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Tyagarah investigated for potential future groundwater use

The region's supplier of bulk water, Rous County, is undertaking groundwater studies at Tyagarah, according to Rous County Council's *Draft Operational Plan*, now on exhibition.

Rous supplies water to almost all Northern Rivers towns and villages, mostly via Rocky Creek Dam.

The plans are part of its Future Water Project 2060. Alstonville and Woodburn groundwater project plans are also underway.

According to rous.nsw.gov.au/future-water-for-our-region, 'With growth set to continue across the Northern Rivers, demand for water from our regional supply is forecast to increase almost 40 per cent by 2060. At the same time, the amount of water available from our existing sources is forecast to decrease by over 20 per cent owing to changing climate conditions.'

For more information visit www.rous.nsw.gov.au/on-exhibition.

Culture in the grass, May 7



Conductor Barry, with violinist Yana De Groot, fellow musicians and patrons prepare for their gig, Sunday May 7. Access is easy and on flat terrain, say organisers, and if the weather is inclement, the performance will be moved to the Stokers Siding Memorial Hall. For more info, see page 26. Photo Jeff 'Renaissance Man' Dawson

Council's business committee struggles to attract members

Hans Lovejoy

Council's Business and Industry Committee looks set to continue without any representation from the business community, after the response to entice the business community to its meetings was 'poor'.

Additionally, Council staff have declined to name the community business member/s who attended the March 30 'workshop' that followed the committee meeting.

The committee, led by Mayor Michael Lyon, Crs Alan Hunter and Asren Pugh, is one of 16 that councillors and staff hold with members of the community. All are voluntary positions, and advise Council around planning, environmental, heritage, arts, and traffic matters, for example.

Mystery biz members

The Echo asked Council staff for more details around the last Business and Industry Committee meeting held, after the minutes did not disclose what member/s of the community were invited.

The March 30 minutes say at the end of the councillor/staff meeting: 'At this stage, invited business representatives joined the committee to participate in a workshop to discuss the Business, Industry and Visitor Economy Strategy.'

The Echo asked for the name/s of those business reps, and 'Why isn't an agenda published on what they discuss with councillors and staff?'

Director Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shannon Burt, told *The Echo*, 'The committee was traditionally only councillors, then, at the last meeting in 2022, it was

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'Affordable housing' plan over busy car park hits snag

Paul Bibby

Byron Council's plan to build affordable housing units above a public car park in Mullumbimby has hit a snag, with no community housing providers willing to accept its offer of a 49-year lease to run the project.

But Mayor Michael Lyon says he remains 100 per cent committed to the scheme.

Council has been working with the government-owned development corporation, Landcom, on the plan that would see 32 one-and-two-bedroom units built

at 57 Station Street; land that is currently in use as a busy car park in the centre of town.

In August last year, Council and Landcom undertook a tender process in a bid to find a community housing provider (CHP) to deliver the project, offering potential applicants a 49-year lease on the property.

However, a report on the matter contained in the agenda to this week's Council meeting shows that neither of the two CHPs that responded to the tender process were willing to accept this key condition.

Non-conforming tenders

Instead, the companies, Link Wentworth and Community Housing Ltd, both said Council would have to either sell or give them the land.

Council staff noted in the report that this was a significant departure from what Council had offered, rendering the two tenders 'non-conforming', and recommended that both be rejected,

'While Landcom's terms and conditions of the market process allowed for non-conforming tenders to be submitted, it is considered that

the two submissions did not provide terms that would be acceptable to Council in their current form and would not warrant further evaluation,' Council's Director of Sustainable Environment and Economy, Shanon Burt, said in the report.

The evaluation committee for the tender process, made up of staff from Landcom and Council, has advised councillors that direct negotiations cannot occur with either of the tenderers and that it should 'terminate the current market process'.

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Shire gathers to pay tribute

Anzac commemorations were held throughout Byron Shire's towns on Tuesday, with dawn services and marches held mid morning.

Dawn services were held in Byron Bay at 5.30am, in Mullumbimby at 4.30am and Brunswick Heads at 5am.

Marches were then held in Byron from 10.30am, Mullum from 10.50am and Bangalow from 10.40am.

Anzac stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. April 25 is commemorated as the anniversary of the landing of Australian and NZ troops at Gallipoli, Turkey, in 1915. According to army.gov.au, 'Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed' in that year.



Tuesday's Byron Anzac march, led by the Byron Bay RSL Sub-Branch, started at the Apex Park and led to the town's Cenotaph for a 10.50am service. Photo Jeff Dawson

Mary's flood story one of many for the Blue Box project

Aslan Shand

Mary Creighton has lived on the corner of Poinciana and Prince Streets in Mullumbimby for the last 80 years and their allotment 'had never flooded'.

That is, until the February 2022 floods that devastated the town of Mullumbimby.

She and her husband Col built their house on the allotment where she grew up from the age of six.

While there have been innumerable floods during her life 'it never flooded the house. It would come up

around the mail box but that was all you'd see,' she said.

The 2022 flood was different.

'My daughter called me and told me to look out the window. I said, "this is wrong". I'm like, what is going on, we don't get water up here.'

When they were rescued they had to wade through water that was midway up Mary's chest.

The water went into the house and garage leaving behind a mess of mud and destroying the fridge, couches, carpets etc.

While the effects of the flood were devastating it was the local community who came to their rescue.

'We got paid back,' said Mary with a smile.

All the kids and members of the community that they have helped over the years were there for them and worked for free to help get Mary and Col back on their feet.

'Everyone came here straight away and helped.'

Blue Box project

Mary and Col's story is just one of the many stories

being recorded as part of the the Blue Box project that is collating people's flood stories into a book to be held at the Mullumbimby Museum.

Write down your stories and experiences of the 2022 floods and post them in the blue boxes at various shops around town or email them to: stationery.mullumnews@gmail.com.

Then join the free community picnic that will bring the community together in Mullumbimby's main street on Saturday May 6, between 4 and 8pm. Traffic will be diverted for the event.

Council's business committee struggles to attract members

► Continued from page 1 agreed to include some business representatives via an Expression of Interest (EOI) and to update the constitution. The response to the EOI was poor, with only one nomination received, but the constitution was changed.

'At its last meeting, the committee decided to go

back to its previous model (councillors only) and to invite business representatives to attend workshops on the development of current key projects; currently the Business, Industry and Visitor Economy Strategy.

Constitution

'This was in keeping with

the change to the constitution which states: "To achieve this [committee's purpose and objectives], different formats for each meeting will be used such as field days and workshops with guest speakers and industry leaders; and the Committee Councillors and staff set the theme and invite the leading business people,

relevant speakers, experts and attendees for each meeting"

'At its next meeting, Council will vote to adopt the minutes, and the constitution will then be updated to remove community representatives'.

Burt alluded to agendas and minutes being available for committee meetings, but not for 'workshops'.

Ringbarked Bruns tree report released

Hans Lovejoy

The report that underpins Council's decision to allow the removal of a 5m tree, next to the abandoned Fishermen's Co-op in the Bruns Harbour, has been provided to *The Echo*.

According to Council's tree removal permit evaluation, the tree is a Hill's weeping fig (*Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii*), approximately 15 years old.

An ecologist confirmed

with *The Echo* that if correct, that species is only native in Qld.

The justifications provided for the removal of the tree are that it is 'within 3m of a dwelling and it is causing extensive and recurring damage to plumbing services to the building, as well as structural damage to walls and the surrounding car park'.

The application proposes to plant two Eumundi quandongs (*Elaeocarpus eumundi*) to replace the tree removed.

No arborist is named in the report, and 'delegation to determination' was made by Greg Smith, Team Leader, Planning Services.

The recommendation was, 'That Council issue a permit for clearing of vegetation in accordance with the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017* in accordance with the conditions listed in the report'.

Local resident, Dean Jeffries, raised concerns around

the tree's removal on the co-op land, having physically stopped it being cut down several months ago. He maintains it has ecological significance for the area, and raised concerns again after it was discovered to have been ringbarked last week.

The Echo reported settlement of the sale of the Fishermen's Co-op property was in February, 2016 to Sydney-based William Silverman, founder of Whistle Funds Management Company.

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'Affordable housing' plan hits snag

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This is likely to hold up the progress of the project for a number of months, and potentially longer, and raises questions about the feasibility of the plan.

The committee has recommended to councillors that they go back to the market with an offer of a 99-year lease in the hope that this might attract more suitable applications.

Some see this as a contentious move because it is extremely unlikely that the land in question would ever return to public hands once a private company was given access for the next century.

'The longer the lease, the nearer it gets to freehold title, which is what the two non-conforming proponents seek,' Greens councillor Duncan Dey told *The Echo*.

'A 99-year lease is as good as freehold sale. I do not support sale of the land, especially at zero dollars. I support retention of public assets in public hands, and their utilisation for community purposes.'

'This project is on public land and funded by public money. It should be thrown open to the public.'

However, Mayor Michael

Lyon disagreed on both points.

'Whether it's 49 years, 100 years, or even if we sell the land, the key element is that the property will remain in use as affordable housing, with rents that are locked in at an affordable rate in perpetuity, and that is not negotiable,' Cr Lyon said.

'I'm 100 per cent committed to the delivery of the project on terms that are acceptable to the community.'

In response to the calls for a formal community consultation process, Cr Lyon said the matter was open for public comment now.

'It's on the Council agenda for all to see. If anyone would like to make a submission on this, I would invite them to sign up to speak during public access at Thursday's meeting or to email a councillor directly,' he said.

The reasons put forward by Link Wentworth and Community Housing Ltd for rejecting the 49-year lease option and demanding transfer of title have been kept confidential by the Council for commercial reasons.

The matter will come before this Thursday's Council meeting.

Vintage landies head west



Steve Marshall and his team, just prior to departing for their expedition to WA, on Tuesday. Photo Jeff Dawson

Eleven Land Rovers, many of them vintage, set off from the most eastern point, Byron Bay, on Tuesday, and are on their way to the most westerly point of Australia's mainland, Steep Point, in Western Australia.

Navy veteran and expedition organiser, Steve Marshall, says the trip will cover 6,000 kilometres over 23 days, and aims to raise funds for the charity, mates4mates.org.

Marshall also describes the journey as a salute to 'these trusty post-war vehicles, and their users'.

The trip pays homage to the army, the great Australian surveyor/explorer, Len Beadell, and the Leyland Brothers, who helped make

Land Rovers famous.

Marshall says, 'It is also an opportunity to help others by raising awareness of mental health for veterans and others in remote areas. I have lived experience in that regard'.

