surf lifesaving equipment'.

President, Janelle Gaggin said, 'We could not achieve anything without the generous support of our local community, and local businesses, whether it be through sponsorship, donation or buying a steak sandwich or sausage sizzle. We are forever grateful for that ongoing support.'

Nov 6 celebration

With that in mind, Janelle invites everyone to help Lennox Head Lions celebrate at an afternoon event which will include barefoot bowling, a free barbecue and a craft table for the young kids.

This relaxed afternoon will be held at Club Lennox (10 Stewart Street, Lennox) on November 6, from 2pm till 4pm.

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Opaque Reconstruction Corp updates on its activities

Hans Lovejoy

A rare insight into the activities of the NSW government-run corporation, tasked with rebuilding the region from flood devastation, was provided last week by Lismore Greens councillor, Adam Guise.

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) is an entity that exists with little public accountability and transparency, and has shown little progress since its inception on July 1.

It has the power, like the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), to buy private properties, and claims to lead and co-ordinate reconstruction activities for essential assets, infrastructure and housing in the Northern Rivers.

Guise said on social media that a presentation for businesses by NRRC's CEO, David Witherdin, was held last week at the SCU in Lismore.

'Ironically, there was not a lot about businesses [people] present for a business forum', he said.

Where's the plan?

'While the slides were too small to read, we were told that they supposedly have a plan, but are yet to share it with community. The "plan" will apparently take years to fully implement'.

Guise said, 'While a big package of funding is expected to be announced soon for creating "resilient homes", I'm not holding



From left, Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation Chief Executive, David Witherdin; Northern Region Recovery Coordinator Assistant Commissioner, Mal Lanyon; NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet, Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin and Lismore Mayor, Steve Krieg. Photo janellesaffin.com.au.

my breath that this will sufficiently prioritise relocations and buybacks on the scale required to give all flood impacted residents the option of moving to higher ground'.

'The answer to my question about the corporation acquiring land to enable affordable relocations – rather than profit for developers on the free market – was noncommittal – although that is supposedly being investigated.

'Visionary leadership would be acquiring land where councils have already identified for housing in their growth strategies before rezoning – so that communities get the benefit of upzoning – rather than profits for developers.

'I also suggested that it would be great if public forums like these could be

held for residents and live streamed, to enable a wider audience of people to be informed about the corporation's plans.

'There was unfortunately no commitment to do this. The devil is often in the detail, so we continue to hang in limbo'.

The Echo asked the NRRC 'When the public can expect the NRRC's plans to be released?'

The Echo also asked, 'Guise says Witherdin was unsupportive of NRRC holding public forums (and live streaming them) like the one held for the business community. Why is that?'

And, 'Is NRRC planning to embed policy where communities will get the benefit of upzoning, rather than any rezoning simply being a windfall for developers?'

A NRRC spokesperson replied, 'The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation knows the community wants information about building back and is working through the details as fast as possible.

'Work has been underway for some time to gather data and understand what options are required to build back better.

'The NSW government recently announced the Resilient Land Program EOI to identify land in the Northern Rivers that could be considered for potential future developments.

'To date, the Resilient Land Program has received more than 140 expressions of interest from landholders.

'As of October 7, the Flood Property Assessment Program team has completed approximately 2,850 inspections across the Northern Rivers region.

'The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation will offer a range of community and stakeholder engagement opportunities'.



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Where's the drug reform?

While the rest of the planet seems to understand that cannabis is a healing magical plant, as well as a superior fibre for clothing and building materials, it's as if most of those who inhabit NSW parliament have no clue. Or even care.

On October 12, the Legislative Council of NSW debated the *Road Transport Amendment (Medical Cannabis – Exemptions from Offences) Bill 2021*.

Its intention, as put forward by Cate Faehrmann (NSW Greens), 'was to provide a defence from drug driving detection laws for medicinal cannabis patients using in accordance with their prescription'.

Dean of Law at SCU, David Heilpern, explained to his social media followers, 'Only the Greens supported the Bill – the ALP, Liberals, Nationals, One Nation and Fred Nile all voted against'.

He said, 'There is already a defence for medicinal morphine in NSW, and a THC defence for prescribed medicine exists in Tasmania, United Kingdom, Norway, Germany, Ireland, many US states, and New Zealand. This was a most minimalist proposal'.

Heilpern then expertly demolished the many ill-informed and confused statements made by MPs of all political persuasions.

It's all recorded on Hansard for those interested.

Fun fact, the war against people who take drugs is relatively new in this country.

The first Australian drug law was an 1857 Act 'imposing an import duty on opium', according to www.unharm.org.

The website gives an account of the history of Australian drug laws, written by Lismore lawyer, Steve Bolt, in 2010.

Bolt writes of the opium law, 'The primary purpose of the laws was clearly to discourage the entry of Chinese people to Australia, rather than to restrict the importation of opium itself'.

'The first laws restricting opium were carefully worded to apply to opium in smokable form only—not opium as it was taken by the European population'.

As for cannabis, Bolt says cannabis plants 'were sent to Australia by Sir Joseph Banks on the First Fleet, in the hope that the new colony might grow enough hemp to supply the British Navy with rope'.

'Cannabis was not consumed on a large scale (although it was readily available for sale as cigarettes called 'Cigares de Joy' until the 1920s).

'Cannabis importation and use was prohibited by federal legislation in 1926 (implementing the 1925 Geneva Convention on Opium and Other Drugs), with the states adopting similar prohibition in the following years'.

Bolt also says, 'Ironically, heroin, cannabis, and other drugs were prohibited in Australia well before their use became a major social issue'.

Not all drugs are bad.

'In fact some are great', said legendary comedian, Bill Hicks.

What will make ill-informed and clearly hypocritical and compromised politicians change their minds so that those who need medicinal cannabis for pain relief won't be fined if they drive?

It's ironic that bill was defeated in the same week the brother of Deputy Premier and NSW Minister for Police, Paul Toole (Nationals), was just charged with heading a meth syndicate. And meth is perhaps the worst of drugs.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Frugality is about to make a big comeback

For too long, the world has been living high on the hog, recklessly wasting resources and causing species after species to become extinct.

Vast forests are still being cleared to grow a crop a few centimetres tall – grass.

The grass is passed through cattle who are then slaughtered for human protein.

It's a ridiculously wasteful and cruel way to use land that could be returned to wildlife habitat, plant production and enhancing carbon sequestration.

If Nature is to survive in all its diversity, we will need to return to a largely plant-based diet.

The climate crisis is wrecking crops all over the world, not just here in Australia.

We are seeing this all unfold before our eyes. Already three hundred million people are on the verge of starvation. Who knows just how bad this tragedy will get?

Entire nations are going bankrupt. Europe is in recession, and the USA is about to slip into recession. Some optimists think Australia will escape the worst of it, but is that really possible?

I doubt it.

We can see how prices are rising and will likely worsen as our dollar drops in value and the world scrambles for scarce food and energy resources.

Putin's tragic and cruel war on Ukraine has seriously exacerbated the situation.

Many will suffer this coming winter in the northern hemisphere.

So, what can you and I do to weather the upcoming crisis?

We can look at previous crises to see how populations coped.

What happened during and after World War II? I lived through that and have memories of the shortages. Everything was rationed.

Tucked away somewhere in a suitcase, I still have my old ration book for confectionery.

Sweets were on ration in the UK until February 4, 1953.

All rationing formally ended the following year.

When we first visited France



'Frugality was forced on us in WWII by the Nazis'.

'Now the climate crisis is forcing us to be frugal'.

Richard Jones

when I was 10, I was amazed to discover we could buy unlimited amounts of delicious Swiss chocolate and we gorged ourselves.

At one point, I recall vividly complaining to my mother that I was not getting my fair share of butter.

She opened the fridge, cut off two ounces from the bar of butter, the week's ration, and gave it to me.

'There,' she said 'Manage on that. I've been giving you some of my ration'.

It was a salutary lesson.

WWII weekly ration

The weekly ration for adults also included four oz margarine, one fresh egg, four oz bacon and ham, three pints of milk, two oz tea, eight oz sugar, two oz cheese, and 12oz of sweets every four weeks. It was not the best diet!

Only through strict rationing was the British government able to ensure the populace was adequately fed, despite Hitler's attempts to starve the nation into submission by ordering his U-Boats to sink all merchant shipping heading towards the British Isles. Despite serious risks, many American cargo ships made it through.

What made a gigantic difference though, was the Dig for Victory campaign, started by the Ministry of Food one month after the war started in 1939.

People were encouraged to turn their front and back gardens into vegetable plots.

Allotments were allocated to families on available spare land. Our family was allocated two allotments, because there were two children at that stage.

By the end of the war, there were 1.4 million allotments growing food all over Britain.

Nothing was wasted.

There were no throwaway plastics then. Drinks came in washable bottles with deposits on them. Socks were darned. Shoes were repaired. Times have changed!

Frugality was forced on us at that time by the Nazis.

Now the climate crisis is forcing us to be frugal.

Corporations have created this crisis by persuading people to buy their throw away plastic products in ever increasing quantities, and to be profligate with all resources. Their profits depend on endless growth and waste.

We really need to treat all resources as scarce commodities. We also need to prepare for serious disruptions in food supplies.

Let us think about turning much of the rich land around this district into highly productive organic food producing country, perhaps with a system of share farming, giving young industrious farmers a chance to make a clean living with somewhere to live.

Allotments were a boon in Britain. They can be here too.

As for us, apart from growing much of our food organically, we have acquired an electric cow!

In 60 seconds, we can make delicious milk from hemp seeds, oats, soy beans and nuts, and never again buy those non-recyclable plastic cartons.

It will pay for itself in a few weeks. We are upgrading our solar system to make us virtually independent of the grid.

There are many ways we can reduce our carbon footprint, but we really need governments to step in to speed the transition to a renewable future.

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

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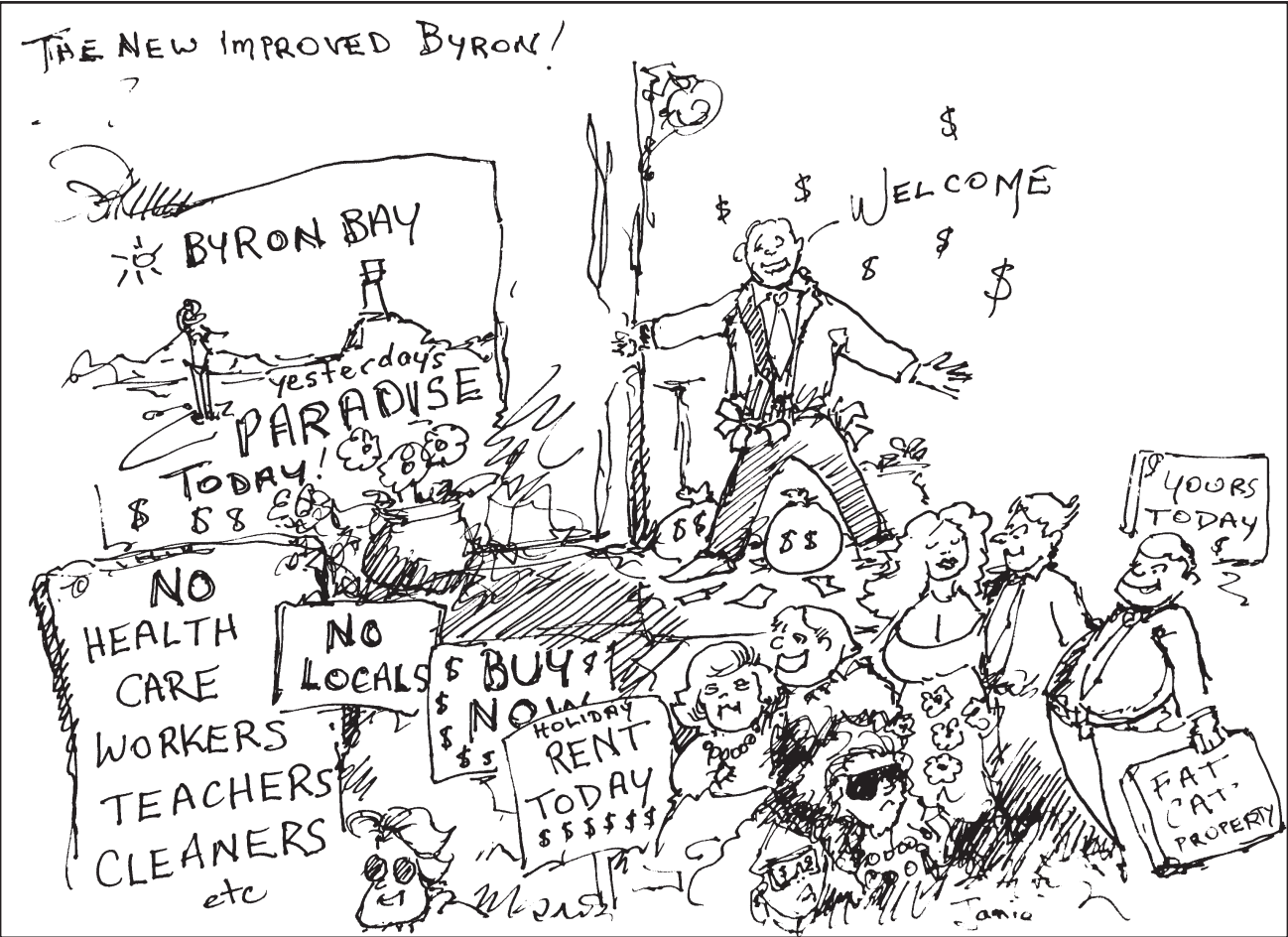
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Permanent teachers

Thank you Chris Minns for promising that Labor will convert 10,000 temporary teaching positions to permanent ones. The myth of teacher shortages is a result of the current state government's staffing policy, not an actual shortage as many principals, casual teachers and graduates will testify.

Permanency for casual teachers who want this will address current imbalances in our students' lives and their own.

Yvonne Jessup
Byron Bay NSW Labor

National Carers Week

It's National Carers Week, focusing on the diversity of primary carers and their caring roles.

Anyone at any time may become an unpaid carer. Their outstanding commitment, made more challenging by Covid, deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated.

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These unsung heroes wash bodies, laundry, and dishes; keep appointments, records, and tempers; give

medication, time, and hugs; fill forms, fridges, and silences; and deal with doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, My Aged Care, Centrelink, and a lack of sleep. Amidst all this they need support to have a life of their own. Take the time to acknowledge carers for their selflessness – not just this week.

Meg Pickup
Ballina

Contempt governs West Byron DA

Byron Council has to be held to public account in relation to aspects of the current development approval underlying the West Byron development. Reviewing research reveals how imperative risk and safety processes have been contemptuously dismissed by Byron legal authorities, who are employed to address public safety (let alone ecological integrity), thereby hastening development approval and setting a very dangerous precedent for future developments on floodplains in the region. Still no flood-mitigation plan exists and no management plan addressing tonnages of fill. It must also be noted that hydrologist and Byron councillor Duncan Dey has publicly noted 'peak flood levels do rise when fill is introduced into a floodplain'.

