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It was a big family event at the annual Federal Park Party day, with dogs, games, entertainment and plenty of food. Poppy won 'best lamb, disguised as a dog', along with her loving owner, Treya. Photo Jeff 'Puppy Love' Dawson

Resilience NSW increases flood risks for residents

Aslan Shand

As two locals choked up, there was uncomfortable foot shuffling by Byron Shire Mayor, Michael Lyon, a spokesperson for Resilience NSW, and an engineer who worked on the flood report for the Mullumbimby pod site.

They told the homeowners that their home will experience increased flooding in the future because of the works Resilience NSW is currently undertaking.

They were the owners of one of 13 properties nearby (11 identified in the report), that were finally told – after months of asking – that their worst fears had been realised.

They were told emergency housing for flood-affected 'locals' being put in place at Prince Street, Mullumbimby, would negatively impact their home, making the flooding worse for them in the future.

Two of these properties will now have increased above-floor flooding as a result of the fill.

In the February flood, the residents escaped the rising flood water in their house and found safety with a neighbouring family whose property was just above the floodline. They were then rescued by friends in a boat.

The SES had told them they didn't know when they could rescue them, and suggested they climb on the roof – but there was nowhere safe to put a ladder as the

water flowed through and around their house.

They said they have been 'moving, moving, moving', between family and friends since the flood, and recently secured a rental as they wait for their house to be gutted and rebuilt. They were hoping to move back in at the end of this year, or the beginning of next year, before their insurance support runs out.

'What are we going to do?' they asked the mayor.

**'We feel sacrificial.
We pay our rates...
Why was the study done
after you put in the fill?'**

– A Mullum resident,
affected by the pod site

'We've been out of our house for nine months' they said.

'We understand that people need housing, we are one of those people. What

are you going to do to make us feel safe? You've made it worse.

'We know you know this. We feel sacrificial. We pay our rates, we've always been in front. Why was the study done after you put in the fill?'

This was a key question throughout the past nine months from the local community.

'This community has been asking for the impacts since it started. Council, everyone else, told us nothing. They just went and filled it up', said the homeowner.

'I've only been part of the project for three months, but I acknowledge the lack of communication,' said the Resilience NSW spokesperson.

'We've been working closely with Cr Michael Lyon, [GM] Mark Arnold, and engineers. We wanted to make

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Oversize Bangalow tourist proposal before Council

Paul Bibby

Plans for a \$1.3 million rural tourism development in Bangalow that is double the size of what is usually permitted, have angered nearby residents, and drawn a recommendation of refusal from Byron Council staff.

The owner of 72 Lawlers Lane is proposing to build 12 self-contained cabins clustered around a central recreation building that is designed to cater for future rural functions and events.

Five of the cabins would have their own swimming pools, and the site would have a new internal access road with bus turnaround.

The Development Application (DA) for the site, which is owned

by 'Mr M Mamone', is due to come before this week's Byron Council planning meeting for assessment.

Council staff have recommended that councillors refuse permission on multiple grounds relating to the scale of the proposal, and its impact on the character, amenity, and future agricultural uses of the surrounding area.

Excessive in scale

'The proposal is considered excessive in scale and fails to comply with Council's adopted planning controls that generally limit rural tourist accommodation to no more than six holiday cabins per property,' Council Planner, Ben Grant, said in his report, contained in the agenda to this week's Council meeting.

'Twelve tourist accommodation cabins, in combination with a large recreation building (and a potential future function centre), is of a scale that cannot be reasonably managed by the principal owner living on the property, and is likely to have an adverse impact on the character and amenity of the surrounding area if approved.'

Mr Grant found that the size and scale of the development was inconsistent with two key local planning policies, the Byron Local Environment Plan (LEP) and the Byron Development Control Plan (DCP).

This included the amount of excavation and fill required to make the owner's plans a reality.

'The excessive scale and

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'Christmas is a time for giving and what better way than to give back to locals doing it tough,' said the

Centre's spaces manager, Sam Taylor.

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sure that Council was aligned with us because some people are impacted.'

'We looked at a number of options,' said the engineer.

'Cross draining, swales etc. Our intent was to manage and mitigate an increase in the flood level. We have looked at up to 25 different designs.

Unable to mitigate

'We have tried to mitigate and we haven't been able to. There are two homes that will have an increase in flooding. There are several that will have a decrease. That is why the report took so long to release.

'About a month ago, the options were selected by Resilience NSW and Council. Option A was preferred. A solid fill pad just above the one-in-100 year flood level.'

The Resilience NSW spokesperson responded to questions over when the decision was made to fill the site, when the original discussion for housing on the site had centred around removable pods and caravans.

They said, 'The fill was originally put on the site for stabilisation... It was done in parallel to this report.'

The Resilience NSW spokesperson said the lease for the site was two years, and could be extended to five years if needed.

They said if the fill was to be removed in two or five years, as required under the



A recent rain event at the pod site. Residents on Prince Street, Mullumbimby, have finally been provided with a flood report which confirms what was always suspected – the planned flood pod village under construction by Resilience NSW will increase flooding in the already flood-prone area. The report also claims that flooding will decrease in other areas. Photo supplied

licence conditions, the risk to the current residents would be significantly reduced; but questions about removing the fill at the site remained unanswered.

Cr Lyon said that there had 'been talk of houses and other purposes here for 20 years.'

'One of the consequences is that there are up to 85 properties that are better off in the context of future flooding, in terms of their properties – they might not want the fill to be removed.

'Those conversations [regarding future removal of fill] are not for right now.'

'We are pretty gutted,' said the homeowner.

'We feel like we are being sold down the river. We've ended up being sacrificial.'

'I've been pushing for the release of the flood report for a while,' said Cr Lyon.

He then said, 'My suggestion to you is to lobby the government and ask them to cover off on that liability on those two properties. That is a minuscule amount in the context of their budget. I don't think that is a lot to ask for, that they accept liability in a future scenario.'

Mayoral Minute

Councillor Duncan Dey, who was at the meeting at the request of the homeowners, suggested to Cr Lyon that they join together to put a formal Notice of Motion (NoM) to Council, on behalf of the 11 properties whose flood levels are being increased, to inform the state government that they should compensate the people without them having to go to court.

Cr Lyon has now put forward a Mayoral Minute for

Thursday's meeting, asking that: 'Council advocate to the state government on behalf of the two properties impacted by above floor flooding by the temporary housing works in Prince Street... [and]

'1) Cover them for future liability for damage to their properties in a flooding event that was caused by the works.

'2) Consider them for a buyback under the Resilient Homes program.'

Lead fears

In related news, assessment around the potential for lead poisoning, owing to the disturbed soil on the site, is still unclear from government agencies.

Land managers of the site, Transport for NSW (TfNSW), have told *The Echo* that part of Lot 2 DP1121508 and Lot 2 DP223650, which is under lead contamination assessment by the EPA, 'has been excluded from Resilience NSW's licence area'.

'Transport for NSW has provided copies of all environmental assessments and investigations completed in relation to the land.

'Resilience NSW must undertake its own due diligence and any assessments/ investigations in relation to the land to ensure it meets their requirements.

'Resilience NSW is to implement all required controls to ensure the site is safe.'

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density of the development, combined with the extensive excavation and filling required for the building pads, access road and bus turn-around bay will result in a built form that is not

complementary to the rural character or environmental attributes of the land.'

He noted that the developer was invited to amend the application but, 'did not take up that opportunity'.

The concerns of residents,

contained in 20 separate letters of objection, echoed those of Mr Hunt.

They also raised the issues of excessive traffic generation, noise, safety and security, and the impacts on wildlife and a nearby

drinking water catchment.

Overall, staff and residents both expressed the opinion that approving the development would set an undesirable precedent for future projects in the rural areas of the Byron Shire.



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Connecting Generations picnic, Nov 13

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Connecting Generations is an intergenerational picnic, and people of all ages are welcome.

Co-organiser Ruth Winton-Brown says, 'It is a wonderful opportunity for local families without aunts, uncles or grandparents to enjoy connecting with all members of our community in a fun and relaxed setting.'

'Our next gathering is at the Bangalow Bowlo on November 13 from 2-4pm.'

'The day will include a "generational jam session" with well known local musicians, John Hoffman, Stan Ceglinski, and Julie from Jewel Musica. We will be making frog hotels, frog puppets, and magic potions to turn cane toads into



Stan Ceglinski and John Hoffman will jam it up with Julie from Jewel Musica at the Connecting Generations event, November 13 at the Bangalow Bowlo. Photo Jeff Dawson

beautiful green frogs. Free neck and shoulder massages will also be available.

'There is the opportunity for further support, linking elder and child, when parents need assistance in the home, such as time for

reading or playing with a child when parents are busy.'

Ruth adds her group of 'community-minded elders' started Connecting Generations because they wanted to bring 'people together of all generations to share in

the joys of each generation'.

'The Harvard University studies conducted over five generations show that people who invest in the next generation are three times likely to be more happy and live longer.'

Bayside donga village shrouded in secrecy

Hans Lovejoy

Resilience NSW, a corporate arm of the NSW government, continues to dodge questions around the lack of procedural fairness afforded to Bayside residents in Bruns, who will soon have donga-style villages next to them.

So far, very little detail has been announced, other than the village will house flood-affected 'local residents' for up to three years.

Increase in numbers

Residents in Bayside were alerted last week via a letter that the village planned for Torakina Rd and Kingsford Drive will now expand to house around 119 flood-affected local residents for up to three years, and a land

leasing arrangement has been exchanged with Oniva Pty Ltd.

Oniva and the Kollektive are the developers behind a contentious 39-bedroom boarding house mixed use DA that was opposed by neighbours.

While the developers went straight to the Land and Environment Court at the first opportunity, rather than going through the Council approval process, councillors eventually agreed to the revised DA in April 2021.

Previously, Resilience NSW said they were only seeking land that was Council or Crown managed.

Resilience NSW were asked, 'Like all of these pod villages [in Byron Shire], there was no option given to the residents of the location,

there were no assurances given around due process as occurs in a normal DA, who the flood-affected people are, who will manage any potential issues, and why residents should trust the process given it has been a shambles from the start.'

'How has this been undertaken in good faith?'

Good faith?

A Resilience NSW spokesperson replied, 'We are continuing to work to establish temporary housing sites on the limited land available that isn't at significant flood risk, and is located in close proximity to the communities they would service.'

'The temporary housing site at Brunswick Heads was identified following a

comprehensive review of all suitable land in the area, in consultation with Byron Shire Council.

'We have entered into a leasing arrangement with Oniva Pty Ltd for a temporary housing site at Torakina Rd and Kingsford Drive to accommodate approximately 119 flood-affected local residents.'

'This will enable the Excelsior Circuit portion of the site to remain as green space for the entire community.'

'It is anticipated that each temporary housing site across the Northern Rivers will be in use for two to three years.'

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Jonson Lane opens to the public

The new, large mixed use building at the southern end of Jonson Street has opened. Jonson Lane is now home to a collection of clothing retailers, dining, hairdressing and creative businesses. JD Property Group’s Jason Dunn, said, ‘We would like to thank the local community and especially our neighbours for their patience during the construction’. ‘We’ve had over 300 people working on the site and we appreciate everyone’s hard work’. According to the Jonson Lane press release, ‘Ethical clothing label, Nagnata, Venroy’s flagship store, has set up shop. Edward’s and Co, Australia’s leading hair agency, have opened their first blowdry salon: Bloe. ‘Byron contemporary landscape artist, Jack Bailey, has a studio. Byron Bay’s Light Years are bringing their innovative modern Asian dining, and celebrated clothing and lifestyle brands, including Byron’s Deiji Studios and Saturday’s NYC, are showcasing their wares’.

Federal tourist accom DA proposed

Paul Bibby

Byron councillors will, this week, decide the fate of the latest stage of a major development proposed for Federal – a tourist accommodation business valued at \$2.76 million.

As commercial interest in the village continues to grow, the new owners of Peabury Farm on Binna Burra Road have proposed building six one-bedroom cabins, a swimming pool and an additional car park on the site.

This is the second stage of the development, following stage one, which includes a 60-seat cafe and a 23-space car park.

In their report to this week’s planning meeting, Council staff have identified a number of issues with the proposal.

This includes the developer’s plan to help manage traffic movements on the site by building a roundabout at the intersection of Binna Burra Road and Federal Drive, which pre-empts traffic movement plans being developed as part of the creation of a Federal Masterplan.

However, staff have recommended that councillors approve the plan subject to a series of conditions that would need to be met before a single brick is laid.

Council Planner, Patricia Docherty, said, ‘The proposal raises no significant issues in terms of environmental impacts which cannot be managed and the site is considered suitable for the development.’

The proposed conditions are unlikely to please many, if any, of the 16 Federal residents who submitted letters of objection in relation to the plan.

Beyond capacity

The residents expressed a range of concerns, and asserted that the operation would place unsustainable pressure on Federal’s infrastructure, including roads, parking and rubbish, which was already beyond capacity.

A recent Rural Fire Service (RFS) exercise in Federal highlighted the need to increase static water supply for the village.

Second Hand Saturday, Nov 19, 26

The North Coast’s biggest day of garage sales – Second Hand Saturday – is bigger and better than ever this year, say organisers, ‘with not one, but two main event dates on Saturday November 19 and the following Saturday, November 26.

Council’s Resource Recovery Strategy and Engagement Officer, Sarah Child said, ‘We’re calling on the whole Byron Shire community to get behind this awesome opportunity to reduce and reuse, make some cash and show the rest of the north coast what we’re made of’.

‘Byron Shire is known for its pop-up secondhand sales, so let’s all get out in force for one or both days to show the north coast we’re the recycling and garage sale boss!’.

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REDinc art exhibited in Mullum

Local artists who are part of REDinc, a disability support service, will be exhibiting as part of their annual show this Friday November 11 from 6–8pm at 22 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby.

Each year, they offer a diverse and eclectic range of art for sale that they have been working on throughout the previous year. The sales income is split between the artists and funding their next year’s art program.

This year the exhibition will be opened by local dynamic drawing teacher, Ron Curran, who has encouraged and inspired many artists in the region.

REDinc is a not-for-profit, grassroots community organisation and registered NDIS provider and offers a wide range of services for people with disability. REDinc has been established for nearly 30 years in the local community on the north coast and was originally established in 1991 by a group of parents of school leavers with disabilities who were concerned at the lack of opportunities.

No guarantees with Bangalow Bowlo amalgamation, councillor warns

A local group of residents have warned of ‘Unlimited pokies, Sydney ownership and minimal sporting club support’ if a large entertainment corporation amalgamates with the Bangalow Bowling Club.

Club members will vote on the proposal at 11am, Sunday November 13.

Keep the Bowlo Local group spokesperson, and Byron councillor, Asren Pugh, is urging Bowlo members ‘to do their homework before they vote on November 13 on the proposed amalgamation with Norths Collective’.

‘We know it’s an emotive issue. We all love our local Bowlo, and want to see it succeed, but we need to make sure we’ve all read the MOU [memorandum of understanding] for the proposed amalgamation.’

‘Sure, the proposal might sound good on face value – but it’s important to read the fine print.’

‘Our beloved local Bowlo would be owned and controlled by people 600km away in Sydney.’

‘Norths will own all land and buildings from day one.’



Keep the Bowlo Local group spokesperson, and Byron councillor, Asren Pugh. Photo www.asrenpugh.com

‘The number of pokies will increase to ten and up to 15 after three years. And after ten years, they can put in as many as they like – who knows how many they’ll squeeze in!’

‘Sporting clubs are likely to be way worse off, with no guarantees on ongoing funding and support.’

‘Quite frankly, there are no guarantees with any of it. There is a “get out” option for just about every clause.’

‘We could see the Bowlo sold off after as little as three years and developed into something else entirely.’

‘Once it’s gone, it’s gone forever.’

‘What we are proposing

is an alternative – one that doesn’t rely on pokies and keeps it in local hands.

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Proponents for the amalgamation with Norths claim the club’s future would be more financially secure under Norths’ management.

In July, the club’s Vice President, Atosha Clancy, told *The Echo*, ‘The financial situation has deteriorated since we were advised by the accountant in January to seek other options. The Bangalow Bowlo now sits on the edge’.

Atosha added, ‘Personally, I can’t see how the club will exist in another ten years without a massive (\$3M–\$5M) injection of capital’.

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Paul Bibby

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Steve Rosewell has produced a 3D-printed home from his Pocket studio. Photo Jeff 'Printed In 2D Since 1986' Dawson

accurate shape using recycled fireproof plastic. It's completely rendered with a cement-based render.'

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From our humble beginnings as North Sydney Leagues Club to the diversified, welcoming community hubs we operate as today, a partnership with the Bangalow Bowlo will see this continue. We think Bangalow is the perfect fit as we both have a passion for community wellbeing and local sport at heart.

With the North Sydney Bowling Club joining us in 1991 and Seagulls in 1998 we have a proven track record of operating sustainable clubs and we do so with the long-term future in mind. We can't thank the members of the Lane Cove Club and Beecroft Bowling Club enough for recently choosing us as their favoured amalgamating partner. We have been trusted to continue to operate their clubs as warm, welcoming, relevant hospitality venues as has been the case dating back over thirty years.

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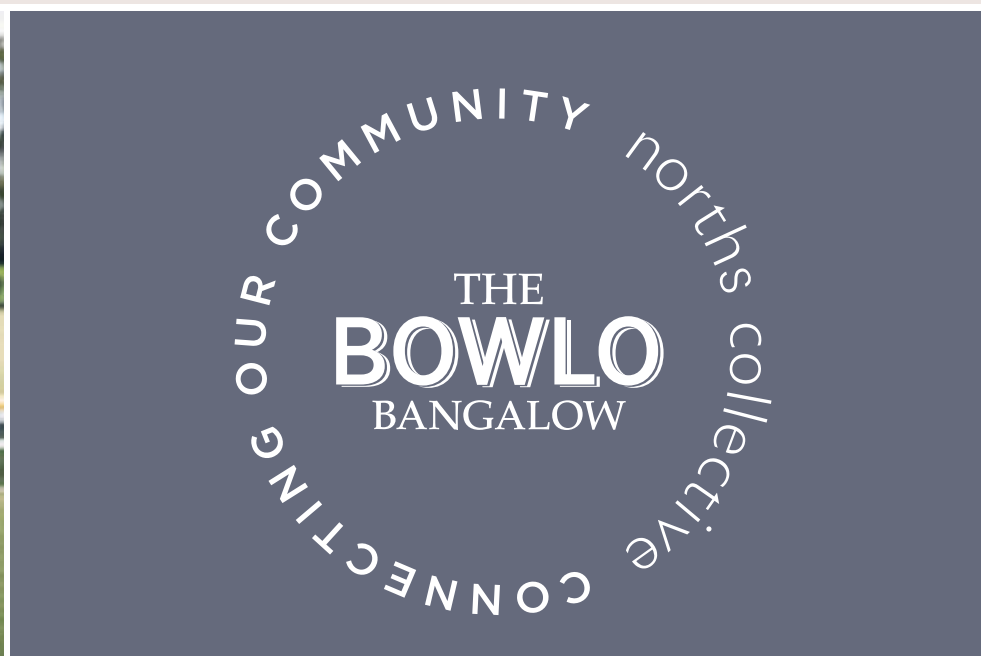
With a passion for sport, Norths Collective understands the important place a club's history holds with its Members. We believe rich heritage should be preserved, protected and always celebrated as is evident across our entire organisation. It is clear the Bangalow community have the same wishes for their beloved Bowlo. A place to catch-up with family & friends, a place to meet, to belong and of course a place to relax after an enjoyable day on the sporting field.