He told *The Echo*, 'Most of the Land Rovers are ex-army soft tops, from the 1980s and '90s. The oldest is a 1958 Series 1 soft top. The people going are just average people taking time off work to do this journey of a lifetime. I hope it benefits others and inspires Australians to get out and see this wonderful country'.

For more info visit www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/land-rover-charity-expedition.

Regional development report looks to future, post-floods

Paul Bibby

Addressing the region's housing crisis is the most important factor in the post-flood economic recovery, a new report has found.

Released last week by the Northern Rivers arm of Regional Development Australia (RDANR), the *Regional Economic Recovery Plan 2025* provides a broad approach to getting the region back in the black.

As a government funded body, Regional Development Australia provide 'independent advice to all three levels of government on critical issues affecting their regions'.

Former Nationals MP for Ballina, Don Page, is RDANR chair.

Though notably lacking in specific suggestions to rebuild and boost the local economy, the plan offers some broad opinions about the key priorities for economic recovery.

Chief among them is 'the need to rapidly provide appropriate accommodation for members of the community displaced by the natural disasters'.

Addressing the housing crisis will also help to alleviate the region's workforce issues, the report found.

It found that the task of resourcing the mammoth reconstruction effort, as well as general economic recovery, has been made harder by the ongoing workforce shortages, including our reliance on casual and part-time workers, many of whom were displaced by, or left after, the floods.

An RDANR steering committee has been established in a bid to address the ongoing workforce shortages.

The organisation says it has also partnered with the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation, and with seven councils, to engage a consultancy to look for new industrial and employment land across the region.

This report will assess demand and supply of lands looking forward 20 years and beyond.

'The delivery of good quality potable water via reliable infrastructure is key,' the report also states.

To read the plan, visit www.rdanorthernrivers.org.au/recovery2025/.



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Have your say by taking a look at Council's draft 2023/24 Operational Plan, budget and statement of revenue policy which includes rates, fees and charges – all on exhibition from 1 May.

Join a community conversation session:

- **IN-PERSON:** Tuesday 2 May, 4-6pm
Mullumbimby Ex Services Club
- **ONLINE:** Wednesday 10 May, 4-6pm
via Zoom

More information

Read the documents, make a submission or register for the community conversation sessions at:

www.byron.nsw.gov.au/OP-budget-2024





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Gimme Gimme tap the big time

Eve Jeffery

Siblings, Will and Esther Henderson, front the five-piece act Gimme Gimme, and they have just landed a \$50,000 prize package and a couple of pages in *Rolling Stone* magazine.

The Hendersons, who describe Gimme Gimme's music as cinematic pop with soul and RnB influences, have lived in Mullum for three years, though Esther spends a lot of time in Melbourne. Will says he and Esther love hanging out. They spend the winter months touring Europe, and the holidays writing new songs. 'We always make a lot of trips to see each other as well as "bulk time" at Christmas and Easter'.

In 2019, Gimme Gimme recorded their debut EP, *Taylor St*, with Berlin-based producer, Tim Granbacka, featuring Grammy awarded artist, Van Hunt.

They have since recorded a second EP, *Dessert For Dinner*, released through Berlin label Havêa Records, featuring Netflix superstar, Keiynan Lonsdale. So far, it's been streamed almost a million times across



Esther and Will Henderson have been playing together ever since their instruments were toys. Photo Jeff 'This Is Not Childsplay' Dawson

streaming platforms.

Their third EP will be coming out late 2023.

Will says they both learned violin from the age of three from their mum, and have been playing together ever since.

'Mum taught from home and we would play along with her students on little pretend violins made out of museli bar boxes, a ruler taped to it and a chopstick

as a bow. Many, many years later, we had a jazz band in Sydney called The Tins that had a weekly residency at a bar in Newtown. This set the wheels in motion'.

The prize package has been a great boost for Gimme Gimme. Will says, 'We sent our song, 'Day Drinking', as a message to Smirnoff on Instagram, and didn't really think anything would happen'.

'They sent us a message

back to say we were finalists and we lost our minds. We won \$56,000 worth of prizes, including a mountain of Smirnoff drinks, PR support, professional videos, Splendour tickets, fancy hotels and a feature in *Rolling Stone* magazine. We felt like it was a pretty awesome break for us, and we've since been approached by Warner Music and a few other labels who are keen to work with us'.

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Greeting the dawn at Lismore

The City of Lismore RSL sub-Branch Anzac Day 2023 Commemoration began before 5am on 25 April with around 100 marchers gathering to file down Molesworth Street to the Lismore Memorial Baths where over 1,000 people stood in absolute silence waiting for the dawn service to begin.

COVID-19 update in New South Wales

To many people COVID-19 may feel like a thing of the past, but each week there are still thousands of new cases and many deaths.

Have you seen Misha?

Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a teenage girl missing from Kingscliff.

Fatal vehicle crash – Tweed Heads

NSW Police say a woman died following a two-vehicle crash on the weekend.

Multi-agency road rescue competition in Coffs

The best way to learn some things is by hands-on experience and during the first weekend in May rescue agencies will have that opportunity during a road rescue competition.

Celebrating 10 years of the Lismore Rainforest Garden

The Lismore Rainforest Botanic Garden was 'A proposal that has been in the wind for 24 years and working on this site for 11 years,' said Lismore Mayor at the time, Jenni Dowell, at the opening of the gardens almost ten years ago.

Northern NSW man charged over alleged threats of violence made online

A man will face court next month, charged following an investigation into alleged threats of violence made over social media.

Greens MP says forest protector will be vindicated

Forest defender, Valerie Thompson, faced court on 20 April in Ballina after she was arrested for stopping forest operations in Doubleduke State Forest north of Grafton.

New website for Lismore City Council

Lismore City Council has launched its new website with the hope that it will be more accessible and user-friendly.

www.echo.net.au

4WDs on beaches discussion draws full house

Story & photo David Lowe

On Monday, the Lennox Hotel's Seven Mile Room was packed with those eager to participate in the inaugural Critical Conversations seminar about the impact of 4WDs on beach ecosystems.

The event was organised by Ballina Shire councillor, Kiri Dicker, and featured Sue Higginson NSW MLC; beach ecosystem expert; Dr Thomas Schlacher; environmentalist, Megan Ward; and OzFish Richmond River's John Larsson.

Cr Dicker said her intention was for Critical Conversations to become a regular event.

Sue Higginson MLC opened by saying NSW's newly elected minority government was going to be 'very significant', with the possibility of a genuinely progressive environmental agenda for the first time in many years. She said that preserving complex, dynamic coastal ecosystems was vitally important as the climate emergency worsened.

'We're all here because we love the beach,' said Ms Higginson.

While acknowledging that 4WDs on beaches were a complex issue, she said



Cr Kiri Dicker with some of the attendees at the Critical Conversations seminar, Lennox Head.

that the weight of evidence suggested that, from a legal perspective, in the future, there would definitely come a time when it would no longer be considered acceptable for recreational 4WDs to be on beaches.

She said the details would come down to science, and things that could be measured, and then applying the results of that scientific research to public policy.

Professor of Marine Science at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Dr Thomas Schlacher, said the fundamental that had to be understood was that the dunes, the shoreline, and the sea nearby were all 'one system', even though humans tended

to only look at part of the complete picture.

As an example, he explained that in a healthy ecosystem, small invertebrates living below the dunes at low tide (species often killed by four wheel drivers unaware of their existence) provide food for fish at high tide.

OzFish perspective

John Larsson from OzFish said fishers were becoming increasingly interested in assisting with environmental issues, and blamed the bad behaviour of drivers on beaches on 'an extremely small minority'.

► Full story online at www.echo.net.au

Harvest Trail held May 6-7



Local distiller, Brian Restall, at one of the stops on the Northern Rivers Harvest Trail. The annual foodie adventure is an opportunity to meet with local producers to celebrate all the Northern Rivers food and beverage industry has to offer. It will be held May 6-7. For more info visit www.northernriversfood.org. Photo Jeff 'Still Stilled' Dawson

More than 35 leading food producers, farms, restaurants, distilleries, breweries and food outlets across the region will be open to the public over the weekend of May 6-7.

Organisers invite the public for a 'leisurely drive at your own pace, choosing your own itineraries over

the weekend'.

An interactive map of the venues are available at www.northernriversfood.org/harvest-food-trail.

Participating businesses are located as far south as Woordburn, as far north as Tweed and as far west as Casino.

Tweed Council looks to rate rise after budget shortfall

Tweed Shire Council say they are \$1.6 million short for their 2023/24 Budget, and are seeking community feedback over two options to balance the books.

According to the press release, 'Council is seeking to apply for a 2.35 per cent rise in general rates (known as a Special Rate Variation, or SRV) in addition to the four per cent pegged rate rise already approved for the Tweed by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) – an independent body that determines the level of rates able to be collected by councils across NSW.'

'The extra costs Council needs to fund include: compliance officers previously funded by environmental enforcement levies recently

removed by the NSW government; upgrading core IT business systems to make it easier and safer to do business with Council; additional cyber security increased insurance premiums.

Affected services

'Some of the services that may be affected include the potential to close Kingscliff Library, reduce road and park maintenance levels, including pothole repair, reduce opening hours at Council's three aquatic centres, reduce the scale of Council's new animal pound – among other service reductions'.

Visit yoursaytweed.com.au/srv to find out more details and tell them what you think before 4pm on Friday 26 May.

INVITATION TO ATTEND



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Large Bangalow DA before public

Hans Lovejoy

The Bangalow Arts precinct, located opposite the A&I Hall at 6-10 Station Street, is slated for a complete overhaul, with a DA now on exhibition from developer CADRE.

Extensive DA documents available on Council's website propose 'mixed use development, comprising of commercial premises and hotel or motel accommodation [26 hotel apartments], on three levels, with two levels of basement car parking'.

According to the quantity surveyor's report, the \$14.1M proposal would have a building footprint of 2,117.4m².

One of the affected businesses is the artist collective, Hammer & Hand.

Bruce Pringle from the collective told *The Echo* he personally was supportive of the redevelopment, and that consultation with developer Chris Tyas was positive.

Pringle's main concerns were whether they will be able to afford to rent after the redevelopment, the disruption to his collective, and finding an interim shopfront/

workshop.

He added he knew of others not so supportive of the redevelopment.

Engagement report

According to the developer's community engagement report, a pre-lodgement engagement process was instigated, 'by far in excess of Council's pre-lodgement engagement requirements.'

Design feedback has been incorporated, says the report, and 'Instead of 7 townhouses, 26 hotel rooms are now proposed'.

Other public feedback included a call to increase access to sunlight, activation of the rail corridor, maintaining a focus on artists, and more parking.