In his submission to Byron

Council in 2018, Dailan Pugh notes: 'The proposal is to fill most of the site to 0.5m above assessed flood level, with the importation of some 500,000 m³, though both DAs fail to identify the quality and source of the fill, or the impacts that thousands of truck movements will have on both traffic and road. This fill is likely to have high levels of suspended solids, organic material, and pollutants which, in high-rainfall events, will flow onto the properties of the three adjacent land owners to the south-west, yet the likely and potential impacts of this on the amenity of the landowners has not been considered in accordance with Clauses 1 and 3(c) of the Byron Shire LEP 1988, 98b Earthworks'. The new climate change epoch of 2022 has revealed flood levels experienced by Northern Rivers communities that far exceed recorded history! As such, the potential for existing Byron communities to undergo serious flooding are intensified by this development, which contemptuously dismisses existing safety legalities. In 2022 Dailan Pugh notes original fill levels 'may have changed'.

Furthermore, *The Echo* (7 September) notes that, 'One DA is owned by a "locals" consortium, who won considerable concessions behind closed doors at a

court mediation with Council's consultant lawyers'. Tom Vidal, a local landowner, was concerned about drainage and flooding for the DAs, and stated that compared to Terry Agnew 'our local mates were not so understanding, ...the secret court negotiations were woeful... to ask residents to make submissions to the court without notifying us that most points of contention (traffic, stormwater, drainage, social impacts etc, etc) were conceded already was quite unbelievable'.

This evidence is a stark example of contempt.

'Is there anybody out there?'

Jo Faith
Newtown

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Where have all the GPs gone?

Dr Deborah Carrington

Let me tell you about a beautiful little town on the coast in south-west Victoria.

It is nestled around a port, with quiet beaches and views of the ocean that take your breath away. Whales can be seen off the shore if you're lucky. Fishing and camping can be enjoyed every week-end. There is a plentiful choice of good kindergartens and schools. You can always get a parking space. The sunsets are spectacular. The community is friendly. It is even possible to buy good coffee.

In spite of all this, the town has a big problem. They don't have enough doctors. One by one, GPs have either retired or moved away without being replaced. This is not the fault of the doctors who have left. They are human beings with lives and families and needs of their own.

The issue is that it is getting harder and harder to recruit GPs in rural areas. And this is not just an issue for one town. It is happening all over Australia.

Why is this?
I am going to take a risk and talk about some of the reasons this is happening. I have my own perspective because I am a rural GP. The town described above is my home. I moved here seven years ago, and in this time I have seen the number of doctors and clinics gradually decline while the population has grown. The level of distress currently experienced by patients, doctors, and staff is very high. The wait for non-urgent appointments is now several weeks. For the first time ever, clinics have had to close their books to new patients. The emergency department is under even greater demand than normal. Patients are driving over an hour away to seek

The difficulties we are facing in our town are not the result of a couple of years of bad luck. The issue is that primary healthcare has been underfunded for many years, and we are seeing the fruits of this now.

care in other towns.

As a GP, I find this devastating. My vocation as a doctor is to help those who are sick and in distress. It is heartbreaking to be unable to meet the needs of everyone seeking help. I worry about this constantly. The truth is that I am human and there is a limit to how many patients I can safely see in a day. General practice is a challenging job, and the risk of burnout is high. All of us at the clinic are working longer hours and fitting in more appointments, but it is never enough. There simply aren't enough of us. The way things are headed, eventually there are not going to be enough GPs anywhere in rural Australia.

The difficulties we are facing in our town are not the result of a couple of years of bad luck. The issue is that primary healthcare has been underfunded for many years, and we are seeing the fruits of this now. Fewer and fewer graduating doctors are choosing general practice as a speciality, let alone rural general practice.

I still find sometimes that people think any doctor can graduate medical school and instantly be a GP. For many years now, general practice has actually been a speciality of its own. We have to complete years of additional supervised training and pass fellowship examinations before we can become specialist general practitioners. In spite of this, our funding has been left far behind that of hospital-based specialities.

To understand the financial pressure we are under, it helps

to understand how clinics are funded. I have realised when talking to people that there is a common misunderstanding that the government pays GPs a salary, and that bulk billing just means the government pays the bill instead of the patient. It has often been thought then that doctors who charge a gap are 'double dipping' or just being greedy. Let me assure you this is definitely not the case!

GPs in most clinics are not employees, but contractors. Think of us as being like the tradies of medicine. We have more autonomy over the days and hours we work, but we are only paid for the time we spend face to face with a patient. We are not paid a salary, but instead charge a fee for each consultation. If we need sick leave or a patient does not attend their appointment, we don't get paid. Any time spent on writing notes and completing paperwork is unpaid. From the fees we bill, we pay a percentage to the clinic to cover rent, electricity, reception and nursing staff, cleaning, consumables, etc. We need to pay several thousand dollars each year for insurance and registration so that we can remain working as medical practitioners. Then, like everyone else, we pay income tax. Please do not think that in telling you this I am complaining about my situation. I am just trying to explain that, like when you pay your plumber or electrician, the fee for a GP consultation does not all go into our pocket – there are a lot of expenses that need to be covered.

Bulk billing

Now what does 'bulk billing' actually mean? Basically, Medicare gives the patient a rebate that helps with the cost of the consultation fee. When we bulk bill, the GP accepts the patient's rebate as the full payment for the consultation. At my clinic, which is not for profit, we bulk bill children, pensioners, and those with healthcare cards. We do this in order to make healthcare affordable for those who are most vulnerable in the community. But this is not without cost for us. Every time we bulk bill, we are personally accepting less income in order to help that patient in need. The margin to cover the costs of the clinic is tiny. It is not simply a matter of getting the government, instead of the patient, to pick up the tab. The truth is that federal government funding is letting us down.

Initially the Medicare rebate was adjusted over time, so that as the cost of living went up the rebate went up accordingly. In 2014 the government of the time announced that they would be freezing this rebate for a number of years, and since then the gap between the rebate and the cost of providing care has continued to widen.

The best way I can think to explain this is if you imagine you are running a restaurant. Every year, the cost of food goes up, the electricity bill goes up, and the rent goes up. The wages for your waiters and kitchen staff need to go up. Your own household expenses go up. Petrol goes up. But imagine you are not allowed to increase the prices on your menu. You need to keep serving your food for the same prices they were ten years ago. What will happen?

This is the dilemma facing general practice. The rebate provided by the government is so far below the amount

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The only **CONSTANT** thing in the world is ***CHANGE!**

When Bob Dylan released *The Times They Are a-Changin'* (1964), he heralded a new era of challenging the status-quo, against war and social injustice. Bowie did the same for gender diversity (1974). The effects R ongoing today! Next came the internet, so the estimate I saw when Googling was **6.64 Billion or 83.23% of our Planet's Population R currently wired up with smartphones!** Add to this a **Pandemic, Climate Change**, and a **Major War threatening Nuclear**; I'm not surprised the Aussie Suicide rate is steadily rising!

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► needed to cover the costs of running a practice that clinics have had two choices – start charging a gap or see more patients for shorter consultations.

Why shorter consultations? The fees for consultations are determined by length, and the commonest item number used is a level B, which is a consultation lasting up to 20 minutes. The fee for this is currently \$38.75. This amount is the same whether we spend five minutes with a patient or 19 minutes. If a clinic is fully bulk billing, the only way to make ends meet with the rebate so low is to spend no more than about 7–8 minutes with each patient (even less in some places).

To be a good doctor, I need time. I need to be able to give people space to tell me their worries, to tease out complex symptoms, to do a thorough examination. I am never going to be the sort of doctor who hurries patients along so I can collect as many consultation fees as possible per hour.

Medicare is fundamentally flawed in this respect. A GP who sees ten patients an hour for quick, simple things earns much more than a GP who sees two patients an hour for long, complex issues.

The highest rebates go to procedures and the lowest to women's health and mental

health. This is the eternal frustration of being a GP. As much as I wish it otherwise, it is not financially viable to practise good quality medicine free of charge. I love my patients and my colleagues, and therefore I am not going to quit. I will keep doing my best in a system that is not set up for the type of GP that I am.

But I hope this goes some way to explaining why we have had to start charging a gap for patients who are not on concession cards. We simply cannot care for you the way you deserve on the rebate the government is willing to provide, although we have kept our fees as low as possible.

So back to the original question: Why is it so hard to get doctors to come here?

I can see the answer to this question from both perspectives now. Having made my home in the country, I can understand and share the frustration of the local community. I love the peace and quiet, my vegie garden and keeping chickens. I often wonder why city doctors can't see what an amazing place this is to live. I then remember how I felt seven years ago when my husband was first looking at a job here. I looked at the map and immediately thought no way, that is too far. It was hard moving away from all our family and friends

with two small children. It is still hard being away from them all. Being a rural GP can be incredibly lonely at times, as the challenges of small-town medicine can make it difficult to make friends. We won't solve this problem by pretending that there are no hardships involved.

I believe, however, that the fundamental reason why we don't have enough GPs is that we have had almost ten years of relentless defunding of primary care. This is the reason why junior doctors are walking away from general practice.

You may ask then, why did I stay? There was no single reason for this decision; it was one that built up slowly over time. I can say that it had nothing to do with money, and everything to do with the people I met here. I think deep down I have always had a longing to live in the country, and the little acreage we are living on now truly feels like home to me. My husband and children are settled here now and with time we have made good friends. I have had an incredibly generous and kind mentor at work who supported me through my training and taught me to be a better doctor. She was the main reason I wanted to stay on after I completed my specialist training. The clinic had been so good to me while

I was training that I wanted to stay and give back to the community. I am still hopeful that we will get more doctors here again.

So what can you do?

If you are feeling frustrated about the doctor shortage in town and are anxious about the future, please channel this into taking some action. Write to your local federal member to let them know that our towns are struggling and urgently need government action. The more people speak up about this, the greater the chance for change. Finally, please remember that doctors are human too, and all of us ultimately are seeking a place to belong and be at home. Please be kind to all those working in healthcare in our town. If we are fortunate to be able to attract new doctors or medical students to our town, please do everything as a community to embrace and welcome them. This is a great little corner of the world. I know we will weather this storm together.

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Saving North East NSW's rainforests, 40 years on

Story & image Dailan Pugh

October 26 marks the 40th anniversary of the 1982 Rainforest Decision by the ALP government of Neville Wran, which resulted in 120,000ha of some of our most important rainforests and old-growth forests on public lands across North East NSW being protected from logging in national parks and flora reserves.

The decision was the culmination of over a decade of campaigning that primarily gained public recognition and support through forest blockades at Terania Creek in 1979 and Mount Nardi in 1982. It was those actions that focused public attention on rainforests, created the need for political resolution, and ultimately stopped rainforest logging in NSW. Forty years later climate heating necessitates a renewed effort to save our rainforests.

The campaign to save rainforests from logging can be considered to have commenced with the construction of a new logging road into the rainforests of the Wiangaree Plateau (north of Kyogle) in 1972, which galvanised local opposition and garnered support of Sydney conservation groups.

In response to the growing concern, the NSW Forestry Commission agreed to protect the Gradys Creek Flora Reserve in 1973, and for the rest of the rainforest to retain 50 per



cent of the canopy when logging.

The campaign continued, with the goal of creating a proposed 33,000ha Border Ranges National Park encompassing the then Wiangaree, Roseberry, and (part) Mount Lindsay state forests. It gained renewed focus in 1975 with proposals to log old-growth Hoop Pine rainforest on Levers Plateau, an area the saw-miller John Lever had refused to log in the 1940s because of its beauty. It became the most controversial environmental issue in NSW.

The May 1976 state election resulted in the Labor Party, led by Neville Wran, being elected with a one-seat majority. While the new government supported the logging, they bowed to community pressure by establishing a State Pollution Control Commission inquiry, and in

May 1978 announced their decision to create a token narrow 'snake-like' Border Ranges National Park along the border, encompassing Levers Plateau and Gradys Creek Flora Reserve. The catch was the flora reserve was to be revoked and logged before being made into a park.

Meanwhile the Terania Native Forest Action Group (TNFAG) had been formed in 1975 to stop logging of 770ha of old-growth rainforest and wet eucalypt forests in the Terania Creek basin (north of Lismore). Initially the campaign by the TNFAG was dismissed both by Sydney bureaucrats and major conservation groups as being an inconsequential issue of minor significance.

That all changed on 16 August 1979 when, with an escort of 150

police, the loggers attempted to force their way through 200 protesters and begin logging the Terania Creek basin. It was the first forest blockade in Australia. Over a month 41 people were arrested and the protest gained national media attention, making rainforest logging a national issue that could no longer be ignored.

Farther south, the major rainforest and wet forest areas of Washpool, New England, Werrikimbe, and Barrington Tops had been identified as wilderness areas in 1976, and there were campaigns underway to protect them. The rainforest theme united these campaigns, and provided the impetus they needed.

Other major rainforest stands were included as the government considered what to do.

In July 1982, rainforest logging over the ridge from Terania Creek in Griers Scrub (Goonimbah State Forest) incited locals to form the Nightcap Action Group, and initiate a direct-action harassment campaign. When logging moved to Mount Nardi, confrontations escalated. The logging was ultimately stopped by an injunction on 22 October 1982 (Kivi v Forestry Commission of NSW) on the grounds that an Environmental Impact Statement was required before logging rainforest.

A few days later the NSW Cabinet made their historic Rainforest Decision, creating or expanding the

Nightcap, Border Ranges, Washpool, Dorrigo, New England, Werrikimbe, and Barrington Tops national parks, creating Mount Seaview and Mt Hyland nature reserves, and the Murray Scrub, Sandy Creek, and Cambridge Plateau flora reserves.

In acknowledgement of the international significance of these rainforests, and to forestall Coalition threats to open up the new parks for logging, they were included on the World Heritage List as the 'Subtropical and Temperate Rainforests of Eastern Australia' in 1986.

The Rainforest Decision did not end all rainforest logging, rather the intent was that it be phased out by 1990. Though by then the Coalition was back in power and had no intention to stop rainforest logging until NEFA (North East Forest Alliance) blockades in North Washpool in 1989 and 1990, and a court case, exposed illegal rainforest logging.

Most of our rainforests were cleared; those surviving haven't yet recovered from 150 years of logging degradation. Their buffers are still being logged, and a new threat became apparent when over a third of NSW's rainforests were burnt in the 2019-20 wildfires.

Unfortunately we can't rest on our laurels, as we need to step up once again to save our rainforests, this time from intensifying droughts and wildfires caused by climate heating.



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No 'real' parliamentary debate on logging NSW public native forests

Eve Jeffery & Aslan Shand

Last Thursday, October 13 in Sydney the public gallery in the lower house of NSW parliament was packed with citizens hoping to hear their representatives support the community's calls for an end to the logging of our public native forests.

The debate was forced by the success of a petition with over 21,000 signatures that called for a rapid transition out of logging our native forests. Yet the audience was left severely disappointed with the lack of debate by their representatives on the issue.

Greens spokesperson for the environment and agriculture Sue Higginson MLC said



Sean O'Shannessy, North East Forest Alliance.

Sue Higgins MLC says we need to change our perception of native forests. Photos supplied

that tens of thousands of people from across the state have come together to call for an end to public native forest logging. 'The case has been made that our public forests are worth more to us standing.

'The government has made no plans to transition out of this destructive industry and into sustainable plantations in the full knowledge that communities and workers will be left behind by their policies.'

Ms Higginson said that much public native forest estate has been impacted by drought, fires and floods. 'We need to change our perception of native forests to recognise them as a vitally important line of defence

against both the climate and the extinction crisis, but this senseless government is determined to destroy them.'