The role we play in the communities we serve is certainly not lost on us. We take our responsibility as an employer, community meeting place and not for profit very seriously. Norths Collective is forecasted to contribute close to \$1.6 million in community funding through to the end of this year with a view to see these valuable contributions continue to grow year on year. In-kind support that sits atop will see this contribution move closer to \$2 million in 2022. These funds are vital to the success of countless organisations including junior sporting clubs, not for profit community groups and charities that work tirelessly supporting those in need.

An amalgamation with Norths Collective ensures a bright, safe future exists for club members, staff, suppliers and the local community that are and have been connected to the Bangalow Bowlo dating back to its beginnings. This vision is captured in the Memorandum of Understanding between Norths Collective and the Bangalow Bowlo Club Members.

A vote to ensure the future of The Bowlo is secured is being held Sunday, 13th November at 11am at the Club.

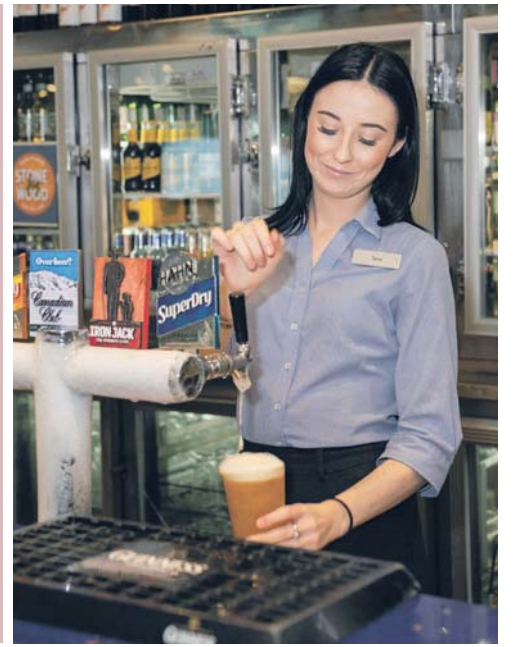
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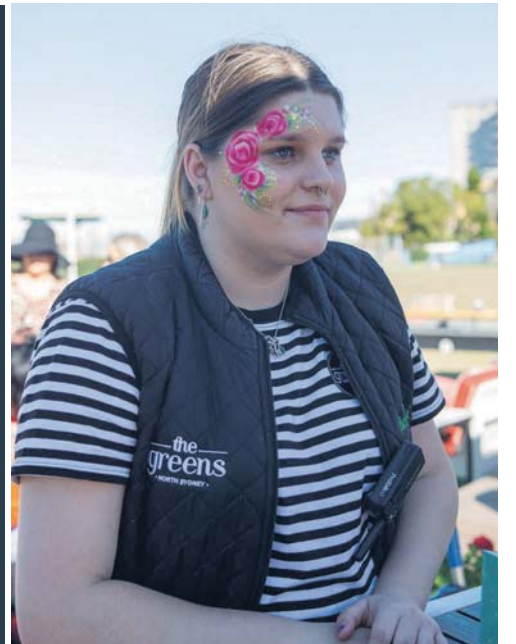
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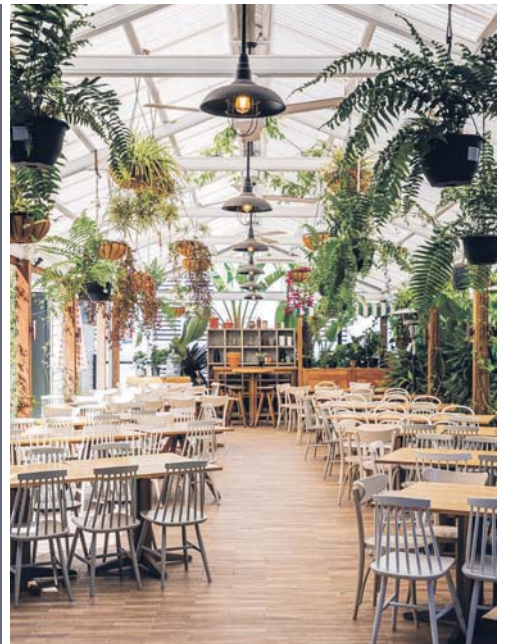


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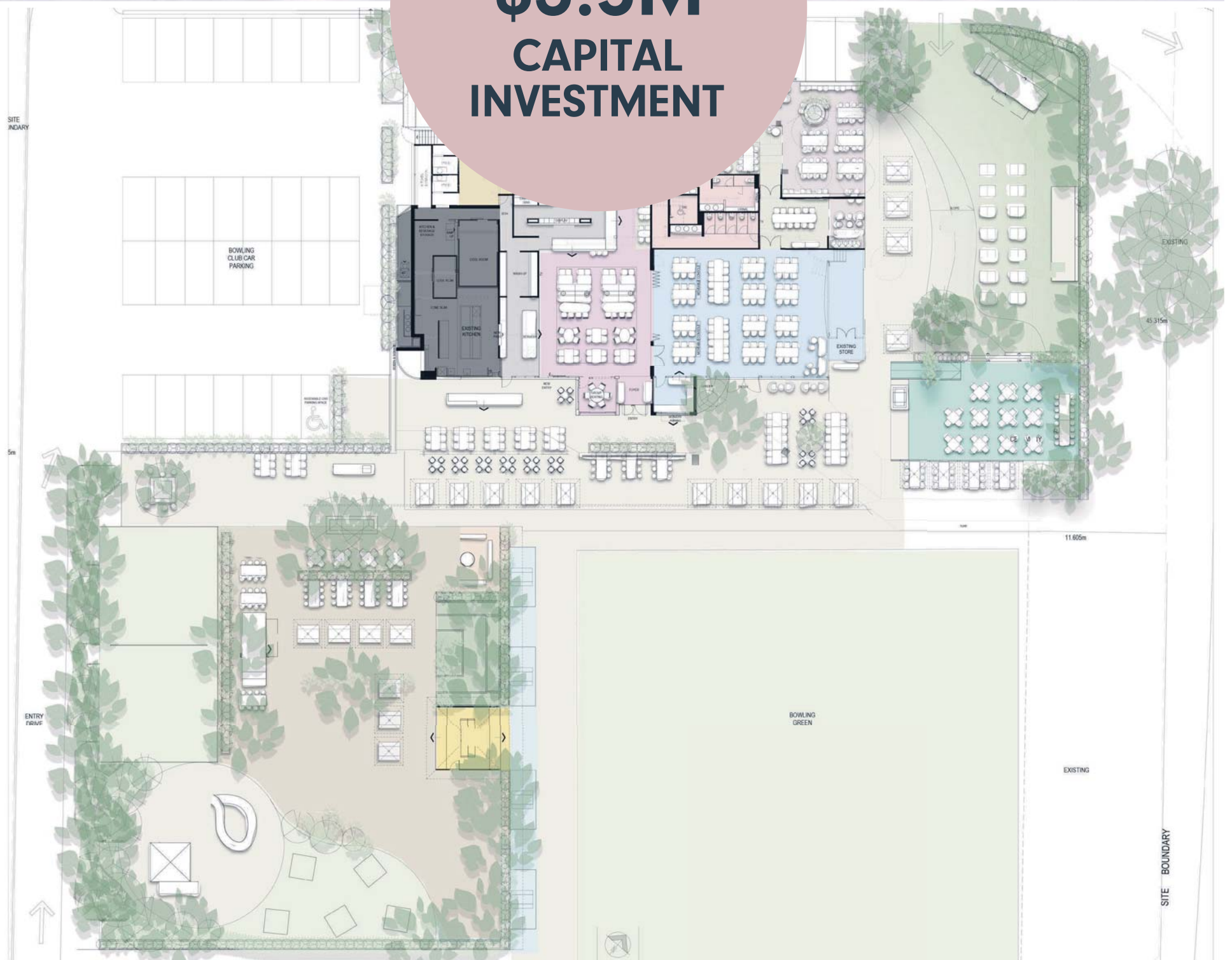
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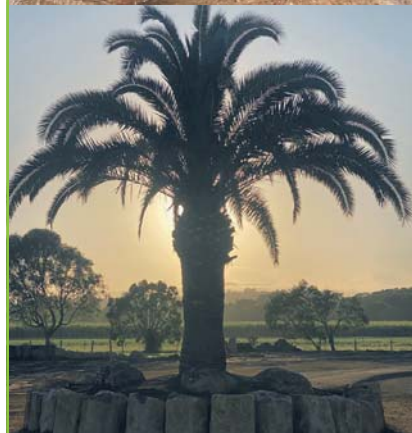
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Plans on exhibition for former hospital site

Paul Bibby

Redevelopment of the former Mullumbimby Hospital site has taken a step forward with Byron Council publishing a preliminary vision, objectives and design principles for community feedback.

The *Draft Site Strategy and Urban Design Protocol* can be viewed at Council's website, and feedback is welcome until November 14.

'This is a rare, flood free 4.4-hectare parcel of remediated Council-owned land that is near the town centre and close to everything,' Council's Place Planning Coordinator, Andrew FitzGibbon said.

'There is potential to deliver somewhere between 100 to 129 dwellings on this site and supporting community infrastructure.

Mostly residential

'The next step is to move to Planning Proposal stage to amend the land's zoning and other development controls to enable housing.

'Under the draft strategy, the majority of the site (60 per cent) will be used for residential development, including a mix of housing types and tenures.



Council's rezoning proposal would enable residential dwellings on the land. Image from Council's *Draft Site Strategy and Urban Design Protocol Former Mullumbimby Hospital Site*.

This includes housing that is affordable, accessible and appropriate for older people across a range of income levels. It will also include housing that is affordable for 'households with very low, low, and moderate income levels'.

There will also be a multipurpose facility with spaces for consultation and the potential for work, education, gathering and recreation spaces, and a cafe, all of which is intended to support residents and community, and encourage social connection.

The *Draft Site Strategy and Urban Design Protocol*, together with input and feedback from the community, will provide the basis

for Council's drafting of a Planning Proposal and DCP amendments in 2023.

Mr FitzGibbon said the current consultation phase was about engaging with the community on how the vision, objectives and design principles applied to the site.

'This check-in is just a first small step in a very long process of consultation with the community to ensure we deliver the very best outcome in line with community expectations and needs,' he said.

Council staff will be available to talk about the plan and to answer any questions at a drop-in session on Wednesday, November 9, from 3pm to 6pm, in the foyer of Council's offices on Station Street, Mullumbimby.

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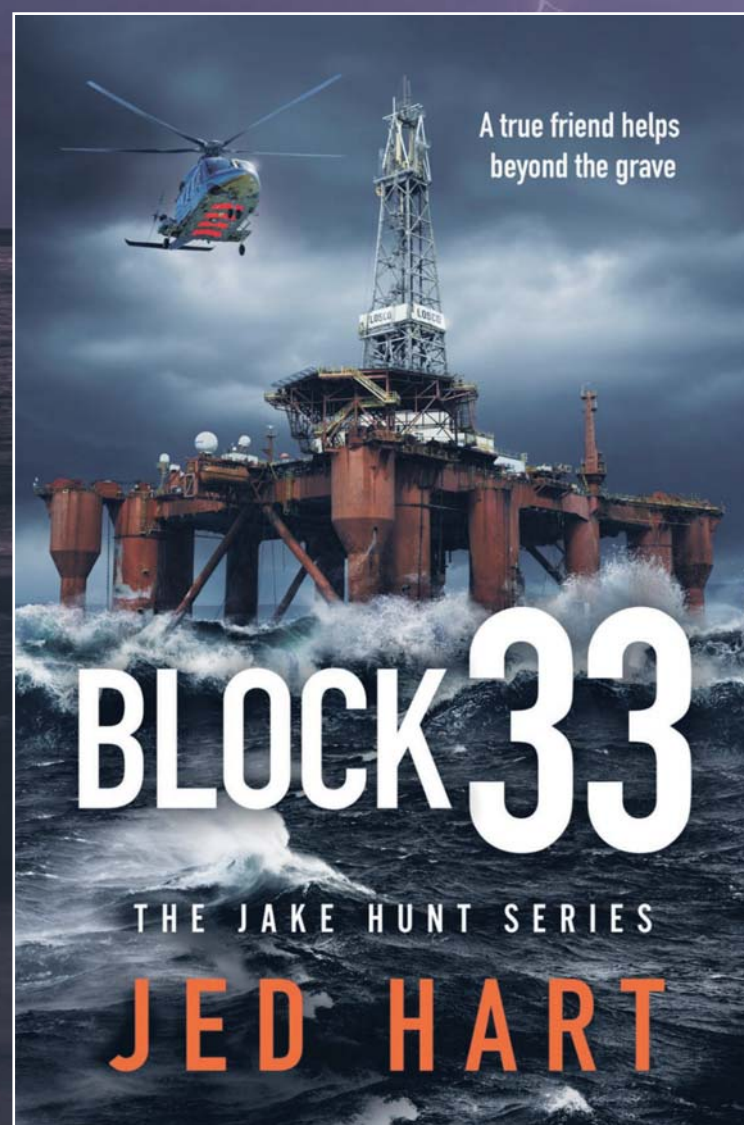


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Historic Billinudgel school book reprinted

A book chronicling the Billinudgel Public School's first 100 years has been reprinted, and will be launched by the authors on Sunday November 27 at the Billinudgel Pub, kicking off at 2pm.

Billinudgel Public School 1893-1993 The First One Hundred Years contains historical photos and personal memoirs of former students, teachers and community members during The Great Depression and World War II, along with accounts from more modern times.

Co-author, Terry Timms, says, 'The book grew into much more than a collection of historical facts about the school's establishment'.

'The book acknowledges the original inhabitants as the original educators before the arrival of the "Cedar getters" who preceded the "selectors" and the village and the school.

'The history of the village of Billinudgel, the surrounding areas and the stories of its people past and present help make the book fascinating reading.

'Students at Billinudgel Public School in 1993 had their views on their school,



Terry Timms and Spencer Jones. Photo Jeff Dawson

the proposed new school, and what school could be like in a hundred years recorded and documented in the book.

'Some of these same students now have their children or grandchildren currently attending Ocean Shores Public School.

'As well as amazing historical photos of Billinudgel and surrounding areas, student enrolments from 1920 to 1977 and class photos going back to 1905, the

book contains cartoons by Stephen Axelsen depicting historical tales in the book.

'The book was originally very well received, and has long been out of print. But now, thanks to the support of former Ocean Shores Public School Principal, Martin Gill, it is back in print with one hundred copies for sale with proceeds going to Ocean Shores Public School'.

He says the reprint reproduces the original centenary

book, written and compiled by Harvey Gardiner and Terry Timms in 1993, with the addition of new Introductory remarks by Terry Timms, Martin Gill, and Spencer Jones, along with another aerial photo of the area by Bill Mills, which highlights the changes and developments in the last 29 years.

Following the launch, Timms says the book will be available at Billinudgel Post Office.

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Will Lismore spend \$250k on a disaster ‘study tour’?

While the Tweed mayor says it’s crucial to learn from the past to avoid a repeat of the devastation caused by the recent flood, the Lismore mayor is hoping that Council will vote to send himself and a delegation on a ‘study tour’ to the tune of \$250,000.

Rous focus on Alstonville groundwater to boost region’s supply

The Rous County Council has confirmed plans to tap into groundwater on the Alstonville plateau days after Ballina Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, confirmed support of a ‘water security’ project there.

Relocation site of Murwillumbah SES raises concerns

The current site selected by Tweed Shire Council staff for the relocation of the Murwillumbah State Emergency Services (SES) to Bray Park have raised concerns of some councillors owing to the impact on local native vegetation, including threatened species.

Tweed Council prepping for La Niña MKIII

As a third La Niña weather event continues to impact Australia’s East Coast, Tweed Shire Council is working hard to ensure the area is as ready as possible.

Poets let the light in after local disasters

Two free community performance events – How We Heal and Who We Become, are coming to Murwillumbah in December 2022 and February 2023.

MOU to build more affordable housing in Lismore

The NSW Government’s land and property development organisation Landcom and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice will enter a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Council to build more affordable housing on Council-owned land in Lismore.

Call for audit of Splendour in the Grass as 50,000 capacity questioned

Tweed Council has called for an independent audit of Splendour in the Grass (STIG) following the multiple and significant failures of the 2022 event.

Tweed-Byron hinterland walk masterplan on exhibition

Plans for a multi-day 36km walk from Mount Jerusalem National Park, near Uki, to Minyon Falls, are now on public exhibition.

Reconstruction Corp finally announces its plans

Aslan Shand

There was frustration in the air as Lismore residents last week listened to Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation’s (NRRC) leader, David Witherdin, provide the initial detail on the Resilient Homes Program.

The Resilient Homes Program and the Resilient Land Program are the state and federal governments’ response – so far – to the devastating February/March floods. \$800 million has been put forward to fund the two programs, which seek to facilitate quick land release across the region for housing and house buybacks, house raising, and house retrofitting.

‘We will start with properties that are at the highest risk, those that are most likely eligible for the buybacks,’ explained Mr Witherdin.

They are predicting that there will be around 2,000 offers to buy properties in the highest risk areas,



Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation CEO, David Witherdin. Photo Hans Lovejoy

approximately 2,000 offers to raise houses and another 2,000 offers for retrofitting.

6,000 homes

‘The program of works will touch about 6,000 homeowners,’ said Mr Witherdin.