Melbourne-based CADRE, 'have significant property interests in the Ballina and Byron Shires', says the report, with the founding director [Chris Tyas] spending much of his time in the Byron Shire'.

A website for the development is at <https://6-10stationstreet.com.au> and the DA is available on Council's website (DA tracker).

Cr Coorey floats legrope laws

Paul Bibby

Should Byron Shire Council start fining surfers who refuse to wear leg ropes?

Would it even be possible to enforce such a policy without a team of compliance dolphins carrying phones and clipboards?

These fishy questions are set to be debated at this week's Council meeting in response to a motion put forward by Independent councillor, Cate Coorey.

Responding to a number of recent incidents in which surfers were seriously injured by boards without leg ropes, Cr Coorey is proposing that Council use its powers to crack down on the practice.

'This issue has been brought to our attention yet again with the recent serious incident at Broken Head, involving an out-of-control surfboard, with no leg rope attached, striking another surfer.'

'These events could become preventable with some community education and enforcement'.

The perennial leg rope debate returned to the agenda two months ago when pro surfer Matt Cassidy nearly bled out on the beach after having his arm sliced open by a board without a leg rope.

It is not clear whether the

leg rope had snapped, or whether the surfer in question wasn't wearing one.

Coorey proposes that Council install signs requiring board riders to wear a leg rope and advising that those who refuse to do so will face a fine.

If adopted, Council would also undertake a community education campaign around the issue, and a broad ranging media campaign that could reach beyond the Byron Shire to potential visitors.

Enforcement?

However, Council's Legal Counsel, Ralph James, said enforcement would be 'very difficult'.

Responding to Cr Coorey's motion in the agenda to this week's meeting, he said, 'Council could potentially, by notice, require a surfer to wear a leg rope in the water; however, the difficulty of enforcing such a notice means it is unlikely to be effective,' Mr James said.

'I would anticipate a close to zero per cent successful prosecution rate on any fine that was court elected.'

'It is not clear how Council enforcement officers could reasonably gather evidence [...] to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person acted contrary to the relevant notice.'

Harmony Fest returns



Some of the Harmony crew: from left back row: Shivam Rath, Natty Dolaiasi, drummer Jonny Simons, and Byron Bay Hula troupe: Marion, Lilith and Leilana. Photo Jeff 'Har Har Harmonic!' Dawson

Byron Harmony Festival is back, with a wonderful family friendly event on Sunday May 7 at Byron Scout Hall 2pm-6pm.

Co-organiser, Judy Shelley, told *The Echo*, 'This year, we will celebrate with a fantastic day of music, dance

and food from many cultures. Please join us for a fun family day celebrating our beautiful cultural diversity.'

'This year, the festival will be broadcast live on BayFM, and we also have a special Solomon Islands song workshop at 11am.'

Mr Devine retires after 49 years



Vince Devine, Mullum butcher extraordinaire, is retiring after 49 years in the job, and he is holding a little celebration on Saturday morning, April 29 to thank all his loyal customers and employees - see page 4. Photo Jeff Dawson

Longboard comp this weekend

This weekend, April 29 and 30, the 42nd Byron Bay Malibu Classic (BBMC) will be held at Wategos. BBMC President, Jy Pendergast, told *The Echo*, 'The contest

attracts competitors from up and down the east coast and regularly has a contingent visiting from New Zealand'. Jy adds it is a 'single-fin only 9 foot and over Malibu contest'.

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Churchill's role in Gallipoli

Hans Lovejoy

Anzac Day is always a solemn day for Australians and New Zealanders – and for good reason.

In WWI, Australia had only been a nation for 15 years, and was still tied to the apron strings of the British Empire.

In the context of the era, it's understandable there wasn't a lot of questioning of patriotism, and so young men bravely set sail to defend their King and country on the shores of Gallipoli, Turkey.

According to Australian War Memorial, www.awm.gov.au, 'At 64.8 per cent [for WWI], the Australian casualty rate (proportionate to total embarkations) was among the highest of the war'.

It left Australia devastated at the time, and largely without a population of young men. It took generations to rebuild.

8,000 odd Australian and New Zealand Anzacs died in the Gallipoli campaign.

In what history now judges as a poorly orchestrated attack, the Anzacs were led by the remote, uncaring British. With the luxury

of hindsight, it appears that young men were expendable to the man who planned it: British First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill (1874–1965).

In the same year as the diastrous Gallipoli campaign, Churchill also led the Dardanelles naval campaign – a failure.

Churchill is often mistaken for a great leader, yet his evil accomplishments are up there with Belgium's King Leopold III (1901–1983), who was responsible for the deaths of 10 million Congolese.

Apart from military disasters that cost the lives of thousands, during World War II Churchill prioritised the stockpiling of food for Britain over feeding Indian subjects during the Bengal famine. That cost the lives of up to three million people, according to www.britannica.com.

Such short dives into history generally reveal that 'leaders' such as these are the reason for the suffering and misery of everyone else.

A remarkable poem that reflects the personal and tragic side of this war is by English war poet, writer, and soldier, Siegfried Sassoon (1886–1967):

Suicide in the Trenches

*I knew a simple soldier boy
Who grinned at life in empty joy,
Slept soundly through the lonesome dark,
And whistled early with the lark.*

*In winter trenches, cowed and glum,
With crumps and lice and lack of rum,
He put a bullet through his brain.
No one spoke of him again.*

*You smug-faced crowds with kindling eye
Who cheer when soldier lads march by,
Sneak home and pray you'll never know
The hell where youth and laughter go.*

Cannabis laws steeped in racist US past

Change can be painfully glacial. Then sometimes, after years of apparent stagnation, it can happen quite suddenly, like the proverbial iceberg flipping.

NSW now lags the nation in drug law reform. Qld has just decriminalised possession of small quantities of all drugs, including ice and heroin. It's 'three strikes and you're out' in Qld. First time will be a warning, and the second and third times, police must offer the chance to participate in a mandatory drug diversion program.

In 1996, Bob Carr introduced legislation to decriminalise cannabis at my urging. It passed the lower house, but was thwarted in the Legislative Council by a single vote – that of the controversial Labor MP, Franca Arena, who was heavily pressured by the Coalition opposition to change her vote after indicating she would support it.

Twenty-seven years later, there has been no progress on drug law reform in NSW.

The new Labor Premier, Chris Minns, claims to have no mandate for drug law reform, but he will be obliged to rely on Jeremy Buckingham's vote in the Legislative Council. Jeremy has just been elected as the first Legalise Cannabis Party member, and will waste no time in ensuring his voters' wishes are satisfied.

My first speech in NSW Parliament in 1988, a long one and a long time ago, was on the legalisation of heroin in response to legislative amendments on illegal drugs that were being debated.

I didn't support the use of heroin, which I regarded as second only to tobacco, in the harm it caused.

Nevertheless, the criminalising of heroin use in 1953 caused the use of heroin to increase and create major crime problems. Desperate users broke into homes and robbed banks to pay for their habit. A heroin addict can be a one-man crime wave.

As a member of the Legislative Council, I met a number of users. They were ordinary people, self-medicating, to make their pain go away. One said to me, 'I only feel



'The Marihuana Tax Act was passed in the US in 1937, with less than half an hour of debate. Some of those voting on it didn't even realise marijuana was cannabis'

Richard Jones

okay when I'm on heroin'.

Prohibition turns damaged people into criminals. The entire community pays the price.

Jim Snow, former Labor MP for Eden-Monaro, told me when he was a pharmacist in Queanbeyan, he dispensed legal heroin.

He said there was no problem with it. There were no dealers making profits from it and the heroin was of a known purity.

People didn't die from accidental overdoses. The problems started when it became illegal. Massive amounts of police time and money are wasted, as well as court time and the cost of imprisoning offenders.

The whole crazy cannabis abolition era has overtly racist origins.

It was started by that fanatic, Harry J Anslinger, after alcohol prohibition ended in the USA. As former Commissioner of the US Federal Bureau of Narcotics, he successfully demonised marijuana, which is the Mexican name for cannabis.

His racist campaign included accusations that urban black men used it to entice young white women, who became sex-crazed, and instantly addicted. Anslinger wrote, in a now infamous 1937 article, 'Marijuana: Assassin of Youth': 'How many murders, suicides, robberies, holdups, burglaries and deeds of maniacal insanity it causes each year can only be conjectured'.

Anslinger headed the Narcotics Bureau from 1930 to 1962. During his tenure, marijuana became classified as one of the most dangerous drugs, listed on Schedule 1, with no acceptable medical use.

At the same time, media magnate William Randolph Hearst, also supported the criminalisation of marijuana, perhaps in part because his companies producing paper from wood were being replaced

by hemp. He campaigned heavily against it in his newspapers, depicting it as a drug of murder, torture and hideous cruelty.

The *Marihuana Tax Act* was passed in the US in 1937, with less than half an hour of debate. Some of those voting on it didn't even realise marijuana was cannabis.

It's clear that the entire campaign of cannabis prohibition was largely based on racist lies.

American policies were slavishly adopted by Australia and other countries. We're still stuck with that appalling legacy today.

Meanwhile, eight million people die from tobacco use each year worldwide. That genuinely dangerous drug, which killed both my parents before they reached 60, can still be bought in supermarkets!

Now, tobacco corporations are pushing vaping to vulnerable people.

It has now been determined there is no safe level of alcohol use, and yet it's promoted as an integral part of our daily life. That demonstrates the madness of current drug laws.

We know cannabis has a myriad of medical uses, and thousands of people across Australia use it beneficially, and now legally, for numerous conditions.

It really is such a ridiculous waste of police time, and scarce resources, prosecuting harmless individuals for possessing or using cannabis.

Perhaps Jeremy Buckingham can use his powerful position holding the balance of power to persuade a reluctant Chris Minns that Legalise Cannabis' clear mandate trumps Labor's supposed lack of a mandate. It's way beyond time to reform these old laws, which are so steeped in racism.

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Friends of Feros

It is my understanding that an elderly person named Feros, noting that there was not an aged care facility in Byron some 50 plus years ago, walked the streets of Byron with a bell and a tin can collecting money for an aged care facility.

His persistence paid off. And without knowing too much about the land tenure on which the current village is built I am assuming that the land was gifted by local or state government for the purpose of housing a retirement facility?

A long-term friend of mine, architect Christine Vadasz, was commissioned to design Feros Village in the '70s. An elderly environmentalist friend has lived in Feros for some ten years and I was able to witness the design and functionality of this place that my friend, and his parents before him, had called home.

