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The Sidestep Kids festival, held in Banner Park in Brunswick Heads last weekend, was a huge hit. Pictured is Mickey Blue Eyes and his mates, who got heavily into the cosplay tent. Photo Jeff 'Costume And Play' Dawson

## **MP** supports controversial AUKUS deal

#### Hans Lovejoy

Despite former Labor prime minister, Paul Keating, calling the AUKUS nuclear submarine deal the 'worst international decision' by a Labor government in more than 100 years, local federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot is promoting the massive increase in military spending as good for the 'national interest'.

The Australian government last week announced it would build eight nuclear-powered submarines, with the UK and US, within the next 30 years, for \$368B.

The Echo asked Elliot about the deal, and she replied, 'Our Albanese Labor government is focused on providing Australians stability, confidence and security. We're

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providing greater economic security, cost-of-living relief to families, and security in energy, manufacturing, jobs, wages and defence. To do this, our government is increasing investment in healthcare, child care, aged care, education and access to housing.

'And because the very first priority of all governments is to protect their citizens, we're also bolstering Australia's national security, because it's in our interest to ensure our region is peaceful, stable, prosperous and respectful of sovereignty.

'AUKUS will strengthen Australia's national security and contribute to regional stability in response to unprecedented strategic challenges.

'It will also build a future made

in Australia, by Australians, with record investments in defence, skills, jobs and infrastructure.

### National interest

'We are making this decision in Australia's national interest. Our national interest demands that we make a contribution to upholding the global rules-based order'.

Despite the claims by the local MP, Keating told the National Press Club last week he disputes whether national security would be strengthened, given, 'China has not threatened us'.

Former federal Labor senator, Doug Cameron, added his concerns, telling the ABC, 'I'd rather we funded many other things'. See comment, page 16

## Flood-affected still without assistance

#### Adel Pheloung

Over a year has passed since the devastating February 2022 floods, but many residents of the Northern Rivers have not received the support to retrofit, raise or buyback their homes, as pledged to them by the federal and state governments.

Byron Shire's homeowners are no exception, with numerous community residents beginning to become frustrated by the lack of meaningful expenditure of floodrecovery money.

Regarding the lack of support for homeowners, the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corp (NRRC) told The Echo that, 'All residents who have registered with the Resilient Homes Program will be provided with information about their eligibility for a voluntary buyback, house raising or house retrofitting by mid-2023'.

The spokesperson added that all homeowners registered with the Resilient Homes Program, 'are eligible for all three Resilient Homes Program streams (voluntary home buyback, raising or retrofitting)'.

'[A] combination of factors, including the location of the residential dwelling relative to the modelled flood levels (Annual Exceedance Probability), flood impact severity data, safety risks and potential future flood levels' will be relied upon to decide the exact program stream each property is eligible for'.

For those homeowners who have already paid for work before securing a Resilient Homes Program offer; there is still a chance to 'receive

funding or reimbursement' if eligible for retrofitting, which will be analysed 'on a case-by-case basis'.

#### Slabs cannot be raised

A key concern for the floodaffected residents of Mullumbimby is what help will be given to highrisk brick homes built on concrete slabs, as they cannot be raised.

The reply was, 'adding another level to brick homes is not currently part of the Resilient Homes Program', meaning that retrofitting or buyback are the only options available to such homeowners.

The Echo was also told that the 'NRRC is developing plans to further investigate the number of homes eligible for house raising in Mullumbimby', which 'will be undertaken in consultation with homeowners, community members, Byron Shire Council and relevant specialist contractors'.

It's unclear whether further investigation will focus on what alternatives are available for the multiple brick-on-slab homes that flooded.

Regarding Council's own flood recovery effort, The Echo was informed by the mayor that 'two dedicated recovery positions... have been appointed by Council post-floods', who will, 'act as a conduit between community, government and other areas of Council', and focus on key areas of work, including 'advocacy, facilitation of key stakeholder groups, including the Community Resilience Network, collaboration and community engagement'.

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## Swimming champs Sydney bound for finals

Congratulations to Wilsons Creek Public School students Ruby, Eddie, Goldie and Ayla, who have made it to the state swimming finals, to be held in Sydney at the end of the term.

Principal, Kylie Martin, told The Echo the students won the small schools 50-metre freestyle relay event, recently held at the Zone Carnival in Alstonville.

She says, 'Obviously, our four competitors are excited, and we are all brimming with pride'.

To assist with travel costs, a parent has set up a GoFundMe for anyone keen to support the swimming superstars: www.gofundme.com/f/ our-kids-make-it-to-the-stateswimming-carnival.



Ruby, Eddie, Goldie and Ayla are headed to the state swimming finals. Photo Jeff Dawson

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## Labor pledges to legislate against pork-barrelling

#### Hans Lovejoy

Banning the practice of pork-barrelling, which is where governments favour one electorate over another with grants and other taxpayer funds to win votes, would be enshrined into law, say Labor, if they are elected.

Last week, The Echo reported that Regional Transport and Roads Minister, Sam Farraway (Nationals), decides on road projects across NSW after recommendations from an expert panel.

Council were unsuccessful in securing much needed funds for Main Arm Road in the latest round of NSW government grants, despite it being a Council 'priority'.

'Government needs to be there for people, no matter where they live' Labor's Andrew Broadley

> The Echo asked Labor candidate, Andrew Broadley, what Labor's position was on the controversial practice.

Minns Labor government, integrity will be at the centre of the allocation of taxpayer funds. The Labor team vows to "restore integrity" to the grants system by legislating against pork-barrelling'.

'This includes disaster relief. In February, a scathing report on the administration of the \$100 million bushfire recovery program was

unforgivable, government needs to be there for people, no matter where they live. 'Under Labor, disaster Broadley said, 'Under a relief will be independently audited, and grant guidelines will be legislated. 'Our plan is for grants programs to have clear,

transparent and public guidelines, timeframes and eligibility criteria that inform the awarding of grants. 'Agency recommenda-

tions should be in writing and compare applications to the selection criteria, and

where ministers depart from the advice of their agencies in the awarding of grants, they should do so in writing and provide reasons.

'Ultimately, ministers have a responsibility to maintain the public trust placed in them by performing their duties with honesty and integrity, in compliance with the rule of law, and to advance the common good of the people of NSW.

'Under a Minns Labor government, this will be the standard, not the exception.

'Labor will also legislate to guarantee independent funding for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

'It plays an important role in ensuring integrity in public office, which Labor supports'.

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## Affordable Housing SEPP up for review if Labor is elected

#### Hans Lovejoy

Labor would review the Affordable Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to ensure it is 'fit for purpose', if the party is

elected on Saturday. The Echo asked candidate Andrew Broadley what Labor's position was on the planning instrument, given it provides questionable

affordable housing outcomes. As just one example, its

provisions allow for a 15 year sunset clause, meaning the dwelling can be rented at market rate after 15 years.

Broadley replied, 'The Nationals and the Perrottet

'There is no quick fix, but Labor has a plan aimed at short-term relief and longterm solutions.

## Stamp duty cut

'We will make it easier for first home buyers to get

'Labor also understands that in communities on the North Coast, the underlying lack of supply is being exacerbated by the impact of short-term letting.

'This is creating significant pressure on prices and avail-

government have had 12 years to fix the housing problem and haven't, and we are feeling the impact of that heavily in our region'.

into their own homes, by abolishing stamp duty outright for first home buyers purchasing homes up to \$800,000.

ability of rental properties for local working people. We are keen to work with local government, to find practical solutions to this crisis'.

## Flood-affected still waiting for assistance

Continued from page 1 'the floods have highlighted that socioeconomic marginalised communities... were more likely to be evacuated, displaced for long periods and suffered worse wellbeing outcomes than other groups', and stated that

'Council is working closely' with organisations and community groups 'to address preparedness for vulnerable community members'.

## April Zoom

Everyone in the region has the opportunity to ask questions related to the current state of the flood recovery effort, as the Byron Shire Council is 'in the process of organising a community Zoom for some time in April', hopefully with David Witherdin in attendance. Perhaps the most

important questions the community should ask are 'why is there no deadline for when flood-affected folk will receive assistance?', and 'Why has there been no prioritisation for those most directly affected by the floods?'

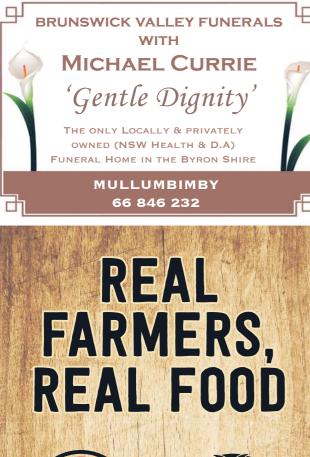
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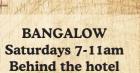
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## Big funds raised in a little town

A Billinudgel fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave raised \$7,100 last week.

Lotus Palliative Care Clinical Manager, Lulu Shapiro, told The Echo, 'When Team Lotus, comprised of Lotus Palliative Care nurses, friends and family, committed to the Shave for a Cure, Georgia and Rick from Michaela's Hair and Beauty, Scott from Mrs Birdy's and The Billinudgel Hotel were quick to offer their support, and the local community did the rest'.

'A huge thanks to all involved. 'The next Lotus Palliative Care fundraiser is on May 27, at The Billinudgel Hotel. Tickets are on sale Wednesday March 22, through Humanitix – Lotus at The Nudge'.



Rene Pearce, Shaved for a Cure, by Kate Govett. Photo Jeff 'Number Ones' Dawson

## BoM mute on candidate's claims of global cooling

#### Hans Lovejoy

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) have refused to comment on extraordinary claims by Independent NSW election candidate, Kevin Loughrey, that the climate has been cooling, not warming.

Despite promises of a reply from media representatives, and with a three-day lead time, BoM communications team leader, Michelle Nichols, wrote to The Echo on deadline

to say, 'Just wanted to let you know we will not be providing any comment on the article'. No reply was given when asked why by The Echo.

Loughrey supplied The *Echo* with an article that asks 'What if the Earth's atmosphere is not warming, but instead cooling?'

He writes, from 1885 to around 1998, Australia's climate has been cooling.

the Bureau of Meteorology replaced the analogue measuring systems with digital technology; used digital equipment incapable of reading temperatures below -10°C; did not run the two systems in parallel so that the digital system could be calibrated against the analogue and thereby ensure that temperature comparisons would be from the same reference base: and put the new equipment in smaller housings (called

Stevenson Screens) causing them to record a higher temperature, and painted the insides of the boxes black so that they radiate onto the measuring equipment – once again causing higher temperatures to be registered'.

Yet according to the NASA climate change website, the Earth has warmed since 1998, with 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 being the hottest years globally, since 1880.



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## 'After 1998, the temperature record is broken because

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## *After Disaster* film and live concert, March 27

#### Alexandra Hudson

Working with kids from both The Pocket Primary and Upper Main Arm Primary in the aftermath of the 2022 floods, Janet saw a need to support these kids, many of whom had experienced the full force of the floods and landslips, not once, but twice.

Some lost family homes and property and were displaced from their school.

With many years of experience with the healing and connective nature of music, Janet set about to create a program to help explore and express some of the traumatic impacts the 2022 floods left on our young people.

And with funding through the NSW government's **Reconnecting Regional NSW** Grants program, The After Disaster Project was born.

The project consists of four local songwriters - Harry James Angus, Emily Lubitz, Ash Grunwald and Janet Swain, who worked with the kids to create a song cycle about the floods, climate change and future action.

Additionally, composer and percussionists, Michael and Samaya Askill, mentored



Kim Shelley from the Mullum District Neighbourhood Centre, Alex Hudson, Janet Swain, Remy (pictured behind) and Emily Lubitz. Photo Jeff Dawson

Main Arm students to create a sonic reflection on the flood event.

It all culminated in a big free concert for our community, with 200 kids, along with these fabulous musicians performing the songs they had created together.

The outcomes far exceeded expectations - the songs were deeply moving, uplifting and they also highlighted the incredible resilience and creativity of

our wonderful community. There was not a dry eye in the house. These are the stories of our kids; these songs are their songs.

### Project documented

This whole project was documented by our own award-winning filmmaker, Sharon Shostak and has resulted in the much-awaited After Disaster documentary. She is excited to premiere the film during

the Byron Shire Council's Month of Reflection on the Flood Events of 2022.

This is a free event, and there will be four screenings over two days, at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, on March 27 and 28.

It will include performances by Emily Lubitz and Janet Swain, with the Upper Main Arm Primary and Pocket Schools combined choir, and the Big Voice Community Choir.



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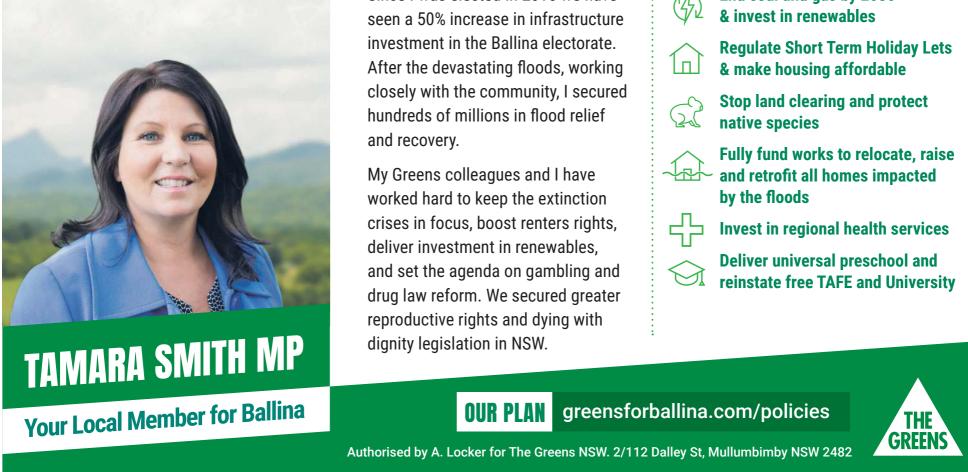
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## Solé's on a mission to help local dingoes

#### Photo & story Eve Jeffery

A local advocate wants to tear down the myths about dingoes, and stop their treatment as wild dogs, which she says they are not.

Launched in June last year, the Northern Rivers Dingo Advocacy group hopes to educate people about our local dingoes. Group founder, Solé Herrer, there are too many falsehoods about this ancient canid, whose lineage split very early on from today's domestic dog.

'Dingoes are still classed as a pest species by the government and the agriculture industry. They renamed the dingo a "wild dog" and they are not!', Herrer told *The Echo*.