‘There are exceptional circumstances at all levels and this has been built into the eligibility criteria. There will be situations that we haven’t thought of yet.’

Buybacks will be offered at the pre-flood valuation of the property.

House raising is up to \$100,000. Above that cost,

the homeowner and government go 50/50.

As for retrofitting for flood, \$50,000 will be on offer per home. Beyond that, owner and government are to go 50/50. Examples of retrofitting are lifting the wiring, putting in hard wall and floor coverings.

Responding to calls for more transparency, and questions on why they have yet to release detailed mapping and other documentation, Witherdin said, ‘There is not an easy in/out – there is a detailed, sophisticated and robust assessment process

that can’t be simply determined with a map. This was announced a week ago and today is the first community session here in Lismore.’

‘We are aiming to have outreach, and people will start receiving texts in mid-November. There is a call centre set up, and case managers are ready to go.’

Eight months down the track after the flood, the crowd expressed frustration with the lack of detail.

Some said they are still living in limbo, and had spent significant amounts of their own money to get houses to basic living standards while they wait for the government response.

‘Full transparency is required here. People are selling because their mortgages are foreclosing,’ said one member of the audience.

■ To have your property considered by the Resilient Homes Program, you must register with the NRRC at www.nsw.gov.au/nrrc.

Alstonville plateau mooted for ‘small’ hospital

Mia Armitage

Hopes for new private health service buildings and a new water security project on the Alstonville plateau in the Ballina Shire’s hinterland were revealed at Ballina Council’s ordinary meeting last week.

Suggestions of a new private hospital on State Significant Farmland [SSF] between

Alstonville and Wollongbar had been touted by independent Councillor Rodney Bruem on social media, and were brought to the meeting during public access when a developer representative gave a deputation.

Karl Mayoh said he was from commercial construction company Erylyan Pty Ltd and had spoken with a Sydney-based surgeon interested in building a new, relatively small, single-level hospital.

Mayor, Sharon Cadwallader, later said she was

aware of ideas for a new ‘water security project’ on Council-owned land next to the Alstonville Industrial Estate.

The mayor, also deputy chair of the region’s water security authority, the Rous County Council, said the project would likely be a partnership between the two councils.

State Significant

The ambitious development ideas were declared as part of a hotly anticipated

debate over whether to add the 23 hectares of State Significant Farmland (SSF) to the Council’s list of Strategic Urban Growth Areas [SUGAs].

Councillors were first presented with a revised SUGA list leading up to August’s ordinary meeting, and deferred the vote until after a briefing, before revisiting it at an extraordinary meeting held earlier this month.

A last-minute effort to overturn the subsequent vote to include the SSF was defeated last week.



Community consultation on water sharing and management in the Far North Coast New South Wales

The New South Wales government is currently undertaking consultation in the Far North Coast NSW region on several key water programs to give communities a clear understanding of how future water programs align and interact. The department is now consulting on the following:

- Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy (RWS)
- Richmond River Area Water Sharing Plan (WSP)
- Tweed River Area Water Sharing Plan (WSP)

There are several ways you can learn more and have your say by:

1. Attending a webinar

- **Tuesday 8 November:** 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Update on Tweed River Area Water Sharing Plan
- **Wednesday 9 November:** 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Update on Richmond River Area Water Sharing Plan
- **Tuesday 22nd November:** 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm. Update on the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

2. Attending a face-to-face drop in session

- **Monday 14 November, 12 pm – 4 pm:** Kyogle Golf Club, 102 Summerland Way, Newpark – Far North Coast RWS and Richmond WSP
- **Tuesday 15 November, 10 am – 2 pm:** Murwillumbah Services Club, 10 Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah – Far North Coast RWS and Tweed WSP
- **Wednesday 16 November, 10 am – 2 pm:** Casino Returned Servicemen’s Memorial (RSM) Club, 162 Canterbury Street, Casino – Far North Coast RWS and Richmond WSP
- **Thursday 17 November, 10 am – 2 pm:** Department of Primary Industries 1243 Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar – Far North Coast RWS and Richmond WSP
- **Friday 18 November, 10 am – 1 pm:** Ballina RSL Club, 1 Grant Street, Ballina – Richmond WSP

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Philanthropists put \$1m into community projects

Philanthropy organisation, the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), say \$1,068,922 has been distributed into community projects, in the ‘largest Community Grant Round on record’.

NRCF CEO, Sam Henderson, says the money was allocated to 49 community organisations, spread across the seven LGAs of the Northern Rivers, at the annual community grant giving event this week.

‘The volume of grants distributed reflected the increased need in the community’, he said.

‘While this shows there is a need for informed, localised support in our region right



NRCF CEO, Sam Henderson. Photo www.nrcf.org.au

now, it also shows the incredible ability this region and our community organisations have to deliver place-based impact where it’s needed’.

‘The 2022/2023 Community Grants Round includes an incredible diversity of projects funded,

covering impact areas of disadvantage; environment; mental health and wellbeing; housing and homelessness; recovery and resilience.

‘One of the 49 community grants was distributed to Bundjalung Tribal Society for their project Ngulungmal Bugalwehn – Garihma Bundjalung Jugun (Leaders of Recovery: Caring for Bundjalung Country).

‘This project will enable Bundjalung leaders and Elders to work with non-Indigenous trainers to situate Bundjalung concepts of Ngulungmal/Bugalwehn alongside leadership, recovery and resilience, to inform community events’.

Ballina arts and craft show Nov 18–20

Unique gifts made by local, talented artists will be featured at the upcoming BACCI Christmas Show at Ballina’s Masonic Hall, located at 56 Cherry Street, from November 18–20.

Ballina Arts and Crafts Inc (BACCI) co-organiser, Rosie Kaplan, told *The Echo*, ‘BACCI’s artists range from the internationally famous to local hobbyists, and all the work is of an exceptional standard’.

‘This exhibition is bigger and better than ever. We are spreading ourselves out over two rooms to increase accessibility.

Teen art program

‘Our new charity, Heart to Heart Australia, offers an art-based program for teens with



Some of the works included in the upcoming BACCI Christmas Show. Photo supplied

potential, or actual, mental health problems. They are now offering their four-week art program up here, to help our teens deal with the, trauma of this year’s floods’.

Kaplan says the opening night will be at the Ballina

Masonic Centre on Friday November 18, from 6–7.30pm and will include ‘raffle prizes donated by local businesses’.

‘The free entry show is also open on Saturday and Sunday, from 9am–3pm’, Kaplan adds.

Roads emergency declared by Local Government NSW

A statewide roads emergency has been declared by the body that represents NSW Councils.

Local Government NSW (LGNWSW) President, Darriea Turley, says, ‘The declaration – and urgent call for the NSW and federal governments to increase their existing road funding commitments in the wake of this year’s catastrophic floods was unanimously supported by NSW mayors and councillors attending the [recent

Hobart] congress.

‘Successive floods and torrential rain events, coupled with chronic funding constraints, have caused \$2.5B in road damages and caused a collapse of the local and regional road network.

‘Without additional funding, the economic and social harm caused by this emergency will only get worse’.

Cr Turley added, ‘More than 220 natural disaster areas have been declared across NSW this year’.

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Lex Luthor buys *Daily Planet*

After acquiring Twitter for \$44B, the world's richest individual is now trolling its users, and removing people's accounts he doesn't like.

Elon Musk is a 51-year-old trustafarian, born to a wealthy South African emerald mining family.

While deleting user accounts, he claims that he wants to bring free speech to the social media platform. Last week, staff across the planet who moderate hate speech and racism were sacked.

The entire Human Rights Twitter team was dumped on November 5.

In his first week he has also threatened advertisers and amplified and empowered crazy people.

Twitter is actually very influential and useful. It's not just politicians who project their policies – or the journalists who critique them; scientists, artists, comedians, academics and business leaders are highly engaged in the global conversation.

Musk calls himself 'Twitter Complaint Hotline Operator' on his Twitter handle, and replies to messages every few hours, according to his timeline.

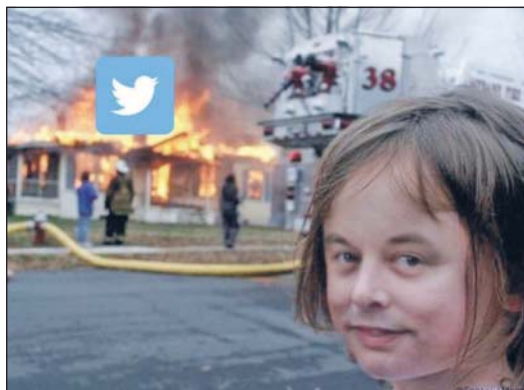
He is also the CEO of Space X, Tesla, Starlink and Boring Co.

Given he spends so much time on Twitter now, it appears being a CEO isn't a very demanding or important job.

Perhaps his account is run by bots? It makes sense given his interest and investment in AI.

There's the Musk supporters, of course, who will prefer Elon Musk to Mark Zuckerberg (owner of Facebook/Meta).

'At least Elon gets high', tweeted



Tommy Chong, of the famous Cheech and Chong comedy duo.

Back in April, Musk tweeted how important it was that the platform remain politically neutral.

Then, on Tuesday, he told his 115M followers they should vote Republican in the US mid-term elections.

Previously, he said he's always voted Democrat. Imagine looking at the current US Republican Party, and deciding that *now* is the right time to get behind them?

It all looks like what happens when an individual gets unbridled, unchecked, untaxed power.

From the outside, it seems he operates without much focus, and plenty of ego.

Imagine what \$44B could do for world hunger.

He was asked to do something on that last year by the UN, but didn't.

To give a sense of scale, his purchase of one website outstrips the 2021 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of countries such as Mongolia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Madagascar, Nepal and Armenia.

What's close to the approximate cost for his Twitter splurge is Libya's GDP for 2021: \$41.88B (US).

He has a fortune of \$195B, and he appears well on the way to overtaking Iraq's yearly GDP of \$207.9B.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

What Labor says, versus what it does

Aspirational political parties are judged on how they deliver dreams.

Vision politicians are judged according to how many of their visions turn out to be mirages.

The task is much harder for the ALP at a federal level than a party like the modern Liberals, who have no apparent aspirations apart from making rich people richer, and making poor people feel guilty for not being rich.

If their recent budget is anything to go by, Labor also has the well-being of the wealthy at heart, but it was elected promising to address a long list of other issues.

Their website says, 'Labor will deliver a future where no one is held back and no one is left behind.'

So who is being held back and left behind, so far?

Certainly not the big fossil fuel companies, whose \$40 billion of subsidies have remained sacrosanct, in spite of Labor talking big on climate change.

Greens leader, Adam Bandt, says Anthony Albanese simultaneously has his feet on the accelerator and brake pedals when it comes to climate, but from here it looks like gas, gas, gas.

Giving more support to renewables is not going to do anything significant to address the climate emergency in isolation.

Consider Labor's plans for the NT, with billions of public money earmarked for the gas industry there, even though these companies are already reaping unprecedented windfall profits owing to the international situation.

Here in NSW, gas development in the Pilliga will also be accelerated, according to Labor Resources Minister Madeleine King, whose statements would be consistent coming from any government of the last ten years, and ignore both the science and the stated wishes of local farmers and traditional owners.

Also, never mind that this area is currently underwater, along with vast regions of south-eastern Australia, owing, in part, to the spectacular greed and stupidity of



'The dangerous myth of endless economic growth as the solution to anything, and everything, remains entirely unchallenged.'

– David Lowe

the fossil fuel lobby and their political enablers.

Meanwhile, energy prices at home continue to skyrocket, as most of our fuel is exported to enrich the small group of multinational companies who exploit most of this country's resources.

That's if you have a solid home at all, as an increasing number of us don't.

Labor has promised to do something about this, saying it intends to build 'one million new, well-located homes over five years from 2024' – if the private sector comes to the party.

Meanwhile, interest rates and inflation continue to rise, and one problem may not solve the other.

In terms of foreign affairs, traditionally an ALP strength, Minister Penny Wong moved quickly to shore up relations in the South Pacific and Europe, after an insular decade.

Yet Australia still has no clear role in the world, apart from being the deputy sheriff of a fading empire. The US facility at Pine Gap is being expanded, with no local oversight, and there will soon be B-52s in Darwin, unfortunately, not the 'Love Shack' and 'Rock Lobster' variety, but with nuclear weapons.

There are more swings and roundabouts in other areas.

While the prosecution of the lawyer of whistleblower Witness K has been abandoned, there has been no public progress with Julian Assange's imprisonment.

We are edging towards a federal ICAC in Canberra, but much of its important business appears likely to be conducted behind closed doors, and there has been zero movement towards addressing dirty political donation laws.

In Tanya Plibersek, we have a new environment minister who appears to at least know what the

word *environment* means, but when she went to Tasmania recently, she refused to visit the Tarkine wilderness, but instead visited the miners intending to damage it.

Some asylum seekers have been freed, but most of the underlying policies that led to their imprisonment remain.

The Indigenous Voice to Parliament appears destined to become another political football.

Live animal exports continue, despite promises otherwise, and seem to be well down the government's to-do list.

In terms of the big picture, prioritising business interests over human needs and science looks set to continue when it comes to most ALP health, education, tax and employment policies, while the dangerous myth of endless economic growth as the solution to anything and everything remains entirely unchallenged.

While many of Labor's problems, and a worsening international situation, can justly be laid at the feet of the preceding government, it cannot be said that the new government has lived up to its promises, so far.

There is plenty of room for improvement.

But most of the people in Cabinet at least appear to care.

As the man of a thousand hats fades into the rearview mirror, consider the revelations of week one of the Robodebt Royal Commission.

No matter how disappointing the Albanese Labor government might ultimately become, it's hard to imagine they could possibly be as bad as the government that produced and sustained this illegal and hare-brained scheme for five long years, until the whole, cruel catastrophe came crashing down.

The only possible way is up.



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Dog owners

Two weeks ago I took my six-year-old grandson to Tallow Beach. We were strolling through the 'no dogs' area and enjoying the sight of so many terns and gulls, when we came upon a wallaby, leaping about in circles in the whitewash waves.

I had never witnessed this before and at first we thought it was enjoying itself. It soon became clear that it could not find its way out. It was blind and its hind quarters had been savaged.

A handful of people there were concerned about its welfare; WIRES was called. A young dad with a boogie board managed to shepherd it out of the water where it would certainly have died of exhaustion.

Sadly, it was ultimately euthanised, owing to the severe shock and trauma from its injuries and blindness. This blindness is caused by a stress reaction to being attacked and is not reversible.

The WIRES volunteers said dog attacks on birds, wallabies and other wildlife on the beaches and in the adjoining bush are becoming more frequent as dog numbers increase in coastal areas.

I am not the first to complain, but am wondering



Cartoon by Ewan Willis

if there is a way for the community, visitors, travellers and our young people to become more aware of the serious loss of our native fauna and the importance of responsible dog ownership.

After witnessing the event, my six-year-old grandson said, 'When I grow up I'm going to be a wildlife rescuer'.

Perhaps it is time for some united action and creative thinking to put a stop to this slaughter, (also a serious issue on our roads). Happy to be involved in any

way that is useful - I am open to suggestions.

Maggie Brown
Byron Bay

Bike Mullm to Bruns

If you were told your route to work, education, medical appointments etc was to be upgraded to make it safer, you would probably be grateful. Until you discovered the 'safer' route would add 15km to your commute in each direction. That is what Council are proposing with their 'northern route' option for

a Mullumbimby-Brunswick Heads cycleway.

As a councillor, I chaired the committee that developed the *Byron Shire Bike Plan*. Community consultation told us that Mullum to Bruns is the most used inter-town link and generates the most safety concerns. This project was given highest priority 'A' rating as a response 'to existing high cycle demand' that 'connects

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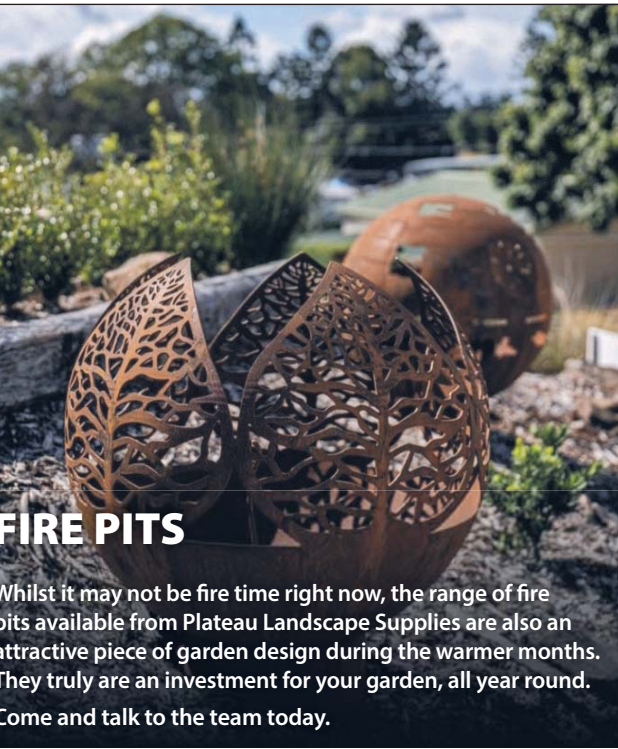
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The 'route options' study does not discuss the *Bike Plan* data and consultation. The *Bike Plan* objective of responding to 'existing use and demand' is replaced with an objective to 'attract... opportunities for tourism'.

We can ill afford expenditure of scarce cycleway dollars to be diverted from priorities that actually meet the daily transport needs of residents. Mullumbimby and Brunswick have cycling to work rates four to five times higher than the regional average. Add to that all the non-work reasons residents commute and it is clear that the priority must be to existing use and future residential growth in the southern route.

Expenditure on a rural northern route with no existing use will leave safety risks in the southern route unaddressed and cyclists increasingly exposed. Time-constrained commuters are unlikely to add significant time and distance to their journey and for most the northern 'trail' will be too far away to access. How exactly does this meet the safe transport needs of residents

and priorities established in the *Bike Plan*?

Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

Let's pretend

Here we go again worrying about littoral rainforest that will be seaweed in a few hundred years if we don't reverse the climate disaster.

Here we go again turning the global fossil fuel tap on even harder with a one per cent increase in CO₂ emissions on top of a massive 3.5 per cent last year.

Here we go again with those of us who can afford \$15,000 to \$30,000 for insurance, not buying a secondhand EV, but smearing murderous exhaust greenhouse gases across our Shire and the world.

