

## All we want for Christmas is...



A rally organised by Mandy Nolan and Cr Cate Coorey on Christmas Eve in Byron Bay saw hundreds gather in misty rain at Apex Park to oppose the NSW government's backflip on Council's push to cap short-term holiday accommodation to 90 days in some residential zones. Speaking on behalf of Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL), Doug Luke says he applauded Council's unanimous vote, and was appalled that the decision-making for the process was taken away by the state government. Jan Barham, who was in this same fight 20 years ago as Byron Shire Mayor, says the government should respect the wishes of the locals. 'They need to allow us to be a community, we deserve that.' Read more on page 2, 3. Photo Eve Jeffery

## NYE Soul Street celebrations in Byron

Paul Bibby

Byron Bay's CBD will be transformed into a car and alcohol-free mini festival on December 31, as the town once again rings in the new year with its Soul Street celebration.

Soul Street will take place in the centre of town from 4pm, with entertainment on Jonson Street from 4pm till 8pm, and on the main stage at Denning Park from 6pm on.

There will also be a swag of food and beverage stalls, and roving street performers.

Catering to all ages, the event will be completely drug and alcohol free, with Byron Council promising a 'strong police presence' and a zero-tolerance policy for antisocial behaviour.

### Road closures

'We welcome families to Byron Bay to bring in the new year at a celebration that is safe, inclusive, and respectful,' Byron Mayor Michael Lyon said.

'The streets of Byron Bay will not be a place to come for a big party

and there will be a strong police presence to ensure that everyone has a good time,' he said.

Jonson Street will be closed to traffic from 6am on December 31, as well as some surrounding streets and the Main Beach and Lawson Street car parks. Detours will be in place and the town bypass will be open. All roads will reopen by 8am January 1, 2023.

For more information, visit [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Whats-on-in-Byron-Shire/Byron-Bay-Soul-Street-New-Years-Eve](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/Community/Whats-on-in-Byron-Shire/Byron-Bay-Soul-Street-New-Years-Eve).

## EPA investigates Council over creek soil dumping/stockpiling

Hans Lovejoy

Executive Council staff have refused to answer key questions around a large amount of soil that was dumped on Marshalls Creek floodplain in The Pocket recently, which is believed to be stockpiled for Council infrastructure projects.

Last week's story, *Soil dumping on Marshalls Creek, found to be Council's stockpile*, reported that staff only became involved after Cr Duncan Dey raised the issue; previous attempts by concerned residents to contact staff fell on deaf ears.

The EPA has told *The Echo* it was not notified of the issue, 'and will enquire with Byron Shire Council about the site and material'.

The matter was already under 'delegated authority' by staff, which so far, has seen the landowner at 295 Pocket Road, The Pocket, escape a fine and be given over four months to remove the fill.

Such unauthorised works usually attract large fines and immediate restoration orders.

On December 19, Council published a press release, *There is no tolerance for illegal dumping*.

It was in response to 'reports of a pile of asbestos fibro sheeting that had been dumped in and around kerbside bins in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate'. It was cleaned up immediately, 'because of the potential threat to public health and safety'.

An urgency motion at the last Council meeting by Cr Dey to immediately act on the soil dumping in The Pocket was unsupported by a councillor majority; Mayor Michael Lyon, Crs Mark Swivel, Peter Westheimer and Alan Hunter voted against.

When questioned online by a concerned resident around Mayor Michael Lyon's 'inaction and risk avoidance' on the matter, he downplayed any urgency and supported staff over the residents who initially raised the issue.

### Mayor Lyon downplays impacts, supports staff

He replied, 'I just don't need to put through an "urgency" motion of Council in order to get the necessary action from staff in relation to the matter. I am very confident the matter will be dealt with appropriately by staff'.

Cr Dey says there is urgency owing to the potential for environmental damage, given the wet season and the extended timeframe given for remediation.

Council's Legal Counsel, Ralph James, told *The Echo*, 'Following the December 15, 2022, Ordinary Meeting, where Cr Dey's Urgency Motion was not supported by Council, the Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway, has directed the Manager Works and other relevant staff to undertake certain assessments of the fill on the property and to report findings to the General Manager [Mark Arnold]'.

*The Echo* asked, 'Will these findings be made public, and if not, why?'

*Echo* questions put to Council staff last week that remain unanswered are: 'Why are staff allowing the landowner over four months to remove this soil? Aren't staff concerned that this poses an immediate pollution risk to the creek?' and, 'Are there any reports that underpin the decision to allow such a delayed removal?'



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## Byron's shop windows brighten up for Christmas



Liam and Maria admire Postmarked Byron's Christmas window, which won the comp. Photo Jeff Dawson  
Pictured right is Byron Photo Magic's Stephen Perris and his staff: Karen O'Connor, Molly Townsend, and Alanna Midgely. They won the prize for 'most innovative effort'. Photo supplied

Byron's CBD shop windows have been given some Christmas cheer, after Stephanie Rake helped organise a best dressed window competition for the town.

The team at Byron Photo Magic won the most innovative effort, says Stephanie.

First prize of \$400 went to Wen, of Postmarked Byron.

Stephanie says the competition was instigated

to 'bring together the Byron Bay Community and CBD businesses to show their Christmas spirit visually, and to encourage locals, new residents and visitors alike to shop in their local town at this festive time of year'.

### Caring community

'We all need each other one way or another, in the makings of a town. There is a

wonderful, caring, inclusive community here, and this is the time to show and celebrate this.

'Councillor Mark Swivel judged the Best Dressed Window, one that reflects their business in our community with a Christmas cheer.

'The proviso was to keep it inexpensive, and be creative with what they had in their shop.

'When canvassing [for this competition], around 90 shops, there was the statement from young and old, plus foreign visitors and workers that Byron CBD had no outward evidence of Christmas on a community level.

'Thank you all for participating in creating some Christmas cheer in the Bay,' Stephanie said.

## Strap in for STRAPP, and the govt's

### Hans Lovejoy

With the NSW Liberal-Nationals government breaking their promise to allow Council to control short-term rental accommodation (STRA), Byron Shire residents are being asked to

'engage' with a process that will lead to the government making a decision on the industry.

According to page 3 of Council's STRA Planning Proposal (STRAPP), NSW Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts (Liberal), issued

a *Local Planning Direction* on February 15, 2019, 'that gave Byron Shire Council the opportunity to lodge a planning proposal that could identify or reduce the number of days that non-hosted STRA may be carried out in parts of its local government area'.

The day before the December 15 Council meeting, which saw a unanimous vote to proceed with a STRA Planning Proposal, the NSW Minister for Planning, Anthony Roberts, withdrew Council's ability to finalise its proposal.

Council's policy sought to establish small precincts in Brunswick Heads, beachfront Byron and Byron CBD for unrestricted, non-hosted holiday letting.

All other areas of the Shire would become restricted to 90 days per year.

According to Council's STRA Team, 'The decision

now rests with the minister. Prior to making this decision, the minister has asked the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) to provide him with advice'.

### 16,000 ratepayers and 2.3M visitors

Byron Shire's resident population, according to the 2021 Census, 'was 36,116, living in 16,996 dwellings'.

The ratepayer base, according to Council, is around 16,000. Every year, the Shire is visited by around 2.3M visitors, which puts enormous pressures on infrastructure and available long-term rental homes.

Yet the holiday letting industry dispute whether these homes could become rentals for essential workers and the like, owing to them

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## Remember to put out ya extra bin

### Paul Bibby

Byron Council has put on extra bin collections over the Christmas period, with locals allowed to put all three bins out on their regular collection day.

Collections will run as per usual, including on public holidays.

The Resource Recovery Centre in Myocum will

have limited opening hours over the period, closing on December 25 and 26, and January 1 and 2.

It will be open on December 28–31.

Council's service centre will be closed from 4pm on Friday December 23 to Tuesday January 3, 2023.

For more information visit Council's website: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au).

# Vale Tony Barry, actor/activist

Tributes have been paid after the death of locally-based actor and activist, Tony Barry, who died on December 21, 2022 in Murwillumbah, NSW, after a long illness.

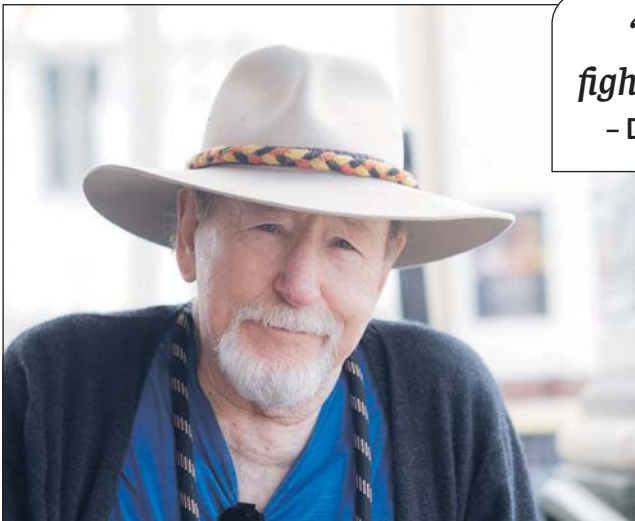
A statement from his family reads, 'It is with deep sadness that we advise that Australian actor, Tony Barry, has passed away, aged 81'.

'Barry was born in Ipswich, Qld on August 28, 1941, and he performed in nearly 60 feature films, and more than 45 television series, in a career that spanned more than 40 years.

'He was a fierce fighter for the underdog, and the only Australian to feature on a New Zealand postage stamp for his iconic lead role in Geoff Murphy's *Goodbye Pork Pie*,' says Dame Gaylene Preston.

## Honorary Kiwi

Preston directed Barry in *Home By Christmas*, which



Actor and activist, Tony Barry. Photo Jeff Dawson

won him Best Performance by an Actor at the New Zealand Film and TV Awards in 2010.

'He considered himself an honorary Kiwi.'

His family statement went on: 'In addition to his acting career, Tony was known for his deep and long-term commitment over many years

to volunteer work including Indigenous rights, working as part of rehabilitation programs in the justice system, and a range of environmental activism.

'Tony is survived by his son, Bou Barry, his two granddaughters, his sister, nieces and nephews. Filmmaker, David

**'Tony was a fierce fighter for the underdog'**  
– Dame Gaylene Preston

Bradbury, told *The Echo*, 'I lost my best mate last week. Not my "best buddy", not "my bro". But my best mate. Tony Barry. Old Australia. Where "mate" encompasses a lot more than the modern imported Americanism and the cult of the individual has taken over. Tony and I met 40 years ago, during the big push to get justice for Aboriginal people, during the Deaths in Custody Royal Commission.

'Our friendship remained through many a cause we both embraced, and films of mine he narrated. Anti-nuclear, freedom for West Papuans, the release of Julian Assange, protection of our north coast forests and its unique biodiversity'.

# intervention on holiday letting

► from previous page being upmarket, luxury accommodation. It is understood many of homes that are rented for holiday letting are owned by investors who live outside the Shire and who own multiple homes.

The Independent Planning Commission will hold public hearings in February and wrap up its 'engagement activities' on March 2, 2023 before recommending to Planning Minister Roberts on how Byron Shire should proceed.

## Lobbying

Within documents posted at the IPC's website are email exchanges between the Council, DPE, the minister, the holiday letting industry and two councillors – Mark Swivel and Alan Hunter.

Despite both Crs Hunter and Swivel voting to adopt Council's policy, both expressed opinions contrary to the policy, with Cr Hunter urging 'the state government to remove delegated authority from Council on this matter'.

Meanwhile, Cr Swivel told the minister that there is a risk that a 90-day cap 'will not achieve its objective and leave us without the new housing and tourism accommodation we sorely need'.

He wrote on October 19, 'Byron Shire has also been self-indulgent. It seeks special treatment when its own

## Submissions and public hearings

The Independent Planning Commission (IPC) are calling for submissions on holiday letting impacts and have scheduled public hearings over three days: Tuesday to Thursday, February 21 to 23, 2023.

Specifically, the IPC will examine 'housing and rental affordability and rental availability in the Byron Shire; the local economic contribution of the short term rental accommodation industry; and Council's proposal to cap short term rental accommodation in parts of the Byron Shire'.

Registration to speak at the public hearing is open from Monday, January 16, 2023 and closes at 5pm on Friday February 10, 2023.

For more information visit <https://bit.ly/3G1LYNk>.

policy house is not in order. Our LGA has not even signed off on our Residential Strategy – now years overdue and endlessly delayed – and has not signed off on our Sustainable Visitation Strategy'.

As for lobbying from the industry, A Perfect Stay's Sarah Workman wrote to Minister Roberts on December 6, and accused Council of 'discounting' the economic impacts of Council's proposal on the industry, and advised the minister that an independent assessor was 'subsequently engaged by Byron Shire Council to undermine the Tourism Research Australia and ABS data that was commissioned'.

Workman is also a former Byron Council employee.

Another email to the minister is from the Byron Chapter of the Australian Short-Term Rental

Accommodation Association (ASTRA).

ASTRA chairman, Colin Hussey, who is also A Perfect Stay CEO, accused Council of misleading the public over the percentage of housing stock that is holiday let.

He wrote on November 25, 'There are only 1,136 registered non-hosted STRA properties in the Byron Shire, forming just 6.5 per cent of total housing'.

'Not the 5,428 claimed by Council, or 35 per cent of the total housing stock'.

'STRA guests are predominantly families who spend approximately 38 times more in the local economy than the average day-tripper; 'STRA properties support 1,448 jobs for trades, cleaners, managers, gardeners, and other services and add \$267M per year to the local economy. The proposal puts

these jobs at risk'.

Hussey's email indicates that he met with Planning Minister Roberts on November 3, and included Crs Swivel and Hunter's statements as supporting material.

## Submissions thus far

According to the *Short-Term Rental Accommodation Planning Proposal Engagement Report* from November, there were 766 survey responses and 784 written submissions provided to Council from September 1 through to October 31, 2022.

The report reads, 'Overall, the feedback showed general support for some form of regulation of the STRA industry, and that better management of STRA is required, particularly to address amenity impacts'.

'Many also agreed that it is important to provide more housing stock that is affordable for people in the Shire, particularly essential and frontline workers.

'However, many felt that the planning proposal will not address the issues relating to housing affordability, availability and security in the Byron Shire and that housing supply is a separate issue (requiring different policy responses) to regulating STRA'.

The report also noted 'Overall, there was limited support for the proposed precinct model'.

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## Watson skippers first Sydney to Hobart

Mullum pharmacist and publican, Craig Watson, is captaining his first Sydney to Hobart race, which kicked off on December 26.

Watson is an experienced skipper, with 23 Hamilton Island Race weeks; 12 Airlie Beach Race weeks; and three Brisbane to Gladstone races under his belt. For that race, he won in 2018, and 2021, and came third in 2022.

Watson told *The Echo* Coopers is still his main sponsor, however Diageo also sponsor the yacht with three Genoa sails: Johnny Walker; Captain Morgan and Bundaberg Rum.

He said, 'Half our crew of ten have competed before'.

### 628 nautical miles

'The 628 nautical miles will be challenging, especially if we get hit by the forecasted 50knot winds while crossing Bass Strait.

'Coopers is a Jeanneau 53,



Craig aboard his racing yacht Coopers. Photo supplied

and should handle all conditions and be competitive'.

Crew members are Lindsay Atherton, Simon Griffiths,

Brian Jackson, Jason Muir, Christopher O'Shannessy, Andrew Wells, and Casper White.

## Council's budget decrease in reserves

Councillors have noted at their December 15 Council meeting a decrease in reserves across General Fund (\$3,005,900); Water Fund (\$1,536,100); and Sewerage Fund (\$278,600).

In response, Council have adopted the 'revised General Fund Estimated Unrestricted Cash Result of \$207,000 for the 2022/2023 financial year as at September 30, 2022'.

Council's finances are partly guided by the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC), who last held their meeting on November 17, 2022.

### Drainage focus

A memo will be brought to a councillor workshop 'identifying options to... reallocate operational funding with a view to continuing a drainage maintenance focus for the second half of the financial year'.

## Fundraiser aims to help Steph and her four kids

Friends of a local family that have just lost their father to suicide are asking for donations to help them get through this difficult time.

Caroline George organised a gofundme.com campaign and says, 'Stephanie has lost a friend, and the man she once had rich a life with.

'They achieved a lot of greatness together, but nothing greater than four angelic, adventurous, kind children'.

'Being a single mother is literally the hardest job in the

world. There is no role that is more demanding and single mothers wake up in exhaustion and are overwhelmed every day! Single mums do a ridiculous non-normal workload. Steph needs to be mentally and physically available for her children at the moment. Steph is the most amazing mother. Let's help her as she navigates getting four children through this chapter of losing their beloved father'.

To help the family, visit <https://bit.ly/3l47ZZG>.