Herrer says the local dingoes to this area are not ginger, like the coastal and inland groups. 'Dingoes come in many colours, because they need camouflage in their habitat. The rainforest dingoes are very dark and sometimes tricoloured, which often leads people to think they are wild dogs, as they look like black kelpies.

'There is no need to fear them. They are monogamous and family orientated,



Dingo advocate Solé Herrer and Spirit, a dingo pup that came to her 11 days ago, just skin and bones.

and they like to stick close to their den. They are a keystone species - one of Australia's apex predators.'

#### Many myths

Herrer says there are so many myths surrounding dingoes. 'They didn't arrive on a rowboat with Asian sea people - there is no evidence of that. There is, however, evidence of them being here for over 50,000 years. They also can, and do, bark'.

'They also don't live in packs like dogs, but in family groups.' Herrer would like to see predator-friendly, nonlethal management of the local families.

'They regulate their

own population, they are monogamous and only the dominant pair is allowed to breed once a year. They do not like to breed with dogs, and in this area there is a very low percentage of mixing with dogs.'

Herrer says one of the big problems is people breeding them or interbreeding them with dogs for pets or work animals.

'They are not "designed" to be domestic pets.'

Herrer says she wants to work with others to educate the community about dingoes and their importance in the local ecology. She can be contacted via nrdingoadvocacy@gmail.com.

## Anglican Church in Bruns turns 100



Parishioners, Margaret Darby and Anne Sharp, with Reverend Grahame Yager. Photo Jeff 'Taking A Pew Or Two' Dawson

St Thomas' Anglican Church in Brunswick Heads is celebrating a significant milestone this year, as it marks the centenary of its dedication.

Office Manager of the Anglican Parish of Byron, Anne Wareing, told *The Echo*, 'The church has been a central part of the community for a hundred years, and its history is closely tied to the development of the town itself'. 'The church was first

established in 1923, after a group of local residents banded together to raise funds and build a place of worship. Over the years, St Thomas' Church has been a hub of community activity, hosting events and services that bring people together from all walks of life.

'It has been a place of solace in times of trouble and a source of joy in times of celebration.

'To mark the occasion,

there will be a special service followed by a light lunch on Sunday March 26, commencing at 11am.

## Sunday March 26 lunch, from 11am

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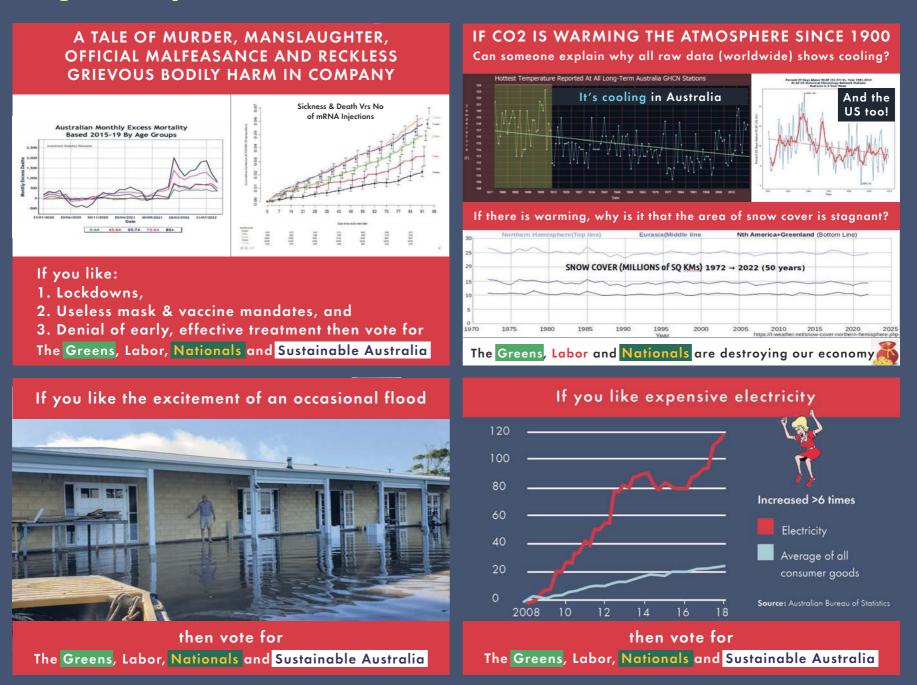


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## **VOTE 1 KEVIN LOUGHREY INDEPENDENT FOR BALLINA** 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023



# Politicians, like nappies, should be changed regularly for much the same reasons! (Mark Twain)



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## Dredging rivers: what are the candidates' positions?

#### Hans Lovejoy

A recent Meet the Candidates evening in Ocean Shores saw discussion around how to manage local river systems, which have silted up over generations, and likely contributed to the high flood levels experienced in 2022.

The Nationals recently released a plan to dredge NSW rivers, saying, 'regular dredging will provide longterm benefits to the state's waterways, particularly after flooding events seen over the past 12 months'.

The press release says, 'A Strategic Business Case for the Long-Term Navigational Dredging Program has been developed by Tran++sport for NSW, which examined the various options for delivery of a state-wide program, concluding that an outsourced, long-term contract with private dredging operators in NSW would achieve best value-for-money'.

'The Long-Term Navigational Dredging Program is a Transport for NSW-led initiative, involving the Centre for Maritime Safety and the Maritime Infrastructure



The Brunswick River flows to Mullum, and Marshalls Creek flows to Ocean Shores and New Brighton. Photo Jeff 'Droning On' Dawson

#### Delivery Office'.

The Echo asked Labor what their plan is to address the silt in the region's rivers, given it exacerbates floods.

Labor candidate Andrew Broadley replied, 'The Richmond River has the poorest water quality of any river in NSW, and a major effort is needed in the coming decade to address poor water quality and loss of fish habitat'.

'Upstream dredging will do little to impact flooding, but will exacerbate this poor water quality. The maintenance of the drainage network is a very different issue. Drains need clearing to maintain their basic function, and the LNP government have failed our community through a complete lack of funding and unreasonable approvals processes, despite the pleas of local councils.

'This has particularly impacted the Ocean Shores and Ballina communities.

Dredging the mouth of the rivers will improve safety for boats, but also poses considerable risk to Ballina and Brunswick Heads from increasing tidal water inflows.

'This needs careful investigation, and must be based on the detailed work currently being conducted by the CSIRO'.

Independent candidate, Kevin Loughrey, told The Echo he supports dredging of the Richmond River.

'Various parts of the Richmond River should be continuously dredged, to ensure that floodwaters are not obstructed when travelling to the ocean.

'This is particularly the case with the mouth of the river'.

He also said, 'The report on the Tuckombil Canal [in Woodburn] should be freely available to the public. There is no excuse for this secrecy.'

Loughrey also supports a network of rain gauges and water-level gauges in catchment areas.

The list of Loughrey's suggestions for mitigating floods is on www.echo.net.au.

Greens MP, Tamara Smith, told The Echo, 'The Greens see river and estuarine health as part of larger catchment ecosystems'.

'We recognise that acid-sulphate soil run off, unfenced cattle, and overdevelopment are all contributors to poor river health. Tidal river silting must be managed as part of a larger catchment approach.'

No reply was received from the Sustainable Australia party candidate, Peter Jenkins.

## Stats in on Clean-Up Australia Day

Clean-Up Australia Day vollies snagged 1,200kg of rubbish across Byron Shire, say Council staff.

In Byron Bay, 90 volunteers turned out to help **Council and Positive Change** for Marine Life to tackle the Main Beach area. In a one kilometre stretch, 80kg of waste was collected; most of which was micro-litter.

In Brunswick Heads, 21 volunteers collected almost 900kg, while in Mullumbimby, seven wheelie bins of street litter were collected, and 80kg from along the Bruns River.

## **Federal Drive** landslip update

Councillors will table a confidential tender assessment at their Thursday meeting for Federal Drive, which was blocked by a landslide a year ago. According to the Council agenda, 'Council has received the funding deed approval letter from TfNSW, which ensures there are sufficient funds for Council to award a construction contract'.

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## Final Q&A with NSW election candidates!



Peter Jenkins -Sustainable Australia Party

Hans Lovejoy

Herein the last Q&A for the lower house candidates for Ballina. Like last week, it is compiled in the order of the ballot.

'What preferences are you recommending on your how to vote card?' Sustainable Australia

Party - Peter Jenkins: 'As an independent community movement, after you vote 1 for Sustainable Australia Party, we ask that you decide where to direct your own preferences'.

Andrew Broadley - NSW Labor:

'Vote 1. Andrew Broadley Labor and 2. Greens'

Kevin Loughrey - Independent:

'I am recommending per the attached: namely: 1. Kevin Loughrey, 2. Josh Booyens, 3. Andrew Broadley, 4. Peter Jenkins, and 5. Tamara Smith'.

'Even though I am recommending the Nationals Party as my second preference, they are not putting me as theirs, and for that, I am disappointed in them.

'Regardless of that fact, I decided to still preference the Nationals Party, because it is, in my view, the lesser of the three evils. It is essential, in my view, that Labor and the Greens do not get in.

'Why then did I preference Sustainable Australia second last? When you look at some of their policies, you gain the impression they are anti-human-being, and very Green, so I suspect they will be preferencing the Greens.

'Peter Jenkins is nowhere to be seen, but sits at the



Andrew Broadley -NSW Labor



see my paper on "Ideas that would improve the

'One of the suggestions

'Your vote is powerful. By voting 1 Greens, and putting Labor above the Liberal Nationals, you can vote out the Perrottet government and put the Greens in the balance of power'.

'In the balance of power, the Greens will push the next government to: ensure no new coal or gas; ban unfair rental evictions and make housing affordable; start a community-led truth and treaty process; repeal the anti-protest laws; mandate ratios for nurses and midwives; scrap the public sector wage cap and deliver real wage increases; end logging of public native forests; and introduce a mandatory cashless gambling card.

'Lower house: Ballina: 1 Greens, 2 Labor, 3 Sustainable Australia, 4 Nationals, 5 Independent.

'Upper house: (statewide): 1 Greens, 2 Animal Justice Party, 3 Socialist Alliance, 4 Elizabeth Farrelly Independents, 5 Labor'.

Josh Booyens - NSW Nationals:

'Just vote 1, Josh Booyens'.

'Who is funding your campaign? If it is a combination of your party and



**Kevin Loughrey** Independent



community movement

funded by small donations

**Broadley - NSW Labor** 

fundraising events and dona-

who think it is time for a fresh

start in NSW and a better deal

'There is support from

head office with campaign

materials. Our campaign

is the result of many good,

local people volunteering

their time and expertise'.

Loughrey - Independent

'My campaign is being

funded by donors who are

of Australia. I am funded

through "GoFundMe".

both by direct deposit and

'None of these people

have anything to do with

especially the fossil fuel

industry of any nature, and

industry, which is important,

because if they did, my cred-

ibility would be destroyed by

those who are involved in the

'The Labor Party is funded

great climate change scam.

by union donations despite

the fact that some members

of that union do not vote for

Labor or, for that matter, the

Greens. My understanding

is that Greens candidates

are, in some cases, funded

by industrialists, who have

invested heavily in solar

panels and wind turbines. 'Added to that, the biggest

asset management firms,

Blackrock and Vanguard, are

behind a lot of the funding of

Green initiatives. These enti-

ties have a very unhealthy

concerned about the future

tions from ordinary people

for the Ballina electorate.

'This is a grassroots





**Josh Booyens** - NSW Nationals

#### Greens - Tamara Smith

'Unlike Labor and the Liberals/Nationals, NSW Greens do not take donations from corporations. My campaign has three sources of income: Grassroots donations (~30 per cent). I have seen firsthand how donations from corporations and special interests distort and corrupt our democracy. Those with money gain greater access and influence than those without, undermining the principle of one-citizen one-vote'.

'Self-funding: ~35 per cent. All Greens NSW MPs return 13 per cent of their annual salary as a tithe to the party every year, to fund the next campaign.

'NSW Electoral Commission Electoral Campaign Fund: ~35 per cent.

'Parties and candidates who receive more than four per cent of first preference votes in a NSW State Election receive a few dollars for each vote. This is a powerful tool for small parties and candidates, like the NSW Greens, who refuse donations from corporations and vested interests'.

#### Josh Booyens - Nationals:

'A combination of party and self-funded. I couldn't give you the specifics from the party, but I can tell you my contribution is in the many thousands of dollars'.

'I'm essentially funding the operations on the ground, plus I've taken a couple of months off from my day job as unpaid leave.

'So I have skin in the game, and am determined to demonstrate that I will work hard for the people in this electorate, and bring back effective representation. 'I'm putting my own money on it!'

quality of Australia's elected provided by our members representatives at all levels and supporters'. of government" at www. kevinloughrey.com.au/Election/Reforms.html. campaign - a combination of self-funding, money from

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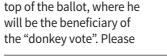


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self-funded, can you provide a rough percentage?' SAP - Peter Jenkins: 'We are an independent

relationship with the Chinese Communist Party, who benefit mightily from all of this Green nonsense'.

## Voting on Saturday or before? Here are the locations

Pre-polling is now open at the Mullum Civic Centre, Marvell Hall Byron Bay, and the Richmond Room, Ballina. The voting centres for the Ballina electorate (Ballina and Byron Shires) will be open on Saturday at Alstonville High School, Ballina

High School, Bangalow Public School, Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall, Byron Bay High School, Byron Bay Public School, Coorabell Hall, Durrumbul Public School, Ballina's Emanuel Anglican College, Lennox Head Cultural Centre, Meerschaum

Vale Hall Reserve Trust, Newrybar Public School, Ocean Shores Community Centre, Ocean Shores Public School, Alstonville's Rouse Public School, Ballina's Southern Cross Public School, Mullum's St John's Multipurpose Centre, Suffolk Park Community Hall, Teven-Tintenbar Public School, the Richmond Room Ballina, Wardell Memorial Hall, and Wollongbar Public School. For more info, visit www. elections.nsw.gov.au/elections/find-my-electorate/ districts/ballina.

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"The only way to change the Government is to vote Labor"

## **Andrew Broadley**

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## **Comment/News**

Former NSW Greens MLC.

Jeremy Buckingham, is back

on the hustings as the lead

upper house candidate for

the Legalise Cannabis Party

Well known for his role

fighting unconventional gas

Buckingham says legalising

cannabis has been another

Since leaving politics in

loss of his son, which he said

putting his hand back up for

2019, he's faced the tragic

was part of the reason for

the political bear pit.

long-term passion.

fields across the state, Mr

in the NSW state election.

**David Lowe** 

Jeremy Buckingham leads

Legalise Cannabis Party

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News from across the North Coast online www.echo.net.au

#### Over \$61 million to fix flood-damaged roads in Tweed

As the flood 2022 bills come rolling in for Tweed Shire Council it has become apparent that almost half of the \$125 million total repair bill will be spent on repairing landslides that have affected access routes.

