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## A Byron Caper

Performer Sienna Dillon struts her hoops in-front of Mambo artist Paul McNeil's famous giant worms at the Caper Festival over the weekend. The festival offered up delectable bites from some of Byron's best eateries, along with music and talks, all scattered across various venues in Byron Bay. Photo Jeff 'hoopless since 1986' Dawson

## What's missing from the Mullum Pod Flood Report?

Aslan Shand

The *Resilience NSW* (ResNSW) *Flood Report* on the impact of the fill at the emergency housing site at Mullumbimby was finally released to the public on 7 November. The report details the impacts that the fill, built up to current 1-in-100 year flood level under selected Scenario A, will have on flood levels for existing housing, in particular on Prince, Poinciana and Station Streets.

'According to the report, there are 11 properties that will see an increase in flooding in a 1-in-100 year event, and 85 properties that will actually see a reduction in flooding in this type of event,' said Byron Shire Mayor, Michael Lyon.

'They might not want the fill to be removed.'

Two properties identified in the *ResNSW Flood Report*, with six units that were severely impacted by flooding in 2022, will see a 3cm increase of above-floor flooding as a direct result of the fill in a 1-in-100-year flood (as labelled in 2020 by the *North Byron Floodplain Management Study and Plan*).

The temporary pod site will provide 40 units, for up to 160 people who were affected by the devastating February floods. However, there are key areas where the *ResNSW Flood Report* by BMT fails to provide adequate information on how their conclusions are drawn regarding the impact on existing houses and residents in these areas.

Local Councillor and hydrologist Duncan Dey pointed out that, 'At 40 pages this is a very thin technical report and it has not

provided the modelling and details needed to allow the public to see how they reached, or to confirm, the conclusions they have put forward. There is also no clue as to who did the actual modelling, or authored the report.'

### 3–6cm not a small increase

In their November *Construction Update*, ResNSW say that this is a 'small increase in flood levels'. However, Cr Dey says that 'in the profession, rises of 3cm or 6cm are not considered small'.

'The government should accelerate the many flood mitigation options at its disposal, as described in the adopted *North Byron Floodplain Risk Management Plan*. That plan is a joint venture of Council and the NSW

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## Tweed MP saves koalas from logging – for now

Aslan Shand

The NSW governments Private Native Forestry (PNF) bill, put forward by the Nationals, was withdrawn on Monday by agriculture minister, Dugald Saunderson, after several coalition MPs said they would cross the floor rather than support the bill.

This included local Tweed Nationals MP Goeff Provest along with Liberals Shayne Mallard and Felicity Wilson.

'Mr Provest told the Government he was not prepared to support the bill. The Government withdrew the bill,' a spokesperson for Mr Provest told The Echo.

'This is the second time that these same proposed legislative changes have been defeated by a member of the Government, last time it was Catherine Cusack crossing the floor to defeat the Local Land Services Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill,' said North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) spokesperson Dailan Pugh.

'The Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Private Native Forestry) Bill 2022 intended to remove protection for core koala habitat, allow logging almost everywhere over private lands, and take away community rights to have a say in where and how logging can occur in their Local Government Area.

'The PNF bill was not just an attack on koalas in an attempt to allow logging everywhere, it is also an attempt to remove community's rights to be informed and have a say in what happens in their areas,' explained Mr Pugh.

'We would particularly like to thank the Member for Tweed, Geoff Provest for threatening to cross the floor and vote against his own Government's bill.

'While these changes have been defeated for the second time, unfortunately they will be resurrected after the election unless there is a change of Government or Premier Perrottet gives a cast-iron promise to bury it forever.'

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## Does a 1-in-500 year flood become the new 1-in-100 flood?

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government. Work on those measures might well achieve a 3cm drop in flood levels at this and many other sites throughout the north of the Shire. Government should pursue that rapidly, before the next flood.'

### Fill creates a levee

'The flood report deals with current climate conditions only. It doesn't deal with future flooding, which will be worse in 2050 or 2100. It doesn't have to, because the fill is only there until the middle of this decade... or is it? 'It looks at the 385m long fill site that runs parallel to the railway, plus an 80m northward extension as shown in Figure 4.1 of the report.

'This fill acts as a levee bank. It totals 465m parallel to the railway and acts as a barrier to flow when the Brunswick Valley floods,' explained Cr Dey.

'The water flows west to east down the Brunswick Valley, that is, it flows from the Mullumbimby Showground across town towards the Industrial Estate.'

### Flood velocity overlooked

The impact of the velocity, the speed that the water moves during the flood event, has not been presented in the report.

'The reality is that these velocities have to have been modelled to obtain the water levels,' said Cr Dey.

'The *ResNSW Flood Report* contains no information about flood velocities and hence doesn't consider their impacts. If you block a 465m width of a floodplain like this, you get still water behind the levee (on the east side) but you get a raging torrent around the

two edges of the levee. By not examining velocities, government doesn't have any picture of how they will impact Poinciana and Argyle Streets, which are the streams that the high velocity water will run down. The result could be that people who were able to get out of harm's way under the pre-fill scenario may no longer be able to. One family escaped on 28 February by floating their kids to a neighbour's elevated house using a kid's three-ring pool as a life raft. Flood velocity must always be considered as well as flood depth.

'Why were the velocities not reported and made publicly available to the community? They sit there in the computer model – it won't run without them. We don't know what the consultant was asked to do or report on as this has not been made public. The community is in the dark about the parameters being considered on their behalf by ResNSW.'

### Long-term site?

The Mayor, Cr Lyon told residents when the report was released that there had 'been talk of houses and other purposes here [on the fill site] for 20 years... Those conversations [regarding future removal of fill] are not for right now,' he said. However, the risk to existing houses if the fill remains long term are significantly increased.

'Under the state's own *Floodplain Development Manual*, constructing works on a floodplain is only allowed after investigation through a proper Floodplain Study and Plan. We completed one in 2020. It doesn't support a levee bank anywhere in the floodplain of the Brunswick River,' explains Cr Dey.

'As shown on Table 4 of

the *ResNSW Flood Report*, the 100-year flood level is lowered under Scenario A for 85 properties while being raised for 11 properties. The story for rarer floods, like the 2022 flood, is far more unacceptable however, and must not be ignored, especially if the fill stays after 2025.

'The report estimates 280mm of water above the floor level for one of the negatively impacted houses during a 1-in-100 year flood. However, they just experienced 800mm above floor level in the February 2022 flood. The report did consider the 2022 flood. Figures like Drawing 2.2 in the report indicate that a 100-year flood is 0.5m deep in Poinciana Street. However, flood marks indicate the 2022 level at half a metre higher.

'It is likely that when the *North Byron Floodplain Plan* is reviewed for the 2022 flood, that review will raise the 100-year level for this area to the level experienced in February. That is an increase of half a metre above what was studied for the *ResNSW Flood Report*. This report has studied the wrong flood.

'In planning law the 100-year flood is used to for setting floor heights for new constructions. When considering impacts of mitigation works, like levee banks, on existing residences, all floods should be considered, especially the floods of most concern to the people affected. In this case, that is the flood they just had.

'The *ResNSW Flood Report* doesn't consider the 2022 flood and how a repeat of that flood would behave with the fill in place.

### Climate change

'The *ResNSW Flood Report* ignores climate change, because it is for a two-year

project, not the one the mayor is speaking about in relation to longer term housing on the site. Climate change will make what is now the 100-year event occur more frequently. And similarly, the future 100-year flood is likely closer to the current 500-year flood.

'For the current 500-year flood, the report shows that the fill of Scenario A (which is effectively a levee bank) lowers the flood level at 57 properties while raising it for 56 properties.

'For the "Probable Maximum Flood", the fill lowers flood levels at only two properties, while raising it at 52 properties. Most of those affected properties are west of the railway line, around Station Street.

'ResNSW modelling shows a significant increase in flooding in Station Street for the 1-in-500-year flood scenario. If the fill remains long term, these figures would be the ones that count. They show that this levee bank would be deemed unacceptable under normal scrutiny.'

### The right consultant?

It is understood by *The Echo* that work done last decade on the *North Byron Floodplain Management Study* by BMT, previously known as WBM-BMT, had to be redone by a second consultant before it could be used. Byron Shire Council resolved (19-036) in February 2019 'that Council recognise the weakness of service provided by the consulting company which prepared the Flood Study [will] and consider that in future engagements'. So why did ResNSW choose this same consultant?

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Meadows hacked

Some patients at Meadows Medical Centre in Mullumbimby received an email in the last week stating that Meadows 'email address has been compromised'.

Speaking to *The Echo* Meadows have assured 'patients and everyone in our community that no personal or medical information was accessed'.

'On Wednesday 9 November 2022, Meadows Medical Centre was the victim of a phishing attack,' said Practice Manager, Kristy Van Wyk.

'One of our email addresses was compromised, and within a matter of minutes the automated attack spammed large groups of suggested contacts.'

'The email link for "New Contract Documents Received" is a spam email that was classified as a phishing scam.'

'We immediately advised those affected. Anyone who has received this email should not click on the link. Those that have should reset their email password and are advised to check any changes to the rules in their email account that now hides or blocks auto-replies or bounce-backs, as this is a sign that their email address has been compromised and is being used to send malicious emails.'

'We have been advised that no further action [by Meadows] is required at this stage. Anyone who has concerns regarding this incident, or other suspicious email activity can visit [cyber.gov.au](https://cyber.gov.au) for further advice.'

A new life in Brunswick Heads for Syrian refugees

Syrian refugees Essam Mahmoud and Douaa Mardini arrived in Australia with their two young children, Rahaf and Drgham, in late August and are quickly settling into their new life in Brunswick Heads.

Essam and his family are among the fortunate first to be resettled in Australia under the newly established Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP), which allows community groups across the country to sponsor new refugees.

With the support of Ballina Region for Refugees, a group of local women formed Ocean Shores for Refugees (OSR), signed up for the CRISP scheme and upon completing the required online training, have worked hard and fast to ensure a smooth transition for their new Syrian friends.

'Our group has been responsible for everything since our family arrived three weeks ago,' said Anika Ebner, just one of the group's eight members.

'From finding housing and furniture, to setting up their banking, Medicare, English classes, schooling for the children and lining up work opportunities for Essam who is a qualified chef.'



Essam, Douaa and their family with settlement support group members Isabelle Borelli, Sara Gloede, Liz Blatchford, Anika Ebner and some of their children. Photo Mark Isaacs

'Beyond the day-to-day admin, it's been an incredibly rewarding experience supporting Essam, Douaa and their children as they navigate their new life in Australia. At the heart of it, we are their family here, and we do for them what anyone would do for family and friends who have encountered hardship. With respect, patience and compassion.'

Of the experience so far, Essam said 'we found the country [Australia] to be so beautiful, from the nature, to the people and the community. We have been supported so much through this move and [OSR] have provided us with everything we need. We are very grateful for the help, we have had the best support we could dream of.'

While the group are all

volunteering their time, there are significant upfront costs associated with getting a refugee family set up from scratch. From purchasing basic household items, to covering initial bills and expenses, these financial demands warrant ongoing fundraising from friends and the local community.

Can you help?

Ballina Region 4 Refugees has pledged to resettle more Syrian families in the area, and are calling on those with the means to support the program by donating to their GiveNow page [givewith.com.au/br4r](https://www.givewith.com.au/br4r).

Every dollar raised goes directly towards supporting families just like Essam's to transition to a safe and settled life in our community.

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The Byron Community Centre is inviting local businesses to help the Shire's homeless community by booking in their Christmas or end of year parties at the centre's Jonson Street premises.

They offer a range of

spaces for party bookings over the festive season to raise money for the Fletcher Street Cottage homelessness centre and other services.

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

Centre's Sam Taylor.

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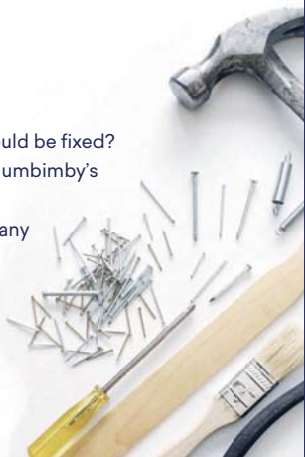
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# Rockinghorse Studios gets approval as ‘rural function centre’ despite previous breaches including illegally landing helicopters

Paul Bibby

Byron’s Rockinghorse Studios has been given permission to run weddings and functions on its sprawling Coorabell property, becoming the first land owner to successfully navigate Council’s new planning controls for rural events.

But it’s not all champagne and caviar for the iconic property, with the owners also being forced to atone for a series of previous development consent breaches on the site.

Byron councillors voted unanimously to green light Rockinghorse’s application to temporarily use its property as a ‘rural function centre’ at last Thursday’s planning meeting.

It means the iconic venue will be able to hold up to 20 events per year, each with up to 150 people, with a maximum of one event per weekend.

This use will be permitted for three years, with the first year serving as a trial.

The owners of the studios were required to meet a series of criteria put in place

by the Council in 2020 in order to gain the approval. These included that the development be ‘small scale and low impact’, and that it not generate noise, traffic, parking or light spill that will ‘significantly impact on surrounding residential areas’.

## 10pm curfew

The approval also came with a long list of specific conditions, including adherence to a 10pm curfew, strict noise regulations, and that a register specifying event/function type, date and trading hours be kept on site at all times.

‘It is a great pleasure to finally see a venue that not only complies with standards and operations but also, from the industry point of view, provides a solid representation of what the industry would like to see moving forward,’ the President of the Byron Events Industry Association, Jane Magnus told last week’s meeting.

‘This will provide a clear signal to [those who operate] without an approval, that securing a development

consent is achievable by the standards set out by Council.’

However, it emerged during the course of the meeting that the studios have not always been so law-abiding.

## Illegal dwellings

The meeting heard that there had previously been complaints to Council about a series of breaches, including using the property for unauthorised glamping and rental accommodation, building unapproved structures, and the operation of a helicopter service.

Council staff were coy when asked about the veracity of these allegations.

However, they confirmed that the studios had recently submitted two other development applications for the site in response to issues identified by Council’s enforcement team.

‘In terms of the structures, an inspection was undertaken and it was verified that some of the complaints were valid and they’re currently being assessed under a separate application seeking

consent for those uses,’ said Council Compliance Officer Dylan Johnstone.

‘The owner has undertaken that any camping on the site will be undertaken in compliance with local government regulation.

‘There was an acknowledgment that a helicopter had been landing on the site to transport family etc. That complaint came in mid last year and there hasn’t been any further complaints in terms of camping or the helicopter since then.’

However, councillors did not conclude that these breaches were serious enough to warrant refusing or deferring the application to temporarily use the property as a function centre.

‘I had thought about talking about a deferred commencement but that’s difficult to do on the run,’ Greens Councillor Duncan Dey said.

‘And hearing that those non-conformities are being pursued I feel okay with going ahead with the consent, bearing in mind that this is a trial and so will come back before us again.’

# Bangalow Bowlo voted

Aslan Shand

Sunday saw 450 to 500 members of the Bangalow Bowlo come out and voice their opinion on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that the board of Bangalow Bowlo had negotiated to join Norths Collective.

It was a passionate and heated debate as each side put forward their position. The Keep the Bowlo Local group raised concerns over the loss of community ownership of valuable land and buildings, increase of pokies, and no guarantee of funding for local sporting clubs.

Bangalow Bowlo President, Atosha Clancy highlighted the financial risk of foreclosure, the lack of money for essential repairs and Norths’ commitment ‘of more than \$4 million dollars capital investment [and] not less than \$30,500 sports club sponsorship every year.’

The vote went in favour of amalgamation with 289 ‘Yes’ votes and 192 ‘No’ votes.

‘It’s been a difficult discussion over the last few months on the future of the Bowlo,’ said local councillor and member of the Keep the Bowlo Local group, Asren Pugh.

‘Members made a clear decision today to support the amalgamation with Norths. I’m obviously disappointed, but I respect it.’

Luke Simmons, CEO of Norths Collective told *The Echo*, ‘We have enjoyed hearing about the history of the club and why it is such an important part of the Bangalow community’.

‘The response from the Bangalow community was remarkable. It was great to see the care people have for their club.’

Mr Pugh reminded those in favour of amalgamation they ‘now have a big task to hold Norths true to all the promises that they made’. However, ‘our community must come together and move forward. We have much more in common than that which divides us.’

The Norths membership must now vote to accept the amalgamation and then the amalgamation goes before the regulator, NSW Liquor and Gaming, for final approval.

Atosha reminded the community that the Bowlo still really needs good patronage to survive the short term.