The petition

The parliamentary petition called on the NSW parliament to: 1. Transition towards sustainable plantations by 2024.

2. Immediately place a moratorium on public native forest logging.

3. Urgently protect high-conservation value forests.

4. Ban biomass fuel, made from native forest timber.

Common ground

North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) campaigner Sean O'Shannessy said the debate revealed a remarkable degree of common ground across the chamber with supportive comments from Liberal, ALP, Greens and Independent representatives.

'The only substantial dispute with the petition came from the National Party - Minister Dugald Saunders denied that there was logging in state forests. 'Clarence MP Chris Gulap-tis heckled his Liberal Party colleague Shelly Hancock as she introduced and spoke for the petition.'

Mr O'Shannessy said there is a rapidly dawning realisation among all rational participants in the discussion that we should not log native forests.

'Sustainable plantations will supply our timber needs and our forests will be protected in properly managed reserves. We can not afford to keep subsidising the destruction of our carbon sinks, water catchments and koalas' homes,' said Mr O'Shannessy.

Failure of debate

Yet it was the lack of debate on the issues the community had put forward that left NEFA's Dailan Pugh disappointed.

'They did not give this petition due consideration; all they had was an incoherent debate about whether to note it,' he told *The Echo*.

'It was disappointing that the four propositions were not considered individually and debated on their merits.

'There was no real debate about the propositions put forward in the petition, just a variety of statements by various members, before a vote was taken on whether to "note the petition".

'They invite the public to make representations through petitions and then ignore what they are about. I would have welcomed and informed debate about these issues.'

Mr Pugh highlighted that there are two inquiries that recommend stopping native forest logging. The upper house inquiry said it was 'urgent' to stop logging NSW State Forests after the Black Summer fires of 2019/20.

'The position of the most recent upper house inquiry is that the ban on logging should be implemented by the end of this year yet in the lower house they wouldn't even consider it.

'There have been all sorts of questions by ALP and the Greens that have demonstrated the need to stop logging yet almost a year-and-a-half after the report and three years after the devastating Black Summer fires they are not taking the "urgent action" recommended,' he said.

Sustainable?

Ms Higginson said the government claims that sustainable native forest management includes cutting down critical habitat and hollow-bearing trees for threatened species, including koala habitat, clear felling areas of our forests.

'Bizarrely, the government claims that cutting down our forests is good for the climate crisis in complete contradiction to scientific consensus. Old trees sequester more carbon than young trees, which on its own should be enough for us to be doing everything we can to protect them,' she said.

'Parliament could do this [stop logging native state forests] tomorrow if the government would stop blocking this important reform and develop a plan that delivers economic security for communities and protects our precious forests,' said Ms Higginson.

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■ My wife and I are long-term residents of the Byron Shire. We have both lived in and around this beautiful region for over 50 years. We are locals.

My early career revolved around the backpacker industry as travellers from across the globe descended onto Byron Bay, falling in love with its spectacular beauty and vibrant atmosphere. Then, in 2001, I was diagnosed with leukaemia, which resulted in a sudden shift for the worse in our lives. We had two young children and for the unforeseeable future my ability to generate an income for our survival would be severely compromised. Needing a solution to help us get through this tumultuous period, my wife was offered a single studio in Wategos Beach to manage as a short-term holiday rental. This was the beginning of a business that, over the next 20 years, would sustain not only our family but many families in the Byron Shire. We now employ 25 locals full time and provide work to 90+ separate businesses in the local area, such as cleaners, linen hire, shuttle bus services,

handymen, plumbers, electricians, garbage collectors, gardeners... the list goes on! And then there's the flow on to other business sectors in our Shire with the dollars that our guests contribute to: the cafes, retail outlets, bars, caterers, wedding industry personnel, taxi/uber drivers...

Council's 90-day cap proposal will totally devastate our local economy. Byron Shire Council is looking at our industry as a scapegoat for their lack of foresight and planning in providing affordable housing for the influx of new residents that have descended upon our region over the last 20 years.

One of the most distressing and disappointing aspects of this whole saga is how Council is attempting to drive a wedge into our community. I grew up here, I care about our community, we ensure our guests (mostly families) understand what the community expects of them when they visit our beautiful part of the North Coast. These families deliver huge economic benefits to our region and the homes they stay in will not return to the permanent rental pool

and are not what you would class as 'affordable housing'.

We are locals. We are business owners. We love our region. We contribute to the economy of the Shire in a significant way. We have worked our hearts out at building a business for 20 years and now we have a proposal from our council that could, in an instant, wipe away everything that we have built.

Garth and Sonya Brien
Coorabell

■ The response from a member of Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL) to the spurious figures in the third Byron Deserves Better (BDB) full-page advertisement in *The Echo* (October 12) was 'pigs can fly too'.

The BDB group consists of a few self-interested owners of short-term rental accommodation, management businesses, and local business owners.

In the most recent advertisement, BDB claim that Council's proposed 90-day cap policy for STRA in certain areas 'risks 1,448 jobs'. They use the Australian Trade and Investment

Commission, commonly known as Austrade, as their reference source. If this were correct then this would have come from Tourism Research Australia (TRA), which is a department in Austrade.

VOHL has seen correspondence from TRA that completely refutes that they have done any research on the effect of a 90-day cap and that they have not provided the figures quoted by BDB.

Previously, BDB have also used the Urbis report and the ABS as a source for their figures. A check of these sources does not reveal the figures touted by BDB.

The cartoon in the October 12 *Echo* shows a pig saying, 'SOMEONE IS TELLING PORKYS'. The Byron Shire community know that it is the few individuals behind the now discredited BDB movement who are utilising spurious 'facts'. STRA owners should be embarrassed that these people represent them.

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Storylines: Belonging places

Belle Budden

Belonging is critical to wellbeing for humans and has been for thousands of years. Belonging is a feeling of security and support we experience when we experience a sense of acceptance and inclusion in community. Belonging is a sense of being connected to something greater; it increases a sense of safety, resilience, and ability to cope more effectively with difficult times in our lives. It is something we continually seek to find and maintain and as we strive to belong, we are also deeply conditioned to provide a sense of belonging to others. ‘Place attachment’ or a sense of belonging to Country and community in people that turns a place into an anchor of their identity. It is a complex and dynamic process unique to each person, affected by our cultural frameworks. An absence of belonging has negative and devastating effects on people, both physically and psychologically. For thousands of years Aboriginal people have had a strong culture of belonging

to Country and community. Belonging to Country and community is intrinsic to identity and wellbeing. Our people have genetic memories of our belonging and connection that are thousands of years old. The culture of belonging is based on contribution and respect, reciprocity and responsibility, a balance of give and take that is a relationship with Country and the community that work together to care for Country. Belonging is in our bloodlines. Traditional Aboriginal kinship systems are complex and dynamic systems that define how a person connects into their family and community. Kinship systems structure people’s relationships, obligations, and behaviours towards each other, to the broader community, and in caring for Country. Traditionally the Aboriginal family was a collaboration of clans composed of mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers, cousins. Our families continue to have these connections with extended family members. Aboriginal kinship and family structures continue to

connect Aboriginal people throughout Australia. Belonging is a strong part of our genetic memories, and we strive to find our belonging places within a dominant cultural paradigm that has economised belonging. Colonisation has impacted first nations belongingness through forced removal of families from Country and each other. Further, the privatisation of land ownership locks us out of our relationship with Country. The trauma wounds of the breaking of our connection to Country and each other continue to cause significant damage in our communities. Now this intergenerational trauma is also part of our genetic memories. Our people walk between two worlds, governed by a culture of ownership and rights that is determined by economics, yet we continue to strive for healing. Colonisation has had devastating impacts on traditional kinship structures. The forced removal of Aboriginal people from families and Country has disrupted the regulation of this traditional system. Healing


intergenerational trauma through reclamation and restoration of kinship connections is critical. Our people are hardwired for connection; isolation and rejection from communities causes a grief that cannot be healed. Our communities are struggling to continue to belong in the current economic framework that is based on competition. This has given rise to lateral violence, which exacerbates social rejection and isolation and shatters any salvaged sense of belonging. The compounded impacts and complexities of the current housing crisis on the NSW North Coast, and the new wave of dispossession that is sweeping through our communities, are further traumatising our people. The lack of affordable, available housing for Aboriginal people is a form of social rejection from Country where we have always belonged in communities where we have a kinship connection. The Australian Human Rights Commission identifies safe, secure, and stable housing as critical to health, education, and employment, and it is key to improving outcomes for people in entrenched disadvantage. First nations people face multiple, intersecting barriers to realising the right to housing including: a greater likelihood of experiencing economic disadvantage; greater responsibility for caring for family; higher levels of gendered violence; stereotyping, racism, and discrimination. Our people continue to cite housing as a major priority issue and identify the need to address availability, overcrowding, discriminatory housing



Belonging Place by Belle Budden.

access, affordability, social housing, and homelessness. The current housing crisis is further impacting belonging for first nations people, the disconnection and isolation producing a sense of rejection from reclaimed kinship connections. Housing stress is impacting communities across the North Coast region. For first nations people there has been a housing crisis since colonisation, and this is a new wave of dispossession. It is critical to recognise that for our people it goes beyond affordable housing to our belonging places, and this must be protected to avoid re-traumatising of our people. For many Australians, the increasing economic wealth of our society means that they can afford to live on their own and migrate away from the communities where they grew up. This is a luxury and a framework that first nations people do not have. Connection to Country and community is part of our culture, part of our identity, and the exclusion from our belonging places owing to economics is an ongoing part of colonisation that must discontinue. The community service sector is plugging gaps, but while there is no solution to housing our people cannot experience the targets set by the government in the Close the Gap report. We need to start with secure and safe housing if we are to ‘close the gap’. We need to reflect on how society views housing as a commodity and the resulting social and health impacts this approach is having on wellbeing. It’s time to rethink the current housing options and look towards redesigning housing opportunities to respond to the needs of communities. This includes culturally appropriate housing that enables intergenerational living and allows first nations people to fulfil our kinship obligations. We have an obligation to prioritise first nations people’s rights to live on Country and with our kinship communities.

Craig Silvey: Runt, Honeybee and the making of a modern classic


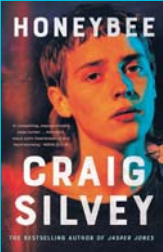


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Rous County Council's Dunoon Dam hide and seek

Dr Lyn Walker

Rous County Council (RCC) is responsible for our region's future water security. Its lack of transparency, inability to communicate complex concepts with the community and its penchant for misusing/misrepresenting scientific and expert information make it unfit for that purpose.

Two very important milestones for our region's future water security happened early this year; the NSW Dept of Planning and Environment (DPE) declared in July 2021 that RCC's Future Water Plan 2060 had been completed (the Dunoon Dam was not included at that stage) and the CSIRO independent review of the Far North Coast Water Strategy was completed. Taken together, they exposed the sham that is the current RCC's Future Water Plan 2060 (FWP 2060) following the resolution of Agenda Item 12 at its 16 February 2022 meeting that reinstated the Dunoon Dam option. RCC knew both were in the pipeline but waited for neither of them to report. They are examples of RCC's unfitness.

RCC called the resolution 'updating' the FWP 2060. I call it dumping the FWP 2060. Why the difference? Because the RCC's call concealed that the 16 February resolution was a denial of three foundation principles of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCN) that was formulated by means of the original FWP 2060.

The founding IWCN principles are the context essential for evaluating the FWP 2060,

and each element in it, and they should be reproduced with any part of the FWP 2060. In the 16 February resolution these principles were dumped. They are:

- a) That water supply be multi-sourced with as little dependence on rain as possible in a time of climate change. Dams are rain dependent.
- b) That existing ecology and cultural/heritage were to be respected. The existing studies had established mutual exclusivity between the dam and respecting significant cultural and ecological heritage.

In practice 'updated' meant 'replaced'. RCC restored the dam to the table. The resolution demanded a 'fresh', new study of heritage and ecology on the spurious grounds that the traditional owners would miraculously agree to the destruction of their heritage if they were listened to. The traditional owners were in the audience at that meeting and subsequently vehemently protested that they had been listened to in the first instance.

- c) That there be strong evidence for any proposed changes after the FWP 2060's initial assessment as completed.

The two milestones below show that there was insufficient evidence. 1. The NSW Dept of Planning and Environment (DPE) which signs off on IWCN plans, declared that RCC's Future Water Plan 2060 had been completed in July 2021 and that the DPE had concurred with it because it satisfied Best Management

Practice. The General Manager was notified in March 2022. Nobody else found out before June when I told them.

The approved FWP 2060 did not include the dam.

2. The CSIRO desktop review (Independent Review of the Far North Coast Water Strategy), in response to demands by some Ballina Shire councillors, became public in June 2022. The councillors were seeking expert/scientific support for a push-poll petition that had pressed for the Dunoon Dam investigations to remain in the FWP 2060. The RCC General Manager had recommended that the dam remain because of the poll results.

The CSIRO review did not concur with reinstating the Dunoon Dam.

The conclusions of both milestone events were inconvenient for RCC because they showed that the Dunoon Dam was neither a necessary nor an urgent part of DPE's concept of Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCN) as six of the eight RCC councillors who voted for the dam had insisted. All six had made statements in support of their vote that were misleading and misinformed (DPE Water Concurrence p3).

The 'update' resolution has now disappeared from public view. Was that because the resolution designed it that way or had the GM interpreted it that way? Item 3 of the 16 February resolution required that the implementation of the dam investigations be deferred until after Stage 3 options, the last stage of the published FWP 2060, have

been determined. When the Stage 3 options have been determined it means that they have satisfied the earlier investigations and therefore will have been assessed as together likely to be able to meet future demand until 2060. Signing off on Stage 3 means signing off on the FWP 2060. How then does Item 3 of the resolution make sense even supposing the dam could be shown to be needed? Look on the website and you won't find mention of the Dunoon Dam in the FWP 2060. You can't discuss something formally resolved to be in the FWP 2060 that doesn't exist in the published FWP 2060 (now renamed the Future Water Project 2060).

Whatever the understanding of Item 3, the 'disappeared' resolution clearly represents a lack of transparency.

The GM has overseen procedures that lacked, in my opinion, due process. The RCC Chair shares some of the responsibility. In this context 'due' means that every step of the decision-making process be transparent, fair, and ethical.

It seems to me that RCC has a choice. It can honestly review the ill-informed dam decision or it can own the 'update'. Show on the website where the dam is to be included in the Future Water Project 2060, and how it is justified. Continuing to hide is not an option.

■ Dr Lyn Walker is a retired academic, was president of the Ballina Environment Society and remains an executive member of the BES.

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Players require three performances to a certain high level, called norms, to become an International Master or Grandmaster. Certain cities have become renowned for guaranteeing that a player in one of their tournaments will achieve their desired norm – for a price. To do so, some players will be paid to lose their games to their anointed 'rivals'.

The practice is not new. In the 1970s some Bulgarian tournaments were known to charge \$US2,000 for a Grandmaster norm, while New Zealander Paul Garbett reported turning up at an Indonesian event only to be presented with a near-complete crosstable. (He declined to participate in the plan and was hassled with late-night calls throughout the tournament.)

However, these events were outliers and notorious but over the past two decades these outliers have turned themselves into norm factories, hosting multiple round-robin tournaments each month.