#### Seat of Lismore has 1,000 new constituents

New constituents in the Byron Shire hinterland will for the first time vote for who becomes the member for Lismore. With only just over 300 votes between Labor and the Greens it may shift the balance.

#### A bonanza for developers and land bankers?

The NSW Planning Rezoning Pathways Program will service the current agendas of developers and land bankers throughout Tweed Shire, particularly the State Significant Farmlands of Cudgen Plateau.

#### Cleaning up the Richmond River

Even before the floods, it was graded as the waterway with the worst water quality in New South Wales. Today, the Richmond River desperately needs a TLC after being treated like a rental car.

#### Election 2023 -**Tweed: Ronald** McDonald

Ronald McDonald is running for the seat of Tweed on behalf of the Sustainable Australia Party - Stop Overdevelopment / Corruption. The key element to their campaign is to reduce immigration to Australia from 200,000 back to 70,000 per annum.

#### Child protection and DCJ workers 'feeling abandoned' in Lismore

The failure of the NSW gov-

## Voting guide to preferencing in the NSW lower house

#### **Ronald Priestley**

The NSW election, to be held on Saturday March 25, uses optional preferencing in both houses of parliament.

Last week, The Echo covered the importance of continuing preferencing in the upper house (the Senate), to ensure not only the party with majority support wins, but to give a chance to minor party and independent candidates.

Now, let's turn to preferencing in the lower house (the Legislative Assembly).

There is little chance locally for minor party or independent party candidates to be elected to the lower house. Only the major parties, ie Labor, the Greens and the Liberal/Nationals Coalition, are likely to have successful candidates locally.

In the Ballina electorate (Byron and Ballina Shires), we elect a candidate to represent us in NSW Parliament.

The Greens' Tamara Smith has held the seat for two terms, and has won with preferences from Labor and the minors.

If you do not preference properly, there is a chance the Nationals Party candidate could win, as the Nationals will almost certainly be ahead on the primary vote before preferences are counted.

### Greens need prefs

So vote Greens, and preference Labor or viceversa, if you do not want the Nationals to win. Conversely, if you want the Nationals to win, number them 1.

A vote for a minor party or independent can lead to your vote to being exhausted early, and not continuing in the count, if you do not preference.

Also, the Liberal-Nationals are a coalition of two parties, but act as one right wing party, while the left wing can only succeed by combining the Labor/Greens vote, using preferencing.

The value of your preference depends on where you vote. Tweed and Clarence electorates are safe Nationals Party seats, requiring large and unlikely swings to defeat the incumbent.

So, even by preferencing all the various alternatives, the

electorate, except there, last election.

this time with preferences, particularly from the Greens. There is a strong chance the Greens' candidate, Adam Guise, could replace Labor, as only 321 Labor voters from 2019 would need to switch to Greens for them to win the seat.

And, like Ballina, it is necessary for the Labor/ Greens vote to combine, using preferences, to beat the Nationals.

It's worth noting that a leftwing progressive vote seems likely to increase in Lismore, as the electorate is dismayed by the NSW Liberal/Nationals government's inaction after the 2022 floods.

Whether Labor's Janelle Saffin will be seen by voters to have been effective will be tested on Saturday.

## **BLUESFEST 2023** NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE BYRON SHIRE

#### TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TYAGARAH: WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023 TO TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023

After working closely with Byron Shire Council and the RMS, our consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise potential traffic impact in proximity to the Bluesfest site at Tanner Lane, Tyagarah. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from Wednesday, 5th April till Tuesday 11th April 2023.

FESTIVAL TIMES: THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2023: GATES OPEN 2:00 PM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2023 - MONDAY 10th APRIL 2023: GATES OPEN 11:00 AM - CLOSE MIDNIGHT

#### TRAFFIC

- The Mullumbimby off ramp at Tyagarah will be closed to South bound highway traffic.
- South bound festival traffic will be directed to turn into the Festival off ramp.
- North bound Festival traffic will enter the site via the indicated off ramp.
- These measures are designed to minimise traffic impact however, please be prepared for possible delay.
- Grays Lane access will be temporarily open from 8pm for buses & residents only.

#### PARKING

- The Festival car parks, in the North and South of the site are accessible from Tanner Lane and Yarun Road, this will be open for day patrons. Temporary "No Stopping" signs will be installed in Tanner Lane, Yarun Road, and Fox's Lane and on parts of Gulgan Road and Grays Lane.
- Please DO NOT park in the local road network around the Tyagarah Tea Tree Farm, which is the Bluesfest site
- Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the weekend.

#### PAID PARKING

seats will be hard to change. The Ballina scenario is repeated in the Lismore

Labor won the seat from the once secure Nationals in the Labor may only hold on

'I've got more to contribute,' he said. 'When these things happen, you have a choice whether to just lay down and give up, or stand

Speed zone review in mapped Mayor, Michael Lyon, has told The Echo he would support a

review of Byron Shire speed zones in mapped wildlife corridors, with an aim to reduce them to 60km per hour or less. His comment was in

response to a cohort of concerned residents, including scientists and wildlife carers, who are calling for a commitment and action in protecting Byron Shire fauna by reducing speed limits in

up and keep doing what vou're passionate about. So I've chosen the latter. And, yeah, it's helped.'

Mr Buckingham told The Echo he's always been passionate about cannabis and hemp and began his activisim in the 1990s.

He says there's also the potential for major new hemp-based industries, including fibre, animal feed, building products and carbon sequestration, all with significant water savings over other alternatives.

During his time in the Greens, he says he was successful in the legalisation of the sale of hemp foods, 'together with Paul Benhaim in Bangalow'.

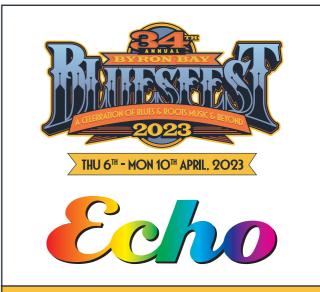
■ Full interview online: www.echo.net.au.



wildlife corridors supported the Shire's identified Wildlife

Corridors. Cr Lyon said, 'Staff have informed me that it is generally a three-month turnaround, once you have put in an application with Transport for NSW, for changes to take effect.

'Also worth noting that they are the approval authority, not us, we just make an application, they make the decision'.



ernment to support the most vulnerable people in Lismore and the Northern Rivers a year on from the devastating 2022 floods is being called out.

In line with the party, **Broadley speaking:** Labor's fresh start for Ballina

Echoes of high school students reading aloud from text books could almost be heard as Labor's candidate for Ballina delivered his five-minute outline of the party's plan last week.

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Bluestest has introduced paid parking at the festival. Pre-paid parking can be purchased through Moshtix.

#### PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA

There will be a pickup and drop off area for guests at the South Gate entrance. Please call the Bluesfest Hotline (02) 6639 9899 for clarification with respect to these arrangements. Please note that it is free to use this area.

#### DISABLED PARKING

There is an area set aside for disabled parking.

#### SHUTTLE BUSES

Shuttle buses will run every 20 minutes (subject to traffic) from Byron Bay Bus Exchange (Butler Street). There will also be shuttle bus services from surrounding towns. The bus timetable is now available on the Bluesfest website.

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Camping is encouraged on the Festival site in the designated areas, contact the Bluesfest Hotline for information. Camping is not allowed in the Festival Day Parking Area or on local beaches, parks or roadsides. Camping is only allowed in official campgrounds. People camping in banned areas will be fined.

**BLUESFEST HOTLINE: (02) 6639 9899** We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and co-operation. We look forward to celebrating our 34th year

Bluesfest and the Echo have teamed up to offer readers a 5 day double pass to Bluesfest 2023.

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## Vote for the Nationals!

ere are the full replies by NSW Nationals candidate, Josh Booyens, on questions put to him around the alarming levels of land-clearing ushered in by his government, and his views on political integrity, given his party appears to lack it.

The Echo: 'According to a secret 2016 report to the state cabinet by its Natural Resources Commission, land-clearing approvals in the state increased nearly 13-fold since the Coalition government relaxed laws in 2016' (source: The Guardian).

Your mentor and candidate predecessor, Ben Franklin MLC, voted for these laws, despite clear advice against by academics and legal experts. Is this a record the Nationals are proud of, i.e. being on par with African nations when it comes to deforestation and species loss?'

Booyens: 'What I love about being a member of the Nationals Party is that we each reflect the unique views of our communities and take that back to the party room. Community before party. Anyone that lives in our region loves and respects our environment. I know Ben has had and will continue to engage in serious debate within the party on environmental issues, as will I. I, too, prefer working to change minds from within the party. If my representation of the Ballina electorate is ineffective during my term, I expect that to be made known at the next election'.

#### 

The Echo: 'No doubt you consider integrity key to political life. I was curious how you reconcile with the fact that the Coalition, over the past 12 years, has shown itself to be largely incapable of conducting itself with integrity? For example, former Nats leader John Barilaro diverted funds away from those most in need so he could pork-barrel other electorates. Other disgraced MPs include Peter Poulosl, Damien Tudehope and Stuart Ayres.

**Booyens:** 'I'm really proud of the current NSW Nationals team. We have a hard-working team focused on their communities. Diversity of views is our strength. I'm on record saying I wouldn't be putting my hand up as a candidate if the previous leadership were still in place. Anyone that knows me, or has had a chat with me, would know I wear my heart on my sleeve, am up front, transparent and here to represent the community. I need to be able to walk down the street and look you in eye and say, "I'm working hard for you"."

#### 

The Echo: All elections are a good time to pause and reflect, and consider how is your society going, and how you would like to see it improved. So many aspects of life can, and should improve.

But it takes you, an engaged and literate member of the community, to create the place we want to live in.

The 2022 floods demonstrated that – it showed us the weakness of political actors, and the inflexibility of bloated bureaucracy. Yet overall, it showed us the strength of our community.

Politics isn't the answer to life's problems. But are decent roads, hospitals and schools asking too much?

And transparency, in good faith?

Good luck to all candidates on Saturday.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## Election 2023: Crystal ball gazing and hot tips

T n a tight election, with many predicting a hung parliament, all eyes are on Sydney seats to see if any Teals can wrest seats from Liberals - and can Labor regain an inner Sydney seat from the Greens?

The missing, crucial piece in the NSW election narrative is that the regions have actually set the stage already for this tight contest.

It's a trend that started here in the Northern Rivers.

In the 2015 election, the Nationals lost their safe seat of Ballina to the Greens candidate, Tamara Smith.

The following year, their safe seat of Orange was lost in a by-election to the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party.

The 2019 election saw the Nats lose Barwon and Murray to the Shooters. The Liberals then lost Wagga Wagga to Independent, Joe McGirr, following Daryl Maguire's resignation. This is on top of losing Port Stephens, Lismore and Bega to Labor. Those eight regional seats lost by the LNP have made Labor competitive.

The ABC's chief election analyst, Antony Green, puts the size of the current crossbench at nine MPs in a chamber of 93 members. Six of them hold regional electorates. The crossbench is already enormous – and it has been built in the regions.

Even if two Teals manage to win in Sydney, any hung parliament is going to be based on the decline of the Nationals and Liberals in the regions, and more progressive representation in the coastal areas, including Ballina, Lismore, Port Stephens and Bega.

It will be a parliament like no other, and put regional NSW back into focus after being neglected, really, for decades, by all major parties.

So, if Sydney voters make the shift on election night – all they are doing is finally catching up with us.

They are voting for quality local representation, ahead of old party habits.

What does the election hold for the Northern Rivers and what will a hung parliament mean for us?

Our recontesting MPs (Janelle Saffin, Lismore; Tamara Smith, Ballina; and Geoff Provest, Tweed) are on tight margins, but likely to be returned.

In my former life as an upper house MP, I worked with all three during the



'If Sydney voters makes the shift on election night – all they are doing is finally catching up with us'. **Catherine Cusack** 

tumultuous pandemic challenges border closures and the staged plan to reopen Sydney.

I saw partisan considerations cast aside, as each made the decision to band together in the best interests of our region in a working party, convened by the Mayor of Tweed, Chris Cherry.

This unprecedented bipartisanship was replicated during last year's flood disaster - and all three have earned considerable community respect for putting community first.

In a sense, they personify the precise style of representation that is craved all over NSW, including Sydney.

Clarence will have a new MP. It has been considered safe for the Nats. ever since Casino was moved into that electorate from Lismore.

Sitting MP, Chris Gulaptis is retiring, and Ritchie Williamson, a popular Radio 2GF announcer, is set to retain it for the Nationals – adding to the curious trend for the Nationals Party to recruit from the media: Kevin Anderson (Tamworth) was a TV newsreader; Dugald Saunders (Dubbo) an ABC regional radio presenter; and Mel Pavey (Oxley) a radio journalist.

If incumbents here retain their seats, and if Labor wins in Sydney, allowing it to form minority government, then Lismore's Janelle Saffin becomes the new government's go-to person for the Northern Rivers.

Janelle is incredibly experienced and popular in the Labor Party – the way her clout and collegiate approach swept away petty partisan divisions in times of need is leadership for us all.

Tamara Smith, as a Green, will give us a seat at the crossbench table, putting us squarely on the map in Macquarie Street.

In other words, we stand to gain a great deal from the election, especially if it is a hung parliament.

The upper house is worth watching too.

Current Northern Rivers MLCs Sue Higginson (Greens) and Ben Franklin (Nationals) are guaranteed to be returning to the new parliament.

When I resigned last year, the Liberals selected a replacement who lives in the Northern Tablelands.

However, our share of upper house seats will return to three when Animal Justice candidate, Alison Waters, a social worker from Lismore, wins a seat in the upper house.

This is my hot tip for the election. The Animal Justice Party have earned a lot of credibility under Emma Hurst's leadership, but its narrow focus has been on pets and animal welfare in agriculture.

The focus on domesticated animals will be balanced, when Alison goes into parliament, because she has a passionate focus on wildlife.

I have made no secret of my frustration the Northern Rivers has not had the attention it deserves, and leadership has been repeatedly imposed on us from out of area - for example, the caravan of bureaucrats from Sydney and Newcastle trying to lead our flood recovery, but failing because they don't really 'get' our community.

A change of government is an opportunity to change that dynamic and for all our MPs, whatever party they represent, to have a bigger role in championing our priorities. Especially the environment (but that's a whole other opinion piece!).

I am personally excited this election will be a big refresh button for the Northern Rivers, without even having to refresh our own representation - because the election will see the rest of NSW is catching up with our diversity and values.

And if that happens, it's truly a game changer for us and the state. Fingers crossed!

Catherine Cusack is a former NSW Liberal MLC (upper house).