Photo gofundme.com

## Alloggio acquires A Perfect Stay for \$11m

A leading operator of short-term rental accommodation (STRA) in Australia, Alloggio, has acquired A Perfect Stay Pty Ltd and Boutique Stays Pty Ltd for \$11m, according to [www.alloggio.com.au](http://www.alloggio.com.au).

Based in Byron Bay and Melbourne, A Perfect Stay has led the resistance to Council's attempts to regulate the short-term rental

accommodation industry, with its CEO Colin Hussey meeting and lobbying the minister for planning (see page 2, 3).

The Alloggio press release reads in part, 'A Perfect Stay specialises in short-term rental accommodation with more than 270 holiday properties in the key tourism destination

areas of the Gold Coast, NSW North Coast (including greater Byron Bay region) and Melbourne CBD'.

Alloggio claims to now manage more than 2,200 holiday properties in Australia.

'The acquisition will be integrated onto Alloggio's proprietary cloud-based technology platform to

provide an end-to-end management solution for holiday property owners'.

Alloggio's founder and CEO, Will Creedon said, 'These latest acquisitions are consistent with Alloggio's strategy of growing holiday property management rights in regions that attract holiday makers from Australia and abroad'.

## Night roadworks policy adopted

With acute traffic congestion on Ewingsdale Road owing to roadworks during peak hours, councillors have adopted a policy for works to be only done at night.

The motion by Cr Asren Pugh (Labor) notes 'that minor maintenance works that can be easily ceased are not to be included in

this prohibition'.

Roadworks on Bangalow Road and Broken Head Road during morning and afternoon peak hours will also be prohibited, and relevant authorities will be advised.

A report was also requested on Transport for NSW plans to fix the Ewingsdale Highway interchange.

Pod update for Brunswick Heads residents

Residents to be affected by the roll out of temporary emergency housing in their neighbourhood have been given an update by the opaque government corporation in charge, Resilience NSW.

They wrote in their December update that ‘The temporary accommodation sites at Tweed Street [down the road between the Bowlo and skate park] and Bayside, Brunswick Heads, have been leased to provide housing for local people who cannot return home because of flood damage’.

‘This update is to provide you with more information about construction works over the Christmas and new year period, pod village management, and welcoming new pod village residents’.



The Tweed Street pods under construction. Photo supplied

Resilience NSW say pod works are expected to recommence January 9, 2023.

‘Many of the new residents to Tweed Street and Bayside will begin moving into their new homes in early 2023.

**Welcome event?**

‘There may be an increase to local traffic, we appreciate your cooperation

during this time.

‘A community welcome event is being considered for the Brunswick Heads community to come and meet some of the new village residents.

‘This will be managed by the community housing provider. Keep an eye out for more details about a welcome event in the new year.

‘Upon completion of

construction, the Tweed Street and Bayside sites will be handed over to an appointed community housing provider (CHP) to manage the sites and support the allocation of residents to the housing units. The CHP will maintain an on-site presence, with on-site security and case management.

‘The CHP will work closely with prospective residents to understand their needs and circumstances’.

To contact Resilience NSW, email [housingtaskforce@resilience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:housingtaskforce@resilience.nsw.gov.au), or call 1300 003 227 to speak to a member of the project team.

‘If you need temporary housing, you can register your interest by calling Service NSW on 13 77 88’.

Council moves to remove fossil fuel sponsorship, sends letter

Labor councillor, Asren Pugh, was supported by all councillors, except Alan Hunter, at the December 15 Council meeting on a motion that recognises, ‘that fossil fuels are the main driver of climate change, and that we are in a climate emergency’.

Cr Balson was not present for the vote.

Like the Liberal-Nationals coalition party, federal Labor continues to approve new coal, petroleum and gas mines, and accepts political donations from fossil fuel corporations.

The successful motion will see Council staff write to the federal minister for communications, Michelle Rowland, to ask ‘the federal

government to pass national laws that restrict fossil fuel advertising; and write to the organisers of prominent local organisations and events outlining Council’s position against fossil fuel advertising and sponsorships and requesting they adopt similar policies’.

**Symbolic**

Recently, Cr Pugh voted against a similar symbolic motion, which sought to support a Commonwealth-owned bank, operated through Australia Post.

He argued at the time that because it was the idea of his political opponents, Council’s support would be taken out of context.

Mullum Auto refutes Council staff’s claims over lost parking

Hans Lovejoy

Council staff are unrepentant around traffic changes in Mullumbimby that have negatively affected a busy mechanic in the town.

As reported last week, Mullumbimby Automotive was left without car parking for their customers, after new line markings were painted on Tincogan Street.

Residents fought hard for the zebra crossing – *The Echo* reported that back in July 2021, Council staff had promised to build a zebra crossing at the blackspot in response to the safety issues.

But when the reprioritisation project came back before Council in November, the zebra crossing was not included in the plans. This prompted lobbying of councillors, who then voted to install the zebra crossing.

Lost parking spaces

Mullumbimby Automotive employee Aaron told *The Echo* last week that the business lost ten sparking spots as a result of the new line marking and zebra crossing, leaving customers having to walk long distances to leave their car for repair.

He said, ‘Council did this with no consultation – parking officers came in and told us as they were spraying the markings’.

Aaron told *The Echo* at the time that they need three

spots out the front of thier business to operate.

‘We contacted Council for assistance, but have not heard back’.

**No assistance**

When asked if Council would assist the mechanics on their issue, Council’s Acting Director Infrastructure Services, Malcolm Robertson, told *The Echo*, ‘Council staff spoke to the owners of the property and the lessees of the businesses prior to the crossing being installed, along with representatives from the Mullumbimby Residents Association and several community members’.

‘Three car park spaces adjacent to the business have been lost as a result of the pedestrian crossing going in’.

When asked what consultation there was, Mullumbimby Automotive employee, Aaron, replied this week that they were told a ‘long time ago’ of different traffic plans, which included traffic islands, all of which were voted down.

‘There was no notice of when this work was going to happen, and we were never told we were going to lose parking. We were given no option to negotiate’.

Aaron added Council’s decision has also put a strain on neighbouring businesses as well, who are all competing for parking space.

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### Widjabul Wia-bal finally granted native title

The Widjabul Wia-bal people have been granted native title to a large part of their traditional lands, which span a large swathe of the Northern Rivers.

Representatives of the traditional owners gathered in Goonellabah last week for the official determination of their claim by the Federal Court.

The decision grants the Widjabul Wia-bal people non-exclusive native title rights to an area of approximately 1,559kms, which stretches across the Lismore, Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Tweed and Richmond Valley local government areas.

### Making women feel safer in Lismore

Lismore Mayor, Steve Krieg, says that Council has received \$1M from the Her Way program under the NSW Government's Safer Cities Program.

### Tweed Council donates to helicopter rescue service

Tweed Shire Council has thrown its support behind the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, donating more than \$16,800 to the vital aeromedical service.

### Nimbin water restrictions lifted

Lismore City Council is pleased to advise Nimbin residents that Level 3 Water Restrictions were lifted on Saturday, 24 December. Restrictions followed the damage to infrastructure in the February floods.

### Police, lifesavers and rescuers implore public to keep safe on NSW waterways

As the weather heats up and people flock to the state's waterways to cool down, NSW police, Surf Life Saving NSW and Marine Rescue are urging the community to make safety the priority when in, on or around the water.

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## Ballina Council to search for natural burial ground

Mia Armitage

Ballina Shire councillors have agreed to assess potential sites for a natural burial ground, just weeks after Byron Shire Council staff reported issues with a proposed site and councillors ditched the idea.

The move, from Independent Cr Rodney Bruem, at last week's meeting, was seconded by Independent Cr Stephen McCarthy.

Independent Cr Phillip Meehan was the only councillor to vote against, expressing concerns about how graves would be marked.

'How do you know where someone is going to be buried and where they are?' Cr Meehan asked.

Staff had earlier explained there would be no gravestones or plaques in the natural burial ground, where loved ones would instead be marked by plantings, such as trees.

Some natural burial grounds featured trees in rows marking loved ones, with records kept of who was buried where.

But generally speaking, staff said, people could pick a



The Bushland Cemetery at Goonellabah is a natural burial ground in the Lismore local government area (LGA). Photo Tree Faerie

spot, walk into the bushland, and say 'that's where I want my dad to go' and that's where he would be buried.

Staff appeared to support the call, noting workers in the open spaces section were 'in a position to provide a report on this proposal if it is considered a priority for Council'.

### Council service

Cr Bruem spoke at length in moving for the proposal, saying he didn't intend for Council to incur a great deal of expenditure in time or resources, but natural burial grounds were now part of Council's 'suite of services'.

The Independent councillor said he understood around one in four people were still choosing burial over cremation and a natural burial ground was 'a very

attractive alternative for many people these days'.

Some people had particular faiths, such as Judaism, requiring burial, Cr Bruem said.

'Also, it is something that is traditional for many Indigenous peoples from many parts of the world,' Cr Bruem said, 'and thirdly, it's a growing interest in terms of people who are very environmentally conscious, because it's seen as a cleaner, greener way to do it'.

### Byron leaves gap

Cr Bruem said there was 'great potential' for a natural burial ground in the Ballina Shire.

The Lismore City Council already managed a natural burial ground in Goonellabah, Cr Bruem said, that

was about \$1,000 cheaper to be buried in than the nearby lawn cemetery.

'I think it's time we looked at this,' Cr Bruem said, 'Byron Council already took a decision to have a look at this, and they selected a site at the existing cemetery at Mullumbimby, but I understand that has kind of hit a wall because the soil there is not suitable'.

Cr Bruem said there was possibly a suitable site at Rous, 'quite a lovely spot'.

'I often pass by the cemetery on the highway up at Alstonville and looking there I think it's one of the most beautiful cemeteries in NSW,' Cr Bruem said.

'So we are good at these services and we need to be looking at the future and meeting the needs of our community.'

## Pothole repair funding a win, but more needed in 2023, says Saffin

Lismore MP, Janelle Saffin (Labor), says her lobbying for extra funding to fix pothole-riddled roads across her electorate in the wake of this year's floods has paid off, but the problem deserves more attention going into 2023.

'I've been raising the pothole issue with the NSW government before and since the floods, and I welcome the \$50 million Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round

as a win from that sustained, strategic advocacy,' Ms Saffin says.

'It's a start, but what would really help our local councils is if the Nationals [who are] in government, honoured their 2019 election promise to transfer 15,000 kilometres of regional roads from local councils to state ownership.

'The Nationals have shown no sense of urgency in delivering this key

election commitment.

'Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Sam Faraway, even had the audacity to claim that it's not a burning issue for councils'.

She said, 'Tell that to local people whose tyres and suspensions are being wrecked on deteriorating country roads, or to mayors and general managers trying to keep up with their road maintenance backlogs.'

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NSW Groundwater Strategy adopted

A Groundwater Strategy for NSW was adopted by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) last week. According to the DPE, the NSW Groundwater Strategy includes actions to: ‘Support towns and cities that use groundwater [to] improve their urban water planning; Support Aboriginal people’s rights, values and uses of groundwater; Support resilient groundwater-dependent industries in NSW; Better share and integrate groundwater information; Expand and target our groundwater data collection; Refresh, consolidate and expand our groundwater policy framework; Improve protection of groundwater-dependent ecosystems and baseflows to streams; Review and update approaches to sustainable groundwater extraction; Protect groundwater quality within natural limits; and Develop the groundwater components of a water knowledge plan’.

The DPE says the ‘first implementation plan will chart how actions are delivered over the next two years’.

It will be published early in 2023. To read the strategy, visit [www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/groundwater-strategy](http://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/groundwater-strategy).

After the Floods Discussion Paper adopted by Council

Councillors voted on December 15 to note the findings of its *After the Floods Discussion Paper*, including recognising that ‘bushfire risks must be considered along with flood risks in that planning’.

The Woolgoolga-based consultant who compiled the report noted that, ‘As a general principle, hosted conversations identified that there should be no new residential development on flood-prone land’.

Council say the findings will go towards informing its forward planning instruments: the *‘Residential Strategy, Rural Land Use Strategy, Business and Industrial Lands Strategy and Place Plans’*.

**Forms of feedback**

The report authors say, ‘Overall, over 200 forms of feedback were received during the engagement activities’.

Equine therapy is taking long strides

Paul Bibby

The young woman walks toward the horse, her hands shaking. Suffering from severe trauma after a recent car accident, her nervous system is pulled tighter than an overstretched violin string. As she reaches the large, chestnut mare, there’s a moment of hesitation, a long slow exhale and then, eventually, a smile.

Welcome to the world of equine therapy, an emerging modality that has demonstrated impressive results in the treatment of trauma and a range of other mental and physical health challenges.

Live in awareness

‘Horses live in awareness, in the here and the now,’ says Maxime Willems of EquiYoga in South Ballina. ‘They can model healthy regulation skills, reminding us about how our body wants to regulate in a physical and physiological way,’ says Ms Willems. ‘They can also teach us about our own fight, flight or freeze tendencies in daily life – there’s a real learning



Maxime Willems of EquiYoga. Photo [www.equiogabyronbay.com.au](http://www.equiogabyronbay.com.au)

element there..’. ‘And then there’s the physical touch element, which can be very healing, especially for people who are experiencing trauma.’ Ms Willems was first introduced to horses through the world of dressage, where she was a high-level competitor before leaving to study yoga. Now she is combining the two, along with her experiences in working with people who have a disability. ‘Working with the NDIS, both myself and my clients felt that we were putting band-aids on challenging

behaviours and intense emotions,’ she says. ‘I wanted to go deeper, to help people work with and heal the underlying causes of their challenges.’

**EquiYoga**

This was the seed for EquiYoga, but it wasn’t until Ms Willems met Stevey Arena from Sugar Beach Ranch that the idea came to full fruition. ‘We met in December 2021, as both of us were looking for a way to support the local community,’ Ms Willems says. ‘Both of us share a vision of supporting the community

that has faced immense trauma over the last couple of years,’ she says. ‘We both wanted to offer support through connecting with the community, a sense of belonging, and connection to nature. It was a match made in heaven.’

Home to the late manager of INXS, Chris Murphy, Sugar Beach Ranch offers a space where the community can experience safety, calm, and connection.

The duo offer a range of services, including individual and group equine assisted wellbeing sessions, monthly equine assisted mindfulness sessions, and equine assisted child wellbeing sessions during the school holidays. ‘In a way this is a new modality, but it’s also in a way very old,’ Ms Willems says. ‘People have been connecting with and living with horses for thousands of years, and finding healing in those experiences. In a way this is coming home.’

For more information about EquiYoga go to [www.equiogabyronbay.com.au](http://www.equiogabyronbay.com.au), and for more information about the ranch, visit [www.sugarbeachranch.com](http://www.sugarbeachranch.com).



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## Lessons from 2022

**A**s 2022 comes to a close, there's a lot to unpack from a year in which the region experienced its worst flood and landslips in living memory. Large landslips still scar the hills west of the towns and villages, and three pod villages in Byron Shire, built without any transparency and proper process, are yet to be occupied.

For some, there's still a lot of flood trauma to overcome.

For others, who are more inclined to 'prep' for such emergencies, it was a chance to step up and contribute.

Thankfully, the community supported each other throughout the flood emergency, and were there immediately for those struggling to clean a flood-damaged house, or to get food and supplies up into the hinterland, where roads had been cut off.

The role of authorities/administrators during this time was less inspiring, and continues to be so.

It took nearly a week for them to assist at the time of the flood. And when they did, it seemed ham-fisted and tone deaf to what was unfolding at the time. Yet the federal and state governments got one thing right – providing financial assistance was a lifesaver for many who lost, in some cases, everything.

Communications went down immediately at the time too, endangering lives and hampering rescue efforts. It later emerged that Telstra, who are the sole provider for many parts of the Shire, relied upon one transmission hub to service the North Coast. It was taken out by the storm. The reason they had such inadequate infrastructure was that there was no federal requirement to ensure communications are robust enough to survive heavy weather.

In June, Mullum residents told the Independent Flood Inquiry that there was no Council disaster plan (something other councils have), and for many years, a lack of drainage maintenance of the town. Since then, there has been some drainage maintenance for Mullum, yet addressing the heavily silted Brunswick River is required in the long run if Mullum, Billinudgel, Ocean Shores, SGB and New Brighton are to be spared next time.

A NSW government press release this week says they have committed almost \$200 million 'in new funding to implement a number of the recommendations from the independent Flood Inquiry'.

It reads, 'Key elements of the package are additional dedicated flood rescue vehicles... the ability to train an additional 2,350 personnel in flood rescue, support for volunteer initiatives, and increased funding to ensure seamless coordination of evacuation centres and emergency accommodation'.

Within the detailed announcement – some of which appears overdue and much needed – there was nothing in terms of equipping councils to future proof for the next 'big one'.

As always, it's the community who will step up.

The focus of governments is generally self-interest, not collective wellbeing. Self-interest breeds incompetence and tends to lead to bloated, ineffectual governance. Isn't it good not to rely on governments, given how poorly they operate?