While my mother was looking for a care place some years ago I had the chance to review care places in Byron, Canberra and the Tweed and was impressed with Feros in terms of layout and functionality. As a landscape architect Christine Vadasz seemed to have captured the essence of living in, and with, nature.

As the land on which Feros is built was gifted for a specific purpose I would have thought that a change of purpose, in town planning terms, would have required considerable consultation with local and state government, as well as with the residents of the facility as it is.

Adding to my difficulty in understanding is the haste with which the Feros board has taken the decision to vacate the site and rebuild another facility – there appears to be little explanation for destroying what is existing.

Little explanation has been given as to why the existing facility does not meet current standards for care. What are the current standards and what other options are there? It seems from the outside that the board is justifying their lack of management of the facility to take some other course of convenience.

Maybe the present board could be dismissed and another board be chosen



Cartoon by Alister Lockhart – www.alisterlockhart.net

who might adequately interface between the residents' needs and the required care standards?

Boyd Warren
Main Arm

Frugivorous future?

Alan Dickens (Letters, April 12) raised the problem of phosphorus regarding sewage treatment. We sink deeper into it if we contemplate that a particular variety of great apes decided to break ranks and switch from carbs-from-fruit to carbs-from-grain about ten thousand years ago.

Unfortunately grain has eight times as much phosphorus as fruit and the acidity of this globalised diet has been wreaking havoc in that particular great ape ever since. Prior to becoming sewage, the acidity [of carbs-from-grain] damages internal tissue, which stimulates inflammation, which then obstructs blood flow – resulting in almost every disease a great ape can think of.

It really shits me that the global food system continues to fart around feeding poison to billions of brainwashed great apes. The food-health industry has probably shortened more lives than the military-industrial complex.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

Valuation shock

I certainly agree with many that our unimproved land valuations are outrageously over-the-top. So if, like me, you are about to most definitely object, here are some tips...

Our valuations are not just on sales prior to July 2022. There are more considerations involved. Such as access to public transport; public or private transport availability; facilities existing within your zone, such as cycleways and footpaths; functioning stormwater drains; access to hospital and/or medical practitioners.

These inflated valuations are a direct result of the covid pandemic and the mass exodus of people from two major cities, Sydney and Melbourne. As such there were many buying property from websites to escape the many long lockdowns. Now that things have settled down, and given the precarious situation of an impending recession, along with inflated costs of living, the real valuations have significantly dropped. I suggest we desperately need to be proactive in bringing this, along with the lack of maintenance and upgrades to infrastructure, to the [attention of the] NSW Valuer General's office.

We have only 60 days,

from receipt of our valuations, in which to object. Reasons to object: access constraints; environmental issues such as bushfires, flooding, erosion and subsidence, contamination; impacts of easements (such as building setbacks).

Supporting evidence is required. If quoting sales of equivalent properties you need to supply three addresses, their date of sale and price sold, along with written reasons to support the reduction in value.

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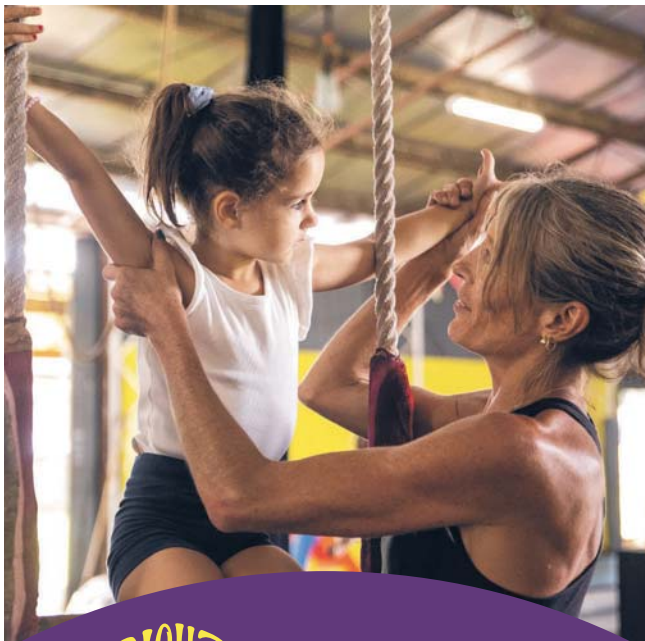
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 Also check your zone density as so many areas are now medium density, not low density.

Is your home able to be insured for flood? These are just some of the issues to put forward to have your unimproved valuations reduced.

Annie Radermacher
 Brunswick Heads

Who said what!?

Reading your Backlash page (12 April) wherein the chief executive of the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) said that some two-bedroom emergency pods cost up to \$500,000. 'What poor value for money governments get for our taxpayer money' it says there.

It made me think of the five billion dollars we've had to pay to France 'cos Scomo was lying - when is he starting to pay that back?

When will we charge the RBA boss, Philip Lowe, for encouraging people to take out a loan? Does he have shares in some banks, saying the interest rates won't rise for a while? People are going through hell right now, trying to cope with ten interest rate rises!

While rent costs have gone through the roof and all other costs as well, people

are struggling to put food on the table, to enable their kids to join a sports club etc, and are stressing out. Forty per cent more kids are now on mental health medications. Not mentioning all the people who've gone through fire and flood trauma.

So how can Albo and the Labor party follow Scomo's mad path of wanting to put \$368 billion of taxpayers' money into the US/UK industrial war machine? Don't we need this money here right now to look after our Indigenous people, build affordable housing, transition to renewables etc?

But the craziest issue right now is that \$28 million of taxpayers' money was spent in the last two years to turn our native forest into woodchips, or to burn forests for electricity in NSW. The Forestry Corporation is destroying the habitat of our unique wildlife and protectors are going through court right now, while the Environment Protection Authority is not doing their job. Some have risked their life 20+ metres above ground to stop the logging and are now getting charged for that. Who are the real criminals?

Chibo Mertineit
 Lillian Rock

Byron Healing

The *Byron Healing* magazine in the 12 April *Echo* was absolutely brilliant and showcased the successful elite of the healing practitioners that reside in Byron Shire. This free market of healers, wellness teachers, alternative and complementary medics of all modalities, including yoga teachers, spiritual guides and others who use *The Echo* and other community resources in which to advertise their practice may soon run into a roadblock. The number of healers has been increasing exponentially, while the number of patients is falling as their healings succeed.

Soon, there will not be enough unwellness to provide adequate income for our wonderful healers to remain here in the Spiritual Rainbow Region. Steps must be taken before this catastrophe occurs. In the short term, guaranteed incomes must be provided by the state government at a rate that allows publications like *Byron Healing* to be continued and, if necessary, the unwell must be bussed into the outer regions of the Shire for daily remedial healings and then returned before dark to their less privileged areas. I am sure

there are many poor in the Tweed Shire unable to afford the enlightened healing available in Byron Bay, and practitioners will happily see to those in desperate need.

Tom Gubler
 Murwillumbah

Keating vs AUKUS

The National Press Gallery was beside itself with affected outrage at remarks by Paul Keating about the AUKUS submarine deal. Predictably, the domestic commentariat focused on Keating's signature barbs and his inimitable use of incisive epithets, while completely ignoring the essential point of his critique.

According to Keating, the tension between China and the US is due to the fact that China's economy has already surpassed that of the US in terms of purchasing power parity. Keating points out that this is seen as a great sin by the US ruling elite, which has no experience dealing with a credible challenge to its hegemony on the world stage.

The belief that China's rise is a threat to US global dominance is widely held throughout the West and especially in the anglosphere, which has long

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Bringing to life the history of the Rainbow Region as the Aquarius Festival turns 50

The Nimbin Aquarius Festival in May 1973 was part of the zeitgeist and a cornerstone to the emerging character of the Rainbow Region that has come to be an essential part of the Northern Rivers. This year from 12 to 21 May, the Nimbin Aquarius Festival will celebrate 50 years bringing together many people who attended the first event as well as those who will come to celebrate and learn from the merging of ideas new and old.

Born out of the Aquarius Festival of university arts events in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and the emerging alternative culture of the Northern Rivers, Nimbin hosted what became a town-changing event. The little town of Nimbin contained 'a small school, a bowling club, a showground, and residential dwellings extending for five hundred metres along Sibley, Cecil, and Thorburn Streets. Mulgum Creek snaked its way around the northern edge of the town where an abandoned milk processing factory stood, and with the collapse of the once dominant dairy industry, the town had seen better days,' Gary Opit, who travelled to the town for the 1973 festival, reminisced.

'Unlike the first Aquarius festival held in Canberra, this was a festival of creation, creativity and anti-consumerism, the focus was on creating culture rather than consuming it. It did not promote well known artists and did not advertise through mainstream media. Instead it relied on word of mouth for its promotion.

'I also discovered that the attendees were unified by their passion for environmental conservation, sustainability, harmony, freedom, and honesty. The greengrocer shop between the hotel and the town hall, the façade of which had been painted with a fountain of tomato sauce, inspired by the old advertisements for Fountain brand tomato sauce from the once operating general store, was now run by the festival organisers. I was astounded to find that it was self-serve, which included the cash box. Shoppers chose their fruit, grain, rice, nuts, and vegetables, weighed, or counted it, then placed their bank notes into



The 1973 Aquarius Festival in Nimbin saw the first Welcome to Country performed. Photos Gary Opit

a large box and took their appropriate change. Vegetarian meals were cooked and shared, and workshops were held to exchange skills and knowledge with others.'

From experimental theatre to alternative culture artists 'including, among others, Benny Zable, Peter Carolan, singer Paul Joseph, Donny McCormack, Ian Farr, and the Larrikins. South African pianist Dollar Brand, Indian street performers the Bauls of Bengal, classical-ambient musician Lindsay Bourke, and tightrope walker and unicyclist Philippe Petit added to the festival vibe.

It has been estimated that attendance at the Nimbin Aquarius Festival was between 5,000 and 10,000 people,' said Gary.

Celebrating the future

From talking politics and action to health, healing and spirituality there will be a wide range of events taking place throughout the 50th anniversary event of the Aquarius Festival at Nimbin this May. Check out their program online and buy tickets at: www.aquarius50.com.au.

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► Continued from page 10 regarded the US as the sole guarantor of international peace and security. But in reality, the US has long been a force for conflict and rivalry, pursuing the 'divide and conquer' strategy of empire.

Keating makes the eminently reasonable observation that China poses no threat to Australia, but the US-led drive toward conflict with China clearly does. This is a theme that Malcolm Fraser develops in his remarkable book, *Dangerous Allies*. The US foreign policy is committed to arrogant hypocritical hectoring and meddling in the affairs of other countries.