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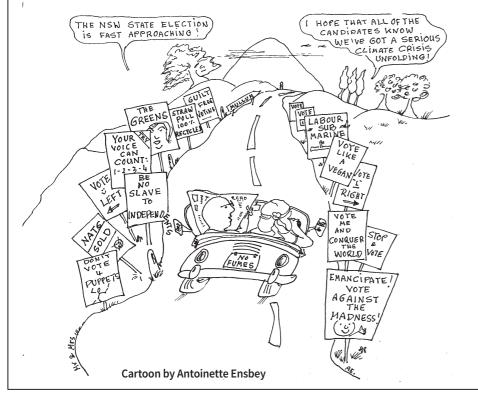
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## Letters



#### Love Gaia

The state of Gaia is of concern to us in the rainbow region. We have all been impacted the past few years particularly. It's time to honour the ethos that we live here.

We were reminded of the cultural shift of 50 years ago at the recent Regeneration Festival. This is well recorded in the Brunswick Valley Historical Society's documentaries of those times. I believe they are being rerun mid-April to celebrate their 40-year anniversary.

The 'hippy' era literally moved in and they have been an international icon since. We have a unique and caring community, ultimately proactive and looking for honesty.

Past ideas have become reality. At the risk of sounding like a cliche, it's time we remembered why we live here. We need to set our own ideals and agenda for the future. All of us. The various events that occur in the area breathe local culture. Please infuse your

life with our ideals. The Aquarius Festival anniversary is an opportunity for us to gather and set our course. Who would have thought a bunch of hippies could have such a lasting effect, defining our path forward and setting our aspirations?

To me it's a wonderful synchronicity that we also vote to give our Indigenous guardians a voice. It seems they have always known.

> **Debra Smith** Mullumbimby



#### Feros stolen

The Feros board have failed to explain why the existing buildings cannot be redeveloped as a purpose-built, top-of-the-range, aged-care facility. It could incorporate the well-established and loved gardens. Maybe there could be space in a corner for their social experiment. This land was gifted to the community for one essential reason, and should not be stolen from its residents. Sarah Smith

Mullumbimby

#### Lies

The federal opposition sure has a hide accusing Labor of lying. It was John Howard who introduced the concept of 'core ' and 'non-core' promises, an idea so outrageous that no one has ever tried to use it again.

Are they also hoping that we have forgotten Tony Abbott's guarantee of 'no cuts to health, no cuts to education, and no cuts to the ABC'? All of which were dishonoured in Joe Hockey's 2014 budget.

David Gilet

Byron Bay

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## We all live in a magic submarine...

#### David Lovejoy

S everal commentators have remarked that, while the mainstream media is locked in furious agreement with the government over AUKUS and the trillion dollar submarines (a guess at the final price tag), social and independent media are telling quite a different tale.

The whole scheme originates with Morrison, which should ring alarm bells (did he secretly install Hillsong cultists in the defence department?), and they ring louder when we consider that the USA doesn't have the political stability to promise support through the next two or three decades. A president called Trump or DeSantis would likely disable the treaty with budget cuts or dismantle it outright. Similarly the UK government has no political strength, no social capital, and it has no economic stability either. But somehow most mem-

bers of the major parties, and mainstream journalists, with a few honourable exceptions, have swallowed whole 'the colonial Anglosphere will save us from the Chinese' bullshit, and tumbled over each other to affirm what a brilliant act of statesmanship Albanese has performed.

It is by no means sure that

#### Dumb and dumber

Now that our elected representatives have jointly signed up to a project with the UK and US of \$368 billion, this on top of our current national debt of \$894.9 billion, (as of 28 October 2022, with no prizes as to who we are already most indebted to), one would have to assume local Liberal and Labor voters would be happy to bring the floating Chernobyls here to Brunswick Heads and would be happy to have a nuclear waste dump on the Northern Rivers as well. Has there ever been a more insane, dangerous and completely dumb national strategy presented by our 'very mature' and 'intelligent' Labor leaders? It is widely viewed that the submarines would be obsolete by the time they arrive anyway, all at the cost of every social, health, welfare, and security policy and standard of living for all Australians. No matter how much spin and BS Albanese, Marles



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this is what the electorate believes, and notably two former prime ministers have criticised the scheme, but the difference between them and Albanese is that Keating and Turnbull don't have to face the polls ever again, which leaves them a certain freedom to tell the truth as they see it. The current PM knows that if he had nixed AUKUS and the magic submarines, he would have had the whole of the Murdoch and Nine falsehood factories spitting lies and outrage from now until the 2025 election.

This is a sad truth, and it leads to another: for the same reason (a vicious corporate and media campaign aimed at preventing a Labor re-election) the government thinks it has to keep subsidising fossil fuels and to keep approving more and more mines, even though every bit

and Wong spew out about the virtues of their defence policy, any sane person would realise that kindness and cooperation is needed more than ever in our region if this planet is to survive.

Any difference between Labor and Liberal is purely in the spelling. These immature fake leaders need therapy. Rod Murray

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of scientific evidence says, stop now or ruin the planet – and they all know this.

This is the political reality. The billionaires who have fought to the top of this particular money tree would rather see a thousand years of famine, war and plague happen to other people than suffer the slightest impediment to their pursuit of wealth.

In this sense it is already too late to save ourselves, no matter how many delusional submarines we buy with the money that should go to welfare, health and education. There may be a narrow scientific path to zero emissions and non-catastrophic warming, but in Australia at least there is no political path to this goal.

Given that we cannot do the right thing, we must invest in the means of doing the wrong thing.

We need to get some balance back into our region, where the community can regain their power, where there aren't streets with empty houses half the year, while the homeless - and much-needed workers - have nowhere to go. Our community and economy cannot be sustained without addressing this crisis. It is actually communities that keep places alive – those who live, work, create, volunteer, and contribute to our social capital. Regulation must be put in place so that this does not continue to happen - or, more distressingly, get even worse. Byron has the opportunity to set a crucial precedent here. I have sent a submission to the IPC (Independent Planning Commission) and we hope they provide the NSW government with some positive recommendations to address the housing crisis here in the Shire. Then... we await the recommendations from whichever party wins the next election! Let's hope it will address the community's

Hence the sinister growth of anti-protest legislation everywhere. The draconian laws are not so much for the current climate protesters; they are a munition set aside against future desperate activists. The government knows that as the climate dislocation grows, and more people are affected by fire, flood, cyclone and drought, it will need extreme coercive powers to keep order.

Having grovelled before a defence department packed with anti-Chinese Americanophiles, and granted the fossil-fuel lobby all the mines they could ever dream of, the Albanese government is now heading for a third submission to the greed industry. The issue is carbon credits as regulated by the Safeguard Mechanism (Crediting) bill, now struggling to get through parliament.

The Greens' reaction to the bill is simple: 'The evidence from this inquiry [into the bill] is clear. Under Labor's Safeguard Mechanism, actual pollution from coal and gas goes up and the climate crisis gets worse.'

However, it is possible that Labor can spin this as the Greens' intransigence and win yet more plaudits from Murdoch and Nine. In that case the former PM most disgusted should be Kevin Rudd, who signed the Kyoto Protocol for Australia.

needs, rather than supporting the investor lobby group! Liz Friend Byron Deserves Balance

#### Mighty helpful, mighty grateful

Every time I've set foot in Byron's Mitre 10 over the last twenty years I've been treated to a masterclass in service. Richard, Tim, Kim, Dave... it's a long list of knowledgeable, dedicated, user-friendly staff who were eager to understand my problem, to workshop it, and then offer products to make a solution happen. As a sole trader and handyman I can't stress enough how invaluable that service has been to my operation. Given much of my work has been on the Suffolk side of Byron, the positioning of that store has been gold in that I rarely had to battle with the Ewingsdale Road shitfight. Sadly, the loss of Mitre 10, combined with an already unworkable Byron industrial estate, combined with



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the nearly 6,000 people in our community who signed the 'Byron Deserves Balance' petition (online and offline) to support the 90-day cap on holiday letting in the residential areas of Byron Shire. 91.66 per cent of people who signed were local and 8.34 per cent were from other parts of NSW and other states. We had 67 people (from offline signatures) who were of no fixed address (homeless), as well as many people who had been forced to move on numerous times owing to lack of permanent rentals.

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► the abhorrent development that is West Byron, will necessarily send many of us to Ballina's industrial estate; a tribute to good town planning.

Whilst lamenting the upcoming, forced passing of Mitre 10, an integral part of this town's fabric, it made me think of our beloved corporations, and their uncanny knack of decimating good service. Some time ago I needed to buy some seafood from Woollies. Whilst pointing to a product on display, I said to the young dude serving me, 'Hey mate, where's that fish from?', to which he replied, 'From the freezer out the back'. It was certainly comforting to know that the fish had been frozen, but I was none the wiser as to whether it had been caught in Ballina or Brazil, unlike fish-shop-Freckle who could tell you the name, address and sexual orientation of every fish in his shop.

So to James, Lisa and all your fabulous staff, a massive thank you for what you have done for myself, and for many, many others in this town. All the best for your future. Maybe you could take over the fish department in Woollies? Tweed rail trail

In response to last week's article titled 'Tweed rail corridor rail trail not looking to the future' (p.10) I am aghast at the lies and mistruths pedalled by Lydia Kindred who was quoted in this article.

For her to state that the community had not been consulted 'before the rail trail was pushed through by TSC' is ludicrous given that 'The Byron Line' was in existence for a decade. It was a vehicle designed by [Byron's] then-mayor Richardson to galvanise and pursue all valid arguments and liaising with his community to help philanthropists to come forward, to reinstate our defunct rail system and include all sorts of other multi-modal possibilities as well.

'The Byron Line' achieved absolutely nothing over this decade, except hope for the hopelessly unfundable fantasies, as no philanthropist or government showed any interest, and there still appears to be no interest. Of course, Lydia Kindred's 'number of railway companies' are yet to appear, but most of us ceased holding our breath years ago. Instead of simply

Mick Malloyapplauding the NorthernSuffolk ParkRivers Rail Trail (NRRT) and

Tweed Shire Council for their enormous successes in the grand opening of the Tweed section of the rail trail, and the ongoing public excitement of it since, *The Echo* chose to print yet another of these same set of absurd claims, including Kindred's claim that the rail trail was 'bulldozed' through by Tweed Shire Council!

Nothing could be further from the truth. The NRRT fought long and hard, voluntarily, for many years to achieve this remarkable facility for community health, enjoyment and pride, with some business and employment opportunities as well as an obvious bonus for the region.

The hard truth is, that if not for the fortitude and benevolence of the NRRT and its eventual rail trail, our rail corridor could, by now, have been irreversibly sold off. Now that would have

been a travesty in bulldozing.

A growing number of readers can see through printed tripe, but I remain beyond puzzled that the tripe on this topic appears to have obtained eternal licence! Let's hope not. Tim Shanasy

Byron Bay

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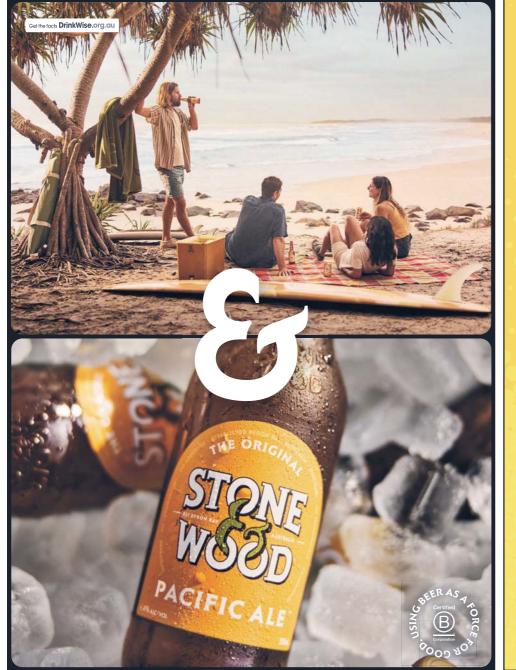
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## Clobbering the punters – call out price gouging, profiteering

#### **Richard Hil**

he more I hear the daily 'news', the more I feel I'm in some sort of parallel universe. The 'cost-of-living crisis' is surely one of the most overused mantras to have ever assailed our ears. It's trotted out with monotonous regularity by politicians, economists and media pundits, as if it were some sort of fiscal pandemic: CLC-23.

Don't get me wrong: rising inflation and interest rates are of course having extremely harmful effects, especially among the poorest in our society. Let's not forget that prior to this crisis there were a staggering three million or so Australians below the official poverty line. Things have gotten a whole lot worse. The food banks are doing overtime. As for the inflation rate,

we're repeatedly told that the Ukraine war and disruption to supply lines are the main culprits. It's a line so entrenched in daily discourse that few seem to question its validity. Enter US economist Richard Wolff, Jim Stamford of the Australian Institute, Ross Gittins of the Sydney Morning Herald and a host of others who have shredded the proposition that we're in a wage/price spiral. Instead, they point to profit maximisation as one of the main drivers of our current predicament. They rightly question the blunt monetary instrument of raising interest rates to quell consumer demand in the hope of lowering prices. They note too how few economists (sus



Mariya (left) and Anna Muzychuk The withdrawal of the Muzychuk sis-



'Lots of goods have gone up not by seven, eight or even ten per cent,' says Richard.

at the best of times) seem to recognise the phenomenon of widespread price gouging that has hidden conveniently behind the bogey of rising inflation.

Now, this may seem somewhat superficial, and it is, but I have been monitoring prices in my local supermarket ever since the inflation bogey first appeared. I've noticed - as I'm sure you have - that the prices of a lot of goods have gone up not by seven, eight or even ten per cent, but a whopping 50-100 per cent, or more. The cost of my favourite biscuits, shaving foam and kitchen wipes has gone through the roof, as has my beloved cheddar cheese and breakfast cereal. The mark ups are often staggering. Is it all that surprising that the supermarket monsters have therefore made record profits in recent times?

featured 40 Russians and only 11 Ukrainians.

The European Championship title went to Russia's 23-year-old Alexey Sarana, a former training partner of Australia's Anton Smirnov, Though the victory was hailed in Russia as a great success for the motherland, Sarana had in fact been one of the strongest Grandmaster voices in Russia against the Ukrainian invasion, last year saying, 'What our government is doing now is absolutely disgusting. I cannot accept it, but I cannot do anything about it

## Profiteering rife

The Reserve Bank meanwhile, under the watch of the somewhat errant Phillip Lowe, continues to use the sledgehammer of interest rate rises to curb inflation, all the while turning a blind eye to the profiteering of our leading companies. Jim Stamford insists that we're in a profit/price spiral and that wages have got little to do with the fiscal pandemic. I reckon he might be right.