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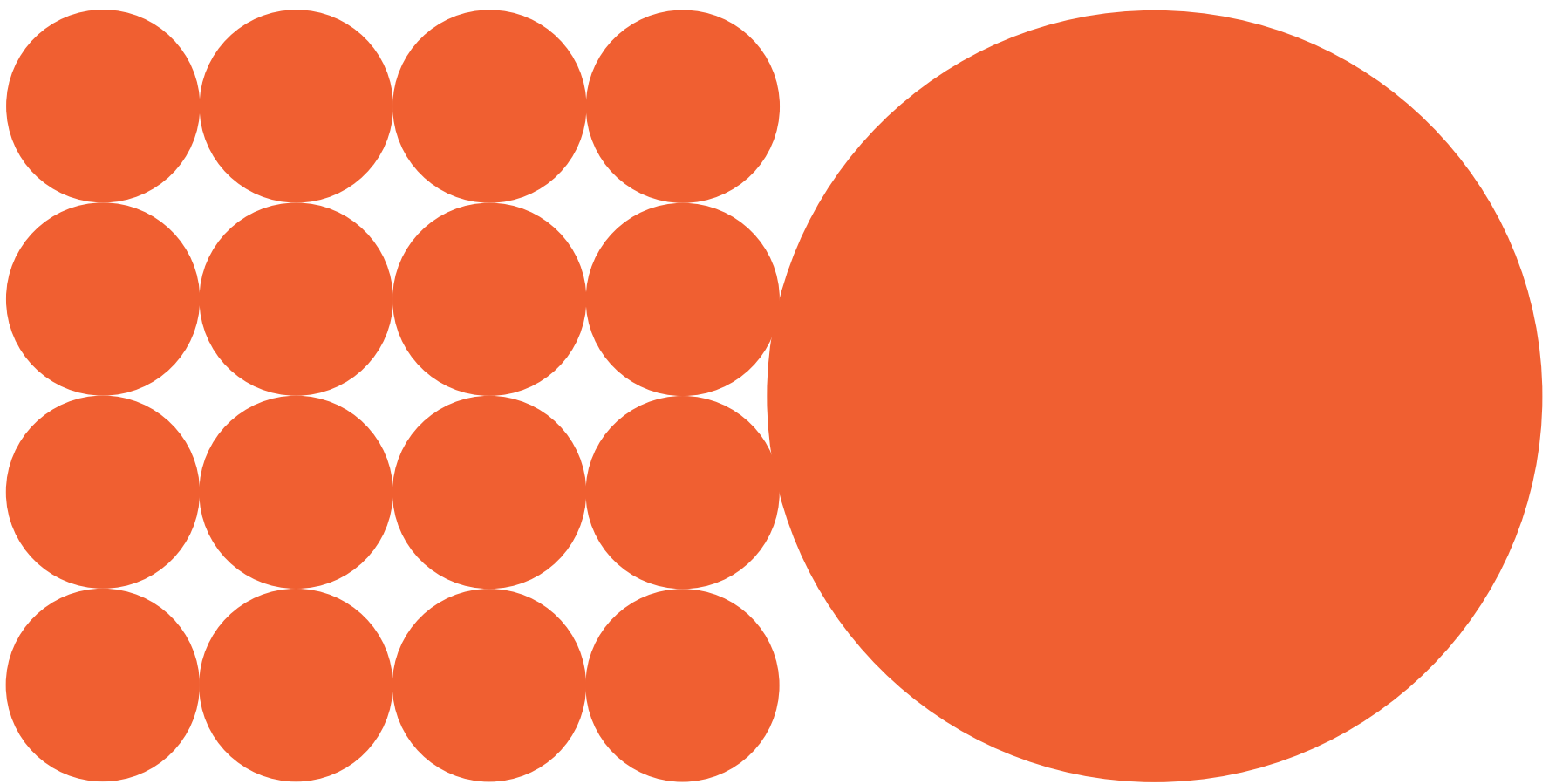


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# Ballina Council's application to develop State Significant Farmland knocked back – so far

Mia Armitage

The state's planning authority has reportedly knocked back an initial application for State Significant Farmland (SSF) in the Ballina Shire to be included on a list of potential development sites.

State Significant Farmland is farmland that has been zoned for food security and farming for future generations.

Greens Ballina Shire Councillor, Simon Chate, told *The Echo* on Wednesday, 10 November that a member of the Wollongbar Progress Association (WPA) had forwarded him an email from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) concerning a proposed list of particular Ballina Shire land lots.

*The Echo* asked the DPE to confirm the information in the letter, parts of which Cr Chate read out over the phone but declined to forward.

Ballina Shire Council staff had submitted a revised list of proposed Strategic Urban Growth Areas (SUGA),



State Significant Farmland between Wollongbar and Alstonville. Photo David Lowe

including two new areas, one of them SSF on the Alstonville Plateau.

## Surgeon seeks higher ground

Agreement from a majority of Ballina Shire councillors, including the mayor, was sustained despite a series of related votes over multiple meetings, including a rescission motion from Cr Chate at October's ordinary meeting.

Councillors in support of including the SSF next to the Russellton Industrial Estate at Alstonville said flood-impacted businesses elsewhere needed higher ground, and younger families needed jobs.

But the story took a turn when a developer representative for a surgeon in Sydney turned up to the October ordinary council meeting spruiking a new private hospital for the land that hadn't appeared in any formal development application.

Cr Chate said the idea was inherently 'fake news' but other councillors expressed support for a private hospital and what Cr Rodney Bruem described as a 'Health Campus'.

The building of the Tweed Valley Hospital led to the

rezoning of some of the SSF on the Cudgen Plateau in Tweed Shire. The local community were given an 'ironclad' commitment that no further SSF would be rezoned for development at that site. However, this has not stopped developers buying the adjacent farmland and seeking to develop 'Cudgen Connection', a proposed health district on the SSF zoned farmland. The local community is continuing to fight to preserve their local SSF on Cudgen Plateau.

## Detail, consultation required

Cr Phillip Meehan said he expected the land's State Significant Farmland status to be a 'hurdle'.

Cr Chate said the DPE wanted more information and investigation of the impacts of removing the SSF status, including more community consultation.

Cr Chate repeated the reference to community consultation, saying Ballina Council hadn't tried hard enough to engage people in conversations about the potential change.

The Greens councillor suggested stalls at local shopping centres on the plateau and nearby could be more

effective at generating community debate, compared to the mainly online process administered by Council staff.

'The department has approved all of the SUGAs that the Ballina Council has requested, except for the two additional ones, which is the SUGA number 28, the Alstonville one and SUGA number 12, which is a Lennox Head one as well,' Cr Chate said.

Cr Chate quoted the letter as saying 'a range of issues including flooding', and 'important farmland' had to be addressed before the Alstonville site could be considered as a SUGA.

The department was wanting a detailed assessment of agricultural capacity, and the impact of any changes on surrounding lands, Cr Chate said.

'So we're talking about the state's significant farmland, it's important,' Cr Chate said, 'to ensure that any proposed rezoning and development is consistent with relevant state and regional planning provisions'.

## DPE confirms SSF not approved for development – yet

A spokesperson for the DPE has responded to requests for confirmation of the letter to WPA saying, 'We recently approved Council's adopted *Strategic Urban Growth Area Review*, with the exception of two proposed additional areas that need further investigation to address a range of issues, including flooding and important farmland.'

'The updated Review was approved on 4 November 2022. The two areas requiring further work are in Alstonville and Lennox Head.'



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# Hussy Hicks in the same, but different, boat

Eve Jeffery

Hussy Hicks are about to hold the local launch of their latest EP *Same Boat*, which, surprisingly is not a response to the floods. In a spooky turn of events, it was released just as they battled to save their stuff and then their lives on the morning of 28 February.

The Hussys, Leesa Gentz and Julz Parker, made a couple of iPhone videos that morning showing their life floating metres above the ground, and the measures they took to stop themselves from drowning while they waited for help to arrive.

In a latergram they told the story of how they exited the studio when it was still dark, at 4.46am, then an hour later they were waiting on their verandah on a kayak and surf ski under the cover of the balcony roof.

Gentz said that at the time of their rescue she had been sitting on the roof of her house in the driving rain, watching the water steadily swallow everything for about three hours.

‘Julz had heroically padded over to our next-door



Hussy Hicks – Leesa Gentz and Julz Parker in the studio they are rebuilding after losing everything in the February flood. Photo Tree Faerie

neighbour to swim him out of the house and hold him above the water, also for several hours.

‘It was harrowing to separate, but we only had one single kayak stable enough to make the paddle, and getting over there was the difference between life and death.’

Like so many in the region Gentz and Parker have dusted themselves off, wrung out the water, and got on with life as best as they can. Nine months later, the studio is still a work in progress but the COVID mandates that kept them from touring are gone and they have since travelled through

Australia and Europe.

Over the last nine months, they have continued to rebuild and spread the love. The single *Same Boat* arrived with a fun computer game and that did everyone’s head in, but wait, more games have arrived with more single releases and Hussy Hicks are back into the swing of life.

## A Lismore homecoming

Now they are playing a local show in their home arena as the town has dried out enough for fun to be had.

Parker says that playing again locally is really poignant. ‘For us, especially the

Lismore gig, is a really special one because we didn’t know if we’d have the Star Court Theatre anymore.

‘We’ve been away, and coming back and getting to see the progress that’s been made around town, and then being able to put a show on in such an iconic local venue – it’s a bit of a homecoming for us.’

Leesa says they are offering special tickets for anyone who has literally been in the same boat as them.

‘We’re offering half-price or free tickets to [our] Lismore show for anyone who has been flood-impacted, because our goal is to have a really special community experience. A lot of people are still very much on the back foot financially.’

The Lismore show is on next Friday 18 November at 7pm at the Star Court Theatre with support by Yeeew!

There will be two other shows on the same weekend. Saturday 19 November, 8pm at The Regent Murwillumbah with support by Áine Tyrrell, and Sunday 20 November, 1pm at Mo’s Desert Clubhouse, Gold Coast, with support by Yeeew! and Burger Joint.

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## NRRC – light on detail but seeking community ideas on how to move forward

Aslan Shand

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) is currently moving around the seven Local Government Areas (LGAs) that it is working with to support housing and regeneration of communities following the devastating February/March floods this year. They are discussing the Resilient Homes Program and the Resilient Land Program.

Some residents felt that the sessions in Mullumbimby on Tuesday 'were a little light on' as they are looking for pathways forward in how they can rebuild their lives.

However, leader of the NRRC, David Witherdin, spoke to *The Echo* and highlighted that the recovery

following such a devastating event as these floods will take time.

There was no indication of how much land they were seeking to release as part of their move to 'unlock the supply side' of the market. Mr Witherdin said 'it will depend on what the uptake is around voluntary purchase [and] importantly, what the projections are in terms of growth into the future' for each LGA.

Mr Witherdin said they are seeking to 'work in partnership with each of the councils, with their planners there to co-design an appropriate solution. And I think, it's important to understand that, as part of that, there'll be an opportunity for community consultation around

it as well,' he said.

The NRRC will be initially focussing on 'land that's already suitably zoned [for development that has] access to key infrastructure of sewer, water and road networks'. However, he said while they would be seeking development sites that were 'very low flood-risk' as 'it just doesn't make sense to put people in harm's way'. He was keen to distance the NRRC from issues related to the future of approved legacy developments in flood zones saying that, 'they are issues for the Department of Planning and councils to work through'.

They are expecting that the land releases will start coming online in about 12 months.

### Population

A key issue raised by the NRRC has been the housing pressure prior to the floods that has only increased since the event.

Asked if they had looked at the human population carrying capacity of the Northern Rivers and how that was being calculated into their future land release programs, Mr Witherdin said that, 'overall regional planning at that scale is led by the Department of Planning and Environment. We're working closely with them, but they work on much longer timescales than we do, they're working on a 20-year horizon; our work is on a five-year horizon.'

### Price point key

Again, while there was no clear explanation of how they were planning to ensure that the people who were impacted by the flooding would be able to access the housing and land being released, he acknowledged that 'a key focus is the price point'.

'What we're trying to do is create pathways for people to remain in these communities, to make them the vibrant communities that they were, and in many cases still are. So part of that credit profile of when we're working with the market to provide rapid approval pathways is mechanisms there to ensure that flooding impacted people have first option

around that. And then we're giving consideration to a whole range of levers that we can call on in terms of sort of driving down that price point, as well as looking at low-cost social housing.'

'It's not about a cookie cutter approach. But we can't do it on our own,' Mr Witherdin explained.

'We need to be partnering with councils, with community housing providers, and with other government agencies, such as Landcom. There's opportunity there, right across communities, for people, and for groups, to come forward with ideas and engage with us and councils around that. And we'd be keen to listen, to understand, and work on solutions, knowing that none of this is easy.'



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## North coast's biggest garage sale – Second Hand Saturday

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Second Hand Saturday is the biggest coordinated garage sale day on the north coast. This year it will be held across the seven council areas over two big

weekends: Saturday 19 and 26 November. This gives double the opportunity to hold a garage sale or shop at one, it is anticipated this year's event will have a great turn-out!

### Pick up treasures

Karen Hodder from Mullumbimby is a veteran of the Second Hand Saturday event. 'I've participated every year for as long as I can remember, and I have a great time. I find it a very successful day and sell lots of stuff, as well as giving away from my for-free pile,' she said.

'This year I've been flood-affected, so I need to get rid of extra clutter that I no longer have space for – as the things I managed to salvage from the downstairs area, had to be moved upstairs.'

### Reduce, reuse, recycle

Linda Tohver, Education Coordinator with North East Waste, is one of the team coordinating this year's event. Linda is inviting people to get involved in this year's event, or shopping at

one of the hundreds that will be on offer.

'The aim of Second Hand Saturday is to encourage people to participate in reuse and recycling activities and highlight the benefits of reuse over landfill,' said Linda.

'People raise money for sports clubs or for a charity close to their heart. We've also had neighbours get together for street sales, while others have run a "free" garage sale or even a "pay what you think its worth". It's up to your imagination really.'

## Get on board with Byron High Battle of the Bands



Byron High's Luca Greig has organised a 'Battle of the Bands' over the last couple of weeks, which will culminate in the final round this coming Friday. The finalists are Erin Woolsey and Wild Rocket. Pictured are Luca Vithani, Kigrn Stenner and Leo Laddin-Catroni playing the second heat last Friday. Photo Jeff Dawson



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David Helfgott, a 12 piano giveaway and a sculpture exhibition

Aslan Shand

Saturday night, 5 November, in Mullum saw a show of incredible talent from the playing delights of David Helfgott to the beauty and challenges of the Ingenuity Small Sculpture exhibition.

With the crowd lining the street outside the Ex-Services Club for the free exhibition of both sculpture and music the event brought together a wide range of the community for the night.

‘What a weekend of creativity and especially the Creative Mullum event, Mullum Nights, where sculpture met music. David Helfgott and the Ephemera Choir of Yantra de Vilder played amidst the Ingenuity Small Sculpture Prize exhibits to an enthralled audience,’ said organiser Suvira McDonald.

David Helfgott delighted an audience of over 400 people as patron of Pianos for the People, which is bringing 12 pianos to the people of the Northern Rivers following the floods.

David, and Yantra who coordinates Pianos for the People, both played on a piano that had been in the floods and had been



Jessica Davie won the \$1,000 Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce Under 30s Prize for her work ‘Essayer’. Photo Jeff Dawson

Prize winners

The judges of the Ingenuity Small Sculpture exhibition, Christine Wilcox, Ashleigh Ralf and John Dahlson, were selecting winners from the 30 sculptures that had been selected for the exhibition out of 90 entries.

The prize winners were: Jessica Davie for her work ‘Essayer’, which won the \$1,000 Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce Under 30s Prize; the RGoL Acquisition Prize of \$3,000 went to Jason Morning for his wooden sculpture titled

‘Cedar Smoke Rhythms’; the \$3,000 Creative Mullum Prize went to Susan Jacobsen for her work, ‘Closed Track, Protesters Falls’.

The judges made two High Commendations to: Parthenopi for her work ‘Dendrobium Recyclopsis’ and Luke Atkinson for ‘It was Just Happenstance’.

The People voted for Susan Fell, who received \$500 for her ‘Self-Portrait, Keep your Chins Up’, and second prize People’s Choice, funded by Byron Community College for \$250, went to Amelia Batchelor’s ‘Lyre Lyre’. ‘Amongst the prizewinning

artists were several who were devastated by the flood. We have all seen numerous examples of the loss on a very large scale and then there are the innumerable cases of personal loss where artists have lost years of work, materials, tools – workspaces awash with destruction,’ said Suvira.

‘The Ingenuity Prize is a small but bold step back for our creative community. It is so good to see artists of the region showing work again and some getting cash rewards for their efforts.’

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## 'Cover future liability' from increased flooding from Mullum pod site says Byron Mayor

Paul Bibby

Byron Council will go in to bat for two local households who have been left with an increased risk of flooding as a result of the state government's emergency flood accommodation project in Mullumbimby.

And the Council has promised to provide the same level of advocacy for any other households who may be similarly affected by the project in the future.

Byron's councillors made the decision at last Thursday's planning meeting after a study exploring the flood impact of the project found that 11 homes will be adversely affected by the tonnes of fill that have already been dumped on the site as part of construction.

The study, commissioned by Resilience NSW, found that two houses on Poinciana Street would be particularly impacted, making it likely that they will now face above-floor flooding in a one-in-20-year flood event.

A third home, also on Poinciana Street, appears to be facing a significantly

increased risk of flooding as well, though this was not acknowledged by the study.

The emergency accommodation project will see up to 40 pod homes provide housing for up to 160 locals.

Under the Council motion, put forward by Mayor Michael Lyon, the Council will ask the state government to cover the two affected households for future liability for flood damage to their properties as a result of the works.

It will also ask the state government to consider both homes for a buyback under the resilient homes program.

Cr Lyon said there was a 'clear rationale' to advocate for those affected by the pod house project.

'No one wants to hear that there's going to be work done that helps your neighbours but tips you from below to above-floor flooding,' he said. 'That's a really bitter pill to swallow.'

'I really want to advocate for those people with the strongest case possible to cover off on that liability, the cost of which is miniscule

in the context of the overall disaster.'

During an extended debate on the matter it was noted that Resilience NSW considered 25 different designs for the pod house project in a bid to minimise the impact on surrounding homes.

It was also noted that, according to the flood impact study, 85 nearby properties would be at reduced risk of flooding as a result of the project.

However, the veracity of the study was called into question.

Greens Councillor, Duncan Dey, who is also a civil engineer specialising in flood analysis, pointed out that the study contained information about future flood levels resulting from the project, but nothing about flood velocity, a key indicator in assessing flood risk.

Council's Flood and Drainage Engineer, Scott Moffett, agreed that this information needed to be included in the report.

Cr Dey also said that the study was based on flood knowledge developed prior

to the February floods, which was now of only limited use.

'The flood report from resilience NSW is based on a one-in-100-year flood event as predicted prior to 2022,' he said.

'But in the 2022 event, the water levels were half a metre deeper than what was predicted [given the amount of rain etc].