The world body FIDE has consistently ignored complaints about these tournaments, claiming to have no investigative powers. Their one concession was a recent change to demand at least one of a player's title norms to have been achieved in an open tournament.

However, a recent complaint by the Indian player Sahil Tickoo was so horrifying that it caused FIDE to give a six month ban to an organiser (who ignored the ban, of course).

Tickoo had come with a friend to compete in a series of tournaments in Arandelovac, a small town 50kms south of Belgrade, in April 2021.

Near the start of the final tournament, Tickoo learned that airlines were threatening to stop flights to India due to the explosion of Covid cases there. Tickoo and his friend sought to withdraw but were told that they had to play two particular players before they left – the two that, Tickoo suspected with justification, had paid the organiser to achieve IM norms. (Forfeits cannot be counted for norms.)

Tickoo refused, whereupon the organiser threatened him with arrest by his friends the local police. He played (and lost) one game and then the two players escaped back to Belgrade in the middle of the night. Ignoring more threatening texts, Tickoo and friend flew back to India, while one disappointed 1900 player missed out on the IM norm he had paid for.

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Submission open 19 October 2022 and close 22 November 2022.

Submissions must be made by visiting Council's website at: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's website.

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Gourmet Traveller chef of year at Barrio

Celebrated chef Thi Le (named Gourmet Traveller's first ever female Chef of the Year in the 2022 awards) will be joining executive chef Santiago Socrate on the grills at Barrio Eatery & Bar, as part of the Caper Byron Bay Food & Culture Festival, on Thursday 10 November.

Chef Thi Le says, 'I'm looking forward to joining chef Santiago Socrate and his team at Barrio. I hope to share a mix of my two favourite cuisines (Vietnamese and Laotian) both representing my restaurants Anchovy in Melbourne, and newly launched Laotian restaurant Jeow, with the Caper festival-goers.'

Expect a bright, bold take on Southeast Asian flavours, expressing traditions with a modern Australian accent. There will be two sittings, at 5pm and 7.30pm.

All dishes will be subject to local produce available at the time of the event, but as a taster you can expect mouth-watering examples such as Spanish mackerel fish cake in lemongrass; Smoked cobia salad with eggplant and herbed sticky rice; Laap dip with smoked raw beef and tripe; Stuffed suckling pig; and Coconut sorbet with longan, ginger, and rice-wine lees.

The entire menu will be gluten free but, owing to the nature of the cuisine, there



Chef Thi Le (Photo supplied).

is a fair amount fish paste and shrimp paste used, therefore strict vegetarians and vegans might want to sit this one out.

Tickets on Caper Byron Bay website: caperbyronbay.com/events/barrio-eatery-bar-bbq-with-guest-chef-thi-le.



Chef Santiago Socrate (photo Jess Kearney).

Caper Food & Culture Festival is coming: 10–13 November

Caper Byron Bay Food & Culture festival is kicking off their first year in high gear with the Caper Festival Village held at North Byron Hotel, the presenting partner of the village. But don't be mistaken; this food, art, and entertainment precinct isn't keeping to the confines of the existing pub. Their plans have them sprawling across the two existing carparks, bottle-shop drive-thru, and grassed area leading down to Habitat, extending the overall space to 1,500-person capacity.

It's a much-anticipated addition to the Byron Bay events calendar, and organisers describe Caper Byron Bay as a four-day celebration showcasing the best of Northern Rivers food, beverage, music, art, and culture with a dynamic series of events running across many venues from Byron Bay to Lennox, Brunswick Heads, and the hinterland.

Caper Festival Village, though, is the heart and hub of the festival, where all the elements come together for three days of eats and drinks, live music, art installations, discussions and demonstrations, guest chefs, roving entertainment, and a huge free kids' program.

You'll want to come for the food and entertainment but you'll stay for the visual spectacle and good vibes, with artists MLAK, Paul McNeil, and Nickolla Clark bringing the artistic vision and fair with the help of Buckworth & Co.

The lineup of local food and drinks is set to tantalise every tastebud with pop-up stalls from Belongil Beach Italian



The North Byron Hotel will be transformed into the Caper Festival Village.

Food, Bang Bang, Barrio, Capiche, Club Sanga, North Byron Hotel, We Are Combi, Natural Ice Cream, Shoza Gyoza and more. The main outdoor bar is presented by official beer partner Stone & Wood, with Days & Daze the official wine partner and pop-ups by Fever Tree and local favourites Cape Byron Distillery, Common People Brewery, Ventura Brewing, and many more.

Did we mention there is also a wine tasting and local providore area where you can sample some of the best local producers' goods and a selection of specialist wine-makers before purchasing your favourites to take home.

While you're enjoying all these eats and drinks you'll be kicking up your heels to live music by the likes of Lazy Wax (Live Set), You're Only Great Always (Peking Duck), Pasiflorenz, Warren Early Band, The Minky's, Versace Boys, Mandy Hawkes, Vinnie Laduce DJ set, The Palm Ambassadors and many, many more. There is also a series of enlivening discussions and micro-workshops to stimulate your senses ranging across topics The Future of Food, Art and Activism, The Path of Sustainability, Weaving for Mindfulness featuring special guests including Delta Kay, Mandy



Nolan, Angus McDonald, Matt Stone, Louis Tikaram, Blaire Beattie, Helena Norberg-Hodge, Matthew Evans, and Cyndi O'Meara.

And while all this is happening, your kids (who, by the way get free entry for 12-year-olds and younger) will be living it up with live performance from Bunny Racket, Ministry of Fun DJ School, Lunch Lady, Farm Kids, KidsKlub craft, bouncing castle, face painting, garden games, and even more all weekend long!

Caper Byron Bay are also offering a locals' discount code for the Festival Village, LOCALCAPER. Capacity is limited and once tickets have sold out that's final. So, get in quickly before you miss out on being part of this exciting inaugural festival celebrating our food and culture.

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The Good Life

Mavis Kitchen refloated



Mavis's Kitchen in Uki have won the Tourism Restaurant category at the 2022 NSW Restaurant and Catering Association awards, a great achievement considering that their business had to be rebuilt after the February–March 2022 floods. If you drove the roads around Stokers Siding, Uki, and Tweed after the floods, you'd know the roads that follow the rivers became rivers – Mavis's Kitchen described their carpark as 'full of giant trees and smashed cars'. By April 3 they'd performed a mammoth task of rebuilding, including cabins and previously delightful gardens, and business manager Clive Bailey described the win as 'an amazing achievement



for our team' given that they had to 'completely rebuild the property'. The awards organisers say the awards are judged by an independent team of trained judges who visit anonymously. maviseskitchen.com.au (Mavis' Kitchen, Mavis Kitchen or Mavis's Kitchen – it's the same place!)

Blueberry fields

Victoria Cosford

It's one of the most anticipated seasons of the farmers market year. Those blueberries, fat spheres of juicy sweetness, are such a far cry from supermarket ones – small as currants, often flavourless – that they could be another fruit entirely. Blueberry Fields has been working the markets for a long time now, used to the sight of customers walking away munching the berries straight out of their small buckets. Otto Saeck started out with a lychee farm at Newrybar



Yascha Saeck from Blueberry Fields.

about 30 years ago. Then he experimented with blueberries and quickly saw that there was a better future in those than in lychees. Jaesch, his son, is telling me

about the different flavours that blueberries develop through their various stages of ripening; that the farm grows three main varieties; that the white sheen, a waxy bloom on the berries, denotes a healthy fruit. 'People,' he says, 'mistake that for chemical residue, but it's a sign the fruit hasn't been handled too much, or damaged or bruised.' Their blueberries are all hand-picked and hand-sorted – at peak season up to 80 pickers are required – so there's no machinery or vigorous packing. Everything gets washed with food-safe sprays, Jaesch tells me, and the farm regularly submits to rigorous testing to ensure there are no chemicals on the fruit.

I have to ask Jaesch if he ever gets sick of the berries ('not yet!') and if the family uses them in cooking. He says that his mother not only makes a 'nice blueberry cake' but also macerates them in an alcoholic syrup, which immediately reminds me of a favourite, very easy dessert of mine: blueberries heated, softened and melted in a sugar syrup with Cointreau and brandy, set aside to chill, then served topped with stiffly whipped cream and a nutty chocolatey crunch. Recipe on the website. **Blueberry Fields can be found at New Brighton on Tuesdays 8–11am and Mullumbimby on Fridays 7–11am.**

Farming's tough nut

When fourth-generation farmer Frank Boyle lost his pecan crop this year owing to the wet weather conditions, he still had something to be thankful for. While there were no nuts, there was a safety net – rice.

'We were heading for a fairly good pecan crop this year,' Frank said. 'The trees and the crop survived the flood, but the relentless wet weather turned the orchard into mud and we couldn't get any machinery out there to harvest.'

In an effort to salvage some of the crop, Frank, along with wife Andrea, daughter Sophie, and son-in-law Mac, even tried hand harvesting but to no avail.

'We harvested about 200kg by hand, but 85 per cent was rotten because the nuts

had been sitting in mud,' he said. 'Not having pecans really brings home the fact that when you're in farming, you're so vulnerable that you really need some diversity. So it's a great relief to have the rice.'

The idea to plant rice was sparked when drought hit the Riverina region, a prime rice-growing area, in 2006–07 and the search was on for high-rainfall areas to grow rice.

The Boyle family farm at Goolmangar had already been cropping so it wasn't a huge stretch to try rice.

'We decided to plant out about a hectare of rice,' Frank said. 'We really wanted to diversify so we thought we'd give it a go.'

Frank had already been selling his pecans at Byron Farmers Market for a number



Frank Boyle of Marlival Farm at Byron Farmers Market.

of years and decided to test the rice at the market.

'We turned up one Thursday morning with 50 1kg bags of rice and they were sold out within an hour and a half,' he said. 'It was incredible, and it really brought home that there are so many people in this area that are really passionate about eating locally grown food.'

Today the range of rice products has extended into rice

cakes, rice flour, and rice crumbs.

Regular customers will have noticed not only the new faces of the next generation – Sophie and Mac – at the markets, but also a name change with Nimbin Valley Pecans and Rice switching to Marlival Farm, after the name the family farm was given back in the 1840s.

Frank and the family hope to have pecans available again in March/April next year. In the meantime, you can still pick up their amazing pecan spread at Byron and Bangalow Farmers Markets.

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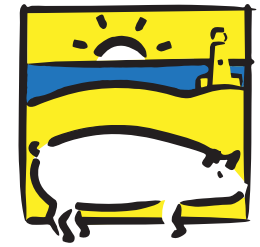
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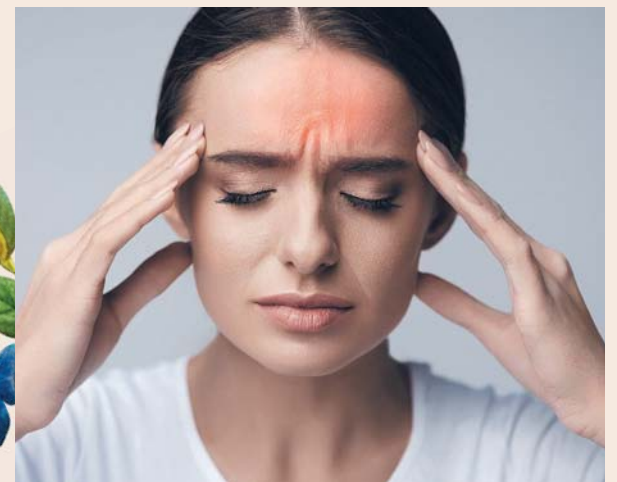
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FEATURE FILMS PROGRAM

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Entertaining AND enlightening, Australia's favourite regional film festival returns with a program that reflects its hometown's passions and pursuits, circles the globe for weird and wonderful insights into contemporary life, and shines light in darkness.

Alongside the 16th Festival's super-strong lineup of surfing and adventure-travel films, there are explorations of music, magic mushrooms, queer barbering, cult communities, state surveillance, environmental activism, and personal rebranding – a cornucopia of contemporary concerns and curiosities.

'We're aiming to shine light into darkness after a tough three years, when hope was sometimes hard to come by,' says Festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volke.

'Byron Bay Film Festival is primarily a celebration – of cinematic creativity, of community, of everything that makes Byron a wonderful place to live.'

The glittering Opening Night Gala Party is the first in a 10-day series of fun and fascinating events.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lunch with film legend Jack Thompson

Saturday 23 October 12–3pm
Ember Byron Bay

Enjoy a delicious lunch in the company of Australian acting legend Jack Thompson – for decades a source of encouragement and inspiration for filmmakers, 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, in conversation with executive producer and Madman Entertainment CEO Paul Wiegard, sharing the stories behind what and who has inspired him across his illustrious career.

Throughout the Festival you get to ask the questions and chat with filmmakers at the Q&A sessions that follow many screenings.

The BBFF XR Dome

On the final weekend, BBFF2022 is bringing a large-scale Projection Dome to Byron's newest public space, the Railway Corridor, to present 360-degree films, multi-dimensional immersive experiences, and free panels and masterclasses exploring present and potential applications for the Metaverse, NFTs, and more.

More information in next week's *Echo* and at www.bbff.com.au.

RED CARPET OPENING NIGHT Triangle of Sadness

Friday 21 October 6.30pm arrival for
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Join film fans and filmmakers to help kick off BBFF2022 in the scintillating style it has become famous for, with a pre-movie party that sets the scene for ten days of stimulating cinema and serious socialising.

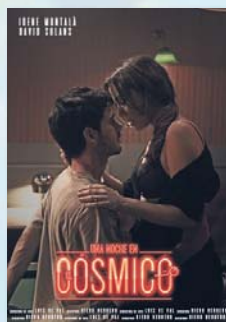
Walk the red carpet, enjoy fine wines and tasty treats, live music, and conversation before taking your seat for the wild ride that is *Triangle of Sadness*, the 2022 Palme D'or winner from Swedish maestro Ruben Östlund. A wickedly funny comedy in which social hierarchy is turned upside down, *Triangle* exposes the tawdry relationship between power, beauty, and corruption, providing the perfect commentary on our times.



Short Film Session – International

Saturday 22 October 1.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

A special session featuring some of the festival's best short films from around the world – a stimulating treat for film-lovers.



Every Koala Counts + Local Shorts + Q&A

Saturday 22 October 2.30pm
Byron Theatre

An array of great films made right here in our backyard, along with an important local documentary highlighting the desperate plight of the koala, and introducing some of the inspiring people who have devoted themselves to saving the iconic animal.



Unseen Skies

Saturday 22 October 3.45pm
Wednesday 26 October 6.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

Friday 28 October 7.30pm
The Regent Murwillumbah

There has been a massive increase in state and corporate surveillance of every one of us since 9/11, making the heavens above an exclusive playground of the military-industrial complex. *Unseen Skies* examines this monstrous evolution in satellite scrutiny – and meets it with a creative response. Filmmaker Yaara Bou Melhem follows former punk rocker turned visionary artist Trevor Paglen on one of his most audacious projects to date – the launching of an artwork into space.



Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year

Saturday 22 October
4.45pm
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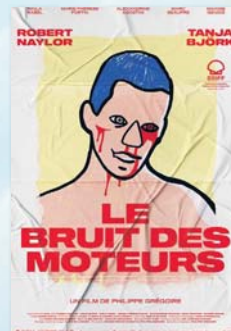
From a multitude of impressive applicants, ten talented young people's films have been nominated for BBFF's Young Australian Filmmaker of the Year Award – judged by Jack Thompson.



