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Byron High's Battle of the Bands a raging success



Byron High has an illustrious history of turning out amazing musicians. The Buckleys and Parkway Drive spring to mind.

Year 12 student, Luca Greig, had a vision to hold a

Battle of the Bands competition over five lunchtimes at the school. Last Friday saw this band, Wild Rocket (Zephur and Kai) battle it out with Erin Woolsey to become the eventual winners.

Luca said, 'I reckon it's safe to say that days like these, which involve the whole school supporting, enjoying, and celebrating music at Byron Bay High, are going to keep on happening.' Photo Jeff Dawson

Council to 'draw a line' under Broken Head development

Paul Bibby

Byron Mayor, Michael Lyon, will attempt to have a large part of the Linnaeus Estate given a new Environmental Living zoning in a bid to prevent further applications for development there.

The stunning 111-hectare estate has been a source of angst and controversy in recent years thanks to a series of changing development proposals that some feel have diverged considerably, and inappropriately, from the original vision for the site.

Cr Lyon will move a motion at this week's Council meeting which proposes 'drawing a line' under the matter by rezoning a significant

part of the land from SP1 Mixed Use to a C4 Environmental Living Zone.

This would be done with the aim of ensuring that 'no additional development can be undertaken on the site other than the existing approved land uses'.

'Linnaeus is one of these legacy items that we were landed with in the last term of Council,' Cr Lyon said.

'We have had several goes at trying to draw a line under it without success.

'The latest DA approval from the Northern Regional Planning Panel (NRPP) has created a use on the site that had not been approved under the 1988 LEP and was not envisioned as part of the transfer

into the 2014 LEP.'

'Whilst it is clear that there has been disagreement between various landowners and parties involved, both internal and external, it is my hope that a resolution can be reached such that future Councils are not burdened with trying to sort it out.'

The 'DA approval' referred to by Cr Lyon is the 8 November decision by the NRPP to grant consent for 27 new ecotourist facility cabins, seven additional buildings; including a wellness facility, and other associated works.

The panel also granted the owner's change of use request, under which 14 education

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Police youth assault case back to court

A naked, 16 year old boy was handcuffed and struck repeatedly by police in Lateen Lane, Byron Bay on 11 January, 2018. The youth was capsicum sprayed, tasered and struck with a baton more than 18 times, including a number of strikes that occurred after he was in handcuffs. The incident left the boy with a fractured rib. The question was, were the actions of police in that incident justified? Was it a matter of reasonable force, or not?

Following an investigation by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC), which provides independent oversight of the NSW Police Force, a charge of common assault was laid against Senior Constable Michael Greenhalgh.

Magistrate Michael Dakin found in favour of Greenhalgh and the charges were dropped in February 2021.

However, the case was appealed to the NSW Supreme Court in July 2022 where NSW Supreme Court, Justice Mark Lerace, upheld the appeal and found there was a key error of law according to the ABC report by Mayeta Clark and Mario Christodoulou.

The case has now been sent back to Magistrate Dakin in Lismore court to be redetermined, and is scheduled for a judge-alone summary hearing in February 2023.

The NSW Police confirmed that 'The officer involved is no longer employed by the NSW Police Force'.

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Shearwater back with their signature Wearable Arts event



After a pandemic-induced hiatus, Shearwater Steiner School welcomed back an enthralled audience to its 22nd Wearable Arts performance event, *Horizons*. The student-led production performed, choreographed, costumed and produced by the high school, wowed the crowd with its energy and ingenuity. Pictured above is winner of the Director's Prize, 'Punkcycle' by Shearwater Year 10 students Olivia Weir and Jasmine von Bertouch. Photo Jeff Dawson

Vegetation key to minimising landslip risk

Aslan Shand

The impacts of landslides have been a little lost in the conversations around the devastating floods that took place in the Northern Rivers in February and March this year, but it is essential that we recognise the impact they have had, and will continue to have.

'There still isn't an appreciation of the damage landslips did,' Dr John Grant, who is a specialist in soil, land degradation and rehabilitation at Southern Cross University, told *The Echo*.

'The landslips had a significant impact on our land and our biodiversity. It was such a massive event. There is a lot of complexity within the landscape that we can't see by eye.'

Housing pressure

Dr Grant highlighted the fact that increasing pressure for housing on councils and state government has opened up bushfire, agricultural and landslip sites for development, which then leads to negative outcomes in the longer term.

'Landslide prone areas should be zoned as non-residential, but as happens with bushfires, when the fires and landslides are not in current memory there is significant pressure to move people onto these sites.'

Trees essential for stability

Any reasonable slope means there is the potential of a risk of landslip, but this increases as trees are removed, the slopes are undercut for



Landslide in Upper Wilsons Creek during the February and March floods 2022. Photo Sean Mahoney

roads and house sites etc. 'Every tree is sucking hundreds of gallons out of the soil every day through transpiration, which decreases the water content of soils and the trees' roots help bind the rocks and soil to reduce landslip.'

Isolated trees are not sufficient to stabilise slopes against mass movement of soils.

Assessment

'At the moment we have general rules in relation to landslide risk and we need to be more specific so there is a landslide assessment with developments and building,' explained Dr Grant.

'I live in a landslide prone area and I am really careful about removing trees and looking at where water is being focussed; for example from your house, retaining walls, and roads. If water gets

focussed [into a particular area] that can initiate a landslide event.'

Dr Grant said that it is important that people get landslide assessments and that will give people a clear idea of how a particular site can be managed into the future.

'Assessing landslips needs more attention and assessment. It does happen but not with sufficient detail and study,' he said.

'Once you've got that type of landslide assessment we can build houses to reduce landslide risk.'

If you have a house that was affected by a landslide you may be able to get assessment and assistance through the Resilient Homes Program being run by the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation. Find out more online at www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/northern-rivers-reconstruction-corporation.

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The samurai dance

The Byron Taiko recently hosted a three-day workshop with one of the world's great taiko artists, Eiichi Sato. Supported by Multicultural NSW the event drew participants from Melbourne, Sydney, Gold Coast, Brisbane and Japan. Eiichi is pictured doing a samurai dance developed during the three-day intensive and performed at a free concert of taiko drumming, music and dance on the final day, Sunday, two weeks ago at the Byron YAC. Photo Jeff Dawson

Nurses and midwives to strike Wednesday

The Byron Central Hospital (BCH) branch of the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA) voted 95.1 per cent in favour of the fourth statewide strike action. There will be a 24-hour strike starting from 7am Wednesday 23 to 7am Thursday 24 November to 'highlight the importance of nurse and midwife patient ratios and ensure safe staffing levels in all areas of nursing and midwifery,' they say.

Staff-to-patient ratios

The Greens have introduced a bill to legislate staff-to-patient ratios for nurses and midwives in NSW and public sector nurses and midwives around the state are supporting the bill with the strike.

The Health Services Amendment (Nurse-to-Patient and Midwife-to-Patient Ratios) Bill 2022 is based upon the NSW Nurses and Midwives Association's Ratios, Pay and Conditions Award Claim 2022 and consultation undertaken with the union.

Greens MP and health spokesperson Cate Faehrmann said ratios will give the state's nurses and midwives a

safe working environment and ensure patients are receiving the care they need. 'Nurses and midwives are at breaking point. If we don't implement nurse-to-patient ratios we will see a mass exodus of staff from our health system.

No alternative

'While the NSW Labor opposition has committed to some aspects of our campaign, we have a long way to go. NSW's current government remains intransigent in their refusal to agree and this has meant that NSWNMA members have been left with no alternative but to strike for an unprecedented fourth time this year,' Liz McCall from the BCH NSWNMA branch told The Echo.

'We do not do this lightly, and have agreed to the provision of life preserving staffing being provided for all three shifts [during the strike].'

No real solutions

NSWNMA General Secretary, Shaye Candish, said, 'Following our third statewide strike on 1 September, NSW Labor announced its "Safe Staffing

policy, a commitment". 'This finally prompted talks with the NSW government, however it is now mid-November and no real solutions have been offered to address the health staffing or workload crisis. The government must also get rid of its wages policy and start acknowledging the value of our nurses and midwives.

'The evidence is clear that wage caps are hurting public sector workers' livelihoods and their retirement savings, and it's time for them to be abolished.'

NSWNMA Assistant General Secretary, Michael Whaites, 'Despite the NSW government agreeing change is needed, they have failed to acknowledge the urgency, or act to address the issues impacting metropolitan and regional health services'.

'Nurses and midwives have endured three years of a chaotic and disruptive pandemic, but they have been overworked and undervalued by this government for much longer.'

Public rallies will be held around the state from Sydney to Albury, and Broken Hill as well as in Ballina and Tweed Heads.


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Fostering local writing talent



Standing: Melinda Kemp, Mentor, Sarah Armstrong, and Jennifer St George, with Kathryn Goldie and Nick Margan seated. Photo Jeff Dawson

Since 2001, the Byron Writers Festival Residential Mentorship has been inspiring writers on the path to publication. This year saw four writers spend a week in Possum Creek being mentored by Walkley Award-winning journalist and author, Sarah Armstrong.

The Lismore floods and climate change, finding your place and your people, love and loss, and forced adoption are themes tackled by the authors in this year's prestigious Byron Writers Festival Residential Mentorship.

Nic Margan's experience of escaping the rising flood water in Lismore with his wife, one-month-old daughter and their three chickens inspired him to write about it.

'It amazed me how even small insights from the others inspired a whole new passage of the story, and helped me get closer to the heart of my manuscript,' he said.

Sarah, an early graduate of the program with her novel *Salt Rain*, which was shortlisted for the 2005 Miles Franklin Literary Award, said 'programs like this, run by Byron Writers Festival, help build a supportive local writing community.'

'I look forward to reading the work of these writers between covers one day.'

Star City Casino fine should go to most vulnerable

Paul Bibby

The Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), has joined with seven other community foundations from across the state to call on the NSW premier to use the money from the Star Sydney Casino fine to help vulnerable communities.

Rather than replicating existing systems, the group has called for the premier to distribute the \$100m to community foundations, including Northern Rivers Community Foundation, who can use their established and respected local presence to make an immediate difference.

NRCF Community Impact Manager, Kyla White, said distributing the funds directly to organisations like NRCF would be an immensely positive move.

Following a review of a number of similar grant programs across Australia and the world, the alliance of community foundations estimates the social and economic return on each dollar invested into community foundations to be \$8.

'This \$100,000,000 fine, therefore, presents our state with an opportunity to save the economy upwards of \$800,000,000 while doing something meaningful and tangible to address issues like problem gambling (and the results) as well as numerous other issues at a community level, right now,' Ms White said.

■ Full story in *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au.

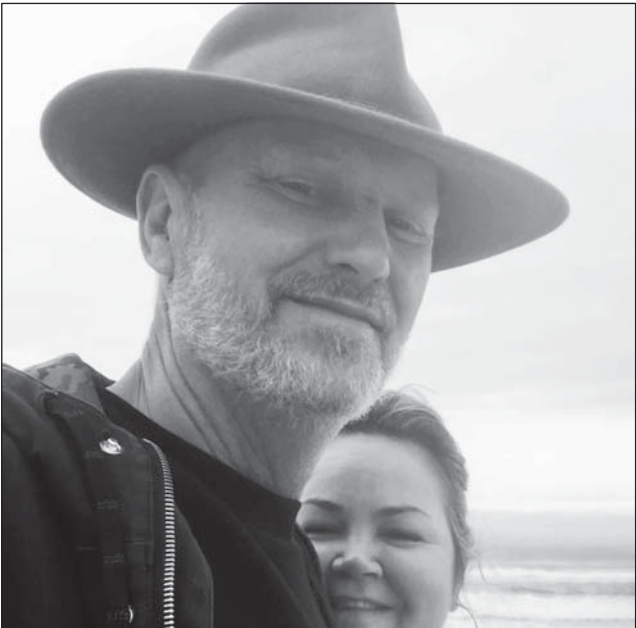
Vale Dave Howard 'builder extraordinaire'

Local identity Dave Howard passed away in the arms of his wife Libby and surrounded by the six children they share on Monday 14 November.

Dave had been diagnosed with stage 4 oesophageal cancer in July 2022, but after his fifth and final chemo, they learnt the tumours had spread.

The community has rallied behind Dave and Libby as they raised money to finish off their home in Main Arm after the impact of the floods. While Dave has not made it into their forever home, friends, family and the broader community are rallying around Libby and the children to get them into the home Dave had dreamed of, and had been building for them before his diagnosis.

You can support them by buying a raffle ticket in the Dave and Libby Howard REALLY BIG raffle that has \$15,000 in prizes. The tickets are being sold through the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre so that the money goes straight to supporting Libby and the children. They are hoping to sell all the tickets by 10 December when the prizes will be drawn at 5.30pm at the Middle Pub in Mullumbimby. You can browse the prizes and buy a ticket online here: <https://bit.ly/3Vjb8YH>.



Dave and Libby. Photo supplied

Celebrating Dave

A Farewell for Dave is being held at the Billinudgel Hotel on Thursday, 24 November from 5.30pm. Bring a flower and it will be released into the ocean the following day. All are welcome to join in 'celebrating, remembering and cheering our beautiful mate, Davey'.

Poppy seed tea causes hospitalisations

Aslan Shand

Health warnings have been put out by state governments across Australia warning of risks such as muscle cramping, spasms, seizures and cardiac arrests – from drinking poppy seed tea.

According to *The Conversation* there have been 'around 32 cases of poppy seed toxicity reported in Australia over the past month, all in adults'.

Poppy seeds used for food consumption in, for example cakes and bread etc, are not dangerous. However, the poppy seeds that have entered the food chain are strains that are prohibited from entering food supply and have a suspected high level of the alkaloid thebaine. These poppy seeds can cause 'breathing difficulty, breathing more rapidly than normal, muscle spasms and unconsciousness' according to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

Recall

Currently five brands of poppy seeds are on recall by FSANZ. They are: Hoyts Food Manufacturing – Hoyts Poppy Seeds, Gaganis Bros Imported Food Wholesalers – Gaganis Premium Australian Poppy Seed, East West Foods Wholesale – Poppy Seeds, Basfoods International – Royal Fields Poppy Seeds, and Eumarrah – Eumarrah Poppy Seeds.


According to *The Conversation* 'Most people [who had a reaction] had consumed more than 100g poppy seeds (about 11 tablespoons). Although, 50g (5–6 tablespoons) may be sufficient to cause poisoning. Thebaine can build up in the body if you ingest it several times over the same day.'


Poppy seeds with the alkaloid thebaine in them are 'grown to extract the valuable opiates they contain (such as morphine, codeine and thebaine) for use in producing pain-relieving (therapeutic) medicines,' according to Agriculture Victoria. However, they are not allowed to enter the food chain.


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Can you foster a dog?

Paul Bibby

Dozens of local rescue dogs are ending up at the pound, and some are having to be euthanised, owing to a critical shortage of people willing to adopt or foster them.

Byron Dog Rescue says the situation is reaching crisis point, with the number of dogs being given up by their owners increasing dramatically, while adoption and fostering rates dwindle.

‘We haven’t experienced anything like this in 17 years,’ the Rescue and Adoptions Coordinator of Byron Dog Rescue (formerly CAWI), Shell Dennison, says.

‘When I first started in this job we would see maybe one dog a week being surrendered (given up for adoption), now it’s up to seven dogs a week.’

‘So there’s all these dogs coming in, but seemingly less of a willingness within the community to adopt or foster them.

‘Even the pounds are turning people away in some cases, so you’re ending up with perfectly happy, healthy dogs being euthanised. That’s pretty heartbreaking.’

Ms Dennison says that the situation is part of a broader nationwide trend, but it appears to be particularly pronounced in the Byron Shire and the Northern Rivers.

There are a number of

different contributing factors, she says. ‘The floods were a big factor because people lost their homes and, in some cases, moved into new places that didn’t allow pets,’ she says.

‘But there’s also been a broader demographic shift over the past few years. People who’ve moved into the area have a lot more money and they’re spending \$5,000 on the fashionable dog of the time rather than \$350 on a beautiful rescue dog that needs a home.’

With dog adoption rates falling, there’s a greater need for people to provide temporary foster care for rescue dogs to keep them out of the pound until a permanent home is found.

‘I think sometimes there’s a bit of a misunderstanding about what looking after a rescue dog actually involves,’ Ms Dennison says.

‘We spend months with a dog, getting them trained and rehabilitated before we start advertising. We go to quite a lot of effort so that we can be fairly certain that when someone gets a rescue from us it won’t bounce back. We know exactly what kind of dog we’re adopting out.’

‘So really all they need is a caring home where they can get plenty of exercise, a good diet, and lots of love.’

The dozens of success stories on the Byron Dog Rescue



website are testimony to how much joy the rescued fur friends bring into the lives of their new owners.

‘We get messages from people all the time letting us know how they’re going with their rescue dogs, and it’s almost always a positive story,’ Ms Dennison says.

‘I would urge anyone who’s thinking of getting a dog, or who has thought about fostering one, to get

in touch with us or one of the other local rescue dog services.

‘It won’t just make a huge difference to the dog’s life, it’ll make a big difference to your own life as well.’

For Byron Dog Rescue, call Shell Dennison on 0458 461 935 or visit byrondogrescue.org. Other local dog rescue services include: The Dog-Father Rescue Inc, Northern Rivers Animal Services.



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Step up against domestic violence

One-in-six women and one-in-16 men have experienced physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner. On average one woman a week, and one man a month, is killed by a current or former partner.

This Friday 25 November the Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary Club is calling to locals to ‘Step Up’ against domestic and family violence and walk to raise awareness on domestic and family violence.

12.30pm start

The walk will start at 12.30pm at the La Balsa Plaza car park next to the Ballina Swimming Pool and then will proceed along River and Cherry Streets to the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre where there will be guest speakers and music and

dance by Ballina Coast High School students.

‘Two dynamic, successful women, Ballina Mayor Sharon Cadwallader and comedian and writer Mandy Nolan, will speak about their lived experience of domestic and family violence,’ said organiser David Harmon.

‘In Australia, domestic and family violence is disturbingly common. It is one of the drivers of homelessness among women, children and men, and crosses all boundaries, race, financial status, education, and the suburb you may live in.

‘Schools, sporting groups, service organisations and community members are welcome to join us in this Walk with Rotary event.’

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Paradiso rescission approved by Tweed Council

Both the mayor and deputy mayor spoke at length at a Tweed Council meeting on the subject of the Paradiso holiday apartment block's change of use DA before the chamber voted in favour of the rescission motion, overturning a previous failed motion to deny the application.

Police investigate pedestrian death at Burleigh Heads

The Queensland Police forensic crash unit is investigating after a pedestrian died at Burleigh Heads overnight (November 20).

What to do with Lismore's waste?

The subject of rubbish was up for discussion at Lismore Council's second monthly meeting as a report concerning how, and by whom Lismore's waste be disposed of, was presented in the chamber.

Tweed Council votes for staff recommendation for Cudgen Leagues Club

A Development Application for the Cudgen Leagues Club was an item before Tweed Council at their meeting last week where councillors looked at proposed alterations and additions to the premises.

From the Northern Rivers to the PM, with urgency

Ballina Environment Society Secretary Sarah King has delivered a letter to the Australian Parliament in Canberra on behalf of fifteen Northern Rivers organisations demanding bolder action on climate change.

Tuntale Creek Road to get a Christmas present

The mayor took an opportunity to present a Mayoral Minute at last night's Lismore Council November meeting (MKII) where he moved a motion that Council resolve not to proceed with an open tender process to award a contract for the provision of emergency road stabilisation of Tuntale Creek Road.

Be part of the 2023 Tweed Seniors Festival

Tweed Council is inviting organisations across the Tweed to be part of the NSW Seniors Festival 2023 by holding a special event during the annual celebration.

Ballina Council to sell off Alstonville land

Mia Armitage

The Ballina Shire Council voted this week to start selling off parcels of land on the Alstonville Plateau, with staff revealing unprecedented debt for commercial property activities.

There had been a move by staff and some councillors to have 23 hectares of State Significant Farmland (SSF) considered for future development next to the Russellton Industrial Estate.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) confirmed it wouldn't be approving the SSF's addition to a list of Strategic Urban Growth Areas (SUGAs) without the Council having carried out more studies and

community consultation.

The councillors retreated to a confidential session with councillors later voting unanimously to accept recommendations made in the session to sell three parcels of council-owned land in the Russellton Industrial Estate.

Discussion of the matter in an open meeting wasn't considered to be in the public interest 'due to the ongoing commercial negotiations', agenda notes showed.