'So really there's a huge amount of hydrology and hydraulics that still needs to be done to actually get to the truth of what compensation ought to be thought of and what properties are at risk in this particular instance.'

Cr Dey called on the mayor to delay his motion so that both staff and councillors could more accurately determine the flood impact of the pod homes project before calling for help from the state government.

But Cr Lyon refused, saying that he wanted to honour his commitment to advocate quickly on behalf of the two affected households, and to do so while the political landscape was favourable for a good result.

However, he and the

other councillors did agree to include a clause in the motion asking Resilience NSW to update its flood report to include flood velocity data.

Nevertheless, questions remain as to whether a fair outcome can be obtained for the residents who have been most seriously affected by the project.

Councillor Alan Hunter noted during the meeting that, in the event of another severe flood, it would be very difficult to prove that the state government works had contributed to the flooding of a particular house because of the many factors that influenced such events.

'It would be very hard to establish liability in those circumstances because one flood is so different to the others,' Cr Hunter said.

'You only have to have grass that's a bit longer at one end of the paddock and it can change the flooding situation.'

'I think the house buyback is the best option.'

However, when Cr Lyon was asked whether he had

received any indication that the government was open to the buyback option, he said he had not been given 'a super favourable indication' that this would happen.

'I've canvassed the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Commission around the second option of a buyback and I didn't get a commitment necessarily that that would be the best option,' he said.

Cr Lyon said this was partly because to offer the affected households a buyback could be perceived as unfair by the many other home owners in the region who were significantly more at risk of serious flooding than those on Poinciana Street, Mullumbimby.

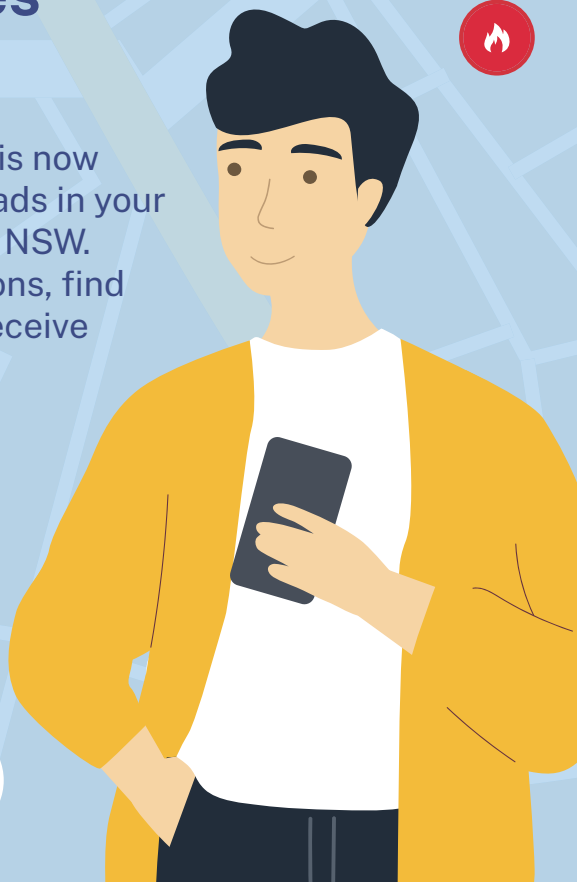
'You've got to think about those [local home owners] who are missing out on the buyback. To then extend that for someone who might be at a one-in-20 year flood risk. I can see their point there.'

Meanwhile, work is continuing on the pod home project with the goal of moving a number of homeless locals in before Christmas.

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## New parents need support to raise happy kids

Elle Marinucci

Have you ever heard the saying 'it takes a village to raise a child'? Unfortunately though, many new and expectant parents are feeling disconnected from family, friends, and the wider community, lacking crucial support networks to ease the transition to parenthood.

Perinatal Mental Health Week took place between 6-12 November and aims to 'drive mass awareness around [and de-stigmatise] perinatal mental health [and] ill-health'. The perinatal period is considered from conception until around two years after birth. This year's theme was Building your Community of Care, highlighting that every family needs a support network of family and friends, and informative support.

Perinatal mental ill-health and illnesses such as Perinatal Depression or Anxiety (PND), and the less common but significant postpartum psychosis, can affect any new or expectant parents. Some higher risk factors include a personal or family history of mental illness, substance abuse, birth trauma or a complicated pregnancy,

financial or relationship stresses, not having enough support, and perfectionism.

According to Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia (PANDA), a fifth of new mums and one in ten new dads are affected by perinatal depression and anxiety. In addition, two thirds of expectant mums felt disconnected from their pregnancy and /or baby at some point, while 80 per cent felt more disconnected from friends and family during the perinatal period. The results were similar with new dads.

If not addressed early it can detrimentally affect bonding and attachment ultimately increasing the risk of the child developing depression, anxiety, or ADHD. A report released by the Gidget Foundation in 2019 claims PND is costing Australia \$877 million a year.

So, how can we recognise perinatal anxiety and depression in ourselves and loved ones?

Symptoms of perinatal anxiety can include excessive worrying, stress, anxiety or panic that disrupts day-to-day life; constantly feeling irritable, on edge; having a tight chest or tense muscle;

and difficulty sleeping.

Perinatal depression can manifest as feeling low, or numb most of the time; feeling teary; withdrawing from loved ones; losing interest in activities once enjoyed; feeling inadequate; guilty' sad, empty, or worthless; feeling unmotivated and having difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much; thoughts of self-harm or suicide; and changes to appetite, or libido.

If you, your partner, family member, or friend might be struggling, it's important to ask questions. Tread gently, you can start by asking how they are going, and listening closely to their response.

Offer practical support, share some of your own experiences – a simple laugh and reminder that they're not alone can do wonders.

Talk to your GP, maternal health nurse, or call the PANDA helpline.

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Bangalow Show Vice President, Dave Eastwell looks on as the bush bards, Angus Thurgate and Angus Dickson, get ready for the Bush Poets Battle of the Verses. Photo Jeff Dawson

Attention all bush poets! The much loved bush poets competition is back at the Bangalow Show this year with contestants vying for a \$100 cash prize, plus a fabulous show sash.

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‘Excessive’ Bangalow DA deferred as staff recommend refusal

Paul Bibby

A local landowner who had proposed to build a \$1.3 million rural tourism development in Bangalow has effectively withdrawn the plan after it was branded ‘excessive’ by neighbours and Byron Council staff.

Ralph Mamone asked that a decision on his plans for 72 Lawlers Lane, Bangalow be deferred when the matter came before last Thursday’s Council planning meeting.

‘I’m here today to ask you to defer my DA to enable without prejudice discussions with staff, and a new submission of amended plans to address the reasons for refusal that are currently before you,’ Mr Mamone said.

‘I know that Council staff note that they have tried this approach [of amending the plans] in the past, but in the last few weeks I have with respect to my current plan sought a second opinion.

‘I’ve redone the figures with my financial advisor as to how I could make the project viable. I believe that we can achieve a positive solution for all parties if given the opportunity by you councillors here today.’

Mr Mamone’s original



The development at 72 Lawlers Lane, Bangalow was considered ‘excessive’ and was recommended for refusal.

plans for the quiet, rural location had involved building 12 self-contained cabins clustered around a central recreation building designed to cater for future rural functions and events.

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

Council staff had assessed the proposed development as ‘excessive in scale’ noting that it had ‘failed to comply with Council’s adopted planning controls that generally limit rural tourist accommodation to no more than six holiday cabins per property’.

They had recommended

that the Development Application be refused.

However, Mr Mamone intervened to seek a deferral before councillors debated the matter at last week’s meeting.

Councillors acceded to the landowner’s request, voting for the matter to be deferred ‘to enable amended plans and details to be submitted back to Council’.

Importantly, they also determined that these amended plans must reduce the number of cabins to six and remove the central recreation building to ‘ensure the development remains consistent with Council’s planning controls for small scale low impact rural tourism’.

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### Community feedback on access to flood cameras

Tweed Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a new policy to allow public access to images from Council’s flood monitoring cameras installed at six key locations across the Tweed.

### 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.

### Third man charged over death of Casino teenager

NSW Police Strike Force detectives have charged a third man as investigations continue into the alleged stabbing death of a teenage boy in Casino earlier this year.

### The Wiggles are coming to Lismore!

The Salvation Army is partnering with The Wiggles for a free Christmas concert in Lismore on Friday, November 18.

### Kingscliff Public School Art Show coming soon

Tweed art enthusiasts take note, the Kingscliff Public School Art Show is coming to the Kingscliff Community Hall on Friday 18 November, from 5.30-7.30pm. The show this year is a partnership between the P&C, students and class teachers.

### Witnesses sought to ram-raid – Tweed Heads

Police are appealing for witnesses to come forward following a ram raid at a shopping centre in Tweed Heads yesterday.

## No temp flood accommodation at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah

Eve Jeffery

Lismore councillors affirmed that Hepburn Park at Goonellabah will not have pods for flood-affected residents, voting down a motion to rescind their earlier August decision at the 8 November meeting.

In August Lismore Council voted to exclude Hepburn Park from the list of possible sites provided to the NSW government for pods.

Councillors Elly Bird, Darlene Cook and Vanessa Ekins were the three councillors who moved that Council rescind its decision and allow the temporary pod accommodation on part of the site. The trio hoped that, if the rescission motion succeeded it would see Resilience NSW lease a portion of Hepburn Park for housing pods and offsets that

would compensate and benefit the community.

### Appeal by former mayor

In public access, previous Mayor Jenny Dowell said she could understand why, back in August, Council made the original decision. ‘There was not enough information for you that night,’ she said.

‘You didn’t understand the scope of what was being proposed – the footprint, the management system or the timeline. There was not any information on alternative sites. Three months later you have the opportunity to have a different decision to show compassion and to demonstrate leadership.’

Felicity Carroll said she still hears the heart-stopping and chilling sound of all those around her house trapped on

their roofs crying out for help.

Mayor Steve Krieg also took the opportunity to speak to the chamber.

‘You know, it’s tough. There is no simple solution. I’ve listened to the arguments and I agree with every single one. My daughters, who are still, nine months on, traumatised by rainfall. There has to be multiple opportunities. I believe that 20 per cent of Hepburn Park is a compromise.’

Councillors Ekins, Bird, Cook, Guise and Krieg voted in favour, but councillors opposed to the pod homes; Gordon, Colby, Hall, Jensen, Bing and Rob, prevailed. There will be no pods in Hepburn Park to house those left homeless by the February floods.

■ Read a longer version at *The Echo* online at [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au).

### Kingscliff Public School Art Show

Tweed art enthusiasts take note, the Kingscliff Public School Art Show is coming to the Kingscliff Community Hall on Friday 18 November, from 5.30–7.30pm.

There will be artworks for sale by all the children, as well as local Bundjalung artist Steven Bekue, along with at least one large-scale collective artwork, produced by a class. These will be put to a silent auction with the winner announced at 7pm

on the night.

P&C Co-President Asha Lambert Patel told *The Echo*, ‘All the kids have worked so hard on their pieces. They are just buzzing with excitement!’

The art show is both a fundraising and community event. ‘We are encouraging everyone to bring a picnic and spend time with the Kingscliff Primary School community,’ said P&C Co-President Angela Watson.

### Lennox musical fundraiser

One of Australia’s finest folk and roots duos, Ash Bell and Sara Tindley, will perform live at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre on Friday 18 November 2022. This event will raise funds for the Sierra Learners Association to help underprivileged children in West Africa.

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Wilsons Creek School and community healing together

It's been over six months since the February/March floods and landslides that devastated the region, and like other local schools, Wilsons Creek Public School and their local community were affected.

The school's Principal, Kylie Martin, told *The Echo* that students, staff and their families 'have been greatly impacted by the floods'.

As part of the healing process and creating greater connection within the Wilsons Creek community, a program has been running at the school, called Stormbirds.

Mrs Martin says the program comprised of four sessions, 'followed by a celebration event where the students invited their parents or another significant person in their life'.

Their celebration day was held at the school on Friday, 4 November. The day was spent creating rock art that the students and their families could keep or place out in the community. The



Students and the community are coming together to heal post flood. Photo supplied

intention of sending rocks out into the wider community is to hopefully 'lift the spirits' of the person finding the rock.

The day also included a collaborative weaving project that is going to be presented to the Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre as they were

mentioned several times throughout our Stormbirds sessions as being supportive and generous after the flooding,' explained Mrs Martin.

The day was made possible by a the Primary Principals Association venture called Schools for Schools.

'Other schools were encouraged to fundraise and donate monies to other flood-affected schools. Three schools have held fundraisers, and made donations to our school: Somersby Public School, Cambridge Park Public School and Collaroy Plateau Public School. The money raised has allowed us to purchase specific pens to decorate the rocks and organise some catering.

'We had a wonderful day where we came together and shared parts of the program and simply connected with each other with a common goal of sharing hope and inspiration for others,' explained Mrs Martin.

For more information on Stormbirds, visit [www.goodgrief.org.au/stormbirds](http://www.goodgrief.org.au/stormbirds).

Byron Council business students connection

Byron Shire businesses are invited to join parents and students from Byron Bay and Mullumbimby High Schools and Shearwater Steiner School for an information evening in Mullumbimby on Monday, 21 November at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club - 58 Dalley St, Mullumbimby from 5.15pm to 7.15pm.

The aim of the free event is to connect and inform businesses and years 9 and 10 students (and their parents) about the benefits and opportunities of School-Based Apprenticeships and

Traineeships. 'The value of School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships can be immense to both parties,' Council's Business and Visitor Economy Officer, Lisa Richards said.

Guest speakers will talk about what a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship is, the benefits of employing a school-based apprenticeship or trainee, and how and where to start the process.

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Cars wait for floodwater to recede from the road. Photo Aslan Shand

**R**esilience is a word bandied about a lot these days. From fires to floods we are being told to build 'resilient communities', but it is not just the human aspect that needs resilience. It is also the infrastructure.

The devastation experienced across the Northern Rivers and the east coast of Australia over this year has reinforced the need for communities to look to flood-resilient infrastructure that 'makes space for water', rather than assuming that everything needs to be floodproof. This is not a new idea. In 1945 Gilbert Fowler White, known as the 'father of floodplain management' criticised the reliance on engineered flood defences according to David Proverbs and Jessica Lamond in their paper on *Flood Resilient Construction and Adaptation of Buildings*.

Living, as I do, in the hinterland of Byron Shire, it is easy to see the outcomes of attempts from the 1950s onwards to 'floodproof' roads, bridges, housing and other infrastructure by bringing them up above predicted floodwater levels. The unfortunate legacy means that floodwater that once spread over a wide area, the floodplain, is now dammed by bridges, roads and other 'floodproof' infrastructure that channels water, speeding it up and creating significant damage.

The question now is, what

should we be aiming for in the future? Especially in an era of climate change where, for every degree centigrade of warming, there is a seven per cent increase of water vapour entering, and falling from, the atmosphere.

According to Proverbs and Lamond there are three approaches: avoidance, i.e. not building in flood-prone land; water exclusion; and water acceptance. When we are talking about flood-proofing or flood-resistance we are talking about water exclusion, creating environments and infrastructure that floods won't impact on or breach; a house or a road that never floods, for example.

However, flood resilience, or water acceptance, refers to recognising the environmental impacts of flooding, and working within that context by making space for water. That means recognising that where a road, bridge or building is placed, it might flood because of its location, but when the floodwater recedes that road etc is not, or is minimally, damaged. It is about building so a natural system can bounce back to its previous state quickly.

As one local put it, 'I know the water comes up and goes down; I don't need a "floodproof" road just so I can pop down to town for a latte. If needs be I can wait a few days till the floodwater clears'.

Aslan Shand, editor

## Are we now The Lost Country?

Richard Jones

**O**ur governments, at both state and federal level, are being held to ransom by corporate interests. Corporations have governments by the throat and wallet. The interests of ordinary Australians take second place. There are so many blatant examples of this. Where does one start?

How about giant overseas energy corporations that pay no tax in Australia and yet make billions out of our natural resources and charge Australian consumers exorbitant international gas prices?

When the West Australian Labor government ensured that 15 per cent of gas extracted in that state was reserved for West Australians, the conservatives accused them of acting like socialist Venezuela and issued dire warnings that this impost would cripple investment in gas exploration. It didn't and WA consumers pay far lower prices than those in Eastern states.

Eastern states gained no similar commitment from exporters and now businesses are at risk of closing; putting thousands out of work because of extortionate gas prices. Has the new Albanese government moved immediately to extract the 15 per cent reservation and cap prices at WA levels? Are they talking of introducing a super profits tax? No, they are not.

How about gambling? Australians lose more per capita on gambling than any other country – some \$25 billion every year.

This is what NSW Minister Rob Stokes says about poker machines in pubs and clubs: 'We cannot hide from an uncomfortable truth that human misery is a financial lifeblood for many NSW clubs'. He warned that areas of NSW with the lowest-paid workers have some of the highest losses to poker machines – ruining lives, families and hope for people across the state. Meanwhile, the NSW government is happy to receive around half a billion dollars a year from gaming machine taxes.

The RSL in Byron Bay has just taken delivery of a whole lot of new

poker machines. Everybody who uses them will lose money. They are designed for that purpose. It's not a game of chance!

I tried the old one-armed bandits in Las Vegas in 1965, when they cascaded real silver dollars when you occasionally won. Today's highly sophisticated machines are designed to hypnotise people and turn them into 'pokie addicts'. It's no secret poker machines are used by organised crime in Australia to launder money. The cashless card would curtail that. Corporate interests don't want it and have leant on politicians.

Gambling in Australia has reached the stage where large numbers of pre-teens gamble on their phones regularly! Giant casinos built on prime city real estate and designed purely to fleece punters are welcomed by state premiers. How is it possible that the gambling industry has become so incredibly powerful and untouchable?