Here's to a better year in 2023 :)

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## The end to a miraculum annus stupidus

**T**he Shot's David Milner has already labelled 2022 'annus stupidus', but 2022 was also a turning point.

From Scott Morrison to Christian Porter to Elon Musk, so much stupid was met with so much comeuppance. And for that, we should be thankful. Here are 2022's top shit-heels getting exactly what they deserve.

### 1. Not ordering enough RAT tests

In the vast sweep of history, it will be largely forgotten that we started 2022 with not enough RAT tests to go around. Friends were texting each other whenever they saw a box for sale in the wild. Lines for PCR tests were longer than the queue for a Qantas check-in. It was bad.

We all knew we were in trouble when the Prime Minister proudly said he'd easily bought one while on holiday in Terrigal. Clearly there was a terrible shortage. He then later admitted he'd never bought one, but his wife definitely had, even though they actually got them for free from his department, even though he didn't believe they should be free.

### 2. Grace Tame side-eying the Prime Minister (and five other ministers too)

When you're friends with very few women, and you respect even fewer, it's sometimes hard to get a read on how they're going to behave. In fact, women tend to come across as highly unpredictable. Doubly so if they're some sort of lippy, feminist hero who has made a point of not putting up with men who cross boundaries.

At the time, Christian Porter's media representative, Peter van Onselen, wondered aloud why Grace Tame had even bothered to turn up.

I can tell you. In that one photo, Grace Tame managed to side-eye not just the prime minister, but the resources minister, the health minister, the finance minister, the attorney general, the home affairs minister, the treasurer, the industry, science and resources minister and the social services minister. She was basically giving the side-eye to the entire Coalition front bench.

### 3. Morrison crash tackling that kid

Empathy is all about understanding people's boundaries. In the dying days of the federal election campaign, in



**'Morrison took out a small kid in a crash tackle that reminded everyone of why they hated jocks like him at school.'**

Charles Firth

one image, Morrison demonstrated his inability to respect boundaries. In particular, the boundaries of a small, defenceless child.

Like a twist straight out of the plot line of a farcical political sitcom, Morrison took out a small kid in a crash tackle that reminded everyone of why they hated jocks like him at school.

### 4. Murdochs losing the election

After more than five decades of picking the right horse to back, Rupert Murdoch broke his winning streak in Australia by letting his dim-witted heir take the punt.

What a mistake. Cosplaying his own dad, Lachlan spent the months leading up to the election self-importantly jetting into Sydney, holding long editorial conferences at News Corp's Surry Hill's headquarters, and pretending he knew the first thing about how to strategise a victory for Morrison.

Not only that, but NewsCorp doubled down in November, as if it was actively trying to prove its irrelevance to modern Australia.

Sensing that Lachlan is not the genius who'll be able to solidify his legacy without help from his daddy, Rupert attempted to merge NewsCorp with Fox, a far more profitable entity that would keep Lachlan afloat for decades.

But for some reason Fox shareholders didn't want to be run (into the ground) by Lachlan, and decided to politely decline Rupert's generous offer. With the reverse takeover of Fox scuttled, NewsCorp is now run with an heir of desperation.

### 5. Christian Porter loses appeal, faces mammoth legal bill

This year, possibly for the first time ever, a white, privileged man learnt the concept of consequences.

He was then bailed out of those consequences by an anonymous donor or donors.

But still, there were a few hours where

he felt the force of consequences. Let's at least celebrate that.

### 6. Lachlan Murdoch suing Crikey

When you have grown up with so much wealth that you believe consequences only exist for other people, it's sometimes hard to know whether you should act out your unresolved daddy-issues in public.

So now he's suing independent media outlet *Crikey*, and after 20 years of plodding away at the fringes, *Crikey* now has a fully fledged business model and *raison d'être* that gives it the resources to become a major player in the news media landscape. All because Lachlan mistook the fact that he *could* use his untold inherited wealth to sue them with whether he should.

### 7. Elon Musk buys Twitter

Imagine becoming the richest person in the world because money was essentially free, mainly thanks to a pandemic that had nothing to do with your own brilliance. During this period, if you had sufficient chutzpah, you could make yourself the richest person on paper, simply by convincing everyone to park some of their free money in your companies.

Because money was free, there was no need for the companies to make money. But the more people who joined in the group-buy, the richer everyone got. A virtuous circle.

Now, imagine that money becomes a lot more expensive. As the richest person in the world, you realise that people are going to need their money to start making money for them again. This is not something you're in the business of doing. You're the shiny front-man, not a serious manager.

So you decide to trade your riches for something that will give you power and influence instead. And then you massively fuck that up. That's the story of Elon's 2022. What a wonderful end to a wonderful annus stupidus.

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Here today and gone tomorrow

Congratulations to Byron Shire staff for their excellent report, recommending Councillors vote for a limit of 90 days per year for the short-term holiday industry in most of Byron Shire, while leaving some tourist areas by the coast having open slather all year round.

This would mean that homes in residential areas could only be used for that purpose for a total of three months rather than twelve months of the year. Our Byron Council staff also emphasised the need for higher regulation of the industry and sufficient funds to do this at the local level.

And congratulations to the state government in finally acknowledging that our Shire was undergoing exceptional negative impacts because of the sheer number of homes being turned into tourist facilities. This was really something, the state government giving Byron Council the power to find its own solution to its own exceptional circumstances.

*The Guardian* (Dec 15) reported that the NSW government has backflipped. The corridors of Parliament House are overpopulated with lobbyists.

Makes you wonder, eh?  
**Sandra Heilpern**  
Bangalow

The ins and outs of Council

I read with interest people raising dog issues in Byron Shire. People are saying Council needs more money to beef up compliance. In days gone by the staffing numbers were around 130 indoor staff and 140 outdoor staff.

Since Mr Gainger put in his six years as GM the numbers have been altered significantly, today the numbers are approximately 64 outdoor staff and approximately 300 indoor staff. How anyone can possibly justify this is beyond me. The fleet numbers would have increased as a lot of these salaried positions would include a vehicle, you also have the increase in salaries, which include extra infrastructure etc. With the increased number of cars supplied, fuel card numbers would have increased and fleet running costs – where does this money come from?



Cartoon by Jamie Hoile

This is not feasible for the future, the strain on Council's budget must leave shortfalls in services able to be provided at the level needed in the Shire. The elected Council should be asking questions of the general manager as to how his executive team justify the increasing number of salaried officers while services seem to be declining in Byron Shire.

**Alan Dickens**  
Ballina

Moving forward

So, at this point in our geopolitical climate, it's very unfortunate that we must proceed with careful consideration as to how we're going to handle our position in the likely scenario that things escalate (god forbid).

Thankfully we have a lot of permaculturalists and the like in this area (myself included), many of whom have had to work normal jobs to fulfil the demands society has, such as serving alcohol, tobacco and food more so than growing it, but that will be the first thing to flip on its head; our demands will fall back to more of a staple necessity basis than that of luxury, squandered privilege basis – the way it has been for so many decades.

Electricity will be compromised, as too will your stockpiles in freezers etc, unless you're prepared with batteries and solar. We have ample area to grow food freely and abundantly which, to date, has been maintained by Council as strictly ornamental, with any food such as an odd tomato plant being ripped out. That mentality will change.

**Robert Zandstra**  
Myocum

Cars will mostly become redundant for the 5–10 years we're at war too. So I have lots of ideas regarding how we proceed to safeguard and even enhance our way of life here, but the bottom line I need to reinforce is that we simply cannot be reliant on the grid and normal supply lines for our survival in the situation of global conflict. We must become more independent as a society than we ever imagined.

We need a community meeting to discuss how we go forward with resilience in these radically changing times we face.

**Daniel Brown**  
Ocean Shores

Automotive boot

Council have put the boot into Mullumbimby Automotive by robbing them of vital operating space in front of their business: a 'No stopping' sign was installed without consultation.

The garage operators have been professional, fair and accommodating to the public for years and deserve to be treated decently.

Instead of banning parking here, I recommend Council support this key Mullum business by placing parking signs that read 'Mullum Automotive parking only'.

Furthermore, Council should rework the pedestrian crossing approach in order to improve safety, as well as impose a 40km/h limit in Tincogan St, as part of a wider intermediate speed zone that I proposed in May 2017. *Echo* 31 May, 2017)

Dead forced to cross the border

We have followed the progress of a dedicated amazing group of locals who determined that our Shire needed an alternative to cremation and standard burials.

Based on a strongly held view that both were, in their own way, environmental catastrophes, especially in our area, they obtained expert guidance, scientific advice and planned and planned.

When BSC granted an unused parcel of land on the edge of Mullumbimby there was much rejoicing.

Now, some months after this, a sketchy overview by Council staff has resulted in the complete turnaround we read about in a recent *Echo*. Not only were the supporters and planners *not* warned that it was on the agenda to be discussed at a recent Council meeting, it appears that all previous research has been

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# New year, new you?

Adel Pheloung

**W**e all want to move on and leave 2022 behind. Maybe 2023 will finally be a good year, without a disaster like a bushfire, pandemic, or flood. Now is the time that so many of us will set our New Year's resolutions, the dreams that we have had our hearts set on for a while, but have believed that we need the motivation of a new year to be able to achieve.

Research from [www.finder.com.au](http://www.finder.com.au) states that 72 per cent of Australians made a New Year's resolution for 2022; that tells us about the popularity of setting big goals at the start of a new year. However, multiple studies cite that only between eight and 20 per cent of people actually achieve their resolutions. Speaking with Vicki Henricks, the director of Byron International Coaching Centre, I got some advice for setting and achieving realistic New Year's resolutions.

When goal setting, Vicki believes that 'people are more likely to achieve a goal when it is part of a bigger picture or vision for their life'. However, New Year's resolutions are often set so that people can immediately see change in only certain areas of their lives. This desire for change may be framed

as 'my New Year's resolution is to quit smoking'. By having 'quit smoking' as a resolution, the reason for wanting this change is not addressed.

Therefore the stereotypical resolutions that people set for the new year tend to be a means to an end. For any change to be long lasting and successful, the reason behind wanting to do so must be known and addressed. Our goals need to align with our vision for what our ideal life would look like, so that this goal becomes one of the steps to get there. If you want to 'quit smoking' for example, people need to understand why. Is it so that they can lead a healthier, more relaxed lifestyle? Or is it to appease a partner? If they wanted to lead a healthier lifestyle, then just quitting smoking may not necessarily be the only step required to reach their goal.

People often have good intentions when they set their New Year's resolutions – after all, these are lifestyle changes that they have chosen. However, New Year's resolutions are rarely achieved because, according to Vicki, people 'underestimate the psychological tension involved in achieving their outcome, especially if they want to give up something'. We may want

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to change, but a part of us has indulged in this 'bad habit' for a reason; maybe it relieves stress, is the easier option, etc. If someone's resolution is driven by fear, it tends to be more difficult to achieve. This is because once a satisfactory result is attained, people fall back to their old patterns, as they no longer have a fear-driven motivation.

To make lasting changes to our lives, we need to first reflect on what we gain from our 'bad habits'. If we can understand why we partake in these behaviours, we can find alternative ways to fulfil our needs. A smoker may reach for a cigarette to calm down, and so their ultimate goal may be to increase relaxation in their lives. We can then replace our 'bad habits', increasing our chances of keeping our resolution.

## Make it achievable

There are ways that people can realistically set, maintain and achieve their New Year's resolutions. Before making the



resolution, Vicki recommends that we ask ourselves, 'What are you ultimately hoping to achieve? What difference will it make to your life? What will happen if you don't do it?'. It is important to thoroughly understand what we want, so that we can work out why it is important that we stick to our goals that will get us there.

Resolutions should then be broken down into multiple small steps that are achievable. Having smaller steps to reach our goals is a great way to measure progress, so we can continue to move towards success, and celebrate all of our achievements. By recognising any steps that bring us closer to our goal, we are associating progress

with positives, which makes us more likely to want to continue working towards our resolution. Enrolling family, friends or a partner who might have similar goals means that we can hold one another accountable, and have an even stronger motivation to succeed together.

By reframing our New Year's resolution as a 'SMART goal – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant with a Time frame' – we can realistically and meaningfully move towards a happier, more satisfying life. I certainly know what my New Year's resolution is for 2023 – I want to actually achieve a goal I set, rather than giving up on it by the end of January!



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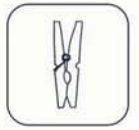
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– Grandmaster Ian Rogers, *Canberra Times*

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

### CHESS by Ian Rogers

Australia's Bobby Cheng has finished in a tie for 15th at the powerful Sunway Open in Sitges, Spain.

Seeded 26th in a field of 324, including 43 Grandmasters, Cheng scored 7/10, a point behind second place, after suffering the fate of running into four talented and seriously underrated Indian youngsters. One of the four, AR Ilamparthi, was seeded 105th and finished equal with Cheng on seven points! The consequence was that Cheng lost rating points and the 25-year-old will not overtake Anton Smirnov for the Australian number one position on January 1st.

The tournament winner was Russia's Kirill Alekseenko, who won his first seven games and then coasted to victory, drawing with the top two seeds, Yu Yangyi and Hans Niemann.

Yes, Niemann, the self-confessed online cheater who is suing World Champion Magnus Carlsen for \$US100 million for ruining his reputation! Niemann, however, is likely

to be exonerated soon by the world body FIDE over the cheating allegations which exploded in September. The evidence suggesting Niemann has cheated in over-the-board games is either statistical or circumstantial, and nowhere near the 99.99 per cent certainty that FIDE requires for a guilty finding (in the absence of additional physical evidence).

The Sunway Open did enjoy its share of controversy when Iranian GM Amin Tabatabaei forfeited his first round game against an Israeli amateur. Iranian sportspeople are forbidden by their government from competing against Israelis, and potential penalties for disobedience are far more severe than any sanction FIDE could apply for bringing the game into disrepute.

Tabatabaei went on to win his next six games and ultimately tie for second with Niemann. So with a winner who should not have been permitted to play had FIDE followed the IOC's Russia sanctions, and a pair now waiting on FIDE disciplinary action, Sunway's podium was a sight to behold.

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

# Something... or someone's gotta give

Mandy Nolan

According to data from the most recent census, as reported on local ABC radio, 50 per cent of the people who live in Byron Bay moved there within the last five years. Have a think about what that means. It means that half the community is new and half the pre-existing community is gone. What does that do to your social cohesion? To your ability to build on generations of social capital?

It means half the community who volunteered, who ran a raffle at the pub for the local footy team, who organised the Xmas street barbecue are now living somewhere else. In their place is a new class of super-affluent Byron Bay locals. That's not an unfounded assumption. The median house price is now \$3.5 million. That's significantly more than most Sydney suburbs. So if you moved here over the last five years chances are you sold in Vaucluse and relocated here. Chances are you are wealthy.

We also have the worst housing crisis in the state.

According to the last census data, more than half of those renting spend 30 per cent of their household income on rent. The vacancy rate for Byron, Ballina, and Lennox is 0.9 per cent. Although on census night almost 16 per cent of our homes were unoccupied. One can only assume that's short-term holiday lets. Free-market capitalism has given our housing market cancer. We have super wealthy new residents and a growing homeless population.

Many relocated here because the hardcore creative and hippie crew pioneered a coastal utopia. We have a strong connection to Country. The Arakwal people fought and won native title. The very people who have made this place special, who underwrote the uniqueness that fed market desirability are the ones who can't afford to live here. Yeah, it sucks. But maybe it doesn't have to be that way. In my outrage I always look for optimism.

So here is the good news. We have an opportunity. We have a lot of new wealth in our small towns. It's not Liberal voting wealth. We have progressive wealth. We know these people vote Green. We know from their voting trends that they care about



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climate, they care about equity, that even though they are the beneficiaries of enormous privilege, their values are aligned with more co-operative ways of living. So here's the opportunity. Philanthropy. We need to grow our philanthropic sector. And when I say grow, I mean blow it up.

One of the trends that shaped philanthropy in 2022 was a worldwide increase in charitable giving. This was spurred on by racial injustices and climate disasters. We are a long way off curbing the growth in social and economic inequality, but perhaps our local wealthy can make a dent. You see, we are small enough to see the impacts. We already have many incredible services, like the SHIFT project that addresses homelessness in older women, the Fletcher Street Cottage – support service for people at risk of homelessness and Human Nature Adventure Therapy – non-clinical mental health program for at risk young people. All these programs run on philanthropy. In the absence of government's agility, flexibility and insight, the sector has found its own money and created its own services.

During the floods I was given \$5k

grants from an anonymous philanthropic source that I was able to give to women who had been flood impacted. It was transformative. Being able to give someone money on the spot, in their time of need, without a lengthy approval process was powerful. One woman told me the act of generosity had restored her belief at a time when she had none. Kindness does that.