Council overspending

The notes showed an unidentified party had approached the Council wanting to 'prepurchase'

three of the council's land lots, Lots 17, 18 and 28, with details of the proposal restricted.

Staff notes showed that the Council needed to sell land assets to repay debt incurred for Council projects that had gone over budget.

A Commercial Property Loan Register and Repayments table showed the Council was borrowing nearly \$17.5 million to fund upgrades at the Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport, the Southern Cross Industrial Estate and for Stage 3 of its Wollongbar Urban Expansion Areas (WUEA).

■ Read full story in *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au/category/local-news.

Ballina to debate 4WDs on beaches again

Mia Armitage

After two years of four-wheel drive (4WD) access restrictions to South Ballina's beach, the Ballina Shire Council is to debate a review of the system this Thursday.

Independent Councillor Rodney Bruem has moved for Council to work with

'relevant NSW government agencies' to consider the feasibility of introducing camera surveillance at the beach instead of relying on a locked gate.

Cameras are currently used at Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head, also in the Ballina Shire, where recreational fishing is allowed. But the more open policy led to accusations of over-use by 4WDs during the pandemic with concerns for wildlife, human and domestic pet safety.

Independent Cr Jeff Johnson failed to get majority

Council support to restrict 4WD access at Lennox Head last year.

Picturesque scenes of wildlife returning to the beach were reported when it was briefly closed owing to adverse weather forecasts earlier this year.

The organiser of a campaign to protect South Ballina's beach, Megan Ward, wrote to *The Echo* saying there was no place for 4WDs on beach ecosystems.

■ Read full story at *The Echo* online: www.echo.net.au.

Community input on Richmond River estuary

What can be done to protect and improve the health of the Richmond River estuary?

This is the subject of a new strategy seeking community input that is being developed by Rous County Council on behalf of Lismore, Ballina, Byron and Richmond Valley councils. These councils are taking a whole-catchment approach to develop a new long-term strategy to protect and improve the health of the Richmond River estuary.

The Richmond River catchment extends from the Queensland border in the north, Tenterfield and Clarence Valley council areas in the west to the Clarence River catchment at its southern border. Including the entire catchment in the CMP will provide a whole-of-catchment perspective for the coastal management process and capture all issues and activities that impact the health of the estuary.

The study identifies knowledge gaps, outlines the overall plan and community engagement.

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Organising a community event for Australia Day 2023?

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Linnaeus – from education to tourism

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accommodation units will now become tourist accommodation.

The decision, and the application itself, angered a significant number of people within the Broken Head community and beyond, who felt that it represented an attempt to turn Linnaeus

into a tourism development.

The owners dispute this.

Should Cr Lyon's motion be successful, the landowners will be 'requested to submit any required technical studies for the site to support the proposed rezoning and at a standard to Council's satisfaction, to enable an assessment to be

undertaken by or before April 2023.'

A gateway assessment will then be prepared for submission to the Department of Planning.

Community consultation for the planning proposal would be undertaken following the issue of the gateway determination.



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Ocean Shores Art Expo winner



Karen McMullen took out this year's Frank Mills Award at the Ocean Shores Art Expo with her sculpture *Aida*. Photo Jeff Dawson

From Margaret River to Byron to save veterans

William 'Will' Burnett served in the RAAF for ten years in logistics and ended his career as a well established physical training Instructor. After his discharge, on his return from the Middle East, his mental health declined and he struggled through the clinical health system.

Along with physical conditions, Burnett suffered from depression, anxiety and PTSD. He was told by the physician that by 35 he would more than likely be in

a wheelchair.

Burnett says he connected with Survive to Thrive Nation (STTN) and 'was inspired by the thousands of veterans who not only recovered through their evidence-based personal development program. Many are becoming coaches and mentors across Australia for other veterans.

With the aim of helping other veterans, on 7 September 2022, William stepped off on a 4,500km journey,

running from Margaret River, WA to Byron Bay to raise money for STTN. He is running, on average, 56km a day for a total of 81 days. At this point, William has broken one Guinness World Record.

Burnett plans on completing a 24-hour run on the 25/26 of November before arriving into Byron on 27 November to hit the finish line at around 11am at Wat-egos Beach.

For more information, visit: projectlight.live.

A community approach to kids' mental health

Paul Bibby

Is your local physiotherapist informed about the impacts of natural-disaster-related trauma on 8 to 12-year-olds? Does your optometrist understand of how COVID-related social isolation can contribute to depression amongst adolescents? What, you may ask, do these mental health challenges have to do with hamstrings and improved vision? The answer, according to one of the region's most respected health leaders, is that allied health professionals have a key role in helping our young people navigate through what has been an incredibly difficult time.

'Just consider the traumatic events of the recent past,' says Professor John Hurley of Southern Cross University (SCU), who is also the Vice-President of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses.

'If you are a nine-year-old child in our region, most of your sentient life-span has been defined by drought, floods, fires and COVID, along with the social dislocation and economic deprivation arising from these.'

With the region's mental health services struggling to

arrest the serious decline in the mental health of local kids, despite their best efforts, Professor Hurley argues that other health professionals must be part of a whole-of-community response.

This idea will be front and centre at an upcoming forum; Trauma-Informed Care for Allied Health Professionals, being held on 26 November at SCU.

'This forum is seeking to say; there's lots of health professionals out there – physios, audiologists, pharmacists – and in our type of community where we don't have a lot of specialised services, we need them to help,' Hurley says.

'Along with teachers, sports coaches, surf clubs etc – we need them to act as our mental health first responders.'

'Put simply, if I'm a physio working on the hamstring of a local young person, I need to start from the assumption that they're experiencing trauma.

'That needs to be reflected in the way I treat that young person, but also in my ability to spot the signs of trauma and direct their parent or guardian to places where the child can get help.'

The disturbing state of mental health on the

north coast has been well documented.

Northern NSW has some of the highest rates of prescription for psychotropic medications for children anywhere in Australia.

The region is also challenged by rates of self-harm, suicide, and psychiatric admission that are well above the state average.

At the same time, like many regional areas, the north coast is seriously lacking in properly funded mental health services.

'The services that we do have are doing an amazing job given the [limited] funding and resources they have. There's a lack of a specialist workforce for children and younger people and a lack of diversity within the workforce that we do have.

'Predominantly, the people who get funded are psychologists. Other disciplines – counsellors, psychotherapists etc – don't get the federal funding stream.

'If you can't get access to a psychologist because the vast majority are at capacity, or you can't afford to pay the gap between the Medicare rebate and what they're charging, then that source of help is pretty much out of reach.'

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Getting recovery right

The recognition of loss and damage at COP27 is a cause for celebration by those countries, especially developing countries, already experiencing the impacts of climate change.

While floods continue to devastate much of Australia, here on the Northern Rivers we are in recovery, tallying the costs of the unprecedented February and March floods on our lives, lifestyles and futures.

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) is a key part of that recovery. It is meant to provide compensation for the 'damage and loss' people have experienced locally and to plan for the future. NRRC is supplying \$800 million of government money towards house buybacks, house raising, wetproofing houses, and investing in land-release programs where displaced residents may be housed.

However, the way this is approached is vital. There are key questions around the preservation of State Significant Farmland (SSF), a special zoning put in place in 2005 to protect valuable farming land. The government corporation must also consider real sustainability actions on water use, energy supply and other infrastructure.

The value of biodiversity must be incorporated into the work of the NRRC. The choices they make on our behalf will be the key factors that shape this region as we face the repercussions of the world's failure to address climate change and to keep the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees.

Currently, the NRRC is not looking at the sustainable

carrying capacity of the region as one of the underlying principles of their approach to the 'quick land release' process. There is an approach of continual growth, which is not sustainable in the longer term.

While the leader of the NRRC, David Witherdin, told *The Echo* last week that they would be working with current developers who can quickly bring land to market for housing, he said that approved, but yet-to-be-built, developments in flood-prone areas were not something that he would be looking at. Why not?

Currently wetlands at West Byron are being filled for housing, approved developments at Kingscliff will increase the risk of flooding for existing and future residents. When will the state government and the NRRC take action to ensure that they are not putting residents at increased risk?

Property developers can make enormous profits, the payoff for the risk they take on land speculation. They should be shouldering a significant part of the responsibility for developing land at risk of flooding in the future. It should not be up to the taxpayer to bail them out if their planners did not honestly assess the risks in their environmental studies.

Future loss and damage must be calculated into the decisions taken today as we face a world in which the heating climate will cause more drought, fire and flooding. For those in power, such as the NRRC, ignoring these risks is foolish and irresponsible.

Aslan Shand, editor

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Linda Reynolds – it is time to resign

David Heilpern

There are two big losers in the criminal justice system this month. The first is the institution of the jury. Two high-profile trials aborted – the first, that trial in Canberra where the jury looked about to be dismissed anyway after interminable days of deliberation when a juror 'did their own research' on sexual assault reporting. Duh. Then there was the trial of Prison Officer A where he was charged with murder for shooting a shackled and handcuffed First Nations prisoner trying to escape in Lismore.

The untold misery that further delay causes to the victims and their families (and the defendants) by clinging to this archaic institution shows that its time is up. Where is the evidence that a jury gets it right more often than a panel of judges – particularly in sexual assault cases or murder cases where the law is murky? It is the ultimate expression of the triumph of outmoded tradition over common sense.

There ought to be a second loser from the whole Bruce Lehrmann aborted trial fiasco – Western Australian Liberal Senator, Linda Reynolds.

Senator Reynolds was the minister when an allegation was made that a male member of her staff had sexually assaulted a female member of her staff. On her ministerial couch. And after the allegations were aired she declared, in an open office within hearing of a myriad of staff, that the alleged victim was a 'lying cow'. The urban dictionary tells me that the term refers to a fat, lazy, stupid woman. Lovely. I bet the good senator wouldn't call a male a 'cow'.

So, she gets sued for defamation and had to pay tens of thousands of dollars plus legal costs and then the senator had to publicly apologise, in writing, for any hurt and distress.

The plaintiff, the alleged victim, promptly donated the proceeds to sexual assault support services.

In criminal trials, the DPP (Director of Public Prosecutions) prosecutors have to call witnesses even if they are adverse to the prosecution case.



Surely, she must have been aware that she was not in court watching it all unfold for some good legal reason.

David Heilpern

The prosecution can still cross examine such witnesses if they are declared 'hostile'. This is a fundamental rule of fairness developed over the eons – the prosecution bears the burden of putting even unfavourable evidence before the court.

Linda Reynolds knows she is to be called to give evidence about what she was told when, and by who. Of course, she cannot attend the whole trial in court waiting her turn. That is not how criminal proceedings operate. Witnesses wait outside. And that is obviously because witness B, yet to be called, should not be able to hear and see witness A give their evidence lest it taint or influence B's later testimony. Also, there is lots of action and submissions and inadmissible stuff that occurs in the courtroom that may never reach the jury, or the media, but those that are physically present can hear.

You would imagine that Linda Reynolds would know this basic rule. After all, she was Chief of Staff to the Minister for Justice. She was actually the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs and the full-blown Minister for Defence. She knows rules and protocols from decades in the military rising to the ranks of Brigadier no less. One rank below Major General! *Gasp.* She is not without the ability or funds to get sound legal advice, perhaps from Christian Porter her erstwhile fellow Western Australian senator and former attorney general. I reckon he may know a thing or two about such rules.

Surely, she must have been aware that she was not in court watching it all unfold for some good legal reason.

What actually happened? Well first, her partner sits through key parts of the trial, particularly those of the alleged victim. Senator Reynolds says she never asked him what had happened in court. Phew.

Second, before she gives evidence the senator contacts the defence lawyer and asks him for a copy of the alleged victim's transcript in the trial. Why?

And finally, two hours into the alleged victim's cross examination, she decides to suggest to the defence lawyer where to look for some evidence that presumably might bolster the defence case. And that was in messages between the alleged victim and another member of her staff. Here is her text to the defence:

'Also if you have text messages between Brittney and Nicky they may be revealing.'

There is so much that is deplorable about this conduct that it is hard to know where to start. You would think that having been sued in such circumstances the senator would just play a straight bat, not take sides, and plainly do her duty to the court. But no, instead she knows her partner is there in court listening to the evidence at the very least. She contacts the defence to help the alleged perpetrator over the alleged victim while she is being cross examined. And then pleads ignorance saying that 'I haven't been through this process before'.

I would love to know how much she has tried to help the prosecution case with tips. I guess we will never know.

This is treating the criminal justice system with contempt. If a bit player in a trial is truly so ignorant of the role of a witness in criminal proceedings, even once subpoenaed, then you would have thought they might get some legal advice.

Hopefully, if there is a retrial in February, one witness ought to be giving evidence as Ms Reynolds, not Senator Reynolds. She should resign.

That is because such conduct is utterly inconsistent with representative public office.



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Low density residential

At the Council meeting on 13/10/2022, Council decided to approve a DA in a low density residential, 'environmentally sensitive' zoned area in Ocean Shores (the most protected policy area of Ocean Shores). So apparently, six dwellings of three storeys that exceeds the height plane of nine metres on a block size of 1047sqm fits the definition of low density residential environmentally sensitive zoning, despite other policy areas in Ocean Shores being earmarked for higher density. Look out neighbourhood – the precedent has been set that anywhere in Ocean Shores is up for medium/high density development.

Also listening to the livestream of that meeting, it seems some councillors were uncomfortable visiting the site for this development in Kumbellin Glen because of the neighbours being present and voicing their objections. Maybe if the councillors who felt that way replied to numerous objectors' emails, plus a petition, and took the time to listen and speak with the community they are supposed to represent and serve they would have



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

felt differently. Shame.

Aaron Cook
Ocean Shores

Emergency radio tower

An emergency radio tower is proposed for Teales Lookout, Koonyum Range.

It is proposed by the telco authority via Catalyst One Pty Ltd, via Amalgamation Pty Ltd to build a large tower, in a high fire danger area, on top of the ridgeline behind Mullumbimby, and ...it is anticipated that the

proposal is unlikely to pose a risk to the environment.

If we still don't know what caused the fire in the Mullumbimby tower, what stops it happening again only [this time] in a high fire danger area?

The cheaper, already available new-school satellite phones or the old-school handheld radios were the uncontested winners last disaster – with the added benefit of no reported fire issues. The towers were like Stone Age

tech in comparison, so how would another tower create safety?

Reportedly, this tower will be enormous and used for undisclosed commercial purposes as well, as is usual. We have until 4 November to ask Sean Jeffs, senior planner for Catalyst One Pty Ltd who is actually employed by Amalgamation Pty Ltd, questions via James

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It's always good to get in writing how Sean Jeffs defines safety for our community.

Jamie Blacklaw
Wilsons Creek

Amazing Grace

Oh, dearest Hannah! (Letters, Hannah Grace, *Echo* 9 Nov). I am so glad that my very, very good friend Raphael sent me your advertisement from Australia's *Echo* Magazine. My dear friend Rupert knows about advertising very, very, very well because, as you know, he helped me get in contact with my now very very good friend Vladimir, and these wonderful men helped me become The World's Most Famous President!

As you know, wonderful Vladimir is wearing the rainbow these days so is unlikely to be available to take your hand, but I am single now after Vladimir told me all about staircase engineering. So it is me! Gorgeous me! – who can offer you marriage. It's like making an AirBnB booking: since you've offered, and I've accepted, it's a deal. Vladimir said he'd be

my best man, but I'm not sure if he'll make the wedding as he is planning to get China involved with your country... um something about tiny tiny little navy bases on islands or something... isn't he a wonderfully busy person? On the other hand, if he's working on all that, he could be close to Byron and pop in for the wedding. He's good at engineering things, don't you agree?

As soon as the engineers pop in the new engine on my Boeing 757 I'll send the plane to Ocean Shores Airport and you can stop having 'baited' breathing. I'm hooked. We'll be together very very soon.

Donald T.
Translated by
Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

A treasured community asset

The Bowlo, a treasured community asset in Bangalow very popular with young families, is now destined to be part of Norths Collective, a big city franchise with a business model based on property development and gaming machines, a potent combination that produces growth on steroids and introduces community harm.

The Bangalow Progress Association was an active participant in the Keep the Bowlo Local group, a team of talented individuals with the diverse skills needed to ensure that the Bowlo continued as a sustainable community-led business.

Group skills included hospitality, marketing, events management, finance, legal, and council experience. These skills are available in Bangalow because of a high concentration of business ownership and a culture of active and strong collaboration on community matters.

Sadly, the Bowlo board became convinced that the certainty of immediate financial support from Norths was the essential consideration. Following the publication of the MOU, various conditions and processes were used to significantly diminish amalgamation opposition with a regulatory framework that enabled complete domination of events and suppression of strong community sentiment.

The ClubsNSW business model has been widely reported (refer *SMH* editorial 18/11/22) as being out of control with bloated developments creating community misery and attracting crime. Bangalow loses its favourite

Support for the Mullum Show

What a privilege it was as an older resident to be able to participate and enjoy the annual Mullumbimby Show.

The grounds are a credit to those who maintain and care for this special facility, the mowing and the planting of many new trees, the gardens and the many improvements done during COVID.

The whole place was a little oasis and looked superb. It was great to see the many volunteers working so hard on Thursday and Friday, (and I'm sure for many weeks prior as well) most of whom are younger members of all the traditional families.

This is the way it's always been done in Mullumbimby

for many years. These families have made things happen for decades. The weather was also kind this year inviting very big crowds. Well done everyone, we do appreciate your efforts, and I'm sure this little show will continue to be supported for many more years.

Gill Lomath
Mullumbimby

family friendly venue and Norths gain ownership of a property asset now worth an estimated \$5m, but considerably more in ten years. Effectively a wealth transfer from community to big business. Clearly government intervention is well overdue. We move on, but many in Bangalow regard this transition as tragic and avoidable.

Ian Holmes
Bangalow Progress Association

The need to elaborate

While we certainly share the concerns of Christopher Wright (*Echo* 9 Nov, 2022), as long time anti-war, peace activists, we feel the need to elaborate on the presence of US war fighting/spy facilities.

For a long time now, we have had visits by nuclear capable warships, from

various countries, that have these capabilities. And they always met with some opposition, although admittedly these efforts never achieved an end to these visits.

As for the satellite bases, there have been many placed strategically around Australia, some were closed as their use became obsolete, with the advances in technology.

As for Pine Gap itself, built in 1966 and operational at the end of 1969, the U.S. government paid a 'peppercorn rent' for the lease. Originally built to spy on Russian missile testing activity, it has over time changed its usage as technology advanced.

When the Whitlam government came to power

in 1972, it considered closing the base, which led some to believe that was one of the motivations for the dismissal in 1975.

There has always been considerable opposition to the existence of this facility – from the Arrente people (traditional custodians), local residents of the area, and a broad cross-section of Australians, which led to the first mass gathering of protesters. First Nations women led 700 women to the gates of Pine Gap on Nov 11, 1983, where 11 minutes of silence was held to commemorate Remembrance Day and solidarity with the women's action at Greenham Common, England, where U.S. cruise missiles were to be placed. ►

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► In 1986, the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition was formed from a broad spectrum of unions, peace groups, churches and concerned individuals, which led to the next mass gathering at the gates of Pine Gap in 1987.

Since that time there have been ongoing mass gatherings and forums addressing the escalation of Australia's militarisation, which included large gatherings at the 'Talisman Sabre' joint military training exercises, Shoalwater Bay.

Over time there have been courageous attempts to expose the truths about the use of Pine Gap and such places. There are some excellent books on the subject e.g. *Peace Crimes* by Kieran Finnane, 2020; *Project Rainfall: The Secret History of Pine Gap* by Tom Gilling (2019), also books and papers by Professor Des Ball (ANU). An interesting movie to see on this subject is *The Falcon and the Snowman* (1985).

Coming to us soon is the IPAN National Conference in Canberra – Charting our own course: Next steps towards an Independent and Peaceful Australia.

Mick & Deborah Stacey
Ballina

Tallow wallabies

Further to Maggie Brown's letter regarding the incident on Tallow Beach of a wallaby having to be shot by WIRES owing to dog-induced stress myopathy: as a daily walker along the trails in the Arakwal National Park at Tallow Beach, I regularly see wallabies. They live in a relatively small reserve zone close to roads and houses, and for the most part, they seem unperturbed by human proximity and to be thriving.

However, recently more and more people are walking into the area with their dogs. Whenever I see them, I explain that it's a dog-free zone and why this is so.

Often they are visitors to the Shire who are surprised by this information, either because they haven't read the signs or because they Googled 'dog beach' and were given no more precise location than Tallow Beach, which isn't at all helpful as it's a very long beach with only a limited dog walking zone adjoining Suffolk Park.