Political donations from wealthy clubs and pubs by any chance?

There's a scam of a different sort underway. Many politicians at every level are being sucked in by it, especially at local government level.

You would have heard about the collapse of the supermarket plastic 'recycling' system resulting in stockpiles of soft plastic that had been conscientiously placed in special bins by customers thinking they were doing the right thing. So, what happens now?

Behind the scenes the fossil fuel industry has been plotting to deal with its PR problem of plastic now polluting the entire planet. They've announced a massive increase in plastic production in coming years to replace the fossil fuel markets being lost through renewables and electric vehicles.

Fossil fuel lobbyists have succeeded in changing definitions

*'Somehow and in secret, Casino and several other NSW towns were chosen as sites for incinerators without any consultation with local communities.'*

– Richard Jones

in the waste hierarchy triangle to put incineration of plastics above landfill. It's under the guise of 'waste-to-energy'. It's a confidence trick. Burning plastic is far worse than burning coal. It produces very little, and dirty, electricity, and costs more jobs than it creates in communities where it is imposed. Airborne pollution stigmatises primary produce from these areas and for every four tonnes of waste burnt, one tonne of toxic ash remains – which they plan to dispose of in roadbase and concrete.

It gets worse. Federally the government has been subsidising the industry with 'renewable energy' grants. Councils are forced to sign decades-long contracts to supply waste, and if the tonnages fall short, because of, say, waste reduction, composting or recycling or bans on certain plastics, they can be sued for breach of contract. Ratepayers will be sluggish.

Somehow and in secret, Casino and several other NSW towns were chosen as sites for incinerators without any consultation with local communities. The industry flew councillors and others to Japan to show them the 'benefits' of incinerating waste plastic.

It would be preferable to store waste plastic as captured carbon in a properly managed carbon capture facility until such time as the plastics industry is obliged to come up with non-polluting solutions to the waste they have created, without adding to greenhouse emissions, as incineration does.

Corporations have the ear of government. Ordinary citizens do not. We may elect governments, but they don't do what we ask. They do as they are bid by lobbyists with deep pockets. It's way beyond time to end political donations from corporations. Maybe you and I will have an influence then.

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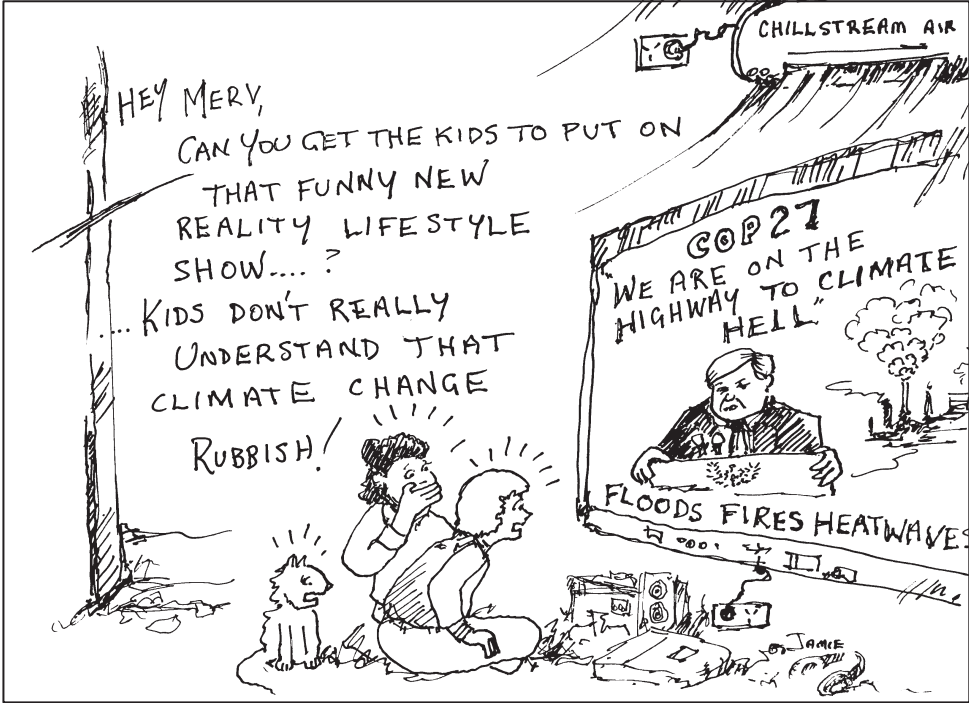
Emergency housing

Resilience NSW was tasked to provide emergency housing for flood refugees. Byron Council and Transport NSW provided 3-5 year short-term leases for three greenfield sites – the rail land in Prince St, Mullum, the riverbank behind the Bruns sports field, and on public open space beside the preschool in Bayside Brunswick.

Nine months later the engineers are still filling and compacting the soil – right on the riverbank in Brunswick Heads and in Prince Street with B-double trucks cruising through our towns every day, for months on end, at phenomenal, unnecessary and unwanted expense.

Small pod-homes could cheaply and easily be erected on stilts, above-ground at the appropriate height with minimal disturbance to the site. Car parking could be provided along the edge of the site instead of putting a carport beside every dwelling. Paths can aid pedestrians. Digging trenches to provide services isn't easier with tonnes of roadbase in the way.

The roadbase is needed so cars and trucks can drive over the sites instead of



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

parking offsite and hiring a crane to lower the pods onto the foundations.

It's the most insensitive, inappropriate design and construction undertaken in our Green Shire, seemingly without any consultation with, approval by, or oversight from Council – the leaseholder. It must be stopped before they dump fill at Bayside Brunswick too.

After months of costly activity we still haven't got one house, yet our caravan parks are raking in the profits on their unfilled, unimproved

land sites. There is no justification or necessity for this ugly brutalist style of development in the 21st century.

Who are these experts? The professionals over-engineering with this gold-plated use of public funds? Why has no one in power queried or challenged this excessive over-development on leased land? Where are those Byron Shire councillors and directors hiding? Even the work crews are embarrassed to talk about the environmental impacts.

There are far better ways to provide accommodation for those in dire need, just ask the community for advice – we're giving it away for free.

Michele Grant  
Ocean Shores

Making a living

Thank you, Garth and Sonya Brien, for your clear and insightful letter (19 October). You have worked to achieve success in your business,  
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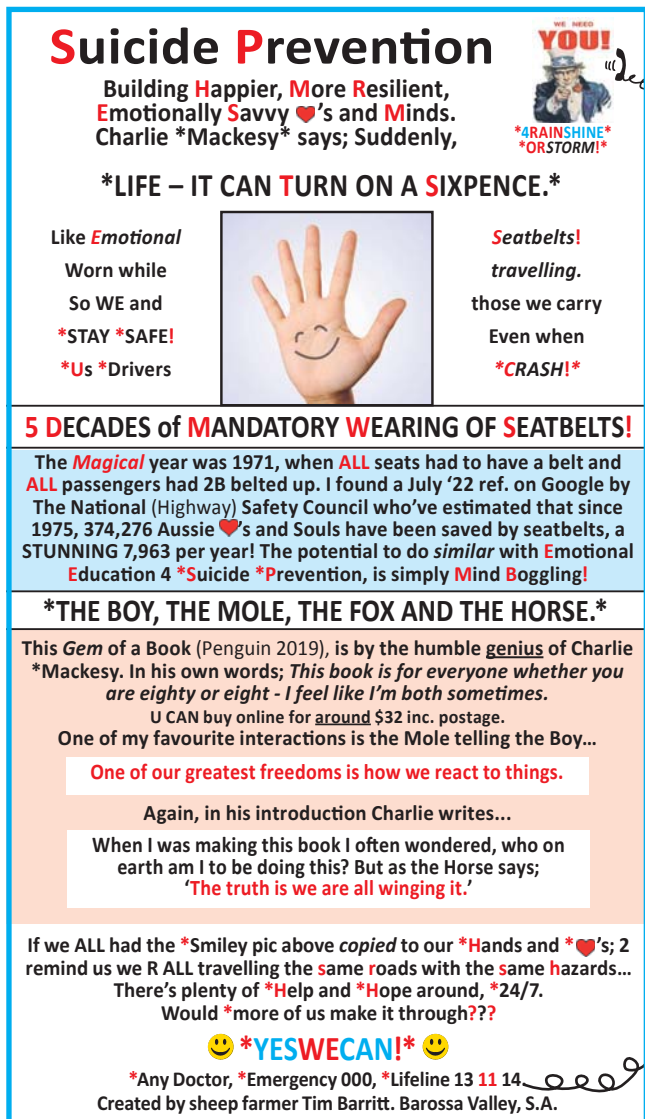
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## How do we look after our dogs, our children and our wildlife?

I refer to the letter 'Dog owners' (*Echo*, 9 November). What a terrible experience for a six-year-old seeing the mutilated wallaby in the surf. Some ignore, others encourage their dogs' natural predatory behaviour. We have caring humans in Maggie Brown and her grandson. It engenders hope.

A feature of the paradigm of human/animal relationship is the master/pet syndrome. I love dogs but free animals in their natural habitat are an essential part of the north

coast natural experience. We have terrible vulnerability in our public reserves. We need to find a way to support our rangers.

Action is needed. May I suggest a dog-bothering meeting including BSC dog rangers, Dog Botherer T-shirts, cameras at the ready and pictures to be taken and published of dogs off-lead on non-dog beaches.

It's a big canvas. Have you seen a 'look-around-look' so they don't have to clean up their dog's poo?

Take pictures of dogs

walking at Cape Byron because all rangers are finished after 3pm. This is reflected throughout the Byron Shire – there needs to be a collective willingness to go beyond Welcome to Country to defend our wild creatures in our wild country.

**Ian Cohen**  
Broken Head

The death of Jyedon Pollard last Tuesday is tragic.

Shamefully, it would be no surprise for *Echo* readers to learn that Byron Shire has the third highest rate of dog

attacks in NSW at 14 per 10,000 between April and June 2022.

The once small peace-loving green-tinged Shire is now dog attack central – 19 attacks in three months!

Residents have been pleading for Council to act for years, but to no avail. Council says education is the key. Dog libertarians say they'll do as they please; hence so many attacks. If you can't control your dog you must be brought to heel.

**Patrick Morrissey**  
Goonengerry

► Continued from page 17 which is now threatened by Council's short-term rental cap.

The short-term holiday rental issue has indeed driven a wedge in the local community, much of this fuelled by misinformation and misunderstanding.

I have lived in the Byron Shire for 20 years, and ten years ago decided to rent a room in my house to supplement my part-time casual low-paid job. It was a success and I enjoyed meeting a variety of people, all of whom visited local cafes and shops thereby generating considerable local income.

At times I moved out of my house and camped, enabling me to rent the whole house for a total of four months. Having this extra income meant I could support myself and teenager without claiming government benefits.

The 90-day cap will reduce the capacity of many people like myself to supplement their low incomes and be able to pay high rates and other bills.

The cap is not an effective way of increasing the number of long-term rental properties.

**Pamela Sandiford**  
Suffolk Park

### No time to waste

Germany has just worked out that they want to legalise recreational use of cannabis by allowing 30g possession and three plants to grow. It needs now to pass parliament and then Germany will be the second country in the EU allowing recreational use, after Malta in December 2021 allowed four plants to grow and possession of seven grams.

Here, in the clever country, in the ACT you can possess 50g and grow two plants, and guess what? The world hasn't gone to shit, they are still functioning and cannabis offences went down by 90 per cent in the first twelve months with no increase in hospital presentations.

Just imagine all the money, time etc. saved; the pain and suffering not created in good human beings.

While we are experiencing real challenges, like the fossil fuel climate catastrophe, we just bulldoze forests as usual, criminalise medicinal cannabis users for driving unimpaired, jail environmental protesters for blocking roads to raise awareness. We are throwing taxpayers' money into multinational oil and gas companies who never pay tax in the first place.

Is it just me or how much more time do we have to waste playing these games? So sorry future generations, we just got stuck and brain-washed every day again. Just like *Groundhog Day*

**Chibo Mertineit**  
Lillian Rock

### Suppressed energy

Some computer whiz kid needs to track down the suppressed free energy invention that came to my attention long ago. It has the potential to save our government, and eliminate the need for all electricity infrastructures vulnerable to climatic destruction.

Historically, new inventions appeared on the planet in different places at the same time. Perhaps, as has often occurred before, the inventors and their inventions have suffered impossible suppression.

All my instincts tell me it is the nature of corporations that they cannot be trusted. And competition between them is merely a figment of imagination, built into our belief system by generations of propaganda.

Observe that green energy has been suppressed by the might of 'black' corporations over governments. But 'green' corporations are now in the ascendant. The

stakeholders are the same 'shape shifting' corporations.

It is in their interest and power to maximise energy prices, and stock prices.

Competition between 'green' and 'black' energy sources never existed.

Constant demands for handouts, translates to socialism for one or another industry. The instinct is always for monopolisation and the destruction of competition.

The narratives are that climate change is either 100 or 0 per cent caused by man. Science is never like that. That divisive debate becomes irrelevant with the new magnetic energy.

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Irresistible party political incentives, in a major nation, must surely succeed in breaking corporate strangleholds. The incidental benefits to humanity would be astronomical.

**Hayo van der Woude**  
Mullumbimby

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## To bee or not to bee – the important question

**W**ithout bees we're in a bit of trouble – actually, a lot of trouble. Yes, there are other earthlings that pollinate, like wasps, ants and even March flies, but no buzzy body does it better than bees and if we lose them, we're cactus.



Pollinators are an intrinsic part of the biosphere and their health can reflect the overall health of an ecosystem. There are a number of different types of insect

pollinators that live in the Northern Rivers, including bees, wasps, ants, flies, moths and butterflies, all of which need protection to ensure a healthy environment.

Spencer Alexander White, founder and Director of The Colony Bees Association, says that there is an ancient ecological bond that humans share with bees and plants. 'It's a timeless unity of co-creation and co-evolution'.

'We aim to collaborate with families, schools, community groups, councils, relevant departments, and Indigenous land councils to conserve the health of pollinator species and habitats.'

CB is partnering with landholders with high floral diversity – and chemical free land – to create 189 bee conservation sites. Each bee sanctuary will provide a nesting cavity using natural beekeeping principles. This network of bee sanctuaries will improve the geographical diversity of pollinators and provide an engaging opportunity for the community to observe and learn with native bees on their property.

Pollinate Country will monitor wild free-living colonies, protect pollinator habitat and biodiversity and cultivate healthy bee populations.

This is important work and it's not hard for you to join the cause. To register for Pollinate Country or volunteer with The Colony Bees Association, email: bees@thecolony.org.au.

The good news is that The Colony Bees Association (CB) is launching Pollinate Country – a direct action 'rewilding' campaign to preserve pollinator habitat in the Northern Rivers.

Pollinate Country bridges ecological health with community wellbeing through bees. A registered charity, CB says that their rewilding program conserves the 1,700 native bee species, endemic plants, agricultural crops and overall biodiversity of the Bundjalung nation through pollination and pollinator preservation.

The association believes that by protecting pollinators, we contribute to the land's capacity for self-renewal. Doing so also cultivates essential food and nutrients for all animals by enhancing the health and vitality of bees in the area.

The area studied is an exceptionally important and diverse landscape with particularly high biodiversity evident in the subtropical, warm temperate rainforests and palm forests, swamp sclerophyll forests, tall open Eucalypt forests, woodlands, mallees, freshwater wetlands and diverse other structural forms and ecological associations noted.

The flora here is of regional, state and national significance and has highly significant biological and geophysical function and the association's primary objective is to protect and enhance the natural environment.



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## In defence of Julian Assange

■ I need to reply to the ignorant smears appearing in last week's *Echo* about Julian Assange.

The US has done a good job of demonising him, bribing false witnesses, and giving a loan of \$24 million to Ecuador to extract him from their embassy, but many people now, especially those who choose to educate themselves outside of the Murdoch media, will know that Julian Assange is our Australian hero, and by revealing their crimes to the world, is suffering the revenge of the criminal US empire.

Our hope is that Anthony Albanese will have the decency and integrity to demand his release and to join with so many other countries in honouring this courageous man. There will be a motion put to the Council this week on the subject of supporting Julian.

His children need their dad home for Christmas and we need a country that has its own voice!

Trish Walsh  
Myocum

■ In attempting to draw a parallel between the Brittany Higgins and Julian Assange situations, John Donnellan (*Echo* 2/11) demonstrates a catastrophic ignorance of the Assange case.

The Swedish charges Mr Assange was originally held on have long been withdrawn. They related to a rarely cited quirk in Swedish law, which allows for a male who declines the use of contraception, to be charged with rape, even in circumstances where there is consent for coitus.

The two women involved in the Assange saga have both placed, on record, that they were solicited by Swedish authorities to lodge a complaint, from which the obscure anomaly in Swedish law was enacted to drum up a charge against Assange neither woman pursued.

Julian Assange is in prison for exposing war crimes. He is persecuted for the same reasons Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela

Julian Assange is in prison for exposing war crimes... speaking the truth upset the corrupt hegemony

were persecuted and thrown in jail: their courage in speaking the truth upset the corrupt hegemony they challenged.

Julian's integrity is why he has such global support from a huge cross-section of the community, from heads of State such as Andrés Manuel López Obrador to artists Roger Waters and Brian Eno, to global social commentators Chris Hedges and Russell Brand, to the people maintaining a 24 hour vigil outside Flinders St Station in Melbourne.

Despite being locked away in a box, Julian Assange is now the most well-known Australian on the planet. Momentum grows every day for his immediate release.

We should all walk that little bit taller knowing the great global freedom fighter of our time is an Australian.

Marc Westley  
Mullumbimby

### Resilience NSW

Can there possibly be any straightforward solution to this debacle? Does anybody know why there is no straight talk? I attended a meeting with Resilience NSW and was told that there would be no private land leases, that Resilience NSW only obtained council-owned land or Crown land for the purpose of building temporary pods.