Here we go again with, 'Oh I'll wait another year or two to get an EV. Oh, I'll wait to get solar. Oh, I'll wait to get a battery. Oh, I'll wait to go off the grid.'

Meanwhile scientists are shouting into the dark deadly catastrophe we are choosing to bequeath our children.

It has been estimated for decades that three degrees is incompatible with human civilisation, and here we go heading for 2.5 degrees if, and only if, all the world's best promises are kept!

Meanwhile the desperate, obvious, urgent need to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and ocean is only whispered amongst a few, and funded by even fewer.

Meanwhile it's Xmas soon. Let's pretend Santa's sleigh is electric and we are giving wonderful gifts to our children. Hmmm?

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

Eulogy

Eulogy for all secondhand bookshops of past, present and future as the lights turn off and the door locks for the last time on The Little Second Hand Bookshop of Byron Bay.

I write this eulogy with great sorrow at the passing of yet another one of the Byron Shire's iconic and original businesses, which originally drew people to its shores.

A small family business that had survived for nearly 30 years in Byron, was saved by a young couple from closing down eight years ago, which enabled the much-loved bookshop to continue. But owing to the ravages of the lockdowns, floods and gentrification of Byron, it has at last had to farewell its many friends this week.

The bookshop was the haunt of not just the locals but overseas visitors and the myriad of holidaymakers. Many times we were emailed by overseas visitors to inform us they would be returning and telling us of their travels. From Kyiv to Kingston Town Jamaica, where a book that bore our stamp was found – how far and what tales could it tell of its travels to the other side of the world? We were also sent a copy of a book in which the author had made a dedication to us in its first pages. We were humbled.

I did not want to close the doors for the last time without honouring its steadfast commitment to the locals and generous wishes that it received throughout its last weeks. We would like to thank all those who supported us in its amazing journey. So long, and thanks for all the fish.

Lisa Bridges
Byron Bay

Fantasy or reality

Greed, militarism, massive overpopulation, and consumerism in general, are major causes of global degradation.

And given that the Northern Rivers has, for some years now, been

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Call for support to transition 1,000 jobs in NSW logging industry

Aslan Shand

A recent report *Transition support for the NSW native forest sector*, by Frontier Economics (FE), into the NSW native forest logging sector has highlighted that it is time to support the transition from forestry to plantations.

The overall downward trend in logging native forests in NSW was accelerated by the impact of the 2019–20 Black Summer fires, which led to a significant decrease in the capacity of the forests to sustain the current levels of logging. This was highlighted by the Natural Resources Commission's (NRC) report in 2021 that stated timber harvesting needed to be suspended 'for at least three years in extreme risk zones'.

The FE report, released at The Vanishing Koala Conference on the weekend, on behalf of World Wildlife Fund Australia (WWF-Australia) 'calls for a just transition from forestry to plantations, that engages industry, along with climate scientists and eminent ecologists'.

'NSW is the second largest producer of logs harvested from native forests in Australia. Victoria and Western Australia have made commitments to transition out of native forest logging, however NSW is yet to do so,' states the report.

'The FE report makes it clear that we would be far better off economically if we stopped logging public forests,' explained North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) spokesperson, Dailan Pugh.

According to the FE report, recent analysis by the Australian National University (ANU) and Frontier Economics has shown that in just the South Coast and Eden areas, ceasing native forest logging would produce a net economic benefit of approximately \$60 million, while also reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by almost 1 million tonnes (Mt) per year over the period 2022–2041.

'By stopping logging of public native forests we can redirect the immense public subsidies [for logging] into assisting affected workers and communities [to] transition, while realising real economic and environmental benefits from avoiding CO2 emissions, increasing carbon storage, increasing tourism, increasing water yields and restoring habitats of threatened species, such as the koala,' said Mr Pugh.



The aftermath of logging in the Girard State Forest. Photo Dailan Pugh

'Frontier Economics' estimate that a generous government-funded structural adjustment package, including for the 1,000 affected workers, would only cost \$302 million.

'Just stopping logging is likely to be beneficial to the NSW budget [too], though inclusion of the wider natural capital benefits to the economy from increased carbon capture and storage, tourism, water production, improving threatened species habitat, and mental health benefits make ending logging of public lands of real and lasting economic and environmental benefit to the people of NSW.'

'A 2021 study by the University of Newcastle found that protecting 175,000 ha of State Forest between Coffs Harbour and Grafton as the Great Koala National Park would, over the next 15 years, generate additional regional economic output of \$1.2 billion and create more than 9,800 extra full-time jobs compared to logging.'

'Under the NSW Koala Strategy the NSW Government proposes paying \$3,353 per hectare to buy 15,000 ha of private properties over the next five years. By this metric, protecting the more than 300,000 ha of potential high quality koala habitat in state forests is worth over a billion dollars, and is essential if we want koala populations, as well as greater gliders, yellow-bellied gliders, gang-gang cockatoos, glossy-black cockatoos and a host of other species, to recover from logging and wildfires.'

The FE report states that: 'FCNSW's ability to supply public native forest hardwood has been substantially reduced by the 2019–20 bushfires. Recent analysis by the NRC demonstrates the profound impacts:

- The South Coast subregion has suffered severe loss of native forest, which

could reduce supply by up to 90 per cent.

'The expected reduction of wood supply from the Eden subregion is 40 per cent and 35 per cent from the Tumut subregion.'

'The impact on the North Coast has been less severe, but there is expected to be a 20 per cent reduction in wood supply.'

'The NRC reports that the loss in wood supply is undermining the viability of a number of hardwood mills, including those in Nowra and Narooma. The NRC reported that 74 people have been stood down as at March 2021.'

NEFA are calling for a commitment from the NSW government to 'immediately commit to a truly independent cost-benefit assessment of the logging of public native forests, with the principal aim of building on the work of Frontier Economics in developing a fair and equitable structural adjustment package for affected workers and communities'.

'If they [NSW government] continue to refuse to, we call upon the NSW Labor Party to commit to immediately undertaking such a review should they win government at the next election.'

'The need for such a review is supported by the September 2022 recommendations 4, 5 and 19 of the NSW Upper House *Inquiry into the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry* for a cost-benefit assessment of public native forests and development of strategies to support workers and communities transition away from [the logging of] native forests.'

'In light of our current extinction and climate crises taxpayers cannot afford to go on paying to log animals' homes and cut down trees essential for storing and sequestering carbon on public lands any longer, the time for action is now,' Mr Pugh said.

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It is time to end the ‘War on Drugs’ and allow life-changing treatments for depression, PTSD and anorexia

Aslan Shand

In Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and the Northern Rivers Rainbow Region drugs have been debated and experimented with since the hippies moved here in the early 1970s. Discussion on the healing and life-changing properties of psilocybin (aka magic mushrooms) DMT, LSD, ecstasy (MDMA) is par for the course here, but on 17 November at the Byron Theatre you can truly get your head around the science with the keynote presentation on psychedelic therapies by Professor David Nutt, the Head of Neuropsychopharmacology at Imperial College, London.

This is not about enjoying a few pretty colours flashing through your mind, this is about the science of helping people who are in desperate need. People who are suffering from long-term treatment-resistant depression, PTSD, anorexia, anxiety – people who have

been denied help for years, or their entire lives, because of the ‘War on Drugs’.

‘Fifteen per cent of people with depression and anorexia kill themselves. 1,000 people a day commit suicide,’ explained Professor Nutt.

‘There are no sensible arguments as to why we’ve denied people access to these life saving treatments. It’s perverse, it’s sadistic.’

During the 1950s and 60s there were 1,000 clinical papers relating to psychedelic drug use and Professor Nutt says they were able to use that data to demonstrate the safety of using these drugs in medical trials.

‘Psychedelics have had really bad press,’ he pointed out, saying that the ‘War on Drugs’ really evolved because of protests against the Vietnam War.

‘The War on Drugs took them [drugs] on, not because they were harmful, but because people who were using them were opposing the war in Vietnam. This

is a hangover from the anti-Vietnam War protests. They couldn’t ban the war protests, but they could ban the drugs that people who were protesting were using, like LSD.

‘They didn’t care about the consequences. It was absolutely thoughtless – 40,000 patients, there were 1,000 clinical papers from 1953 to ‘67 – and all this was ignored.’

Revolutionary

Professor Nutt said he didn’t go into the study of psychedelics thinking he’d be studying depression but was interested in the neuroplasticity of the brain.

‘We have virtually nothing to treat these patients and the use of psychedelics gives us an alternative treatment.

‘Two trials, of a single “trip” for patients with treatment-resistant depression, overall had better outcomes than current treatments. They got significantly better on a single dose. It is actually

transformational. It doesn’t cure it permanently in most cases, but it is extraordinarily powerful.’

The work Professor Nutt has been doing through brain imaging seeks to understand why psychedelics are so effective as a treatment.

‘Why are the effects so enduring?’

He points out that the drugs allow the brain to ‘reset’, to seek ‘new pathways’ that can ‘break down negative thoughts, addiction and internalising disorders’.

‘Sub-psychedelic doses are being used in a trial in the UK with stroke victims’ to assist recovery from stroke – with phase two trials underway.’

Still illegal

‘In fact, the Australian government has done one really good thing, it has given \$15m [in 2021] to kick-start the industry,’ said Professor Nutt. But the challenge is getting the clinical work

going so that Australia can reach the potential of becoming a world leader in this area of research.

One of the biggest challenges for Australian research is the ‘tension between the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and state legislation,’ explains Professor Nutt, and this is a key reason for his visit to Australia. Currently psilocybin and medical grade MDMA, when used as part of therapy in medically controlled environments, are classed as ‘Schedule 9 (Prohibited Substances)’.

‘We still have the problem [that] it is an illegal drug, even a single molecule is illegal. We need to downgrade the medical use to “Schedule 8 (Controlled Medicines)”’.

This is supported by an independent inquiry ‘which confirmed the conclusion that these medicines were safe and well tolerated by patients when given in a medically controlled environment,’ say Mind Medicine Australia (www.mindmedicineaustralia.org).

Professor David Nutt is here in Australia courtesy of Mind Medicine Australia and he will meet with representatives and stakeholders from government, academia, and regulatory bodies to emphasise the safety and efficacy of psychedelic-assisted therapies to treat a range of mental illnesses. He will present public lectures in Byron Bay, Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne and will present at high level meetings with federal and state governments. Academic events will be held at ANU in Canberra, Monash University, and University of Melbourne.

‘As far as I know psilocybin and LSD have never killed anybody when they have been used in a medical setting,’ said Professor Nutt, ‘It is ridiculously safe.’

■ Get tickets to hear Professor Nutt in person at the Byron Theatre: www.byron-centre.com.au/byron-theatre or <https://bit.ly/3Tg93eT>.

CHESS by Ian Rogers



Michael Basman, the British International Master who died last week aged 76, could fairly be described as the most creative chess thinker of the past half century.

Later in life Basman (right) would organise a UK schools chess competition which attracted 70,000+ players, but he will always be remembered for his advocacy of highly unorthodox first moves, most notably pushing one of his edge pawns one square forward with both White and Black.

Basman was born in London and was part of a post-war generation of British players who made a serious impact on the world stage. He was in the English team that beat the mighty Soviet Union 3-1 in the World Student Championship in 1967, played his only Olympiad in 1968 and then tied for first place at the 1973 British Championships.

Basman missed the 1970 Olympiad being resident in Armenia. His father was Armenian – original name Basmadjian – and in 1969 Basman travelled to Yerevan to study and learn Armenian. (He also won the 1970 Yerevan Championship while there.)

Over time Basman began developing his new openings, using his positional intuition to show that some ugly-looking positions could in fact be quite playable. As late as 1994, at age 48, Basman could use the Creepy

Crawly Opening (1.h3 and 2.a3) to draw with then world #36 Lembit Oll.

Famously his compatriot Tony Miles used a Basman idea to beat World Champion Anatoly Karpov at the European Teams Championship in 1980, a time when Karpov was considered almost invincible.

Miles related that Basman would only show him his great new idea for black if he promised to play it in an important game. When Miles was due to play black against Karpov, who had previously dealt very harshly with Miles’s main openings, he thought ‘Why not?’ and ventured Basman’s 1.e4 a6!!? 2.d4 b5. Miles went on to win in 46 moves, with Karpov so embarrassed to lose to such a ‘terrible’ opening that he adjourned the game and resigned overnight rather than shake hands with Miles.

A few weeks before Basman died, World Champion Magnus Carlsen won a strong online blitz tournament playing Basman’s favourites 1.g4 and 1...g5 in every game. It was a fitting tribute to a true original.

► Continued from page 18 experiencing a population boom, the region certainly has a significant footprint.

To deny these facts, one would have to be living in Cloud Cuckoo-Land.

However, to live simply, as many of us already do in this ‘galactic zoo’, is admirable.

Mick Stacey
Ballina

National security

Overpaid, oversexed and over here. I may well be in the absolute minority in expressing these opinions but as an Australian, I feel strongly about this issue.

On Monday night I watched in dismay the story on ABC *Four Corners* featuring the continuing American build up in Northern Australia. The thought of the deployment

of B52 bombers, with nuclear capability, located at an enlarged Tindal Air Base south of Darwin, concerns me greatly.

It is combined with the ever-growing presence of the US satellite surveillance base at Pine Gap, located only 18km south of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. This base, built in 1988, is owned, funded and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the US National Security Agency (NSA) and the US National Reconnaissance Office (NRO).

These two facilities, remote as they may appear to be, make Australia the first and most obvious target in the event of any conflict between the US and any powerfully aggressive country to our north.

Every country needs allies, however, as a free and democratic country, why don’t the people of Australia decide who builds facilities on our land and not the defence department? I did not hear one mention of either of these two facilities by our political representatives prior to the last federal election.

We have been constantly told by previous governments that, ‘We will decide who comes to this country’.

Then let us decide, surely, who builds nuclear targets in this country!

I believe that this is a nationally important issue that all Australians need to be concerned about and have a strong voice for the future of generations to come.

Christopher Wright
Byron Bay

3-metre sea level rise


The United Nations has made the call: ‘Restricting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees is unachievable’, which effectively gives eviction notices to Byron Bay, Bruns, Ocean Shores etc, as they are developed at a lower height than the approximately three-metre increase in sea level associated with the now accepted as unavoidable 1.5 degree temperature rise.

Mullum town, and housing on the periphery, will also go permanently under water as the river height increases in step with ocean height rises.

Everybody, in largely coastal properties, which are less than approximately three metres above sea level, will unavoidably need to

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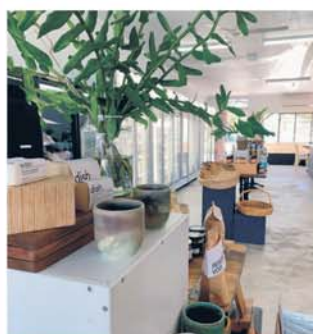





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move as the sea reclaims this land.

We will also be faced with increasing times of lower food production and transport problems with inevitably increasing extremes of droughts, floods, and cyclones.

Present Council planning considerations, which are limited to near-future timeframes, don't provide a robust system anymore.

There needs to be additional longer-term planning for Australia's developed coast retreating inland. Perhaps the powers-to-be will respond when they accept that all Sydney's beaches and adjacent development, and the Sydney Harbour mansions, will inevitably be under the sea. Or perhaps we should look at addressing the impacts outside of these organisations that have demonstrated incompetence.

John Lazarus
Byron Bay

Lobbyists for \$800M

It's great news that the state has committed \$800 million to fund important measures by which individual property owners can decrease their future flood risk, i.e. decrease their damage bill for future floods.

The three measures of buy-back, wet-proofing and house-raising are actions listed in the Shire's Floodplain Plans as already adopted over the last decade.

The measures will help us keep our community networks intact – people will be able to stay and to live and work in a safer world. This will make properties more affordable, by making them less liable to flood damage. It's a form of 'betterment'.

I want to shout out to all the amazing people who lobbied for this over the last eight months, despite many themselves being heavily impacted by the 2022 flood events. That includes individuals like Sasha Mains-bridge, Bec Talbot, Noelle Maxwell and Svea Pitman who took the time and had the composure to explain to authorities how to house-raise or wet-proof, and what the hurdles were (funding being the biggest of those).

It includes our state MP, Tamara Smith, who pushed the case for us in Macquarie Street. It includes many residents' groups representing towns like Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores, South Golden Beach, and New Brighton.

A big thanks to Byron Shire Council staff and councillors, who listened to residents and also lobbied hard.

We will all be watching to see how adequate the funding is. The nominal 2,000 properties in each of the three categories will not likely cover all those flooded across the Northern Rivers in 2022. We may have to keep lobbying...

Duncan Dey
Byron Shire councillor

Zero emissions Byron

Living in Byron Bay has, for some time, felt rather like inhabiting a home where a party has been thrown and the partygoers have stayed on and on.

I take no gratification from seeing my gloomy prognosis for the place from three decades ago being rather horribly realised.

I recall one of the slogans bandied about during the last mayoral stint was along the lines of 'Zero emissions for Byron Bay...'. I disparaged it at the time; and now it's just a bad-taste joke.

The hordes of people and their gas-guzzling (usually large) vehicles that continued here after the most crowded spring school holidays I can remember, make any spurious 'zero

emissions' target recede like the galaxies.

I cannot think of a single addition or infrastructure – so-called development – that has improved the town's aspect. Though I expect a lot of money has been, and continues to be, made.

I rarely watch films these days; but one I recall from television showings is *Margin Call*.

After the machinations of capitalism and its operators have reduced a big American company to its knees, after the firings of employees, after the cold sweat of fear of unemployment in US society has reduced some to tears, bereft of hope, the head honcho, played by Jeremy Irons, sits calmly eating an expensive meal. He suggests the numbed Kevin Spacey character stay on. 'There's a lot of money to be made,' he observes, unmoved by the wreckage of others' lives. It is a quintessential truth of the system.

Still the myth of Byron as place continues, the image happily utilised by commerce.

The Byron Goose, as I wrote to this paper years ago – the one that laid the fairytale golden eggs – is well and truly cooked!

David Morris
Byron Bay

\$ not the right reason

You [Garth and Sonya Brien (19 October)] state that you are part of the community.

Unfortunately, expecting to make money from the community by using private homes for holiday letting shows no respect for our community. Byron is very small geographically, it was never planned as today's subdivisions, so the houses close to town including Wategos, Suffolk Park and Broken Head just evolved.