No one that I've met while walking has heard of stress myopathy in wallabies. They are incredulous when told that their dog could trigger a fatal reaction in a wallaby

– even without having made any direct contact with it.

I knew absolutely nothing about this phenomenon until friends who are wildlife carers educated me and I decided to read up on it.

Most people respond positively and take their dog elsewhere but there are always the aggressive or self-entitled ones.

Two possible solutions might be a simplification of the signage by National Parks. I've never seen anyone stop to read those complicated signs. There's also nothing advising people about the actual impacts of the presence of dogs on wildlife. Everyone assumes that this really only means dog attacks – not pursuit or even proximity.

So maybe a designated sign on the specific dangers to wallabies – perhaps something with graphic symbols like: 'dog+wallaby=shotgun'.

A lot of the problems are caused by simple ignorance. If people were directed to exactly where they are permitted to walk their dogs (step up to the challenge Google!) and were educated in more detail as to why the reserve is a no-go zone for their dogs, it just might make a difference.

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It was upsetting to hear of the horrible death of this particular wallaby. I often used to see a semi-blind one quite near to the entrance to the trail – and maybe this was she.

I've read that paralysis and other symptoms can occur days or weeks after a dog encounter and that the results are invariably fatal.

Our local wildlife are already embattled with diminishing and degraded natural environments and National Parks rangers are spread thin throughout our region owing to understaffing.

So if you see someone in, or entering, these important protected places with their dog, please go out of your way to clearly explain to them why we don't want their dogs there.

Margot Duell
Byron Bay

Ballina water supply

A recent *Echo* article regarding Rous County Council's plans to access Alstonville ground water through bores for its Future Water Project 2060 via an 'Alstonville Water Treatment Plant' should ring alarm bells for the people of Ballina Shire.

Just where is the scientific

evidence to show that there are aquifers capable to supply such a long-term project? How do you determine where the water is to be allocated? It would need stringent monitoring and allocations. Currently it is a 'free for all' despite so called 'caps'. Recent reports show WaterNSW has lost control of its regulations.

Comments made by Rous CC seem to suggest that aquifers/bores are not subject to rainfall shortages and droughts. Underground water is a worldwide inexact science, as such, how do they fill? By divine intervention? By fairies with buckets? No scientific body worldwide can agree on how long it takes for rainwater to reach an aquifer, some say up to 300 years. If so, someone else may use the Tyagarah water before it reaches the aquifer!

If it takes so long to reach the aquifers, what about the poisons, chemicals, fertilisers and rubbish we have dumped in the last 300 years? Let's hope nature can strip them out before they reach the aquifers.

Most bores require two separate holes – this means as you pump down one section the first bore can recharge back to original

level. If the proposed bore on the Alstonville Plateau lasts until 2060, what happens after that? What do we leave our children and grandchildren? There cannot be such a short-sighted view.

Adelaide vegetable growers tried refilling bores with recycled water, that was not successful. In coastal WA it was found that too many spear point pumps had drained water out and the aquifer was refilled with sea water. The Chinese are buying properties in the NT with huge water licences from the NT Government with access to the Great Artesian Basin.

Has the public had a say? Or is it like the 'water mining' scenario on the Alstonville Plateau a few years ago, which my wife discovered in the Ballina Shire Council DA was described as a 'Water Supply System'? Look what happened when the residents of the plateau were alerted to that! Ballina Council voted unanimously to reject it and stop future water bottling. What about all the problems in the Tweed Council area? There is a 'knock on' effect. The NSW chief scientist could not

make any accurate assessment of the aquifers.

In 1987 we suggested to Ballina Shire Council the following:

- the need for 'fresh clean drinking water';
- to stop filling in tidal wetlands, floodplains and low lying areas;
- that all new houses have water tanks, and encourage refit of same on old homes (cleanliness of tanks was viewed as a health risk at that time, so the LEP would not allow tanks then).

2005 saw Ballina Council's tip be fined \$40,000 by the EPA for polluting the watertable.

That cost to the ratepayers was \$8 million to dump rubbish in Qld while it fixed the problem.

Our suggestion to have a 'carbon dosing plant' added to the new treatment plans for the Marom Creek Weir in Alstonville was accepted as it was, subject to blue/green algae.

1987–2022, 35 years of trying to forewarn BSC of the importance of water security by the Quicks.

2024–2060, 37 years of hoping and guessing by Ballina Council and Rous CC for water security.

Clive Quick
Rous

From an okay Boomer

As an okay Boomer who has lived in Mullumbimby most of my life, I've seen many changes in town, particularly since the Great COVID Exodus.

I know we must accept change, even if we don't like it. I can tolerate the wanky expensive shops, cafes and restaurants. I've learned to live with the amplified noise pollution of atrocious buskers, the queues, congestion and trashing of our once peaceful town, local culture and values.

We are fast becoming Melbourne's most northerly suburb.

What I can't accept is the selfish, arrogant and dangerous drivers that dominate the streets in town. I ride a pushbike to town but it's becoming impossible not to come home shaking in fear and anger because I so often come within centimetres of getting killed by someone in a fat burger prestige SUV doing double the speed limit and flying through intersections without bothering to observe 'Give way' and 'Stop' signs. You can see them on their phones and more often than not their response is to extend the middle finger for getting in their way.

In the hinterland we're often confronted by juggernauts travelling at

ridiculous speeds around blind bends on narrow roads. We all bang on and on about wildlife extinction and climate change, yet simply slowing down seems too much to ask.

In rural Australia it has always been considered an act of bastardry to speed through a country town. In Mullumbimby many streets don't have footpaths, so cars, pedestrians, kids, dogs and bikes all share the space. Yet people still drive in excess of 100km/h. Yes, we have a crime wave in Mullumbimby and it's not the kids, homeless, mentally ill or dope peddlers that are the culprits.

We need more and better traffic calming infrastructure before someone gets killed!

Norman Appel
Mullumbimby

Avoiding parking fees

I have just discovered the solution to avoid parking fees in Byron Bay.

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Ocean Shores

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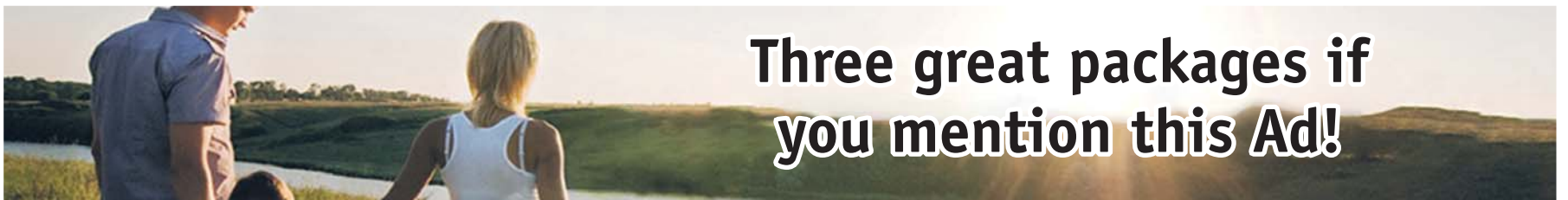
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Piccadilly Circus comes to Mullum

Richard Hil

When it comes to the art of complaining, I'm among the best. Ask my friends, my partner, my mum-in-law – the cat. They've all heard me drone on like a clapped-out vacuum cleaner about anything that comes to mind on any given day. Invariably though, it's injustice that irks me. That's why I tend to shout at the telly, crumple newspapers, and prod the computer screen.

Glaring or subtle, micro or macro, overt or hidden, noticed or not, injustices are everywhere – often right under our noses. They're bothersome (hence the complaints) and involve some degree of what peace scholar, Johan Galtung, refers to as direct, cultural or structural violence. The direct sort can range from physical and sexual violence to violence against nature, and digital violence, while cultural violence covers anything from assaults on social norms, language, or education, to suppression of religion and worldviews. Structural violence on the other hand can range from exploitation to ecological destruction, to economic inequality and lack of access to resources. These forms of violence commonly overlap. Suffice to say that violence, in all its various forms, has specific consequences for families, social groups, communities and entire societies.

This is where complaining comes in. As moral philosopher, Julian Baggin, points out in his book, *Complaint: From Minor Moans to Principled Protests*, complaint is the basis of almost all social and political action. It starts by recognising that something is amiss. You settle on the underlying cause, and then you act – most times alongside others – to address the problem and seek some sort of solution. It doesn't always work out that way, of course. Entrenched power has a way of shielding

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injustices are everywhere

itself from even the most egregious sources of complaint. Nonetheless, complaint is vital if we're seeking change.

But there's complaint and complaint, right? The personal, sit-at-home whinging sort can, as I've discovered, prove counterproductive. But storied discontent, articulated through casual or more substantive conversations, can have greater leverage when it comes to building movements of change. Complaint is about noticing something that rubs against one's sense of decency, fairness and justice (we all have different views on these, of course). Sounding off or airing grievances to someone can actually be the harbinger of system-toppling activism. When complaints are connected to structural conditions – even in the crudest form – they can give rise to powerful collective movements. (As recent events in Brazil, Italy and the US show, such movements can often turn out to be antidemocratic and violent. Ultimately, it's the underlying values and principles that count).

The great Brazilian educationalist, Paolo Freire, recognised how political consciousness, once stirred by the recognition of common experience, can radically transform lives. Founder of Citizens UK, Mathew Bolton in, *How to Resist*, experienced the same when he and others began building bridges with isolated cleaners in London – some of the most unnoticed, exploited and disempowered employees in the labour market. By sharing their experiences, linking them with others in similar circumstances, and eventually by acting collectively, pay and conditions of these 'unpeople'

were remedied through the British parliament.

But I digress – sort of. What I want to complain about here, is the traffic congestion in Mullumbimby. 'Not that again!', I hear you say. But it really is getting ridiculous. Last market day was a case in point. Logjam, gridlock, call it what you will, the entire town centre was crammed full of vehicles vying for that elusive parking space. Cars, vans, and trucks circled the streets like hungry wolves in pursuit of these vacant spots. My partner was caught up in this merry-go-round, craning her neck in every direction. 'We should install a blue plaque when we find a spot', I suggested. 'It could read, "Here at 12.30pm on 21 October 2022, after several hours of searching, a driver successfully colonised a space to park her vehicle"'

How and why has the centre of Mullumbimby come to resemble Piccadilly Circus? I mean, we're not even in the holiday season and already the streets are clogged with pollution-spewing traffic. And it's about to get much worse if proposed new developments get off the ground.

So, what's the injustice in all this? Well, for starters, there's the unwelcome noise, pollution, the jangled nerves of drivers and pedestrians, and the more than occasional instance of road rage. The spectre of accidents looms large too. And then there's the aesthetic dimension, the ugliness of it all and the evisceration of peace and quiet. Too many cars, as we know, wreak havoc on community life. (Remember the 'Stop Adani' banner that was draped over the wall of a wholefood store in central Mullum? No-one seemed to notice the irony

as if thousands of vehicles belched fumes from their combustion engines, right in front of the store).

But the most perplexing thing of all is the virtual absence of bicycles, scooters, mopeds or people on roller skates. How can this be? I suspect that part of the reason is because of the lack of decent cycle lanes and the ever-present danger of myopic drivers. But it's more than that. It's a kind of systemic neglect. Sure, there will be the usual claims that there just isn't the money for this or that. But do you really buy that argument? I don't. Where there's a will... This applies too, to the lack of pavements, zebra crossings and street lighting in many parts of town. People living with disability, the elderly and others have good reason to complain about this. After all, not being able to get around safely, or at all, is a real problem – a problem that we need to turn into a pulsating issue.

The thing is, we are sometimes led to believe that Mullumbimby is the epicentre of enlightened, progressive thought. But is it? Are there touches of Galtung's notion of violence here? It's clear that some of the town's shortcomings interface with global injustices. Right now, of course, there are the consequences of floods to deal with, and a housing affordability / availability crisis. I get that. I get too that fixing major infrastructure problems in regional areas is challenging. On the other hand, I see umpteen examples of places around the world – many of them far less wealthy than Mullumbimby – making urban changes that are consistent with regenerative, life-affirming principles. Sadly, it seems that when it comes to traffic congestion in dear old Mullum, we're in a state of indefinite limbo.

But hey, that's only me complaining, again.
Now where's that cat?

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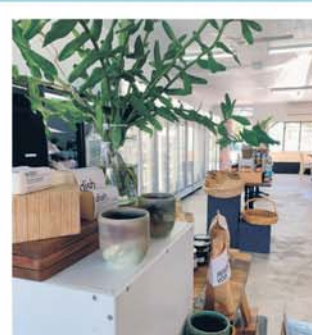
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Unforeseen and unpredicted

I find it very strange that in the New Epoch, 2022, which heralded record-breaking 'unforeseen, unpredicted floods', along the east coast of Australia, has puzzled and confused many state bureaucrats and state/local politicians. When addressing predictions for future floods, back they go to the old 'expert' narratives that govern predictions around 'the 50 year flood, the 100 year flood, and yes, recently the 20 year floods'. Their lips and mind cannot mould the words 'climate change' into consciousness. This is a stark example of climate change denial. We live in times when we have to adjust to the 'unknown'. Science tried to prepare us 40 years ago.

ABC Radio National, the most democratic voice in Australia, has just reported a story of a man who knows a single mother with three children who came to mind during current rapid floods in NSW. He rushed to her house where she was with her terrified children as rushing, rising water entered her house. He quickly organised escape to the roof by pushing the children and mother through the

ceiling. His final statement was 'I managed to push the last child through the ceiling as the water was up to my neck!' Currently, there is not a river system that is not in flood along the east coast of Australia. Indeed, approaches by the Australian government to NZ, Singapore and the US for helicopters have been made to deal with the lack of flood rescue infrastructure in NSW flood-affected townships for rooftop rescues.

Meanwhile in Byron, developers and Council are stuck in the narratives of housing and development and the eternal outworn debate about 'fill'. Fill kills. It enhances flooding, can be intensely toxic and harmful. Yet, old science dominates: fill will cover acid sulphate risks; fill will enhance a floodplain for development; fill is safe for some houses, but alas not for others. Commerce and fill on floodplains enhances the \$\$\$ for developers.

In times of flood fill travels into communities and spreads floods, which rise and rise and kill sentient beings. Fill does not aid homelessness (read Michelle Grant's recent letter in *The Echo*). Duncan Dey believes that statewide there should

be a total moratorium on the use of fill. Who could disagree? Alas, Mullum, Brunswick and the Byron A&I Estate can expect more fill horrors. Someone is making a motza out of fill. Time to snap out of false consciousness folks.

Jo Faith
Newtown

Flogging a petition

In a blatantly political move, the Tweed Chamber of Commerce is flogging an online petition calling for the appointment of an administrator to replace the Tweed Shire Council on the confected charge of delays in processing development applications. They conveniently overlook the fact that DA recommendations are prepared and processed by departmental staff, not the councillors. And the priceless irony is that Chamber president, Warren Polglase, was Mayor of the Council sacked in 2005 after the Daly Inquiry found the election of the majority faction of so-called Independents had been corrupted by developer-backed financing.

The fact that the petition is able to be signed anonymously indicates the Chamber is aware that many

of the intended signatories haven't the guts to go public, and further proves the document not worth the cyberspace it's floating in.

The ploy is to rid the current Tweed Council of majority Independents and replace them with developer-friendly neo-cons of the ilk ousted 17 years ago by Commissioner Daly. If the Chamber was serious it would call not for an administrator to replace the councillors, but for an inquiry into the Planning Department, which continues to drag its heels on halting future residential development of floodplain land, in addition to delayed DA approvals.

But to misquote Paul Keating; never let the facts stand between a business chamber and a bucket of money.

Jeremy Cornford
Kingscliff

Curious statements on Assange

The couple of letters under the headline of 'In Defence of Julian Assange' contained some curious statements in an attempt to justify the unjustifiable.

Marc Westley brings up the old classic, that of a 'rarely cited quirk' in Swedish

law which allows for men that don't wear, or remove, a condom during sex to be charged with rape. This is false. The practice is called 'stealth' and is totally separate to the charge of rape. In any case this is only on the books in the UK, NZ, Germany and Canada (according to wikipedia), Sweden has no laws at all regarding 'stealth' or rape referring to condom use. Rare indeed.

It's also stated that the US loaned (?) Ecuador \$24 million to get them to move him, when his extremely erratic behaviour made the Ecuadorian mob virtually push him out the door.

And the two women involved went 'on record' that they were solicited to lodge a complaint so these non-existing laws could be enacted. Seems impossible to enact laws that don't exist – don't you reckon Marc? Also, the statute on the rape charge expired in 2017 (*Guardian* Nov 2019), and for that reason only were the charges withdrawn.

Julian Assange was charged with rape (illegal sexual penetration) of two women on two separate occasions. He alone decided he was above the law and wouldn't face the Swedish

investigation despite the legal conspiracy theories you may believe. That's on his head, regardless of his supporters' views, many of whom subscribe to the theory the women involved are liars.

He is in jail because of his evasion of the law, not because he leaked videos of what others were sent to jail for.

Finally to compare Assange to Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela is beyond laughable, but is consistent with the one-eyed zealotry apparent in the region. Many progressives in the area are extremely reluctant to think that their hero could be capable of such a thing but, to be sure, stranger things have happened. Some [just] outright lie in his defence. You cannot criticise Assange without expecting a huge backlash. No one is above the law except Assange. I agree he is being treated harshly, but you must face consequences when you have been accused of a despicable crime. As I stated in my last letter, you reap what you sow.

John Donnellan
Ocean Shores

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Museum healing is a thing you know

Lots of things help mental health. Going for a walk, hanging out with animals, but... museums? From Belgium to Brisbane to Montreal, research is mounting that museums and art galleries are just the thing to give you a healing lift.

Beyond just being places of learning, and tourist attractions, it appears that museums and art galleries are 'restorative' environments. Like wild places, these entirely human-made locations are capable of boosting mental and physical wellbeing.

An in-depth review of the evidence by the World Health Organisation came to the conclusion that the arts can play a major role in the promotion of health.

Now, in the wake of the COVID-19 accelerated international mental health crisis, doctors in Brussels are prescribing free museum visits to assist with stress, anxiety and depression.

Laughing at death

Dr Vincent Lustygier is a psychiatrist at the Brugmann University Hospital in Brussels. 'The arts help all human being forget we are mortal beings,' he said.

'Through the arts, we laugh at death.'

Dr Lustygier was inspired partially by Canadian research, which found gallery and museum visits could offer a serotonin mood boost and distract people suffering from chronic pain, amongst other benefits.

In conjunction with local doctors, Quebec's Montreal Museum of Fine Arts has been helping people suffering from a range of ailments since 2018. Museum director Nathalie Bondil said, 'What we see is that the fact that you are in contact with culture, with

art, can really help your wellbeing.'

As well as helping with mental health, proponents say this kind of therapy can assist people with diabetes and other chronic illnesses, as well as those undergoing palliative care for severe life-threatening diseases.

The museum says it's found that the resulting uptick in hormones is similar to that offered by exercise.

But this kind of boost is also available to elderly people and those disabled by illness or infirmity, as long as the cost is not prohibitive. That's where the prescriptions come in.

Oi oi oi

Although doctors in Australia can't yet prescribe museum and gallery visits for mental and physical gear shifting, researcher Jan Packer at the University of Queensland has found that the four essential elements of this form of art therapy are:

- Fascination (not having to make an effort to be engaged).
- Being 'away' from the everyday.
- Visiting an environment big and complex enough to occupy the mind for an extended period.
- Compatibility (not every museum will deliver a therapeutic result – people need to try different places, and experiment).

Dr Johan Newell, a psychiatrist at Brugmann University Hospital, has emphasised that museum and gallery visits are not meant to be a standalone solution, for most people, but researchers around the world will be watching the results of the Brussels therapy experiment carefully.

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Targeting journalists

Israel has a long tradition of targeting journalists and since 2000 has killed 45 according to the Palestinian Ministry of Information. During Israel's 10 – 21 May blitzkrieg on Gaza in 2021, they killed 260 and bombed the offices of Al Jazeera and the Associated Press. On 11 May this year the Israeli military killed Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh (the Voice of Palestine). Unfortunately for Israel she was a Palestinian American. After months of Israeli obfuscation and denial they have now admitted she was killed by an IDF soldier as she was covering Israeli attacks on the Jenin refugee camp. US public opinion is slowly turning against Israel and the \$20 million-a-day bounty paid to Israel, plus other kinds of support, like the \$1 billion Iron Dome anti-missile system, are increasingly being questioned. Despite this largesse Israel refuses to cooperate with the FBI investigation into the death of Shireen Abu Akleh. In addition, her murder is being referred to the ICC as Israel refuses to investigate. With a bosom friend like Israel it's not surprising that Australia continues to persecute truth tellers David McBride and

Richard Boyle and to ignore the vast injustice against Julian Assange who still languishes in the Belmarsh prison hellhole.