I'm not saying government shouldn't step up. They should. We are billions of dollars behind in expenditure on housing and human services. They are slow. Compliance and data obsessed. People become numbers and funding programs and recipients are at the mercy of

election cycles. We have our own philanthropic community grants program with the Northern Rivers Community Grants Program. Since 2005 they have granted \$2,436,166 across seven LGAs (local government areas) to 349 projects across 143 organisations.

That's brilliant, but we can do better. Half of the population who moved to Byron Bay in the last five years need to get involved in giving. We can fund the pathway to reach a Zero Emissions Byron Bay. We can reduce poverty. We can innovate public transport options. We can create housing options. We can give.

Capitalism isn't going anywhere. Try as we might, we can't seem to break it. It's the foundation stone of poverty and exploitation. Philosophers Fredric Jameson and Slavoj Žižek said, 'We can envisage the end of the world more clearly than we can the end of capitalism'. That observation rocked me to my core. Capitalism is a cult, and none of us are leaving any time soon.

So, in the meantime, if you are wealthy and you want to be a disruptor – fund it. Find programs that need money, and grow the community you want to live in. You can fund the change you want to see.

With the collective wealth we have in this area it is immoral for anyone to be without housing. It's our responsibility. So put your hands in your pocket and find your change. It's the season for giving. So give.

► Continued from page 9 ignored – with the reasons for rebuttal including the dangerous intersection with Coolamon Scenic Road. (As Di Hart said in her Opinion piece last week: 'Fix it').

I have walked the site many times with Diane and others. It's a sloping paddock, much degraded with river flats – where Byron Bird Buddies have identified many species and where burials were never planned.

Council stating that the site was flood prone is plainly ridiculous as burials would

only occur on the dry slopes, and because these graves are shallow they could easily use this slope.

It's so disappointing to have the scheme thrown out. Many of us were expecting to stay in Mullum after our demise and this was such a forward-looking initiative.

What can be done now? Ballina Shire have picked up the ball, so we may have to end up over the (shire) border where so much actually happens!

Carole Gamble  
Mullumbimby Creek

### The illegal rail trail

Whilst our Tweed Council pushes the coming opening of their rail trail, there always were requirements that do not seem to have been complied with. Like, 'Evidence of a viable and sustainable business model, for developing and maintaining the rail trail, and that effective community consultation, and, biosecurity concerns have been undertaken'.

So far it appears that the proponents will be providing not one dollar; that biosecurity issues are of no concern;

that the state and federal governments supply the multi-million dollar funding; and that the Shire ratepayers will provide \$400,000 of rate monies for maintenance each and every year. Sound like a viable and sustainable business plan to you?

The answer to last week's question re Laurel and Hardy. They spread millions of upholstery tacks over the ground that punctured the native's bare feet! How simple and how clever!

Now, if you or I built another unauthorised

► dwelling on our property, then both the state government and Council would deem it an illegal building that must be removed. That is the law.

So, what happens when both the state government and Council bypass 'due procedural process' by removing the rail lines, then proceed to build their rail trail? It then becomes an illegal structure and should be immediately closed down prior to returning it to exactly what it was before, at their expense. There never was any serious community consultation as required by the state government, so they never had our approval.

We have approached the authorities many times. They just turn away. So, I would believe that we, the people, now have the right to take our own measures to close down the said illegal rail trail. I think they might then finally consider listening to us.

Mike Yarrow  
Byangum

Retract applause

Victims of Holiday Letting (VOHL) applauded the unanimous vote by Council for the creation of a 90-day cap for STRA in residential zones and the proposed boundaries for the 365-day precincts. VOHL was appalled

that the decision making for this process has been taken away from Council, by the state government, at the last moment.

There is ample academic research that provides evidence that STRA has disrupted residential amenity, [severely decreased] the availability of long-term rentals, has increased rents and impacted housing affordability.

The following examples illustrate that STRA regulation in tourist hot spots has helped communities: Los Angeles, which had the second highest number of STRA listings in the US, and eighteen cities in Los Angeles County all enacted a total 90-day cap.

Within twelve months there had been a more than 50 per cent decrease in STRA listings with the majority converting to permanent rentals.

Accompanying was a four per cent average decrease in rental price.

The island of Oahu in Hawaii has created four tourist precincts.

Residential dwellings in these precincts are allowed to short term rent for 365 days a year. They are required to be licensed, not just registered (as in NSW), and this requires a rigorous scrutiny. All other

residential zones allow STRA but the maximum period for one letting is 90 days. There are now minimal STRA listings in residential zones with a consequent improvement in residential amenity and rental availability.

Berlin has a 90-day cap, but if an owner wants to short term rent their dwelling, they must reside in it for a minimum of 50 per cent of the year.

When this cap was introduced the majority of former STRA converted to permanent rental, which benefitted residential amenity and those needing long-term rentals.

There are many other examples of STRA regulation. Based on overseas examples, Byron Council's 'soft touch' regulation proposal will lead to an increase in permanent rental availability.

Doug Luke  
Coordinator VOHL

Follow the trail

Was anyone surprised to learn that one of the people who killed the two young police officers and the neighbour in Wieambilla was well known for appalling acts of cruelty to animals?

Residents of the town of Camooweal near the Queensland/NT border

border reported (*news.com.au*) that Gareth Train would hunt pigs with knives at the local swimming hole, and the kids would 'hear the boars screaming as he gutted them.' He would butcher the pigs in his backyard, which backed onto the school, leaving the blood and offal to run onto the school footy field.

Hunters who kill for the fun of watching sentient animals suffer and die are a danger to society. Research in psychology and criminology shows that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals often go on to commit violent acts against their fellow humans.

The International Handbook of Animal Abuse and Cruelty states that 'individuals with a history of animal cruelty were highly likely to be involved in other types of criminal behaviours including, but not limited to, assault, domestic violence and stealing.'

Tolerating acts of violence towards animals is a danger to all of society, and they should be seen and treated with the seriousness they deserve. Not doing so poses a danger to humans and non-humans alike.

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climate change is here. 6. The ex-PM avoiding the protests and promising to splash the cash post-floods. 7. Suffragette Nanas: Vote 1 Our Planet. 8. Nina and a few mates hanging out at the Bruns Beach Shack. 9. Casting off at the National Circus Festival's big top. 10. Justine and her boss. 11. Mandy makes a run for it. 12. John Shipton continues the campaign to free Julian.

13. Meteorites at Crystal Castle. 14. Splendour in the puddles. 15. Rainforest protector extraordinaires, Nan and Hugh Nicholson. 16. Sweater enthusiasts unite at Old & Gold. 17. Sean Choolburra full tilt at the Byron Comedy Festival. 18. Cavanbah United Nice Tradesmen Society on a sticky wicket 19. Some people are just too hot to wear clothes. 20. Mullum High formal goers looking fine.

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## Bar Heather, ‘Jonson Lane’ Byron

There was quite a fuss in the leadup to the opening of the Parisian-inspired Bar Heather at Jonson Lane. And on our visit we learned that this was, indeed, justified.

Yes, the wine list offers over 700 wines that represent sustainability in the vineyard and low intervention in the cellar. And these people own Luna Wine Store on Jonson Street as well as Lo-Fi Wines, an importer of wines from smaller independent producers. Alongside all this, however, Bar Heather is a serious foodie haunt.

When we booked we were asked if we preferred ‘restaurant seats’ or ‘restaurant stools’ and we chose stools, having no idea what that entailed. Upon arrival, my husband, teenage son and I were seated at the ‘mortadella pink’ horseshoe marble bar for eight. The other five guests acknowledged us with knowing smiles. Hannah, the bar’s dedicated sommelier, was known to these guests and an easy banter ensued.

We should try the Yuzu Shu, they told Hannah. And so she poured us complimentary samples of this incredible blend of yuzu juice (a Japanese lemon) and sake. As we contemplated the menu we received nods and encouragement from our fellow travellers... er... diners.

The Betel leaf, pork and pickles (\$16) was probably my favourite dish. A twist on a classic Vietnamese street food, it just brought back so many memories. Executive Chef Ollie Wong-Hee (whose credentials include Ester and Sixpenny in Sydney, and Franklin in Hobart) has made this his own with lightly pickled vegetables and charred pineapple salsa.

Another favourite for our family was the Potato chip, comté and shiitake (\$9). Wong-Hee is taken with the quality of mushrooms in the Northern Rivers and the raw shiitake is testament to this. It’s just a sensational dish



– Manchego custard, Japanese cut potatoes cooked crispy and thin.

With the exception of the oysters, all the produce on the menu is sourced from the Northern Rivers.

Between dishes my husband slipped out to purchase a bottle of the pinot noir he was drinking and two bottles of the Yuzu Shu (which then graced our Christmas table) from Luna Wine Store across the road.

When we said goodbye to our new friends our bill was \$280 for three people including nine dishes, five individual glasses of wine and one non-alcoholic beverage.

Bar Heather is inclusive, warm and abundantly creative. For a drink at the bar for one or a gathering with family and friends, I think you may love it like we did.

**Jonson Lane, 139 Jonson Street, Byron Bay. Open 5pm till late, Wednesday to Sunday.**

The writers visited anonymously and paid their own way.

## No Bones Little: Ocean Shores



‘No Bones’ in Byron is a vegan bar and restaurant, and so is its sister business in Ocean Shores, ‘No Bones Little’, but don’t get turned off by the ‘vegan’ label, as since 2018 they’ve been on a mission to change the way people think about vegan food. That means not only do they serve a constantly-changing seasonal menu of the freshest, most nutritious food that they can, but also that the importance of a plant-based diet becomes more apparent to the public – every year they strive to do better for our community and the planet, as the need to do so becomes more urgent.

With each new seasonal menu their Executive Chef, Ben Streater, takes time and care to ensure they source as many local products as they can, both to support our incredible farmers and to guarantee that they are serving the best food that they can in the season.

They also take the time to seek out farmers who use regenerative agricultural techniques. All their wines and beers are Australian, to reduce the environmental impact of food transport costs, and they are even phasing out imported spirits in favour of local products too. In fact, they aim to become 100 percent carbon neutral.

If you’ve dined in their Byron restaurant, you’ll know it’s often super-busy, a testament to the following they’ve built up over the years. At the newly-established Ocean Shores ‘No Bones Little’ you’ll also be able to find favourites such as the very popular vegan



‘Chick’n’, made from seitan, and ‘Calamari’ which is made from the konjac root. They also have a new best seller – Nasi Goreng with their very own house-made vegan ‘fried egg’.

They are fully licensed with cocktails (try the Lychee Blossom with white light vodka, orange blossom and rose), beers and wines, as well as organic fresh cold pressed orange juice and coffees. You can even order online and come and pick up your takeaway order.

They’re easy to find, located just outside of the Coles shopping centre in Ocean Shores, to the right. It’s a cosy little space of about 50 seats, which is open Tue–Sun. Lunch is served 12–4pm, and dinner from 5pm. Happy hour from 5–6pm as well!

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82 Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores.  
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## Gourmet Salad Hut

Victoria Cosford

On a quest to find a few final ingredients for the tuna fishcakes I had planned for dinner, I find myself lured into the Gourmet Salad Hut stall by vast bunches of dill and salad leaves. Just what I needed to finish off my dish!

Practically everything at Gourmet Salad Hut is currently gargantuan, vitally green, are so fresh I can almost hear the bunches squeak. Manager, Carl – tall, bearded, easy-going – tells me that they keep prices constant regardless of the size of the bunches. Obviously in winter they’re a bit smaller, but for now most of the bountiful, beautiful produce on the trestle tables

provokes comments from customers. Clearly regular, by the sound of things. ‘Beautiful bouquets!’ exclaims one woman; ‘Luscious!’ from another. My friend Roe tells me she is a ‘very satisfied customer’, beaming.

One woman is buying absolutely enormous bunches of the basil. ‘I make pesto and freeze it’, she says – surely a couple of bouquets would suffice? But she’s piling them up in her arms. ‘Six months a year the basil’s that size’, Carl tells me. Another woman is buying six bags of the mixed lettuce – it’s for a weaving workshop. According to Carl, the two most popular products, amongst all those glorious greens, are indeed the mixed lettuce



**Tall, bearded, easygoing? Looks like it – the Gourmet Salad Hut’s Karl Odenbreit.**

bags and the basil.

Based at Upper Burr-ingbar, the business has been operating for 33 years, though under new ownership since March. Nothing has been changed: the produce 100 percent hydroponically grown, the water fertilised through pipes. ‘Fifty-two weeks a year our produce looks like this’, says Carl with

pride.

There’s also jams, chutneys, pestos, marmalades, relishes – and lime, passionfruit and lemon curd, the latter purchased weekly by ‘a lady who bakes them into puff pastry’. Now there’s an idea!

**Gourmet Salad Hut is at Mul-lumbimby Farmers Market each Friday from 7–11am.**

## Cumquat cocktail

Simon Haslam

Cape Byron Distillery are famous for their Brookie’s Gin, and now the first local single malt whisky (the one matured in the chardonnay cask is my favourite), but they also make a somewhat sentimental ‘Shirl the Pearl’ cumquat gin from an old family recipe, and give the spent cumquats to Three Blue Ducks to make a unique jam. You don’t need to choose: you can have jam in your cocktail!

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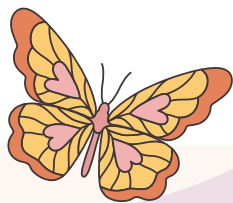
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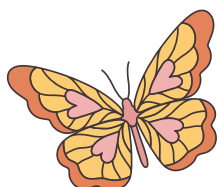
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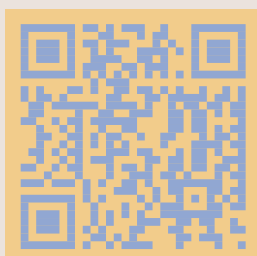
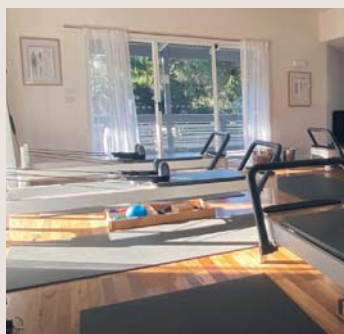
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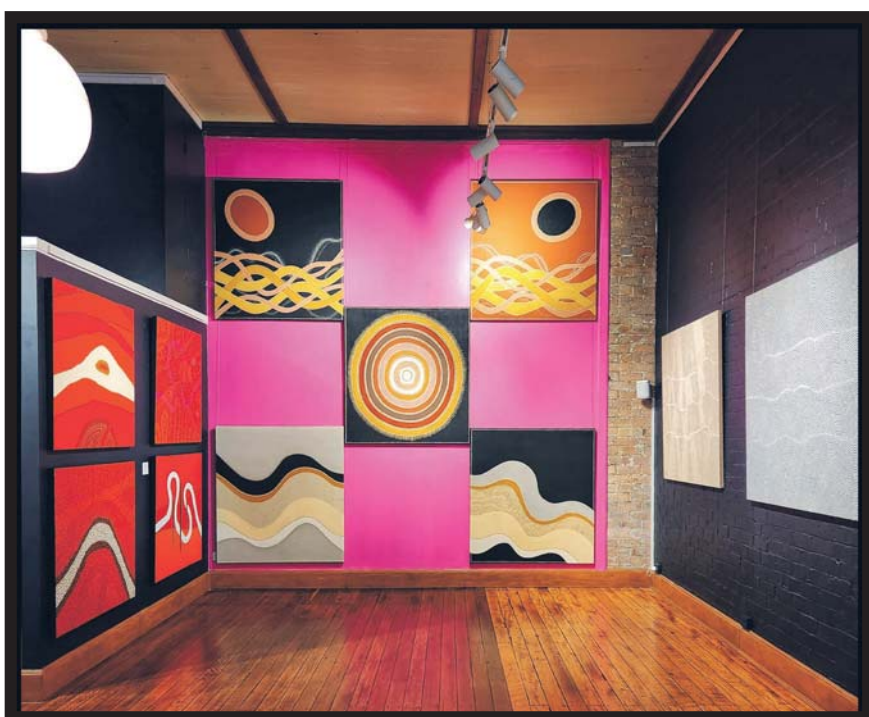
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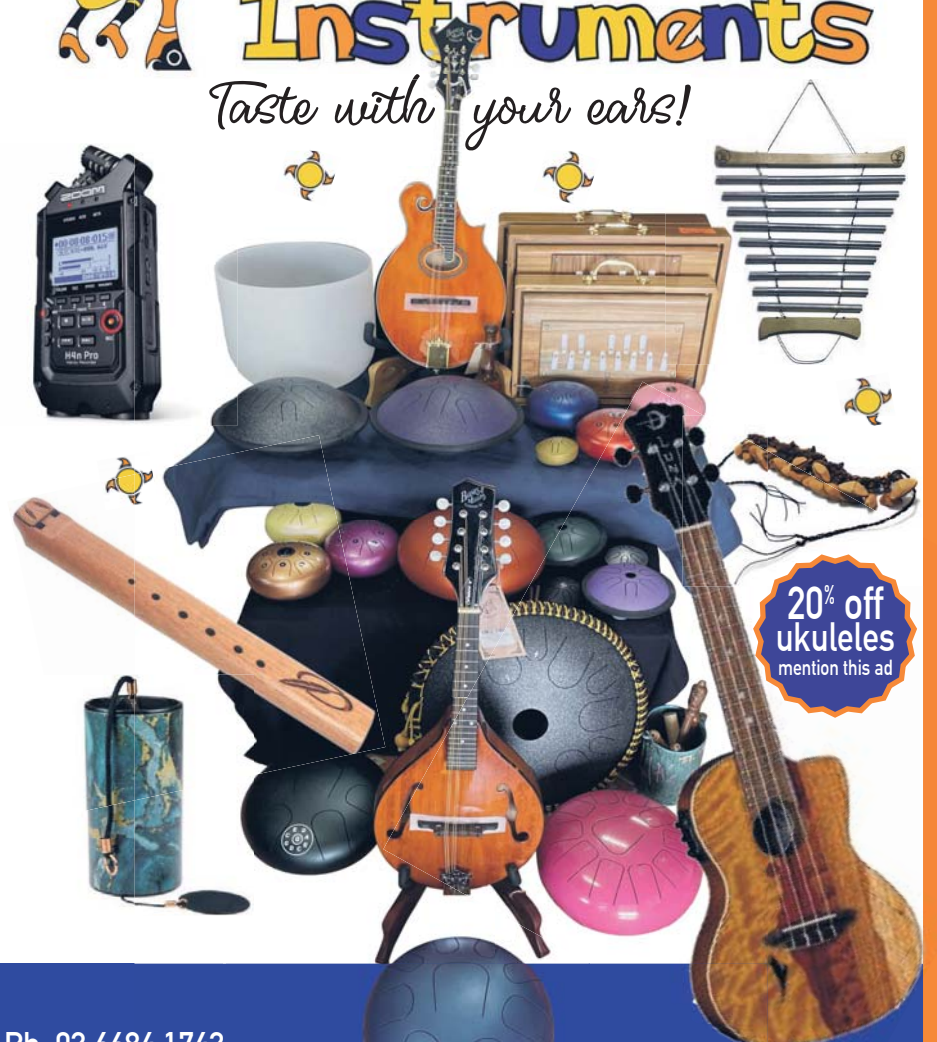
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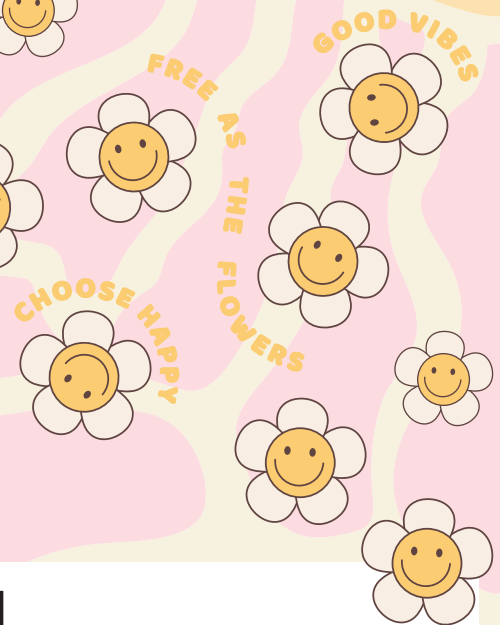
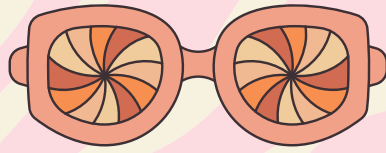