People came here for many reasons, certainly not for the opportunity to make money but for the lifestyle that appealed to them. They started their own business, helped to create sporting venues, to equip our hospital raising money along with George Feros, who tirelessly rang his bell to raise money for a retirement home.

We have enjoyed a relatively peaceful existence for many years, but Byron is changing. There must be other ways to accommodate visitors than to expect the community to have holiday houses next door 365 days per year.

This is not the Gold Coast, it's a very small community who wish to live quietly, not expecting to have people coming and going all day, then the cleaners etc.

Coming to Byron Bay just to make money from our community is unfair. Go to the Gold Coast if this is all you can do.

As for Byron Council paying \$100,000 to create a ten-year tourist vision... Tourists do bring revenue to this town and there are many businesses that do rely on that, but please, not to our detriment.

I have had an Airbnb next to me – I know what it's like to have tourists next door. Build a motel for tourists and leave us alone.

Virginia Black
Suffolk Park

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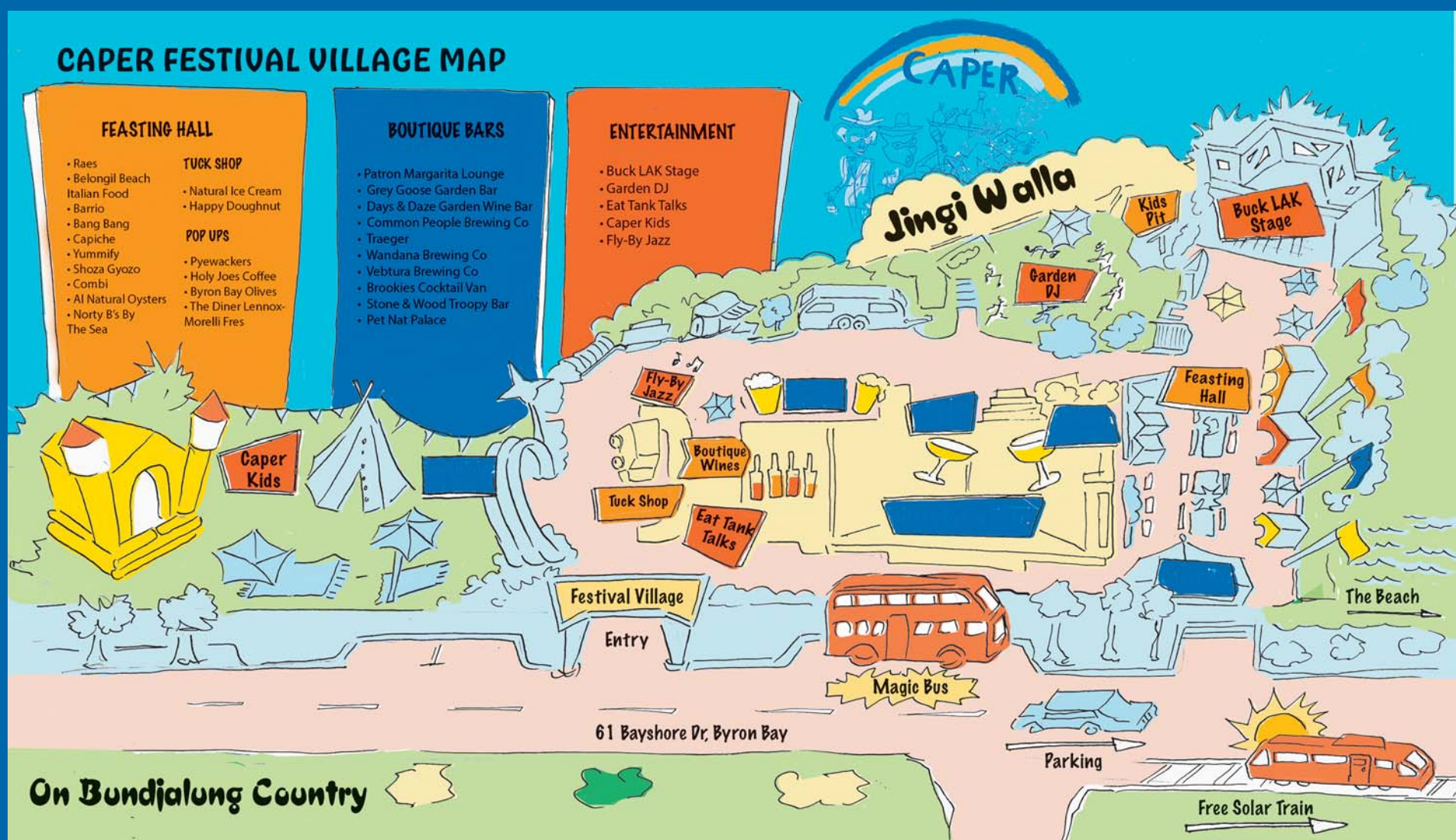
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You have a lawful right to protest – so why are the police intimidating protesters in their homes?

Aslan Shand

What happened to the right to protest? That is the question being asked after police targeted Blockade Australia protesters before the International Mining and Resources Conference (IMARC) in Sydney. Former NSW Magistrate, David Heilpern, told *The Echo* that there were a range of concerns with this type of behaviour from police, especially as Australians have a lawful right to protest.

'Over the last week police have undertaken an exercise in harassment and intimidation of people who participated in climate protests during the month of June this year,' said a spokesperson for Blockade Australia in November.

'Police across the continent, under the directions of New South Wales' Strike Force Guard, have turned up at the homes of dozens of activists in the last week. People in Queensland, the ACT, Victoria and New South Wales have been subjected to these visits in relation to past protests (with Blockade Australia) and an unrelated [planned protest at IMARC]'

Strike Force Guard was set up in response to the Blockade Australia protest mobilisation at the Port of Botany in March this year, and since then has worked to shut down protests from other groups like Fireproof Australia and now Blockade IMARC.

Blockade IMARC planned a protest against the



Previous protest at the International Mining and Resources Conference in Melbourne. Photo www.greenleft.org.au

International Mining and Resources Conference. The conference is normally held in Melbourne, but this year it was held in Sydney after years of protests outside of the Melbourne-based conference saw it move north.

Blockade Australia and Blockade IMARC have no connection, other than both groups being majorly concerned about the climate and ecological crisis, they say.

One of the people who received visits from the police in Newcastle said, 'This is a frightening precedent. Police are going to the homes of dozens of people and are telling the people who live in those homes that if they attend a protest they will be arrested.'

Lawful right to protest

'The reports of actions by Strike Force Guard are deeply concerning for four main reasons,' said Mr Heilpern.

'First, lawful protest is (by definition) legal. There is a constitutional right to freedom of speech, and

attending at a mining conference and holding a placard and voicing your concerns is not illegal, providing notice has been given. The police ought not be trying to deter people from protesting.

'Second, one would have thought that the police would have better things to do. Maybe they could pay as much attention to domestic violence offenders and illegal logging as to those wanting to protect the planet by protesting against mining.

Overkill

'Third, the police should not be seen to be taking sides in what will become increasingly common standoffs between polluters and savours. Why not warn off the mining companies and tell them to use Zoom if they are really worried about public safety and disruption? After all, the protest is just as legal as the conference,' he said.

'Finally, this is bullying. To have armed police knocking on people's doors who have previously attended protests because you think they might go to another protest (even though they are thousands

of kilometres apart, and run by different organisations) is designed to intimidate and scare. It is overkill, overreach and overdone.'

People within Blockade Australia have recorded all the instances of police intimidation over the last week and are working with human rights organisations to push back on this infringement upon the right to protest.

'Australia, and in particular New South Wales, cannot be called a democracy if the courts, government, industry and police are all working together to squash protests against the climate crisis in the same year that most of the east coast has gone under water in unprecedented floods at one point or another,' said a Newcastle Blockade Australia protester.

Protest 4 November

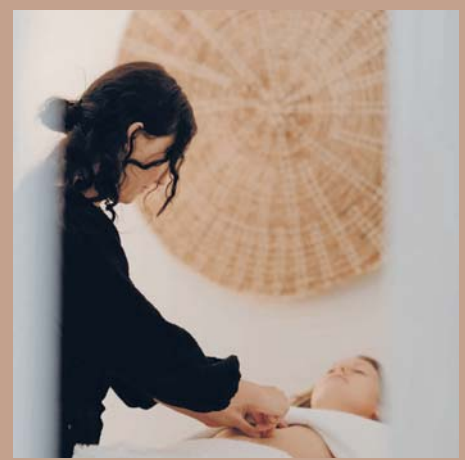
Approximately 50 protesters gathered on Friday 4 November, despite police activities, outside the International Mining and Resources Conference that was hosted at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour.

Blockade IMARC spokesperson, Maddox Gifford, told *The Green Left*, 'We see through the greenwashing that IMARC and the participating mining companies are trying to sell us'.

'We know we shouldn't sacrifice land, water and life to continue hugely unsustainable lifestyles fuelled by greed and competition. We have a better vision for the world.'


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Prostate Cancer Support

The next meeting of the Northern Rivers Day Prostate Cancer Support Group is on Wednesday 9 November, 10am till 12 noon at the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club (previously the Bowling Club), Deegan Drive, Alstonville. Men previously and newly diagnosed with prostate cancer are urged to join with the group. Partners and carers are also most welcome. Enquiries, phone Bob Corney: 0493 075 612.

EOI Lismore flood advisory group

Resilient Lismore is calling for Expressions of Interest for the Lismore Community flood advisory group. This group will assist with effective community engagement and ensure community perspectives and lived experience inform our ongoing recovery work and planning for future flood events. EOI closes 11 November. Information at www.floodhelpnr.com.au or email community@resilientlismore.org.au

AGM Liberation Larder

The Annual General Meeting for Liberation Larder Inc will be held on Wednesday 16 November from 2pm in Wategos room 2, Byron Community Centre. If you would like to be a member please arrive before 2pm for the registration. All welcome.

Northern Rivers Bushwalking Club

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Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next working bee is at Saltwater Creek, on Saturday 12 November, 8am till 12pm. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden car park. Bring a hand weeding tool.

Jed Hart, Geoffrey Leach

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire's last book event for the year will be at 6pm, 18 November, Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay. Jed Hart and Geoffrey Leach will be in conversation introducing Jed's new novel, *Block 33*. Tickets \$15, non-members, \$10 members. Bookings essential, www.byronbayfol.com.

Secondhand Saturday

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Flood resilience

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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 more.

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. For further information www.exitinternational.net or phone Catherine: 0435 228 443.

Composting fundamentals

A free composting fundamentals workshop Thursday 17 November 10.30-11.30am. Join North East Waste at Byron Bay Library to learn all things compost as part of the Let's Get Our Scrap Together community education campaign.

Remembrance Day

The Byron Bay RSL Sub-Branch will be holding a Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial on the corner of Tennyson and Marvell Streets on Friday 11 November at 10.45am.

Falls Festival tickets

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Banglow Bowlo passions run high

■ Your article titled 'Bangalow Bowlo Club calls amalgamation vote' is scarcely credible.

The claim that Norths Collective will increase poker machines is not explained. The MOU has been negotiated so that the number of poker machines can only increase to a maximum of 15! This is less than what is already at the local hotel.

Having the ability to self-determine its future is all very well if there is a club but pointless if the club has closed down and the land sold off, which is where the KTBL group is leading us.

I cannot believe you printed information provided by an anonymous 'resident'.

The Murwillumbah Bowlo was taken over by Murwillumbah Services Club, it was this club that closed Murwillumbah Bowlo down. Norths were not involved and did not sign any MOU with the Murwillumbah Bowlo. Norths have never closed a club down!

Shame for publishing lies.

The MOU between Norths and Bangalow Bowlo is a legal document, a huge amount of work has gone into it by the board and management and it is 28 pages long and someone has picked out a couple of points to suit their propaganda.

The MOU is a good resolution for Bangalow Bowlo, at least we will have a club to go to.

If you believe some of the propositions put forward by KTBL then please read the MOU, all of it. There are a lot of guarantees, plans and financial aid in this legal document.

The KTBL have no legal documents, only fancy words and unsupported dreams.

Gerry Swain
Newrybar

■ A total takeover is dressed up as an amalgamation!

Concerned members of the Bangalow Bowlo have been waiting anxiously for the legally binding MOU that would determine the fate of our club forever. The 28 page MOU has now been released.

Fifty per cent +1 members will decide, on Sunday 13 November at 11am, the fate of a club that has been in community hands for 112 years.

Sadly, the MOU is full of legal weasel words, vague terms and evasions. The assurances that are still being made by Norths ('Securing the future together' *Byron Shire Echo*, 2 November) come with escape clauses like Norths having 'an intention to preserve, and where possible enhance' the club, by 'reasonable endeavours'. Community support opportunities will be 'explored' by Norths.

As for the much-vaunted investment in the building, Norths commits to 'maintaining' the building and to undertake 'necessary' upgrades that are 'financially viable'.

The bowling green gets renovation on an 'as needs basis' at the 'absolute discretion' of Norths. Even the obligation to fully insure the building comes with the caveat that adequate insurance is 'available on reasonable commercial terms'.

Claims about local management are simply not reflected in the MOU.

Overall management of the club will be by the Norths CEO (cl 3.3), The Board of Norths will be the Board of the Bowlo (cl 3.5), Norths must make decisions in the best interests of Norths at all times (cl 3.7). The Advisory Committee is 'subject to the control of Norths at all times' (cl 5.15). The bowling sub-clubs will be 'created' by Norths (cl 5.6), are subject to the 'control and direction of Norths', all their funds are the property of Norths (cl 5.17) and any expenditure must be approved by Norths (cl 5.19). Even the holding of bowling events are at the 'absolute discretion' of Norths.

The local sporting clubs don't actually have much certainty about sponsorships beyond the amounts payable in the first two years. After that, sponsorship amounts are 'reviewed', and the sporting clubs will have to enter into undefined 'sponsorship agreements' if they are to get future sponsorship. After two years, the minimum amount payable to the clubs is that received by them immediately before the MOU was signed. Norths knows full well that payments in 2022 have been at a historic low coming after two covid restricted years.

On the flip side, Norths gets complete ownership of prime land conservatively valued at \$5 million (less about \$500,000 in debts)! They can build accommodation for their members and their guests during the term of the MOU.

Our community gets the scourge of more pokies – from three to ten straight

away, rising to 15 in ten years, and no limits after that! That equates to millions of dollars in gambling revenue taken from our community just in the first ten years. Whatever Norths does actually spend on the Bowlo will be dwarfed by what we will have given them in property, redevelopment opportunities and gambling revenue. After the ten-year term of the MOU there are no binding guarantees. Norths can sell the property, redevelop the land, or operate the club in any way they wish. Say 'No' to this dud deal.

Sol Ibrahim
Bangalow

■ In your recent article 'Bangalow bowlo club calls amalgamation vote', an unnamed resident from Murwillumbah was quoted as saying that the Murwillumbah Bowlo signed an MOU with Norths 'thinking it would be their saviour, but their club was sold within two years to Woolworths'. This is misinformation. According to the president of the Bangalow Bowlo, it just did not happen.

The *Echo* should make sure of its facts before harmful statements like this are made. There are some people in the community who will state anything as fact to further their cause, no matter how untrue.

Ruth Kirby
Bangalow

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Saturday 6.30am will see the Show Gates opened. First events kicking off at **8am** with the **horse events, Side Show Alley & Miniature Goats**. At **9am** **beef cattle judging** begins. **poultry show judging** and the **main pavilion** opens.

This year the Pavilion theme is **honey bees**. There is a **Flow Hive Beehive** display. There are also competitions for honey cakes, honey loaf, local honey produced and a bee photography competition. These entries will all be judged, and winners declared in each section. If you want to get involved go online www.mullumbimbyshow.org.au and enter. You will see the whole schedule and entry cutoff times. Alternatively you can just go to the Pavilion and check out all the displays and winners.

From **10.15am** the Main Stage kicks in with **Clelia Adams and Ray Essery**. The **BBQ** is open as is the **main bar**. **Trotting** action commences. Also in play is the very popular **truck show**.

From **11am** there is a **petting zoo** for the little ones, **farrier demonstration**, **reptile show**, **Spaghetti Circus** performance, as well as all the other events still in play.

12.45pm sees the **Official Show Opening** by local business woman and community volunteer, **Joan Towers**.

The afternoon will see **Cattle Supreme Champion** sashing in the main ring, **talent quest** on the Main Stage, **Supreme Horse Sashing**, **truck show** presentation followed by **ride on mower races** and **Reloader** on the Main Stage.

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Sunday the gates reopen at **7am**, with more competition on in the main arena, with **horses, trots, show & shine cars** and **motor bikes**, **working with cattle dogs** demonstration plus much more, including a **tug-of-war**.