Gareth W R Smith
 Byron Bay

Ruled by fools

What an outrageous scandal that already stressed-out refugees, living for years in limbo after been held in detention centres for years, have received letters telling them that they will not be able to stay here any longer and they have to find another country. Who is responsible for this terror and horror? Reminds me of RoboDebt terror against poor unemployed and other people.

Did you see that the NSW government had to pull their koala killer bill back after Geoff Provest and even Fred Nile said that they will not support it, as Catherine Cusack did two years ago?

How dare we have to listen to taxpayer-paid politicians lying and telling us that Forestry Corporation of NSW is doing a good job in OUR forests. Why then did forestry corp. get fined more than half a million dollars in the last six months? And guess who is paying that bill on top of the \$20M+ they cost the public annually? It sickens me that I'm so happy

that Tasmania's forest operating team will now finally advise the public where they will go and log next. Isn't that amazing!? 2022 and we're experiencing a climate catastrophe. Very encouraging to see the that Victoria's Forestry Corporation got ordered by the Victorian Supreme Court to get out of most of their logging coupes, because they broke their own rules and didn't leave enough trees for the survival of some animals.

Are we all aware that our government hands out over 20,000 dollars each minute of the day to the fossil fuel industry? Isn't it time that we start taking these politicians, who throw taxpayers' money to companies who are hardly paying any taxes, to the International Court of Justice (Den Haag) for crimes against humanity – stealing from and killing communities?

As science tell us, Australia is on the forefront of experiencing the impact of the climate catastrophe as we see it unfolding right now more and more. Which country in the world will take us in as environmental refugees after we've treated ours so inhumanely and threw so much money into the fossil fuel industries?

Chibo Mertineit
 Nimbin

Where is the love?

Driving past our new-ish Hollywood inspired 'LOVE' sign on the way into Mullum had me reflect on the reality that despite being a fit and healthy, hardworking male, I've so far gone six years in this area since I was 29 without attracting much notice from the opposite sex.

I could continue looking after myself and working hard for many more years and doubt that will ever change – except I do get some women 20-30 years older showing their interest.

Short of attending 'ecstatic dance' events and being the creep there looking for love, I do my own thing, never seeing a female my own age, and if I do and I say 'Hi' I know they're over being hit on, so I respect their space.

20–30 years later I'll surely be a real deal creep, staring at females because they're like Martians from another planet, but in that time I feel our big 'LOVE' sign needs a question mark on the end because I certainly have never seen it here unless its just a yoga teacher trying to market their classes.

Turn up the love.

Name withheld
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Anti anti-ageing and the self-esteem revolution

Holly English

Why is it that women need to look 25 even when they are 50? (e.g. Gwyneth Paltrow). What is the message here? Stay young?

The global obsession with beauty and youth is a result of our narcissistic culture, a product of a capitalist world that sustains multi-billion-dollar anti-ageing, beauty and fashion industries.

I am 46 years old. The ageing process has well and truly kicked in. I've always been praised for looking younger than I am, like it's an achievement.

Because I've been a pretty woman, I've been noticed, valued and had advantages simply because of my looks. But I can tell you that the period of my life when I was most beautiful, and popular, and with very handsome men, I often felt confused and empty.

I am decided that I am not going to get 'work' done, aka 'aesthetic medicine'; no botox, fillers, lifts, lasers or implants... no, I am going to grow old naturally. This is starting to feel like a rare and radical act – like I am the odd one out. So many women my age (and younger) are getting 'work' done. They don't admit it. They say they are youthful because of their lifestyle. However, I know a lot of them secretly get 'work' to look 'naturally' younger.

Guilty for looking older

Those of us who don't get 'work' may find ourselves feeling somehow guilty for looking older than our peers – obviously we're not doing enough juice detoxes or yoga!

It seems some of us will grow old, but not others. We are not growing older together. I think this is sad.

I hear people say 'It's a woman's personal choice,

Yes, I want to look good too. I sometimes wear makeup and change my hair colour.

and their private business'.

However, if spending money on aesthetic medicine is a conscious personal choice, then why is there so much shame and secrecy around getting it? Why aren't we talking about the work, or the shame and secrecy?

Getting work done is clearly not a personal choice. It is feeling conscious or unconscious pressure (from peers, society, sexual partners) to look a certain way if you want to be loved, respected and valued.

And doing it to 'feel better about ourselves', from what I've witnessed, is a never-ending path of what needs to be fixed next. It's a path leading to suffering, not the inner growth of self-acceptance.

Cosmetic empowerment

GPs abuse power when they adopt the 'cosmetic empowerment / aesthetic medicine' sales pitch. There is nothing empowering about conforming to a beauty 'standard'. The problem is that GPs are influential because we have all been taught that 'doctors know best'.

However, to say things like 'Come in to discuss your wholistic plan to achieve your aesthetic goals' and 'we are now offering cosmetic empowerment in our passion of aesthetic medicine' (actual words from an advertisement, by an aesthetic medicine clinic run by GPs) is harmful to women's perceptions of themselves.

It compromises the duty of care GPs actually have for their patients' mental and physical health. And the

whole anti-ageing 'beauty' industry costs *big* money.

Given the cost, does beauty then become a privilege for the rich? Does that mean that people in lower socio-economic demographics won't be loveable and have worth or value in society because they are... old and ugly?

The anti-ageing epidemic is an industry driven by self-hate playing into a false idea of self-empowerment. There is nothing self-empowering about it.

A deeper attraction

Quite simply, I really don't want a man who needs me to look young and hot, and I really don't want the pressure. A deeper attraction is what sustains a relationship.

The boyfriends I've had who have found me 'hot' and praised me for my 'sexy' looks have always been a fairly superficial love. I've met my best boyfriends when I have been looking rather mediocre. They have loved me for me. And found me ridiculously attractive even in my trackies and greasy hair.

Let's start a self-esteem revolution. A revolution of ageing naturally and gracefully together without the use of cosmetic / aesthetic 'enhancements'. Because, ultimately, it comes down to feeling good, feeling loveable, being okay as we are.

Isn't that what we all really want? A culture that values each of us for our humanity,

our vulnerability, our love and our uniqueness; our inherent individual worth?

This is our opportunity to create a self-esteem revolution as individuals and as a society where we don't compromise our integrity, where we support womanhood as a whole. Plus, our botox money could be used for much more important things. Like building refuge homes for women in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where 1.8 million women and girls have been the targets of mass rapes, gang rapes, and genital mutilation. Not only are women unsafe, they are often outcasts from their villages and families after sexual assault. They need protection, health care, rehabilitation and livelihoods. Now those are real problems – not the wrinkles on our faces.

It's hard to go against the grain. I struggle with ageing. I dislike it as much as the next person. But it is my practice, my emotional and spiritual practice of radical self-acceptance, self-love and cultivating authentic connections with my friends, lovers and society.

I want to look good

Yes, I want to look good too. I sometimes wear makeup and change my hair colour. Yet, I'm not changing or altering the fundamental structure of my face, my cells, my features.

My wrinkles and body changes tell the story of my life.

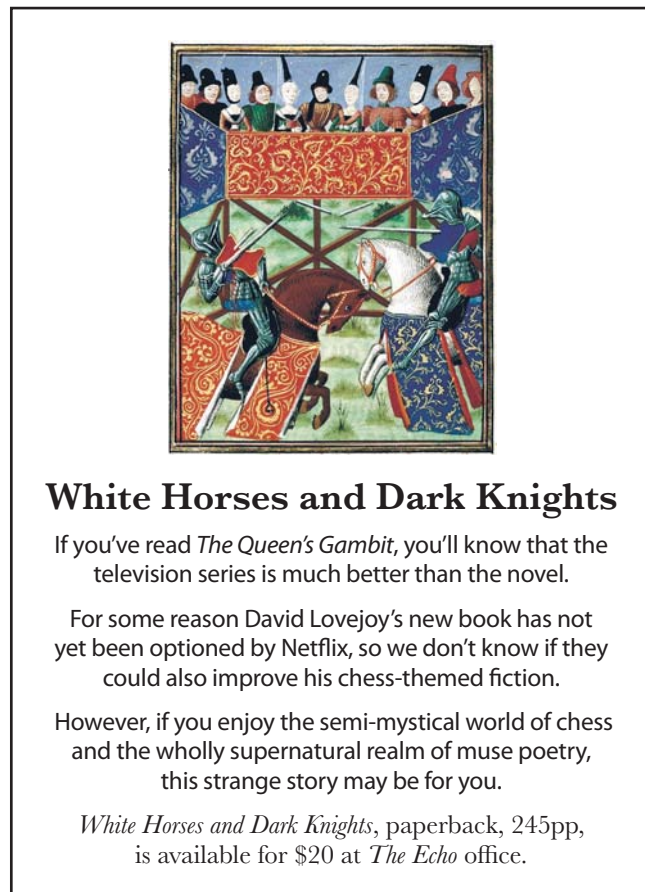
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If you've read *The Queen's Gambit*, you'll know that the television series is much better than the novel.

For some reason David Lovejoy's new book has not yet been optioned by Netflix, so we don't know if they could also improve his chess-themed fiction.

However, if you enjoy the semi-mystical world of chess and the wholly supernatural realm of muse poetry, this strange story may be for you.

White Horses and Dark Knights, paperback, 245pp, is available for \$20 at *The Echo* office.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Bobby Cheng's run of successes this year has continued with first place at the Bavarian Open Championship in Tegernsee, Germany.

In a field of 474 competitors, including 12 other Grandmasters, Cheng was part of a 14 (!) player tie for first place, a record for the tournament celebrating its 25th edition. The large tie meant that Cheng and his co-winners earned barely 1,000 Euros each for their efforts.

Cheng's only loss in Tegernsee was to the 13-year-old English sensation Shreyas Royal, who led for much of the event and in reaching the tie for the title secured his first Grandmaster 'norm'.

England has been happy to proclaim Royal's success, yet only four years ago the British government were trying to expel his family from the country.

Royal's father Jitendra Singh and his wife and child had arrived in London from India in 2012 on a long-term work visa. However in 2018 Singh was told by the British Home Office that under new laws his visa would not be extended unless his wage was \$A240,000 or more. (The new income threshold rules were designed to attract 'a better class of immigrant' to Britain post-Brexit.)

By then Royal was a prodigious 9-year-old enjoying tournament success and a public campaign began to allow Royal and his family to stay.

The campaign was well targeted and loud, and before too long the British Home Secretary Sajid Javid overruled his department and allowed the family to stay.

Since then Royal – home schooled to give more time for chess and with a Grandmaster coach – has justified all the claims that in 2018 seemed hyperbole.

Royal needed a little luck in the final round at Tegernsee. Playing against local player Christian Koepke, in the diagrammed position Royal, White, could keep a solid edge by playing 24.Qb1, but decided to gamble on his opponent falling into a well disguised trap.



24.Qh4! dxe5? Right idea, wrong move order. After 24...Nd3!, Black is OK. 25.Bxe5 Nd3? This was Black's idea, but he has missed... 26.Qxh7+!! when Black had to resign since 26...Kxh7 27.Rh4+ Kg8 28.Rh8 is checkmate!

■ Players meet at Byron Bay Services Club, Sat 2.30pm and Mon 5.00pm

121st Bangalow Show, November 19 & 20, 2022

Huge crowds showed up for the Bangalow Show last weekend and the 'weather was perfect,' said Show Secretary Anne McClelland.

The Bangalow Show has been running since 1897 and entertaining the locals with a range of fun activities from lawnmower races to bush poetry.

This year saw Australian Stock Horse ambassador Guy McLean entertain the crowds with his skill as a stockman with a big bullock and four horses in the ring, while providing the spectators with some judicious poetic words thrown in – giving the bush poets some competition.

'The poetry competition was a big hit,' said Anne and 'our young woman of the year is Ellie Schnieder.'



Photos by Jeff 'Showtime' Dawson. Top left: Brahman bulls chilling. Bottom left: The horse jumping arena is always popular at country shows.

Top right: Toy papillons Many and Lili with their human Robyn Horden. Bottom: Anna Freeman from Create Art Studio painting Anika's face.

115th Mullumbimby Show November 11–13, 2022



Mullumbimby's 115th show saw 'some of the biggest crowds we have ever seen,' said Sue Walker, Treasurer of the Mullumbimby Show committee.

'Everyone was so happy, engaged. They really enjoyed the lawnmower racing, which was new, and the talent quest and open mic.'

President of the Show Committee, Mark Ward, agreed, saying that 'it is probably about 35 per cent better than any other show. People were really keen to get out to see the show and the number of families and people coming was great – there was something for everyone.'

Photos by Jeff 'Hot to Trot' Dawson. Top left: Little Nina feeding Little Al. Bottom left: Frankie and Gabriel take a moment to refuel.

Top right: The trotting races always thrill the crowds. Bottom right: If this guy turns up to mow your lawn, make sure you pay him by the hour!

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This means grabbing a coffee or a feed, taking in the street music, saying 'hello' to random well-disposed strangers, being pleasantly surprised by the styles, price and range of goods on offer – like homewares, jewellery, massage, foods, pets, fashion, art, health, herbs, hardware and handcrafts. Mullumbimby is a day out... if you can't find something you like from here you have good reason to re-examine your life... My personal highlight: pausing to join the small, but appreciative crowd that gathers to watch old 'Shep' the three-legged kelpie as he solemnly takes a piss on the lamppost outside the taxi rank at around 2.30pm. Mullumbimby is an attitude as much as it is a town...

– Brian Mollet

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Good Food

It's not really news to anyone who lives in the Northern Rivers, but the restaurants in this area are pretty good. Those city-dwellers who rely on the *SMH Good Food Guide* to make sure they can one-up their neighbours in any conversations about restaurants have been told that Pipit, Pottsville 'continues to put sleepy Pottsville on the map' (it's been named regional restaurant of the year, quite an honour, and is one of only three regional restaurants with

two hats this year). One-hat Bistro Livi in Murwillumbah has been named 'new regional restaurant of the year' as the place 'created with locals in mind' is just the place to 'open a bottle' over a 'relaxed lunch' of, perhaps, 'charred guindillas with miso bearnaise'. Raes Dining Room, You Beauty, Roco Ramen, Paper Daisy, Beach Byron, Lola Dining, Frida's Field, and Ciao Mate! also scored one hat of the local crew, in the *SMH's* estimation.





Supernatural on Bay Lane: style, cocktails, natural wine and food

Looking for a perfect date night? Supernatural, Byron's hidden gem, is tucked away on Bay Lane, nestled between neighbours Fishmongers and Orgasmic Falafel.

Finding this laneway restaurant and wine bar one could easily think they've been caught up in a Woody Allen movie and transported back to 1920s Paris. Supernatural's recent renovation wanted to capture more of the nostalgic vibe of that romantic era, and the bespoke mirrors – made by local legends at Antique Mirror Glass – teamed with hand-blown vintage glass lighting from Creative Lighting Solutions, really complete the look, giving the space an undeniable air of Europe.

An intimate table for two makes for the most romantic date night – or book a larger table for a fun shared feast with friends...

Supernatural is also the perfect place for solo diners – a seat at Supernatural's bar has forged many a friendship over the years. It's the ideal place to dine and enjoy a glass of wine or cocktail after a busy day at work, or continue on from the beach.

Catering for private events of up to 40 guests, Supernatural lends itself to the most fabulous dress up party, with the decor already taken care of! Think Gatsby, speak-easy, Hollywood, even prohibition gangster vibes!

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from near and far, an inventive cocktail menu and an ever-growing selection of non-alcoholic options there is literally something for everyone here.

Once you settle in with a drink, the food is the real drawcard. Current favourites are the mushroom ravioli with truffle cream and crystallised pecorino, or the 'fashion-friendly fried chicken' (Clunes free-range chicken wings with the bones carefully removed so you can eat with a knife

and fork). Almost all of the menu is gluten free so coeliacs can choose to their heart's content. There are lots of vegan and vegetarian options too, including the ever-popular pink cauliflower florets served with romesco sauce and cashew cheese, or the pan-seared broccolini with tahini dressing and local honeycomb.

Supernatural is open Tuesday to Saturdays from 5pm. Follow on Instagram @supernaturalbyronbay for latest news and events.



Misty Creek agroforestry

Victoria Cosford

As a fourth-generation cattle farmer, Tom saw how much his parents struggled against nature out in the Central West where he grew up. So, when he and his partner Nicole acquired their 28 acres of farmland near Eltham ('it was just a cow paddock', Tom tells me), he was determined to work *with* nature.

The results of which are the glorious chickens they sell at the farmers' market. They live and roam in the forest and their fertiliser enriches the soil. 'It's agroforestry', Tom says, 'it's using the dynamics of how forests grow without bringing fertilisers in. We had an opportunity to start with the chickens; they're happy to be in the trees and the shade and it meant we could use their fertiliser. We started there, and the chickens were really good.'

So good that the whole chickens, head and all, sell really well – but so do all the other parts. 'The chicken livers sell out straight away', Tom tells me. 'They're superfoods, containing the highest amount of all trace minerals, like copper and iron.' The necks and feet are wonderful for stocks, thickening and enriching, but also, says Tom, the neck tastes good. 'It's a dark



Nicole Fredman and Tom Bjorksten from Misty Creek near Eltham allow their chickens to roam in the forest. The chickens love it, just don't look up.

meat, like the drumstick.' Market-goers will also have noticed cockerel for sale at the stall. As they're heritage and seasonal, Tom says they won't always be available, but these males of the laying chicken ('typically chucked in the mincer'), are incredibly flavoursome; big legs and not much breast, should be braised long and slow. 'They're comparable to lamb shanks', he says. 'They're a lot more expensive because they take three times as long to grow. Most of the cost is in the labour, moving them around, planting trees etc. But they are a beautiful and unique product.'

Misty Creek can be found at the Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7–11am.

Spanish tortilla obsession

Simon Haslam

Ambrunah is a specialist Spanish takeaway in Byron that passionately upholds the foundational culinary tradition of tortillas – properly put together Spanish omelettes. Part of me believes all Spanish people are food-loving, fun-loving, friendly people who, when they're not partying, hang out with their cool friends in tapas bars laughing, enjoying life, wine... everything – and I think that my fantasy might actually be true!

Ambrunah is run by Javier Mayrata, who takes the Spanish love of tortillas and shares it with us. Javier says the hero of Spanish cuisine would be the tortilla. He's pretty obsessed. In fact, he didn't want to be photographed for this story in case it detracted from the attention owed to the tortilla. Outside of Spain, the ubiquitous paella and churros are often served up, but not tremendous tortillas, which, according to Javier, who 'is an expert on/is obsessed with'



tortillas, are the dish most commonly eaten in Spain. Javier comes from Majorca off the coast of Spain near Barcelona, so he is an actual real Spanish person who has been obsessed with tortillas since primary school. 'Everyone cooks tortillas at home at least a couple of days a week, he says, but for some reason it isn't commonly done overseas'.

'I think that's because to make it requires a lot of time, and a good technique. It needs a special pan, and a good strong wrist to flip it properly. It should come out gooey in the centre, it's easy to overcook it and it will go dry, and a Spanish person would look for that.'

At Ambrunah, their philosophy is to 'do one thing and do it right' and luckily for us, the tortillas are the main thing, Spanish

Javier says the Spanish tortilla was first cooked in the 1800s, so it's been part of Spanish cuisine for over 200 years. The word '*ambrunah*' translates to famine or hunger in a time of food shortage, when there were only potatoes and eggs available, and the tortilla was developed. It turns out that, whilst it was created somewhat through necessity, Spanish people really liked it, and that's why he named his takeaway tortilla joint Ambrunah.

tortillas are a kind of potato and onion omelette. At Ambrunah you can choose the 'classic', with just onion, but there are also options with chorizo or zucchini and goat cheese, or the lush mushroom and truffle. All are cooked with free range eggs and are gluten free. There are infinite variations of the base tortilla and they also come up with some really special varieties, for example using Spanish meats. As well, there are a couple of salsas to accompany your tortillas and salad and a traditional, refreshing cold tomato soup; Spanish style gazpacho.