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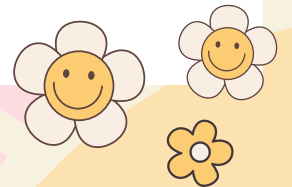
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#### Finding Your True North

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#### One Voice Soundbath

Tania de Jong AM  
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#### Chakra Journey

Seriya  
**12.45-1.45pm**  
A chakra meditation journey and share the self healing tools to keep yourself in balance.



#### Shamanic Breathwork with DJ

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A self-mastery process for healing & clearing.



#### Inner Self Soundbath

Adam Buchanan  
**4.15-6pm**  
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### Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup> highlights



#### Flower Yoga Vinyasa

Agneta  
**10-11am**  
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#### Time To Shine

Julia & Julie  
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#### Chakra Alignment Journey

Sophie Saemrow  
**2-3pm**  
An exploration and celebration of the vast universe of human sensory experience.



#### Zen Chant & Crystal Armonica

Mayu & Chihō  
**5-6pm**  
ZEN Buddhism Chanting with Mayu Akiba + Singing Ring® & Crystal Armonica.

### Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> highlights



#### Singbowl hands on workshop

Anup & Brinley  
**10.15-11.15am**  
Learn how to use singing bowls for meditation, healing & clearing.



#### Vibrational Medicine Sound Healing

Lauren Sifafas  
**11.30-1pm**  
A magical sound experience called "ECHO" "Eyes Closed & Hearts Open."



#### Rhythm of Sound

**1.15-2.45pm**  
A collective of Sydney Sound Healers & musicians LIVE. A variety of organic instruments and ancient sound techniques.



#### PILAFLW

Sofia Pila  
**1-2pm**  
PilaFlow a cultivation of original music & movement. A journey through the ELEMENTS.



#### Kundalini Dance

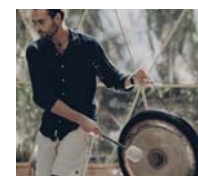
Patricia Silverwolf  
**2.15-3.30pm**  
Embody the Divine energies within you for this transformation, healing and ecstatic celebration.



#### Crystal Awareness

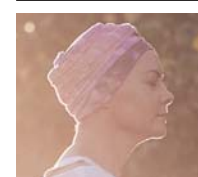
Abigail Crystal  
**4-4.45pm**  
Practical applications, guided meditation and practices suitable for all ages.

### Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> highlights



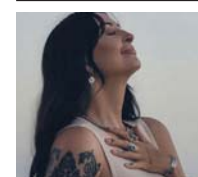
#### Sound Healing & Breathwork

Seriya & Matty  
**10.15-12.15pm**  
A nourishing sound healing weaving breathwork & sacred instruments.



#### Kundalini Yoga

Kylie Upton  
**11.15-12.45pm**  
Arouse the Kundalini energy and raise it up through our energy centres.



#### Cosmic Light Language

Natalie Paterson  
**11.30-12.30pm**  
Cosmic Light Language Activation with the Starseed Society.



#### Meet your Power Animal

Peter Bowden  
**12.30-2.30pm**  
A shamanic journey to meet your power Animal.



#### Dancing Cacao Ceremony

Daisy Kaye  
**2.45-4pm**  
Become the alchemist, transform ignite & embody with Cacao medicine.



#### Ayurvedic Healing Hacks

Anaiya Cooper  
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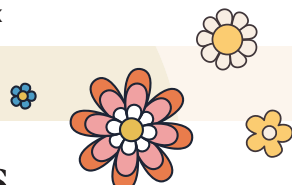
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## The Brunswick Heads Record Fair

Matt the Vinyl Junkie is back with another five-day mega record sale in Brunswick Heads. With close to 30,000 records in stock, the Vinyl Junkie fairs are some of the best in Australia, filled with amazing tonnes of wax in every genre. There will be DJs on the decks most days so come and have a listen and have a dig. The fair starts on Wednesday 28 December and runs till Sunday 1 January. Open 10am–6pm every day.

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# BRUNSWICK HEADS RECORD FAIR

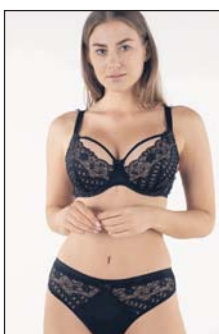
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Enjoy a breakfast after the flight at Three Blue Ducks restaurant, The Farm.

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# Hello Summer



## Kiva Spa

With the stress of the festive season behind us, it's time for a much needed self-care session. What better way to hit the reset button than a visit to Kiva?

Book now for a new year treat, and take advantage of having this special sanctuary on your doorstep. Set in lush tropical gardens in the middle of Mullum, the bathhouse features four magnesium-enriched hot pools, a cold plunge pool, a steam room and the sacred space of their wood-fired sauna. Combine a bathhouse session with a full-body massage from one of their dedicated therapists for a next-level experience. Available as a \$120 package, it's their most popular option, and for good reason.

**Prices start at \$30 and online bookings are essential.**

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## BYRON BEACHSIDE MARKET

**WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY**  
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BYRON MARKETS

## Byron Beachside Market

The Byron Beachside Market is on Wednesday 4 January and will showcase products from almost 200 creative artists from our local region who make, bake, sew and grow.

Enjoy a fun day out as you browse an array of unique artisan ceramics, textiles, glass, homewares, art, sculptures, fashion, craft, clothing, and much more. This is the perfect location to celebrate the new year with original products alongside one of Australia's most famous beaches.

Come with your family and friends to experience the vibrant atmosphere, enjoy a coffee, brunch or lunch while you listen to live music and browse the artisan stalls.

This special artisan market only happens four times a year, in January, Easter, July and September.

Wednesday 4 January

**8am-3pm, Main Beach Foreshore**  
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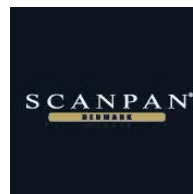
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\*Beach Hotel awarded 'Best Entertainment Venue' at the 2022 AHA National Awards of Excellence. • 1 Bay Street, Byron Bay • [www.beachhotel.com.au](http://www.beachhotel.com.au)

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Pre-sale tickets available online now \$65+BF via Beach Hotel website or Oztix.

Northern Rivers locals tickets available to purchase now at the Beach Bottleshop for \$50+BF. Open till 1.30am

## CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE IN BYRON BAY AT SOUL STREET

Everyone's invited to Soul Street – the family-friendly, community New Year's Eve event being held in central Byron Bay.

Soul Street caters for all ages with two main areas of free entertainment:

- Jonson Street – live music on the sound stage, roving performers and children's activities from 4pm till 8pm.
- Denning Park – lighting installations and entertainment on the main stage 6pm to 12.30am.

Soul Street is a zero-waste event. BYO cups, plates and cutlery.

A section of Jonson Street will be closed to traffic, along with the Lawson Street south car park and the Main Beach car park. All roads will reopen early on New Year's Day. There will be no parking on Bay Street.

See Council's website for more information.

[www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au)



## MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club wish all of their members, guests and suppliers a Happy New Year.

Celebrate the new year at the best location in Mullum. They have two great free bands on the one night, kicking off with **Them Culprits** at **7.30pm**, a new band born out of Mullumbimby that will ensure an exciting and memorable rock'n'roll experience for all. **Shybaby** will hit the stage from **9pm** to see in the new year. With decades of experience they provide a hard-rocking, authentic experience for young and old alike with a fabulous selection of classic hits from the '60's through to now.

Yoko's Bistro will be fired-up and ready to provide anything from a small snack right through to a casual evening feast.

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## BALLINA RSL

The Ballina RSL NYE celebrations kick off at 4.30pm with a sunset session happy hour of \$5 beer or wine and \$10 cocktails until 6pm. Oysters and champagne will also be a feature of the evening. **Turtle Boy Duo** will provide the entertainment from 6pm to 9pm. Children will be catered for with the free Kids Cove open from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

For those who want to party on there will be a NYE party from 9.00pm. Dance the night away with **Pink Zinc**. Tickets are \$10, which includes a drink voucher for \$10. Cocktail specials and snacks will be available with the cafe open until 11pm.

For the less adventurous you can watch the ABC broadcast of the Sydney fireworks on the big screen from 9pm.

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BYRON BAY

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Jonson St and Denning Park



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## Traffic and Parking Byron Bay New Year's Eve

31 December 2022

### Roads closed

From 6am on 31 December

- Main Beach car park
- Jonson Street between Marvell Street and Lawson Street
- Lawson Street south car park

The Byron Bay bypass will remain open to traffic

Expect traffic delays

### Parking and public transport

- **Taxi rank** – Jonson Street near Marvell Street intersection
- **Pay parking** in Byron Bay town centre from 9am – 6pm



For more information

### NYE in Byron Bay is a community and family-friendly event

- Byron Bay town centre is an **ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE**
- **NO ALCOHOL** allowed on the streets. On-the-spot fines apply.
- **ZERO TOLERANCE** for anti-social behaviour.
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# FALLS

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## WELCOME TO FALLS

Prepare to party your way into 2023 when Falls returns with a lineup that includes some of the biggest acts on the planet right now, alongside a host of festival favourites and exciting stars of the future across three main stages.

Under the Falls hood you'll find:  
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Take your time, take it easy and most of all take care of each other.



## MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS

### ARCTIC MONKEYS

Formed in Sheffield in 2002, Arctic Monkeys' 2006 debut release *Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not* became the fastest selling debut album in UK chart history. Their six UK number one albums have consolidated their position as one of the most successful British bands to emerge in recent times. They are the only band to have won both Best British Group and British Album of The Year at The Brits three times.

### LIL NAS X

Lil Nas X released the culture-shifting 4x Platinum hit 'Montero (Call Me By Your Name)' in March 2021, the queer anthem debuting at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100. The single features on his Grammy-nominated, certified Platinum debut album *Montero*. The 23-year-old rapper, singer and songwriter rose to fame with his 2019 mega hit 'Old Town Road', which simultaneously upended the music industry and shattered genre norms. The 16x Platinum remix with Billy Ray Cyrus became the longest running #1 single in Billboard Hot 100 history, earning Lil Nas X 2 Grammys. Don't miss the incredible Lil Nas X's first live shows in Australia at Falls!

### PEGGY GOU

Few artists have made an impact like South Korean born DJ and producer Peggy Gou. An icon of club culture and fashion, Peggy's creative instincts and curious spirit could have led her down many paths; designer, pianist, writer or editor. Instead Gou became one of the world's most recognisable and recognised DJs and founder of music and design label Gudu. Gou's natural feel for the joy and freedom of house and techno's legacy led to a run of irresistible international hits; 'Gou Talk', 'It Makes You Forget' and 'Jigoo' (with US house music legend Maurice Fulton). Don't miss her at Falls!

### CHVRCHES

Chvrches emerged with their 2013 breakthrough album *The Bones Of What You Believe*, entering the coveted BBC Sound Of list. In 2018, Chvrches worked with Grammy Producer Of The Year, Greg Kurstin, on *Love Is Dead*, with additional collaboration from Dave Stewart of Eurythmics and Matt Berninger of The National. Since their breakthrough, Chvrches have received widespread critical acclaim, extensively toured around the world and appeared at Coachella, Glastonbury and Bonnaroo to name just a few. Chvrches returned last year with 'He Said She Said' and 'How Not To Drown' featuring Robert Smith of The Cure; their new album *Screen Violence*, recorded and self-produced remotely in lockdown, was released in August 2021.

### SPACEY JANE

The beginning of Spacey Jane's astonishing success in Australia arrived when the band released debut album *Sunlight* in June 2020. Universal adulation duly followed for the band, the album debuted at #2 on the ARIA album chart, was voted Album of the Year in the Triple J Listener's Poll, was nominated for a J Award for Album of the Year and is now certified Gold. The sleeper single-turned-megahit, 'Booster Seat' picked up Song Of The Year at the 2021 ARIAs, the AIR Awards Best Independent Song Of The Year and is certified Platinum. Now with the world at their feet, Falls welcome the long-overdue in-person coronation of Australia's new stars.

### PINKPANTHERESS

PinkPantheress released her debut mixtape *To Hell With It* in October 2021, including fan-favourites 'Pain', 'Passion', 'Break It Off' and hit single 'Just for Me'. In addition, September 2021 saw Spotify reveal PinkPantheress will be supported by their RADAR program for emerging artists. She is only the second RADAR artist to be supported by Spotify in both the UK and US. Despite only debuting in 2021, PinkPantheress has gained a strong fanbase including *Dazed* who referred to her music as 'irresistibly catchy earworms.' She has also received love from *i-D*, *Hunger*, *Pigeons & Planes* and more. Make sure you catch her dazzling performance when she takes the stage at Falls 2022/2023.

### AMYL AND THE SNIFFERS

Amyl and the Sniffers are Mullumbimby's own Amy Taylor (vocals), Dec Martens (guitar), Gus Romer (bass) and Bryce Wilson (drums), a scrappy Australian punk collective that has made waves around the world with their unapologetic rock anthems and an incendiary live show. Late in 2021, Amyl and The Sniffers released their sophomore album, *Comfort To Me*, a major gear shift for the band that was met with overwhelming critical acclaim.