To add insult to injury, our beloved banks, who pass on Reserve Bank interest hikes faster than you can scratch your arse, are making gargantuan profits based on the creation of money that, in turn, enriches shareholders at the expense of households whose housing costs now consume over 30-40 per cent of their income. This of course, feeds into growing wealth and income divides in Australia that over the past twenty-five years or so have widened exponentially.

## Proud, independent nation?

All of which brings me to Albo's celebrated AUKUS deal. From what I gather, this will cost the nation anywhere up to \$368 billion over several decades. That's a load of cash that could, hey, be used for a variety of other purposes, like alleviating cost-of-living pressures. In allying ourselves so closely to former and current imperial powers like Britain and the US, and cosying up to the Hindu patriarch of India, Narendra Modi, we have, ironically, plonked Australia smack bang, into a potential theatre of war (the China beat up is really something to behold. It's become quite dangerously absurd).

Despite Albo's insistence that Australia remains a proud, independent nation - it isn't. We know that. It's a convenient 'strategic partner' of the ever-violent US. And if you think China has expansionist ambitions, just think for a nanosecond about the recent history and current incursions of the US around the world, which include over 400 strategically located military bases, many of them dotted around the archipelago facing China's mainland.

It's all rather bizarre. We have a cost-of-living crisis that's impoverishing vast swathes of the Australian population while enriching corporations and those in the upper echelons, and a foreign policy agenda based on massive hikes in military spending, which will ultimately render us more rather than less vulnerable. Australia's sense of independence - if we ever had one - has vanished completely. We're heading for war with China at the same time as deepening economic inequality back home, thereby emulating the US in the grand project of wealth transfer.

Tellingly, opposition leader Peter Dutton said recently on ABC's 7.30 Report that he would be willing to work with the government to make the necessary budget adjustments to meet the submarine price tag. No doubt this will be the first salvo in prioritising the military budget over other policy areas, like health, housing and education. The first policy area in need of budgetary 'sustainability' is, according to Dutton, the NDIS. No mention here of increasing taxes on the rich to pay for the sub-tubs, or of reining in companies hellbent on profit maximisation.

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ters from the New Delhi Women's Grand Prix tournament was entirely unsurprising, and in some ways an inevitable consequence of the world body FIDE's open door policy for Russian players.

The Ukrainian Muzychuk sisters, Anna and Mariya, have been among the top ten female players in the

world for much of the past decade. Forced to flee their homes at the start of the invasion of Ukraine, the sisters found a haven in Spain, but now find competing against Russian opponents very uncomfortable. In Women's World Championship cycle. recent months open-entry title events have been flooded with Russian players, playing under a FIDE flag for for the World Championship title the duration of the tournament only. might not be high on the Muzychuks' The European Junior Championships life priorities anymore. Indeed, consaw more than 60 Russian entrants centrating on a chess game with famand no Ukrainians, while last week's ily under fire in Ukraine would seem European Championship in Serbia near impossible.

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

have no sympathy for this war; all the reasons are absolutely terrible.'

Anna Muzychuk, in particular, has been known to take decisions on principle detrimental to her chess career in the past, most notably when she refused to defend her World Rapid and Blitz Championship titles in Saudi Arabia in 2017.

However, the Muzychuks' current boycott decision is likely to have a more serious impact on their careers, as missing the Grand Prix effectively rules both players out of the next Of course, apart from being a source of income, chess - and fighting

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## Closing the Gap on Aboriginal health in the Byron Shire

#### **Belle Budden**

arch 16 was National Close the Gap Day. Close the Gap aims to reduce disadvantage experienced by Indigenous peoples with respect to child mortality, childhood education, life expectancy and health. Among the 17 socioeconomic Closing the Gap targets are the aims to improve: health and wellbeing, education, employment, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, languages and digital inclusion.

The Close the Gap campaign became a commitment of the Australian government in 2008 following Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples in March that year.

#### The plan

In 2023, the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan outlined the Commonwealth's strategic priorities and efforts to close the gap over the next 12 to 18 months.

While on almost every measure in the Close the Gap, there has been progress, closing the gap in life expectancy within a generation is not on track to be met by 2031. This demonstrates the importance of a First Nations Voice to inform government strategies and policies for First Nations people.

First Nations people in the Byron Shire and across our broader region, have compounded health and social problems owing to the injustices of the past that have resulted in complex health and social needs with a lack of access to the options that come from intergenerational wealth. Currently there is no funding for Aboriginal health or social services in the Byron Shire. Byron is often grouped with Ballina or Tweed in government funded service delivery, but the approach is ad hoc and there is a lack of clarity for community.

This is a result of statistics that aren't reflective of First Nations cultural boundaries or experiences on Country,



Artwork by Belle Budden.

or our real-life demographics in community. 'The 1967 referendum resulted in our people being counted in the census; now the census data is being used against us in our community. The census Aboriginal statistics data 'isn't reflective of cultural boundaries,' explained Minjungbal community man, Rob Appo, at the Bagwa Bugalma meeting at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre last week.

## Advocating for Indigenous health

The Bagwa Bugalma proiect has been advocating for over a decade for improved health and social services. The past few years have been particularly challenging with the added pressures of the covid pandemic and natural disasters. The resulting inflation from this cycle has driven many people to the

wall and this is intensified for First Nations people who are also dealing with intergenerational trauma (instead of wealth) and institutional racism.

A huge barrier to access health support is that GPs no longer offer bulk billing, though they *can* bulk bill at their discretion. 'Every GP in Australia should offer bulk billing to an Aboriginal patient who has identified. It's on our file and they have access to recuperate the funds through Close the Gap. It's up to Aboriginal people to request bulk billing - and many of our people are too ashamed! It should be routine practice,' continued Mr Appo.

Larissa Smyth is another Aboriginal community member motivated for change, 'Our guys deserve better. All we are asking for is access to the same health and social programs available to other mob around the place. We are asking for accountability and transparency in how our community can access these services,

instilling fear in the general population won't get you

The increased death rate you refer to could also be the result of two years of excessive stressful thinking by many Australians. It's our thinking in the moment that causes feelings (and their side effects) in the body.

To give you a direct example, one only has to think about sucking a lemon to experience the mind-body connection. The reaction in our body doesn't come directly from a lemon, but by simply thinking about a lemon. Excess mortality could be an unintended consequence of repetitive, stressful thoughts, not the vaccine.

There's a difference between correlation and causation. Another example: just because umbrellas go up when it rains doesn't mean

a coordinated approach to outreach at the very least. Right now we can't even see a GP'.

Julie Williams, manager of the Mullumbimby and **District Neighbourhood** Centre, is committed to improving the services for mob in the local area and leading the Bagwa Bugalma project. 'The inability to close the gap in the Byron Shire is an unacceptable continued failing of government. And the reliance on ineffective censusdata to continue to justify the neglect of an entire local government area is lazy politics,' Julie stated.

Bagwa Bugalma are hosting a community event on Thursday 15 June at 5.30pm at the Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. It will include yarning circles, cultural activities and a free barbecue. The event aims to bring mob together to capture the current barriers and experiences of the community.

#### present threat to China's national security.

This propaganda portrays the US provoking an unnecessary conflict by using 'protection of Taiwanese independence' as a reason to invade China, given that Taiwan is seen, by China, as part of 'One China'.

In response Xi says he must defend his country's integrity and protect his people.

Hence China's massive military build-up and Xi's interest in what can be learned from Putin's 'just war' with a Ukraine dominated by the US.

So this is all ostensibly about flashpoints for the clash of civilisations, of western democracy clashing with autocracies run by a dictator, gradually building up to a catastrophic war.

In fact, it is about global economic power and spheres of influence and Australia is merely a pawn in the superpower game. The real war is being fought in the hollowed out, disillusioned, US middle class, while China, in stark contrast, experiences prosperity and relative stability in a massively growing middle class.

## We're coming to cycle

Our small cycling group is headed your way (20-24 March) to experience the newly-opened Northern Rivers Rail Trail and surrounding district. I am sure we are just the 'tip of the iceberg' for cycling tourism in the region. Our plans for cycling in the area start at Brunswick Heads for the Dorrigo, Urunga, and Bellingen Bicycle Users Group - BUG (dubbug.org.au).

Locals who we have

contacted have said things like 'Byron Shire is notorious for bad drivers, texting, road rage etc', and 'if you use Mullumbimby Road there is no verge for a bicycle, so your safety is at risk.'

Despite this we are looking forward to cycling through the region, staying and eating locally. We would like to provide encouragement for Byron Council to continue building a fantastic bicycle network.

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No chance of change Sadly, David Heilpern's wellwritten missive regarding non-compliant dog owners in Byron Shire will achieve absolutely nothing. The

fact is, that unlike councils in the adjacent Ballina and Tweed shires, the Byron Shire Council is simply incapable of, or just couldn't give a rat's about, serious dog compliance. Never have, never will.

For starters, the mainly hopeless signage about where dogs should and should not be doesn't help. Only dragging the selfish arses of serial offenders before the courts and the imposition of appropriate penalties will help what's left of the wildlife and the sanity of people who don't wish to be hassled by, or be in the presence of, other people's dogs in restricted areas.

As a footnote, Byron

dogs and one for large and middle-sized dogs. One area for all does not work so well.

What we need is an appropriate space from Council; set up a watering station and a poo drop and shade and seats for the two-legged visitors. Not a large area is required.

The problem is real. Our endangered wildlife is declining rapidly and we need to protect it at all costs, while still looking to the health and wellbeing of our canine cousins. Council, shake it up and come to the party, or admit you just don't care.

**Bronwyn Sindel** Mullumbimby

#### The dog thing

I have to acknowledge the eloquent detail of David Heilpern's description concerning the issues around recalcitrant dog ownership in the Byron Shire, also Stephen McIllhatton re: some greater form of dog licence. I have lived in South Golden Beach since 2005 and on any given day I've encountered aggressive, arrogant owners, either with their dog

off-lead or at our dog-free

**Ralph Johnston** 

South Golden Beach

beach. Peter Lawrence,

where have you been?

Correlation or

I'm sorry Kevin [Loughrey],

but garnering votes by

causation?

mine.

police are just not interested in the issue.

> C Davies Mullumbimby

### Doggie debate

It would seem to me that there is a very logical, practical solution to this ongoing problem of free roaming canines. When I was in California and took my stepdaughter's gorgeous hound to the dog park not only did Tika have plenty of room to run she also had a great opportunity to socialise. There were two separate, large enclosures, one for little

So, until there is peerreviewed research into your claim, I suggest you cease the fearmongering, and instead supply solid examples of the positive difference a vote for you will make.

umbrellas cause rain.

#### Sandy Loyall Bangalow

## A pawn in AUKUS

Xi's defensive 'ring of steel' comment, aimed at his domestic audience, clearly suggests that the US is being characterised as a clear and

Empires come and go but most often the unmistakable seeds of decline and decay are sewn domestically.

#### Peter Kelly Byron Bay

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## CONGRATULATIONS **DAVID AND KIM ON 30 YEARS SERVING** THE MULLUM COMMUNITY.

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## **Pearl Denture Studio's** 70th anniversary

## David and Kim know that creating a smile is simply not enough

**Pearl Denture Studio** was orginally known as Mullumbimby Denture Clinic. Howard and Val Timms' daughter, Lindy, writes fondly of her parents coming to Mullumbimby from Brisbane 72 years ago: 'Howard worked as a dental technician for Bill Smith, then later Bill Shea. He went on to become a dental prosthetist and start his own business in 1953 where he crafted most of the dentures and mouthguards for Mullumbimby residents. He also continued to work for the local dentists'.

'Howard worked up until the day he had a stroke and unfortunately was unable to return to the work he loved.

'A young man came up to me just the other day and said his mother was upset as she had broken her teeth - ones that Howard Timms had made for her.'

Lindy says that 30 years ago, Val and the family were very lucky to have a young couple - David and Kim Smith - purchase the business and continue the work Howard loved.

Val and all the Timms family members are very pleased to congratulate David and Kim Smith on 30 years in the business, and wish them all the best in the future.

David and Kim moved forward from that place of love for the business and they have continued since 1993 and have grown, developed and improved the service with the same dedication that Howard had.

Pearl Denture Studio is constantly striving to reduce the number of chemicals and once-only use plastics in their

practice to minimise their carbon footprint and be kinder to our environment.

In the initial years of supporting people with the debilitating effects of losing all their natural teeth (complete edentulous) the need for a better method to treat these patients became apparent. They began in earnest then, and continue today - 30 years later - to offer the most up-to-date dentures.

Prosthetist, David, who went to Byron Bay Primary School and Mullum High, is about to clock up his 40th year in dentistry and has studied postgraduate courses with the best in the business in Switzerland, Canada, and most recently Japan, where he worked closely with Dr Jiro Abe, the world's leading authority on treating complete edentulous patients.

David's skill and passion were recognised by Dr Abe and he was selected and trained to be an educator for all dental professionals in Australia and abroad.

The Pearl Denture Studio has taken Howard Timms' foundation into the 21st Century with a digital workflow and its many advantages for patients and the environment.

Losing your teeth can be traumatic, but again, the husband and wife team of Kim and David are carrying Timms' work forward, caring for their patients and consistently providing a relaxed and personal atmosphere.

Kim says David has always strived to provide the latest technology and materials for his patients. 'He has spent a lot

of time training under the most respected people and peers in our industry to gain knowledge. He is now one of those respected peers within the industry and lectures both nationally and internationally.'

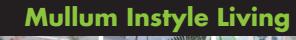
Providing the only full CAD/CAM Clinic in the Northern Rivers means David and Kim's patients receive the benefits of the most up-to-date, latest technology in dentures. Patients can expect 3D oral templates, accurate 3D printed trial dentures and high precision milled complete dentures, as well as immediate dentures (teeth extracted and immediate fitting of new prosthesis), which is a passion that David and Kim are well known for.

'We are proud to bring international, leading-edge techniques and technology to the Northern Rivers,' says Kim. 'We have a broad referral network from dental specialists and dentists within the Northern Rivers, treating the most difficult cases, and previous treatment failures, which represent a large percentage of our clientele.'

'We provide the most advanced prosthetic treatments to our patients who have lost some or all of their natural teeth, providing maximum restorative benefits, whilst minimising negative impacts on the remaining delicate oral structures.

'We believe that creating a smile is simply not enough.

'We are proud to continue supporting our local community as both Howard and Val did in the past.'







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bangalowaesthetic.com



## **Busy Bird Coffee**

Busy Bird Café, Coffee Roastery and Barista training facility is officially open, serving up their freshly roasted organic coffee, take home coffee beans and small bites. Their cafe menu is growing weekly. Swing by and check out what's new!