The Noise of Engines (Le Bruit des Moteurs)

Saturday 22 October
6pm
Palace Byron Bay

Love, loyalty, injustice, and fear play out in this quirky drag-strip drama from Canadian director Philippe Grégoire. A highlight of the New Directors section at the 2022 San Sebastián Film Festival, *The Noise of Engines* features a protagonist who falls victim to the choking restrictions of bureaucracy and provincialism. Alexandre's attempts at resistance are futile as he becomes embroiled in a sleazy sexual scandal in his hometown. Can he adapt to a dehumanising, corrupt system?



Birth of the Endless Summer

Saturday 22 October 7.30pm
Byron Theatre
Sunday 30 October 12.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

The Endless Summer is an iconic film in the surfing community – famous and universally adored. Having its Australian premiere at BBFF2022, *Birth of the Endless Summer* tells the story of the journey behind Bruce Brown's film – about how, in 1958, Dick Metz set off on a three-year surfing adventure around the world, inspiring generations of surfers to head off on a similar adventure rite of passage. This is a film for all board-riders, stirring nostalgia for the veterans and inspiration for the grommets.



Dosed 2: The Trip of a Lifetime

Saturday 22 October 8.15pm
Palace Byron Bay

Can magic mushrooms ease the terror of dying? In this intimate and heart-wrenching film, Laurie, a 53-year-old mother of four, has terminal colon cancer. She is afraid of dying, afraid of leaving her family, and uncertain whether to undergo more surgery. She has the chance to use psilocybin to treat her anxiety and despair. It's the beginning of a remarkable journey of personal transformation and healing in which Laurie is able to change her relationship with herself and come to see cancer as a gift.



Everybody Hates Johan

Sunday 23 October 3pm
Saturday 29 October 3.45pm
Palace Byron Bay

The Scandinavians enjoy making films about how weird they are, and this explosive comedy from Norway maintains the tradition, telling the story of a small-town loner with a flair for dynamite who finds himself in constant conflict with his island community. Orphaned at an early age, brought up by his aunt and uncle, and struggling to find his place in society, can Johan put aside his disturbing pastime and find love with the girl next door?



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Waterman

Sunday 23 October 6.30pm
Lennox Head Cultural Centre

Encore screening:
Friday 28 October 6.15pm
Palace Byron Bay

A powerful, family-friendly doco telling the story of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku, the godfather of surfing and a legend in his home of Hawaii and globally, who reached the pinnacle of a sport and remained humble. Duke was also an Olympic swimming superstar and a Hawaiian icon who shattered records and defied racism to bring surfing to the world. Narrated by Jason Momoa and featuring commentary from surfing's biggest stars, while relating Hawaii's history and the meaning of Aloha.



Family and discounted double feature tickets available for BBFF's Lennox Sessions.

My Old School

Sunday 23 October 5.30pm
Saturday 29 October 6pm
Palace Byron Bay

Saturday 29 October 7.30pm
The Regent Murwillumbah

The astonishing true story of Scotland's most notorious imposter, whose brazen attempt at reinventing himself fooled his high school 'peers', education authorities, and the medical establishment. It's 1993 and 16-year-old Brandon is the new kid in school. Soon he's top of the class, acing exams and even taking the lead in the school musical. He's the model pupil and seems almost too good to be true. With Alan Cumming acting the part of the plausible fraudster, *My Old School* is tipped to be an audience favourite.



Decision to Leave

Sunday 23 October 7.45pm
Palace Byron Bay

A must-see work from South Korean master of his craft, Park Chan-wook, which won him the Palme d'Or for Best Director at the 2022 Cannes Film Festival and is South Korea's 2023 Academy Awards entry. *Decision to Leave* explores light and shade (and good and evil) in a witty and well-realised murder mystery that is also a compelling love story. A man falls to his death from a mountain and his wife becomes a suspect. An entrancing story with breathtakingly expressive cinematography.



See Mandy Run + Q&A

Monday 24 October 6.30pm
and Tuesday 25 October 6.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

Byron Shire's much-loved Mandy Nolan added 'political candidate' to her portfolio of jobs earlier this year when she stood for election to federal parliament. *See Mandy Run* is an intimate behind-the-scenes portrait of the charismatic comedian and community activist as she fronts a hugely popular campaign as a Greens candidate during the worst climate-change crisis the Northern Rivers has ever faced. As funny as you would expect – with a few surprises.

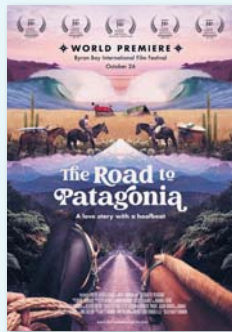


The Road to Patagonia + Q&A

Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm
Byron Theatre – SOLD OUT

Encore Screening:
Saturday 29 October 8.15pm
Palace Byron Bay

A surf-travel-ecology film from one of Byron's own, Matty Hannon, *The Road to Patagonia* is having its World Premiere at BBFF2022. It's a gorgeous record of what Matty calls 'a physical and spiritual odyssey to better understand our place in nature'. Matty set himself the challenge of travelling down the coast from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, and his film of the journey includes human drama, superb natural world photography, a unique soundtrack, and an uplifting storyline.



Savage Waters

Thursday 27 October 6.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

Inspired by a 19th century treasure-hunter's journal, renowned skipper and life-long thrill-seeker Matt Knight and world-class big-wave surfer Andrew Cotton head into the remote and dangerous waters of the Atlantic Ocean – a hunt for buried treasure and a search for a mythical, never-ridden wave. Their journey, and others with Knight's family, are documented in this mind-boggling sea drama, combining jaw-dropping cinematography with heart-warming footage that shows the family that surfs together laughs together.



Manscaping + Q&A

Friday 28 October 8.30pm
Palace Byron Bay

The Festival welcomes back Broderick Fox, award-winning documentary filmmaker whose works have proven hugely popular with Byron audiences (*The Skin I'm In* and *Zen & the Art of Dying*). In *Manscaping*, Broderick introduces us to a transgender barbershop owner, a Black American visual artist, and Sydney's Naked Barber, three queer men set on reimagining the traditional barbershop and restyling maleness along the way. Their stories, artistry, and activism model ways we can cut through prejudice and toxic masculinity.



The Power of Activism + Q&A

Saturday 29 October 2.30pm
Byron Theatre

The environmental campaigning work of six dedicated women is put under the microscope to calculate the financial impact of their solutions. The results are astonishing. From the shark-conservation efforts of local legend Maddy Stewart to Ella Noah Bancroft's mission to connect communities with country, the women's causes fall under the umbrella of 'climate change', but they could also go under the heading 'Saving tax-payers hundreds of millions of dollars'.



Sweet Adventure + The Chieftain of the Pudding Race

Saturday 29 October 5pm
Byron Theatre

Occasionally a film captures the moment, the magic, the zeitgeist, and *Sweet Adventure*, the latest masterpiece from award-winning South African filmmaker Peter Hamblin (*Let's Be Frank* and *Riss*), is one of those rare gems. It's classic Hamblin, bringing Hollywood flair and witty irreverence to the surf film. *Chieftain* from Byron's Shane Crosland shows a day-in-the-life of Sunny, who is struggling to find solace in his hometown amid the many tourists and affluent locals.



Patou: In Black and White

+ The Buckleys:
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Sunday 30 October 12pm
The Regent Murwillumbah

Pat Powell (Patou) is the gifted, professionally successful singer you may never have heard of – despite having an international career that spans more than 40 years and a talent that means everyone wants to work with him, The Melbourne Ska Orchestra included. The story of the UK-born Jamaican vocalist and his four children raises questions about racism and identity. In *The Buckleys*, we follow this Byron Bay band as they record their EP in Nashville.



Faithbreaker (Wiarotom) + Q&A

Sunday 30 October 2.45pm
Palace Byron Bay

Acclaimed Polish director Piotr Zlotorowicz, whose film *Mother Earth* won BBFF2015's Best Short Film Award, returns to Byron to support his haunting debut feature film. Piotr is our first international filmmaker since Covid. In *Faithbreaker*, a woman returns home after years away to take care of her mother in the last months of her life. Now a young adult, she meets her childhood love, and long-buried secrets are revived, prompting a need in their family members for acceptance and forgiveness.



Gloriavale + Q&A

Sunday 30 October 5pm
Palace Byron Bay

From the directorial team behind *Camino Skies*, this fascinating documentary is an eye-opening look at the widespread corruption of the infamous Gloriavale Christian Community cult in New Zealand's South Island, and the institutional failures that have allowed the injustices to continue. Selected for Cannes Film Festival Docs-in-progress, *Gloriavale* has quickly become one of the most talked-about films of the year and was New Zealand's highest-grossing local documentary in 2022.



Many sessions are selling fast so book ahead!



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BRITISH FILM FESTIVAL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Presented by **Palace**, the **2022 Cunard British Film Festival** full program has been unveiled with a formidable lineup celebrating the talents of Britain's finest filmmakers and actors including **Stephen Frears**, **Sally Hawkins**, **Emma Thompson**, **Bill Nighy**, and more.

Marking its tenth anniversary this year, the festival will deliver a number of exclusive premieres of highly anticipated films in addition to a fabulous selection of dramas, documentaries, and comedies, the majority of which are screening for the first time in Australia.

Opening the festival nationally on **19 October** is the premiere of *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*, a whimsical tale based on the popular novel. Starring the fabulous Lesley Manville as the titular Mrs Harris, it follows her adventures as she embarks on a journey through Parisian high fashion.

The Centrepiece Premiere exclusive to the festival is *The Banshees of Inisherin*, a twisted tale of friendship gone awry from the makers of *In Bruges* starring **Colin Farrell** and **Brendan Gleeson**. A special

one-night-only event will take place on **Saturday 29 October**.

Closing the festival is the premiere of the new film from **Shekhar Kapur** *What's Love Got To Do With It?* starring **Lily James**, **Emma Thompson**, and **Shazad Latif**. A cross-cultural romantic comedy, it follows a filmmaker who decides to document her best friend's journey toward arranged marriage.

Other great titles include *The Lost King*, based on the true story of the discovery of King Richard III's remains beneath a Leicester carpark, *Rogue Agent*, also based on the real story of Robert Freegard (played by James Norton), a conman posing as an undercover MI5 agent.

The British Film Festival Palace is on in Byron from October 19 till November 16. The full program and tickets for the Cunard British Film Festival are now on sale, including the specially priced eTicket Bundle, exclusively at Palace Cinemas.

For more information and tickets, visit www.britishfilmfestival.com.au.

THE SHOW STEALER – ALEXANDER GADJIEV

In partnership with **The Sydney International Piano Competition** (The Sydney), **Byron Music Society** is proud to present Italian/Slovenian pianist **Alexander Gadjiev**, winner of the 2021 competition. Twenty-six-year-old Gadjiev stole the show at last year's competition, scooping half of all the prizes available.

Praised by critics worldwide, he returns to tour Australia and perform at 24 different concert venues spanning all states and territories.

The national tour reveals an artist on the cusp of a major international career, adding to an already stellar presence in Europe and Japan. Expect a stunning display of virtuosic skills by Gadjiev in a program masterfully crafted and anchored in Chopin and Schumann, along with the world premiere of a new work by Australian composer



Colin Spiers, who won The Sydney's 'Composing the Future' competition in 2021.

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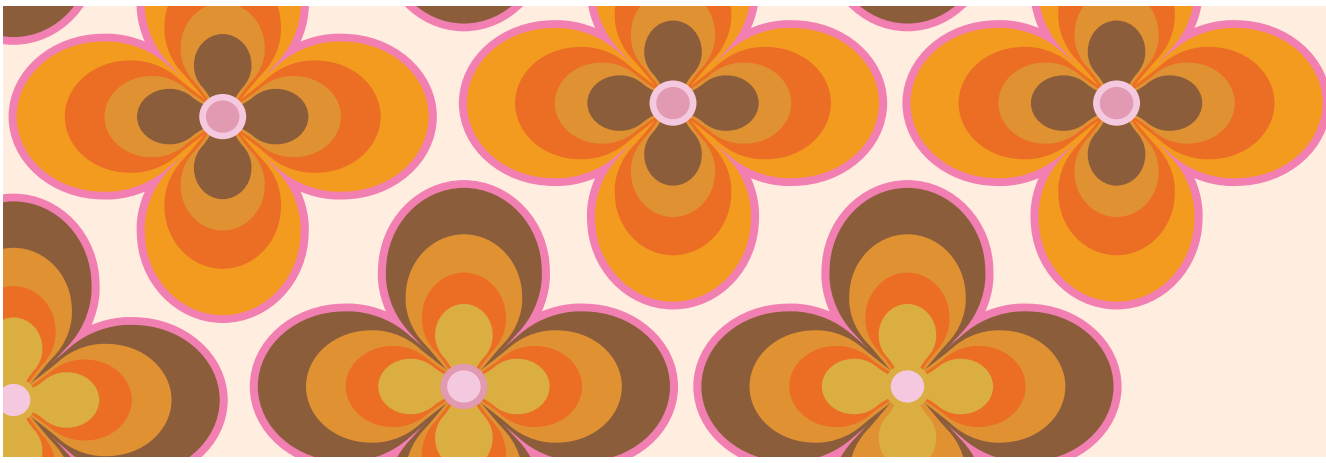
MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS
 This heartwarming tale of haute couture stars the delightful Lesley Manville as the titular Mrs. Harris embarking on a Parisian high fashion adventure.

THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN
 Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson star in this twisted tale of friendship gone awry. One night only Centrepiece Premiere Event. Sat 29th Oct. See website for details.

THE LOST KING
 Inspired by true events, Steve Coogan and Sally Hawkins star in this witty-drama profiling the discovery of King Richard III's remains beneath a Leicester car park.

FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS 2: ONE AND ALL
 The Buoyos are back in town! This hilarious follow up to the 2019 hit follows the famed sea shanty singing group from Port Isaac, Cornwall.

For session times, trailers, tickets & more visit BritishFilmFestival.com.au



BUNDJALUNG MARKET IN KYOGLE

The region's favourite **Art on Bundjalung Market** is coming to **Kyogle** on **Saturday 22 October**. The event will be taking over **Stratheden St** from **9am till 3pm** to celebrate the creative cultural heritage of the Bundjalung region.

This year's impressive lineup of stallholders will feature authentic Indigenous artefacts, homewares, ceramics, original paintings and prints, jewellery, clothing, and weaving, plus a collection of traditional native bush teas, preserves, and bush tucker.

The event also features a weaving workshop plus a full cultural program including a Welcome to Country, live music, and dance performances, plus spoken word performances. There will also be delicious food stalls plus face painting and kids' activities.

Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous Arts officer **Kylie Caldwell** says the event is a unique opportunity to meet a variety of talented Indigenous artists, artisans, and craft makers who are selling and sharing their creations directly to you. 'Everyone to welcome to join us in enjoying Kyogle for the day – it is a charming country town that is hosting an exciting day for our Bundjalung region. You will hear our stories and celebrate our thriving culture.'

To learn more about the event and the stallholders visit artonbundjalung.com/2022.