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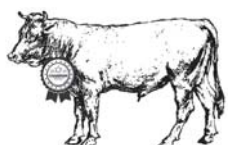
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9am	Beef cattle judging starts Main Pavillion open
10am	Welcome & Sponsors Thank You - ring announcer John Norris BBQ & bar open
10.15am	Clelia Adams & Ray Essery - Main Stage
10.30am	Trotting commences
11am	Petting zoo opens Farrier Demonstration Reptile Show regularly throughout the day Spaghetti Circus Performance - \$5 entry
12.15pm	Spaghetti Circus Performance - \$5 entry
12.45pm	Offical Opening - Joan Towers. Main Stage Remembrance of Past Life Members Induction of New Life Members
1pm	Cattle Sashing Supreme Champion
1.15pm	Talent quest - Main Stage
2pm	Farrier demonstration
2.15pm	Truck show presentation Raffle drawn
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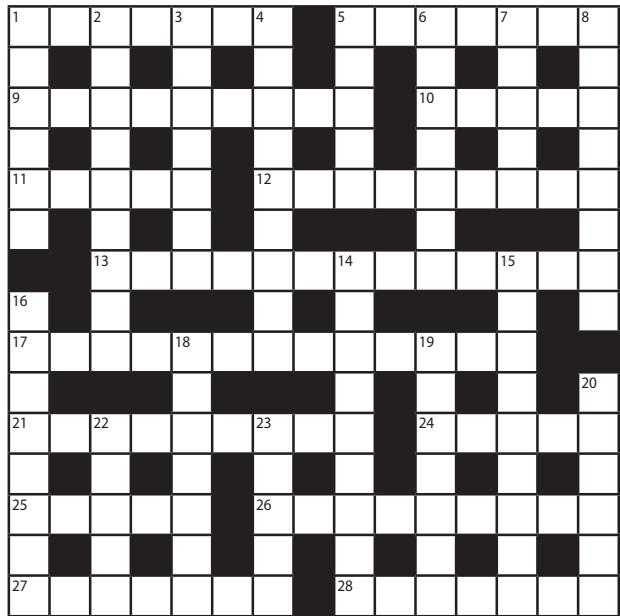


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ACROSS

1. Help, get rope for the one under protection (7)
5. Mainstream music, bad humour and a snack (7)
9. Toilets offer friendships over a very small measure (9)
10. Holdback over good rule (5)
11. Small, cosy mob (5)
12. English research facility – address is complicated (9)
13. Sam's popular migrations (4,9)
17. Cad, liar – a major shift (7,6)
21. Leftish ideology – but I miss coal badly (9)
24. Heath requires 99 in a long time (5)
25. Troy, the Italian individual, turn 1000 (5)
26. Laid fence around the tropical produce paddock (9)
27. Make happy a theologian in the dell (7)
28. Joins up for a dubious line with Saints (7)

DOWN

1. Pleads, they say, for applause (6)
2. Too many weapons – like Hindu gods! (9)
3. Puzzles and riddles in games (7)
4. Crippled back over wounded pride – it's about your skin! (9)
5. After a staple from Italy (5)
6. Act for each class (7)
7. Agreement from the French and the Germans for a kind of board (5)
8. Disagreement from the French – taste, for one, is rubbish (8)
14. Simple openings, remarked Spooner of the angry and passionate delivery (9)
15. Turned back, noticed, eats up – it's poverty! (9)
16. Urgent ironing (8)
18. Cold and damaged – bewitched! (7)
19. Wild nude eye is required (7)
20. Severely criticize American lawyers – but they are endangered! (6)
22. Vital energy not available in the giant to our north (5)
23. Peruvian in jail? (5)

ACROSS

1. Mentee (7)
5. Movie food! (7)
9. Conveniences; comforts (9)
10. Hold power (5)
11. Hive; flock (5)
12. Give more details (9)
13. Widely supported political ideologies (4,9)
17. Revolution; transformation (7,6)
21. Collectivism (9)
24. American author ... Jong (5)
25. Upper part of the hip bone (5)
26. Sugar producing farmland (9)
27. Delight (7)
28. Enrols (7)

DOWN

1. Worship (6)
2. Carrying more than enough guns! (9)
3. Conundrums (7)
4. Thin outer layer of plants and animals (9)
5. Food made principally from flour and water (5)
6. Carry out (7)
7. Used to communicate with spirits (5)
8. Claptrap (8)
14. Fervour; intensity (9)
15. Destitution (9)
16. Demanding; immediate (8)
18. Enchanted (7)
19. Necessary (7)
20. Bamboo-eating bears (6)
22. Home of 20 down (5)
23. Inhabitant of Machu Pichu (5)

Last week's solution N463



'This is going to be the first of many journal entries'. I read this on the first page of a moleskin diary. It is the only entry. It belongs to my daughter. I am cleaning through boxes of stuff my girls have stashed in the cupboards. These unwritten journals are a feature. There are pink satin hard-covered diaries, soft velvet notebooks, handmade paper journals, and business-like little black books. It makes me smile because I have the same approach to my journals. Tens of books with one or two entries carefully made, and then abandoned. This moment of hope and intention – and then acres of nothing. Who is this girl who has slipped from the pages?

It's like this fragile heart was captured, and then disappeared into the ether, and all we have as evidence is this dusty book. There's a sweet sadness as I pack these books away. I recognise this feeling, this secret longing... this broken promise. It smells like distant smoke. It lives in me. This desire to tell all; coupled with a desire to reveal nothing.

There are two types of people: Those who journal, and those who don't. As much as I want to be someone who journals, it appears that I am not. Nor are my daughters. We start strong, but we fade fast. The journals are always started in a point of exit from sadness, when there's a sense of a need for solemn confession to change a pattern. Perhaps this inability to commit to a journal, to commit truly to one's own path of self-discovery is a sign. Or perhaps we were bored, or busy, or scared... in denial. Or perhaps we changed the pattern so fast a second journal entry was not required.

It's not procrastination. I don't have writer's block. I have no problem with writing. I create thousands of words every week without fail. I do however struggle to journal.

Perhaps the procrastination or the block lies deep within. Or maybe I have no inner life worth mining? No secrets left to uncover

I wonder who that woman is – the one who picks up her unlined notebook and details her day. The one who captures her dark thoughts on paper and leaves them by the bed, finding solace in spilling her secrets. She who has something to say and says it, or has nothing to say and says it. How does she find her way to the page time and time again? And how can she bare to leave her soul on the dresser, unattended?

Doesn't she know that people will look? Doesn't she know she will be discovered? Or is that what she wants? Are all people who journal 'missing' – waiting to be found? Maybe I don't journal because I prefer the freedom of being a missing person.

How do journal writers be
unselfconscious? I don't think I've
ever started a journal without being
conscious of being discovered. Of
someone picking up a book I've
previously hidden, and then
forgotten, and finding a piece of me
that I had recorded and lost. I have
seen what happens with journals;



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

they get found. Some even get published posthumously. What an awful thing to do to someone. Do dead people get embarrassed? It's a betrayal and a rare delicious intimacy, all at the same time.

I'm holding these diaries that belong to my daughter and I desperately want to read them. So few entries, it would take half-an-hour, tops. But I can't. To go further would be a betrayal. All I allow myself to read is the space unwritten.

Ironically the absence is more revealing than a filled page. It calls me back to my own silence. The unwritten page has spoken.

This morning I started a new journal; a small satin book sewn with tiny pearls. It felt too beautiful to write in. Like nothing I had to offer would be good enough. I sat for half-an-hour looking at the blank page, I wrote ‘This is going to be the first of many journal entries’, and then I hid it.

**STARS
BY LILITH**

This week holds its breath. No big planets changing places. Only the moon moves...



SCORPIO

ARIES: Chiron transits always trigger a desire to heal what's been broken, integrate what's been separated. When Chiron moves forward, we ask for outside help from the doctor, herbalist, Guru, coach. When Chiron's retrograde in your sign, like it is this week, you need to look inside to find your own medicine.

TAURUS: This week issues a wake up call to some inner work. If that involves friendship repair, where communications have stalled or unravelled, don't expect to pick up where you left off. Now is your chance to begin again with fresh eyes. So what could benefit from being scrapped and reinvented?

GEMINI: You might find that nothing is the best thing to say this week. Also the best thing to do in stubborn standoffs where no one wants to budge. Eclipses reveal things that might have previously been hidden, so don't ignore physical aches and pains, and schedule professional checks rather than google symptoms.

CANCER: If suspicions messing with your mind management make you doubt yourself this week and nothing seems to make sense, when all else fails, just trust what you know you can: that the sun will rise, the day will end, and you absolutely have the capacity to do what's needed.

LEO: Stubbornness seems to be the lead item on this week's agenda. Along with power plays for fixed signs like yourself, so don't overthink every text message for imagined slights. Or deepen divisive dynamics by arguing when emotions are firing on all cylinders. If in doubt as to what is meant, just ask...

VIRGO: This is a good time to focus on your creative side. Perhaps find new ways to address workplace concerns. Practise asking for help when you need it. Take advantage of this week's planetary standstill to tap into your perceptive powers to locate where your energy's stored, how it's depleted, and how it's restored.

LIBRA: Give red flags, reservations and gut feelings the attention they're asking for this week, and research before purchasing to avoid buyer's remorse. That said, Jupiter is beautifully placed to inspire and attract support for artists and creatives of all kinds, and what Libran isn't an artist at heart?

SCORPIO: For this week's Venus in Scorpio visual, picture slinky, witty goth icon, Morticia Addams, drawing moths to her flame – and work it while you may. Stay flexy and bendable, even when you most feel like digging your heels in, because giving a little right now could gain you a lot.

SAGITTARIUS: If this week's scrambled signals, information overload and strange behaviours make your brain feel like a runaway train, then pull into the station rather than crash and burn. Conserve energy by avoiding gossip in all forms: reading, receiving or sharing. Assume nothing, expect anything, read the room, and go with the flow – slowly.

CAPRICORN: This week's astrological alchemy suggests connecting with yourself and others in the emotional zone. Overthinking or being too analytical is likely to get confusing, so tune into your intuition and stay open to non-obvious insight. You might discover something that could be quite valuable for what lies ahead.

AQUARIUS: Trying to find meaning in a tsunami of contradictory information and emotions can be exhausting. Yes, introspection might seem more burden than adventure this week, which keeps offering opportunities to deepen self-awareness by examining your inner monologue. May as well give it a go. Can't hurt, might help.

PISCES: Your planetary guide Neptune, retrograde in Pisces, joined by Jupiter, means it's not the time to be making big decisions. For the next few weeks, make best use of this unique transit by getting quiet and still. Take whatever space makes you available to listen to Jupiter amping up your intuition and insight.

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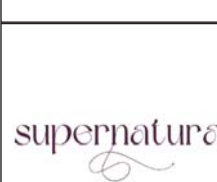
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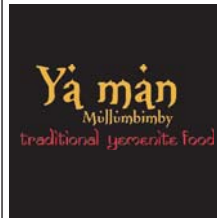


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doors, has established a cult following for
its fabulous, often quirky Japanese food
served up in pretty surroundings, utterly
free of pretension, with small groups
lounging outside on the grass and children
playing happily. It's back to serving din-
ners now two nights a week, all the more
reason to envy those Federalites who don't
have to navigate the narrow twisty country
roads in the dark to reach it.

All the more reason, too, to be thankful
for the Japanese Kitchen's presence at
the farmers' market. I am chatting to
Takayuki, chef and owner, whose easy
warmth and humility are so evident in
the beautiful food his team dispenses. His
affection for the farmers' market, where it
all began – before Doma, before Qudo in

Bellingen – is as strong as ever, and he relishes
every opportunity to get back behind the stall.
'I always love to work there,' he says, one of
the reasons being a desire to change the menu
a little. 'It's why I want to get back to working
there,' he tells me, citing less sushi and more
breakfast-style dishes as some of the changes.

More, then, along the lines of those
brown rice sushi cones. Wildly popular,
they're not only visually gorgeous and
explosively tasty but also super healthy,
no sugar added to the rice, all organic
ingredients. Obligated to utilise produce and
products as local as possible has meant
some distinctly un-Japanese creations –
halloumi in the sushi, for example – whose
success stems clearly from the clever crea-
tor behind them. And after decades, Taka's
favourite food remains sushi.

■ Japanese Kitchen can be found every Friday
at Mullumbimby Farmers Market from 7–11am.



Capiche – Fine Italian dining on Ballina’s Lighthouse Beach

S Haslam

Capiche is a new player on the Northern Rivers scene, having opened in April 2022. They are enviably positioned atop the Ballina Surf Club, with an awesome 180-degree view overlooking East Ballina’s Lighthouse Beach. The brainchild of the team behind Bang Bang restaurants, Capiche was created first and foremost with a love of the panoramic ocean vistas that the location boasts.

Because of the two-level layout, there are no tables down the back where all you see is other diners – I don’t think there would a table where you couldn’t glance up and see the beach. As co-owner Nicholas Simpson says, ‘the wrap-around ocean views, and the chance to have a venue poised directly over the beach was too good an opportunity to turn down. Beautiful food in beautiful places is our mantra, the rest came from there. There are so few restaurants in our beautiful

slice of the world where you can enjoy a meal and a wine while right on the water. So, we really are lucky to have found a place where you can do exactly that.’

Chef Ben Warriner has created an Italian menu that well and truly does the location justice. ‘It’s all about food prepared with integrity, fun and heart. In trying to capture the spirit of the sea, the menu walks the line from delicate to decadent and everything in between.’

You’ll find ingredients such as wild boar, local cheeses and charcuterie and of course, fresh Ballina prawns. On our visit the fish of the day was swordfish. I hesitated because my experience of swordfish, even in some celebrated restaurants, has been a dry, hard fish. The waiter seeing my hesitation, said that they did seafood really well. And indeed, the swordfish that came out was moist, so much so that it had trouble staying on the fork! Cooked over coals with salsa Siciliana and pistachio burnt

butter this was a fantastic dish. Still on the seafood, the BBQ octopus was another tender, juicy winner.

The vegetarian Straciatella: creamed buffalo cheese, pickled zucchini, chive, and leek was delicious, and the Woodgrilled Pumpkin, radicchio, sage burnt butter had wonderful multifaceted flavour that went well with the Italian white from the drinks menu; which has a good range of wines by the glass as well as bottles. Often roast pumpkin just tastes like pumpkin, but my vegetarian partner said this was the best he’d had. While the menu at Capiche is a bold one, there is something for everyone, with plenty of classic Italian favourites, authentic wood-fired pizzas, some fun bits for the kids and, apparently, a killer tiramisu.

The fit out is reflective of the Bang Bang sense of style, but with a fresh Mediterranean twist. Soft edges, alluring curves, sandy whites and Burgundy reds bring



both comfort and sophistication to the former Lighthouse Beach Cafe location. Yet the view, of course, remains the hero.

For the avid morning beach-goer, the Capiche Kiosk will be a welcome surprise. A perfectly made Old Quarter Coffee, a fresh pastry or some house-made sweets sounds like a great way to round out a walk or a surf on Lighthouse Beach.

We visited for Sunday lunch and the place was full. Nicholas says, ‘the response from our guests has been



really heart-warming. It seems the Shire has long had a desire for just what we’re offering. A new, fresh outlook in a place that we all love. We’re so happy to have been able to bring that to the area.’

■ Capiche Restaurant, Lighthouse Beach, East Ballina
Wed: 4.30pm till late
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capicherestaurant.com.au

Lightbulb moment inspires beer documentary

Simon Haslam

‘I’m 29, and all through school I’ve watched videos of the polar icecaps melting,’ says James Toohey, ‘and I knew a bit about regen farming. But when I saw Damon Gameau’s film 2040, the bit about regen really struck me, it was like a lightbulb moment, it really resonated for me.’

James runs a creative design studio in Sydney, and customarily makes five-minute videos for clients, but he seems to have become a passionate advocate for regen agriculture over the course of making a new documentary about the beer industry. ‘So, I guess like all, particularly younger, Australians I’m quite climate conscious, and we make choices about solar power, recycling etc’, he says, ‘but when I heard about this project to make regenerative beer, that segment of Gameau’s film came back to me, and I realised this was something that could make a huge difference, not just in the beer industry but to the behaviour of ordinary people, like me.’

The film soon grew into a 45-minute documentary. ‘I’m not an expert on this, but the

more I thought about it, the more interesting it became to me. Beer is totally connected to Aussie culture, and we’re all a bit climate-conscious these days, making choices about how to reduce our impact with solar panels, with recycling etc. But two years ago, when I heard about Stone & Wood’s plan to make a regen beer, I realised it could have a real impact.’

The main inputs to the beer industry are grain, hops and water. Grain, in particular, is often grown as a monoculture, with grains from many different farmers then travelling long distances to be mixed together in silos. The grain (mostly barley or wheat) is then transported to a facility where it’s roasted to become ‘malt’, which the brewer then mixes with yeast and hops to make beer.

In Whitton, in the NSW Riverina region, Voyager has set up Australia’s first on-farm malthouse. As they grow the grain on smaller allotments, practically within view of the malting facility, food miles are reduced. But more importantly, this process means that they can keep the grain separate, so you can see the grain from each farmer. All the grain in the regen beer

comes from regen farmers, who rotate ‘cover’ crops to improve soil temperatures and the soil biome – both important to soil health.

‘The resulting beer is not only sustainable, but also regenerative,’ continues James, ‘it’s not just taking CO2 out of the atmosphere and contributing to soil health, it’s actually contributing to reversing climate change. In fact, the more we focused on the issue, the more Stone & Wood realised that they could expand this more broadly throughout their range.’

In addition to making a range of purist ‘regen’ ales and beers, Stone & Wood are going to try and make 70 per cent of their products feature regen hops and grain, James says. Obviously, Stone & Wood are just part of a much larger group of companies, but if it works for them, the regen strategy can be expanded within the group. Not every hops or grain farmer is ‘regen’, so they need to be educated and brought along.

For James the documentary is part of a process of educating consumers about what the damage is (from, for example, monoculture

grain-growing practices) and that it doesn’t have to be that way – that you can choose brands that are regenerative, making a choice that is healthier in the short term and in the longer term it’s better for soil health, and creates biodiversity within the soil.

In addition, the documentary describes how the process of change creates new opportunities. At Whitton, instead of using fossil fuel to roast the grain they use biochar, which is in turn made from the discarded crops of other farmers in the Riverina, e.g. nut waste. By turning away from fossil fuel, this created a solution for another problem (waste crops) that no-one was even attempting to solve.

This can make a huge impact in the beer industry, says James. ‘When Voyager were looking at their sustainability, they’d done a lot of obvious things like solar power, but changing from monoculture grain to regen grain cut a further 50 per cent of emissions. This could be very significant if the whole of Australia moved to this.’

■ Re-Generation premieres 9 Nov in Byron Bay



Jack Toohey, documentary maker, out in the field.



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Seven

The Soul Rebels are an absolute standout on their own but they are also the kings of collaboration – from Metallica to Katy Perry these guys are everywhere, and next Easter you will get the chance to see them on the Bluesfest stage at Tyagarah.

In an exclusive interview from Houston, Texas last week, *Seven* caught up with co-founder and the drum in the brass, Lumar LeBlanc to talk about music, Metallica, and red beans and rice.



You and co-founder Derrick Moss are two percussionists and you started a brass band. How did that happen?

‘The original group was the offset of Harold Dejan’s Olympia Brass Band – we were blessed to be the junior band to that band. So while we were playing their music under their tutelage, we were able to start playing our music. We started playing music of our generation with the folk in the hip hop and gospel [scenes]. We didn’t want to disrespect them, so we thought ‘We’ve got to have a different name when we’re doing that’ – it was on a totally different level.

How does it feel to be a percussionist in amongst all that brass?

It’s great! The drums, as you know, are the heartbeat – that’s what makes the heart move and get the blood pumping. And all of the rest – accompaniment with the trumpets, trombones and the saxophones and sousaphone – it just makes a massive piece. We have been playing drums our whole life – all of us actually have been playing instruments, our whole life. And that combination is unique. It’s exciting. We’ve become very innovative with it – down to different techniques that we use, but it still is authentic – real beats, and that’s what I think definitely separates us from others.

Do you think people have low expectations of a ‘brass band’?