Javier says, 'I just want to do the tortillas perfectly. I serve one type in the bocadillo, which is a Spanish baguette, and the other is more as a morning breakfast type with Spanish Toast (a tomato on bread

toast) on the side. 'Where I come from has influences from Africa and the Spanish mainland. We have a culture of sitting down and sharing every meal with people, so in Spain tortilla is often served in a tapas bar, or is shared at home for dinner. But in Australia, I think it works better as a takeaway in the morning.'

Ambrunah started at the markets, but now it also has a permanent place to serve from in the heart of Byron, at the Byron St end of Williams Lane next to Sparrow and opposite Aldi. There are spots to perch and enjoy your traditional Spanish takeaway fare, and you can get a coffee from Sparrow next door.

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. It's firm in this place – stick together! (6)

4. Be available for agriculture – it can be tolerated (8)

10. Broadcaster provides a new part of speech about the queen (9)

11. Medico, single, but he won't work (5)

12. How our old sheds became familiar expressions (9,5)

14. Minister Taylor, good in an arsehole (5)

16. Deliver your weapon – powerful Lance! (9)

18. Eldest has become immortal (9)

20. Get rid of small turd (5)

21. Deluded idiots train man for management (14)

25. Look into brown claw (5)

26. Consequences following American arithmetic (9)

27. Sent back, put gloves on again (8)

28. Passes out directions around court (6)

DOWN

1. Pancakes, perhaps – risky in cool lights! (10)

2. Deer, you say, is Indian (5)

3. Direction right with small internet devices (7)

5. Queen embarrassed – made a mistake (5)

6. British soldier a traitor holding secret code (7)

7. Wide back room for a British criminal lunatic asylum (9)

8. Abel's mother – new, and not odd (4)

9. Current soft drink from France – an acknowledgement of merit! (8)

13. Utah pagans cultivate Lily of the Nile (10)

15. Thousand smash every trick (5,4)

17. Get it wrong for British intelligence's nation (8)

19. Head covering needed for the rain (7)

20. Bird has fight over altercation (7)

22. A picture of one wizard (5)

23. Lupino and Chi Minh in a state (5)

24. Celebrity rodents return (4)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Be consistent; conform (6)

4. Manageable (8)

10. Reporter; commentator (9)

11. Unmanned aerial vehicle (5)

12. Terms that have become widely known and used (9,5)

14. Breed of black cattle (5)

16. First on the moon (9)

18. Undying (9)

20. Cancel (5)

21. Superintendence; governance (14)

25. Sharp nail on bird's foot (5)

26. Outcome (9)

27. Relieved of a penalty or sentence (8)

28. Faints (6)

DOWN

1. Aircraft comes down in an unusual and unexpected way (10)

2. Religion in the subcontinent (5)

3. Tools used in woodworking (7)

5. Misbehaved (5)

6. Colonial era Royal Marine (7)

7. British psychiatric prison facility (9)

8. Level (4)

9. Honour (8)

13. South African native plant with blue or white flowers (10)

15. Premier tennis event (5,4)

17. Falsify (8)

19. Snood (7)

20. Edith Piaf aka the Little ... (7)

22. Likeness (5)

23. US state with Boise the capital (5)

24. Heavenly body (4)

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Say her name

If you want to know true courage, try being a women's rights activist in Iran. Try being one of the women who have fought mandatory veiling since Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in 1979 – the women who have risked their lives for freedom.

When I think of heroes I don't think of white men with cricket bats or footballs, or those who have climbed great mountains. I think of these women who cannot be frightened into submission. These champions of human rights; these fierce voices; these little girls. These children.

I am in awe of these women who have participated in White Wednesday – an act of solidarity by women taking their action from cyberspace to the street. This involves the wearing of a white headscarf and then taking it off – with many of the women filming themselves while doing it. It is a simple act of defiance. It is nonviolent. It tells government that the State does not own their bodies. That women should not be excluded from public spaces. That they can initiate divorce and obtain child custody. That child marriage should be banned. In Iran right now, the legal age for marriage for girls is 13. It used to be 9.

In 2017 the video of Vida Movahed – who stood on a box in Enghelab Street in Tehran, took off her white veil and tied it to a stick, waving to the crowd – went viral. She became known as 'the girl of Enghelab Street' and soon others followed her, doing the same, and were called 'The girls of Revolution Street'. This is true feminism.

So these incredible women speak out, and they've been arrested and fined for it. They have been beaten. They have been fired from their jobs. They have been humiliated. They have served prison time. And they have died.

As a Western woman it is hard to imagine this kind of courage. Vida was a 31-year-old mother of a toddler. She is also an Iranian journalist. She was a woman with a lot to lose by speaking out. But, by not speaking out, she

stood to lose more. For women like Vida there is no choice. For her courage she was sentenced to a year in prison.

Young women in Iran have been called the 'children of the revolution'. They challenge the regime that polices their bodies, while turning away from real issues like pollution and poverty, and criminalises them. Young women in Iran are speaking out. Their bodies have become acts of resistance: red lipstick, red nail polish, a headscarf that falls back. These seemingly meaningless acts are imbued with meaning. They are about freedom. They are about courage.

Fast forward to September 13 this year when 22-year-old Mahsa Amini from Iranian Kurdistan was arrested for improper veiling. They say she wore it 'too loosely'. On 16 September Amini died in police custody. Eyewitnesses say she was severely beaten. She suffered a heart attack at the police station, collapsed and fell into a coma. It was believed that she had a cerebral haemorrhage. This girl, who is the same age as my daughters, died because she protested the

Vida Movahed and the brave act that sparked a movement.

MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

compulsory hijab. She showed her face; now she is dead. It's hard to get my head around this.

Women in Iran have so much to lose. Perhaps the most. So, politically, they are the most dangerous. They are all of us – we must not look away. At a protest on Bondi Beach, in solidarity with Iranian women, I heard the most powerful chant: 'Say her name!'. Let these women be recognised. Let women Like Mahsa Amini not be forgotten. Talk about her. Tell your children about her. Say her name. Say *all* their names.

(Please hold 18 February 2023 free for an event in Byron Bay that raises awareness and solidarity for the women of Iran.)

STARS BY LILITH

Mercury, Venus, Sun and new moon in Sagittarius, plus Sagittarians' guiding planet Jupiter on the move; could the cosmos be wishing you happy birthday any louder, Archers?

SAGITTARIUS

ARIES: With outspoken Mars, planetary provocateur, gone rogue, tempers may fray as collective frustration gets processed through communications. So, resist the impulse to express an opinion on every issue of the day. Reflect more than you react. Your future self will thank you when Jupiter bounds into Aries in another month until mid-May next year.

TAURUS: Celestial warrior Mars energises us to fight for what we hold dear. But if this week's influx of unwanted or unhelpful information gets overwhelming, simplify existence by making a list of the areas of your life where things are disorganised, unclear or in need of support and attend to these.

GEMINI: If variety's the spice of life, then season with care this week. With Mars retrograde in your sign, buyer's remorse can kick in even before your delivery arrives. Forcing or rushing anything is a recipe for disappointment. Or burnout. Use this retrograde's hidden blessing to focus on playing the long game.

CANCER: It's been made pretty clear recently that some part of your life needs to evolve, no matter how hard other parts might resist. Enthusiastic new moon on 24 November gets interpersonal communication moving again – though you'll definitely have to give yourself enough space and quiet to listen to your thoughts.

LEO: With this week's quartet of planets blazing in a fellow fire sign, get ready to be romanced like nobody's business. As Sagittarius season sweeps in with its bonhomie and good cheer, it's worth remembering that people still need to be acknowledged and feel that their points of view are heard.

VIRGO: The propensity for overthinking is high right now, so consider a short-term digital detox. Get out in nature, and expand your perspective. Look at where you're expending energy (time, attention, money) and what you're getting in return. There are only so many hours in a day; why not spend them on what you enjoy?

LIBRA: With Mars retrograde in the sign of way too many options multiplying ideas a zillion a minute, this week could churn up confusion and creative insights in equal measure, and decisions get mind-boggling. So, don't rush to commit, agree or press send. Check out Aesop's fable of the tortoise and the hare.

SCORPIO: Your mental space might not be the peaceful haven you crave this week. With passionate Mars retrograde turning life into a battle of wills, petty squabbles can bubble up out of nowhere. Key relationships will need extra vigilance. Don't try to force consensus. Focus on keeping it classy.

SAGITTARIUS: With this week's Sun and new moon galloping across the sky to join Mercury and Venus in your happy birthday sign, it's Archers party time! But wait, there's more; the celestial present of Jupiter, your mentor planet, moving out of retrograde in the sign of magic happening – especially at home.

CAPRICORN: With so much astral energy in Capricorns' chart focussed on closure, it's time for tying off loose ends and wrapping up 2022 with a festive bow before the new year – and your next birthday. This week's new moon offers the perfect portal for saying 'sayonara' to something past its use-by date.

AQUARIUS: Bit of a *prenez-garde* week... With Mars settling into retro for the stiletto end of the year in the zodiac sign of gadgets, devices and communications, it pays to be mindful of hackers and scams. Good news? Keep tuned for some of your favorite kind of whimsical, unexpected breakthroughs.

PISCES: Optimism been wearing a bit thin lately? After four months in retreat, galactic globalist Jupiter striding forward in Pisces issues a welcome wake-up call from doom, gloom and depressing perspectives. Endings bring new beginnings with this week's new moon, which favors focussing strongly on the positive outcomes you want.

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Seven

ENTERTAINMENT

The best blues lineup in Australia

Currently touring his latest release *Shout Into the Noise*, Ash Grunwald is a Bluesfest veteran with about ten appearances under his belt. His most recent show was earlier this year where he not only appeared solo, but he was part of some awesome collaborations – yet another great thing about Bluesfest.

Seven caught up with Grunwald poolside at his home in New Brighton to ask him what he loves about Bluesfest?

Quite clearly it's the lineup. I mean, it's always been the best blues lineup of any festival in Australia. There are so many legends. You know, from BB King to Bob Dylan – Buddy Guy has been a regular and Ben Harper has always been huge. Jack Johnson – many times – and so many others. I remember getting a few healings from the Blind Boys of Alabama back in the day. It's created a lot of memories for me as a punter. In a way, it's the only festival that I've actually spent much time at over the years. Generally I play my gigs and I see a few things and then I'm out of there. As a performer it can be draining to spend a lot of time on site because of adrenaline – you just want to do the best job you can do on your gig, but I've always made an effort to stick around [at Bluesfest] because it's so amazing.

I am also looking at the 2023 lineup – it's huge. The thing I love about it is there's a lot of hardcore blues acts. Obviously, I'm looking forward to seeing Buddy Guy and Bonnie Raitt, two huge favourites of mine. I'd love to see Kingfish again (Christone Ingram), and Beth Hart. And, I'm really excited about Marcus King. (See the interview in *Seven*, 26 October.)

You tour a lot – did you find it hard (post COVID) to get up-and-running and back into touring mode after not being able to?

It's really hard to answer that because that was my whole agenda. I was actually getting eight gigs a week because I was doing doubles, and then we got shut down for that second six months. I just got out there every time I could.

It's always been my agenda to be on the front foot and do the best I can to get it happening. But having said that, yeah, of course it's been difficult. The difficulty has been planning your actual career, your wider career life. You can't time the release of an album because then the tour gets shifted. And so then that stuffs up the release. Things like that have really affected me. I think that's affected a lot of people. It affects planning and momentum.

Who will you have on stage with you next Easter?

I'm doing the three piece. I've been touring solo and I will be doing solo next year as well – the only exception to that is the Bluesfest gig, which is going to be the lineup with Ian Peres (Wolfmother) on keyboards – he has played with me a lot over the years and played with the who's who now; he's played with everybody. And Bobby Alu will be with us too – so that's gonna be awesome.

See Ash Grunwald at Bluesfest next Easter, and at Bluesfest Melbourne 8 & 9 April, 2023: bluesfest.com.au

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Byron School of Art's (BSA) Third Year students will be holding their graduate exhibition in the BSA gallery space from Friday 25 November to Saturday 19 December, 2022.

The exhibition, *Hello I Must Be Going*, will feature a diverse selection of finished works from the 2022 final year students.

The students' final year was spent exploring a number of multi-disciplinary practices, which included works on paper, conceptual and found object work, multimedia and film, sculpture, ceramics and painting under the direction of established artists and lecturers: Stephen Bird, Michael Cusack, James Guppy, Travis Paterson, Kat Shapiro Wood, Emma Walker and Christine Willcocks.

Hello I Must Be Going will showcase the collective works of the students after a year of pushing personal boundaries, taking risks and finding where their passions lie, resulting in thought-provoking and rich works – many of which will be available to purchase.

The students and staff of BSA would like to welcome the community and art lovers alike to the opening event, to celebrate this diverse collection of art, from 6–8pm on Friday 25 November, 2022, at Byron School of Art Project Space, 112 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

Exhibition runs 25 November to 19 December.

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GUITAR JOURNEYS & SYMBIOSIS

Two of the Gold Coast's iconic artists, Felicity Lawless and Black Rabbit George (aka Tijuana Cartel frontman Paul George) have just released their first album together, *Symbiosis*. The duo are bringing their spectacular show to Byron Theatre on 4 December. They will be joined by vocalist, oud and guitar player, Shai Shriki (of Israel), who is a composer and performer of contemporary music with traditional sounds from the Middle East, Hebrew songs and Spanish guitar.

Lawless says *Symbiosis* explores their joint passion for Romany, Middle Eastern and flamenco music. 'We both love to blend traditional music with our own flavours and seem to be on an eternal mission to create as much guitar beauty as possible. Our Guitar journeys shows are an immersion in the guitar's infinite possibilities.'



'It is so exciting to be joined by Shai for the Byron launch as he is one of my favourite guitarists and he really sets a mystical scene with his music.'

'These shows are full of colour, from our classical pieces, where you could hear a pin drop, to explosive guitar shredding over Latin and world music grooves.'

Recorded in Black Rabbit's studio, *Symbiosis* is a collection of guitar music accompanied only by cajon and percussion. The first single 'Zarma' is already available on Spotify and YouTube with the rest of the album to be released online just before the Byron Theatre show in December. It is available for purchase as a CD at their shows.

Felicity Lawless and Black Rabbit George: Guitar Journeys – *Symbiosis* album launch with support by Shai Shriki at Byron Theatre 4 December at 6pm.

Tickets: byroncentre.com.au.



CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH POTS

The Federal pre-Xmas Ceramic Market is the ideal place to find that special handmade, local and lovely piece of pottery that makes the ideal gift for yourself or your loved ones this Christmas.

Knowing that your chosen piece has been crafted with love and attention by the potters who also bring you the popular Mud Trail will also make your purchase special. The makers at this market are all members of North Coast Ceramics and take pride in what they produce. The organisation's motto is 'Connecting people with pots through appreciation of handmade ceramics' – and that's exactly what they do.

Many of the potters have experienced hardship because of the devastating floods earlier in the year and are just getting back into production, so a purchase at the Ceramic Market will allow them to continue to produce beautiful ceramics.

Ranging from functional tableware through to sculptural ceramics you are sure to find something to love at the Ceramic Market. So much so that you may even find it hard to gift your piece to someone else!

And in the spirit of giving, it's also nice to hear that North Coast Ceramics donate a table of bowls available at the Market. Federal Loves Refugees is the chosen charity and 100 per cent of the money from bowls purchased from this table goes straight to them.

Federal Pre-Xmas Ceramic Market is on 26–27 November, from 9am–3pm at the Federal Hall, Jaspers Corner. What a great way to spend the weekend! A reminder to use Coorabell Road to get there as the road through Goonengerry is still closed.

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BLACK PANTHER: WAKANDA FOREVER

In the sequel to Marvel's *Black Panther*, starring Chadwick Boseman, who played King T'Challa, the Black Panther and the people of Wakanda are fighting to protect their home.

As T'Challa lays dying from an illness that his sister, Shuri, believes can be cured by the 'heart-shaped herb', she attempts to synthetically recreate the herb after it was destroyed by Killmonger, but fails to do so before T'Challa succumbs. (Tragically, the story aligns with the death of Chadwick Boseman in 2020).

One year later, Wakanda is under pressure from other nations to share their vibranium, a nearly indestructible element that crash landed as meteorites from outer space millennia ago, with some parties attempting to steal it by force. Queen Ramonda implores Shuri to continue her research on the heart-shaped herb, hoping

to create a new Black Panther who will defend Wakanda, but she refuses, owing to her belief that the Black Panther is a figure of the past. In the Atlantic Ocean, the CIA and U.S. Navy SEALs utilise a vibranium-detecting machine to locate a potential vibranium deposit under water. The expedition is attacked and killed by a group of blue-skinned water-breathing superhumans led by Namor, with the CIA believing Wakanda to be responsible. Namor confronts Ramonda and Shuri, easily bypassing Wakanda's advanced security. Blaming Wakanda for the vibranium race, he gives them an ultimatum: deliver him the scientist responsible for the vibranium-detecting machine, or he will attack Wakanda.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
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- 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**

THURSDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, PHIL & TILLEY
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM DJ WHITTI, 4PM MITCH KING, 7PM TAJ RALPH, 8PM DJ RENEE SIMONE, 8.30PM BARLEY PASSABLE
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM KOYAANISQATSI 40TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING WITH Q&A
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM MARK HEAZLETT
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT

FRIDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CASS EAGER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**, 6PM **SARAH YAGKI**, 7PM **OLY SHERMAN**, 8PM **DJ NOAH DEVEGA**, 11PM **DJ DANNY B**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **GRIGORYAN BROTHERS – THIS IS US: A MUSICAL REFLECTION OF AUSTRALIA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE SWAMP CATS**
- MARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **DELPHI GOES BASSOONING – A TINY MUSICAL BY JANET SWAIN**

- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ,
NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM **ROD
MURRAY PRESENTS: A
TRIBUTE TO JAZZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO.,
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MONSIEUR DIOP**
- BYRON SCHOOL OF ART,
MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM
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- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **HOT SHORTS**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ ISHWARA**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **ALEX LLOYD**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **MAX HOORN**

- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **KIM CHURCHILL – DAWN SOUNDS TOUR**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **MR TROY**
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **BEN WALSH**, 8PM **SHYBABY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12.30PM **DJ MADAN**, 3.30PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**, 6.30PM **DJ DON TIERE**, 8.30PM **DJ SOPHDEXX**, 10.30PM **THE ASTON SHUFFLE**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **PACO LARA – DUENDE ‘FLAMENCO MADE IN SPAIN’**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **CALLUM CREELMAN**, 7.30PM **SOUTHWALL**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 5PM **TONY & THE THIEF**
- FEDERAL HALL 9AM **FEDERAL PRE-XMAS CERAMIC MARKET**
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MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **HOT
SHORTS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **ADAM
HARPAZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE
8.30PM **TURNUED UP FEAT.
SUNDAY SESH & LOUNGE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK
6.30PM **DENNIS WILSON,
LEVEL ONE** 8PM **KILLER
QUEEN & BOWIE**
- STAR COURT THEATRE,
LISMORE, 7.30PM
**GRIGORYAN BROTHERS
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- REGENT CINEMA,
MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM
**BALCONY SESSIONS WITH
MADDI O'BRIEN**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES
CLUB 6.30PM **STOCKADE**
- CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH,
7.30PM **KIM CHURCHILL –
DAWN SOUNDS TOUR**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS
6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS,
THE SHOWROOM 8PM
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SUNDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JONATHAN BONE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **DJ OREN SELECTA**, 3.30PM **SKY EATER**, 6PM **BEARFOOT**, 8PM **DJ LORD SUT**, 10PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE LYRICAL**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- FEDERAL HALL 9AM **FEDERAL PRE-XMAS CERAMIC MARKET**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 4PM **ALLY ROW**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DONNY SHADES**
- DRILL HALL THEATRE, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **HOT SHORTS**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **JB'S BLUESBREAKERS**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 2PM **BEST OF BRITISH: DEAN DOYLE WITH SOPHISTICATED & SPECIAL GUESTS**
- SHERWOOD HOTEL, LISMORE, 4PM **LRG NIGHTS**
- BIRTH & BEYOND, NIMBIN, 5PM **SHIVAM RATH – MANTRA HOP**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 3PM **GRIGORYAN BROTHERS – THIS IS US: A MUSICAL REFLECTION OF AUSTRALIA**
- KINGSCLIFF SURF CLUB 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**

MONDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2PM **SCHOOLIES LAUNCH PARTY**, 7PM **THE LONESOME BOATMAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **DJ WHITT**, 2.30PM **MISMO TEMPO**, 6PM **ECHO WAVE**, 7PM **LOCAL SAFARI**, 8PM **DJ SOOTY**, 10PM **CLUB ANGEL**

TUESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY,
TIM STOKES
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY,
12PM **DJ RENEE SIMONE**,
7PM **BARLEY PASSABLE**, 8PM
JAWBREAKERS, 10PM **DJ**
DANNY B & THE HORN STAR
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM
BANGALOW BRACKETS
OPEN MIC
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JOSHUA**
HEDLEY & EMILY NENNI,
7PM **JOSHUA HEDLEY BAND**
+ EMILY NENNI
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS,
THE SHOWROOM 11AM
CHARLIE MITCHELL

WEDNESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY,
SARAH GRANT
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY,
12PM **DJ WAX ADDICTS**,
4.30PM **GRACE GROVE**, 7PM
VELVET SUEDE, 8PM **DJ MY**
HAPPY PLACE, 11PM **KEL**
HOLIDAY
- FOXYS LUU'S, BYRON BAY,
6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**

BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE :

1 B SMOOTHIE BAR

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Consistent hours: Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm.
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Lot 44 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay
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A good coffee changes everything.