### RICO NASTY

Rico Nasty is the queen of punk rap. Hailing from Maryland USA, Rico Nasty released her first viral hit, 'iCarly', in 2016; quickly followed by 'Hey Arnold' which later featured Lil Yachty on the remix. Following the release of her 2018 album, *Nasty*, she sold out shows across the United States and has performed at major festivals across the world. 2020 saw Rico feature in Rihanna's Savage X Fenty Show: Volume Two, as well as release her album *Nightmare Vacation* featuring the likes of Gucci Mane, Trippie Redd, Don Toliver, and Aminé.

## 3-DAY AND 1-DAY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!

The good news is there are still some 3-Day and Single Day tickets available to get your slice of Falls fun! If you are planning on camping, make sure to purchase a Camping Ticket with your Festival Ticket.

Head to [fallsfestival.com](http://fallsfestival.com) to grab your tickets

## PLAYING TIMES – MAIN STAGES

### SAT 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC NYE

#### EL CAPITAN STAGE

5:15 WELCOME TO COUNTRY  
 5:50 The OG WIGGLES  
 7:05 GENESIS OWUSU  
 8:35 DMA'S  
 10:05 AMINÉ  
 11:50 LIL NAS X

#### SUGARLOAF STAGE

2:30 WONGO  
 4:00 DAMEEEELA  
 5:30 CHOOMBA  
 7:00 BISCUITS  
 9:00 ANNA LUNOE  
 11:00 LUUDE

#### GALAXY STAGE

1:00 ELSY WAMEYO  
 2:15 BEDDY RAYS  
 3:30 MAY-A  
 4:45 PEACH PRC  
 6:00 LEVINS

### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JAN

#### EL CAPITAN STAGE

5:00 RICO NASTY  
 6:15 G FLIP  
 7:45 SPACEY JANE  
 9:15 CHVRCHES  
 10:45 JAMIE XX

#### SUGARLOAF STAGE

1:00 RONA.  
 2:00 MOKTAR  
 3:00 CC:DISCO!  
 4:30 TSHA  
 6:00 DJ SEINFELD  
 7:30 MALL GRAB  
 9:00 PEGGY GOU

#### GALAXY STAGE

12:30 MEDHANIT  
 1:20 FLOODLIGHTS  
 2:25 1300  
 3:30 THE VANNS  
 4:45 KING STINGRAY  
 6:00 LEVINS

### MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JAN

#### EL CAPITAN STAGE

5:00 LASTLINGS  
 6:15 PINKPANTHERESS  
 7:30 AMYL AND THE SNIFFERS  
 9:00 OCEAN ALLEY  
 10:45 ARCTIC MONKEYS

#### SUGARLOAF STAGE

1:00 JUNO MAMBA  
 2:00 EBONY BOADU  
 3:00 BARRY CAN'T SWIM  
 5:00 ELKKA  
 7:00 BEN BOHMER  
 9:00 CAMELPHAT

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## FESTIVAL INFO

### WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Join us in opening this year's festival with a Welcome to Country from the Traditional Custodians and the Mirringi Ngahri dancers at the main stage (El Capitan) on Saturday December 31 at 5:15pm. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and show respect for Australia's First Peoples. Come and honour this very special place, which is part of Minyungbal Country, as we officially open Falls 2022!

### CLUB FALLS

Get the VIP Experience and do Falls in style and live your best festival life at Club Falls. Supercharge your Falls experience with all the VIP trimmings and jam your 'gram while living the high life. Your Club Falls ticket includes your event ticket, dedicated VIP event entry lanes, exclusive access to Club Falls VIP experience. Once in this sumptuous sanctuary you'll be looked after by our club concierge, enjoy a complimentary drink each day at the private cocktail bar and dine on top notch food. Plus, there's all the usual things like fancy bathrooms, phone charging service, and shaded lounge areas.

### POOL PARTY!

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### FANCY DRESS

New Years Eve at Falls Byron is dress up time and this year's theme is 'FALLS FORMAL' so don your schmick suits and tasteful taffeta to join Lil Nas X in a massive midnight countdown. Fly your own flag or create a look en masse with your friends.

### KEEP IT CLEAN & GREEN

Take a gander at the beautiful grounds that are the beating heart of this great festival. Take care of the fields and please leave your campsites as you found them.

**SOLAR SLICE:** \$1 from each ticket will be funding the FEAT. Live 'Solar Slice', a sustainable touring initiative supplying clean power to festival sites and venues, quantifying and reducing operational emissions, and buying quality offsets to minimise the environmental impact of live events. Speaking of the partnership, FEAT. Live founder Heidi Lenffer said 'This moment demands decisive climate leadership from the culture-makers in live music, and we couldn't be more thrilled to partner with such an iconic institution as Falls Festival to spearhead a courageous emissions reduction plan together.'

To stay in the loop with the Solar Slice projects visit [www.feat.ltd](http://www.feat.ltd) or @feat.artists on Instagram.

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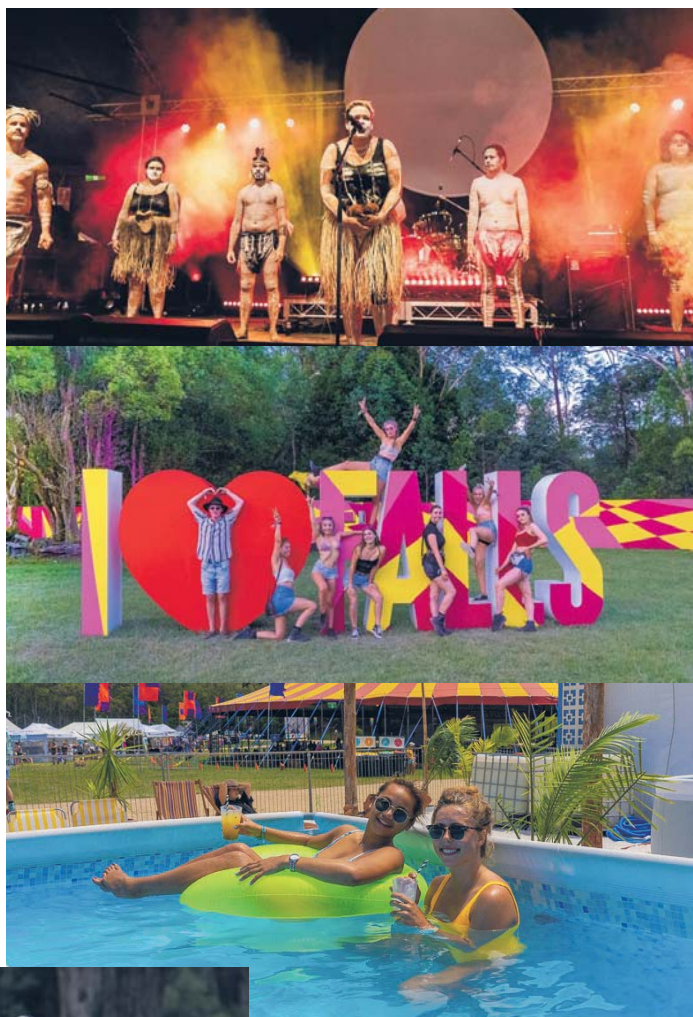
There will be no single-use plastic water bottles sold on site so please remember to bring a reusable (non-glass) bottle to refill at our freshwater stations. If you forget, we have water bottles available at the merch stands.

**WATER SAVING:** We have a range of water harvesting and award-winning water saving programs across the venue. We harvest rainwater on-site, which is pumped, stored, tested and distributed to our sustainable gas-fired on-site showers. Free water refill stations are available throughout the festival. Our world-renowned composting toilets are flush free and save around two and a half million litres of water each year!

**FOOD DONATIONS:** All caterers at Falls Festival use compostable packaging and utensils and any leftover fresh, untouched food is donated to Byron's Liberation Larder to feed people in need around our area.

**TREE PLANTING:** An impressive 26,000 native seedlings have been planted on site at North Byron Parklands by our staff and patrons.

**PARTY WITH THE PLANET:** When on site make sure you do your bit this year – bring reusable water bottles to refill, look for the recycling and food waste composting stations, keep your campsite clean and take all camping equipment home with you.



### CAR PASSES

As well as your Festival Ticket you will require a pre-purchased Car Pass if you plan to drive to the festival site. Pre-purchase car passes at [www.fallsfestival.com](http://www.fallsfestival.com).

### SHUTTLE BUSES

Shuttle buses will be running to North Byron Parklands from Kirra in the north and Suffolk Park in the south. See the Falls Festival website for shuttle bus timetable, full list of locations and to pre-purchase tickets.

### DROP OFF ZONE

There is a drop off zone where parents/friends can drop off and pick up patrons in the Southern Car Park (via entry Gate C off Tweed Valley Way).

### INFORMATION STATION

We have an Information Station located just inside the main entry, it is staffed at all times by friendly, well informed Falls oracles. You can head here if you have any questions, need directions, are looking to contact security, need sunscreen, insect repellent or just want to chill out and chat to some nice folk.

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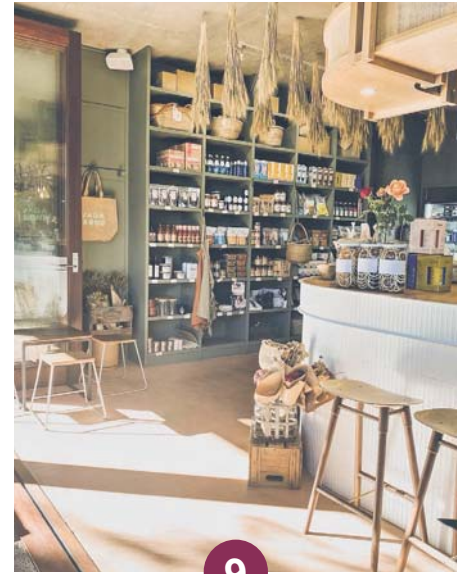
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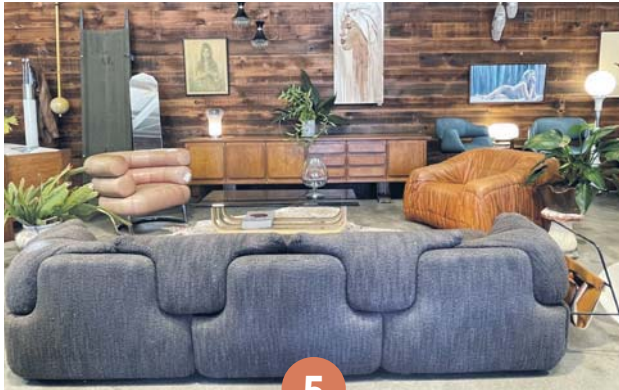
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It's no accident people love shopping at Habitat. They've carefully curated every homeware store, independent boutique and fashion label, so you can find the iconic style you'd expect from Byron without the hassle of going into town (including lots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

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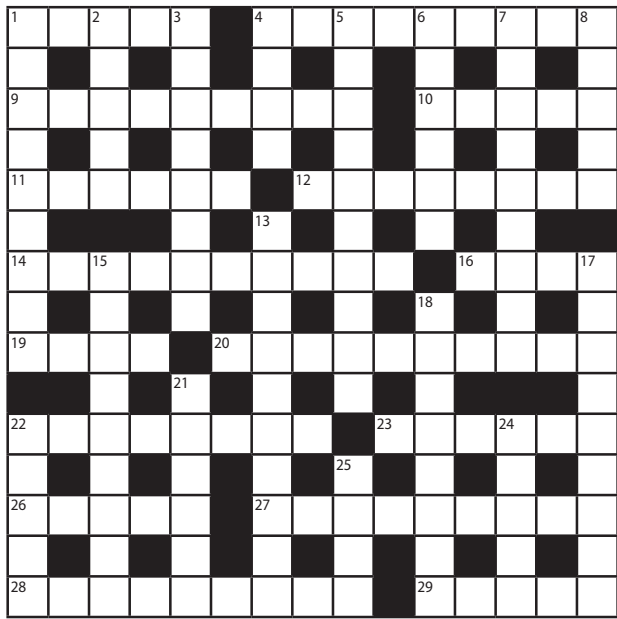
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They make billions of dollars every year looking after our old people. How can it be remotely ethical? You don't turn profits for your shareholders by spending money on the resident experience. The only way to increase profit is to cut back on what you spend on food. On staffing. On what support is available. You have to take bigger



It's up to us.

**PISCES:** Late week Pisces moon spotlighting the wind-up of cycles prompts an end of year audit. If you need to opt out of an agreement, think graceful exit rather than causing disarray. Give people time to put a Plan B in place. If a stormy mood starts brewing, focus on staying in the flow.

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# Seven

7 DAYS OF  
 ENTERTAINMENT



## GOGGLE UP FOR THE PORTAL

With only a couple of days to go until we close another year out, the beloved **Byron Theatre** will be transformed into a mind-blowing playground, **The Portal**, where senses will be transported into another realm.

Co-creator **Corr Piccone** says he wants people to feel amazement at the incredible talent that we have here in the Bay and the concept of combining incredible jaw-dropping theatre with a full-scale dance party. 'The melodic and progressive house and techno will blow people away.'

A life-long 'Burner' and owner of Flow Music, Piccone says the team is thrilled by the calibre of artists they can bring to the community, including renowned German DJ, **Dave Dinger**, and visionary spoken wordsmith, **Darpan**.

'Darpan needs very little introduction, especially to the Byron community,' says Piccone. 'We could not be more honoured to have him involved, sharing his incredible spoken word 'Metamorphosis' for the opening, as well as his 'A New Vision' for the closing.'

Not only will guests be wowed with a full night of entertainment, but two full bars, an elixir bar and free face and body painting will allow those willing to enhance their experience.

**Byron Theatre, Friday, 30 December at 7.33pm.**  
**Tickets are available from: [byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/92684](https://byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/92684)**  
**So get your outfit, bike and goggles at the ready!**

## THE BEACHY'S DOUBLE HEADER IN THE NEW YEAR

Byron's Beach Hotel is starting how they mean to finish with a great lineup to push 2022 all the way into last year.

To get you started is **Lisa Hunt** and her *Forever Soul* show. Born in the USA and establishing her international career early, firstly as a gospel singer, then sharing the stage with musical greats James Brown, Eric Clapton, Dionne Warwick, Joe Cocker, Miles Davis, Randy Crawford, Andrea Bocelli and many more. Lisa has performed live with artists as diverse as Pavarotti to Ray Charles.

*Forever Soul* is a celebration of the Ladies of soul: Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Diana Ross, and Tina Turner, just to name a few. Lisa's on-stage persona and stage presence, coupled with a vocal range that is larger than life, will have audiences dancing in their chairs as all the hits of the soul, Motown and funk era are played to perfection with her six-piece soul band.

Following a hugely popular set on the opening night of this year's Bluesfest, and finishing off COVID-forced postponed shows, **Tijuana Cartel** is back in Byron Bay for the first day of a brand-new year. Getting back on the road, and touring their latest album, *Acid Pony*, the Cartel are putting on a huge show at the Beach Hotel.

Finding their feet in the 1990's underground venues of the Gold Coast, Tijuana Cartel have honed their live set on some of Australia's biggest stages, dishing up an east-meets-west wonderland for those seeking sensory overload, euphoria, fat beats and heavy, bass-fuelled electronica.

**Start the new year off right at The Beachy on Saturday with Lisa Hunt from 4.30pm, DJs until 10.30pm, then Tijuana Cartel.**



## ROLLIN' ON THE RAILS INTO 2023

**The Rails** have two great shows on New Year's Day to get you rolling into 2023.

First up there is the ever-awesome **Damien Cooper** followed by **The Whiskeys** a two-piece blues/rock outfit who take no prisoners when they perform classic tracks across a broad range of genres blending blues, rock, reggae, funk and good vibes with power-charged drums/vocals and guitar – how can two guys create such a big sound?

The boys always get the crowd involved and the dance floor moving with lots of grooving, laughing and good clean fun.

**Get on a roll at 4pm with Damien Cooper and 8pm with The Whiskeys.**

## THE LAST LAUGH



You'll need a good belly laugh to get those extra Christmas calories shaking and there's no better giggle than **The Big Gig Free Live Comedy** at the **Ballina RSL** on Thursday.

This month **MC Mandy Nolan** presents a free comedy night with **Chris Radburn** and **Vanessa Mitchell** as support.

Chris Radburn is seriously funny, and undoubtedly one of Australia's best and most sought after corporate comedians. For the past 20 years this charismatic fella and his observational comedy have become extremely popular all over the country and the world. Radburn, who was once a lawyer, is also an award-winning international headline comedian who has performed at every major comedy festival in Australia and has over 20 TV credits, including *The Footy Show*, *Thursday Night Live*, *Sydney Comedy Festival Gala*, *The Comedy Channel*, and as an international finalist in *America's Last Comic Standing*.

Support for this show is Vanessa Larry Mitchell who, with a 20-year background working in the community sector, a degree in Social Science and a love of public speaking, has the confidence and knowledge of how people work to be able to draw the attention of everyone in the room to her. And you'll laugh buckets and buckets.

Gorgeous Mandy Nolan will MC this event and you just never know what will happen!