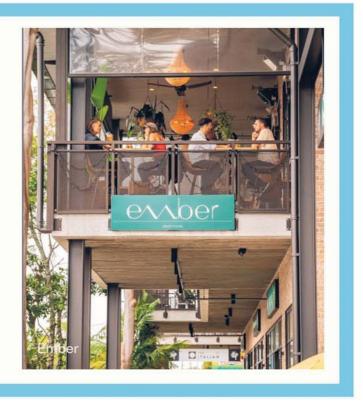


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## **NO BONES**

No Bones opened its doors in April 2018 with a mission to change the way people think about vegan food. With each new seasonal menu their Executive Chef, Ben Streater, takes time and care to ensure they source as many local products as possible, both to support incredible farmers, and to guarantee that they are serving the freshest, most nutritious food that they can.

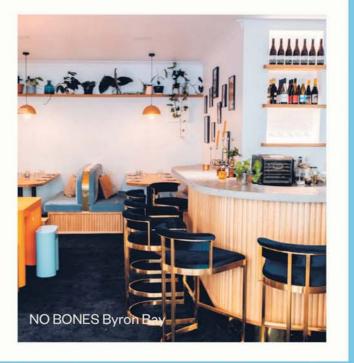
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With a focus on quality craftsmanship and sustainability, they aim to create pieces that can be cherished for many years to come.

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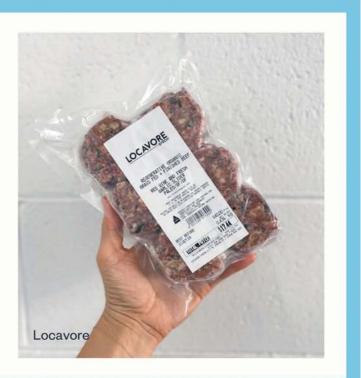
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## Small bedroom ideas

If your bedroom is on the small side and feeling a little cramped, Beds R Us Byron Bay has a range of mattresses, bed frames and storage options to help make the most of your space.

Positioning your bed in the centre of the wall, if space allows, creates symmetry and also allows access to each side of the bed. A modern and sleek bed design like the Kimberley (pictured) can visually add more space and there's plenty of room under the bed to utilise for extra storage.

Beds R Us Byron Bay can help you create your sanctuary of rest and relaxation.

Beds R Us Byron Bay, 16 Brigantine Street, Byron Arts & Industry Estate 02 6685 5212

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There was a time when the thought of renewable energy for all seemed the domain of hippies and fringe dwellers.

Now more than 30% of Australian homes have panels, and soon the renewable energy feeding back into the Aussie energy grid will exceed that which is coming from coal.

As the demand for solar has increased and battery technology has improved dramatically - RPC also does a lot of upgrades and expansions.

The increase in EVs is also a driving factor, and the free charging station at RPC headquarters gets a lot of use!

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## Off The Rails, Byron Bay

Whether you're looking to landscape your garden sustainably by creating raised vegetable patches, garden beds, retaining walls, edging or garden paths, railway sleepers are a versatile and eco-friendly material to help you achieve it all.

By incorporating railway sleepers into your garden design, you can create unique

and functional outdoor spaces that promote a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, especially if you're using them to create garden beds for homegrown vegetables.

For an experienced landscaper or a DIY enthusiast, railway sleepers offer endless possibilities for garden makeovers. Visit Off The Rails in Ewingsdale, Byron Bay, to transform your outdoor space and explore the potential and versatility of railway sleepers.

Ewingsdale, Byron Bay 0427 904 876 info@offtherailsbyronbay.com.au offtherailsbyronbay.com.au

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## Eden at Byron

The continued popularity of indoor plants means that there is now a huge range available.

Eden at Byron has plenty of the old tried-and-true favourites, like the Fiddle Leaf Fig. Peace Lily, Devil's Ivy and the Happy Plant.

But they have also managed to get some of the really rare and special ones, varieties that they have been lusting after for years!

Monstera 'Thai Constellation' is, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful of all indoor plants. The leaves are the same wonderful shape as the Monstera we all know and love, but 'Thai Constellation' has pronounced green and white variegations. Every leaf is different, making this one of the most exciting plants you could have in your collection. This plant is usually only available from rare plant specialists, but Eden at Byron have a few perfect specimens available now.

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A fire pit can be one of the most striking designer focal points you can have within your garden.

With the nights about to start



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cooling down, now is the time to upgrade your garden space by bringing in a stylish and contemporary fire pit.

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## **6** BODHI LIVING

Bodhi Living showcases a carefully curated collection of furniture, homewares, rugs and lighting, sourced both locally and globally. They have recently introduced a range of collections designed in-house, including sofas, dining tables and seating, all using natural and sustainable materials such as rattan and wood. The brand encapsulates the freedom of spirit and the soul of the individual as represented through their home.

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## **10** BYRON BABY

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60/1 Porter St Byron Bay 02 6617 5950 www.byronbaby.com.au Outside seating for 50 patrons, or lay on the lawn under the shady poinciana in the centre courtyard.

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## **B** EASY STREET

Have you visited the newest part of Habitat yet? Easy Street is home to a beautiful collection of independent stores including Byron Bay Hanging Chairs, MCM House, MUD and Worn. There is also a yummy cafe by the local legends behind Vagabond, renowned for their plantbased goodness. It's got all the style you love without the hassle of going into town.

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# Good Life

## Byron's chocoholics' Easter destination

The Love Byron Bay boutique has been specialising in unique cocoa encounters for nearly a decade now. In this time they have sourced an exquisite range of local, national, and international selections and brought them together in one place to make what they call, 'a flavour destination like no other!'

According to the Love Byron Bay crew, 'Easter is one of our favourite times of the year as we get to share our love of chocolate - and its history – with you. Have you ever wondered what came first? The rabbit or the egg? Well... the rabbit was first introduced (to American Easter celebrations) in the 1700s by German immigrants to Pennsylvania, who reportedly brought over their tradition of an egg-laying hare named 'Osterhase' or 'Oschter Haws' from the Old Country. Legend has it, the rabbit would lay colourful eggs as gifts to children who were good; so kids would make nests in which the

bunny could leave the eggs and even sometimes set out carrots, in case the hare got hungry'.

'Of course,' they say, 'in Australia we like to do things a little differently. So, along came the Easter Bilby. The Easter Bilby was first introduced to help raise awareness and increase conservation efforts of one of our native marsupials that have become endangered. The Easter Bilby has since become a tradition in many households across the country.' When they say that they have an exquisite range from all around the globe, they really mean it! They say, 'We have everything, from your favourite bunnies and bilbies to dinosaur and unicorn eggs, small and giant eggs, flavoured and coloured eggs and decadent, dark 80 per cent cocoa eggs. We have chocolate to suit all dietary preferences such as gluten free, sugar free, raw and vegan.'

Now is the time, as they say, for you to, 'hop in-store or jump online and let us help you celebrate Easter this year.'

Love Byron Bay crêperie and chocolate boutique is in the heart of Byron, on Lawson Street next to Spar Supermarket. The are open seven days, 10am to 10pm, or you can visit their online shop at love-byronbay.com – use the code ECHOEASTER at the checkout to receive ten per cent off your order.

## Full Moon natural wine festival!

Full Moon Festival by Luna Wine Store welcomes 30 of Australia's most exciting winemakers and natural wine importers to the region on Saturday, 6 May for the second instalment of the Northern Rivers' annual Natural Wine Festival.

Luna Wine Store is Byron Bay's only natural wine store, focusing entirely on independent organic, biodynamic and natural wine producers.

From 2–5pm at the glorious Eltham Hotel, ticket holders will taste wines from around the country, with winemakers visiting from Tasmania, Margaret River, Adelaide Hills, Gippsland, Barossa, Mount Gambier and plenty more, welcoming the likes of Dan Graham (Sigurd Wines), Rory Duggan (R. D'Meure) and importers Lo-Fi Wines, Liz Carey (Vivant) and Giorgio de Maria.

Promising to be an afternoon and evening of high energy, beautiful wine, great music and conversation, this is a unique chance to chat face-to-face with those who



are connected to the land with which they craft their produce in a casual, party environment. Once the tasting ends, we party until late with Luna's 'Baller Bar' serving unique and rare natural wines from around the world by the glass.

Expect live music, food from a combined effort of the Eltham/Ciao Mate kitchens, and the Eltham bar will be open as usual. Wines shown on the day will be available for takeaway after the festival, and bookings for a charter bus ride to Bangalow or Byron Bay are available at 7pm or 9pm at the time of ticket purchase for \$12.50.

Tickets are \$75pp via Eventbrite, the link is available through Luna Wine Store's instagram page, or alternatively drop in to the store and book directly on their iPad. Bookings for *Echo* readers are available with a 10 per cent locals discount, just use code 'ECHO23' at checkout.

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 Luna Wine Store
 140 Jonson St.
 Byron Bay
 Opposite Bar Heather

## Famous plant-based market food



Arianne Schreiber: the Yummify chef and her okonomiyaki pancakes

#### Victoria Cosford

Arianne Schreiber has a confession. 'I pretty much sleep with cookbooks', she tells me – and I completely empathise! Those for whom cooking is one of life's great passions are insatiable in their eternal quest for a new recipe, or method, or combination of ingredients.

In Arianne's case, it's plant-based food. 'I love plants,' says the woman who stopped eating animals at the age of 12, 'and feel happy and healthy with a plant diet.'

**Regular market-goers** would be familiar with the cornucopia of colours at her Yummify stall, 'I just love playing with rainbow colours that are seasonal and organic', she tells me, 'grown by all the awesome farmers we know.' There she is, when not serving customers her famous potato pastry quiches or her very popular okonomiyaki pancakes, poised over a vast hot-plate tossing and stir-frying a variety of vegetables, the air fragrant.

Born in South Africa, though raised in the UK, Arianne was part of the music industry in London for many years but would come out to Australia in the winter months to visit her brother, eventually making the move here some 16 years ago. She's both a self-taught and trained chef, having undertaken 'every vegan chef training I could', she says. Constantly researching and studying, she is always working on new dishes, although certain ones like lasagna and eggplant parmigiana never leave her menu. All the cheeses she makes herself: 'I can make any seed or nut into cheese', she says. 'I ferment it and add secret ingredients.'

I'm drawn to the bao buns stuffed with what looks like shredded lamb but is in fact jackfruit. It's a clever cook who can make a non-vegan salivate!

■ Yummify is at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7–11am.

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Yullis

As of Monday 27th February, Yulli's Byron Bay has relocated to Shop 2, 1 Carlyle St Byron Bay (in the former Wok This Way site).

The menu at our new site will fuse Modern Asian and Mediterranean cuisine and feature a bunch of old favourites along with a few new surprises.

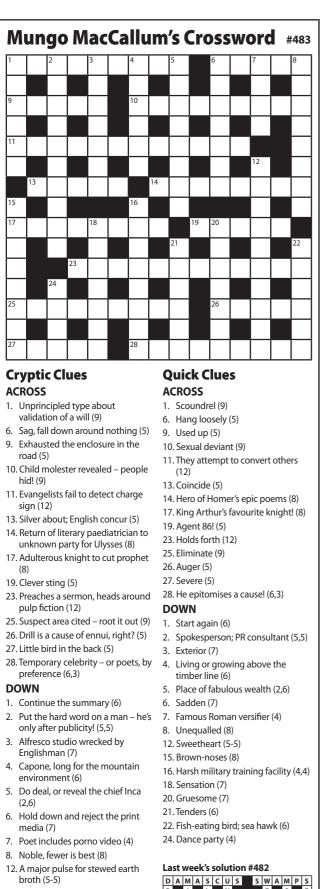
> We look forward to having you by at our new location!

Karl and Danielle

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- grim! (7) 21. Bids for rotten queens (6)
- 22. Big bird, big quarry (6)
- 24. Carry on, as a thousand leave the tomb (4)

**STARS** 

**BY LILITH** 

#### ARIES: With the sun, new moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Chiron in Aries your enthusiastic personality is at its most vibrant. If this turbo-charged restart cycle requires leaving a piece of your old life behind, then prep a graceful exit, and as Aries Joseph

vour bliss'

**Happy birthday** 

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# Vape Culture 🦯

If it smells like the sweet rounded ass of a My Little Pony then it can't be bad? Right?

Tobacco companies are in your home and in your school. They are quite possibly in your kid's school bag. They have their sights set on your children; your precious kids are their future. They need to groom your babies into addiction so that their shareholders can continue to suck in their grubby toxic profits. The lips of the tobacco industry are on the soft fleshy cheeks of your babies and they are sucking hard. They are vaping the life out of your kids.

A recent study that surveyed 700 14-17 year olds in NSW found that teenagers are readily accessing and using illegal, flavoured, disposable vaping products that contain nicotine. A shocking 32 per cent had tried at least a few puffs. Most hadn't bought the vape they used, 80 per cent had got it from a friend. Most of them had bought it from a friend who in turn who had bought it online, or from a servo, or a tobacconist, or convenience store. Most of the kids are using disposable vapes that don't require refilling and can be activated by inhaling on the mouthpiece. A disposable vape can cost as little as \$5 online and can contain thousands of puffs. And it's just as addictive as regular smoking. It just smells different.

The flavours are clearly designed with kids in mind. Peaches and Pineapple, Apple Pie, Berry Blast, Blackcurrant Candy - they sound like bubblegum flavours. Oh, that's a flavour too. If it smells like the sweet rounded ass of a My Little Pony then it can't be bad? Right? And it's harmless because there's no nicotine, right?

Wrong. Disposable vapes often contain nicotine, even those that claim to

> **CANCER:** As energiser Mars brings its warmth to your sign, home is where the heat is, with all the emotional intensity that implies. Since you're especially sensitive to domestic upsets, do your best to be extra patient with relatives and housemates. Yes, you're a person, but try not to take things too personally.

LIBRA: Libran author, Ursula Le Guin, has excellent advice for this cheeky week: 'You have to choose whether to be like everybody else... or to make a virtue of your peculiarities. Those who build walls are their own prisoners. I'm going to go fulfil my proper function in the social organism. I'm going to unbuild walls'.





be nicotine free. But nicotine addiction is only part of the problem. Vapes are not water. The main ingredient in vapes is propylene glycol, vegetable glycerine or glycerol. Vapes can contain the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray. But they smell like lollies.

Vaping risks include: asthma, lung scarring, organ damage, second hand (passive) exposure, and explosion. Yep, explosions. Don't worry too much, it's uncommon, but the kids that it has happened to have ended up with burns to their face, thighs, groin and in their eyes, and some lost teeth. Only one kid injured the radial nerve that runs through the arm. But it's okay, the burning flesh was tinged with Lemonade Fizz.