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Stone & Wood's leafy courtyard is made for sunny days. Great food, fresh beers, perfect for mid-week or weekend catch-ups. Furry friends welcome, so your mate Dave who hasn't shaved for three months can also head on down. Brewery tours available for those on the froth and Little Dragon and Sunly Seltzers available for those who choose not to brews.

100 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay

www.stoneandwood.com.au

@stoneandwood

4 CROSSFIT BYRON BAY

If you are searching for the best hour of your day, look no further than CrossFit Byron Bay.

Locals only 7day trial for \$30.

Wanderluster? We have you covered with the best week of your year!

Sweat with our friendly locals under the guidance of our world class coaching team.

Weightlifting, personal training, retreats, yogility and good vibes available.

74 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay

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crossfitwanderlustbyronbay@gmail.com

www.crossfitbyronbay.com



5 VAMPT VINTAGE DESIGN

Vampt specialises in quality, original, mid-century furniture.

They have a container arriving from Brazil filled with incredible vintage show stoppers, available soon. They need to make room for the new stock, so pop in and see what specials they have. They can bring anything up from their Sydney shop if something catches your eye.

Open Tues–Thur: 10am–4pm.

Fri: 10am–3pm, Sat: 10am–2pm.

Cnr Bayshore Dr & Banksia Dr, Byron Bay

Dave: 0414 806 549

@vamptvintagedesign

@etenity.design.collection

www.vamptvintagedesign.com



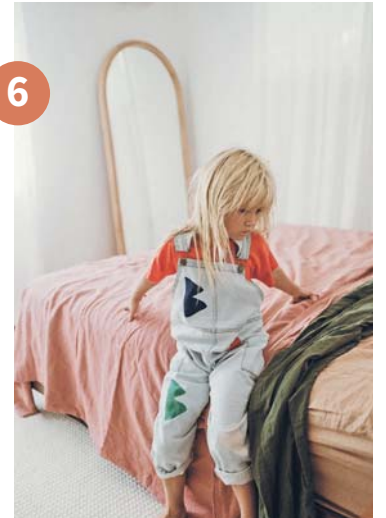
6 KIDO

The ultimate location for kids' fashion in the Northern Rivers, with new stock from international brands Bobo Choses, Weekend House Kids, The Animals Observatory, and many more. They also stock all of your favourite local designers, so now is the perfect time to drop in, say 'Hi', and shop their newest selection.

Shop 7, 18 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay

www.kidostore.com

@kidostore

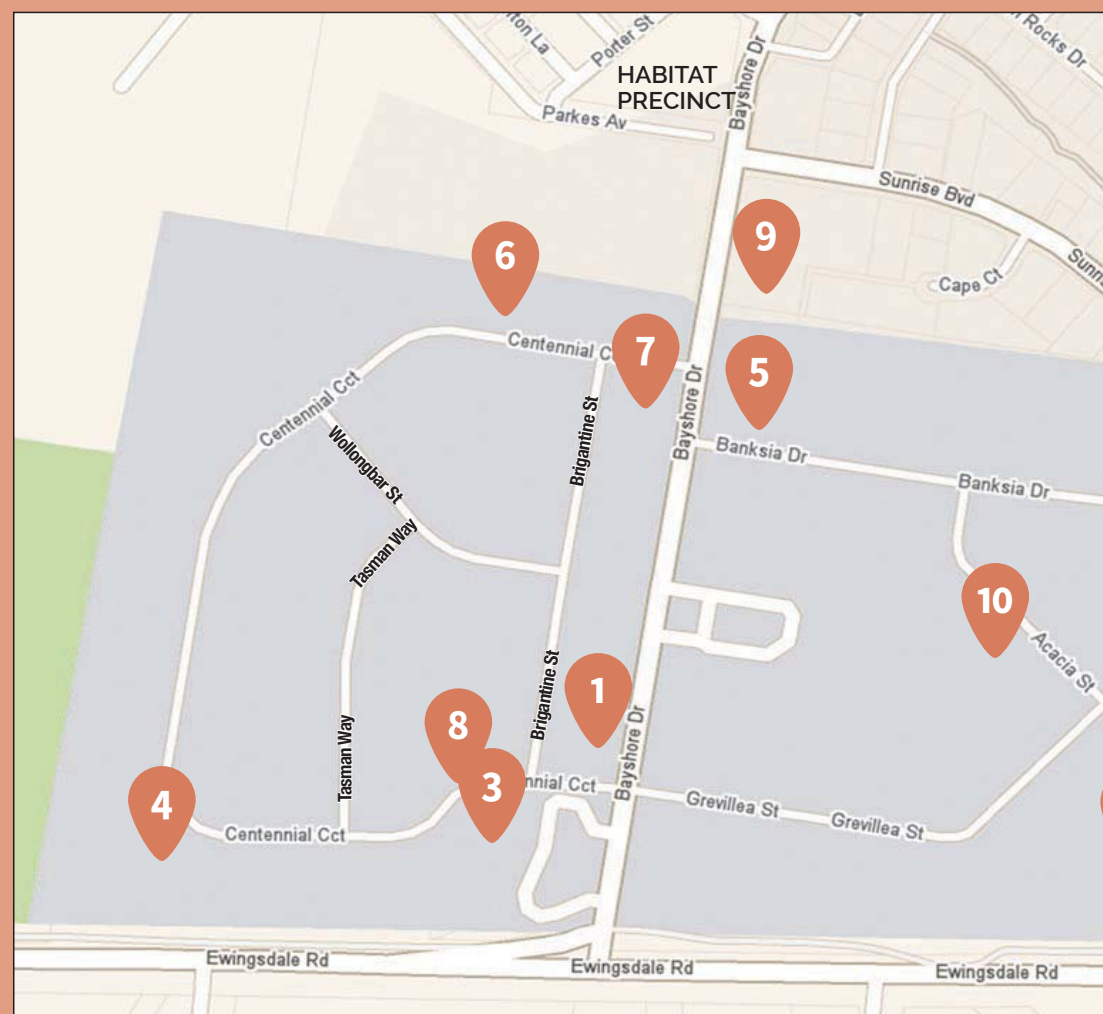


HABITAT PRECINCT

A cleverly designed village where people live, work and play, all in one place, combining old-school Byron (community, creativity) with new thinking (live+work spaces, car sharing) and good times (food, shops) to create a little oasis for locals and visitors alike.



BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE



... HABITAT PRECINCT

7 HONEY HUNT LINEN

Gorgeous new LINEN art-tops! Featuring original artworks these supremely comfortable tops are perfect summer festive wear—slow down, relax and stay super cool. All Honey Hunt fashion is sewn and printed locally. Shopping here you are supporting ethical Australian made fashion and local jobs. It's the ultimate slow clothing that's beautifully made, for women. Their mantra... You are a honey!.

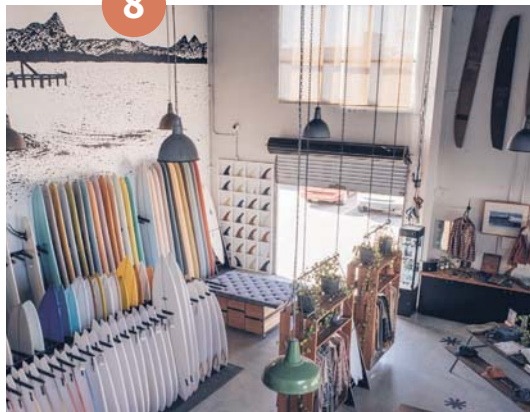
Shop 2, 1 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay
Mon–Fri: 10am–4pm, Sat: 11am–3pm.
0408 766 546
www.honeyhunt.style



8 MCTAVISH SURFBOARDS

Mctavish is the ultimate destination for all things surf. Grab a pre-or post-surf coffee and browse the range of handcrafted surfboards (all made on-site in the factory behind the showroom), surf accessories and apparel or borrow a demo board for the weekend.

Surfboard Factory, Surf Shop & Cafe
91 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay
@mctavishsurf
www.mctavish.com.au



9 SUNRISE CELLARS

Kick back in Byron Bay this summer, but first visit Sunrise Cellars to stock up on your beer, wine and spirits for any occasion. Independent and family owned in West Byron, Sunrise Cellars has everything you need, offering great specials in store each week! Visit them in store today. Content only for those 18+ (legal drinking age).

byronbayfair.com.au
@sunrisecellars
Fb: sunrisesupercellars
20 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay Fair



10 WEAVE GUITARS

Weave Guitars is your local guitar custom shop. They specialise in setups and repairs, from the simplest to the trickiest. They like to work with every kind of instrument and they always provide a free quote for any job. Check their website for a gallery of their creations. Make your next appointment by email or text message.

2/2 Acacia St, Byron Bay
0413 470 775
contact@weaveguitars.com.au
www.weaveguitars.com.au



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12 VAGABOND BYRON BAY

Plant-based goodness cafe • Awesome coffee • All milks available • Smoothies to dream about • Delicious in-house baked cakes and treats • Yummy food • No bookings required.

Outside seating for 50 patrons, or lay on the lawn under the shady poinciana in the centre courtyard.

Open Monday to Saturday: 6.30am–3pm.
Sunday: 8am–2pm.
Habitat, Shop 33–34,
1 Porter Street, Byron Bay
@vagabondbyronbay

13 HIGHSPEC PROPERTIES BUYERS AGENTS

Your local Northern Rivers Buyers' Agents

HighSpec Properties – award-winning buyers' agency dedicated to helping you own your own slice of Byron and the Northern Rivers.

Get in touch and watch your property dream come to life through refined strategy, expert negotiation, and unparalleled commitment.

Team HighSpec will be your secret agents, making one of life's greatest stressors a breeze.

Ground floor, Habitat Building
20 Fullerton Lane, Byron Bay
1300 447 732
www.highspecproperties.com.au

14 MR SIMPLE

Clothing and accessories inspired by vintage workwear, military surplus and sportswear. They also show their love of surf and skate culture with an eclectic collection of skateboards, hot sauces, books, eskies, clothes, and even a barbershop.

The Habitat Byron Bay
Suites 39–41, Building C3
248 Bayshore Drive
Call to Book: 8215 0723
Mon–Fri: 8.30am–4.00pm.
Sun: 10.00am–2.00pm.

15 BARRIO EATERY & BAR

Barrio brings together the local community in a relaxed environment for all-day dining.

The wood-fired oven and open-flame grill are the heart of the restaurant.

Wednesday is barbecue night, with monthly guest chef.

Keep an eye on socials for daily specials.

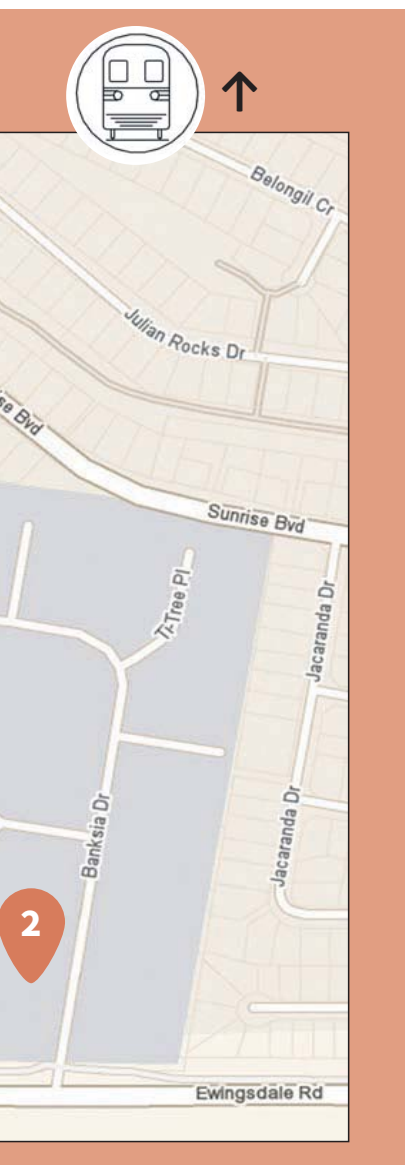
1 Porter Street, Byron Bay
Mon–Tues: 7am–3pm.
Wed–Sat: 7am–10pm.
0411 323 165
@barriobyronbay
www.barriobyronbay.com.au

16 HABITAT RETAIL & LIFESTYLE PRECINCT

It's no accident people love shopping at Habitat. They've carefully curated every homeware store, independent boutique and fashion label, so you can find the iconic style you'd expect from Byron without the hassle of going into town (including lots of free parking). We reckon it's Byron's most exciting neighbourhood, but go and take a look for yourself.

Habitat, 1 Porter Street, Byron Bay

INDUSTRY ESTATE



Plateau Landscape Supplies



The impending La Niña system signals a long, wet summer ahead. For those with gardens, that means changing the way we plan, plant, and take care of our oases.

Unless you're new to gardening, last year should give you an idea of what to expect. Some helpful hints from Plateau Landscape Supplies:

Drainage – Check and clean drains and grates

Fertiliser – Extra water leaches the soil and plants of essential nutrients. You can use a slow-release pellet fertiliser to top up those nutrients.

Planting – Water can pool around plants. So, if you're planting now, mound up the soil before you plant.

Mulching – Mulch can help disperse the moisture evenly in your garden and help retain all the soil nutrients that keep plants healthy.

Happy planting.

14 Kays Lane, Alstonville
6788 1234

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Guests arriving for Christmas?

One of the main aspects of preparing for Christmas guests is of course working out where they will sleep.

If your guestroom is starting to look tired, now is your chance to refresh and declutter the space ready for your loved ones.

Once you have got rid of any items that shouldn't be there, you can look at the space itself. Is there anything that needs touching up or repairing? If not, you can go straight to the styling.

A comfortable mattress is a must for guest bedrooms, along with perfectly plump pillows, a summer doona and cotton sheets.

Beds R Us Byron Bay has everything you need to provide your guests with a restful and merry Christmas.

16 Brigantine Street, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. 6685 5212



Stone Style



Stone Style is a family owned and run business that has been operational for over a decade and prides itself on delivering the best quality stone sourced both locally and internationally. Committed to consistency, Stone Style travels the globe to guarantee their sourced traditional artisans are the best of the best.

Their mission is to uncover bespoke architectural surfaces, suitable for any application. Their ability to source, develop and supply a truly unique range of products and services is second to none. Stone Style values developing a great relationship with their customers to ensure results that exceed expectations.

They are excited to welcome you into their new space and look forward to assisting you in achieving your visions to the fullest potential.

Unit 6, 10 Towers Drive, Mullumbimby, NSW 2482.
1300 194 738
hello@stonestyle.net.au
www.stonestyle.net.au

SPACES

Your new backyard office

Do you need more space to work or play at home? Forget costly and stressful renovations, granny flats or cramped tiny homes.

Humpy Co has developed a system for designing, manufacturing, and installing beautiful dwellings quickly, with minimal time and expense. Each pod is custom made with sustainable Australian materials to be flat-packed, easily installed and tailored to your budget and taste.

When it comes time to relocate, you can pack it onto the truck and move it to your next location.

To learn more, why not visit their new display village at 5 Dudgeons Lane, Bangalow, 2479 or call ahead for an appointment: 1300 486 792.
www.humpyco.com



Black Rock Garden Centre



Black Rock Garden Centre is a fantastic new destination in the Northern Rivers. They have created a unique environment to cater to everyone's outdoor needs.

Their fully stocked bulk material yard has 28 bays of bulk materials: **soils, mulches, gravels, decorative stones and sands.**

They also offer a wide range of structural landscaping materials and same day delivery with competitive prices.

Their amazing aquarium is full of pond, tank & dam fish. Not to mention their Cottage Cafe, Kidz Land and large nursery.

If you're a tradesman, DIY weekend warrior, or a mum or dad with the kids drop in, grab a coffee and take a stroll through this unique garden centre.

8 Grays Lane, Tyagarah (Just past Bluesfest site).
0493 281 239
www.blackrockgc.com.au

Eden at Byron

Eden at Byron is full of beautiful plants and pots to decorate your home and garden for the festive season, as well as great gifts.

Living Christmas trees have arrived. Australian native Norfolk pines will live happily inside from now until the new year, when you will need to put them outside and gently acclimatise them to full sun again. Lush native Kauri pines make a great long-term indoor plant year-round. Olive trees are a nice contemporary alternative to the classic pine.

You'll also find beautiful orchids, bonsai, bromeliads, Venus fly traps, succulents, gorgeous indoor plants, and edible plants like fruit trees, chilli bushes and herbs. With hassle-free parking, complimentary gift wrapping, and gift vouchers available, there's no better place to do your Christmas shopping.

140 Bangalow Rd, Byron Bay.
6685 6874



Wards Landscape Supplies

Wards Landscape Supplies is the Shire's largest bulk landscaping supplies yard.

Not only do they have a huge range of aggregates, roadbase, mulches, soils, composts, organic products, sands and decorative pebbles, they also stock a huge range of leading products including ADBRI and National Masonry pavers, timbers, Wagners and Sunstate cement products, FormBoss and LinkEdge garden edging, DTA and RLA Polymers tiling products, QPro concrete sleepers, pots, statues and much, much more.

Open and delivering to the Northern Rivers region six days a week.

Monday to Friday: 7am–5pm, Saturdays: 7am–2pm
6684 2323
www.wardslandscape.com.au
1176 Myocum Road, Mullumbimby.

MullyWood Studios



MullyWood Studios is a timber slab and unique joinery showroom based in the Mullumbimby Industrial Estate.

Their timber slab showroom stocks an extensive range of unique Australian timbers such as Blackbutt, Red Cedar and some stunning Hoop Pine. Of course, our favourite invasive weed Camphor Laurel is available too.

They are running great deals on native hardwood flooring and a variety of plywood.

Equipped with top-of-the-line Thicknessing and Sanding machines, they can process and finish any scope of job from simple shelves up to large-scale production.

Darren is pictured running his critical eye over a 4-metre-long camphor laurel dining table that is nearing completion.

The team is currently working on affordable tiny home builds using the universal method and taking orders for 2023.

45 Manns Rd, Mullumbimby
www.mullywood.com.au

Miss Tree Nursery

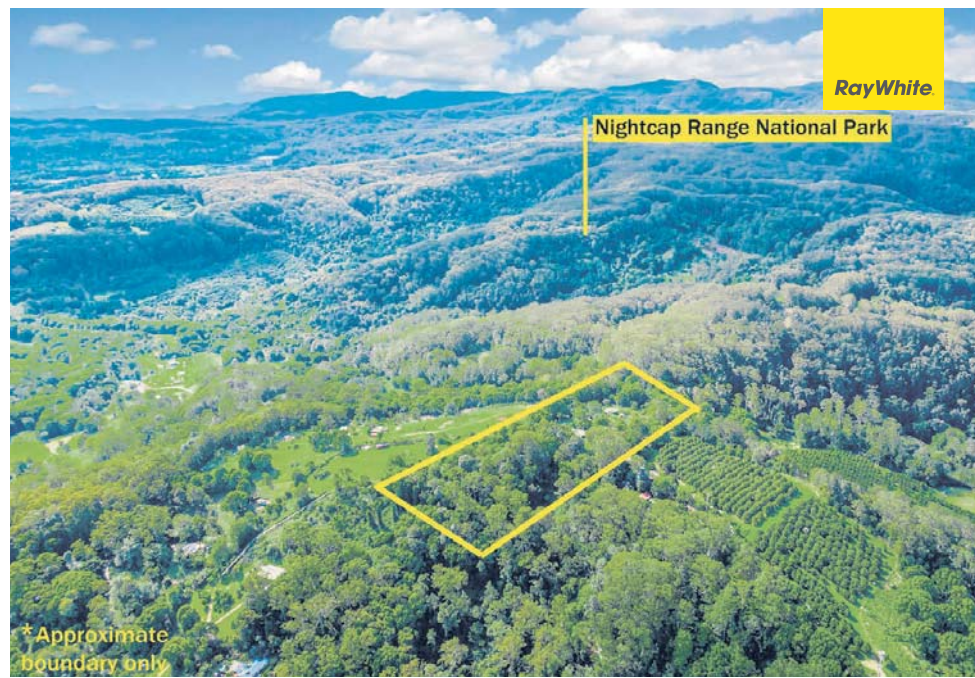


The garden season is heating up as many of us start to spend more time outdoors. For a garden that is a place of beauty, relaxation and joy, choose plants that are hardy, healthy, native, colourful and diverse. The time of gift giving is also upon us and a plant is an appreciated and environmentally conscious choice to make. Now is the perfect time to visit Miss Tree for a plant gift for yourself or for friends and family. The Miss Tree Festivity Sale starts on Tues 29 Nov with a huge selection of natives starting at \$5ea. Miss Tree Nursery is a hinterland drive to 420 Rosebank Rd, Rosebank.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm.