THE ANGELS ARE COMING TO BLUESFEST

With their 50th anniversary in the not-too-distant future, The Angels have nothing to prove and everything to give as they prepare to mount the stairs of a Bluesfest stage next Easter. Founding member John Brewster has been playing guitar and singing back-ups since day one and last week he spoke to *Seven* about the band's trip north in 2023.

What's new with The Angels?

We're doing incredibly well actually. I know we've been doing a lot of shows, we did the Bluesfest this year and we're doing it again next year. Look at us, 48 years later.

How was the Bluesfest 2022 for you?

Well, you could ask Peter Noble – he had a meeting with our agent at the last Bluesfest, booking us for next year. He said, 'somebody needs to kick me in the bum. I should have been booking you guys years ago. Then he said: 'You can quote me on this. You guys, your performance – you know, I went along to see two songs. I had other stuff to do, but I couldn't leave. I saw your entire show and you're in the top 10 of all time'. Yeah, I know. I'm bragging – but the thing is, we just put on a great show that night – and we always do.

With your brother Rick and son Sam in the line up, how do you go with the family affair?

'The thing is, we get on extremely well. Our whole history is a really exciting thing and I look back and it's probably never been a happier camp. And I think part of the reason is, these days we don't work like we used to. In the old days we'd go out for months on end – you didn't see your family for ages. These days, we would go away for two or three days and come back home. It's a really balanced life.

What about playing these big festivals – Is it harder work than a smaller venue?

I actually think it's easier. You feed off that sort of weight of crowd you know, they've pumped adrenaline into you, you know – an old guy like me kind of likes that. I'm really lucky like that. I have no arthritis in my fingers. I still sing. I can hit those high notes that I always have.

What are you bringing to Bluesfest next year?

We're gonna do what we do – we're really lucky. I mean, having said that, I guess we made our own luck, as we wrote a lot of songs that people love. It's about the band The Angels, it's about the repertoire. I think it's probably significant that Rick and I are still there, you know, the guitar players because it is, after all a guitar band. And we're playing as well as we ever did. We love what we do, that's the thing. We play with as much passion as we ever had.

For more information about The Angels at Bluesfest, visit: bluesfest.com.au.

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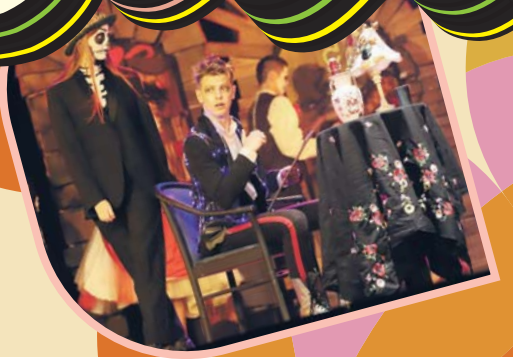
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RIDING THE WEARABLE ARTS WAVE INTO 2022

The buzz is building at Shearwater and it's not just the bees! With two weeks to go until curtains up on **WAVE 2022**, the high school has hit Term 4 running!

Tickets are on sale now for this year's Wearable Arts performance event – the school's '22 event, titled '**Horizons**'.

WAVE director **Josh Rushton** said that amidst all the disruptions of COVID, students and staff pulled off two incredible events over the past two years, but in 2022, eyes are firmly on the horizon as we look forward to welcoming our audiences back on site to experience WAVE in all its transcendent glory.

For the first four weeks of Term 4, every year, the Shearwater high school begins to look and sound like an episode of '80s TV drama *Fame* (or *Glee* for our millennials).

A highlight of the school's performing arts calendar, WAVE is embedded in the curriculum (and also a ton of fun!), with around 200 students taking on roles as dancers, musicians, actors, writers, filmmakers, and editors, lighting and audio technicians, carpenters, tailors, set and prop designers and builders, choreographers, photographers, stage hands, models, and caterers.



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'It's always an exciting moment when the competition garments, created by students, staff, and the wider creative community, begin arriving at the school,' says Rushton. 'In this sense, **Shearwater's Wearable Arts** event has built, over more than two decades, a true artistic interface between high school and world.'

A competition that goes out to the community; a high-school production that builds an incredible show around an inspiring theme; and finally the integration of competition entries that brings the show to life.'

The performances will take place in the Shearwater Hall from **November 2 till 5**. Winners will be announced on opening night. Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday performances will commence at 8pm, with dinner available from 6.30pm. The Friday performance will commence at 6pm with a 4.45pm start for dining.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for school students. Book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets are available via the WAVE website at shearwaterperformingarts.com or by scanning the QR code on the poster featured in Seven.

All ticketing enquiries to wavetickets@shearwater.nsw.edu.au or phone Shearwater on 6684 3223.

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THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE QUEER FAMILY

This year has been quite the journey for local not-for-profit **Queer Family**, beginning with the Great Covid Outbreak of '22.

Queer Family responded with *Queers on Wheels* and delivered hundreds of free meals, fresh juice, meds, and support to isolated folks.

Then came the floods, which destroyed the Queer Family Clubhouse in Mullum, as well as the homes and workplaces of many key volunteers. Despite losing their HQ and equipment, Queer Family responded by expanding their individual support and therapeutic programs and increasing their community events.

Managing director **Aiden Gentle** says it's important for folks to come together and connect in hard times so they can heal. 'Even though we were flooded ourselves, we kept going. We've done about 25 events this year alone, on top of the other therapeutic and practical support we provide.'

This Mental Health Month, Queer Family are taking it to a whole new level and offering a huge program of free events over the next few weeks.

'We believe access to connection and community is very important, especially for minorities who are already marginalised, so we look for ways to offer free or subsidised events,' says Gentle. 'We don't have any core funding though. We are fuelled by love, community spirit, donations, and grants. It's also **GiveOut Day**, so we are fundraising for flood recovery this year.'

GiveOut Day is a national fundraiser run every October for LGBTQIA+ organisations and projects. Did you know that despite LGBTQIA+ people representing 11 per cent of the population, and scoring poorly in health stats, they only receive 5¢ in every \$100 worth of funding?

You can help Queer Family continue to bring our community free healing and connection at www.giveout.org.au/t/queerfamilyinc.

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Day of Inner Peace, Thursday 27 October at the Brunswick Valley Community Centre 5-9pm.

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For further information, the full program, and to book your tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/international-day-of-inner-peace>

THE PLACE WHERE FOOD AND CULTURE MEET

Caper Byron Bay Food & Culture Festival is infiltrating Brunswick Picture House for three days during the inaugural festival from **Friday 11 till Sunday 13 November** with dinner and a show by night and Yum Cha restaurant and bar by day.

Local Mullum boy **Louis Tikaram**, now acclaimed chef of Stanley Restaurant in Brisbane, is returning to his roots to set your tastebuds ablaze with a Cantonese banquet, as you get transported back in time with a cabaret show by celebrated cabaret and jazz performer Monica Trapaga. In collaboration with the Brunswick Picture House, Caper Byron Bay presents '**Cantonese and Cabaret**' which will run on **Friday and Saturday night from 5pm**, with shared tables of ten.

Guests will be treated to pre-show cocktails on arrival in the iconic **Brunswick Picture House** garden **Who's Yo Mama Bar**, before heading into the cabaret theatre for dinner during the show.

Your senses will be taken on a transformational ride as you are treated to a 1930s-style show by celebrated cabaret performer **Monica Trapaga**. Then, set your taste buds ablaze with a Cantonese banquet from acclaimed chef, Louis Tikaram of Stanley.

Once-famed, *Good Food Guide's* Young Chef of the Year, Louis Tikaram, was raised on a 110-acre farm in Mullumbimby and developed his love of food and interest in his heritage from his Fijian Chinese grandmother.

Louis was delighted to return to his roots here in Brunswick Heads and share with you a night to remember.

The gorgeously talented Monica Trapaga has performed for over 30 years in both television and on the stage – from much-loved children's shows like ABC's *PlaySchool* and *Disney Playhouse* to *Good Morning Australia* and Sydney Opera House productions of the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party* and *The Boy who was Born With a Moustache*.

Grab a table of ten with friends or come along and make some new ones!



In addition to dinner and a show, the Picture House garden bar will be turned into **ShanDong MaMa Yum Cha** house on **Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 from 10am till 4pm**, with dumpling master **Mama Ying** from famed Melbourne ShanDong MaMa restaurant serving up a carefully selected set menu of her handmade dumplings.

The Caper crew organisers haven't forgotten your thirsty needs either, with the people from new restaurant **Trouble San** opening in Brunswick Heads later this year, delivering cool beats and great drinks at the Who's Yo MaMa Bar in the Brunswick Picture House garden.

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The three move to Amsterdam, where they live together and become close



friends until Burt returns to New York City to be with his wife. Harold, who has fallen in love with Valerie and begun a tenuous romantic relationship with her, also leaves to go to New York and fulfil his own aspirations.

Fifteen years later, Burt has opened his own medical practice catering to veterans of the war, but still remains friends

with Harold, who is now a lawyer. They have not heard from Valerie since they left Amsterdam. Harold asks Burt to perform an autopsy on Bill Meekins, a senator who appears to have a considerable amount of poison in this stomach...

The tangled web is woven.

Amsterdam is screening at the Ballina Fair cinema and Palace cinemas.

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<p>WEDNESDAY 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, LEIGH JAMESBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DANNY SHAMESS, 5PM CHLOE JETT, 7.30PM JBS BLUESBREAKERS, 9.30PM DJ KIRA SUNDAYBYRON THEATRE 2PM MUNCH: LOVE, GHOSTS AND LADY VAMPIRES – A WORLD ART EVENTFOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEFBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM KUTCHA EDWARDSCOOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO	<p>LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM HAYLEY GRACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM THE SYDNEY HOTSHOTSMURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM ANGUS HOLMESCABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM JON J BRADLEYKINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM STEVE SAVAGECOOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM JUSTIN JONES, 9PM FOGERTY – CREEDENCE TRIBUTE	<p>SUNDAY 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, BROADWATERSBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM DJ JOEL CANTONE, 9PM DJ DANNY BBYRON THEATRE 1PM TEDXBYRONBAYWOMENMARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 3PM MARSHMALLOWEENFOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK CHAPMANNORTH BYRON HOTEL 5PM DJ ABEL TORONEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODHOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM DUBBARRAYBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM PARTY GHOSTMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM, SWAMP CATS WITH OPEN MIC JAMWANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM BLEXUSLENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 2PM DEEBEE BISHOPBALLINA CWA HALL 3.30PM BALLINA TALESELTHAM HOTEL 2PM WARREN EARL BANDSEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM JOCK BARNESTWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 2PM MUSIC OF THE NIGHTCOOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM LISA HUNT
<p>THURSDAY 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SARAH GRANTBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM ISAAC FRANKHAM, 5PM CHRIS SHEEHY, 7.30PM HARRY NICHOLS BAND, 9.30PM DJ REIFLEXNEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODHOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM CALLUM CREELMANBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM MOONTIDE ENSEMBLELENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHTELTHAM HOTEL 7PM EMILIO MERCURI	<p>FRIDAY 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE TYLER DRUDENSBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM TIAGO FREITAS, 8PM BLINDMOUTH, 9PM GREAT SAGE, 10PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACEPALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2022 – OPENING NIGHT SCREENING 'TRIANGLE OF SADNESS'NEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODBANGALOW HOTEL NUKAKDUHOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM ISAAC FRANKHAM BANDBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM PARTY GHOSTOCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7.30PM CATH SIMES BANDMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, BALCONY BEATS WITH DJ LORD SUT FROM 5PMMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, KRAPEOKE – HOSTED BY JESS FROM 7.30PM IN THE FRONT BARWANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ TAZMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM BALCONY BEATS WITH DJ LORD SUT, 7.30PM KRAPEOKE – HOSTED BY JESS	<p>MONDAY 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAMIEN COOPERBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM BLADE HOOPER, 5PM JASON DELPHINNEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOOD <p>TUESDAY 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JASON DELPHINBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM ANIMAL VENTURA, 5PM FELICITY LAWLESS DUONEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODBANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC <p>WEDNESDAY 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JOCK BARNESBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM BLEXUS, 5PM SARAH GRANT DUO, 7.30PM JEROME & KAYEL, 10PM DJ SOPHDEXXBYRON THEATRE 7.30PM THE ROAD TO PATAGONIA PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALFOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEFDURRUMBAL HALL, MAIN ARM, 6PM, EAST ARNHAM SALTWATER SKA BAND GARRANGALICOOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO
<p>SATURDAY 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM ANIMAL VENTURA, 8PM HAYLEY GRACE AND THE BAY COLLECTIVEBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM SUCK MY DISCO WITH LUNAR DISCO, DAN B, CALEB JACKSON, CHINA, ROM & MOREBYRON THEATRE 2.30PM EVERY KOALA COUNTS + SHORTS PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, 4.45PM YOUNG AUSTRALIAN FILMMAKER OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, 7.30PM THE BIRTH OF THE ENDLESS SUMMER PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALNEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODHOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM JORDAN MAC, 7PM DAN HANNAFORD BANDBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM PARTY GHOSTOCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 5.30PM BYRON KIRTAN WITH EDO KAHN, SHIVAM RATH, MAHARSHI RAVALMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM SWAMP CATS WITH OPEN MIC JAMWANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ ROBIN SYDNEYMULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM THE AUSSIE PUB COMEDY NIGHT CHRIS FRANKLIN, THE NELSON TWINS & ELLEN BRIGGSBALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM DONNY SHADES DUO, LEVEL ONE 7.30PM BEST OF BRITISH: DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATION & SPECIAL GUESTSMURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM LEIGH JAMESSTRATHEDEN STREET, KYOGLE, 9AM ART ON BUNDJALUNG MARKETKINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM BEN WHITINGTWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM THE OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVUECOOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM COOLY ROOTS	<p>THURSDAY 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SARAH GRANTBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM ISAAC FRANKHAM, 5PM CHRIS SHEEHY, 7.30PM HARRY NICHOLS BAND, 9.30PM DJ REIFLEXNEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODHOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM CALLUM CREELMANBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM MOONTIDE ENSEMBLELENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM JAM NIGHTELTHAM HOTEL 7PM EMILIO MERCURI	<p>FRIDAY 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, THE TYLER DRUDENSBEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM TIAGO FREITAS, 8PM BLINDMOUTH, 9PM GREAT SAGE, 10PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACEPALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, 6.15PM BYRON BAY FILM FESTIVAL 2022 – OPENING NIGHT SCREENING 'TRIANGLE OF SADNESS'NEWRYBAR HALL 7.30PM NEW BLOODBANGALOW HOTEL NUKAKDUHOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM ISAAC FRANKHAM BANDBRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM PARTY GHOSTOCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7.30PM CATH SIMES BANDMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, BALCONY BEATS WITH DJ LORD SUT FROM 5PMMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, KRAPEOKE – HOSTED BY JESS FROM 7.30PM IN THE FRONT BARWANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ TAZMIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM BALCONY BEATS WITH DJ LORD SUT, 7.30PM KRAPEOKE – HOSTED BY JESS

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SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 1.30PM - 2PM
PRICE GUIDE \$1,100,000 - \$1,200,000
AUCTION SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 10.30AM ON-SITE

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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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📍 43 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

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

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

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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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Immaculate Home with Multiple Dwellings, Close to Beach!