I think they do. Yeah, I think that they look at it more as an authentic, special commodity. Especially being from New Orleans, they kind of look at it as an extension of the culture, rather than something to take seriously like Nirvana or the Beatles. But, we’ve been able to turn it around and, as you saw, we played with Metallica and other bands because of the way we approach the music and the style. Early on, it was a hardship. We had to even get to where we weren’t in the street anymore – no parades. And then from there, we were able to go to the stage. And then on a stage it was a challenge, but we were able to get people to respect it there also.

What does it feel like to be able to share your experience of the way you see music with other people, for example, Metallica, who have a totally different approach?

Oh it’s exciting. You couldn’t imagine the energy that comes out of a formation like that. What we found when we collaborate with other musicians, who love and who are serious about their craft, like Metallica, all of the formulas and instruments kind of just become one. And we look at each other as artists. And the mentality and the vibe from the heart and

soul, which is most important, begins to connect. It speaks to the level of musicianship. That can have a determining factor in the success of the collaboration also, when we’re able to listen to their music and appreciate it and master it to the point where we could give it back to them in a respectful way. When two serious groups of musicians connect, they’re not looking at us as a brass band, and we’re not looking at them as a rock band – we’re just one band. With all our collaboration we’ve had no problems at all. We’ve always been able to have the respect and the vibe.

What inspires you?

Oh, my goodness. Personally I’m a very spiritual person. I look at my music and I look at my drum as one connecting spirit extension of me lovely. Artistically, I’m inspired by so much. I love lyrics. It can be from Sade, to Jay Z, Beyoncé to Diana Ross – I love lyrics because I like the message. I write a lot of poetry. I write a lot of rap music. So those things inspire me. Obviously the drums do too, but I’m inspired by a lot of things at heart. I love – I just love – Louise Armstrong, Coltrane, Miles. Yeah, I love those people.

I heard that red beans and rice (a traditional Creole dish made on a Monday and we spoke on Thursday) is your favourite food?

I love it! I want some right now. I can eat that every day! (Laughs a long time...)

Definitely catch LeBlanc and the Soul Rebels at Bluesfest 2023: www.bluesfest.com.au.

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Hosted at **Bende Studios at Habitat Byron Bay** this **Friday 11 November, 8-11.30am**, special guest **Shelley Craft** will lead a conversation on inside-out wellness with experts in their field: **Tiffany Jackson** (meditation teacher); **Mukti** (Founder Mukti Organics); **Emma Maidment** (Yoga & meditation teacher), and **Penny Loughnan** (co-owner Vagabond).

In addition to the panel discussion the event includes a **Bende Vinyasa yoga class**, **Immersive Sound Healing** with **April Swift** (Soul Alchemy), breakfast by **Vagabond** and a gift bag with health-filled goodies.

If you find yourself wondering the why, what, and what-not-to of how you can alter your daily life to be more joyful, healthful and conscious of providing support to your overall wellbeing, then book into this unique event before it sells out. Capacity is limited to keep the event intimate.

To find out more about Caper Byron or to book your tickets, visit: caperbyronbay.com.

HOT SHORTS IS BACK AT THE DRILL HALL!



The **Drill Hall Theatre Company** runs the **Hot Shorts** program every two years; writers are invited to submit their plays, which must be original, not previously performed, no longer than ten minutes and with minimal staging difficulties. This year the company changed the format slightly and the plays have been workshopped with the writers for the last six months supported by **Russell Eldridge**, **Mike Russo**, **Susan Meluish** and **Peter Gough**. The DHTC further assists playwrights with producing the chosen plays, finding directors and cast ready for the November performance.

There are cash prizes: \$500 to the best original script (selected by an independent body of professional writers) and \$500 to the play voted 'favourite' by the audience.

Hot Shorts is an excellent opportunity for new writers, new directors and new actors to make their dream a reality. It's also an excellent opportunity for you, the audience, to support the development of local community theatre by these hard-working, talented local playwrights.

November 18-27, Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm and Sunday at 5pm. Tickets: \$25/\$30

Book at drillhalltheatre.org.au

NEXT GEN AUDIO ENGINEERS

SAE Creative Media Institute and **The Beach Hotel, Byron Bay** have joined forces to support up-and-coming audio engineers as part of a new ongoing partnership. SAE students who are studying for audio engineering degrees will have the chance to develop their skills in a live environment, working with leading artists like Bag Raiders, Confidence Man, and Baker Boy – who have all previously performed at the iconic Byron venue.



Every year, almost 500 SAE students nationally gain new skills and valuable industry experience as part of their work placement unit for their degrees. SAE National Manager Careers and Enterprise, Lisa O'Meara was delighted to announce the partnership between the leaders of creative media education and one of the industry's most iconic venues. 'SAE has a long and distinguished history supporting the Byron Bay music industry. We are excited to work closely with the Beach Hotel, and provide regular learning opportunities working with established and up-and-coming artists.

'The experience students will gain in a vibrant live environment will provide them with the skills and industry connections that enhance their employability and career opportunities.'

The Beach Hotel, Byron Bay is a 1,000 person venue, with up to 30 acts weekly, performing live. The 'Beachy' also recently won the title of Best Live Music Venue at the annual Australian Hotels Association Awards.

Entertainment Team Member and SAE graduate, Chris Daly is looking forward to mentoring students and giving back to those just starting out. 'We're an excellent environment for students who have an interest in live sound, lighting, and venue ambience management. Students will get the chance to engage with live acts and gain constructive feedback from mentors, which will aid them in their development.

'As a graduate of SAE, I appreciate firsthand what a great place it is to study, and the Beach Hotel is arguably one of the best live venues in Australia, so it really is an exciting collaboration that will benefit the audio engineers of the future.'

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

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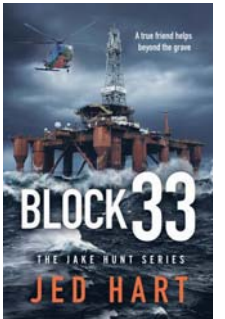
What does a man do when South America's most bloodthirsty revolutionary threatens to kill him and his loved ones? That question confronts Jake Hunt, who faces a slow, painful death for what he's done. In a single climactic morning, Hunt, a hardened Vietnam vet trained in top-secret Black Ops, kills terrorist drug dealer Carlos Guzman in an act of self-defence. But nowhere on Earth offers sanctuary from Guzman's vengeful son Antonio, and no one close to Hunt is safe, least of all his beleaguered girlfriend, Nicole Roswell. The couple are forced to flee to the far corners of the Earth – New Guinea, Australia, Scotland – as they battle to survive the Guzman cartel's revenge. They run and hide, constantly dreading the bullet or sharpened blade that will kill them. Until the day Jake decides he's had enough – and makes his stand. Then he will stop at nothing to save his beloved Nicole.

Author Jed Hart's new release, *Block 33*, brings Jake's desperation to life with a tour through his own real-life experience of bloody fighting across the jungles of Vietnam and Peru, and flying choppers in Indonesia, New Guinea, Brunei and Scotland. Hart's firsthand knowledge brings Jake's indomitable spirit to life as only a real-life warrior could. Painful, glorious memories of enemy ambush and attack, live mortar and machine gun fire and fallen comrades. All the heroic and sometimes disgraceful reality of men under fire.

The author says *Block 33*, the second book in the Jake Hunt Series, is of course a work of fiction, but each chapter was so much easier to write if he borrowed from his own life. 'The violence and corruption I describe in this book are as real as the sun that rises in the morning. None of my characters are strangers, they could walk off the page tomorrow, and knock on your door. Some of them, you'd be wise not to let inside.'

Without Warning, was first in the Jake Hunt series. The third book in the series, *Just Reward*, will be on shelves next year.

The Friends of the Library are inviting you to see Jed Hart in conversation with Geoff Leach on Friday, November 18 at Marvell Hall, Byron Bay at 6pm. Visit: byronbayfol.com for details. Purchase *Block 33* at www.featherknightbooks.com or www.amazon.com.au



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THE CERAMIC REBUILD

Build | Rebuild: Northern Rivers Ceramics, After the Floods is an exhibition bringing together the incredible talent of local ceramic artists in the

Northern Rivers, who were all affected by the major flooding events in the region earlier this year.

It includes work by local artists: **Luke Atkinson,**

Stephen Bird, Phaedra Davy, Raven Esque, Penny Evans, Brooke Jenkins, Gudrun Klix, Wally McGregor, Antoinette O'Brien, Anna Parsons, Lucy Be Phillips, Miriam Salomon, Avital Sheffer and Jacqui Sosnowski.

Build | Rebuild presents works by artists in all stages of their careers and showcases the breadth and vibrance of ceramics in the region – from the beauty of functional, everyday objects to impressive sculptural forms.

The recent floods impacted each of these artists in different ways. Artists lost studios, equipment, materials, artworks, their livelihood, places of learning, homes, their local supplier, and much more. Out of this devastation many artists have sought out the creative process as a healing balm to the chaos, perhaps a way to process the experience.

It offers the community a way to celebrate the fruits of creative labour through, and despite, these times, and to honour the processes involved in rebuilding.

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WEDNESDAY 9

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **JESSE WHITNEY**, 5PM **TIM STOKES**, 7.30PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**, 9.30PM **DJ GENE ENGLISH**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7.30PM **HYBRID THEORY (LINKIN PARK TRIBUTE)**

THURSDAY 10

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOUL FISH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **PABLO LAVERDE**, 5.30PM **CAPER BYRON FOOD FESTIVAL – WELCOME TO COUNTRY**, 6PM **CAPER BYRON FOOD FESTIVAL – OPENING NIGHT**, 6.30PM **THE BOY OF MANY COLOURS**, 7.30PM **DJ REDBELLY**, 8PM **FIRST BEIGE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **TAHLIA MATHESON**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SARA TINDLEY 'GREETINGS FROM LAKE ST CLAIR' ALBUM LAUNCH**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**

FRIDAY 11

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **OSCAR LADELL**, 8PM **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JEROME WILLIAMS & GABRIELLE LAMBE**, 7.30PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**, 8PM **SLOAN PETERSON**, 9PM **DJ QUENDO**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **BRIGHT LIGHTS 2022 AWARDS PRESENTATION**
- BENDE STUDIOS AT HABITAT, BYRON BAY, 8AM **CAPER BYRON – A WEALTH OF WELLNESS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **SYRINX**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE **CAPER BYRON**, 5PM **CANTONESE & CABARET WITH LOUIS TIKARAM & MONICA TRAPAGA**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **DJ PAPA BITCHO**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ ANDRE MEYER**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**

- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **TINTENBAR UP FRONT – OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **TRIPLE ONE**
- DURRUMBUL HALL **SUB TROPICAL**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **SALLY BRACEWELL**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **BENNY O'DWYER**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM 90S **POP EXPLOSION**

SATURDAY 12

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **PHIL & TILLEY**, 8PM **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **ALEX TILLEY**, 10.30PM **DJ DANNY BOY**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON BAY, 2PM **EXHIBITION BUILD | REBUILD: MEET THE ARTISTS**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **MICKA SCENE**, 7.30PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE **CAPER BYRON**, 5PM **CANTONESE & CABARET WITH LOUIS TIKARAM & MONICA TRAPAGA**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL 3PM **QUEER FAMILY RAINBOW CREATIVES OPENING NIGHT**
- BANNER PARK, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM **BRUNS RIVER FLICKS. STORM BOY**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ SLINKY**
- ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLINA, 3PM **SYRINX**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SAN URESHI**
- NIMBIN SCHOOL OF ART 8PM **EMILY MAGUIRE**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **BALCONY SESSIONS WITH ANDREA SOLER**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MR TROY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **ADAM BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 8PM **ART VS SCIENCE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE BOOTLEG BEATLES**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **MARSHALL OKELL DUO**

SUNDAY 13

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4.30PM **EPIC**, 7PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**, 9PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **TRACY CHAPMAN TRIBUTE SHOW WITH ANDREA KIRWIN AND BAND**
- YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE (YAC), BYRON BAY, 3PM **TAIKO CONCERT**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM DUBBARRAY, 7PM **TRACY CHAPMAN TRIBUTE SHOW W ANDREA KIRWIN**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE **CAPER BYRON**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **OPEN MIC HOSTED BY JACK CAVE**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM **SARAH GRANT**
- LENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 9AM **BROADFOOT**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **JOE CONROY**

MONDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FINTAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **KANE MUIR**, 5PM **AKOVA**, 10PM **DJ ZAC EWING**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **NIK PHILLIPS**, 10PM **PINK VS GAGA**

TUESDAY 15

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 10PM **DJ JAMES OWEN**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **MESSAGES FRO A BOTTLE – STORIES OF SOBRIETY**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM GREG WALL, 9.30PM **FAT ALBERT**

WEDNESDAY 16

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **CHLOE JETT**, 10PM **DJ WHITT**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM **HOPPER – EXHIBITION ON SCREEN**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4PM **JFK**



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259 Arthur Road, Dorroughby

- Peace, privacy and character are signatures of this elevated 18 acre farmlet
- Old world atmosphere and fresh interiors combine beautifully with a period charm you can feel
- Babbling creek, town water and a dam help make self sufficiency dreams a fulfilling reality
- Separate studio for extra guests or music and artists retreat with it's own sense of space
- The perfect sheltered site for numerous Detached Dual Occupancy Dwelling options
- Quiet country road location, sooo close to National Park, hinterland villages and coastal amenities
- All the ingredients that go towards quality rural living can be found right here

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Friday 25th November

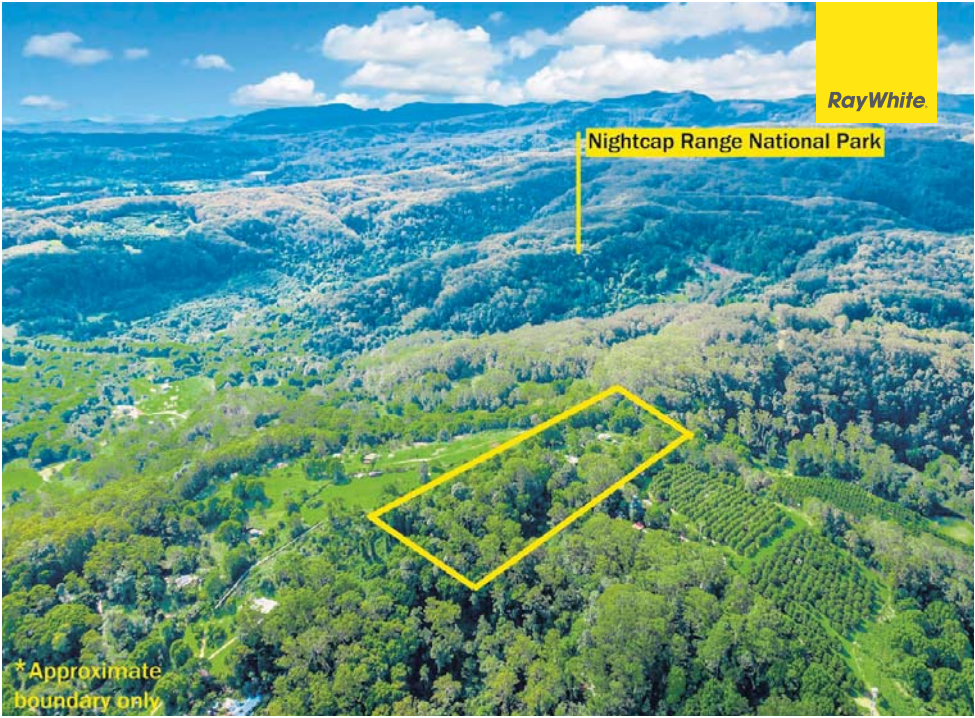
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* Approximate boundary only



Auction



Approved Dual Occupancy Acreage

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144a Fox Road, Rosebank

- Hilltop 10 acre hobby farm with established grounds and gardens amongst towering rainforest species
- Council approved new home plans creating a Detached Dual Occupancy
- The existing rustic cottage offers comfortable accommodation whilst building afresh
- Elevated North aspect offers warm winter sun and cool ocean breezes
- Rich, frost free paddocks invite self sufficiency permaculture pursuits

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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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52 KILLARNEY CRESCENT, SKENNARS HEAD

4 3 4 1529m²

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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Gorgeous Family Home on 2.47 acres with Beautiful Nature Outlook!

- Large family home with freshwater, heated pool on 2.47 (1.01 hectares)
- Featured are high ceilings and beautiful timber floors throughout
- Existing approved plans to convert to a Bed and Breakfast establishment
- 3 car carport and 6m x 7m shed/workshop on a concrete slab
- A second full-size dwelling can be built on the property (STCA)
- There is an additional room that can be used as a fifth bedroom or home office

5 3 3 2.47 ACRES

6 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale

Price Guide: Contact Agent

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Helen Huntly-Barratt
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Immaculate Home with Multiple Dwellings, Close to Beach!

5 4 2 630M²

- The main residence is a 4 bedroom, 3 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
- Plus an approved separate one bed dwelling perfect for guests or income

21 Scott Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction – Ending Monday
14th November at 2pm

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Private Sanctuary on 5-acres with Mountain and Coastal Views!

4 2 4 5 ACRES

- This property offers stunning dual aspect views towards the coast and back to the mountains on an extremely private and elevated parcel of land
- Featured on the property is edible walking trails and immaculate terraced gardens with a fish laden dam for farm to table living
- Existing infrastructure ideal for a secondary dwelling or artist's studio (STCA)
- Only 10 minutes from vibrant Murwillumbah village

97 Glencoe Road, North Arm

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Modern and Spacious – Quiet, Elevated Cul-de-sac

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  604M²

- Multiple living and entertaining areas indoors and outdoors
- Open plan kitchen with Smeg gas cooktop, 900mm oven plus dishwasher
- Outdoors is a covered north facing patio area, perfect for entertaining
- There is current approval to install a pool in the north-east corner of the yard
- The home offers plenty of storage throughout the home and a double garage
- Walking distance to Bangalow's village, sports fields and bowling club

6 Marlewood Place, Bangalow

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 12th November 11–11.30am



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Renovated Beach House Moments to New Brighton Beaches!