This is why the small community of Bayside Brunswick Heads had to lose our small open space park as it was needed for placement of more pods. Two weeks on we received a letter from Resilience NSW to say that the controversial affordable housing SEPP boarding house land owned by The Collective, or what other names they use, is to be now leased by Resilience NSW, fair enough. Maybe until, oh, the two hard surface drive-ways and car parks are being installed by our very caring

NSW government along with installation of water, sewage, and power. Really!

Now, an odd thing re: our so-called affordable housing SEPP is being called out by Tamara Smith and some of our councillors as being unaffordable. The replacement of social housing is not working under the so-called affordable housing boarding house SEPP as affordable! Oh dear, who would have thought it!?

Annie Radermacher  
Brunswick Heads

### Critters cartoon

A wonderful cartoon in *The Echo* by Antoinette Ensby (2 November) highlighting the need to be aware that there are many furry, feathery, shiny, spikey, adorable wild animals out and about at the moment.

One notable particular animal I thought missing from the cartoon was the little bandicoot who often comes out at night to dig

and forage for ground grubs etc. Not the most attractive little rodent-like creature but certainly cute in its own unique way.

Sadly, one morning last week I found a dead one on our front nature strip. I presume it had been hit by a car. I carefully wrapped the little critter in a soggy *Echo*, which had landed not far from where the bandicoot had met its demise, and I buried it in the reserve behind our home. A feeling of sorrow for the poor creature soon turned to anger. Can we please not be so self-involved in our own goings-on? People, wake up to what's around you. Get off your phones and just slow the fuck down! Please.

Jon J Bradley  
Byron Bay

### Linnaeus goes to ICAC

Byron Council expresses a commitment to 'open and transparent' government in its Community Strategic

Plan, but do they mean it?

Council refuses to admit that the procedural fairness and transparency that's required for a zone change wasn't followed for Linnaeus. The facts are clear that the community wasn't informed of the zone change from Education to Mixed Use Development in 2015/16.

This was raised in the recent NRPP hearing. BSC staff responded to a query from the Chair and explained the right process; that councillors determine what goes on exhibition. However, this isn't what happened for Linnaeus but the NRPP ignored the community concerns and granted an approval for eco-tourism.

In 2020 I made a formal complaint to Council after extensive research. Council responded, but didn't address the issues, and made it a confidential legal privilege report that I can't even share with a lawyer.

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## CHESS by Ian Rogers

Did he fall or was he pushed?

This is the question baffling the chess world as it tries to work out what has happened to Anatoly Karpov, former World Champion and Russian politician, currently in hospital in Moscow.

According to early reports, late in the evening of October 29 Karpov was found unresponsive on the ground after being attacked near the Duma (parliament). With severe head injuries he was rushed to intensive care and placed in an induced coma.

Immediately voices close to Karpov began to 'correct' the record. According to his aide, Albert Stepanyan, the 71-year-old merely fell and had no injuries. According to Karpov's daughter Sofia he fell and was on a ventilator. On the other hand Karpov's wife Natalia Bulanova, reportedly said that the fall took place near home, not the Duma, and that Anatoly was currently at home and feeling fine!

The newspaper *Izvestia* soon published details of Karpov's problems and the list was not pretty: bleeding and swelling of the brain, fractures of head and leg, plus an additional brain injury. A typical fall this was not.

Bulanova, now apparently accepting that her husband might be in hospital, soon reported that he was out of the coma and complaining about the hospital food. (She was planning

to bring him some soup the next day.)

The reaction in Russia to Bulanova's comments was not just sceptical; rumours began swirling that Karpov was dead!

Speculation also continued about why he would be attacked. Then it was noted that Karpov, who had voted to authorise the invasion of Ukraine in February and is under sanctions from Europe as a result, seemed to be becoming less enthusiastic about the war.

He had skipped the recent vote in the Duma on troop mobilisation but there was also a mysterious interview with Kazakh television which was widely quoted after the accident.

'I wish the war would end soon, so that peaceful people will stop dying,' Karpov is quoted as saying. 'I could not imagine that Russians and Ukrainians would go to war. I have many friends in Ukraine.'

Unfortunately for those wanting to pin Karpov's misfortunes on Vladimir Putin, it turned out that this interview was conducted in April, and was only resuscitated by the notorious *Daily Mail* to make the situation appear more suspicious. Multiple respectable media outlets then followed its lead.

Whatever the reason for the attack/fall, one of the greatest players of all time is in a very serious condition in hospital and, with misinformation being spread right, left and centre, it is almost impossible to discover what is going on.

■ **Players meet at Byron Bay Services Club, Sat 2.30pm and Mon 5pm**

# Flood warnings on Saturday, 22 October

Katie Biggin

I go to bed but keep my phone next to me. I check the BoM site against Willy Weather, trying to see which one has the worse prediction. I've already moved my car and the owner's car of the temporary place I am renting in their absence. It's in the same street as my flooded house. I didn't move the car last time and even the relatively innocuous process of replacing a car engenders memories of crying in Service NSW, trying to explain through sobs that I have evidence of being flooded. It's not the first temporary place I've lived since 28 February, it's the ninth, with another move happening in three weeks.

I lie awake, obsessively opening the weather apps. I tell myself to wait at least 30 minutes between checking. My daughter's suggestion. I ponder if I'm ready. I got cash out and filled my car with petrol, bought milk, batteries and water, memories of the chaos following that last flood flowing through me. I search out my Vodafone

'burner' phone that my daughter and I got last time when Telstra went down. Everyone keeps texting me cheerfully, 'It'll be fine', 'nothing like last time'. But the rational side of my brain ceases functioning as soon as I hear the buckets of rain on the roof. I check the BoM again. A new warning appears. I wonder if Byron is flooding, my storage shed is there, holding what I saved from the last flood.

It's 2am and I try to stay awake, alert, and vigilant. I'd taken a sleeping tablet on the night of the 28 February and woke - too late - to water rising exponentially in my riverside street and swallowing my house. I'm not doing that this time. I tell myself that there is nothing much more to lose. I think of people in Lismore; guilt coursing through me that I'm so much better off than many, geographically and financially. This leads me to remember conversations with my psychologist who urges me to stop minimising my situation. We've decided together that it's best to politely avoid listening to well-meaning conversations starting with 'Well, at least you've got...' (insert 'something positive' e.g. a place to stay, some insurance, lots of friends, etc...).

At 3am and the warning for moderate flooding to the river 40 metres from my house remains. There's nothing I can do. I've inculcated feelings of helplessness and disempowerment over the many months waiting for my house to be lifted and repaired. Positive feelings of 'I'll be back in within a few months' have dwindled. I've develop a victim mentality through lack of agency - a pleading, emotional tone with builders, insurance

companies and Council. I've run a whole high school as a Deputy Principal but can't seem to stop crying when trying to explain to the relevant agencies above that I need my house to be raised and fixed; that I need my home. I think of all the moving I've done, all the money I've spent on the development application (DA), the certifier, the architect, the surveyor, the engineer, the town planner and others, just to get my house lifted out of danger. It seems cruel. And I was only there for four weeks after leaving a house I'd been in for over a decade. It didn't flood.

By 4am I decide that I should walk out and check the river height, check my house. Always checking - constant, continuous checking - the weather apps, email, and my phone for calls from builders; berating myself that I missed the one call a month from the insurance company. I walk towards the river. No one else seems awake. Walking past a fence triggers a memory of balancing on the paddleboard, trying to paddle against the flood water to my neighbour's house to get onto a higher verandah, leaving my daughter behind to be saved by loving friends who had come over to help. There is always that moment. It replays. I think, 'I can't hang onto the fence to manoeuvre myself around the corner and avoid being swept out to sea'. It's crystal clear in my mind, like a slow-motion video. I won't let go of the backpack with what I could gather from the rising floodwaters. It has a framed photo of my best friend who died. I won't let it fall in the water. The psychologist and I had to do some sessions about

that backpack. I carried it with me everywhere in the proceeding weeks. She suggested lightly after two months that perhaps we could have a 'chat' about the backpack. I go back to my trusty handbag, released of the attachment. I am grateful for her help.

The river is not flooding yet, but I walk back quickly, my dad's old Dolphin torch in hand, and retrieve the backpack from one of my plastic tubs. I confidently fill it with medicines, that photo, my computer and chargers - look at me planning, feeling prepared, showing agency. A memory returns of the Mullum Recovery Centre. It takes me weeks to go there and two false starts at the door where I turn around and go back out, the social worker's comforting words following me; 'you can come back when you feel ready'. It exudes a ubiquitous scent of mud, of desperation. I don't want to need help, other people are far worse. I don't want to go back there. I check again. Willy Weather still shows huge rain cells coming. BoM is showing fewer. This temporary accommodation is a high-set two-storey house, it shouldn't flood, but images swim around in my mind. Is it too late to ring my daughter? I create a plan of what else I'll take when picked up by the SES this time. The high tide is coming. I lie back in bed with the backpack.

I wake with a start. Shit, I went to sleep. It's 5.30am. I sit up, heart pounding. Grab my phone and run to the window to look. There's no flood. It's not even raining here. I feel stupid. And exhausted.

Another week begins, waiting for work of some kind to start on my house.

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So where's the open and transparent processes, that Council states as a core principle of good governance?

If I'm wrong, why aren't they willing to prove it publicly? The only option I have now is to take it to ICAC to seek review of why our Council and NRPP disregard procedural fairness in the planning process and grant benefit to landowners.

**Jan Barham**  
Broken Head

## The warm and fuzzies

So, while I try hard to share the warm fuzzy feelings that many Mullum cul-de-sac and short-road residents must be feeling by getting yet another shiny asphalt fix up of their street. It really hits hard for those of us living in Upper Main Arm.

Our roads, creeks and embankments have been both a physical and mental health hazard since February 2022. Is it too much to expect, at the very least, a fortnightly pothole fix, while we wait around for any long-term improvements?

Yesterday I rescued a Queensland family of four, their dog and their sparkling eight-seater SUV that was bigger than our spare room,

who had been missing for two days after slipping into one of the potholes just down from Motts Road. They headed home with smiles on their faces and a Main Arm Store tea towel souvenir.

The conditions right now are atrocious, and while it's nice to see an army of scruffy paid-in-full, fluoro-clad older gentlemen with beards, who can still afford to buy cigarettes, along with battalions of heavy sand-and-rubble-filled vehicles chugging back and forth up our valley – nothing actually ever seems to get fixed.

It's a conspiracy I tell ya!

**Kol Dimond**  
Upper Main Arm

## Three ways to spread \$800M

Thanks for explaining in last week's *Echo*, the three ways in which the state's Reconstruction Corporation will spread the current round of \$800 million in grant money.

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Please do not be put off by rumours that your property is not eligible.

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buy back 2,000 homes will raise 2,000 other homes, if they can be raised, and will wet-proof 2,000 homes that can't be raised. The money will cover seven local council areas and I imagine much of it will stay in the Bulina (Richmond River) valley.

Our Byron Shire has thousands of homes on floodplains that we saw inundated in February and March. Please take the time to let government know that we need this support to keep our community connected, by being able to stay in place using the three measures: retrofit (wet-proofing), house-raising, and buyback (which should be accompanied by an option of land-swap). Please apply at [www.nsw.gov.au/nrrc](http://www.nsw.gov.au/nrrc).

**Duncan Dey**  
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## Special tomatoes

Victoria Cosford

A friend of mine tells me that they were one of the more compelling reasons for her move to the Northern Rivers. Coopers Shoot Tomatoes, we're looking at you! Or rather, I'm looking at co-owner Heather where we sit perched side by side at the back of the van behind their farmers' market stall. After a break, this is only the third market they've done this season, but 'It's good to be back!', says Heather.

It's even better for the customers. One approaching woman tells Heather she wants to kiss her, and really, it's entirely understandable, not only because of the quality of these exquisite tomatoes but also because of Heather herself, indefatigably warm to every single person. She's a natural showman – or woman – but she's also been doing it for about 25 years; purveying this intensely sweet produce at the various farmers' markets.

The business took a bit of a break this year. Heather and husband Hugh, who started it all, had 'taken a step back' in 2018, passing the reins to son Tom. Tom and family are currently

Heather Armstrong, a well-known face at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market after nearly 25 years of selling Coopers Shoot Tomatoes.

overseas, so management has fallen to Hugh's brother Matt, an ex-chef. 'So it's all kept in the family', Heather tells me, 'and that's the best thing.'

Tomatoes hate wet humid weather, but are definitely happy at the moment ('they like hot and dry', Heather says), as evidenced by the wondrous tumble of heirlooms, monsters some of them, weighing over a kilo apiece, and cherry tomatoes. Heather passes on to customers her favourite thing to do with them: serve with mozzarella (preferably Deb Allard's) and good bread. 'Keep it simple!', she says. Why are they so good? Grown on the vine and kept there till ready; picked the day before a market; those heirloom seeds saved from season to season.

■ Coopers Shoot Tomatoes can be found every Tuesday at New Brighton from 8–11am and every Friday at Mullumbimby from 7–11am







# The Good Life

## Ooray – next gen bushfood farmers

With the average age of Australian farmers at 56 (and getting older) it's great to see some young blood entering the local agricultural sector. Carl Willuweit, and wife Jess Dressler, along with their boys Van and Wolfe, have recently notched up their first year of farming in the Byron hinterland.

The young family moved to their Nashua farm just over 12 months ago, where they are growing a range of native bushfoods: lemon, aniseed and cinnamon myrtles; and Davidson plum (Indigenous name *ooray*).

'We've always been drawn to the beautiful Northern Rivers region and were fortunate to connect with Sue, the previous caretaker, and walk around the land with her,' Jess said.

'Through that one interaction we fell in love with the incredible biodiverse ecosystem she'd created, which centres around a regenerated rainforest and native food.'

'We had no prior experience in farming and while we still have much to learn, we are so grateful to the wonderful friends and mentors we've been fortunate enough to connect with so far. It has given us the opportunity to work in close connection with the land and share what we grow with our community, whilst honouring the connection the food has to country and culture.'

Carl and Jess have created a unique offering using their organic Davidson plums – a freeze-dried powder where around 98 per cent of the

water content is extracted, leaving a flavour-packed powder that is high in antioxidants, vitamin E, zinc, magnesium and folate. The Byron Bush Food Davidson Plum Powder is available at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning, along with a variety of native bushfood salts, sugars and dried myrtles.

'We believe food is medicine and are dedicated to supplying our community with the most nutritious, native tasting experiences,' Carl said. 'We began using Davidson plum and Kakadu plum a few years back as we love their flavours and these foods help to build our family's immune systems.'

'We use these foods every day and we are constantly learning, with our community, on how they

like to use them as well. We love that people are getting behind locally grown native foods that have such wonderful flavours, are highly nutritious and also benefit the ecology of the land.'

Carl and Jess are just as passionate about the way they farm: 'The Davidson plums are grown organically and lovingly picked by hand. It's important we are honouring the land, the deep connection this food has to country and culture and respecting our collective mother so she can continue to build biodiversity.'

■ Byron Farmers Market is held every Thursday 7–11am at Butler Street Reserve and Bangalow Farmers Market is every Saturday morning 7–11am behind the Bangalow Pub.



Carl Willuweit and Jess Dressler, with their boys Van and Wolfe on their bushfood farm at Nashua, where they grow their organic Davidson Plums (*ooray*) in a way that honours the land.

## Legend Pizza's moved

Simon Haslam

The tables outside Legend Pizza in Jonson St have only been there since 1992, but I already can't remember what was there before. Now they've gone, as the Legends crew have moved to a new location at 2/3 Marvell St, just opposite Bayleaf cafe, just ahead of the impending demolition of the North Byron Plaza early next year.

Scott Levy, who runs Legend Pizza with his partner Gemma, is philosophical about it all. '2022 has been a big year for all of us – Legend Pizza is no different. Everyone has been through more than any of us should have to go through.'

'Along with celebrating 30 years of serving locally sourced ingredients, crafted into pizza by locals, the 'Legendary' team is moving out of the place



we've called home since 1992.

'We've actually shifted into the old Earth 'n' Sea Pizza place. A mutual love of community and great tasting pizza brought us together with David and Denise a few years ago,

but now they've handed over the keys to their place

to Legend Pizza. It was very important to them to pass the keys over to another long-term family owned and operated local business.'

'There are exciting times ahead. The team is looking forward to putting the past few years of covid and uncertainty behind us. We've got a whole new range of options for customers-past, present and future, in our new location. Plus our lunch specials are coming back.'

With the changing economic environment, all businesses in Byron have had to adapt and change their offerings, just to stay afloat. Legend Pizza has

also had to adapt, and unfortunately their famous lunch special had to be put on hold for awhile as they struggled to find staff.

'With the move, we're looking forward to welcoming customers to our new home. There will be pasta salads, and more, added to the menu in the near future, in addition to our popular pizza, gluten free and vegan options,' says Scott.

Lunch service will resume on Thursday and

Friday each week with their lunchtime special returning. Keep an eye on their socials for all the new offerings coming soon, adding to their popular range of pizzas and meal deals that help feed the family for less with increasing inflation and costs of living.