**This is an awesome lineup – have the last laugh on 2022 on Thursday at the Ballina RSL from 8pm.**

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### WHY WOULD KING CHARLES WANT TO BOOK THE FERAMONES?

The Feramones were first conceived in the 1990s in London when 10CC guitarist, **Rick Fenn**, was asked to assemble a band of top-shelf London session musicians for the Children with Leukaemia charity ball at the Park Lane Hilton. The concept was, as it remains today, to perform tried and tested classics from the '70s and '80s that never fail to keep the dance floor busy. The venture was so successful, over the next ten years the band was reassembled to play numerous showbiz parties and events around the UK, including performances for members of the royal family and a host of celebrity private functions. In 2000 Rick and fellow UK guitarist and Feramones regular, **Alan Limbrick**, established their homes in Byron Bay. When another Feramones veteran, **Alan Park** (keyboardist and musical director for Sir Cliff Richard) joined the boys in Byron, the nucleus for a more permanent lineup was established. They recruited the famed Bourbon Street vocalist, **Col Germano**, legendary Australia bassist, **Greg Lyon**, and drummer, **Rick Lloyd**.

**You can catch them on the first day of the new year, Sunday, 1 January, 2023 from 4.30pm at the Byron Services Club.**



### START HOW YOU MEAN TO FINISH

**The Hotel Brunswick** is finishing off 2022 on a high and carrying that into 2023 with **GoodRich** and **Pink Zinc**.

GoodRich play NYE. GoodRich, formed originally as a northern beaches party band in the '80s and '90s, **Bruce Butler** (originator and singer) relocated to Byron Bay in the '00s and the name GoodRich followed, joined by **Jamie Ashforth** on guitar and harmonica, and **Pete Boland** on guitar and keyboards. Holding the beats n bass together are **Hamish Flunklebottom** of the Vines and WolfMother fame, and Mixex keyboard player **Murray Burns** on guitar and bass duties for GoodRich.

GoodRich has become one of the most fun and energised bands around, and are always sure to pull large crowds.

Looking for something to get your year rolling? You've found it! Pink Zinc is a dynamic four piece that will have you shaking your moneymaker to their groove. Whether it's rock, funk, pop or blues that you dig, they got it and they flaunt it. The band has recently changed its rhythm section and is now better than ever before!

Pink Zinc has been causing quite a stir in venues all over the Northern Rivers over the last few years and they will shake up your New Year's Day Sunday.

**Finish 2022 and begin 2023 at the Hotel Brunswick – GoodRich 7pm Saturday, and Pink Zinc from 4pm on Sunday.**

### HE'S GOT VINYL – HE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT

**Matt the Vinyl Junkie** is back with another five-day mega record sale in Brunswick Heads. With close to 30 000 records in stock, the Vinyl Junkie fairs are some of the best you'll find in Australia; filled with amazing tonnes of wax in every genre. There will be DJs on the decks most days – so come and have a listen and have a dig.

One of Australia's largest importers of quality wax from the USA, Matt does regular buying trips to USA and handpicks quality records in all genres.

Though based near Byron, Matt travels thousands of kilometres each year to regularly attend record fairs in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Sydney. He also does three fairs a year near on his home turf to coincide with Falls Fest, Bluesfest and Splendour in the Grass – and here comes Falls!

**The fair starts on Wednesday, 28 December at the Memorial Hall, Brunswick Heads, and runs till Sunday, 1 January. Open 10am–6pm every day.**

### NEW YEAR NUDE SIZZLES

Nudge Nudge Wink Wink Summer Shed Sizzles with Sydney's finest selectors playing **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink!** 2023 launches with a lineup that's guaranteed to lift you up.

Internationally-based **DJ, Nick Field**, and CO-OP's **James Scott + Neil Terry** join the Nudge to skyrocket your senses. They join our smokin' Cunning Stunts resident DJs **Lord Sut** and Dale **Stephen**.

**Nick Field** will be raising the ambient temperature for his sixth time. Smouldering dance floor action will be had from this legend on the decks who has his own sound influenced by his loves of soulful, dubby, disco, electro and house. With over 25 years' global DJ'ing experience, you should not miss his set!

CO-OP's James Scott + Neil Terry have reunited to play the Nudge – CO-OP represents the meeting of a couple of not altogether proficient minds who have programmed, produced, promoted and pimped some pretty ridiculous (as in good) house party style events over the years in Sydney and beyond. They worship at the altars of deep disco and even deeper house laced with LoVe. Originally from the UK, these DJs of 20+ years will send your soul into the stratosphere. James Scott joins in for the fifth time, and it's exciting to have Neil Terry join him and reform CO-OP.

Cunning Stunts resident DJs Lord Sut and Dale Stephen start the summer nudge blast off for 2023! Sizzling tunes of balearic, disco and house with sprinklings of their own edits ensure your feet won't be touching the ground. Arrive early and stay late for January's stratospheric cocktail of sounds!

You have helped this mob raise \$373,418 so far, benefitting 32 charities since December 2015 – let's keep that impact growing! Funds are donated to locally-based registered NFP's assisting our communities during these challenging times. January's event continues with a cumulative percentage of profits being donated from the last Nudge and this.

**The Summer Shed Sizzle is on Saturday 7 January from 4pm – it's a ticketed 18+ event at the Billinudgel Hotel.**

**Final event tickets are available now. <https://bit.ly/NudgeTix>.**



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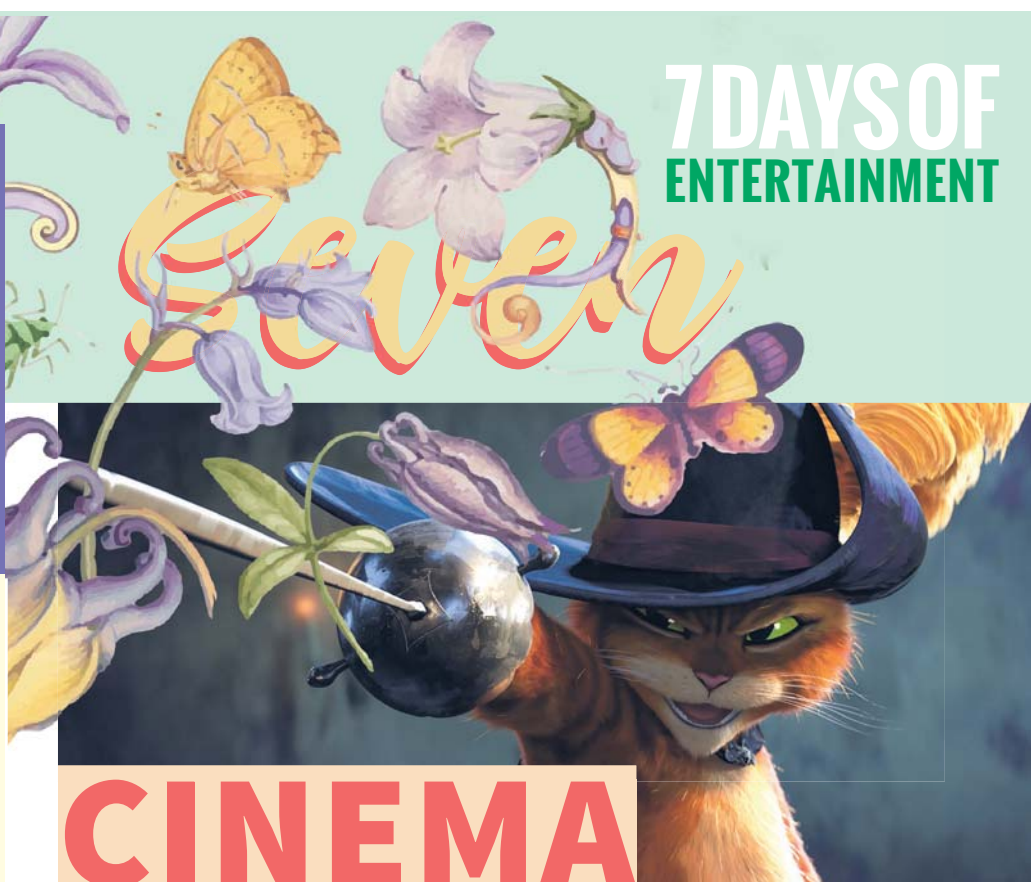


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# Seven



## WEDNESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUCK MY DISCO**, 12.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- FOXY LUU'S, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **TONY AND THE THIEF**
- MULLUMBIMBY UNITING CHURCH 7PM **30 MINUTES FOR FREEDOM - CHANTING AND MEDITATION**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY - FEATURING: CHRIS RADBURN WITH SPECIAL GUEST: VANESSA MITCHELL AND MC MANDY NOLAN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 6.30PM **COL GERMANO**

## THURSDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **CHRIS DEL MAR**, 6PM **BARNEY COOLS DJS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY VEE**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - CHRIS RADBURN WITH SUPPORT VANESSA MITCHELL + MC MANDY NOLAN**

## FRIDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**, 8PM **KALLIDAD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **ALEX TILLEY**, 8.15PM **ANDY V**, 9.30PM **MADISON KAT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.33PM **THE PORTAL**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **THE BREDDA BROTHERS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5.30PM **BALCONY BEATS WITH DJ STEVE WALLEAR**, 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **WILSON**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5.30PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE TWO AMIGOS - GLENN SHORROCK & BRIAN CADD**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **GREG WALL**, 9.30PM **FAT ALBERT**

## SATURDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 4PM **THE GIN BUGGS**, 8.30PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JEROME WILLIAMS AND HIS MUCH BIGGER BAND WITH LOCAL DJS AND BANDS ALL DAY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **GOODRICH W ZAC HUBBARD**
- BYRON BOWLO 1.30PM **JON J BRADELY**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 5PM **OLE FALCOR**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **NYE PARTY - LUKE MCD, MURAT KILIC, JAMES OWEN**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **SHYBABY & THEM CULPRITS**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **PISTOL WHIP**, 6PM **DJ DANNY B**, 9PM **DJ TWOSINC**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **MAJESTIC KNIGHTS**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **DISCO DISCIPLES 'DISCO WONDERLAND'**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**, LEVEL ONE 9PM **PINK ZINC**
- LISMORE WORKERS SPORTS CLUB, GOONELLABAH, 9PM **GLITTERATI RIOT**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM **J.B & THE MMMM'S + DJS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 8PM **GEMINI**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 9PM **MCKENZIE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 6PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM **LET'S DANCE! KILLER NYE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE TWO AMIGOS - GLENN SHORROCK & BRIAN CADD**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 5PM **DIVISION 4**, 9.30PM **THE SMASHED CRABS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 5PM **BEN NOY AMI**, 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**, 9.30PM **THE HODADS**

## SUNDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 4PM **DAMIEN COOPER**, 8PM **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **DJ WAX ADDICTS**, 4.30PM **LISA HUNT**, 7PM **DJ LORDY WARDY**, 8.30PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY**, 10.30PM **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 9.30AM **HAYLEY GRACE, PAM HATA & CHASING RAINBOWS**
- SECRET GARDEN, BYRON BAY, 10AM **NYD PARTY - DJS**
- BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **PINK ZINC**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 4.30PM **GANGAJANG**, 6.30PM **LIVIN' IN THE '70S**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 1PM **SHAWS BAY SUNDAY SESSIONS NYD FT SUPERCHEEZE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 2.30PM **SUNDAY BLUES SESSION - SOREN CARLBERGG QUARTET WITH GUEST SWEET FELICIA**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 4PM **CW STONEKING, THE WARREN EARLE BAND, THE LONESOME BOATMEN AND THE ELTHAM ALLSTARS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 12PM **FRIENDLY WEAPONS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **TURTLE BOY DUO**

## MONDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMP CATS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**, 9.30PM **JAMIE VALE**

## TUESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **A MUSO'S NEW YEAR**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **GRACE PETRIE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**

## WEDNESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 2.30PM **DAMIEN COOPER**, 5PM **JASON DELPHIN**

# CINEMA

## PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH

Everyone's favourite leche-loving, swashbuckling, fear-defying feline returns to cinemas in *Puss In Boots: The Last Wish*.

For the first time in more than a decade, DreamWorks Animation presents a new adventure in the Shrek universe as daring outlaw *Puss in Boots* discovers that his passion for peril and disregard for safety have taken their toll. Puss has burned through eight of his nine lives, though he lost count along the way. Getting those lives back will send Puss in Boots on his grandest quest yet.

Antonio Banderas returns as the voice of the notorious PiB as he embarks on an epic journey into the Black Forest to find the mythical Wishing Star and restore his lost lives. But with only one life left, Puss will have

to humble himself and ask for help from his former partner and nemesis: the captivating Kitty Soft Paws (voiced by **Salma Hayek**).

In their quest, Puss and Kitty will be aided – against their better judgment – by a ratty, chatty, relentlessly cheerful mutt, Perro (**Harvey Guillén**). Together, our trio of heroes will have to stay one step ahead of Goldilocks (**Florence Pugh**) and the Three Bears Crime Family, 'Big' Jack Horner (**John Mulaney**) and terrifying bounty hunter, The Big Bad Wolf (**Wagner Moura**).

You can see these fabulous felines at Ballina Fair Cinemas – [ballinafaircinemas.com.au](http://ballinafaircinemas.com.au) and the Palace Cinema Byron Bay – [palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay](http://palacecinemas.com.au/cinemas/palace-byron-bay) this week.

*No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again.*

Buddha

### PALACE CINEMAS

### Session Times

Thurs 29 Dec – Wed 4 Jan

SPECIAL SCREENINGS	ALL FILMS
<b>EMPIRE OF LIGHT</b> (MA15+) Sat: 7pm – NYE Event.	<b>A MAN CALLED OTTO</b> (M) Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed: 10:45am, 1pm, 4:45pm, 7pm, 8:30pm.
<b>FAMILY FILMS</b>	<b>THE LOST KING</b> (M) Thu, Fri: 11am, 1:20pm, 3:40pm, 6pm, 8:30pm.
<b>BLUEBACK</b> (PG) Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed: 11:15am, 1:45pm, 4pm, 6:15pm.	<b>THE MENU</b> (MA15+) Thu, Fri, Sat: 3:45pm
<b>LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE</b> (G) Thu, Fri, Sat: 10:30am, 12:45pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm.	<b>TRIANGLE OF SADNESS</b> (M) Thu, Fri: 10:15am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 6:45pm, 8:15pm.
<b>PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH</b> (PG) Thu, Fri: 10:30am, 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 5pm, 6pm.	<b>THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN</b> (M) Thu, Fri: 10:45am, 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 6pm, 7pm.
<b>STRANGE WORLD</b> (PG) Thu, Fri, Sat: 11am, 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 5pm, 7:30pm.	<b>I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY</b> (M) Daily except Sat: 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:15pm. Sat: 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6pm.

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Child:	\$11		


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DECEMBER / JANUARY
AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER M 192 MIN
AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER 3D M 192 MIN
PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH PG 102 MIN
I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY M 144 MIN
LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE G 105 MIN
FROM JANUARY 1 <sup>ST</sup>
BLUEBACK PG 102 MIN
A MAN CALLED OTTO M 126 MIN

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### VACANT BUSH LOTS IN TINTENBAR

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Now released for sale by Auction are lot 2 (2023 sq mts) & lot 3 (1821 sq mts) in Section 9 and lots 2 (1252 sq.mts) & lot 3 (1518 sq. mts.) in Section 10 of this subdivision off George Street Tintenbar. The lots zoned RU1 Primary Production are elevated and there is town water and electricity in George Street. They do not have a dwelling entitlement.

Well located, with quick access to the Hinterland Way and Motorway and only a short walk to the Tintenbar Medical Centre and General Store with its Post

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10 minutes to the Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport, 20 minutes to Byron and only 7 minutes to the famous Harvest Café & Deli in the quaint village of Newrybar.

**To be auctioned on site Saturday 28th January 2023 at 11am.**

**Price Guide from \$160,000 per lot.**

**There will be an agent on site for viewing on Sat 31st Dec 7th Jan 14th Jan & 21st Jan at 11am.**

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## FORTHCOMING SALE

**20 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads**

Great central location, overlooking Banner Park and the Brunswick River

- 5 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Double lockup garage
- Off street parking
- Rear lane access
- 841m<sup>2</sup>



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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.