If we aspire to be a sovereign, independent nation that values international peace, comity and security, we need to exit this dangerous alliance and adopt instead a foreign policy committed to non-alliance, non-interference and non-confrontation.

John Scrivener
Main Arm

Assange silence

Lately there has been ABC coverage of Australian citizen and journalist Cheng Lei, jailed in China, and the American journalist,

Evan Gershkovich, recently detained in Russia.

Leonid Volkov is Navalny's chief of staff and was recently in Australia and enjoying generous media time here. Alexei Navalny is a high profile and much publicised critic of Vladimir Putin, and considered by many to be a political prisoner in Russia. No doubt Mr Volkov had plenty of doors open to him on his recent visit to Canberra.

No doubt more doors opened than were open to Julian Assange's father, John Shipton, and his brother Gabriel Shipton when they were in Canberra last year seeking access to politicians.

However, the name Assange has not been heard, spoken or written by mainstream media for some time now. Perhaps the media is hoping, together with the government, that by 'disappearing' his name, the man himself will disappear behind the grim walls of fortress Belmarsh.

The recent visit to Julian Assange in Belmarsh Prison by the newly appointed Australian High Commissioner to the UK, Stephen Smith, together with Senator Wong's comments at the National Press Club last week, is much appreciated. However, Senator Wong's



claim that the Australian government is not able to intervene in the legal affairs of other countries is a furphy. The Australian government has been involved before in the cases of David Hicks, Mamdouh Habib, Peter Greste, and Kylie Moore-Gilbert etc.

I would imagine the Australian government is involved all the time on behalf of Australian citizens in the legal processes of other countries. We would hope that's one of the things

we pay our taxes for.

The crux of the matter is that the case of Australian citizen Julian Assange is not a legal one. It is a political one. Julian Assange is a political prisoner being held in a UK prison at the behest of the United States.

He is about to begin his fifth year of incarceration without charge.

The intention is to silence Assange, and others like him, for revealing the truth of the workings of power and corruption.

What must not be interfered with is the toxic and militaristic arrangement between the Australian, United States and United Kingdom governments – known as AUKUS.

Roy Drew
Mullumbimby

Fingers crossed

I get emails from Council called Community E News. I received three after the wooden bridge over Belongil Creek failed. There was no info whatsoever about the

half-closed, partially open and now completely open (albeit with sheet-metal repairs) timber bridge.

I wrote to the email contact media person who notified the E News writer. Eventually a nice Council contact rang me and said they were putting in a new grid-patterned bridge, similar to the one near Butler Street and that work should start in May. They would put up an electronic sign about the condition of the bridge – as cyclists can't ride safely on it – and they'd work at night.

That day, 20 April, I got another E News that talked about bridge maintenance. Funny how making enquiries moves things along.

In the months since the bridge needed urgent repairs, I have been overseas, built a native bees' hive, replaced my decking and continued my bit of saving the planet.

Let's pray that the new bridge materials will arrive on time, Council will speedily deploy workers to replace the rotting timbers and the new bridge will be open before the end of May.

Let us pray...

Raphael Lee Cass
Byron Bay

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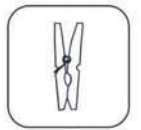
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The day I met Ali

Ian Cohen

Driving on our roads and navigating pot-holes is a challenge, yet there is a feast for the eyes on offer either side: rain-forest, tea tree valleys, farms and forests that are flanked by rivers and creeks. This is the famously biodiverse Byron Shire.

Unfortunately we are gaining a reputation for reckless, ruthless, rampant speed on the road.

In many areas of our Shire, once scenic journeys are turning into a fools' racing track. Car crashes are regular. The real danger on these roads is for pedestrians, cyclists, and of course wildlife.

An echidna on the road has possibly a one per cent chance of survival. Their life span is thirty years in their natural environment. A wallaby, being more fleet of foot has about a 50 per cent chance of survival, but is still vulnerable to complications of fright. Possums are somewhere in between, and we know all too well the terrible statistics of koala deaths on our roads.

It was no surprise when I passed the carcass of a native animal on a corner that should necessitate a vehicle slowing down. I had to stop and check its pouch. It was flyblown and I wanted to drive away, but something turned me back. A deep sense of guilt at potentially leaving a live part of the whole mess to rot, and a need to at least give it some dignity by covering it up. Upon the second inspection there seemed movement that was not all blowies.

I reluctantly reached down and silently prayed for permission to open the mother's pouch. Something stirred. Shiny black eyes peered at me while a mouth held on to mum's teat.

I felt myself stir inside thinking how alone this joey was, hidden from the world and abandoned. The challenge was how to remove the joey from that primal embrace. I pulled the little creature and the teat stretched. I pulled again a little harder, careful not to damage the youngster, until it released its hold with a thwack like an elastic band. Abruptly separated from its dead mother all it could raise was an indignant little hiss. As it looked at me I could only hope it understood I was here to help.

I was able to wrap it in my towel, place it on my lap and drive to Annie, a WIRES carer.

I drove as if I was carrying a box of eggs. The possum joey was a female and in fair condition. I was awed again by these wildlife angels as they do their magic of warming, calming, feeding, and healing.

We called her Ali, after my fellow wildlife lover and partner. As I left her, I recognised how quickly attachment develops. In a follow-up call I was told Ali had been transferred to another carer with the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers (NRWC) who had a male brushtail possum weighing close to Ali's 22g. She had a neighbour.

The second volunteer reported, 'She has had her ups and downs, some medication, but she is improving, active and putting on weight. We have a male brushtail possum and we will raise them together.'

A week ago, I went to visit Ali the possum with my partner Ali. We were met by Kerri-Anne from NRWC. It was like visiting the hospital. Lovingly crafted pouches hung from an assortment of cages stuffed with scarlet lillipilli leaves and dishes. Tweezers, eye droppers, antibiotics and teats were set up on tables in what used to be Kerri-Anne's garage.

Here in suburbia, in someone's home, wildlife is cared for. There are feeds throughout the night, emergency calls, hunting for fresh leaves each day – and it is all done by volunteers.

Just slow down

There are so many complex environmental issues that governments and business are trying to solve, yet this one is predominately caused in this Shire by reckless driving and speed. I have lived here for forty years and I've never killed or injured anything. Yet on a daily basis I see feather, bone, wings and scale remnants strewn over our road. We are suffering species loss, yet we wipe out wildlife on our roads with impunity.

The solutions are there: redesign the roads, mandate strict speed limits, install cameras, increase ranger and police presence.

We can manage our fragile natural resources and beauty giving all users, human and nonhuman, the opportunity to view or be part of the significant biodiversity of Byron Shire, in safety.



Ali, the baby possum, is now being cared for by Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers. Photo Alison Drover



Baby possum Ali was rescued after her mother was hit by a car. Photo Ian Cohen

Getting the finger from speedsters for signalling them to slow down doesn't improve anyone's walking experience, especially when they are followed up by an 'Out of Africa' convoy of four-wheel-drives, including an Aston Martin, new Land Cruiser, a Mercedes and a Range Rover moving at speed and churning dust, like tobacco smoke, in our faces.

With the cooperation of authorities these problems are solvable. We need the will to take action at all levels of government, from local, to state and federal.

Embrace the country pace

Where the mother possum was run down, it is a newly minted tar road section with the glaring self-promotion by the previous NSW government of 'building better' local roads for tourists and residents. Dirt roads are rarely patrolled by police, but when there are tarred sections they could have speed limit signs of say 20km/h. With occasional police enforcement this could transform the current dangerous driving culture.

Design and community engagement can reduce the need for policing. There is a disconnect here when Byron Shire markets itself as a biodiversity and nature hotspot, is accompanied by dangerous and fast driving. It should be on every Destination Byron member's social media to slow down, embrace the country pace, and take a back seat to nature. That

goes also for the multiplying group who think they are not being seen by other locals as they parade their dogs along beaches, foreshores and reserves, or try to hide them under umbrellas at Wategos. How are we going to lead with biodiversity and uphold the new sustainability plan, let alone regenerative tourism, if we can't even look after our native wildlife?

We can, and need to turn the tide, not just for wildlife and biodiversity's sake, but because our livelihoods depend on it. This reckless lack of care is not going to serve us.

We should be regularly making payments to WIRES and Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers as they are self-funded, voluntary operations. These people are caretaking our nature credentials.

Snakes, lizards, possums, koalas, owls – they all collectively contribute to our livelihood.

As joey Ali-May (May was given to her by another carer) wriggles around in my lap on our visit to check on her I feel so grateful for people like Kerri-Anne and Annie and all those people that stop and check pouches or pick up injured birds. As I write this a woman reports she was almost mowed down by a four-wheel-drive as she stopped to rescue a python on Possum Creek Road that had been hit by a car.

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World's ice melting five times faster than in the '90s

Cosmos Magazine

Polar ice is melting at an unprecedented rate and accounts for a quarter of all sea level rise, researchers say.

Figures, published in *Earth System Science Data*, show there has been a five-fold increase in ice melt since the 1990s, and seven of the worst years have occurred in the last decade.

The research by a decade-long international collaboration between dozens of institutions called IMBIE (Ice sheet Mass Balance Inter-comparison Exercise) compiled 50 satellite surveys of Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets between 1992 and 2020 to quantify the extent of ice loss.

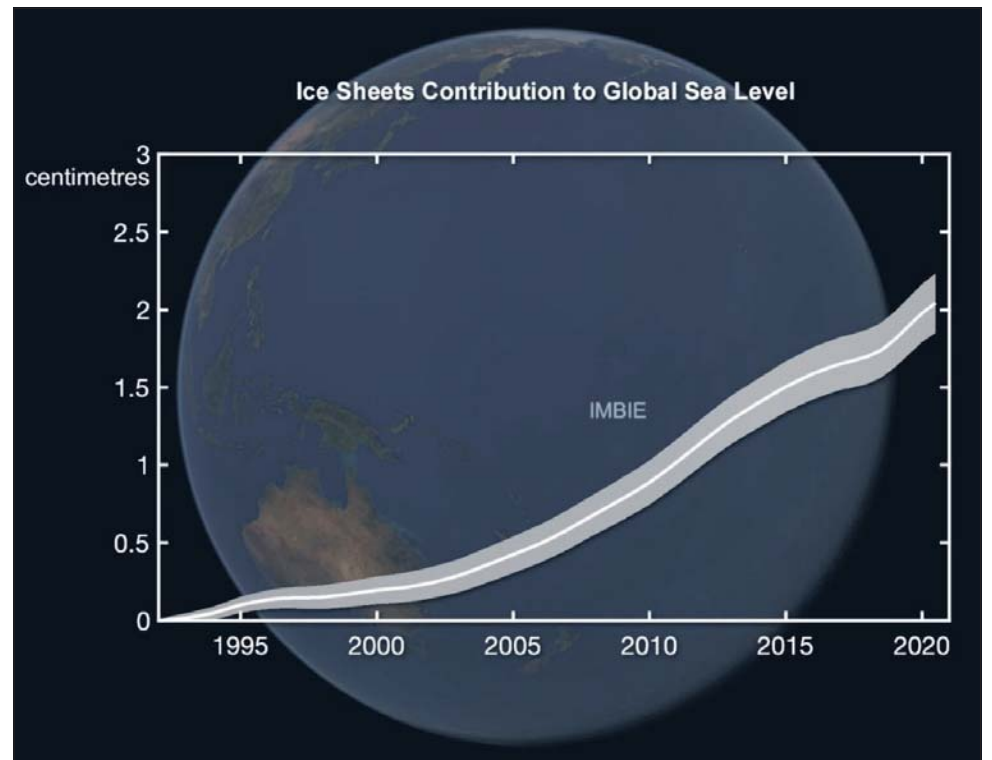
Rapid increase in ice loss

During that time, more than 7,500 billion tonnes of ice has disappeared across both locations.