 5  4  2  630M²

- The main residence is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home that opens onto a private covered deck overlooking the in-ground pool with north/east aspect
- Adjoining the main home with private access is a living area, bedroom and ensuite plus kitchenette/wetbar
- Featured is an approved separate secondary dwelling – a cottage with one bedroom, a bathroom plus separate living and kitchen

21 Scott Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction – Ending Wednesday

14th November at 2pm

Open: Wed 19th 11–11.30am and Sat, 22nd 1–1.30pm



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Su Reynolds
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Renovated Byron Bay Character Beach Cottage

 4  3  2  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 Guide: \$1.85m



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Large Modern Family Home Plus Space to Run Your Business

 5  3  2  801M²

- 3 Large living rooms plus outdoor dining overlooking beautiful bush reserve
- Versatile floorplan could suit multi-generational family or those requiring a spacious studio (STCA)
- Enormous office space with adjoining bathroom and private access – giving you the opportunity to run a small business from your home
- Oversized double garage with workshop, 2 storerooms and surfboard storage plus private fenced backyard

17 Dehnga Place, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$2.5m – \$2.75m

Open: Saturday, By Registration



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Luxurious Coastal Home in Desirable Location

 3  2  2  240M²

- The home is located in the secure and private complex, Seadrift that boasts a swimming pool with pool pavilion and BBQ facilities
- Well-designed kitchen with Caesar-stone benches and quality appliances
- The open plan living area features beautiful timber floors and plenty of light
- Upstairs are 3 bedrooms all have new wool blend carpet and built-ins, with the main featuring a full-size bathroom
- Remote controlled lock up garage with internal access

5/6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction – Ending Friday

15th November at 2PM



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Tara Torkkola
0423 519 698



Jasmin McClymont
0434 029 668



Large Modern Home with Enchanting Nature Outlook

 5  4  2  1.12 ACRES

- Positioned on a just over an acre is this pristine property with two dwellings
- The main home features four generous bedrooms with the master suite complete with a walk-in robe and spacious ensuite
- The kitchen is a dream, equipped with state-of-the-art appliances, plenty of storage and overlooks the spacious indoor and outdoor living area
- The cottage features a large open plan kitchen and living area with immaculate finishes and includes a spacious separate bedroom

6 Wallaby Close, Ewingsdale

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: Thursday, 20th October 2-2.30pm

Saturday, 22nd October 11-11.30am



Helen Huntly-Barratt
0412 332 232



Resort Style Family Home in Beachside Suffolk

 3  2  2  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

42 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

Online Timed Auction – Ending Wednesday 26th October at 3pm
Open: Wednesday 19th 4-4.30pm and Saturday 22nd 11.30 – 12pm



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Paul Banister
0438 856 552



Family Home on Large 720m2 Block in Sought-After Position

 3  2  2  720M²

- The home is freshly painted throughout with a fully renovated kitchen including all modern appliances and a beautifully tiled main bathroom
- Undercover alfresco dining/entertaining area looking across expansive yard
- Fantastic location close to Habitat Precinct, Supermarket and Belongil Beach
- The main bedroom enjoys a walk-through robe to a large ensuite bathroom
- Property features an extra-large single lock up garage plus undercover carport

15 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.68m – \$1.75m

Open: Saturday, 22nd October 10-10.30am



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Architecturally Designed Beach House with Ocean Views

 5  3  3  446M²

- This character filled home offers both comfort and convenience for you and your family, in an ideal location close to shops, restaurants, and beaches
- The unique layout leaves the door open for endless opportunities, you can choose to set up a home office downstairs or accommodate for a large family
- Both levels enjoy sliding door access to spacious balconies, these can be used as entertaining and dining areas, and enjoy the nature reserve outlook

13 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$1.65m – \$1.75m

Open: Saturday, 22nd October 10-10.30am



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Charlie Moorhouse
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For Sale

1D Short Street,
New Brighton NSW

4 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
2 Garage

New Brighton Beachside Delight

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For Sale

170 Dudgeons Road,
Mullumbimby NSW

3 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
1 Garage
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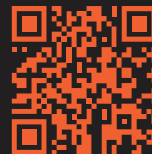
16 North Head Road,
New Brighton

4 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
3 Garage

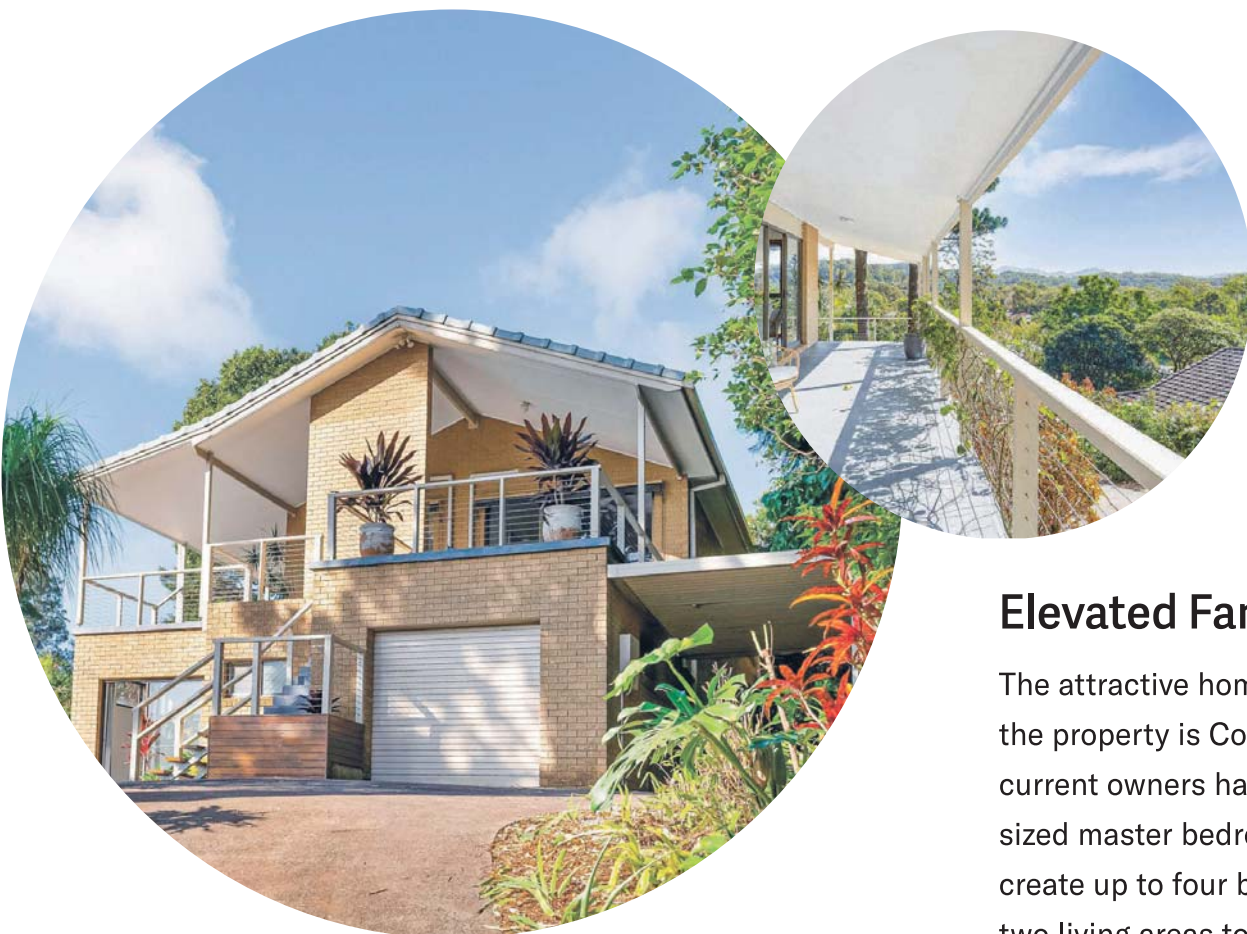
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Perfectly situated between the beautiful beach and the pristine river, this cleverly designed bright and breezy home is the essence of coastal living.

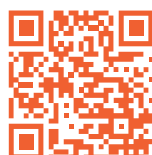
Grab your paddleboard and get ready to explore the tranquil waterways or feel the sand between your toes as you stroll along the quiet beach. You'll quickly discover why the sleepy seaside village of New Brighton is one of the most sought-after areas on the coast



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For Sale

14 Narooma Drive,
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
1 Garage
2 Car Ports

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..



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1/54 Butler Street,
Byron Bay

4 beds 2 baths 1 car

This beautifully presented townhouse offers a truly enviable lifestyle and rare opportunity. Set in central Byron Bay close to surf, restaurants and shops.
Price guide \$1.3m

AUCTION ON SITE
Saturday 12 November 1.30pm

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Saturday 9.30am - 10am
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Atlas by LJ Hooker Byron Bay

- 7 Meadows Cl, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 11/10 Balemo Dr, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm

Byron & Beyond Real Estate

- 21 Philip St, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.30am

Byron Shire Real Estate

- 3-7 Myokum St, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 22 Kiah Cl, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4 Yemlot Pl, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 13 Teven St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 14 Warina Pl, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 280 The Pocket Rd, The Pocket. Sat 12-12.30pm

Century 21 Plateau Lifestyle RE

- 1/116 Laurel Ave, Lismore. Sat 9-9.30am

Elders RE Brunswick Valley

- 56 Tweed St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am

First National Byron Bay

- 21 Scott St, Byron Bay. Wed 11-11.30am. Sat by registration
- 2 Seastar Ct, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm. Sat by registration
- 64 Sunrise Bvd, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm. Sat 9-9.30am
- 3/29 Lawson St, Byron Bay. Wed 1-1.30pm
- 15 Tamarind Ct, Suffolk Park. Wed 2.30-3pm
- 88 Station St, Mullumbimby. Wed 3.30-4pm
- 42 Brandon St, Suffolk Park. Wed 4-4.30pm. Sat 11.30am-12pm
- 65 Lilli Pilli Dr, Byron Bay. Thu 11-11.30am
- 15B Rifle Range Rd, Bangalow. Thu 11.30am-12pm
- 11/35 Childe St, Byron Bay. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 136 Repentance Creek Rd, Goonengerry. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 4 Elkhorn Pde, Ballina. Thu 1-1.30pm
- 6 Wallaby Cl, Ewingsdale. Thu 2-2.30pm
- 1 Lagoon Dr, Myocum. Thu 6-6.30pm
- 88 Station St, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am
- 4 Elkhorn Pde, Ballina. Sat 9-9.30am
- 349 Federal Dr, Federal. Sat 9-9.30am
- 159 Shara Bvd, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am
- 13 Tamarind Ct, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
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 - 1B Chinible Ave, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm
 - 5 Browning St, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30-1pm
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 - 7/3 Beachcomber Dr, Byron Bay. Sat by registration
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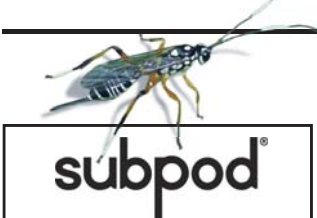
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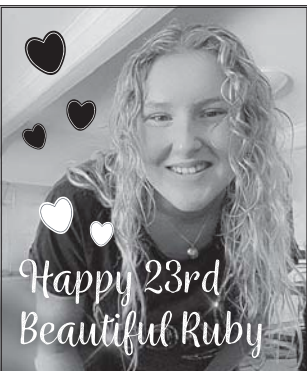
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BIRTHDAYS



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Number: R251000222

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5-year-old desexed female English Staffy x Ridgeback 'Nala' is looking for a forever home. Strong, loving, playful, big-beautiful-eyed Nala needs patience & stability due to past trauma and resulting mistrust. She's good with children, cats and cows. She gets very excited around other big dogs and suffers fear aggression. Nala needs a loving but firm handler who can provide her with further training and socialisation.

Please contact Shell on 0458 461 935.
MC: 99100100924234



NALA



Happy 11th B'day Seb!
We love you



Happy Birthday
Kat! x

MUSICAL NOTES

GUITAR STRINGS, REPAIRS
Brunswick Heads 66851005

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MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323	4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159	5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Duranbah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL	6639 9400
POLICE Brunswick Heads	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....	132 500
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON).....	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics.....	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS	6622 7022
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
LIFELINE 131 114	
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men).....	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily.....	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE	6622 1233
WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service	6628 1898

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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Neighbourhood Centre

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

Community support/emergency relief: Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** **Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.** **Financial Counselling:** outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. **Information, referral and advocacy.** To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

Byron Community Centre The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Free Tax Help** to lodge your tax return until 31 October with Tax Help volunteer. For eligibility check and appointment please phone 6685 6807. **Fletcher Street Cottage:** A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness can come to get practical relief opportunities, find connections and access broader support. Fletcher Street Cottage services are open Monday–Friday. **Breakfast:** Monday–Friday, 7am–9am. **Showers and Laundry:** Monday–Friday, 7am–12pm. Office Support: Monday–Friday, 9am - 12pm. **Support Appointments:** Individual support appointments with community workers or specialist services. For bookings please call 6685 6807. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au. **Byron Community Cabin:** Seniors Computer Club (school term only), 9–11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: www.byroncentre.com.au Phone: 6685 6807

Low-cost or free food

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10–12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed

Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

ACA

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

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else’s drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 www.al-anon.org.au.

Support after suicide

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

End-of-Life Choices

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

Carers’ support

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

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

Language exchange

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

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

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

Library fun

Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads** Library, Monday–Story Time 10.30 till 11.30am;

Friday–Baby Time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby** Library, Monday–Story Time 10–11am; Tuesday–Baby Time 10–10.30 am. **Byron Bay** Library, Tuesday–Story Time 10.3–11:30am; Wednesday–Baby Time 10.30 till 11am

Social sporting groups

Mullumbimby: Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058. **South Golden Shores Community Centre** Women’s table tennis every Monday at 10am. Phone 0435 780 017. **Byron Bay Croquet** at Croquet Club next to the Scout Hall at the Byron Rec Grounds every Monday at 3.30pm. Ring 0477 972 535. **Pottsville Fun Croquet Club** at Black Rocks Sportfield. Beginners and visitors welcome. Game starts 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday. \$5 per game. Enquiries 0413 335 941.

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Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Mullum Magic provides a safe and fun environment for members and guests to develop their public-speaking and leadership skills. Meeting 6.30–8.30pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Mullum Ex-Services Club. New members and guests welcome. Contact Bruce (0418 515 991) or Ninian (0411 629 982).

Meditation

Dzogchen meditation and study group 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby CWA Hall. Didi 0408 008 769. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991 189. **Byron yoga philosophy club** free meditation classes Monday, 7pm, 1 Korau Place Suffolk Park. Go to www.wisdom.yoga or phone Kris 0435 300 743. **Byron Bay Meditation Centre**, Tuesday 6.30pm at Temple Byron. For more info: byronbaymeditationcentre.com.au or contact Greg 0431 747 764.

Story Dogs

Read with Story Dogs at Byron Bay Library every Wednesday 3–5pm. This is a flexible and inclusive reading program that gives readers the chance to practise reading one on one with the Story Dog in a calm and motivating environment. If your child would like to read to our Story Dog regularly or as a one off, come along or book a slot in advance on 6685 8540. Can’t wait for you to meet our Story Dog!