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
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## real estate



### BYRON BAY

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18 Porter Street

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

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

**Price:** \$1.75 million - \$1.85 million

**Inspect:** By Appointment

**Agent:** Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122



### THE CHANNON

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1441 Keerrong Road

#### ***A Country Dream***

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

**Price:** \$1.75 million

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To all our friends, clients and community,  
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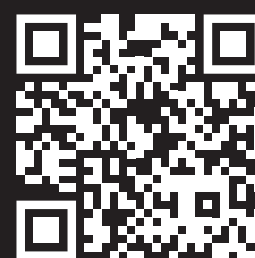
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- The location is unbeatable with main beach at your doorstep to enjoy the tranquil turquoise waters and Byron's lively town centre just a short stroll away
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- Open plan kitchen and lounge room connects with dining and 2nd balcony

4/54 Lawson Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: Contact Agent

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Oliver Aldridge  
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### Magnificent Riverfront Oasis

3 2 4 1.36HA

- Featuring a flexible floorplan with multi-purpose living spaces, a central resort style pool, spa and courtyard area linking the outlying pavilion style buildings
- The home features a gourmet chefs kitchen with butler's pantry
- Large double garage, double shed, and under home covered storage space
- The property has been designed around 2 natural lily-pad filled ponds with run off traversing an organic watercourse to the river away from the home

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### New Substantial Quality Family Home in Beachside Location

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- Outdoors boasts an undercover alfresco dining patio adjoining the firepit area which is framed with large sandstone boulders – perfect for entertaining
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- The home offers three separate living areas and additional study
- Main bedroom features ensuite, walk-in-robe and a private balcony
- The low maintenance yard has tropical plantings and a timed watering system

16 Omega Circuit, Brunswick Heads

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### Gorgeous Hinterland Property on Serene 7ha Parcel

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- Resting on an expansive, private 7ha enclave in the Byron Hinterland with usable fertile land and shaded by palms is this gorgeous cottage
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- Pavilion style cottage offering two spacious bedrooms
- Featured is a organic veggie garden, 9m x 6m tractor shed and horse paddock
- Potential to add an additional dwelling for extra income potential (STCA)

279 Huonbrook Road, Huonbrook

Price Guide: \$1.7m – \$1.85m

Open: By Appointment



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# thank you!



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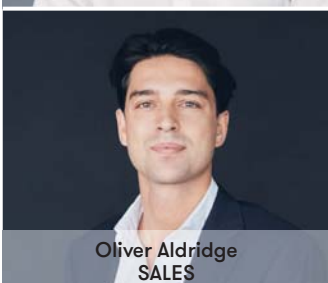
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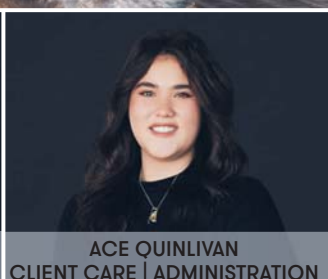
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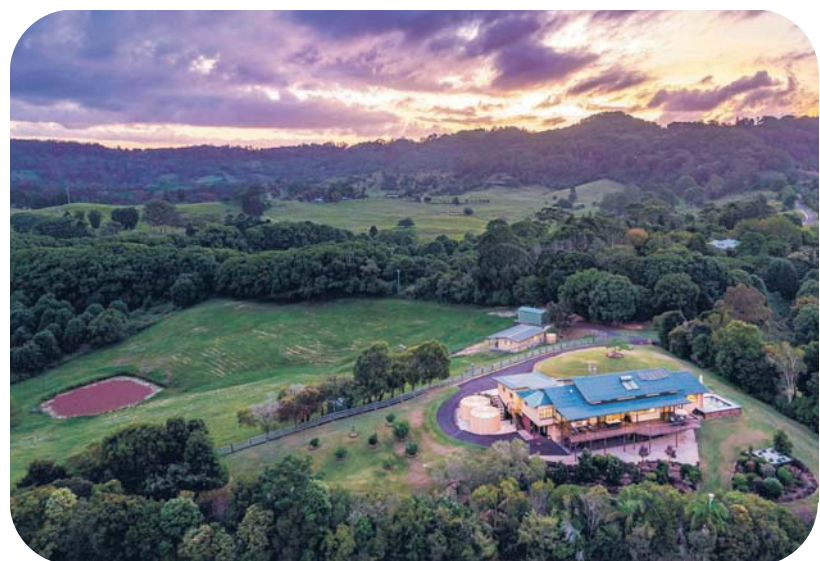


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From the First National Byron family to yours, we wish everyone a  
Merry Christmas, and a safe, healthy and successful 2023!



NORTH-FACING PEACEFUL AND PICTURESQUE ACREAGE PARADISE MINUTES FROM BYRON TOWN



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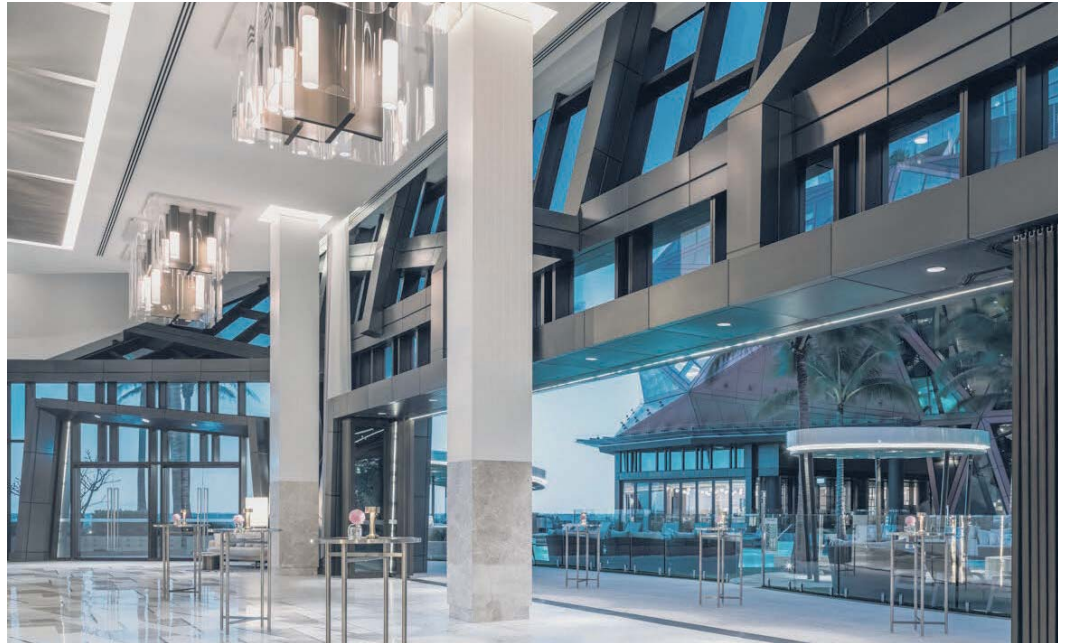


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 510m<sup>2</sup>\*^
  111.64 acres\*

This expansive 111.64-acre\* landholding known as 'Kincora Farm' is anchored by a large family house and offers an idyllic country lifestyle, with income potential. There are endless vantage points from which to take in inspiring views that extend to the ocean and showcase Lennox Headland in the distance. It is a scenic five-minute\* drive into the quaint village of Bangalow, while the tourism hub of Byron Bay and its golden beaches are also close by. The property has the potential for agricultural or tourism ventures and currently runs 35 head of agisted cattle. The main house is built for entertaining and features multiple living spaces as well as a self-contained pool house. Surrounded by tropical gardens extending to grassy paddocks and natural bushland, the acreage has a freshwater spring-fed dam and comes with two all-terrain vehicles.

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Total Land Area

70.4 acres\*

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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

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.

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, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

Language exchange

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

Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

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

Exercise for older adults

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.

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.

SUN, MOON & TIDES TIMES FOR NEXT 2 WEEKS						
DATE (Nov)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE / SET	MOON RISE / SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)	
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11	W	5:58 19:48	22:43 9:21	1202 1.63	0507 0.37 1830 0.41	
Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.						

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 workshop located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagarah Airfield. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

Craft group

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

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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**AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE .....000**  
**AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay .....131 233**  
**POLICE Brunswick Heads ..... 6629 7510**  
**Mullumbimby ..... 6629 7570**  
**Byron Bay ..... 6685 9499**  
**Bangalow ..... 6629 7500**

**STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE** Storm & tempest damage, flooding...**132 500**  
**BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE** Primary rescue..... **6685 1999**  
**BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER..... 6685 0148**  
**BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL..... 6639 9400**  
**BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS..... 6622 7022**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE** (Mullumbimby) ..... **6684 1286**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** 24 hour crisis line..... **1800 656 463**  
**LIFELINE .....131 114**  
**MENSLINE..... 1300 789 978**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 24 hours ..... **1800 423 431**  
**AL-ANON** Help for family and friends of alcoholics ..... **1300 252 666**  
**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** Meets daily ..... **6680 7280**  
**NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE..... 6687 2520**  
**HIV/AIDS – ACON** Confidential testing & information ..... **6622 1555**  
**ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)..... 6622 1881**  
**NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS..... 6628 1866**  
**KOALA HOTLINE ..... 6622 1233**  
**WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service... 6628 1898**

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.

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

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

Toy Library

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

Landcare

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

Bridge club

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

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. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.

Bruns Progress

Residents, come and have your say at the Brunswick Heads Progress Association. We meet on the first Monday of every second month at the Brunswick Heads Community Centre at 6pm. Find us on Facebook.

Bruns CWA

Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meets each Friday, 10am to 2pm. All women welcome to come along with craft projects or learn new skills, have a cuppa, biscuit and a chat. Saturday 9 April, Easter Stall: Cakes, jams, handmade clothes, plants and bric-a-brac. Cash only. CWA Rooms, crn Park and Booyun Sts, Brunswick Heads.

\$5 pilates classes

Come and join us for \$5 Pilates classes every Thursday at 8.45am in the Memorial Hall, 22 Fingal Street, Brunswick Headsand 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.

Prostate Cancer Support

We invite men who have had or are newly diagnosed to join this active prostate cancer support group at these meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 10am at Ballina Cherry Street Bowling Club – partners or carers are most welcome to attend – This is a great opportunity to share, learn and benefit from other people's experiences. Meetings also held on Wednesday nights in Lismore. Enquiries phone Bob 02 6628 1527.

MONTHLY MARKETS			
1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323		
1st SUN Byron Bay	6685 6807		
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333		
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498		
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631		
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159		
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433		
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807		
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141		
2nd SUN Coolangatta			
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370		
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024		
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina			
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757		
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150		
3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333		
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338		
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631		
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299		
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	kyoglebazaar.com.au		
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911		
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764		
4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024		
4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta			
5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498		
5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000		
5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807		
FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS			
Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672		
Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084		
Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834		
Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764		
Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall			
Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137		
Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900		
Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	0424 168 672		
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137		
Each SAT 8-11am Duranbah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)			
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530		
Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore			
Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob			
Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137		
The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.			

## PETS

**Elsa** is a 1 year old, Mastiff X. She is a big playful pup with a bit more growing to do. She would suit a family with older kids and is good with other dogs. She's a sweet, gentle girl who just wants to please. M/C # 991003001348758

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# 2022: another big year in sport across the region



The Byron Bay Lady Golfers Pink Ball Day, held in May, was part of a breast cancer fundraiser in the lead up to Mother's Day. Photo supplied



Alstonville Football Club had plenty to celebrate this year including the senior women's premiership, a best ever year for the men, a 50th anniversary, as well as both top coaches collecting Football Far North Coast awards. Photo Rob Parkin



Bangalow and Wollongbar Alstonville battled each other throughout the 2022 rugby season, but in the grand final WAR's experience came to the fore and they won the premiership game 43-12. WAR have played in the last ten grand finals and have won seven of them. Photo Vicki Kerry



The Brunswick Heads Women's Bowling Club celebrated their 70th Birthday in August. They held a gala day with 28 teams (112 women) attending from across the region. Margaret Darby, Ladies President, cut the cake along with Darilyn Guest, a life member of the club. Photo supplied



The Rainbow Dragon Boat crew were back on the water this year after a covid hiatus and hosted their own regatta on Shaw's Bay in Ballina. Photo supplied



Byron Bay won the Ballina District Cricket Association second grade premiership after the grand final against Lennox Head was washed out. Byron did enough during a very wet season to take home the silverware. Photo supplied



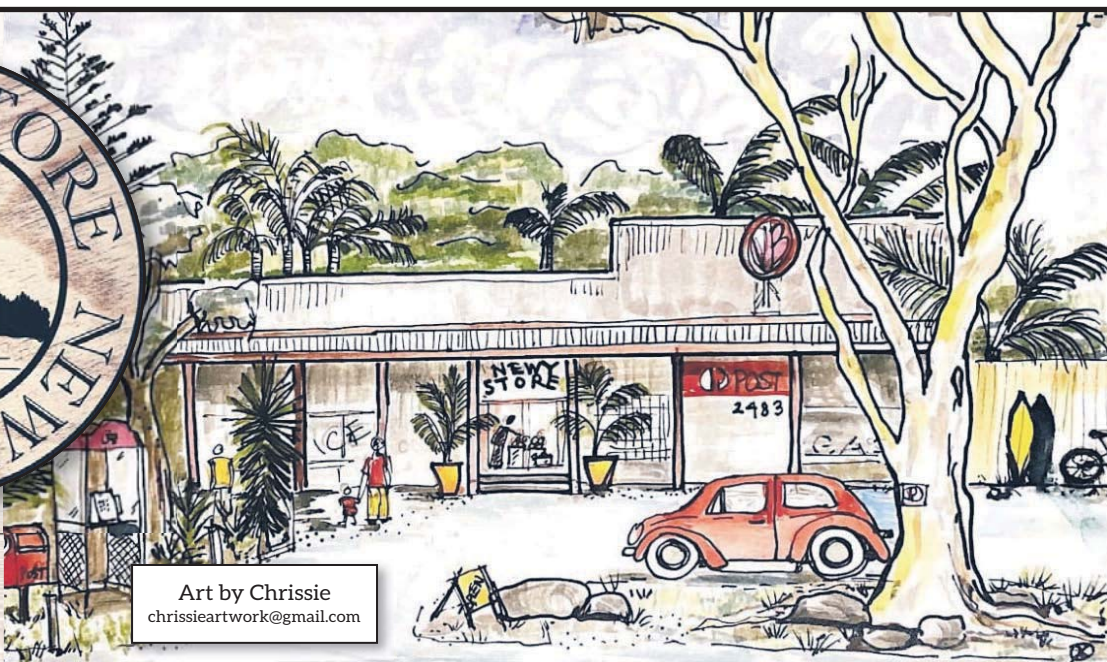
The Byron Red Devil U/18s won the trophy series grand final against a committed Kyogle 28-16 in Lismore. Photo Cee Bees Photos

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Vale Tony Barry, legend of the screen, the streets of Mullum, and a passionate activist. While his film career included *Australia* (2008), *Doing Time for Patsy Cline* (1997), and *The Odd Angry Shot* (1979), one lesser known film he starred in was *BabaKiueria* (Barbeque Area). The 1986 satirical film explores what it would be like if Indigenous Australians arrived on a boat and forced colonisation upon white Australians. It's on YouTube. See Tony's obit on page 3.

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It may be an oft repeated question, but whose side is Mayor Michael Lyon on – residents or executive Council staff? Something appears very fishy around the dumping of soil onto a floodplain in The Pocket (see page 3) and the mayor isn't interested, while the EPA is. And staff have also steamrolled a busy Mullum mechanic over parking changes – see page 5. While residents had to fight hard against staff's backflip on the zebra crossing, the mechanics say they weren't given options. And the chair of the local traffic committee? It's the mayor.

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'If you really want to piss people off, you can do two things: Attain some happiness or tell the truth.' – Tennessee Williams (US playwright, 1911–1983)

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With the Christmas Eve rally against the NSW Liberal–Nationals government backflip on Council's holiday let policy, it's worth mentioning that this government has refused to answer *The Echo's* question as to why it won't implement a levy on

online holiday let operators, like Airbnb, so that Council can properly fund roads and other infrastructure that is impacted by over two million annual visitors. Other countries do that, but it seems there's a lot of NSW Liberal–Nationals MPs with holiday letting interests, and not one with any interest in Byron's community.

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Former President of the Australian Medical Association (AMA), Dr Kerryn Phelps, revealed last week she suffered a serious vaccine injury and said the true rate is far higher than acknowledged owing to threats from medical regulators. Who would have thought that?

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Dr William J Ripple, distinguished Professor of Ecology at Oregon State University and Director of the Alliance of World Scientists, says there is good news on Europe's rewilding. 'Hunting and habitat loss drove many large mammals in Europe close to extinction. New data shows that many of the continent's mammal populations are flourishing again'.

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Queensland police are appealing to the public to dob in those who 'are anti-government or believe covid-19 vaccine conspiracy theories'. Problem is that there's aren't enough jail cells to hold 'em all. Quick, build more jails! Now that's a 'Problem Reaction Solution', which is a conspiracy theory by David Icke, where government (or other authorities/powerful entities) manipulate the population by introducing a problem and then use their own means to solve that problem.



When is it a time to rethink traditions and perceptions? Always! Take for example, Santa. His origins go back hundreds of years to a bishop named Saint Nicholas. According to [www.history.com](http://www.history.com), 'It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around AD 280 in Patara, near Myra, in modern-day Turkey'. Instead of being an overweight historical kickback, Santa could be portrayed as a health focused, grey nomad who uses essential oils. Photo trawled from the interwebs.

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