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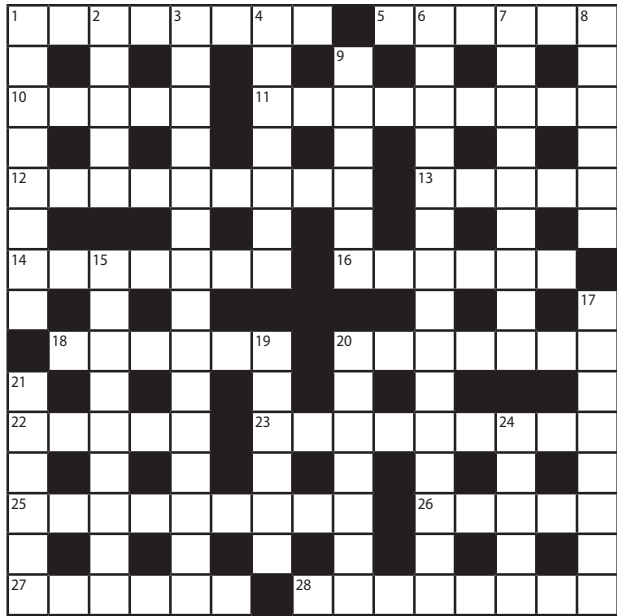
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## ACROSS

1. It's supposed to pay better – after a while (8)
5. Damage one thousand and two (6)
10. The top people landed in ease, they say (5)
11. Words for fencing (9)
12. Old boy running around, cross with debts: how abhorrent! (9)
13. The French, the tool (5)
14. Betting shops around this place? Balls! (7)
16. US Gallery aboard (6)
18. Sailor and Scotsman on the asphalt (6)
20. Romeo, Italian, beneath Italian dish (7)
22. Change? Change later (5)
23. If Scorpio moves, it helps you sleep (9)
25. Counterfeiting coin to provide anonymity (9)
26. Joe Armstrong (5)
27. Reps need a toilet (6)
28. Possessed by an aficionado and an academic, but not constantly (3,3,2)

**DOWN**

1. Small town description revealed here soon (3,5)
2. Naïve over water (5)
3. The grim text here, revealed by reactionaries (3,7,5)
4. Mum's cribs said to bring good luck (7)
6. R, a moderate alternative to 3 (6,9)
7. A share will tell man to develop (9)
8. Simple poems, right? Hot over agreement around a thousand (6)
9. Directions: in the near future, revere loops (6)
15. A revolutionary after earth demolished – despondency and nostalgia! (9)
17. Sneer at an evil deed, reported on foot (8)
19. Comics perform about the universe (6)
20. Disapproval concerning evidence (7)
21. Folder found in Asian capital (6)
24. Discovered nothing in the savings account (5)

## ACROSS

1. In excess of one's normal shift (8)
5. Diminish (6)
10. Aristocracy (5)
11. Duelling (9)
12. Loathsome (9)
13. Woodworking machine (5)
14. Orbs (7)
16. Utters (6)
18. Paved runway (6)
20. Rice cooked with broth (7)
22. Modify (5)
23. Somnolent (9)
25. Disguised (9)
26. Name of many French kings (5)
27. Brokers (6)
28. Intermittent (3,3,2)

**DOWN**

1. Race with an obvious winner (3,5)
2. European brand of mineral water (5)
3. Fascists on the political spectrum (3,7,5)
4. Talismans (7)
6. The majority of our population with neither high or low income (6,9)
7. Allocation (9)
8. Sung in the nursery (6)
9. Lariats; running-knots (6)
15. Anguish (9)
17. Shoe worn by Native Americans (8)
19. Celestial (6)
20. Expression of blame (7)
21. Philippine plant fibre (6)
24. Establish (5)

### Last week's solution N464



**GEMINI:** Things been lagging a little lately? This week's Mercurial influence picks up the pace. Less exciting news is Mars reversing in Gemini for the rest of the year. Silver lining? Ease up on your resistance, be patient with delays and cancellations, and you'll get to appreciate the many benefits of cosmic cruise control.

**VIRGO:** As your ruler Mercury's move to the sign of broad horizons ignites a spirit of discovery – a change of scenery beckons. No matter how busy you are, refresh your sense of adventure; book a holiday, visit friends, go glamping, even just spend one night away from home at a boutique hotel or on the beach.

We could have more housing *right now*. At the last census there were more than one million houses sitting vacant. Even if you account for people being on holidays, staying

We know housing is a social determinant of health. Research shows there is an association between poor-quality housing and

**SAGITTARIUS:** With Venus and Mercury hooking up in chatty Sagittarius, frankness could be an aphrodisiac this week. Or not, depending on how skillfully you navigate the fine line between risqué and risky repartee. This is one of your major foot-in-mouth transits, so do a quick room-scan before you speak.

**PISCES:** After a galvanising eclipse season, Jupiter's swift reverse-commute through Pisces shakes up areas where you feel restless or dissatisfied: stressful job, unfulfilling relationship, whingy friends. Now's the time to make course corrections before late November opens the wide-angle lens on social life, booming business and the annual silly season.



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**STARS  
BY LILITH**

**As Venus and Mercury leave sultry Scorpio for speedy Sagittarius, this week trades echo chamber for loudspeaker..**



## SCORPIO



# BANGALOW SHOW

FRIDAY 18 AND SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER



After a two year forced hiatus the A&I Society are thrilled to welcome back crowds to the 121st Bangalow Show on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November.

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On Friday catch the talented dogs in the Working Dog Trials and the Championship Dog Show, always a joy to see. For horse enthusiasts there will be Led and Ridden classes showjumping all happening throughout Friday. After school hours on Friday is the hugely popular Children's Pet Parade - free registration from 3:45 in Scarrabolotti Ring.

This year you will get a chance to meet and hear our Young Women of the Year entrants at the Show Dinner, held in the Moller Pavilion. The winner will be announced on Saturday at the official opening.

Saturday begins with a full day of horse, cattle and poultry competitions before we get to the less serious stuff.

Steve's Reptile World and Old MacDonald's Farm will be on-site Friday and Saturday, and Shorty Brown will be clowning around at various times. Don't forget to find out the winner in the hotly contested Tart of the Show competition either.

Official opening is set for 2pm with Bangalow Herald Bush Poet's Prize and Bang Burger Bar Big Bang Bite to follow in the Village Green.

All the usual events are back, including the Stockman and Ironman competitions. Dog high jump, mower races and more. The main entertainment for Saturday is well known horseman Guy McLean. As usual we will finish off the Show with a spectacular fireworks displays.

**Internationally renowned Australian Horseman and entertainer, Guy McLean** is a rare

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## FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

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9am	Pavilion closed for judging Championship Dog Show Show jumping Horse Led classes Horse Ridden classes Horse Breed classes Danny Thomas memorial stock Horse challenge Junior & juvenile Stock Horse Challenge Dairy cattle
10am	Sideshow Alley - all day
12pm	Lion Club bar open
12.30pm	Pavilion open to the public
2.30pm	Campdraft - Junior / Juvenile
4pm	Pet Parade - Scarrabelotti Ring
4-6pm	Shorty Brown Clowning Around
6.30pm	Beef Cattle - Battle of the Breeds Show dinner (pre-booked only)

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9am	Show jumping Horse Led classes Horse Ridden classes Horse Breed classes Paddock pony Beef cattle/vealers – Scarrabolotti Ring Poultry/caged birds – Poultry Pavilion
10am	Tart of the Show – Village Green
10am-2pm	Shorty Brown Clowning Around- Village Green
11am	Junior Showgirl/Boy registration – Village Green
11.30am	Pony Play Off's – Village Green
12pm	Lion kiosk bar open
12pm	Boot toss – Village Green
2pm	Official Opening – Main Ring
2.30pm	Guy McLean Horse Show
2.30pm	Bush Poets – Village Green
2.30pm	Open Campdraft Final
3pm	Bareback cut out/ barrel racing
3pm	Big Bang Burger Bite – Village Green
4pm	Mower races
5pm	Dog high jump
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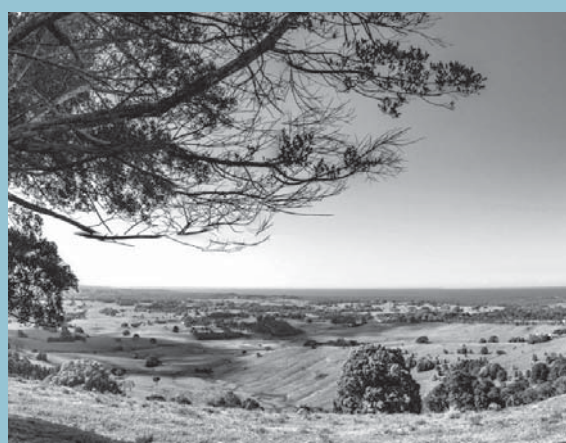
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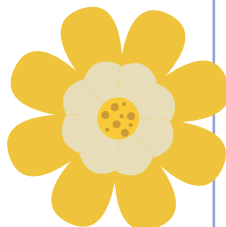
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## BANGALOW HEADACHE CLINIC

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they treat headaches and migraines, jaw pain, clicking, grinding and locking, as well as vestibular disorders and dizziness. Michael has done extensive studies and exams, in both Australia and Europe, involving the head, neck and jaw. He has completed advanced vestibular competency training with the Northern American leaders in this area.

At Bangalow Headache Clinic they quite often find an overlap between headache and dizziness and/or headache and jaw problems. If you experience jaw pain, locking or clicking, headaches, migraines or vertigo, call them on 0475 757 510

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## ENTERTAINMENT

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## What's news in the Blues for THE CAT EMPIRE



Bluesfest 2022 was the stage for the end of an era for The Cat Empire. Two of the original three founding members of the group, Felix Riebl and Ollie McGill will continue their legacy and have created a fresh, new era for the band. With boundless creative possibilities, a collaborative process, and musical curiosity, the new project will showcase a wonderful collective of rotating musicians who will still maintain the musical DNA of The Cat Empire.

The band will be on a massive Euro tour just before Easter and will step off stage in Manchester on the Friday and onto a Byron stage on Monday.

Seven had a chat with Felix Riebl at the end of a month of recording a new album, about what the new Empire will look like.



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#### Hey Felix, what's new?

It's a completely new chapter. We've been announcing some of the new musicians who are going to be part of the tour – Grace Barbé is an amazing woman from the Seychelles who plays bass and sings and is a hell of a performer in her own right; Lazaro Numa is a Cuban trumpet player and a great percussionist, he's going to be playing with us as well; Neda Rahmani is an Iranian Australian percussionist, who's just amazing and bringing a lot to the stage.

There'll be a lot of familiar faces as well, like Ollie on the horns. It's going to be a dynamite show. We've been really getting into rehearsals and the preparations for it [as well as] working on a new album.

#### From Europe to Byron in four days – how does that feel?

We're playing in Spain, in the UK and Netherlands and a bunch of other places through Europe. It'll be a fun tour, and as a band, to have a month's worth of shows tends to really get that great festival confidence up.

#### I suppose you've spent the last few months busily writing?

Yeah, non-stop. We're working on a very exuberant album. It's great, for instance, to be working with these amazing female voices and things like that. It's very, very festive. It's very punchy, and bold, but it's got a lot of tropical

flavour in there, and, some classic Cuban/ Latin feelings in there too. We've sort of gone all out – like, some songs we're starting with a Brazilian percussion, roving band thing – it's not always just the classic rhythm section. There are songs that are starting with musicians from Ghana, and then a huge percussive energy being built around that. Also, some songs that will feel fairly classic Cat Empire I think, in terms of how I've approached them.

#### Coming to Bluesfest I am always very curious to know who people are interested in seeing...

I love this festival. I love Nathaniel Rateliff. We toured quite a lot together in the States and Canada in terms of a parallel festival run. Elvis Costello is amazing. Femi Kuti... it's an amazing lineup. Lucinda Williams – she'll be amazing. And Mavis Staples!

#### What do you want to punters to know about your show?

The band is going to be dynamite. It really is shaping up. And the stage is going to be very very full. The new project is anything but just me and Ollie – the stage is going to be bursting and we've got a lot of really amazing music, musical ideas and songs building and we really plan on bringing the stage to a new level.

**The Cat Empire play Bluesfest on Monday 10 April.**

**For more info on Bluesfest 2023, visit:  
www.bluesfest.com.au.**

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# EMILY LUBITZ

## BEGIN AGAIN

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# 7 DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT



## A MUSICAL REFLECTION

Acclaimed guitarists Slava and Leonard Grigoryan have created a suite of music inspired by objects personally selected from the National Museum of Australia's vast collection tracing Australia's diverse and complex history; *This Is Us: A Musical Reflection of Australia*.

The evocative nature of each of the 18 compositions is heightened by the projection of a high-definition 3D video of the relevant object. The effect this has on the listener/observer is powerful.

Incorporating all their influences, from classical to jazz and contemporary music, performed on a variety of guitars (electric, eight-string tenor ukulele, 12-string and classical guitar), audiences will see and hear the Grigoryan Brothers like never before.

*This Is Us* is also a personal declaration from Slava and Leonard, that this music, composed during lockdown with each living in different states, is a new direction for them. While they have included original compositions within programs in the past, this is the first time they will be performing an entire program of original works.

The objects and music take us from the deep past of early Indigenous Australians to the making of contemporary Australian society.

Eighteen individual musical compositions relate the brothers' response to, and feeling for, their personal selection of objects from the 250,000 in the Museum's collection.

Each composition focuses on a particular object: among them a 65,000-year-old ochre of the Madjebebe rock shelter; a convict's love token relating the experience of transportation; the stream anchor from Matthew Flinders' *HMS Investigator*, a preserved wet specimen of a whole skinned thylacine; a Kimberley spear point fashioned by Aboriginal people from glass; a cricket bat of



*This Is Us* is a personal declaration from Slava and Leonard Grigoryan, that this music is a new direction for them.

the famed Sir Donald Bradman; and the prototype Holden motorcar that began the car manufacturing industry in Australia.

The brothers' selection tries to represent some of our First Nations' history as well as colonisation, migration, innovation and stories of love and loss, and they say 'We were deeply moved by all of them'.

***This Is Us: A Musical Reflection of Australia.***

**Friday 25 November, 7.30pm at the Byron Theatre**

**Tickets: [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au)**

**Also at The Star Court Theatre, Lismore – Saturday 26 November at 7.30pm and The Regent, Murwillumbah, Sunday 27 November at 3pm.**

## THE SOUL AND SPIRIT OF SPANISH FLAMENCO

Bringing the soul and spirit of Spanish flamenco to regional audiences in a tour through NSW and around Australia from November 2022, acclaimed Spanish guitarist Paco Lara will inspire and capture the imagination of Australian audiences. With the release and launch of his new album, *Duende* – a repertoire of original compositions – Lara has also produced and presented a stunning live performance with his talented ensemble, fusing music, song and dance as only flamenco can do.

Lara migrated to Australia in 2017 from his home in Jerez in Southern Spain – the heartland of flamenco. Lara has toured internationally, alongside some of the best artists and maestro legends of flamenco in Spain and has become a vanguard and foremost musician of contemporary flamenco fusion in Australia. Lara's increasing popularity in Australia has contributed to the growing interest and understanding of its traditions and contemporary flamenco performance.

This live performance brings together an international musical collaboration with a unique mix of Spanish and Australian musicians. Lara's ongoing passion for presenting high quality flamenco music to Australia, and sharing his music with global and cultural connections, will ignite your musical senses.

**Paco Lara will be performing *Duende* at the Byron Theatre on Saturday 26 November at 8pm. Tickets [byroncentre.com.au/byron-theatre](http://byroncentre.com.au/byron-theatre)**

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## BANGALOW FILM FESTIVAL 2023

Bangalow Film Festival is thrilled to announce its third annual festival program, set to take place in multiple locations across beautiful Bangalow from 12–21 January 2023.

Premiering award-winning films from across the globe, the 2023 program offers a wide range of diverse and inclusive screenings, along with an immersive program of art exhibitions, panels, music and plenty more.

Featuring a lineup of over 20 acclaimed films, including a world premiere, BFF's 2023 program is its biggest yet. Film buffs can settle in for exclusive premieres of critically acclaimed award-winning feature films, brilliant documentaries, and beloved classics, plus special guest encounters and surprise events.

The first five films were revealed earlier this month, including the Australian premieres of documentaries *Wade In The Water* and *All The Beauty and the Bloodshed*, along with a special 30th anniversary 4K screening of beloved Australian classic *Strictly Ballroom*, the world premiere of local documentary *The Last Violin* and critically acclaimed French drama *Rodeo*.

Now it's time to take a seat and have the popcorn ready as we reveal the newest additions to the Bangalow Film



Above: the world premiere of local documentary *The Last Violin*. Right: *All The Beauty and the Bloodshed*



Festival 2023 lineup!

Get your palette around the Australian premiere of *Living Wine*, a documentary following four natural wine artisans who forge their own path of new sustainable and regenerative practices in the world of viticulture. Another Australian premiere is *Descending the Mountain*, an intriguing documentary following the ground-breaking experiment of a neuroscientist and a zen master in the Swiss mountains, combining meditation and magic mushrooms to examine the nature of consciousness. This segues nicely into the regional premiere of *The Mushroom Speaks* which journeys into the realm of fungi and the radical changes that fungi offer to the world.

Directed by Pan Nalin is the sincere fable and multiple award-winning *Last Film Show*, which tells a tale of inspiration and hope in the story of Samay, a nine-year-old Indian boy and his love for films. Another remarkable feature film is *Broker* (directed by Palme d'Or winner Hirokazu Kore-eda), a light-hearted, unexpected and moving film about an abandoned baby and an unlikely family unit on the run.

Stay tuned for all things Bangalow Film Festival 2023, as there are many more program additions to be unveiled in the coming weeks.

For info and tickets, which are on sale now, go to: [www.bangalowfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.bangalowfilmfestival.com.au).

**PACO LARA**

"Master flamenco guitarist **Paco Lara** presents his new album launch show 'Duende' at the Byron Bay Theatre"

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MADE IN SPAIN

THE STRIDES OF  
PRIESTESS LUBITZ

Very few artists can cradle your heart in their hands while they kick your ass, but musician and mother of three, Emily Lubitz is striding out on her own and is excited to share her debut solo endeavour *Begin Again* EP that was released on 4 November.