Call Stephanie 0448974421
www.misstree.com.au





'Junguburra'

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

PROUDLY RAY WHITE
raywhiteruralbangalow.com.au



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Auction
25th November (Guide \$1.3M)

View
By Appointment

Greg Price
0412 871 500
greg.price@raywhite.com

Approved Dual Occupancy Acreage

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144a Fox Road, Rosebank

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

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raywhiteruralbangalow.com.au



Auction
25th November (Guide \$825K)

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By Appointment

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0412 871 500
greg.price@raywhite.com



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.

rwbyronbay.com

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.



David Gordon
0418 856 222

For Sale

1/3 Miram Place,
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom
2 Bathroom

Modern Family Home In
Sought-After Location In
Ocean Shores

Are you after a tranquil coastal lifestyle close to all the amenities? Located in a peaceful cul-de-sac near the beautiful Marshalls Creek in Ocean Shores, here is your new home.



Guide: \$950k to \$1.045m

adrian.hoferek@manare.au
0477 112 640



For Sale

30 Nugget Street,
Diggers Camp

4 Bedroom
4 Bathroom
2 Garages

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. Go for a surf, doze in the hammock or marvel at the magnificent view, you've found paradise.



Auction - Could be sold prior

adrian.howe@manare.au
0477 222 457



For Sale

4/2 Nunyar Court,
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom
2 Bathroom
1 Garage

Fabulous Duplex In
Prime Location

Open the bifold doors and take in the lush green surroundings - this easy-care duplex in a small complex of four is ready for you to move right in.



Guide: \$890k to \$930k

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0477 112 640



For Sale

28 Redwood Grove,
Goonellabah

1088sqm

Breathtaking Beauty From
Sunrise To Sunset

A large, elevated block with spectacular views surrounded by established trees and opposite a park - could it get better than this?



Guide \$295,000 - \$325,000

laineandgem@manare.au
0437 728 008 / 0430 588 106



For Sale

1/3 Halyard Court,
Ocean Shores

3 Bedroom
3 Bathroom
2 Garages
2 Open spaces

Idyllic Waterfront Haven

Situated on the bank of the beautiful Yelgun Creek with views of Billinudgel Nature Reserve, this property offers the ultimate coastal lifestyle opportunity.



Auction, unless sold prior

adrian.howe@manare.au
0477 222 457



For Sale

1/10 Narooma Drive,
Ocean Shores

1 Bedroom
1 Bathroom
1 Open spaces

Live The Dream In
This Coastal Pad In
Ocean Shores

This generous one-bedroom home in popular Ocean Shores is perfect for a couple or an individual who wants an easy-care space with room to play.



Just Listed

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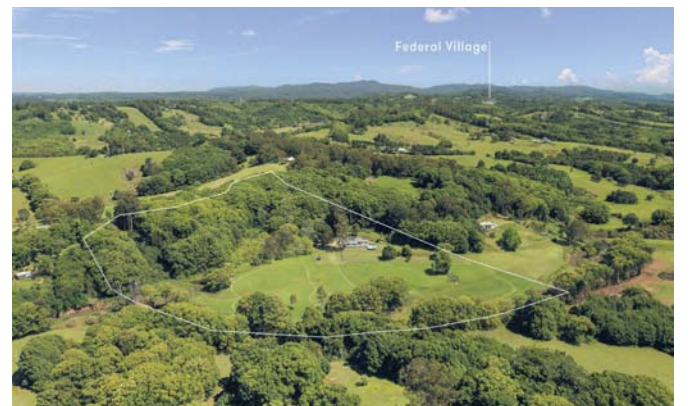
Northern Rivers Tweed Region

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Picturesque Hinterland Sanctuary with Additional Dwellings

- This renovated farmhouse has a contemporary style throughout and offers the best of indoor/outdoor living connected by sliding doors
- Outdoors features the entertainment deck with sweeping rural views, outdoor speaker system, outdoor bath and luxurious 13x5m heated pool
- Featured is a self-contained 1-bedroom studio with ensuite and kitchenette
- There is an additional rustic 90m2 barn with gorgeous, pitched ceilings and exposed wooden beams that is currently being used as a creative space
- Added to this offering is the walking tracks, soccer pitch and bike trails

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358 Binna Burra Road, Binna Burra

Price Guide: \$3.85m – \$4m

Open: Saturday, 26th November 12–12.30pm



Su Reynolds
0428 888 660



Denzil Lloyd
0481 864 049



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, 26th November 10–10.30am



Scan QR code to make a bid on our secure selling platform or register to follow this property



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

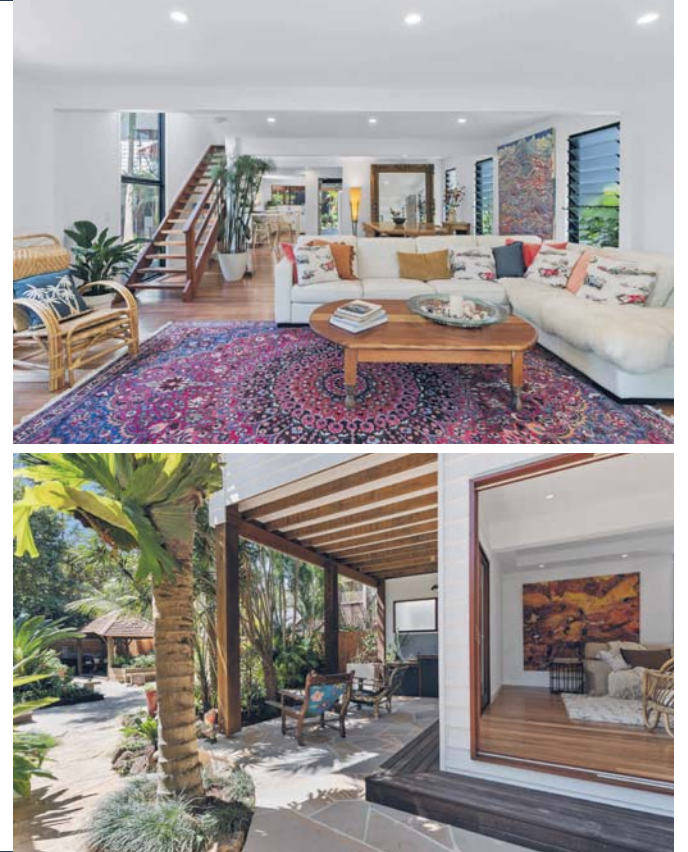
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Denzil Lloyd
0481 864 049



Jane Johnston
0466 327 375



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

5 4 3 594M²

6-7 Pacific Esplanade, South Golden Beach

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$3.6M

Open: Saturday, 26th November 10-10.30am



Scan QR code to make a bid on our secure selling platform or register to follow this property



Paul Banister
0438 856 552



Helen Huntly-Barratt
0412 332 232



Renovated Beach House Moments to New Brighton Beaches!

3 2 2 673M²

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

12 Brunswick Street, New Brighton

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: By Appointment



Tara Torkkola
0423 519 698



Sally Green
0488 030 116



Suffolk Park Beachfront Opportunity on Large, Leafy Block

2 1 1 703M²

- 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 \$1.65M

Open: Saturday, 26th November 11.30-12pm



Scan QR code to make a bid on our secure selling platform or register to follow this property



Paul Banister
0438 856 552



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: Saturday, 26th November 1-1.30pm



Helen Huntly-Barratt
0412 332 232



Character Home – Large Block – Central Byron

 3  3  2  803M²

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

44 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.75m – \$1.85m

Open: Saturday, 26th November 11.30-12pm



Su Reynolds
0428 888 660



Luke Elwin
0421 375 635



Beach Retreat Close to World Class Broken Head Beach

 4  2  2  3,860M²

- Positioned in the tightly held Broken Head on just under 1 acre of land
- This pavilion style home provides cohesive common entertainment areas
- The right wing of the house is the ultimate parents retreat, equipped with a large living area, kitchenette, bathroom and private ensuite
- Featured is a large entertaining deck with courtyard in the center
- The kitchen and living area are spacious with high ceilings and open floor plan

678 Broken Head Road, Broken Head

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$1.5M

Open: Saturday, 26th November 1.30-2pm



Scan QR code to make a bid on our secure selling platform or register to follow this property



Tara Torkkola
0423 519 698



Sally Green
0488 030 116



Entertainers Dream in Beachside Position

 4  2  2  665M²

- Positioned only a short walk from the beach to enjoy famous surf breaks
- The home features an open floorplan that maximises indoor/outdoor living
- The kitchen offers stone benchtops, stainless steel stove and breakfast bar
- Opening through large doors is the sun-drenched entertaining deck
- Outdoors is a firepit and shower which is splendid after your morning surf
- There is an additional living room on the first floor adjoining the bedrooms

8 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$2.2M

Open: Saturday, 26th November 10–10.30am



Scan QR code to make a bid on our secure selling platform or register to follow this property



Su Reynolds
0428 888 660



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0423 519 698



Lifestyle Property with a Lake and Multiple Living Options

 6  4  4  3.6HA

- The property comprises of a superb main residence, converted dairy bails, additional self-contained cottage and beautiful gardens overlooking a lake
- The main house features beautiful, ornate timber fretwork with a fabulous undercover wraparound veranda and open plan family/dining/kitchen spaces
- Over 100 years old, the converted dairy bails have been renovated and includes a separate bedroom and bathroom and is attached to the workshop
- The cottage is fully self-contained and offers peace and privacy

2 Benloro Lane, Myocum

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$3.75M

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Immaculate Lifestyle Property with Uninterrupted Views!

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- The property includes manicured lawns, established trees, and gardens
- The kitchen features wooden cabinetry, a large island bench and storage
- Featured is a large undercover deck overlooking the inground pool
- There are multiple options for indoor dining with the conservatory offering beautiful views of the surrounds and an additional dining area
- Numerous fruit trees including banana, papaya, mango, avocado and more!

240 The Manse Road, Myocum

Online Timed Auction – Starting Bid \$2.5M

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Jasmin McClymont
0434 029 668



6 bed 4 bathroom, Dual Occupancy in Exclusive Ewingsdale

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- This property features a 4 bedroom brick home with a retro aesthetic plus a modern free standing 2 bedroom home and a 1 bedroom studio
- The main residence boasts stylish timber finishes including soaring raked ceilings, select walls, built-in shelving and kitchen benchtops
- The self contained studio attached to the main house is in a similar style and features 1 bedroom, kitchen, a large living space and timber deck
- This flexible property is a great opportunity for multi-generational living

10 Tahra Crescent, Ewingsdale

Price Guide: Contact Agent

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Denzil Lloyd
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12 Beach Avenue
South Golden Beach

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- 3 baths
- 2 parking spaces
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There is also the added benefit of a separate, self-contained 2-bedroom apartment that shares the design philosophy of the main abode, giving you a ready-made guest house and even greater flexibility in potential rental return.

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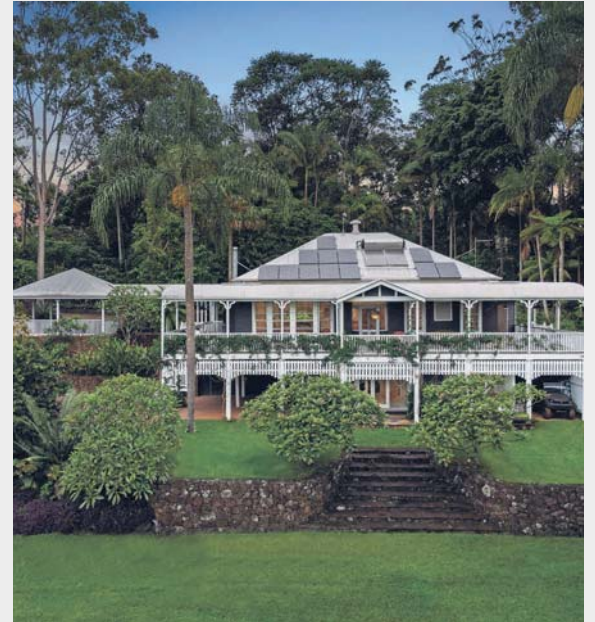
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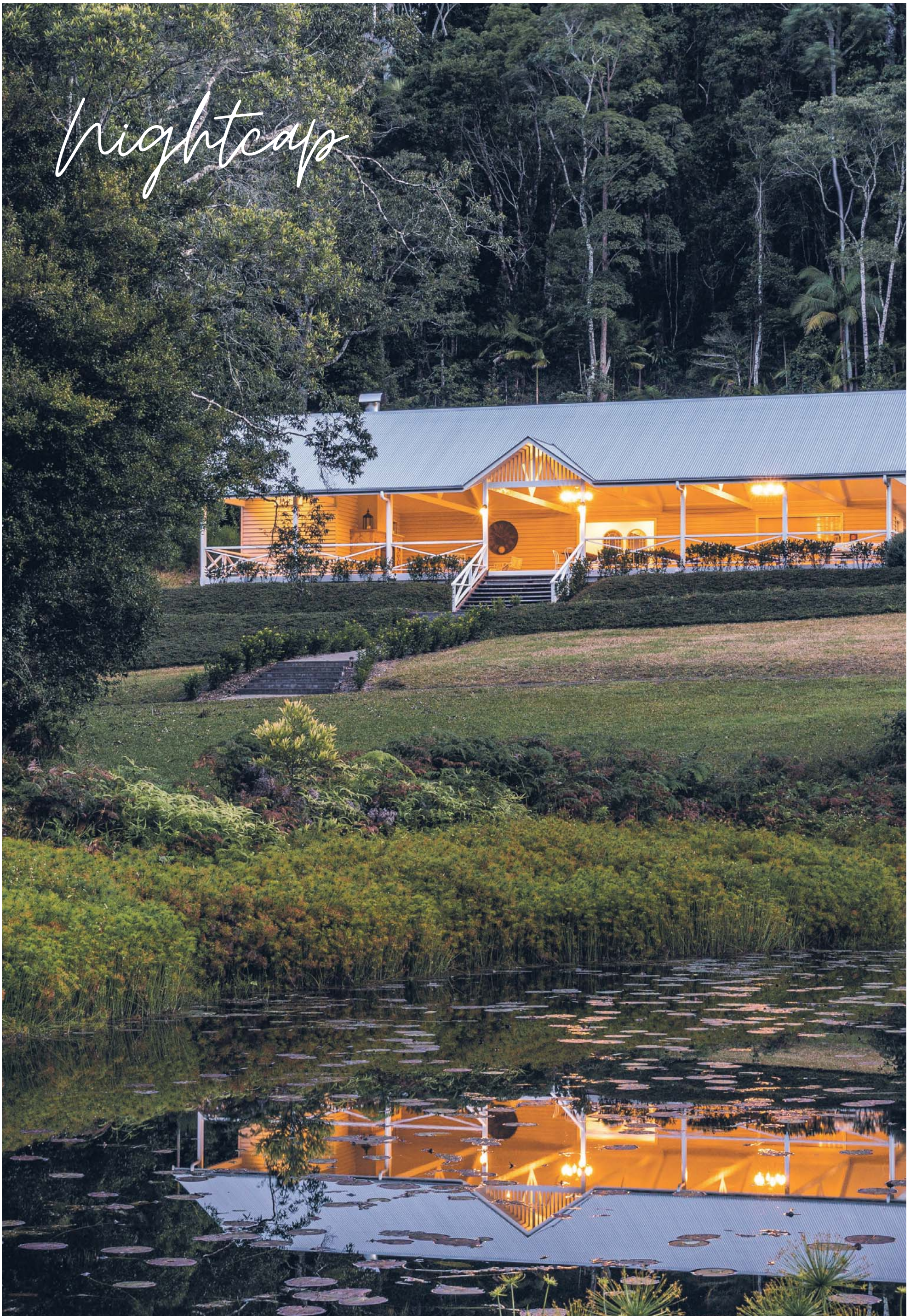
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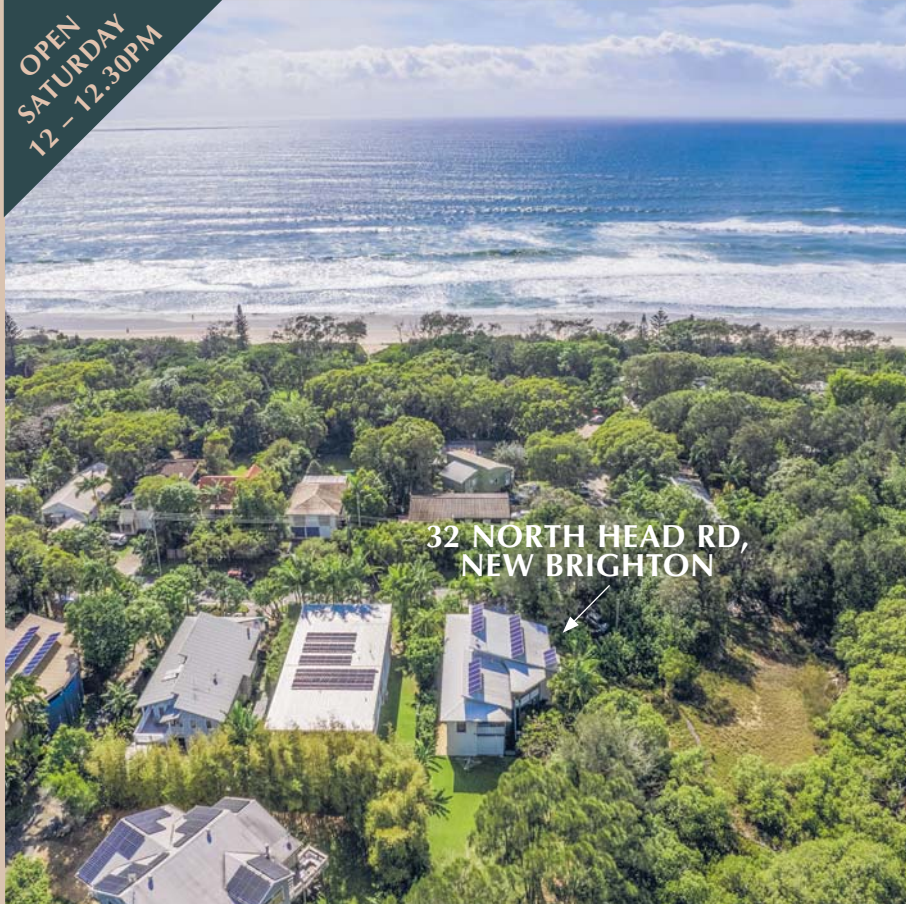




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ONLINE TIMED AUCTION ENDING 5TH OF DECEMBER AT 2PM

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12 – 12.30PM



32 NORTH HEAD RD,
NEW BRIGHTON



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

ONLINE TIMED AUCTION ENDING 16TH OF DECEMBER AT 12PM



25 TALLOWOOD RD, POSSUM CREEK

2 dwellings 8 bed 5 bath 4 car

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Commercial Hotel / Motel,
Broadwater
11 beds 10 baths 15 cars

Once the social hub of Broadwater and surrounding areas, the popular Broadwater Hotel/Motel and adjoining bottle shop is ready for its next chapter. A prime re-development opportunity for astute investors, the 6,115sqm block comprises the original pub, nine room motel, two bedroom manager's residence and a large multi-purpose shed.