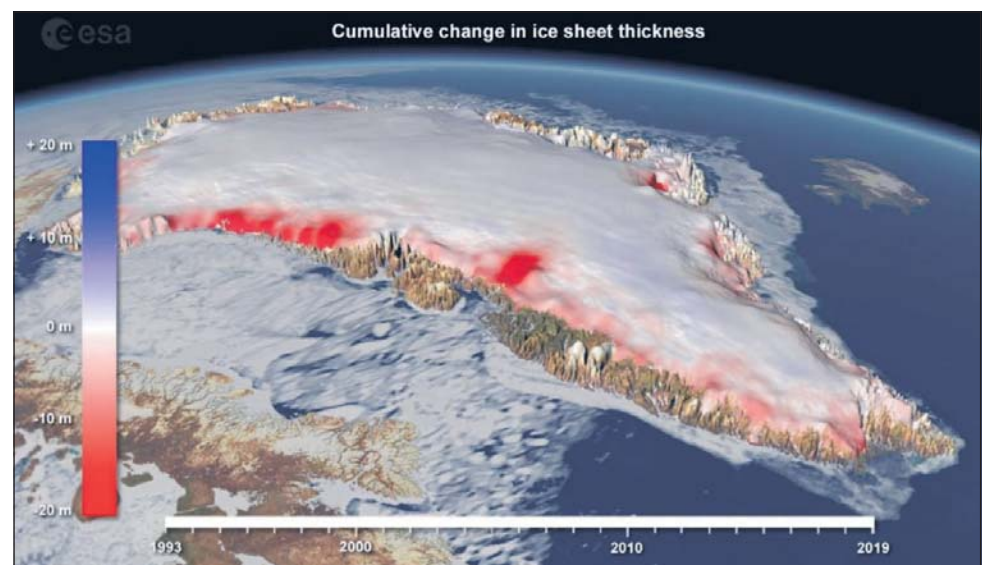
That's about the amount of ice that would fit into a 20-cubic-kilometre chunk of ice.

'Ice losses from Greenland and Antarctica have rapidly increased over the satellite record and are now a major contributor to sea level rise,' says lead researcher Dr Inès Otosaka from Leeds University, UK.

Otosaka says continuous monitoring of the ice sheets is now required to forecast their behaviour and help plan human adaptation.



Graph from IMBIE satellite data research showing the increasing contribution of ice sheets to global sea level rise from 1992 to 2020. Image IMBIE / CPOM at Northumbria University



Areas in red highlight the zones of cumulative change in ice sheet thickness in Greenland, between 1993 and 2019. Image IMBIE / CPOM at Northumbria University

Dr Diego Fernandez, head of research and development at the European Space Agency that

co-funds the IMBIE program with NASA, made the grim assessment that polar ice variations 'have reached a scale where abrupt changes can no longer be excluded'.

Global temperature increase main driver of ice melt

Increased global temperatures due to ever-increasing greenhouse gas emissions are the primary driver of ice melt

in polar regions. If melting occurs at the same rate, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts 148-272 millimetres of average sea level rise could be solely attributed to the phenomena.

Polar ice melt has contributed 21mm to sea level rise since 1992.

Read more *Cosmos* articles on *The Echo* online at www.echo.net.au/sciencegoesviral.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

After the triumph of Canberra's Doeberl Cup, hosting the Oceania Junior Championships immediately afterwards was always going to be a big ask – even allowing for moving from the comfort of the Southern Cross Club in Woden to Campbell High School's spartan gymnasium.

The Oceania Junior Championship, held over from 2022, nevertheless attracted 200 players from four federations: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and New Caledonia.

In part due to the unequal number of entries in each section, the planned 14 divisions, from Under 8 to Under 20, needed to be compressed into five. This required last-minute changes by players who discovered that their planned division no longer existed. All U/8 and U/10 sections were cancelled and only one of the planned seven girls divisions remained.

Fortunately, putting a chessboard in front of keen players tends to supersede all difficulties, and all the tournaments

proceeded without incident.

When the dust had settled, two 19-year-olds took out the major titles, Sydney's Cameron McGowan and Melbourne's Lillian Lu becoming International Master and Women's International Master respectively by winning the top divisions.

Lu's best game came against her namesake, prodigious New Zealander 9-year-old Luna Lu.

Canberra Oceania U/20 Girls Ch.

White: L Lu (AUS)

Black: L Lu (NZ)

Opening: Sicilian Defence

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.d4! cxd4 If Black wishes to accept White's gambit, she should probably do so immediately. 8.cxd4 Nxe4 9.d5 Nb8? 9...Ne5, implicitly returning the pawn, is far safer. 10.Re1 Nf6 11.Bg5 Black's position is now surprisingly difficult, with White planning Nc3 and Nd4 while Black has trouble developing. (11...g6 is impossible while 11...e6 opens lines for White.) 11...Qf5 12.Nc3 Na6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6? This loses by force, but 13...gxf6 14.Nd4 Qd7 15.Ncb5! (threatening 16.Qa4 and 17.Nxd6+) leaves Black barely able to move. 14.Qa4+ Kd8 15.Qa5+! Kd7 16.Qb5+! Kd8 16...Kc7 17.Rac1 is also hopeless. 17.Qxb7 Nc7 18.Nb5! Nxb5 19.Qxa8+ Kd7 20.Qb7+ Kd8 21.Rac1 Qf5 22.Qa8+ Kd7 23.Qc8 Checkmate!

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What are the options for the Byron Shire rail trail?

■ I have just finished cycling the Tweed section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail from Mooball to Murwillumbah. What an excellent trail. It is so safe to cycle and is open to the very young and very old. The scenery is stunning and it was really encouraging to see so many people on the trail. Congratulations to Tweed Shire Council.

However, as I cycled it, I thought how hypocritical of the Byron mayor to be at the opening on the trail and cycling part of it. No decision on the construction of the trail in Byron Shire seems to have been made, other than commissioning further reports. Lismore and Richmond have started the southern section, while there remains a big yawning gap in the middle. It will be at least ten years before any trail in Byron Shire is complete, if at all, while the cyclists and tourism operators wait patiently.

Anna Molloy
Goonengerry

■ The case for new local rail services in the Northern Rivers is as strong as ever! The new rail trail in Tweed Shire shows that 'rail trailing' with its gentle inclines and beautiful scenery is fun – and good recreation – but does not help in any way to meaningfully get locals and tourists from A to B.

The mayor of Tweed Shire has publicly acknowledged that the process of ripping up the tracks had poor-to-no meaningful community consultation, and the company that built the trail there has stated that the rail trail would have cost less if it was off formation i.e. next to, but not on, the rails. It's important to know that rail trails can be taken over tunnels and next to bridges.

Overall the 'social licence' case and business case is stronger for rail *with* trail than trail alone. I have taken an interest in the Casino to Murwillumbah branch line since 2004 when the totally Sydney-centric north coast rail services were suddenly stopped, with a complete lack of foresight.

As a current Byron Shire councillor, I am working on getting trains running regularly, at least within the Shire, from Mullumbimby to Byron Bay and to Bangalow initially, and eventually to the north to service Ocean Shores. We have started

regular discussions with Transport for NSW to this end and to facilitate an engineering and degradation assessment of the line's condition so that accurate costing can be made. A private consortium, including highly experienced people from the NSW rail industry, are current players working towards further presentations to councils and government with serious business proposals for the rail corridor. There has to be a good tourism business case for running trains on the line, especially between Byron Bay and Bangalow (a bit akin to the amazing Cairns to Kuranda train). Considering private consortiums to manage the repairs and rolling stock etc seems essential as federal and state governments prevaricate, and have so far failed to plan for future public transport needs in the Northern Rivers.

Our community have been polarised and misinformed by a slick campaigning group of rail trailers for too long. So much one-sided glossy information has been presented by the rail trail lobby over the years, such that many in the community have been falsely led to believe that resuming rail services on the north coast is fantasy. This remains completely untrue. The whole transport corridor is worth way more into the future than a short-term bike trail solution with private interests securing leases and nibbling away at public and private infrastructure. To try to safeguard against selling off the rail corridor by stealth Byron Council will likely be writing to the NSW rail corridor asset manager (TAHE), Transport for NSW, the Ministers for Transport (Jo Haylen) and Regional Roads and Rail, (Jenny Aitchison), to monitor and ensure that the rail corridor stays wide enough for dual tracks and sidings, where needed, into the future such that a corridor width of about 35 metres is maintained at all times in all places.

The overriding transport need is for all-weather, safe and meaningful connections that can move younger, older and all non-car people and tourists – not just ways of cycling between villages, having a coffee in a funky café along the way, or doing a cycling workout. Also rail trails often require way more maintenance and biosecurity

protection measures than generally anticipated, and some fail because of this.

If anything, since the floods in 2022, the importance of connection between villages and towns has been highlighted. Lismore struggles to recalibrate and redefine itself. Its council recently lost its planning powers! Tourism numbers and the regional population continue to increase; yet people movement systems have not kept up. Endless dollars for road construction make us very car dependent. Just imagine seriously if, for whatever reason, you couldn't get around by car? Try to think through what public transport options you

might have. They tend to be slim pickings.

I know through personal discussions that some Lismore councillors are reconsidering Lismore's transport connections, with the rail corridor beckoning as a fairly direct public transport route from Lismore to Byron Bay via Eltham and Bangalow. Over the years most studies of the cost of rail restoration have been reasonable and relatively affordable, whilst other politically motivated studies grossly exaggerated costs and confused the community.