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  673M²

- Located only one street back from the ocean is this immaculate beach house
- The home welcomes you with soaring high raked ceilings in the open plan living area and chefs kitchen that seamlessly opens out onto the veranda
- Downstairs offers a second living area and rumpus room perfect for quiet times or a teenagers retreat
- Walking distance to New Brighton General Store and Yum Yum tree Cafe

12 Brunswick Street, New Brighton

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: Saturday, 12th November 10–10.30am



Tara Torkkola
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Sally Green
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Private Townhouse with Unbeatable Ocean and Lighthouse Views

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- Offered to the market for the first time in 30 years is this elevated, private townhouse in blue chip location with expansive views across to the ocean
- Featured is a sun-drenched rooftop terrace, with stunning bay views
- Walking distance to beach with access to walking track close by
- Sun- filled and well insulated property with ocean breezes
- Abundance of established trees making for private living

1/50 Paterson Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction

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Original Byron Cottage with Development Potential

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  803M²

- The size of this block provides an opportunity to develop a duplex (STCA) the chance to have two new homes this close to town and Main Beach!
- A double lockup garage has had a large extension creating a versatile building, perfect for a studio (STCA)
- The home has retained many character features combined with some modern additions

44 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.75m – \$1.85m

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14 Warina Place, Mullumbimby

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\$890,000 to \$960,000



For sale for the first time in almost 60 years, this 'Retro 70s' home has been much-loved since the day it was built and has been in the same family since 1974. Located in a quiet cul de sac, ten minutes walk to town and 2 minutes walk to the Farmer's Markets at the showgrounds. Original features include polished timber floors, louvered doors, breeze blocks, groovy tiles and display cabinetry in the kitchen.



Entry to the house is through the covered parking and brings you into the wide hall. The centrally located main living area leads into the open plan kitchen/dining area, with original cabinetry and retro display cupboards. Past the kitchen is the laundry and access to the fully fenced backyard, a perfect place for the kids to play, along with a covered bbq area and shed.

Inspect: Saturday 12th November, 10am
Contact: Todd Buckland - 0408 966 421
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Byron Shire Real Estate

Tranquil beachside lifestyle

12 Beach Avenue, South Golden Beach

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\$1,975,000



You'll certainly be leaving your worries at the gate of this charming two-level, three-bedroom family home situated in the heart of much-loved South Golden Beach.

As you step into the private, fenced garden, you'll find yourself in an enchanting natural sanctuary. Native trees, birdsong, and the sound of trickling water that emanates from the water feature compel you to pause and soak up the serenity of the surroundings.

Timber stairs take you from the peaceful garden up onto a covered front deck and through sliding doors into a bright and spacious open-plan living space. Here the outlook takes in native trees, swaying palms, and blue sky. High ceilings add light and space, while wooden flooring creates a warm and welcoming environment to dine and relax with family and friends. At the same time, the easterly aspect ensures you'll enjoy the morning sun and ocean breezes all year round.

Inspect: Saturday 12 November 10 am to 10.30 am
Contact: Ed Silk 0418 660 063
Ed Silk Byron Bay



Open For Inspection

Inspection times, new listings and auctions are listed on the *Echo* website at www.echo.net.au/ad/offi

Atlas by LJ Hooker Byron Bay

- 11/10 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am

Century 21 Plateau Lifestyle

- 8 Gardner Avenue, Lismore. Sat 10-10.30am
- 29 Palmvale Drive, Goonellabah, Sat 11.30am-12pm

Elders Brunswick Valley

- 56 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 21 Geles Road, Upper Burringbar. Sat 12-12.30pm

First National Byron

- 21 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Wed 12-12.30pm
- 88 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Wed 3.30-4pm
- 4 Elkhorn Parade, Ballina. Wed 4-4.30pm
- 1 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Wed 6-6.30pm
- 1B Chinible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Fri 11-11.30am
- 44 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Fri 1-1.30pm
- 3/29 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1-1.30pm
- 88 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9-9.30am
- 3 Burns Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 65 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9.30-10am
- 35B Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9.30-10am
- 6/26 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9.30-10am
- 12 Brunswick Street, New Brighton. Sat 10-10.30am
- 6 Pacific Esplanade, SGB. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4 Elkhorn Parade, Ballina. Sat 10-10.30am
- 10 Whian Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4/49 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 2/4 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
- 21 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10.30-11am
- 1B Chinible Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 11-11.30am
- 5 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 159 Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 6 Marblewood Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1696 Hinterland Way, McLeods Shoot. Sat 11-11.30am
- 44 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30-12pm

- 38 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11.30-12pm
- 5/6-8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 6 Wallaby Close, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 2 Seastar Court, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30-1pm
- 1 Lagoon Drive, Myocum. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 1/50 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

Katrina Beohm

- 18 Porter Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 1441 Keerrong Road, Keerrong. Sat 4-4.30pm

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- 31 Natan Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 21 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 19 Chevell Place, Smiths Creek. Sat 9-9.30am
- 5 Terrara Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 9-9.30am
- 35 Yalla Kool drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 1/3 Halyard Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 7 Saddle Way, Murwillumbah. Sat 10.15-10.45am
- 36 Mullumbimbi St, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 20 Wirruna Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1/3 Miram Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.45am-12.15pm
- 1D Short Street, New Brighton. Sat 12-12.30pm

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- 18 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 5 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 12 Brunswick Terrace, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.45-11.15am
- 1 Elizabeth Av., SGB. Sat 11.45 am-12.15pm
- 1/54 Butler Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

North Coast Lifestyle Properties Mullumbimby

- 43 Main Arm Road Mullumbimby Sat. 10-10.45am
- 1 Willow Tree Drive, Chilcotts Grass. Sat 11-11.45am
- 1/3 Boondoon Cres, Ocean Shores. Sat 2-2.45pm

North Coast Lifestyle Properties Brunswick

- 19 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.45am
- 20 Redgate Rd, South Golden Beach. Sat 10-10.45am
- 46 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.45am

Ray White Rural Bangalow

- 259 Arthur Road, Corndale. Sat 11-11.30am

Real Estate of Distinction

- 454 Crabbes Creek Rd, Crabbes Creek. Sat 11.15am-12pm
- 35-37 Edwards Lane, Kynnumboon. Sat 4-4.45pm

Ruth Russell Realty

- 76 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30-1pm

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- 16 Green Frog Lane, Bangalow. Sat 10.30-11am
- 35 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Wed 1.30-2pm
- 35 The Esplanade, New Brighton. Sat 11.45am-12.15pm
- 17 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Wed 11.30am-12pm
- 17 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 9-9.30am
- 8 George Street, Bangalow. Wed 12.15-12.45pm
- 8 George Street, Bangalow. Sat 9.45-10.15am
- 9 Mayfield Street, Eltham. Sat 1-1.30pm

New Listings

Century 21 Plateau Lifestyle

- 175 Ellis Road, Alstonville
- 8 Gardner Avenue, Lismore
- 233 Coraki Ellangowan Road, Coraki

North Coast Lifestyle Properties Mullumbimby

- 5a Orchid Place, Mullumbimby
- 480 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby Creek
- 43 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

- 1/3 Boondoon Cres, Ocean Shores
- 686 Clothiers Creek Rd, Clothiers Creek

North Coast Lifestyle Properties Brunswick

- 19 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby
- 41 Orana Road, Ocean Shores
- 6 Park Street, New Brighton

Auction

McGrath Byron Bay

- 1/54 Butler Street, Byron Bay. 12 November 1.30pm



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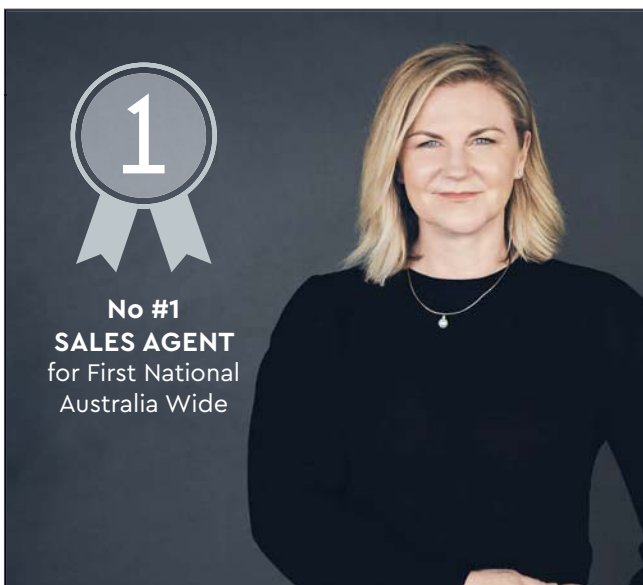
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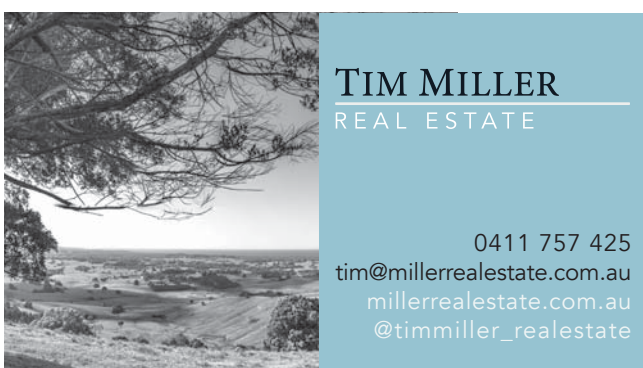


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Should you have an interest in the project, please:

- Visit our project blog site: <https://www.planitconsulting.com.au/2022/02/310ewingsdaleroad/>
- Provide formal feedback before 28 November by email (administration@planitconsulting.com.au) or in writing to:
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PO Box 1623,
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- Register your attendance at our Drop-In Project Enquiry & Feedback Session to be held at Marvell Hall – 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay on 24 November by emailing: administration@planitconsulting.com.au.

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

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

SUN, MOON & TIDES
TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS

DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
9	W	5:47 19:11	20:00 6:02	0944 1.67 2143 1.23	0258 0.15 1559 0.33
10	TH	5:47 19:12	20:59 6:40	1020 1.68 2217 1.15	0327 0.18 1643 0.36
11	F	5:46 19:13	21:57 7:22	1056 1.65 2252 1.07	0357 0.24 1726 0.40
12	SA	5:46 19:14	22:51 8:08	1132 1.61 2330 1.00	0428 0.30 1811 0.44
13	SU	5:45 19:14	23:41 9:00	1212 1.55	0501 0.38 1858 0.48
14	M	5:44 19:15		0014 0.95 1256 1.48	0543 0.45 1951 0.51
15	TU	5:44 19:16	0:26 10:49	0109 0.91 1346 1.42	0635 0.53 2051 0.52
16	W	5:44 19:17	1:05 11:46	0226 0.90 1445 1.38	0745 0.60 2153 0.50
17	TH	5:43 19:18	1:40 12:42	0353 0.95 1549 1.36	0905 0.62 2247 0.46
18	F	5:43 19:18	2:12 13:37	0500 1.05 1648 1.37	1020 0.60 2331 0.39
19	SA	5:42 19:19	2:42 14:33	0550 1.17 1741 1.38	1124 0.56
20	SU	5:42 19:20	3:12 15:30	0635 1.30 1829 1.39	0009 0.31 1220 0.49
21	M	5:42 19:21	3:42 16:29	0717 1.45 1913 1.39	0044 0.24 1312 0.42
22	TU	5:41 19:22	4:14 17:32	0759 1.58 1957 1.37	0118 0.17 1402 0.35
23	W	5:41 19:22	4:50 18:39	0842 1.70 2042 1.32	0153 0.12 1452 0.29

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

Echo

Tintenbar East Ballina remain undefeated and dominate local cricket

Tintenbar East Ballina cricket club is sitting on top of the three senior grades of local cricket, and all three sides are undefeated for the season. The first grade LJ Hooker two-day competition has seen TEB take one win for the season after beating Tweed-Banora in late October. In their current match against Marist Brothers being played at Oakes Oval in Lismore the visitors are 3/97 chasing 139.

Second grade

The second grade side continued their winning ways on Saturday with a convincing victory over Alstonville. Playing at home on Kingsford Smith Oval,

TEB won the toss and sent Alstonville in to bat. The visitors were bowled out for 75 in 31 overs with TEB's Anthony Melchior doing the most damage with a return of 5/19 off eight overs. Joshua Mallam chimed in with 3/25 off his eight. Alstonville opener Malcolm Rose (15 runs), along with Andrew Eather (16), Charlie North (11) and Andrew O'Brien (11 no) were the batters who reached double figures. TEB reeled-in the total in 15 overs with the loss of four wickets. Opener Philip Dali (21) and Riley Green (18) top scored. Alstonville's Peter Van Zijl returned 3/22 off six overs. The win gave TEB seconds

four wins from four starts and sees them on top of the ladder with 35 competition points, ahead of Terranora Lakes (32), Cudgen (32) and Lennox Head (29). **Third grade** TEB thirds maintained their undefeated start to the 2022-23 season with a win against Byron Bay at the Recreation Grounds last Saturday. TEB won the toss and choose to bat, and put 135 on the scoreboard before they were all out in the 29th over. Joshua Thick top-scored for the day with 29 runs, and Captain, Ben Crawford, contributed 16. Best bowlers for Byron Bay included Ross Kendall

(3/36 off four), Reece Egan (2/15 off six) and Shaun Greening (2/30 off seven). In reply Byron Bay could only muster 96 runs and were all out in the 28th over. Shaun backed up his bowling display with Byron's top score of 27 and Doug Jarvis added 23. Joseph Elphick took the bowling honours for TEB with figures of 3/26 off seven overs, while Mark Sweeney was close behind with 3/28 off four overs. TEB sit on top of the third grade ladder with 35 competition points alongside Bangalow who also have five wins from five games. Byron Bay, Bangalow II and Mullumbimby Brunswick all have 23 points.



Anthony Melchior was TEB's top second grade bowler after delivering figures of 5/19 last Saturday. Photo supplied

Local futsal team now north coast champions



Mullum High's u/16 futsal team has won another championship. Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby High U/16 girls futsal team have won another championship after travelling to Coffs Harbour in late October to contest the Combined High Schools North Coast Title. They qualified for the event after winning the CHS Far North Coast final in September. Continuing their winning ways the talented team got their tournament underway with a 20-1 victory over

Woodenbong. They went on to have another easy win in their semi-final and then won the final 4-1, defeating the title holders, Bellingen. 'With the score 1-1 at half time, the second half was tight until Rhianna Browning scored one of her trademark goals from an impossible angle,' coach Brian Hedge said. 'The momentum with them, Mullumbimby then

took control with goals to Macey and Lilly Donnelly'. The team line up from their recent success at the Australian titles, where they were runners-up, was bolstered by the addition of Kaliyah Browning and Alisa Tomasella. 'This has been a fantastic year for this team and we look forward to next year for more entertaining Futsal from Mullumbimby High School,' Brian said.

Locals win Byron Bay FC's big raffle

Byron Bay local Michelle Pulen was delighted to win the Byron Bay Football Club's major raffle prize worth \$20,000. 'I entered to support the community to build the clubhouse for our young footballers, but to win is just amazing. I can't believe it,' Michelle said. The raffle raised over \$47,000 towards a new community clubhouse on the Recreation Ground in Byron. The build is expected to commence in the new year. Michelle and her daughter Jasmin were delighted to



The winners with some of their goodies. Photo supplied

\$50,00 in Local Sports Grants on offer

Local Sports Grants ranging from \$2000 to \$10,000 with a total budget of \$50,000 are available across all NSW electorates. The grants are designed to encourage participation in sport.

Some examples of eligible projects include: come and try days, coach or referee accreditation courses, new or updated websites, equipment, upgrading facilities and subsidised travel for junior teams.

There is a greater weighting for projects that clearly benefit women and girls, people with disability, culturally diverse and first nations peoples. Applications close at 1pm Monday, November 21.

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Last week, the ATO released a long list of non-taxpaying corporations for 2021. It's perhaps the reason why Australians can't enjoy nice things, like free dental, child-care, affordable housing, free higher education, or income support above the poverty line. Notable corporations who refuse to help pay for schools, hospitals and roads include NewsCorp, AGL, Woodside, Shell, Santos, Chevron, BP, Glencore, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips and Ampol.

Tolerance for opposing views continues to decline globally – 'conspiracy theorist' David Icke has just been banned from 26 European countries. Seven years ago, Icke spoke about America's plan to start a war with Russia using Ukraine.

It's Scams Awareness Week, and NSW Fair Trading is encouraging consumers to learn new ways to identify scams. They say, 'Stop, check, and verify – take the time to check whether an offer or contact is genuine before acting on it.' NSW Fair Trading urges consumers to report scams to the ACCC's Scamwatch site, the main regulatory body for scams: www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam.

ICYMI – The latest in farm and agribusiness equipment will be on show at the Norco Primex, to be held November 10–12 at the Richmond Valley Events Centre, Casino.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet has thrown down the gauntlet to the mighty NSW gambling industry, writes independent publisher Crikey,



Seen on Mullum's Prince Street – indeed, Resilience NSW, with Council's unquestioning consent, have been 'disasterous' managers in the rollout of a large pod village next to Woolies. See page 1. Photo Mullum Residents Association

'with a commitment to a cashless card for poker machines. The state Labor and Nationals parties, addicted to gambling donations, are opposed'. Bernard Keane writes the gambling lobby is probably too powerful for 'Perrottet the Brave' to take on.

Bluesfest 2023 latest big name addition is eight-time Grammy winner, Beck, who will play 'an intimate and unique acoustic show'. The fest runs from April 6–10.

Is it a good idea to force coal companies to pay a Climate Disaster Levy? The NSW Greens think so, and launched their plan on Monday in Lismore. MPs Cate Faehrmann and Sue Higgs also want the coal industry to pay for citizens' assemblies in disaster-affected areas like Lismore.

Bangalow Film Festival is back for 2023, and is set to take place in multiple locations across the town from January 12 till 21. Organisers are also inviting the community to become a friend of the festival. They call it a BFF of

analysing what the Labor government is doing. This week they have amplified a silly idea by former Liberal PM, Tony Abbott. He wants compulsory military service for young people, which has around the same relevance to the public discourse as him eating an onion, shirtfronting Putin and giving Prince Philip a knighthood.

'At some point we'll have to face the fact that politely asking the ruling class to stop climate destruction is not going to work' – ICTA-UAB Professor, Jason Hickel.

Is there a better use of time for an obscenely wealthy billionaire? The world's richest individual, 51-year-old trustafarian Elon Musk, bought Twitter for \$44B and is now trolling its users. See page 16.

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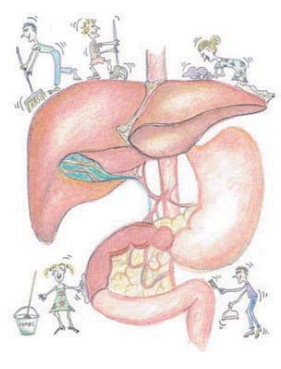
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