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Inspect
Sat. 26th November 11-11.30am

Auction - Date Pending
Guide \$1,375,000 to \$1,495,000

Todd Buckland 0408 966 421
Gary Brazenor 0423 777 237

Retro Charm and Priced to Sell

14 Warina Place, Mullumbimby

3 1 2

\$890,000 to \$960,000



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



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

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Ultimate lifestyle location

9 Evans Street, Byron Bay

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\$4,500,000



Hidden away in a prized location on highly sought-after Evans Street, this spacious, sun-drenched home offers the rare opportunity to secure a property in a street many locals would vote their number one spot in Byron. With spectacular views and your own private gate into Arakwal National Park, it's easy to see why.



Currently divided into two spacious residences, this lifestyle property offers an array of possibilities for you and your family to live your Byron Bay dream. With eight bedrooms in total, the sheer size of the property offers privacy and plenty of space for an extended family to live side-by-side.

Alternatively, you could rent out the 3-bedroom residence and live in the 5-bedroom home yourself. Whatever you decide, the opportunity to create additional income is there for the taking.

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- 8 Gardner Avenue, Lismore. Sat 10-10.30am
- 93 Weis Lane, Rous. Sat 9-9.30am

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- 56 Tweed Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 5/4 Bindaree Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am

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- 19 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Fri 11-11.30am
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- 240 The Manse Road, Myocum. Sat 9-9.30am
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- 6/26 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 9-9.30am
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- 65 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 32 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
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McGrath Byron Bay

- 35 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Wed 4.30-5pm
- 18 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 20 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10-10.30am
- 56 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
- 35 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
- 1 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am

North Coast Lifestyle Properties Mullumbimby

- 1/99 Moon Street, Ballina. Sat 9.30-10.15am
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- 1/3 Boondoon Cres, Ocean Shores. Sat 2-2.45pm

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- 1 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 17 Robin Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.45am
- 3 Paldi Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm



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- 56/11-19 Cooper Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 5/18 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
- 3/14 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
- 24/9 Easy Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 2/4 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 3 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 18 Kiyung Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
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- 103 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1.30-2pm
- 13/146 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 2-2.30pm

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- 15 Clifford Street, South Golden Beach
- 480 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby Creek
- 1/99 Moon Street, Ballina
- 1/3 Boondoon Cres, Ocean Shores
- 686 Clothiers Creek Rd, Clothiers Creek
- 5A Orchid Place, Mullumbimby

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- 3 Paldi Court, Ocean Shores
- 6 Coonawarra Court, Ocean Shores
- 2 Kiah Close, Ocean Shores
- 19 Grevillea Avenue, Mullumbimby
- 41 Orana Road, Ocean Shores
- 46 Orana Road, Ocean Shores
- 172 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Land
- 6 Park Street, New Brighton
- 1/16 Helen Street, Sth Golden Beach
- 1 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads
- 1/38 Mullumbimbi Street, Brunswick Heads

Auction

Ray White Byron Bay

- 126a Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Friday 25 November 4pm onsite
- 103 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Friday 2 December 2pm onsite
- 2/4 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Friday 9 December 3pm onsite
- 3 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Friday 9 December 4.30pm onsite
- 8/1 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Friday 16 December 4pm onsite

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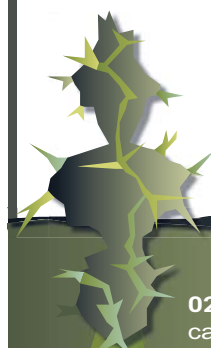
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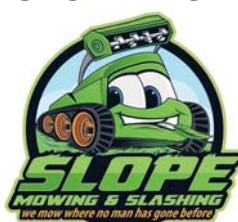


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About the Office the Advocate Children and Young People (ACYP)

The Advocate works to improve the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people in NSW. The Office of the Advocate speaks up for children and young people to ensure that their rights are respected, and their points of view heard by adult decision makers. The Office of the Advocate engages with the children and young people of NSW and listen to their feedback and input.

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FUNERAL NOTICES

JOHNSTON, Verlene
Passed away peacefully.
Much loved wife of Allan (dec). Much loved and cherished mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunty.
Verlene will be sadly missed by all family and friends.
Aged 87 years
Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at the Uniting Church, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby on FRIDAY (25th November, 2022) commencing at 10.00am.
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23	W	5:41 19:22	4:50 18:39	0842 1.70 2042 1.32	0153 0.12 1452 0.29	
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Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.

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DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked ‘Regular As Clockwork’ to editor@echo.net.au.

Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Thursday 9am–4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer. MDNC services that are running include: **Community support/emergency relief:** Food parcels, meals, assistance with electricity and Telstra bills. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** **Integrated Domestic & Family Violence program.** **Financial Counselling:** outreach available Thursdays & Fridays **Financial Counselling:** free service funded by the government, offering advocacy & assistance to find options to address debts. **Information, referral and advocacy.** To enquire about accessing any of these services call 6684 1286 or fill out an online enquiry form.

Byron Community Centre

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

Low-cost or free food

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

Respite Service

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

Alateen meeting

Alateen meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au

ACA

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

Drug support groups

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

Support after suicide

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

End-of-Life Choices

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

Carers’ support

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

Rainbow Dragons

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

\$5 pilates classes

Pilates for the price of a coffee! Come and join us for \$5 Pilates classes every Thursday at 8.45am in the Memorial Hall, 22 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads and Monday at 8.45am in Mullumbimby. It doesn’t matter what level you are, as beginner to advanced options are shown. Just bring a mat and water. My goal is to keep the Shire active and feeling great one person at a time. No need to book just show up. For more information contact Di on 0427 026 935.

Language exchange

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

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby,

open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am–12pm and market Saturdays 9am–1pm. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367.

Library fun

Baby Bounce and Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children are at: **Brunswick Heads** Library, Monday – Story Time 10.30 till 11.30am; Friday – Baby Time 10.30 till 11am. **Mullumbimby** Library, Monday – Story Time 10–11am; Tuesday – Baby Time 10–10.30 am. **Byron Bay** Library, Tuesday – Story Time 10:3–11:30am; Wednesday – Baby Time 10.30 till 11am

Social sporting groups

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

Toastmasters

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

Meditation

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

Story Dogs

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

Brunswick Heads CWA

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

Lions Club

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

Byron Gem Club

The Bryon Gem and Lapidary Club is open weekly to members new and old. Visitors welcome to view club facilities. Activities, semi-precious and gemstone cutting, shaping and polishing, gem faceting, silver work,

gem setting and jewellery making etc. Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club work shed located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagarah Airfield. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Older Adults Exercise

Chair Based Older Adults Exercise Classes run by a qualified instructor, that feel more like fun than exercise, are held every Thursday at 10.15am in the Brunswick Memorial Hall. Cost \$10. All welcome. Just show up or if you have any questions please contact Di on 0427 026 935.

Soap Aid saving lives

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

Craft group

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

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors

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

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 9am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Cathy 0432 606 849. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 9am–12noon. Volunteers needed, enq

to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop opens** Tuesday to Friday 11am–3pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

CWA Bangalow

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

Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children’s Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

Up your skills

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

Muslim prayer

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

Baby café

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

Free ESL

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

Bridge club

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

On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked ‘On The Horizon’ to editor@echo.net.au.

Suffolk Park Progress Association AGM

The Suffolk Park Progress Association will hold its AGM on Wednesday 30 November for 7.30pm at the Suffolk Park Community Hall. All community are most welcome. Hope to see you there.

Drill Hall Film

The Drill Hall Film Society presents *Empire of the Sun* on Saturday November 26 at 2pm (doors open 1.30pm) at the Drill Hall Theatre. Please book at drillhallfilms@gmail.com or ring Sonia on 66842112. With *Empire of the Sun*, Spielberg has made an epic that retains its human dimensions and is quite brilliant.

ID Support NSW

Join ID Support NSW in the Byron Bay Library for a presentation and Q&A on a range of topics including online safety, how to identify fraud on your account and how ‘ID Support’ can help NSW citizens who have had their credentials compromised. This is a free session and there will be handouts to take away at the end as well as the chance to ask questions. Byron Bay Library Wednesday, 30 November 2022.

Rebuilding for flood resilience

Mullum Cares is supporting the community with information about rebuilding homes to be more flood-resilient. Their shipping-container office is open Monday to Wednesday

at the corner of Prince and Ann Streets Mullumbimby. Drop in between 9 and 11am or make a booking on the Mullum Cares website: <https://mullumcares.com.au>.

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Falls Festival tickets

Volunteer in exchange for Falls Festival Tickets! Join us at the ‘Taking Care of Bruns During Falls Festival’ project to help mitigate any negative impact of the festival on Brunswick Heads, from Friday 30 December through to Monday 2 January. In return, you’ll receive a three-day Falls Festival ticket. Or, you could volunteer and gift your ticket to a family member or friend. Call Belinda on 0420 398 590 to apply.

Bangalow Progress Association

The next Bangalow Progress Association AGM will be held at 6pm Tuesday Dec 13, 2022 at the Bangalow Mens Shed, off Station St carpark, Bangalow. All residents in the 2479 postcode are invited to attend the Bangalow Progress Association AGM. Our shared values and proactive engagement in development and infrastructure projects can produce

306. Facebook Brunswick Valley Bridge Club.

Landcare

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Volunteers sought

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

BV scrabble club

Brunswick Valley Scrabble Club will meet each Tuesday afternoon from 1 till 4pm at the Brunswick Bowling Club. New members welcome. Contact Steve on 0407 844 718.

Bosom Buddies

Ballina Bosom Buddies Support Group meets the third Thursday each month 10am–12pm at the Ballina Kentwell Community Centre. Contact Karen 0439 438 576 for further information.

Emerge Australia

Emerge Australia Inc is a not-for-profit charity supporting those with myalgic encephalomyelitis, also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. For more information see the Emerge Australia Website at <http://emerge.org.au/>.

Bruns tennis

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

Play and sing playgroup

Meet at The Hub Baptist Church Ocean Shores (next to Target) 9.30am–11.30am Fridays during school term. For families with infants–5 years. More info facebook or phone Katie 0438 531 011.

significantly better outcomes for our village. Plenty of community action to discuss. Come along and become involved.

Free Family Fun Day at Tweed Heads

There will be a Family Fun Day at Jack Evans Harbour Tweed Heads (between Twin Towns RSL and Tweed Mall shopping centre). Fun kids games, food, music, crafts and more – giveaway prizes include a new surf board. This event is put on by the local churches and community groups in the Coolangatta/Tweed area on Saturday December 3 From 2pm- 4pm (NSW time). For more info please call 0434 671 101.

Back to Billi reprint

Past students, staff, parents, and community are invited to gather at Billinudgel Pub on Sunday 27 November at 2pm to catch up and grab a copy of the fascinating book – *Billinudgel Public School 1893–1993 The First One Hundred Years*. There will be special VIP guests, a small historical display and some rare Billinudgel Centenary celebration souvenirs (including the famous Billinudgel Cookbook), will be available.

Voluntary Euthanasia

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

Top results for locals in Kingscliff Triathlon



Members of the Byron Tri Club relax after a successful day. Photo supplied

The Byron Tri Club has achieved a string of top results in the first round of the Interclub series that was part of the Kingscliff Triathlon held last weekend.

'We are pretty happy with our results,' the Tri Club's Deb Fuller said. 'It's looking like club member Jaime took the win for the sprint distance, but we're waiting for confirmation.'

'Sadly Kingscliff Tri had issues with their timing chips, so this has delayed the outcome.'

The scores of the first

round of the North Coast Interclub triathlon championship are also pending.

Podium finishes in the Sprint event (750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run) of the Kingscliff Tri included: Jaime Cascajares, first in the 35-39-year-old men) and possible first overall (1:02:28); David Mildren, second in the men's 45-49 age group; Paivi Haninen, first in the women's 35-39 (1:08:23) and fourth woman overall; Chris Chetham, second in the men's 60-64 (1:17:22); Deb

Fuller, first in the women's 60-64 (1:19:13); Gracie Richter, third in the women's 20-24 (1:22:16); Robyn Darke, second in women's 60-64 (1:22:32); Claire O'Meara, second 55-59 (1:28:47); Peter Clarke, first in the men's 75-79 (1:38:31) and Nerida Clarke, first in the women's 70-74 (1:39:53).

In the Tempta Event (325m, 10km, 2.5km) Christie Horsley came first in the women's 40-44 (55:07).

All up the Byron Tri Club entered a team of 20 including first timers.

Plenty of competition in Bangalow Summer 6s as finals loom

Bend it Like Benji have taken a hold on first place of the men's Pool A ladder of the Bangalow Summer 6s Soccer after beating *Bayer Never-lozen* last week.

A win to *Bayer* would have seen them leapfrog *Bend it Like Benji* into the top ladder position, but their opponents were too strong, winning 5-0. *Bend It Like Benji* remain undefeated across their five games.

In Pool B *Ball and All* are just in front of the *Red Rockets* on the table, but neither side dominated in their game last week that finished 1-1.

In Pool C there is a tussle between *Kippah FC* and *The Porks*, who are tied for second place, just one win behind *Bat Soup*.

In the women's Pool A the *Sharkies 2.0* are proving hard to beat and have five wins from their five starts. Last week they dusted up the



Summer 6s Soccer has returned to Bangalow in 2022 and the finals will begin next week. Photo Maralyn Hanigan

Eureka Streakers, beating them 12-0.

The *Balna Blowins* also had a good win beating the *Prawn Stars* 7-2. *Sendy Wendys* beat *Kiss My Pass* 8-1, while the *Cocktail Party* and the *Pink Panthers* were locked in a two-all draw.

Aville and *Balna Blowins* top Pool B in the women's

while *Breakway Beers* top Pool C.

A catch up round was played last Tuesday after a washout in round two, ahead of the final regular-season game on Wednesday 23rd of November.

Three weeks of finals will then determine this year's champions.

Hat tricks and big runs part of the action in second grade cricket

Tintenbar East Ballina remain on the top of the Far North Coast Cricket second grade ladder after beating the Ballina Bears at Fripp Oval last Saturday.

TEB won the toss and capitalised with the openers putting on a stand of 129, care of Philip Dali (67) and Simon Cristaudo (61).

The rest of the top order, including Brett Crawford (40), Ethan Barnwell (29) and James McDonald (29 no), contributed to the total of 5/255 from 40 overs.

In reply, the Bears got to 9/98 off 22.3 overs. The openers put on 21 but the side soon slumped to 5/68 with none of the top five getting to double figures.

Best of the TEB bowlers

included Joseph Elphick who returned 3/7 off two overs, Joshua Mallam 2/12 off seven, and Anthony Melchior 2/30 off five.

TEB remain undefeated for the season with six wins from as many starts. Second on the ladder are the Cudgen Hornets (also undefeated) followed by Terranora Lakes and Lennox Head.

First win

The Ballina side picked up their first win of the season the weekend before last when they beat Alstonville on the back of an unbeaten century by first drop Craig Twiname (119 no).

Playing at Fripp Oval, Alstonville won the toss and put Ballina in to bat. The

Bears amassed a total of 4/296 with Lee Barnett (66) and Abhishek Modgil (55) getting amongst the runs as well.

In reply Alstonville reached 8/209 in their 40 overs. The top order were all among the runs including: Glen Hunter (43), Doug North (48), Malcolm Rose (36) and Ben Gwilliam (34).

Best of the Ballina bowlers was Ravinderpal Singh who got 2/40 off eight overs.

Hat trick

In another second grade fixture from the weekend, Byron Bay lost their local derby against Bangalow, playing at home on the Cavanbah centre pitch, despite a hat trick



Ballina Bear, Craig Twiname, raises the century salute at Fripp Oval. Photo supplied

to the home side's Brady Fuhrmann.

Byron won the toss and

elected to bat and went on to score 7/204. Joel Stocks top scored with 59 no, and

most of the top order got a start including: Mitch Loane (24), Owen Delian (25), Tom Mc George (31) and Lenny Bridle (43).

Best of the Bangalow bowlers were Ben Hills 2/19 off six overs and Sonny Singh 2/35 off eight overs.

In the last of their 40 overs, Bangalow reeled in the target with one wicket to spare, finishing on 9/207.

Brady's hat trick, all bowled, gave him figures of 3/15 off two overs. Joel Stocks backed up his batting with 2/40 off seven overs.

LJ Hooker

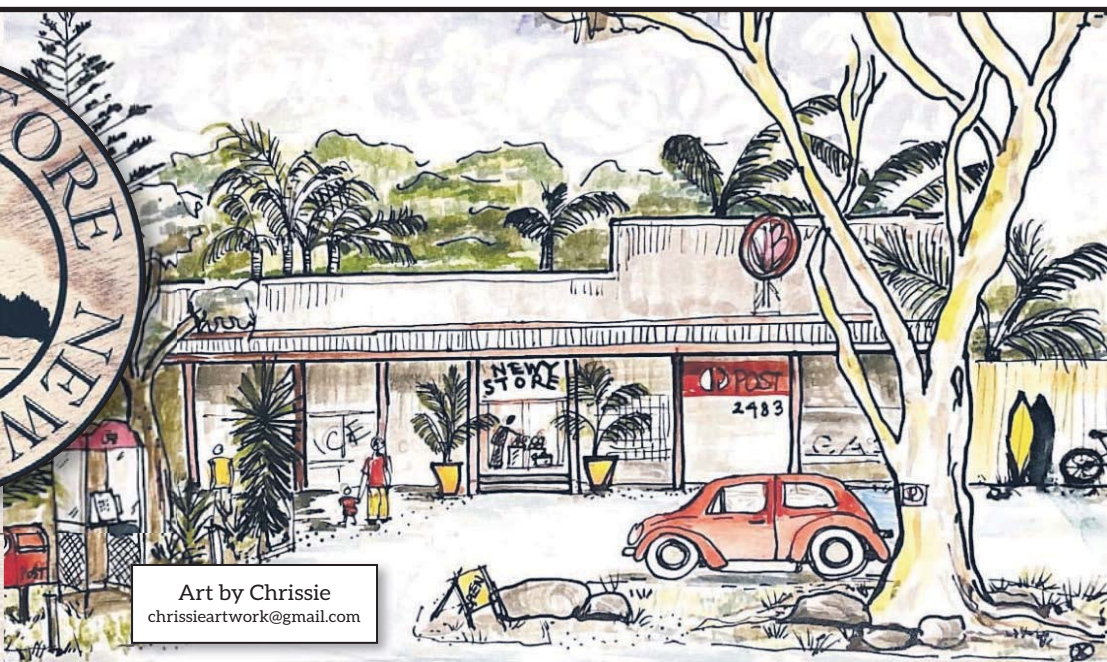
The LJ Hooker first grade league is halfway through the third round of their two-day cricket.

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Breeza farmer, John Hamparsum, found his canola crop – now he just has to work out how to harvest it. Photo John Hamparsum

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* has won the 2021–22 Sydney Peace Prize. Pat Anderson AO, Professor Megan Davis and Noel Pearson accepted the prize together, on 10 November in Sydney, in recognition that they ‘worked tirelessly to deliver the *Statement* in May 2017 and have spent the past four years leading the campaign for a referendum’.

A new ‘sperm-syringe’ has been developed by Monash University that increases the selection of quality sperm in just 15 minutes. Apparently the syringe uses a 3D filter to detect viable sperm. This will help reduce the need for ‘complex and invasive intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection procedures (injecting a single sperm into an egg), in favour of artificial insemination directly into the uterus’.

Recognising the power of sports to effect social change Qatar is apparently terrified of soccer captains wearing ‘One Love’ armbands to support LGBTIQ+ rights.

FIFA has announced that yellow cards will be issued to any players wearing the armband. But what if every player defies this? Let’s hope that players show the same level of bravery as the Iranian team whose refusal to sing the national anthem will have far more serious consequences for them.

Surfer Santa and his Goori Elve-ettes will be helping deliver Christmas hampers to those in need. If you would like to donate non-perishable food, health, and cleaning items that would be fantastic. Drop donations to Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 17 Kirkwood Road, Tweed Heads South by 12 December.

Effective male contraception could be closer than you think. A gel that is absorbed through the skin (not *that* skin, think shoulders) is in second phase trials and has been used by hundreds of couples for over two years. The gel blocks sperm production without affecting

sex drive or producing adverse side effects. Conspiracy theorists will have a field day with this...
ABC news looked at the circumstances around the

police bashing of the 16-year-old naked boy in Byron Bay in the piece ‘Pain in Paradise’ as reported on the front page. Read it online: <https://ab.co/3Ezjqji>.

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