Vaping is clearly harmful. You're not sucking ginger tea through a knob of turmeric. It's a battery-operated device that creates an aerosol to simulate smoking. It looks like water vapour but contains nicotine, flavouring and more than 30 other chemicals. The aerosol is inhaled into the lungs and the nicotine and chemicals cross over to the bloodstream. It's

supposedly not as bad as smoking. But that's like comparing snorting asbestos with injecting uranium tailings. Snorting asbestos is not quite as harmful. So it's safe, right?

Big Tobacco has a serious hard on for vaping. They were under threat. It's hard to sustain an industry that kills its most dedicated consumers (they have a lovalty program – it's called 'Frequent Diers'). Years of research showing the devastating effects of tobacco smoke - a carcinogenic poison - have really screwed with sales. Long gone are the heady days when health practitioners declared smoking 'good for you'. Thank god for generational trauma and subsequent addiction. How else could they retain their iron grip on the capitalist lung?

The long-range health effects of vaping won't be known for at least 20 years. That's plenty long enough for Big T to convert your kids into addicted customers. Did you know, if kids vape they are three times more likely to become smokers?

We need strong and immediate policy action.

Stop the vape.

**CAPRICORN:** This week's celestial heat warms your Capricorn cool, flips fresh pep into your step and kindles a spark in your heart. So why fight it? Take the brave leap. The world will respond to your confidence. Worstcase scenario, if it doesn't succeed the way you wanted, then you'll learn something you didn't know.



ASHCROFT

Aries rising! As this week hits refresh on the astral calendar, new beginnings spark...



**ARIES THE RAM** 

TAURUS: Say goodbye to the cacophony of Mars in opiniated mode, and hello to a change of pace that brings this week's activity into your home zone and/ or base of operations. Best use of this energy would be decluttering, reorganising and/or redecorating. If tension arises, get some fresh air out walking, biking, hiking, whatever...

Campbell famously advised: 'Follow

**GEMINI:** With your ruling planet, communicator Mercury, blazing into the sign of the passionate firecracker, this is definitely the time to simplify, as in focusing on just one topic at a time. If that's way too big an ask for a Gemini, at least start thinking bullet points and cutting to the chase.

LEO: This week kicks off the celestial season of leadership, which offers your majesty the opportunity to play noble 'leader of the pack' with style and grace, though you'll need to temper ambition and vigour with intelligent restraint. As our world impersonates The Tower tarot card, your most helpful mantra could be 'contain the blaze'.

**VIRGO:** This week mixes a combustible cosmic cocktail, during which smart Virgos will step aside and let storms play out. There's so much going on that setting reminder alarms could be a lifesaver. Nimble Mercury puts your mind on money, helping you objectively assess the practical benefits of alternative economic options.

SCORPIO: Timing is everything this week. The opposing energies of impetuous Mars and circumspect Saturn are flowing together in cooperative water signs to help you synch into the most workable pace and rhythm, which is - slowing down and observing people's subtle signals for the best moment to make your move.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Fire signs like yourself need action, and this week's positively percolating with opportunities to meet radical upheaval with radical change. When we speak we're usually repeating what we already know, but the current astrological agenda offers savvy Sagittarians the chance to listen up and learn something new.

AQUARIUS: This week's astrological news is historical; power planet Pluto, dark knight of the soul, enters Aquarius for the first time since the late 1700s, a revolutionary period that changed human history, planetary politics and society worldwide. Seismic Plutonic transits tend to operate by disassembling then regenerating, on all levels, macro and micro, universal and personal.

**PISCES:** Neptune and Saturn, two contradictory celestial energies, are currently combining in your sign for a postgraduate course in navigating the paradox of life on Earth in 2023. For the next three years, Saturn is schooling your compassionate heart in tough love lessons around empowering rather than enabling.

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Abounding with musical creativity, confident songcraft, and deeply felt emotion, Southern Avenue marries soul power and jam band liberation with gospel, blues and righteous R&B to craft their own timeless brand of American music. Seven spoke to Southern Avenue's Tierinii Jackson last week, in late winter Memphis, Tennessee...

#### So tell me, have you been to Australia before?

Yes, I think it was May of 2018 if I'm not mistaken, and I was there for my birthday - we played in Brisbane.

#### You had a very conservative upbringing but you have a lot of attitude on stage. Do you have to gear yourself up to get into that zone?

If you're around me from day to day, I'm really chill. I'm really not like all that attitude that I have when I'm on stage, it's really just a place where I can actually just have the most fun and be the most expressive and have no self-control. I just get excited to be 'doing it' and it all comes out there.

#### Do your parents come to your shows?

They don't come to many shows, but after we got the Grammy nomination they came to their first show. It was crazy. I was really excited. My mother told me she was proud of me for the first time in years and it was a crazy feeling and I was forgetting the words on stage because I didn't want to curse in front of them.

#### You and bandmate Ori Naftaly have a young family of three children do they come on tour?

My oldest daughter is ten. My son is nine and my youngest baby is 16 months. During the summer we alternate the older two, but the baby loves it.

#### Do you have a favourite song off the current album Be The Love You Want?

It's hard to pick a favourite because they're all so personal to me. I think, probably my ultimate favourite, would either be 'Too Good To Be True' or 'Control'. I think when I wrote 'Control' I was just very, very tuned in to my emotions – I was sitting in the parking lot at the gym and I was worn out and I didn't want to go in. So I finally turned the car off and decided 'I'm going to push myself to go in' - and the lyrics started to come to me. So I sat there for about 20 minutes and started jotting down lyrics and melody ideas and then I drove home and I never made it into the gym. But, I did come up with an awesome song and I felt really accomplished. I went into the gym the next day and got it done – because you know you got to get through it!

#### Your husband's in the band, how does that work out?

It works out because, I mean, we were really platonic for the first three years and it worked so well. You know, we just naturally grew into something more, and it's working beautifully. We always had our challenges when it comes to being creative partners, but that's a healthy process that happens between all collaborators. We love being around

each other and we're not sick of each other yet, and I never really have moments where I feel like I need a break.

#### Tell me what inspires you?

I went through a really tough time in life. I felt really alone. I always think back to those moments. Now I imagine how much quicker I



## **Bangalow Theatre Company's got Hair**

The lyrics say it all...

Gimme a head with hair/ Long, beautiful hair/ Shining, gleaming/ Streaming, flaxen, waxen/ Give me down to there hair/ Shoulder length or longer/ Here, baby, there, mama/ Everywhere, daddy, daddy/Hair - hair, hair, hair, hair, hair/Grow it, show it/Long as I can grow it/My hair...

Travel back in time to an era when you could be unwashed, unbrushed, unkempt, and all was still well with the world!

Bangalow Theatre Company is set to stage Hair the 'American tribal love-rock musical'.

Hair is a window into the '60s counterculture of young hippies fighting the establishment, dodging the drafts, getting high, living and loving in New York City.

The Bangalow Theatre Company production of Hair features a strong local cast of 16 actors, and will be in the capable hands of award-winning actor and director Kate Foster who directed Calamity Jane and Little Shop of Horrors and was assistant director of Rent.

In a departure from its usual home in Bangalow, this production will be staged at Byron Theatre from Thursday 23 March to 1 April to give audiences a more up close and personal theatre experience.

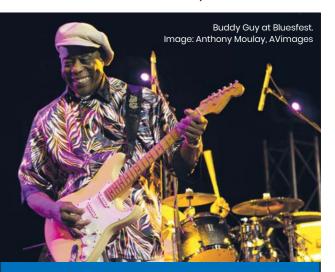
Hair... I want it long, straight, curly, fuzzy/ Snaggy, shaggy, ratsy, matsy/ Oily, greasy, fleecy/ Shining, gleaming, streaming/Flaxen, waxen/ Knotted, polka-dotted/Twisted, beaded, braided/ Powdered, flowered, and confettied/ Bangled, tangled, spangled, and spaghettied/Oh, give me a head with hair...

PLEASE NOTE: This show contains nudity, smoke and strobe lighting

Tickets on sale now for Byron Theatre: byroncentre.com.au.

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## Global Beats Byron BAy HARMONY WEEK



would have come out of that rut if I had one person to tell me, 'Hey, don't give up' or 'You're going to make it', you know? So I am inspired to be that person in somebody's life. To pick them up and tell them 'Keep going'.

**Southern Avenue** will play Bluesfest on Thursday and Friday - download the app and add them to your favourites or find out more at: bluesfest.com.au

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## Worla Music Lantern Paraae Local cultural artists get together

4 pm Main Beach - Parade to Railway Park 5 pm Lantern workshop @ Twilight Artisan Ma 7 pm Lantern Parade from Railway Park to Main Beach

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## Harmony Week – Global Beats

About half of Australia's citizens were born overseas or have a parent from overseas. Our nation comprises more than 200 countries of origin, claiming 300 spoken languages!

#### On Saturday 25 March 2023. Byron

Multicultural will celebrate Harmony Week 2023 with Global Beats Byron Bay - World Music Lantern Parade; a stellar lineup of music, dance and rhythms.

Australia is regarded by many as one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is 'Everyone belongs'. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

#### PALACE CINEMAS

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Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Global Beats Byron Bay - World Music Lantern Parade celebrates Harmony Week 2023 with a free event that will feature two outstanding local percussion and music groups; the Japanese inspired Byron Taiko and the Brazilian Batala Percussion. Both of these groups engage all year round with the local community through

The two groups will assemble for the parade with a drum-up at Apex Park, Main Beach at 4pm on Saturday 25 March, before heading along Jonson Street to arrive at the Railway Park Twilight Artisan Markets. Batala will finish there with a drum performance before heading

to their next celebration that evening in Brunswick Heads.

Meanwhile, there will be free Japanese Lantern Making activities at the Artisan Markets between 5pm and 7pm, for children and adults. These will be followed by a second parade after dark, led by Byron Taiko, returning along Jonson Street, back to Apex Park, with the lanterns made at the Artisan Markets.

The free Harmony Week 2023 Global Beats Byron Bay -World Music Lantern Parade has been made possible with financial support from Byron Shire Council and other support from Byron Youth Services and the Byron Twilight Artisan Market.

It's free to list your gigs in the gig guide. <u>gigs@echo.net.au w: echo.net.au/gig-guide</u>

#### WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM GUY KACHEL, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, **THE GIN BUGGS**
- **BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS' OPEN MIC SESSION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM JAY DEVU
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 8PM KRAPEOKEEE WITH JESS
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 7PM AUSTRALIAN
- SONGWRITERS SHOWCASE KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM LIVE COMEDY -**DUSTY RICH**

#### **THURSDAY 23**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCO** BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM LEIGH JAMES, 8PM
- **HENRY WEST** BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM
- HAIR THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY,
- **DAN HANNAFORD** LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE
- 8PM THURSDAY JAM NIGHT HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM BEN
- WALSH BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE
- HOUSE 7PM CLASS CLOWNS
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 8PM LIOR & DOMINI

#### FRIDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7PM FRASER BELL BAND BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM DAMIEN COOPER, 8PM JEROME WILLIAMS, 10.30PM **DJ OLIVIYUH**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM HAIR
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, ANIMAL VENTURA, 8PM PVCKER UP 'SCARS' **EP LAUNCH WITH POWER** DRILL, OFF JUDY, TUBE **SCREAMERS**
- VILLAGE, BYRON BAY, 4PM FOUNTAIN SESSIONS FEAT

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM BALCONY BEATS 1ST **BIRTHDAY - DJ SHAUNTI** METROPOLE, LISMORE,
- **MONKEY & THE FISH + DJ** MAGNUS
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM **BALCONY SESSIONS W MOHINI COX AND GUESTS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM GLENN SHIELDS
  - HFAI THY4I IFF. MURWILLUMBAH, 6.30PM RAASA
  - THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **BLUES ARCADIA**
  - **KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS** 6PM GREER SULLIVAN TWEED NIGHT MARKET 5PM
  - **TIN PARLOUR** COOLANGATTA HOTEL
- 9.30PM HISTORY NEVER **REPEATS - CROWDED HOUSE & SPLIT ENZ** TRIBUTE

### **SATURDAY 25**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM SOUTHWALL
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3PM SHAYA, 6PM DONNY SHADES TRIO, 8.30PM DJ MY HAPPY PLACE
- MAIN BEACH, BYRON BAY, 4PM GLOBAL BEATS BYRON **BAY - WORLD MUSIC** LANTERN PARADE
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM CARNAVALE
  - **BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE** HOUSE 7PM **MELANIE BRACEWELL** — OOH LA LA
  - WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM DJ **XENIA LAGUNE**
  - MULLUM BOWLO, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM RAASA
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM MILO GREEN, LEVEL ONE 8PM ARJ BARKER
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM GLENN **MASSEY DUO**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, DJ TWOSINC
- TWO MATES BREWING, LISMORE, 4.30PM MAXIMUM THRUST
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 6PM RAI CONV SESS

- 4.30PM PINK ZINC, 7.30PM JEROME WILLIAMS DUO, 9.30PM DJ TAI DANIELS
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7.30PM **HAIR**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 8PM BILLY BRAGG
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM THE PACIFIC NATIONALS + RHY COVENTRY
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM NAZEEM **HUSSAIN: HUSSAIN THAT?**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM AL TILLEY
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM LOVE IS IN THE AIR -**UKE STRUM ALONG**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 2PM SUNDAY SESSIONS FT PUSH
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM ROB SARIC
- FITHAM HOTEL 4PM LUKE **MORRIS & THE HITTERS + CARLA GENEVE**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, **SWAMP THANG**
- WHITEBROOK THEATRE, SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY, LISMORE, 4PM LIOR & DOMINI
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 3PM TERZETTA
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM DON'T CHANGE -**ULTIMATE INXS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 1PM PHIL GUEST
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 2.30PM **'NEARLY NEIL' STARRING BOBBY BRUCE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM FAT ALBERT

## **MONDAY 27**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, NATHAN KAYE
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM JESSE WITNEY, 8.30PM THE 4'20 SOUND

#### **TUESDAY 28**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, HARRY NICHOLS

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## Local legends – the story behind the original corner shop

Strategically located on the corner of Commercial Road and Wollumbin Street at the entrance to Murwillumbah, you can't miss the stunning Art Deco building steeped in local history.

Built in 1935 by Con Vlismas, no detail was spared to enhance the majestic Austral Building. With striking large windows wrapping around the corner and an elegant Art Deco glass strip highlighting the windows, it certainly makes a statement. It was described, upon opening, by The *Tweed Daily* as 'one of the finest constructions on the north coast'.