With that timeless, aching quality that only great voices have, Lubitz is every singer's favourite singer. This captivating live performer has won the hearts of audiences worldwide, yet she is more priestess than a popstar, creating her own iconography that sears itself into the listener's imagination. Telling stories about everyday things, her voice transfigures them into works of beauty, like a messy bedroom suffused with golden morning light.

*Begin Again* often surprises with commonplace images from domestic life that rear up out of the darkness, saturated by a strange poetic force. Emily's collection of songs tells stories of the everyday uncanny; on the first single 'Like I Do' she evokes the gravitational pull of love; 'Foolish Kids' sears your soul with strong imagery and sorrowful lyrics; but Lubitz also soothes and heals through the trusting acceptance of the title track 'Begin Again'. Whether dreaming of how Beyoncé tours in 'What



She's Got', or 'Sinking Ships' describing the unveiled honesty in a long-term relationship, *Begin Again* shows the heart-wrenching and heartwarming experience of being human.

Emily Lubitz, with support by Mr Rhodes, is playing the Byron Theatre on Friday at 7.30pm.  
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### ENCORE UNRAVELLING

Acclaimed local director, Darius Devas, is holding an encore screening following the sold out Byron premiere of his new feature film, *Unravelling*. He is using the funds to take the film to European and US festival circuits over the summer. The film had its world premiere at the prestigious Cinefest Oz and screened at BIFF in Brisbane. *Unravelling* tells the story of El and Sim, a couple in their 30s, who have just moved to the Byron Shire and are gripping tightly to their relationship as their different visions for the future threaten to tear them apart. Darius wrote the film in collaboration with the two lead actors, Cazz Bainbridge and Duncan Ragg, and was mentored by acclaimed director Kim Farrant through the Screenworks and ADG Director Pathway Program. With Kim’s support he created a bespoke process, combining writing and



Duncan Ragg and Cazz Bainbridge in *Unravelling*.

performance workshops to develop the script.

*Unravelling* has its encore screening this Saturday, 6pm at the Palace Cinema, tickets are \$25. The screening includes a complimentary Stone & Wood brew and Darius will be present for a Q&A afterwards. Tickets are only available via: [beinghere.com.au/unravelling](http://beinghere.com.au/unravelling) (not from Palace).

### SHE SAID

Two-time Academy Award® nominee Carey Mulligan (*Promising Young Woman*, *An Education*) and Zoe Kazan (*The Big Sick*) star as New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, who together broke one of the most important stories in a generation — a story that helped propel the #Metoo movement, shattered decades of silence around the subject of sexual assault in Hollywood and altered American culture forever.



Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan

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*She Said* is directed by Emmy winner Maria Schrader (*Unorthodox*) from a screenplay by Oscar® winner Rebecca Lenkiewicz (*Ida*).

She said is coming to local cinemas soon.

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## FRIDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM DONNY SHADES, 8PM PINK ZINC
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, AUS MUSIC T-SHIRT DAY FEAT. TOUCH SENSITIVE, 7PM THE VERSACE BOYS, 9PM IN THE FLOWERS
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM EMILY LUBITZ – BEGIN AGAIN EP LAUNCH
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM MINNIE MARKS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ XUJA
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 7PM DADDY LONG LEGS, 8PM KRAPPYKEE
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM HOT SHORTS
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH MISTASAVONA
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM BEN WALSH
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM ASH BELL AND SARA TINDLEY
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM MATTY ROGERS
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA, 7PM TRISH WILSON
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- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM NATHAN KAYE
- DOLPHINS HARBOURSIDE HOTEL, TWEED HEADS, 7PM DAVE POWER
- AUSTRALIA, PLANET EARTH, AUSMUSIC T-SHIRT DAY
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL SHAPELESS BRAZIL, 9PM FAITH NO MORE & PEARL JAM SHOW
- BYRON THEATRE 4PM AVANTE-GARDE PRESENTED BY ENCORE PERFORMANCE STUDIO
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM THE VERSACE BOYS
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM MARK CHAPMAN
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM HARRY NICHOLS
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM HOT SHORTS
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM TIM STOKES
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 3PM MARINA PRIOR & DAVID HOBSON
- CWA HALL, BALLINA, 3.30PM STORY TREE
- ELTHAM HOTEL 3PM JENNY DON'T & THE SPURS
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7PM KUTCHA EDWARDS
- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 3PM ALOHA BABY – FAREWELL FOR JUST A WHILE
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM PHIL GUEST

## SATURDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM MAJESTIC KNIGHTS, 8PM SABOTAGE
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM DJ TAI DANIELS, 4PM LIFE IS A MYTH, 6PM THE COLLIFLOWERS, 7PM NANA KLUMPP, 8PM DJ KIRA SUNDAY, 10PM RUNNING TOUCH
- BYRON THEATRE 4PM AVANTE-GARDE PRESENTED BY ENCORE PERFORMANCE STUDIO
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 4PM BROADFOOT
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM KIDZKLUB BALLOON ART, 7.30PM SUPERCHEEZE
- BANNER PARK, BRUNSWICK HEADS, 7PM BRUNS RIVER FLICKS, XANADU, RATED PG.
- OCEAN SHORES COMMUNITY CENTRE 5.30PM BYRON KIRTAN WITH EDO KAHN
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7.30PM GLITTERATI RIOT
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM DJ LAINIE GODIVA
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM HOT SHORTS
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM BARE FOOT BEAT
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM MICK DALEY
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM UNCLE BOB TRIO
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM JACKSON DUNNE
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6.30PM YOLAN, LEVEL ONE 8PM ADAM HARVEY & BECKY COLE
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM BALCONY SESSIONS WITH ELENA B WILLIAMS & RACHEL HEATON, 8PM HUSSY HICKS ALBUM LAUNCH + ÁINE TYRRELL
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM PAUL DESMOND
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM JON J BRADLEY
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM COL GERMANO

## MONDAY 21

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, SIMON MEOLA
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM DJ RENEE SIMONE, 4.30PM JASPER & NELSON, 7PM SAMETIME, 8PM DJ TAI DANIELS, 10PM DJ DANNY B & THE HORN STAR

## TUESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, DAN HANNAFORD
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM DJ DON TIERE, 3.30PM JAY DEVU, 6PM FAT PICNIC, 8PM DJ ZAC EWING, 10PM DJ SOPHDEXX
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, 6PM UNRAVELLING
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC
- ELTHAM HOTEL 3PM MATT ARMITAGE
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM, 11AM THE VALLIES

## WEDNESDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, JOCK BARNES DUO
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM DJ WAX ADDICTS, 4.30PM ANIMAL VENTURA DUO, 7PM JEROME WILLIAMS BAND, 9PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM TONY AND THE THIEF
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM DEEBEE BISHOP + MO MCMORROW

## SUNDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM CHRIS JAGGER
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM DJ REFLEX, 3.30PM CINNAMON SUN, 7PM TASMAN KEITH, 8PM DJ DANNY B, 10PM DJ LOUIS BLUMES

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# TODAY'S LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET

**Gary Brazenor**

Discussion on where the real estate market is heading continues. Media, overwhelmingly, predicts a continued downturn. From my perspective, well priced, presented and marketed properties are selling. From our ten most recent sales, eight of the properties were sold to local buyers and two to Sydney investors. This is in stark contrast to 2021 when the majority of sales were to buyers escaping the cities.

Although prices have pulled back from the most recent peak they remain well above pre-pandemic levels, a time of unprecedented growth. The increasing number of local buyers are understanding that changeover requires planning. I've had a lot of buyers sourcing bridging finance to secure their purchase and requesting 120-day settlements to allow time to sell at the right price. A safer option is to sell first and then stretch out your settlement to give yourself time to find the right property and understand your changeover cost. With less urgency in the market, and more properties available than in 2021 you have more choice and, if upgrading, your changeover cost is less. For example, if we assume your property price has fallen by 20 per cent and you

were selling your home for \$1,500,000 at the peak you would now be selling for \$1,200,000. And if you are buying what was a \$2,000,000 property at the peak you would pay \$1,600,000 – therefore saving \$100,000 on changeover. Of course, there are many variables.

There are a number of factors, such as interest rates affecting the market. The cash rate is now 2.85 per cent following the RBA's seventh consecutive rate rise earlier this month. To give some perspective, when I started my 22-year real estate career the official cash rate was around 6 per cent. By March 2008 the official cash rate was 7.25 per cent. but as the full effect of the global financial crisis was felt there was a rapid series of cuts and by March 2009 the official rate was 3.25 per cent. By March 2017 rates had dropped to 1.5 per cent and then when COVID arrived in 2020 the RBA was concerned about an economic slowdown and sought to stimulate the economy by reducing the cash rate to the lowest in Australia's history: 0.1 per cent. The strategy worked and people got spending, particularly on real estate – prices went through the roof! According to Core Logic in Byron Bay the median house price rose from \$1,500,000 in March 2020 to \$3,110,000 in March 2022 – more than double!

Although interest rates are still well below the historical average, debt is much higher. Some

commentators predict that we may see rate cuts in late 2023, and with immigration picking up pace there are suggestions that this will support demand once again.

However, there are no guarantees.

Right now, with less urgency in the market it's more important than ever to get the process, pricing and presentation right. Setting your price accurately means you don't miss genuine buyers.

Longer campaigns can be detrimental in a tightening market. Great presentation will help buyers emotionally connect with your property. Give your home a good clean, declutter – box excess,

and get rid of belongings not moving with you, fix any obvious issues by painting, pressure washing, mulching and cutting back gardens. In the current market, with the inflated cost and lack of tradespeople and materials, buyers favour properties requiring less work.

• Gary Brazenor is a local agent for Byron Shire Real Estate.



## BYRON SHIRE REAL ESTATE

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14 Warina Place, Mullumbimby

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For the first time offered in almost 50 years, this example of "Retro 70s" has been a much-loved home since the day it was built and has been in the same family since 1974. Features include polished timber floors, louvered doors, breeze blocks, and retro kitchen.

**Inspect**  
Sat. 19th November 10-10.30am

**NEW Price**  
\$890,000 to \$960,000

**Todd Buckland 0408 966 421**  
**Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237**

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148 Main Street, Woolli

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**A BEACH IN YOUR BACKYARD – Pure Beach Front, Woolli NSW.**

- Direct beach frontage and access from your backyard (430 sqm)
- 5 bed, 3 bath, 2 storey family home with river views
- Woolli Beach located between Coffs Harbour & Yamba, pop. 3500

*The price will be nice!*

**Contact:**  
Adam Crawley 0407 007 309

McKimm's Real Estate. 98 Fitzroy Street, Grafton NSW 2460

**6642 1811**







# CAPE BYRON PROPERTY

## ONLINE TIMED AUCTION ENDING 5<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER AT 2PM



### 32 NORTH HEAD RD, NEW BRIGHTON

4 bed

3 bath

3 car

- Just 100m (approx.) stroll from the water's edge
- Generous two-storey layout offering comfortable living for a large family

- No neighbouring properties on the southern boundary
- Rare fully fenced 1149sqm block with huge backyard

## ACHIEVING EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS IN A CHANGING MARKET



### 18 JAMES VIEW CT, COORABELL

3 bed

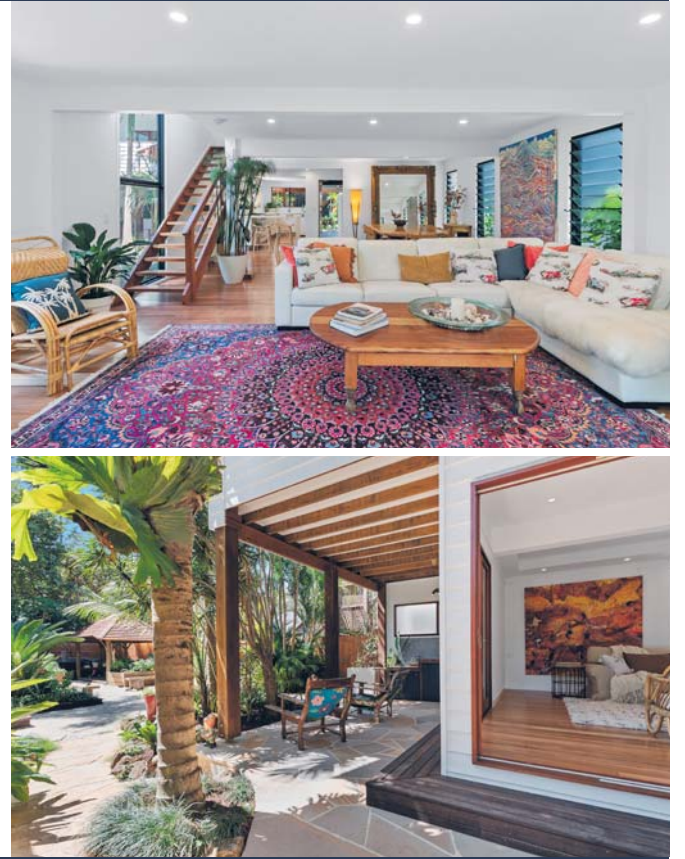
2 bath

3 car

If you are considering selling in the Byron Hinterland we would like to hear from you, multiple qualified purchasers missed out on this exceptional opportunity and they are looking to buy today.

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### Beach Farm – Desirable Beachside Opportunity

- Equipped with 2 fully approved dwellings on a spacious block with a total of 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms, this home is the ultimate family oasis
- Beachside House #7 is spread across two levels, the ground floor offers a large open floorplan and seamlessly merges indoor/outdoor living
- Beachside House #6 features a versatile and open floorplan with multiple living options and covered patio complete with outdoor kitchen and BBQ
- Outdoors is a tropical oasis with sandstone paths, landscaped gardens, and a peaceful fishpond and waterfall, there is also a relaxing spa

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#### 6-7 Pacific Esplanade, South Golden Beach

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$3.6M

Open: Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-10.30am

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-10.30am



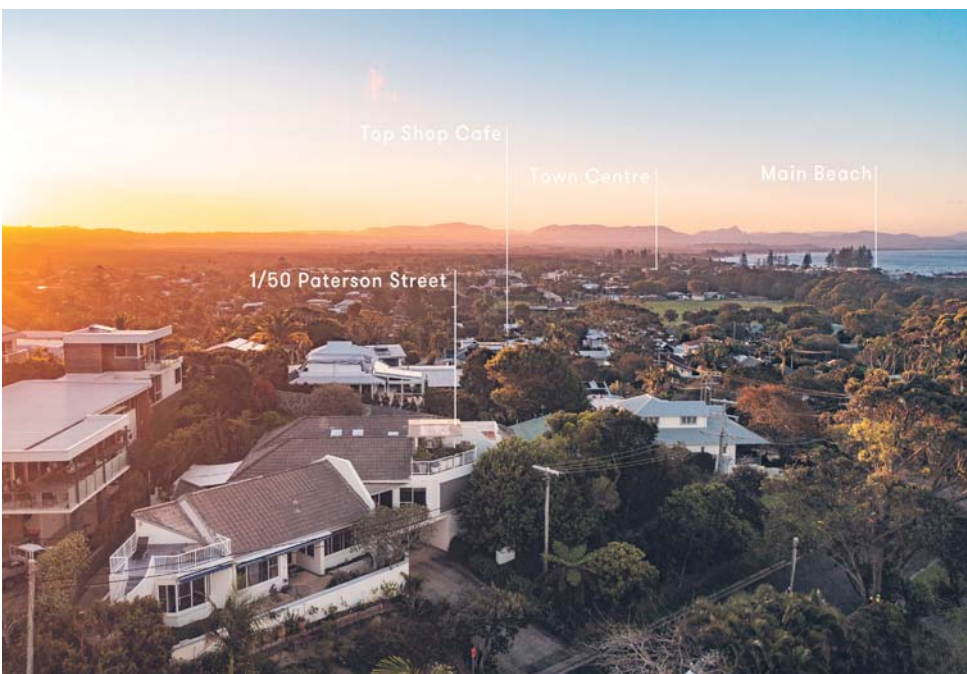
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Paul Banister  
0438 856 552



Helen Huntly-Barratt  
0412 332 232



### 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 – Starting Bid \$1.6M

Open: Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 10-10.30am



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Tara Torkkola  
0423 519 698



Jasmin McClymont  
0434 029 668



### 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

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



Denzil Lloyd  
0481 864 049



Jane Johnston  
0466 327 375





### 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

Open: By Appointment



Helen Huntly-Barratt  
0412 332 232



### Renovated Beach House Moments to New Brighton Beaches!

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- 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

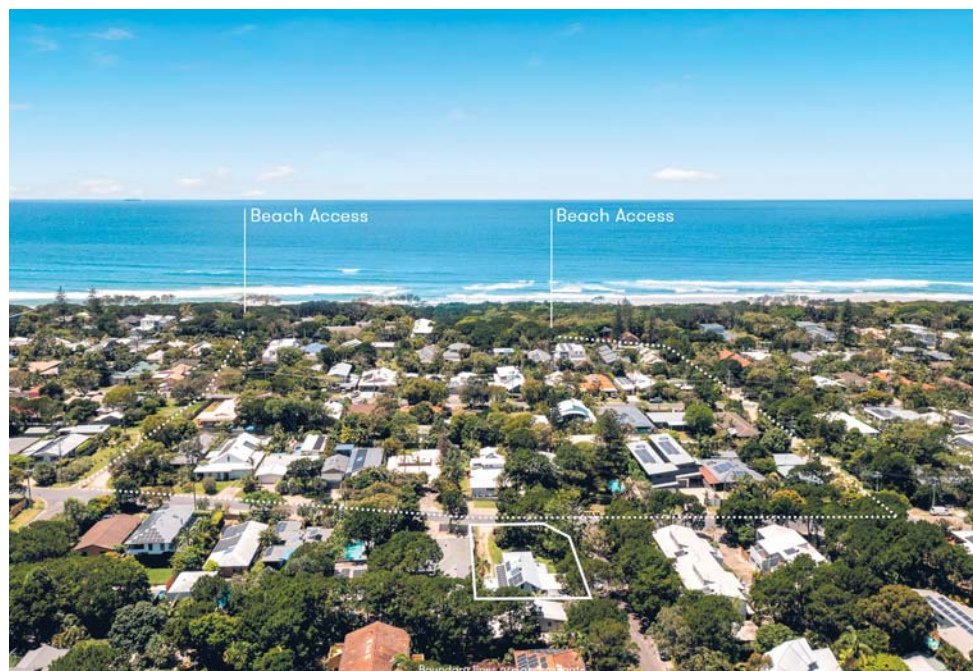
Open: By Appointment



Tara Torkkola  
0423 519 698



Sally Green  
0488 030 116



### Suffolk Park Beachfront Opportunity on Large, Leafy Block

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- This wonderful classic cottage, offers space, privacy, and convenience
- Prime beachfront position only 350m to Tallow Beach
- Featured throughout are pitched ceilings with exposed wooden beams
- There is a relaxing outdoor shower which is perfect to wash off boards
- Outdoors is a large, covered patio with leafy outlook of the yard
- The home offers 6.6kw roof solar panels and a large storage shed