The line itself is still in good condition generally; sure, vegetation needs to be removed at certain points,

slips cleared occasionally and old small bridges and culverts affordably replaced by preconstructed concrete forms. If planned well there may even be a case for expanding some of the villages along the line and more medium density transport hubs in towns. Park and ride solutions must also be considered to ease congestion in Byron Bay.

Just visualise a train gliding south from Byron Bay through the beautiful wetlands behind Red Devil Park before winding up to the St Helena escarpment with iconic world class views of the coastline and lighthouse from high in the hills heading towards Bangalow.

It would be immensely popular and useful.

Still talking transport, the system of bus services, their routes, relevance and frequency and the tie-up with school runs is overly bureaucratic and poorly transparent and needs a serious restructure so that buses (think small *and* large) can better integrate our towns, including rail station connections.

Regional areas like ours have enough population to deserve better deals, cooperation, and support to have much improved public transport networks for locals and tourists.

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Good Life

Byron Gourmet Pasta

Victoria Cosford

Mitch Goldsworthy appears to have achieved that near-impossible thing – pleasing all of the people all of the time. At least, that is, when it comes to satisfying the desires of a largely vegan community with a strong affection for fresh pasta.

For about 15 years Byron Gourmet Pasta has had a strong presence at local farmers' markets, purveying a wide range of fresh pastas using local and organic ingredients. A chef by trade, the ever-affable Mitch had been employed by the previous owners up until about four years ago when he was offered the opportunity of taking over the business, and, eager to be working more civilised hours and to 'transition out of hospitality', he accepted. Much of the original range and formulae were adhered to, but after 'constantly being asked to do gluten-free pasta', Mitch tells me, he gradually devised a product he was completely happy with.

As, indeed, are the customers: he has a loyal following who come for the fresh



Mitch Goldsworthy and his son Arlo show off their Byron Gourmet Pasta packs.

spaghetti, fettuccine, fusilli and rigatoni, all of it devoid of eggs, the traditional component in fresh pasta, providing that lush and silky mouth-feel that, wonderfully, Mitch has succeeded in emulating.

He uses chickpea flour (besan), with a small amount of rice flour, tapioca and xanthum gum 'to give it elasticity', along with olive oil, apple cider vinegar and filtered water. There's spelt pasta too, gluten-free potato gnocchi, and possibly his biggest seller, the ravioli. Sold

in convenient little frozen packs, their eight fillings, one vegan, include ricotta, lemon, chilli and dill; rocket, macadamia and basil pesto; blue cheese and caramelised onion. And there's lasagne, both a beef and a vegetarian version, plus Mitch's own tomato passata utilising Cooper's Shoot tomatoes – so really, there's dinner, all from the one stall, and everybody happy!

■ Byron Gourmet Pasta is at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7–11am.

Northern Rivers Food Trail



Northern Rivers Food (NRF) have announced the return of their annual Harvest Food Trail in 2023 with an expanded offering of a huge 37 locations across the Northern Rivers.

Held over the weekend of May 6–7 this year, with a special taster event on Friday 5th, the NRF Harvest Food Trail is guaranteed to be a very Northern Rivers experience, reflecting on and celebrating the distinctive provenance of our region's food.

You may choose to visit all the breweries and distilleries across the region, enjoy a weekend of fine dining with chef talks, or select a region and take a deep dive into its foodie scene.

This year NRF ran a new initiative in collaboration with Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council. The program allowed the councils to support a number of their local businesses to attend the 2023 Trail, to align with some of the most high-profile food and beverage producers and providers in our region and open their doors to new customers and markets, as well as

receiving the industry support and professional development offered by Northern Rivers Food over a one-year period.

Millsy, Northern Rivers Food's Executive Officer said, 'Our Harvest Food Trail offers a unique opportunity for you to meet with local farmers, producers, growers and chefs to celebrate and experience all the incredible food and beverages the Northern Rivers has to offer. It includes bespoke farm tours, behind the scenes insights, free tastings, chef workshops, barbecue lunches, and so much more.'

'Gather your friends and fam to enjoy a leisurely drive and create your own food discovery journey, choosing your own itinerary over the weekend.'

■ To find out more about the 37 venues on offer across the region please visit the Northern Rivers Food's website at northernriversfood.org and look out for the brochures that will appear across the region very soon.

Single Society speed dating

We asked Michelle Winrow:

What is it all about?

Speed dating is about bringing people together to connect, make new friendships and possibly meet the love of their life.

How does it work?

It is a structured linear process with a maximum of 20 women and 20 men dating each other. Every speed date runs for five minutes. Each speed dater uses a traffic light system to rate each date. The day after the event the match making process happens. Each speed dater then receives a personalised email with their matches, which includes their name and phone number.

Why did you start holding these speed dating events?

In my professional life I am constantly meeting clients who feel very alone and disconnected. Both of these aspects have a significantly adverse effect on one's mental health and wellbeing. The latest study from the Australian Bureau of Statistics highlights that one in three

people identify as being alone, and in Australia we have a loneliness epidemic. For me this is extremely concerning and I am wanting to make a dent in these statistics.

Why do people like the events?

Firstly, they're held in a reputable venue, that being the Ballina RSL Club. It's a relaxed, friendly and safe environment. The speed dating is meeting real people in real time and having real conversations.

How to take part?

This is a ticketed event and pre-registration is required. For bookings go to the Ballina

RSL Club website where you can book into an appropriate age category. Starting off with 30ish to 45-ish, or 45-ish to 60ish or the 60ish and over.

I highly recommend people to attend these roaringly successful events. Feedback confirms they are fun night out, meeting people of the opposite sex. It's all about social connections, building community and enabling better health and wellness for the speed daters.

■ Follow on Instagram or Facebook @singlesociety speed dating. Alternatively, phone Michelle Winrow on 0411 698 887.

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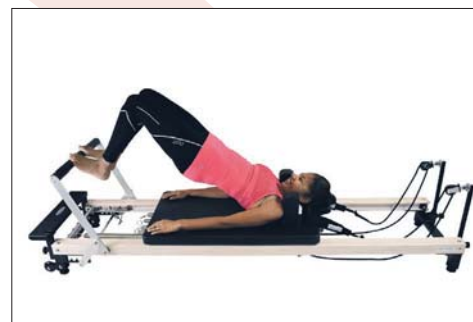
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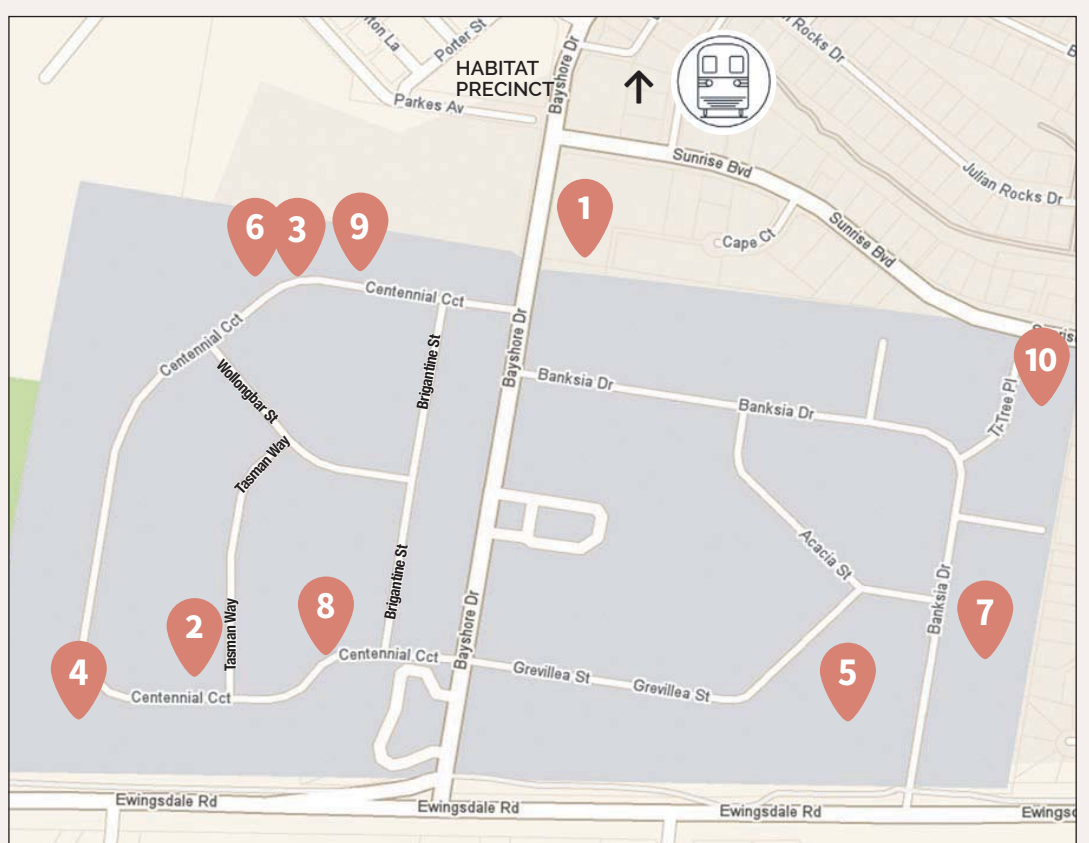
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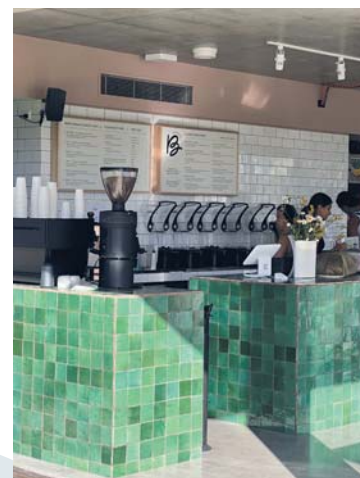
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16. EASY STREET

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 plant-based goodness. It's got all the style you love without the hassle of going into town.