Brunswick Heads CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meet Fridays 10am–2pm, cnr Park and Booyun Streets, Brunswick Heads. Join us for a chat and cuppa, bring along your craft projects including sewing, knitting, crocheting, or quilting. Beginners welcome. Gold coin donation for morning tea.

Lions Club

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

Older Adults Exercise

Chair Based Older Adults Exercise Classes run by a qualified instructor, that feel more like fun than exercise, are held every Thursday at 10.15am in the Brunswick Memorial Hall. Cost \$10. All welcome. Just show up

or if you have any questions please contact Di on 0427 026 935.

Byron Gem Club

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

Craft group

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

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Clayworkers Gallery in the Drill Hall complex is open every Thursday to Saturday 10am–2pm with pottery and sculpture from community members for sale. Applications for studio membership open in January. All details at www.mullumclayworkers.com.

CWA Bangalow

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

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children’s Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and

see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Op shops

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

Up your skills

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

Muslim prayer

Friday Muslim prayer. Jumu’ah service held weekly at the Cavanbah Centre at 1.30 pm. Come to the remembrance of Allah.

Baby café

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

On The Horizon

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Suffolk picnic in the park

Come along to a great day of fun at Linda Vidler Park (next to the pump track) on Sunday 23 October, 11am–3pm. The Suffolk Park Progress Association, in collaboration with the Red Cross and Byron Shire Council, is inviting everyone to an old-fashioned picnic in the park. There will be a FREE sausage sizzle, a sack race, three-legged race, tug-of-war, face painting, and a clown. Join the community garden activity, try your hand a making a paper plane or weaving. Live music by the Lonesome Boatmen and you can wear a Halloween costume too.

Ballina tales

‘Ballina Tales’ is a new cosy community event, combining story, poetry, song, and simple circle dances taking place each month with host and professional storyteller Jenni Cargill-Strong. The next event is on Sunday 23 October, 3.30–5.30pm at the Ballina CWA Hall, Captain Cook Park, 236 River Street. The CWA hall is a little red brick building that sits beside the RSL by the river and behind Cove restaurant. Entry is \$10 and covers hall hire and insurance. Tea and refreshments available for sale by gold coin donation.

Marvell Hall fundraiser

Byron’s Community Hub Marvell Hall is having ‘More Tricks than Treats’ sugar-free fundraiser on Sunday 23 October, 3–5pm. Everyone welcome so come along to our fun interactive event where the audience is part of the show... Mums and dads learn the Thriller dance. The fundraising event for a new PA for the hall.

Mullum SEED AGM

Mullum’s Sustainability Education & Enterprise Development (SEED) organisation is holding their AGM and recruiting board members on 29 October, 11am–12.00pm, at the Ex-Services Club in Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. 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. If this excites you, nominate for a position on the board before 29 October. RSVP for the AGM, or to request a nomination form, email: admin@mullumseed.org.au.

Baha’is of Ballina

The Baha’is of Ballina warmly invite you to celebrate the Twin Birthdays of The Bab and Baha’u’llah on Saturday 29 October at 2–5pm at the CWA Hall 236 River Street, Ballina. Afternoon tea will be served. All welcome. For more information call 0422 798 802.

End-of-life choices

Voluntary Euthanasia end-of-life choices are discussed at Exit International meetings held quarterly. Meetings are held at Robina and Tweed Heads South. Attendees must be Exit Members. Philip Nitschke will hold a workshop early next year on the Gold Coast, to discuss the Voluntary Assisted Dying laws, and how they may affect you, plus other important information. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine 0435 228 443.

Anxiety-reduction techniques

A free workshop on anxiety-reduction techniques will be at the Byron Bay Library on Thursday, 20 October 10.30–11.30am. Dr Margaret Lambert, psychologist, author, and speaker, will be in the Byron Library presenting a session. This session will take you through some strategies for helping reduce anxiety, with a focus on EFT – Emotional Freedom Techniques – or Tapping. Sit back and relax while you learn about these techniques and how

Free ESL

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

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. Email: bangalowlandcare@gmail.com. Noelene 0431200638.

Soap Aid saving lives

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation recycling and sending critical soap to communities facing major hygiene challenges. Please drop in your partly used household or holiday rental soap for recycling to Kim at Raine & Horne Byron Bay 39 Fletcher Street 0499 839 566. Small and large quantities welcome. https://soapaid.org.

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Volunteers sought

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

Bridge club

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

to apply them for your own situation, and you will be given handouts to take away. Phone the friendly staff to book 6685 8540.

Skyler fundraiser

The Big Potty Party on 13 November is a fundraiser for a local Pottsville boy Skyler at the Pottsville Bowlo. There will be a raffle, silent auction and live auction. They have prizes that include a ski trip for four to Japan and heaps of Northern Rivers gems have donated vouchers and experiences.

The Station Agent

The Drill Hall Film Society presents *The Station Agent* on Saturday 29 October at 2pm (doors open 1.30). Please book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia 6684 2112. This quiet little film won a standing ovation and several prizes at Sundance and is about a small man who gets fed up with people’s reaction to his tiny size and decides to live in total solitude.

Purple Heart Day

To conclude Purple Heart Day on Thursday 20 October an intimate evening celebrating the lives of infants who fought the fight of life but lost their battle will be held at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads, at 6.30pm. For more information phone Corrine on 0434 671 101.

Ballina Bridge Club lessons

Perfect day for a friendly game of cards! Ballina Bridge Club will be offering beginner lessons for anyone wanting to learn how to play and enjoy the game of Bridge. Lessons will be at Ballina Bridge Club, 13 North Creek Road, Ballina (opp Aldi), starting Tuesday 11 October for six weeks, twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.30–11.30am. Have fun, challenge your brain and make friends. Call Rebecca on 0438 480 942 for more details and to enrol. Check out our website www.ballinabridge.org.au

Wrinkle Salon

Women of all ages are welcome to share their experience of becoming older, the benefits of it, and explore alternative narratives of internalised ageing. Group will gather at Mullumbimby. For info 0430 175 923.

Novices head to Ballina to try sailing

A squad of 15 turned up for the first of three 'Learn to Sail' days hosted by the Richmond River Rowing and Sailing Club in Ballina last Saturday.

It was the he first learn to sail course since before Covid and included seven men, three women and five children between the ages of nine and thirteen years.

The day included a briefing before the trainees were assigned an instructor to help them get to know the boats on offer; two Corsairs and four Pacers.

'The day was sunny and with steady winds, around 17 knots with higher gusts. A little higher than we would have liked but a good introduction to sailing in fresh conditions,' the club's Garry Bargh said.

'Trainees were told to get their boats and sails and rigged them under supervision. Then they launched the boats for some SSE wind practice, which



Good weather and conditions set the scene for a successful day on the water in Ballina. Photo Kelly Taylor

was ideal for sailing up and down the river with tacking and gybing practice,' he said. 'Before lunch there was a capsizing practice in shallow water near the club which went very smoothly.'

At lunch time there was a theory session.

'The adults were steering straight away and got the

basic concepts of sailing quickly. The children were very impressive, no fear and lots of confidence,' he said.

At the end of the session trainees derigged their boats and put the sails away.

Two more sessions are planned for upcoming Saturdays from this weekend.

Byron XI opens season with a win

Despite a century to opening batsman Harry Chapman, the Ballina Bears cricketers lost their third-grade fixture hosting Byron Bay at Saunders Oval last weekend.

Harry opened the batting and immediately went on the offensive with a display of big hitting. He was soon joined by Don Daley, who contributed 26 to the Ballina total of 9/215 off the 40 overs.

Harry finished with an even 100 to his name.

After weathering an early storm from the Bears, the Byron bowlers reined in the run rate. Brady Fuhrmann took control through his 5/30 off eight overs and Mitch Loane backed him up with 2/9 off five overs.

In reply Byron Bay were able to set an early platform through a partnership



Ballina Bears skipper Hayden Turner (L) congratulates Harry after his century on the weekend. Photo Ross Kendall

between Owen Delian (49 runs) and Doug Jarvis (66 including five sixes). They were backed up by Mitch (37) and Tom McGeorge (38 no).

Byron took the game with their 4/221 off 29 overs.

It was their first game of the season after sitting out a

bye last weekend.

The best of the Bears' bowlers was William James with 2/36 off seven overs.

Tintenbar East Ballina and Bangalow both sit on top of the third-grade table with two wins each, from two starts.

Byron Beez basketballers take successful leap into season

Byron Bay basket ballers are in full swing after playing four games at the Cavanbah Centre courts earlier in October as part of the Sunshine Conference.

The day included a double header where the Byron Beez took on the Bellingen Braves and the Coffs Harbour Suns.

The Beez Men managed a clean sweep defeating the Bellingen Braves 80-69, and then finishing off the Coffs Harbour Suns 95-82.

'Both games were very exciting, with all players showing speed and skill to the next level,' Beez senior director Jenny Ogle said.

The Beez Women achieved one win out of two, firstly defeating Bellingen Braves 70-60 where Isy



Jonah Caoyanon charges past the defence of the Bellingen Braves. Photo Kylie Robertson.

Crawford stood out with a top score of 23 points.

They they went on to lose to Coffs Harbour Suns 51-86, after injury depleted the

squad to just five players.

Back to full strength last Saturday the Beez Women beat the Ballina Breakers 55-51, playing at Ballina.

Rugby festival tackles Byron Bay

After 139 games the winners were declared across six grades as the Byron Rugby 7s played out at the Recreation grounds last weekend.

More than 900 players registered to battle across two women's and four men's grades.

The Western Sydney Two Blues took out the men's A grade after beating Tahiti 24-5.

Other winning men's teams included the Bondi Bullsharks, UTS Gordon and the Alleygators.



QPIIM pose with their trophy after dominating throughout the Rugby 7s tournament last weekend. Photo Matthew Want

QLD Pacific Island Indigenous Maori (QPIIM) took out the women's A grade beating

the Renegades 31-5. B grade winners were the East Tigers who beat UTS Gordon 34-10.

Byron AFL is set for a return in 2023

The Byron Bay Magpies AFL club are holding their AGM next week and are inviting anyone interested in being part of the club to come along.

'We want to build momentum going into next season,' Magpie Daniel Tiffin said.

'We also have a friendly kick around on Wednesday evenings in summer,' he said.

After dominating the competition for a number of years, the club couldn't get numbers for a men's team last year.

'We have never been in that position before,' he said.

Numbers look good at this stage for 2023, but the club is still on the lookout for any new interest.

'The kick around is a good opportunity for people to get a feel for the club,' he said.

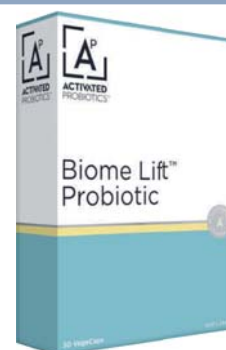
The AGM kicks off at 5pm at the Cavanbah Centre next Wednesday October 26.

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Further to Bernard Collaery's recognition by the Australian Bravery Association (page 1), documentary maker David Bradbury filmed the night – it's available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wx0OS_OqM3g.

Oh dear, the brother of Deputy Premier and NSW Minister for Police, Paul Toole (Nationals), has been charged with 'heading a syndicate which allegedly supplied drugs throughout the state'. Police allege they located and seized \$2m worth of methamphetamine at various homes, and allege Josh Toole is the kingpin. And, according to news.com.au, Minister Toole's other brother, Kurt, is also currently in custody in relation to drug supply charges.

Here's a small win for transparency and accountability – former senator, Rex Patrick, says that 'after a two and half year battle', the freedom of information commissioner has found that the former PM's chief of staff's sports rorts review into whether Nationals MP Bridget McKenzie breached the 'Statement of Ministerial Standards' is not a Cabinet document, and must be released to him within 28 days.

Climatologist and weather historian, Maximiliano Herrera, says last Monday was a historic day in France. '35 [weather] stations had temperatures above 30C! In Spain, 33.3C; 26C in Germany, [More than] 25C in Switzerland and Austria'. Meanwhile, Aussie meteorologist Ben Domensino tweeted, 'Bendigo in Victoria collected 117mm of rain during the 48 hours ending

at 9am on Friday. This is Bendigo's highest two-day total on record, with data available back to 1863'.

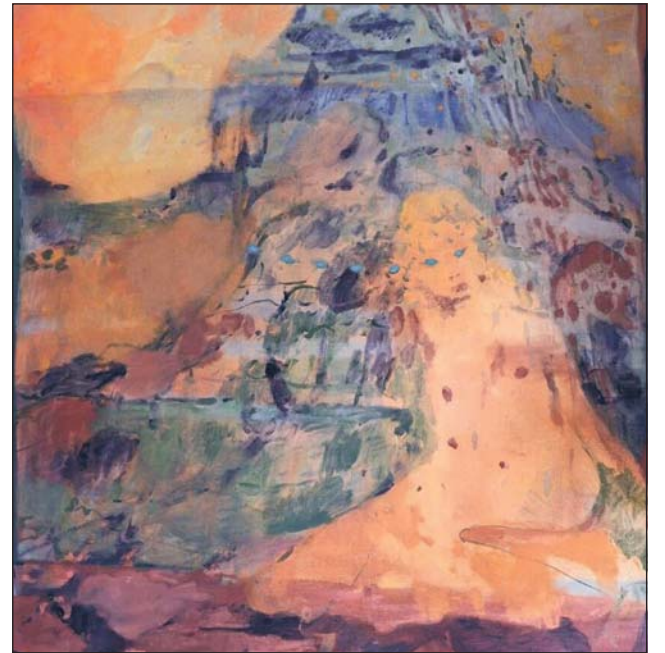
If PM Albo needs inspiration to tackle the all-powerful coal and gas lobbyists, here's some: former Norwegian prime minister, Jens Stoltenberg, and his government took control of their oil and gas industry in 1990 and starting taxing the polluters at 78 per cent of profits, which then built the \$1.7 trillion Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Insightful observation from @MediaAnalystOz on Twitter: '[journalists] Simon Benson, Geoff Chambers and Samantha Maiden are short-listed for the *Scoop of the Year Walkley Award*. How is it a scoop when the PM tells you that he's secretly other ministers, you still fiercely support him, and only inform voters after the election?'

Heard the latest craze in trickle down dining? You buy a meal for the richest person in the restaurant, and then hope that they let you lick their plate. Boom tish.

Southern Cross Credit Union (SCCU) is offering \$30,000 in grants to support community projects in the Northern Rivers region. Projects in the areas of environment and sustainability, health and wellbeing, sports and recreation, arts and culture, and education that will benefit the community are invited to apply. Visit www.sccu.com.au/community/community-grants for more info.

For those missing live music, the Garrangali Band is at Durumbul hall, Oct 26 from 6pm.



An Ocean Shores artist has been awarded the top prize in the inaugural Wollumbin Art Award (WAA) with an oil on linen painting of her daughter entitled *Ivy With Eyes*. Artist Amber Wallis says she painted the piece late last year and that it is her first painting of her daughter. She says, 'Conceptually it is a continuation of my interest in women, domestic space and what it is to parent and be parented.'

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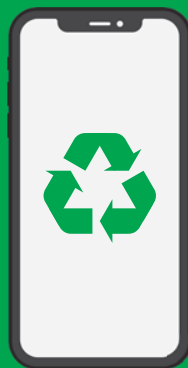


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