**38 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park**

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$1.8M

Open: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 4-4.30pm



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Paul Banister  
0438 856 552





coastal & hinterland sales

# Katrina Beohm

## real estate



### BYRON BAY

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18 Porter Street

#### **Habitat Townhouse; Shopfront + Residence**

- + Prime frontage for your shop/business with kitchenette, WC & a prominent high profile under-awning sign. Internal door separating the home space from the commercial space
- + Open plan living, dining and kitchen flows to the outdoors through timber stacker doors onto a covered space and fenced yard
- + Upstairs are the laundry and two bedrooms, both have high ceilings, ensuites, ceiling fans, built-ins & balconies
- + Solar hot water. Ducted air conditioning throughout, louvres & screens. V-Lux skylights provide beautiful natural light inside & feature over each shower
- + 25m pool, therapy pool, BBQ area, bike storage & meeting places. Fitness facilities, shops & cafes on your doorstep

**Price:** Contact Agent

**Inspect:** By Appointment

**Agent:** Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122



### THE CHANNON

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1441 Keerrong Road

#### **A Country Dream**

- + Boutique country lifestyle property meticulously maintained for nearly 100 years. Pretty as the pictures. Ideal for multigenerational living with multiple spaces for the extended family
- + Beautifully renovated home, polished timber floors, timber windows, 10-foot ceilings, picture rails & ducted a/c. There is a separate lounge with a fireplace, dining, study & sunroom
- + Separate guest house with open-plan living, wood heater, bedroom, bathroom & kitchenette
- + 6.6kW of solar power & solar hot water, chook pen, machinery shed, beautiful cottage gardens, veggie beds, five large fig trees, fertile paddocks, timber stockyards, two creeks & a dam
- + 5 mins to village, 20 mins to Lismore & 48 mins to Byron

**Auction:** On-site 4pm Saturday 19 Nov, if not sold prior

**Inspect:** By Appointment

**Agent:** Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122



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#### **Amazing Team**

After our first meeting with Katrina our whole family agreed that she should be our agent. Katrina is genuine and open about how she will manage the sale of your property. She leads an excellent team who are helpful and supportive in what can be a quite stressful time.

We recommend her to anyone looking to sell their property.

*Timothy & Sonya Laverty*

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BYRON BAY | BALLINA | LISMORE

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## For Sale

30 Nugget Street,  
Diggers Camp

4 Bedroom  
4 Bathroom  
2 Garage



### Location, Location, Location - Beachfront Home In Secret Pocket Of NSW

Every day will feel like a holiday in this fabulous beachfront property at Diggers Camp. There's nothing but a patch of grass between you and the spectacular beach and stunning headland. Go for a surf, doze in the hammock or marvel at the magnificent view, you've found paradise.

Your dream home awaits in this intimate beachfront community. Diggers Camp is one of the best kept secrets on the NSW coast. And this is a special rare opportunity to secure your piece of coastal heaven.



Auction - Could be sold prior

adrian.howe@manare.au  
0477 222 457

## For Sale

36 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads

4 Bedroom  
2 Bathroom  
3 Carports  
2 Open spaces



### Stunning Family Home In Beautiful Brunswick Heads With Endless Possibilities

If you've ever dreamed of the ultimate relaxed coastal lifestyle in a quaint seaside village, then this sensational house in beautiful Brunswick Heads is for you. With commercial and residential zoning, plus DA approval, the world is your oyster. Welcome to paradise.

In true Queenslander style, you are invited into an expansive internal wraparound verandah with windows welcoming in the lush tropical environment.



Auction this Saturday on site  
Viewing from 10.30AM

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## For Sale

1D Short Street,  
New Brighton

4 Bedroom  
3 Bathroom  
2 Garage



### New Brighton Beachside Delight

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

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



Contact Agent

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Northern Rivers Tweed Region

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## For Sale

1/3 Halyard Court,  
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom  
3 Bathroom  
2 Garages  
2 Open spaces



### Stunning Idyllic Waterfront Haven

Situated on the bank of the beautiful Yelgun Creek with views of Billinudgel Nature Reserve, this flood free property offers the ultimate coastal lifestyle opportunity. Soak in the serenity of the uniquely designed waterfront home and take in the magnificent view from the expansive deck. You've found paradise.

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



Auction, unless sold prior

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## LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITY WITHIN A WORLD HERITAGE LISTED NATIONAL PARK



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📍 416 NIGHTCAP RANGE ROAD, WHIAN WHIAN

67 Acres   
\$6,500,000+

Cocooned within the lush Byron hinterland, "Nightcap Ridge" is the ultimate rarity. Spanning 67 pristine acres, this is the only place in Australia where you can buy land within a World Heritage Listed National Park. Protected by UNESCO for its significant cultural and natural beauty, it also represents the opportunity to secure a coveted lifestyle, home and thriving business rich with untapped future potential.

Nestled approx. 30 minutes from Byron Bay, "Nightcap Ridge" is renowned as an eco-luxe, nature-based tourism destination. Steeped in serenity, three charming off-grid cottages grace the rolling greenery, proudly boasting high occupancy rates.

INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT

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## OASIS OF BLISSFUL TRANQUILLITY 500M FROM UNSPOILT BEACHES



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📍 100 REDGATE ROAD, SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH

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Some things never go out of style – like this blissful beachside sanctuary. Sitting pretty on a level 2.9 acre allotment and a mere 500 metres from the unspoilt sand and surf of South Golden Beach, it's a heavenly pocket of paradise that restores your senses, soothes your soul and can even offer an enticing income. Featuring a charming primary residence with lush grounds, a sparkling pool, outdoor hot and cold shower, and many species of birdlife. It also spoils you with a cosy 3 bed, 2 bath self-contained studio. Ideal as an Airbnb, it can be used in conjunction with the American-style barn with a wet bar - perfect for parties and functions.

INSPECTION BY APPOINTMENT

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2/50 PARROT TREE PLACE, BANGALOW



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140 Jonson Street, Byron Bay NSW 2481

“The Butter Factory” Shops

Ray White Commercial Byron Bay have the exclusive privilege to offer an outstanding opportunity for you to become part of the incredible commercial market place in Byron Bay.  
On offer is 4 strata title shops, to be sold as a package in The iconic Butter Factory complex on Jonson Street.

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- Key investment highlights are:**
- Fully leased strata title shops
  - Directly opposite the new Jonson Lane and in the heart of SOJO
  - Multi tenanted with GLA of 257sqm

For Sale by way of Expression of Interest in one line closing 4pm, Monday 5 December 2022.  
For further information and to arrange an inspection contact David Gordon on 0418 856 222.



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Auction



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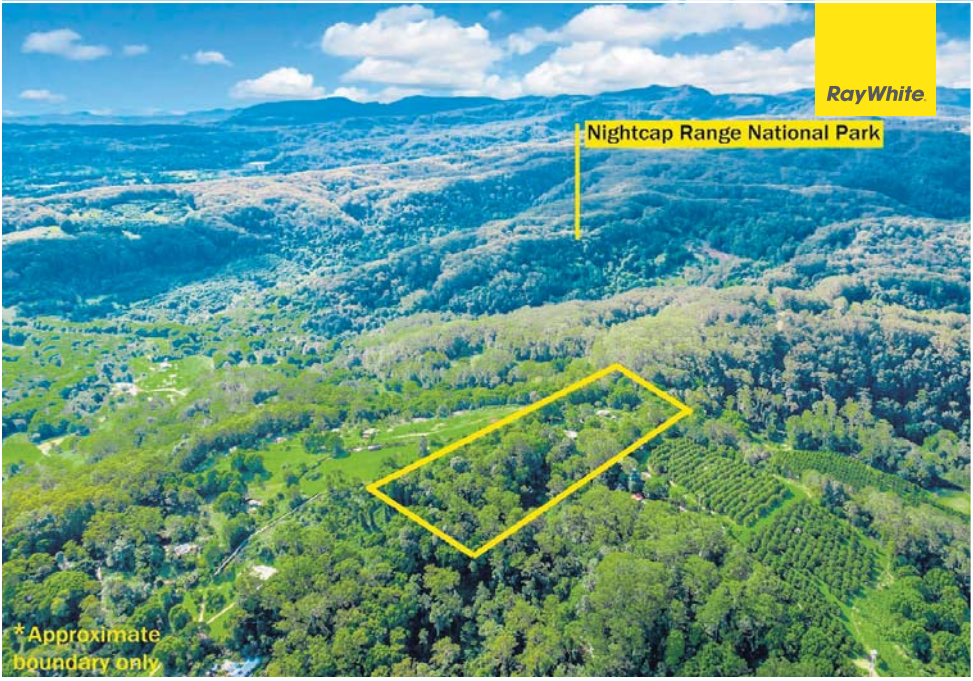
- 259 Arthur Road, Dorrroughby**
- Peace, privacy and character are signatures of this elevated 18 acre farmlet, set on a quiet country road with school bus at gate
  - Old world atmosphere and fresh interiors combine beautifully with period charm you can feel
  - Babbling creek, town water and a dam help make self sufficiency dreams a fulfilling reality
  - The perfect sheltered site for numerous Detached Dual Occupancy Dwelling options

**Auction**  
25th November (Guide \$1.3M)

**View**  
Saturday 11-11.30am

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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

**Auction**  
25th November (Guide \$825K)

**View**  
By Appointment

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35 THE ESPLANADE, NEW BRIGHTON


A classic seaside cottage in an exceptional location



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OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 5PM - 5.30PM  
SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 9.30AM - 10AM  
AUCTION SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER ON-SITE 10AM

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Our agency has sold more than double the number of properties than our nearest competitor for more than a decade.

We are proud to be recognised as an iconic local company employing the most highly trained and accomplished sales, marketing, photography and office management staff.



Above all else, we live, work and play in the Northern Rivers. We know our patch, love our people, embrace our lifestyle and are actively involved in events and initiatives that shape our region.

Please get in touch if you are thinking of selling, would like a free appraisal, or advice on anything real estate related.



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Absolute beachfront acreage

Boundary Creek Rd, East Wardell  
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Offering the ultimate in coastal land holding, K’Gari is a stunning 100 acre farm commanding 400 metres of absolute ocean frontage, providing your own secure private access to pristine beachside living.

Perpetual development consent to build just 50 metres from the beach with architecturally designed plans, showcase an exquisite five-bedroom residence which capture 360 degree sweeping vistas across the majestic Pacific Ocean, magnificent coastline and distant mountain ranges.

K’Gari also provides the opportunity to earn passive income with the recently fenced 40-acre paddocks, equipped with new cattle yards, solar electric fencing, 30,000 litres of water tank supply and sizable 360 sqm 4 bay shed.

Just 20 minutes drive to one stop shopping in Ballina and easy access to the Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport.

Inspect: By Appointment  
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Open For Inspection

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Byron Shire Real Estate

- 22 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 14 Warina Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 4B Goondooloo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
- 8 Bower Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11-11.30am
- 7A Tathra Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 8 Narrogal Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
- 280 The Pocket Road, The Pocket. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3-7 Myokum Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12-12.30pm

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Dearly loved husband of Glynn, loving father of Rob and Rachel and loved father in law of Natalie.

Adored Pop of Brontë and Sasha.

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### FUNERAL NOTICES

## WALLACE SHARON

14.05.1973~ 11.11.2022


Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side.

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Sadly missed by the Wallace family.

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2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
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2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton	6677 1345
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
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## Byron basketballers take wins on way to finals

Both of the Byron Beez senior teams booked their place in the Sunshine Conference competition finals after taking on the Bellingen Valley Braves at the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre last Saturday.

‘Both games were exciting, with the Beez teams taking the lead early and never losing it, although coming close at times,’ the club’s Jenny Ogle said.

The Beez men took out the win over the Valley Braves 89-67 to cement their position in the grand final, which will be held on Saturday 26th of November, the time and place to be announced.

The Beez women also took the win over the Valley Braves 61-49 to place them into the preliminary final next week, 19th of November against Lismore Storm at Lismore, time to be announced.

A win in this game will put them into the grand final also on the 26th of November.



Despite tough opposition the Beez men’s team will play in the grand final in two weeks. Photo Kylie Robertson

‘We knew we had a competitive women’s Beez team for this comeback season and we’re very happy with

their progress so far,’ Jenny said. ‘Everyone is welcome to come and support them next Saturday at Lismore.’

## Pairs champions decided at Brunswick Heads Women’s Bowling Club

The Brunswick Heads Women’s Bowling Club Championships are underway and have delivered the Open Pairs winners.

The final was a great and hard fought game according to BHWBC publicity officer, Kerry Dexter.

Runners up were newish bowlers Julie Quigley and Jenny Andrew (skipper), but the newly crowned champions were long-time bowler Marcia Crichton, and Sharon Allen (skipper).

‘These ladies did extremely well to get to the final, defeating many experienced bowlers and past champions along the way,’ Kerry said.

### District triples

Pauline Foster, Marcia



Pairs champions Sharon and Marcia. Photo supplied

Crichton and Sharon Allen (skipper) competed in the open division of the of Tweed-Byron District triples competition held at Ocean Shores, while Sherril Pearce, Kerry Dexter and Blossom McCormick (skipper) entered

the senior division. Both teams made it to the final but couldn’t get a win. In the open division BHWBC went down to Pottsville, and in the senior division the locals lost by four to Kingscliff.

## Success for Byron Tri Club at Hervey Bay triathlon

A small contingent from the Byron Tri Club competed in the Hervey Bay 100 and came away with podium finishes.

The event consists of a two-kilometre swim, 80km cycle and 18km run. But these distances were just some of the obstacles the team had to overcome.

‘What an epic journey Hervey Bay turned out to be. It’s so hard to get into and usually sells out in seconds. After three failed attempts due to covid and the border closure we finally made it,’ BTC member Deborah Fuller said.

In total, 128 competitors took part and Paivi Hanninen was the pick of the locals, taking third place in the 35-39 age group as well as tenth place overall.

Robyn Knight put in a top performance to earn herself first place in the 60-64 age group, just ahead of Deborah who came in third.

Irvin Evans came in 13th in



Robyn Knight running her way to a top finish in her category in the Hervey Bay 100. Photo supplied

the 40-44 age group

‘I wasn’t sure if I was going to start as I had been injured, then succumbed to covid, and at the 11th hour had a mechanical failure. It was a miracle that I started, let alone finished it,’ Deborah said.

‘The event is run by a local

triathlon club. Next year it is being offered as a World Qualifier for the long course. I feel that this race will be part of our calendar.’

Next weekend the Byron Tri Club heads to the Kingscliff Triathlon which is also the first race of the North Coast Interclub League.

## Northern Rivers ricochet croquet championships decided at Byron Bay

Noelene Barnes won the singles handicap ricochet croquet Northern Rivers Championships played at Byron Bay two weeks ago.

Noelene Barnes defeated Penny Scott 12-11 in the final.

Noelene was playing off 11 and Penny off eight.

Penny went out hard and had an early 4-0 lead, but Noelene rallied and fought back to ten all with just minutes to play.

Noelene hit the lead 12 to 11 and hung on to take the win.

Other competitors, all from the Cherry Street Croquet Club in Ballina, included Robbie Allen and Jim Hannigan.

Noelene was undefeated on the day.



A week of competitive ricochet croquet kicked off with the Northern Rivers championships. Photo supplied

### Full results

Noelene Barnes defeated Robbie Allen 13-11.

Penny Scott defeated Jim Hannigan 12-11.

Penny Scott defeated

Robbie Allen 19-12.

Noelene Barnes defeated Jim Hannigan 22-18.

A week of competition followed in Ballina hosted by the Cherry Street Croquet Club.

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According to the Australian Climate Council there are a few things that Oz still needs to achieve at COP27: Rejoin the Green Climate Fund, Increase our international climate finance contributions to at least \$3 billion (for the period 2020-2025), provide new additional finance for loss and damage, end our international public finance for fossil fuels, and set an end date for fossil fuels.

50 million people in 45 countries are threatened by severe hunger and a famine is imminent in parts of drought-stricken Somalia threatening 300,000 lives. A rise in climate change-induced extreme weather events is driving a massive global food emergency. Help Fight Famine, a coalition of Australia's leading development and aid groups attending the G20 summit, are part of the new push to



While schools across the area say goodbye to the 2022 cohort of HSC graduates, we should stop and think for a minute about some students who went through two years of COVID then the aftermath of floods to make it across the finish line. Last Tuesday Seth Gumbrell, Rivven Pendragon, Humzah Abdeljawad, Angus Guyler, Olivia Langtry, Charli Harman, Lucia Brett and Rani Van-Gramberg spent a well deserved evening celebrating the end of their school careers. Photo Tree Faerie

climate- and conflict-proof the global food system. A path to ending devastating widespread hunger can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/3UZ01nB>.

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