Now home to MANA real estate, the building has a fascinating history. Thomas and Mary Tong were the first tenants in the building, opening Tong's General Store on the ground floor in 1935. Here they sold groceries, produce, 'mercery', including, drapery, quilts, cushion covers and mats.

In the early years it was a family run business, but during WWII when

two of Thomas and Mary's sons were conscripted, the Tong's employed additional staff, with up to 12 people working there. One local, June Dwyer, was employed from 1942–1952 and used to ride her bike around town to collect customer orders, and after returning to the store to fill the orders, June would drive the delivery truck to personally deliver the orders in the afternoon.

Tong's General Store became a Murwillumbah institution and locals used to call it 'Tong's Corner'. The ground floor is now occupied by MANA real estate, who moved there in 2019.

'We couldn't resist the opportunity to move into such a prime location. We are the first thing you see as you come off the bridge



into Murwillumbah,' says Julie-Ann Manahan, founder of MANA.

Stepping over patterned tiles, you enter the space through the Art Deco double doors. It's a grand historical entrance. You can't help but wonder how many people have walked through those doors since 1935!

'We wanted to honour and enhance the original features,

rather than detract from them,' says Julie-Ann. 'The space is so light and bright, however when we moved in it was a drab grey throughout. We painted it white, with our signature orange, black and white branding on the back wall.'

It's impossible to miss the bold signage as you drive past. The window displays are eye-catching and are designed to create interest and intrigue. 'We like to shake things up,' says Julie-Ann. 'We are not your typical real estate agency, we do things differently.'

The reception area is warm and welcoming. Open-plan, the space is separated by tasteful built-in dividers. This creates an element of privacy between the reception area and the team members, yet it doesn't block anyone out. There's a glass divider near the reception desk that lets natural light stream through to the back of the office.

'It's important we are always available and visible to the street,' says Julie-Ann. 'We often have locals stop by for a chat, pick up a copy of *The Echo* or wander in to enquire about a property. That's what we love about being in a central location, we feel a part of the community.'

It seems this prime position on Commercial Road has historically been a hub for the locals in Murwillumbah. And with MANA in the space, it will continue to be.

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#### Architecturally Designed Hinterland Masterpiece - Two Homes

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- Positioned on an expansive 5 acres of well-maintained gardens is this stunning mid-century modern masterpiece with breathtaking views and multiple vistas
- The office/studio has access to the pool and is ideal for working from home
- Across the 5 acres are open paddocks, perfect for a couple of horses
- The secondary dwelling is extremely private and features one bedroom, bathroom, separate laundry, and fully equipped kitchen plus a private deck

#### 15 Newes Road, Coorabell

Price Guide: Contact Agent



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Hinterland Escape – Multiple Buildings – Pristine Horse Paddocks

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- Contemporary inspired home elevated on 12 north-facing, easy-care acres
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#### Luxury Designer Home Located in Prime Byron Position

#### <u></u> 2 4 <u>2</u> 480M<sup>2</sup>

- Located in a tightly held, quiet cul-de-sac is this superb modern designer home with high-end finishes, absolute privacy, and pure luxury
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- Main bedroom features stacker doors opening to the beautiful back yard

#### 26 Oakland Court, Byron Bay

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Spacious Elevated Home with Views to Lennox

#### ₿ 4 📥 2 **5** () 3,394M<sup>2</sup>

- This large country inspired home sits on a level block just under an acre with elevated north eastern views overlooking the lush Lennox Head hinterland
- The kitchen is equipped with a stone benchtop, Miele appliances and breakfast bar
- An added bonus is the separate studio which offers endless opportunity
- Spring-fed dam with water all year round, plus additional water license
- · Pristine quality land with plenty of water making it ideal for horses

132 Scarrabelottis Road, Nashua

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- Multiple living spaces that open to the verandas surrounded by stunning gardens
- An additional bonus is the private, one bedroom studio with kitchen and ensuite
- Outdoors is a 10m x 7m double height shed, ideal for caravan and boat storage
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#### 44 Summerhill Crescent, Cumbalum

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#### Spacious, Modern Home with Vast Outdoor Living and Pool

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- Award winning, luxury designed home with multiple living spaces
- Grand outdoor entertaining area equipped with an outdoor kitchen, alfresco dining area, and built in fire place and views of the sparkling pool
- The gourmet kitchen features a butler's pantry, stone benchtops, quality appliances, an island, and plenty of storage
- Established, manicured, tropical gardens across the large corner block provide shade, privacy, and a lush green outlook from every window

#### 2 Oakwood Drive, Ballina

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#### **Commercially Zoned Home on Expansive Block**

\_ 2 () 809M<sup>2</sup> ₿ 3 一 1

• Perfectly positioned in central Mullumbimby is this well- maintained home resting on an expansive 809m2 commercially zoned block of land



#### Stunning Queenslander Estate Moments from Byron's CBD

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3,420M<sup>2</sup> 3 6

- Set on 3/4 acre of exquisite grounds is this beautiful, character Queenslander home with a plethora of privacy, gardens and stunning swimming pool home
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#### 38 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale

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#### **Relaxed Hinterland Lifestyle with Views and Pool**

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- This ultra-private property offers a stylish main residence with high vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, a hand laid stone fireplace in main living area
- Set on 5 acres of open, park like grounds with established and easy-care gardens
- Corner position provides excellent street frontage and there is dual access with Tincogan and Dalley Street
- Classic 3 bedroom cottage with spacious layout and high ceilings throughout
- Walk to local favourites including a buzzing food and beverage scene

20 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby

Price Guide: \$1.55m - \$1.7m

Open: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 10–10.30am



Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698

- There is an enormous undercover and semi enclosed deck with a vaulted roofline and is easily accessed from several points of the home
- An additonal bonus is the secondary dwelling circa 1970 with potential to become a Dual Occupancy (STCA)

#### 41 Federal Drive, Eureka

Price Guide: \$2.75m - \$3m

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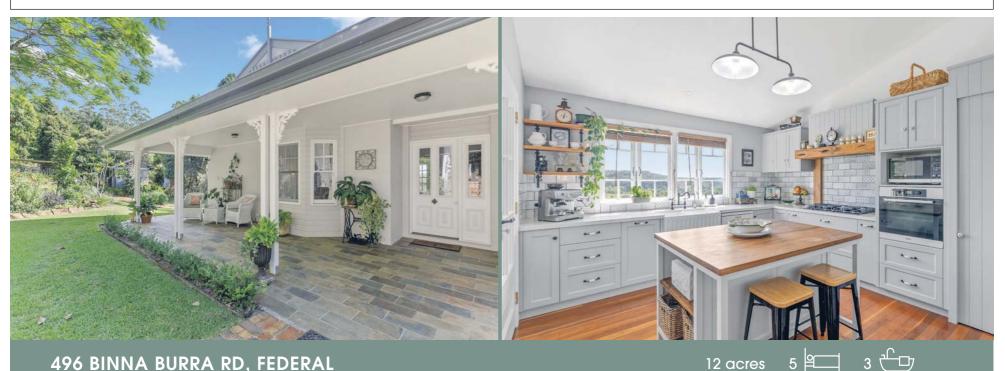
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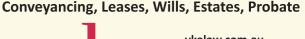


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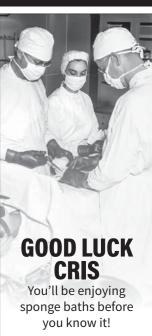
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- · Installation of new ancillary equipment including antennas mounts, feeders, cabling, fencing and other associated equipment
- 2. Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 ("The Determination") based on the description above.
- 3. The proposed infrastructure will be in compliance with the ACMA EMR regulatory arrangements.
- 4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information requests and/or comments should be directed to Commplan
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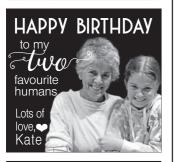
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# Big scores and tight bowling determine this season's cricket grand finalists

#### **Greg Trevena**

Byron Bay cricketers won their third-grade semi-final against Bangalow on the back of a century to Matt Larsson last Saturday, at the Byron Recreation Ground.

Bangalow won the toss and batted first, posting a challenging total of 218 off 39.3 overs.

Bangalow's Connor Redden top scored with 39 and Harry Bull made 31. The best with the ball for Byron were Brendan Mitchell 3/21, skipper Joel Stocks 3/24 and Reece Egan 3/31.

In reply Byron's number three bat (and soon to be father) Matt Larsson put on a fantastic batting performance to post an unbeaten 123.

He steered Byron to a very hard fought, five wicket win, with only two overs left to play. Larsson was well supported by the competition's leading run scorer for the season, Doug Jarvis (39 runs) and Reece Egan (23 no).

Byron will take on Tintenbar East Ballina (TEB) in the grand final after they beat Mullumbimby Brunswick in the other semi.

Mullumbimby batted first in the game and were bowled out for 146. The best with the bat were skipper Lachlan McKenzie (46) and Matt Hambly (24).

TEB's best bowler was Nathan Clements who claimed 4/30.

TEB chased the total down in only 26.2 overs with skipper, Ben Crawford, top



Reece (23 no) and Matt (123 no) leave the field after batting Byron Bay into the third-grade final against TEB. Photo Jason Trisley

Mullum's James Clarke scoring with 53 not out off a mere 22 balls. Reuben Saric took 2/22 Byron thirds will travel to on minor premiers TEB at Kingsford Smith Park. Coastal League

Ballina this Saturday to take

In the Coastal League (second-grade) cricket competition, Cugden posted 6/237 and won their semi-

final against Terranora, who

were all out for 219. In the other semi-final Tweed-Banora were bowled out for 101, by TEB, with Arren Laycock posting the top score of 28. Best TEB bowler was Davis Dirou with 3/20 and the captain Brett Crawford nabbed 2/7.

TEB chased down the total inside 30 overs, losing only four wickets. Kai Dalli (36 no) and Brett (38 no) got the team home and into the championship game.

#### First grade

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Minor premiers Goonellabah Workers booked their place in the grand final with a win over Tweed-Banora. The homeside posted a commanding 334 on the back of scores by Rory McLean (80), Damien Santin (65) and Kale Hare (59).

Thomas Byrne picked up 5/60 off 26 overs.

In reply Tweed-Banora were rolled for 91

At Reg Dalton Oval Pottsville posted 186, but were chased down by Cudgen (10/191) inside 46 overs.

Goonellabah Workers will chase their first premiership title, in just their second year in the grade, this Saturday against competition stalwarts Cudgen.

# New rugby joint venture rearing to go

The newly-formed joint venture that combines Bangalow and Byron Bay rugby teams is already paying dividends with big training numbers and plenty of enthusiasm for 2023.

The Byron Shire Rebels, as the new team will be called, will field teams in two senior men's grades, one women's team, and junior squads in the U/7s through to U/15s.

With player numbers falling across the competition the two clubs decided on the joint venture as a way to maximise each club's resources and deliver the best rugby experience for players and members as they could.

'If all goes well we hope to build the JV so that we can run a colts team as well,' Byron Bay Rugby's Eddy Brown said.

Training has been underway since January and the new team has come together without issue.



made 32.

Bangalow charged to the 2022 grand final and could go one better in a joint venture with Byron Bay. Photo supplied.

'We are getting very good numbers at training for all the male junior and senior teams, but we are still actively seeking women of any age and ability to join the senior team,' he said.

It's early days but the squad is aiming high.

'The quicker we can get the premiership side settled into playing alongside each other the better our chances for the year,' Eddy said. The joint venture is

temporary at this stage and will be reviewed at the end of the season.

'There is a lot of history at both Byron Bay and Bangalow clubs, so we will see how it is going at the end of the year,' Eddy said.

The side will have a threeway trial run this Saturday at the Recreation Grounds in Byron Bay where they will be hosting Grafton and Inverell. A women's game will also be played.

# Swimmers take plunge for mental health

Swimmers took to Byron Bay pool and swam over 2000 laps to raise money to help improve services to support vouth mental health.

Laps for Life is an Australia-wide event held during March and aims to raise money through sponsored swimmers, to provide professional support to young people experiencing mental health issues.

A local team, including Michael Gudgeon, Michael Annetts, Tim Reed, Geoff Miller and Nat Lindsay swam 10km continuously on Saturday.

'We took turns in taking the lead and it took just over three hours. It was fantastic swimming beside world champion triathlete Tim

'The enthusiasm for the was amazing and infectious. The team was joined by



The lads swam 200 laps each as part of their Laps for Life fundraising at Byron pool last Saturday. Photo supplied

several other swimming groups associated with the Byron Bay Surf Club.

'The Nippers made a combined effort of 901 laps throughout the afternoon with 28 nippers, 12 parents and nine Surf Club members having a go. The Stingrays made a combined effort of 270 laps with 13 swimmers.

'Thank you too, to the Byron Surf Club and all the generous people who have now together donated over \$8,000,' said Michael.

Fund raising runs until the end of the month (https://

Att

www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/michaelgudgeon/ laps-for-life).

Michael is hoping to get to a total of \$10,000.

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## Reed, who actually swam it with his broken arm in a cast,' Michael said.

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#### 

Vale dedicated ecologist and author, Mary Gardner, who died on Sunday night. A obit will run next week.

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Remember, early voting has commenced, which means you can beat the crowds on Saturday. In Byron Bay, the venue is Marvell Hall. The Mullum Civic Centre is also open for pre-polling.

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Psst: The US Federal Reserve Bank proved itself again to be a socialist entity for the uber wealthy, after printing \$300 billion out of thin air to bail out failing US banks.

Who else is still waiting for the Jeffrey Epstein flight logs to be released?



If you need proof of chemtrails, or perhaps the Monday morning Sydney to Brisbane airbus, you could join local social media pages and read all about it – at your own peril.



On Saturday March 25, Byron Multicultural Inc will celebrate cultural harmony and diversity. Organisers say 'A stellar lineup of music, dance and rhythms will be presented by Global Beats Byron Bay – World Music Lantern Parade; to be held from 4pm till 8pm on Main Beach, Railway Park and the Twilight Market. The event is free, and sponsored by Byron Shire Council, Byron Youth Services, and the Byron Twilight Market. Pictured are Anna, Dhani, Kotami, Hiro, Mayu and Kai. Photo Jeff 'Beats On Beaches' Dawson

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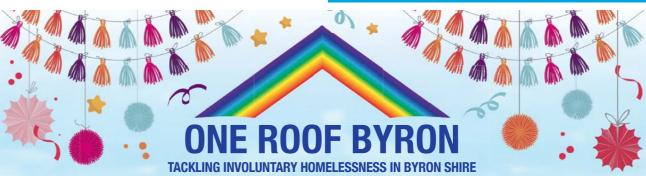
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1

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2

For more details, open this link and scroll down to 13.11: (our proposal is also there) https://byron.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/12/OC\_15122022\_AGN\_1481\_WEB.htm

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