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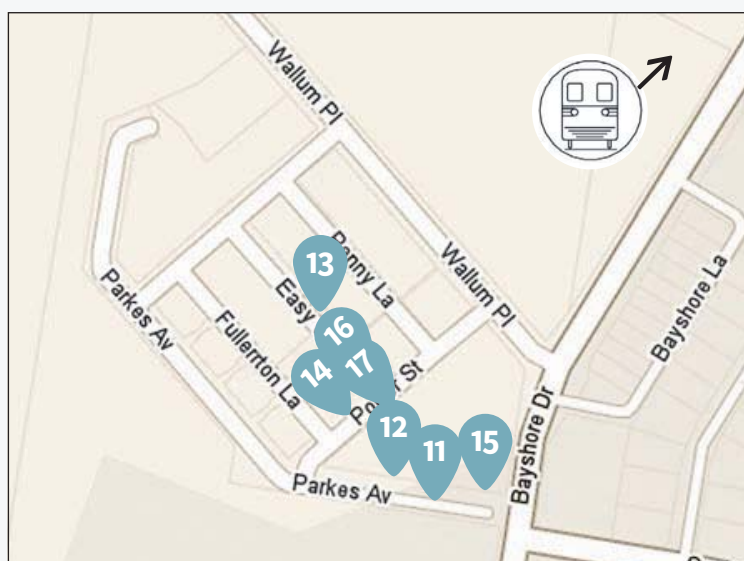
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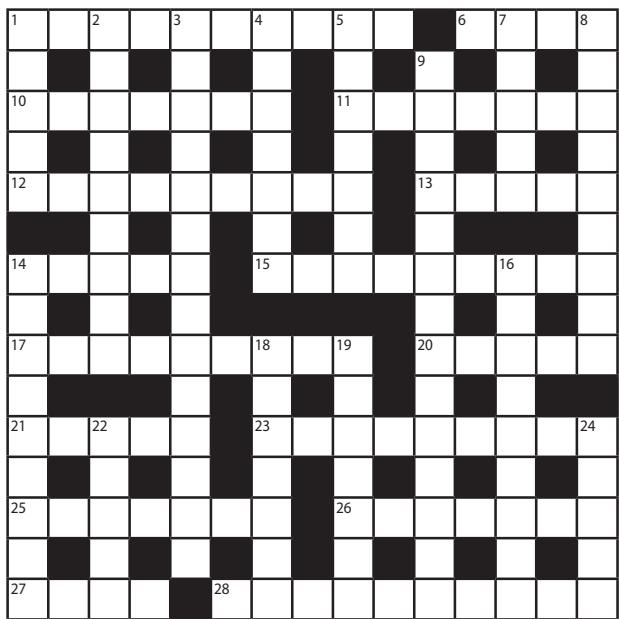
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Mungo MacCallum's Crossword #488



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Message messenger suggest 'rot cod' (4,6)
- That man will lead to damnation (4)
- She arrives, providing a source of funds, right? (7)
- Love not queried by Tania, prison reformer from Colorado (7)
- A dollar for the inexperienced footballer (9)
- Lack of protection for the musical group (5)
- Frank's finished with territory (5)
- Men try one deception – it pays the lease! (4,5)
- Puts a spell on The Doors (9)
- Disturbed superior class (5)
- Bathed with Irish teacher (5)
- Throw out a friend, suggested Spooner – meaning, chew it over (9)
- Bum not available – a beginner for the weapons dump (7)
- Number required for one unhappy regent (7)
- Old morning test (4)
- Old vehicle for theatrical director, perhaps? (5,5)

DOWN

- Throw out small fish (5)
- Bad weather, but popular with Attlee (9)
- Shows consists fiends transforming into rats (14)
- Broadcast crude song for the pirate (7)
- Protective cover lubricates family (7)
- College said to be consumed (5)
- Appreciate an attempt with a good man – could be a romantic date! (4,5)
- Basil, communist, confused – could be sleep walking! (14)
- Exaggerate balls – declare! (9)
- Lost again, confused by homesickness (9)
- Beast of burden with books for Arthur's seat (7)
- Chant over American vessel – working it out (7)
- East, a formula for not knowing where you are (2,3)
- Planet's broken heart (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Publicist (4,6)
- Hades (4)
- Immigrant (7)
- Tania ... , US prisoner advocate (7)
- US banknote (9)
- Nine performers (5)
- Undisguised (5)
- Regular house-occupancy payment (4,5)
- Openings (9)
- Overtown (5)
- Guru (5)
- Chomp (9)
- UK Premier League club (7)
- Numerical (7)
- Checkup (4)
- Horse-drawn carriage (5,5)

DOWN

- It supports a broken arm (5)
- Stormy; bleak (9)
- Mass protest gatherings (14)
- Buccaneer (7)
- Water-resistant garment (7)
- Ingested (5)
- Secret rendezvous (4,5)
- State of nocturnal wandering (14)
- Amplify; boast (9)
- Sentimental longing (9)
- Idyllic place or period (7)
- Getting to the bottom of (7)
- Discombobulated (2,3)
- Soil (5)

Last week's solution #487



Coming Home

I love my home. I love the air – there is definitely a smell. It's salty and fragrant at the same time. It's the smell of the sea where it meets the land, where mountain touches sky.

Homesickness is defined as a longing for one's home after a period of absence from it. It's a strange anxiety and sense of displacement. I've been away for a month now, I start the journey home tomorrow. I can't wait. It's not that I didn't love being away. I have had an amazing time. But I love home. It's not just somewhere I live, it's part of my identity. It isn't in the background; it lives in me. It is a huge part of who I am. It's what keeps me well. Home isn't real estate. You can't sell it. And you can't buy it. Home is what you build. It's what you find. It's what you recognise and sustain. It's what you continue building.

It's why homelessness is so devastating. We need houses. But home is more than that.

I realise that in my role as an opinion writer and social commentator I spend a lot of time critiquing what's wrong with the world and the place where I live, but being away invokes the romance. It reminds me of why I stay, and what I value. It reminds me that I have a home. I have safety. So many do not. It hurts to think about that. It hurts even more to see it. I wonder, as I walk past another person sleeping in a doorway, if that's why people stop seeing it.

I love my home. I love the air – there is definitely a smell. It's salty and fragrant at the same time. It's the smell of the sea where it meets the land, where mountain touches sky. The air is warm. It's incredible. You can breathe deep. According to the World Health Organisation, 99 per cent of human populations breathe air that exceeds air-quality limits – air that deposits particles in people's lungs that can make them sick. Fresh air is a resource that we can't see. It



PHOTO BY TIRZA

increases oxygen, it cleans your lungs, it boosts your mood and it lowers your heart rate. It's free. It's accessible to everyone. I am so used to it that I forget that we are among the one per cent of the world's population who breathe unpolluted air.

I love the ocean. I love the changing tides, the soft pinks of sunrise, the red of the sun emerging from the sea. Most days I walk the beach in quiet gratitude. Here in Melbourne I miss the long expanse of the coast; looking ahead some mornings and seeing no one. Looking ahead on other days and seeing the silhouettes of people I know well; people who will stop and talk to me and ask me about my kids and my husband. Who invite me to an exhibition, or dinner. Or to walk with them the next day to share a story of their grief.

I love my community. It's why I got into politics. It's my most enduring relationship; a 30-year plus engagement of tenderness and connection, of wild laughter and volatility. I love the way my home crowd gets me. We share a joke. It takes shape in my mouth as I stand there. Not even I know what I am going to say most of the time. It doesn't have to be explained, because we have an unspoken understanding.

It's something I take for granted, like fresh air, there is something nourishing about being understood.

I love knowing the people who pass me in the street, who stop to chat, who thank me for something I've done, or take the opportunity of seeing me to ask me to do something. Who affirm when I am right, but also when I am wrong. The people who sit with me in a coffee shop and talk politics and books, the people I pick up hitch hiking who then tell me about their life. Local people who email me to ask for help.

The floods really showed me who we are; that underneath the arguing and misunderstandings, the privilege and the differing circumstances, is a community that knows how to self-organise. We know how to step-up to help – how to be the change.

I'm not idealising our region. We have many challenges. Ironically in the place I call home, many others who also value this sense of community and connection cannot afford to keep living here. Profiteering threatens our home. And that's something else I miss; being the asshole who calls that out.

So I'm coming home. If you see me, stop and say 'Hi'. I've missed you.

STARS BY LILITH

With the massive celestial and terrestrial changes presently going on, it's best to let this week's story unfold at its own pace...



TAURUS THE BULL

ARIES: There's a lot to metabolise in the tailwind of your solar eclipse, and planetary energy slowing down somewhat till the middle of May is giving you a much-needed pause. With Mercury retrograde in your money zone, it's advisable to back up data and pay special attention to financial transactions.

TAURUS: Mercury retrograde might actually be a relief after the go-go-go acceleration of Aries season. But there's still ample cause for celebration with the Sun now in its annual birthday circuit through abundant Taurus season, warmly welcomed by socialising Venus in let's-party mode. Happy birthday Bulls!

GEMINI: While Mercury retrograde moderates the pace of communications, technology and travel, it's a good idea to use this slowdown for streamlining your systems and catching up on dull but must-be-done work. If this downshift seems irksome, its many hidden benefits become apparent during the coming month.

CANCER: Last week's new moon eclipse pressed the reset switch on some of your relationships. And this week's celestial energy in Cancer's team-spirited zone suggests reaching out to your networks for any support you need – because you're likely to find your own kindness and generous care amply repaid.

LEO: Staying on top of your game can be challenging during signal-scrambling Mercury retrogrades, known for causing misunderstandings to run rampant. With rogue Mercury in your career sector, you may need to untangle crossed wires or revise your plans. Make this week's mantra 'Remember to back-up'.

VIRGO: As some partnerships reach pivotal turning points this week, remember humans are progressive by nature, and even though we prolong certain situations longer than is ideal, some part of us knows that change is necessary for growth. With Mercury retrograde it pays to watch what you say and the way that you say it.

LIBRA: Venus is currently in social mode, but rather than spread yourself thin, this is a good time to focus your undivided attention on a special someone or pet project. To use the gift of Mercury retrograde for attending to unfinished business, loose ends and unnecessary build-ups of clutter.

SCORPIO: With Pluto dipping into your domestic zone for the first time in centuries, questions about your living situation are inevitable. Have you outgrown your space? Do you still feel at home there? Whatever the answers, if you've been carrying a solo load too long, stop DIYing and start delegating.

SAGITTARIUS: With activating Mars in your zone of introspection for the coming month, you could be needing more privacy, or sleep, to process some intense emotions. So prioritise and simplify. Another good reason to chill? Mercury, planet of communication, travel and technology in retrograde till mid May makes slowing down both safe and sensible.

CAPRICORN: Good news? This week's Sun and Mercury in your zodiac zone of play and pleasure. Not so AbFab? Mercury retrograde till mid May, which could re-agitate drama you thought was resolved. You can still power forward with independent initiatives, but it's not advisable to try and force outcomes.

AQUARIUS: Now that Pluto is visiting Aquarius as alchemist-in-residence, take the time you need to get used to whatever seems to be your new normal. El Sol and Mercury in your home and family zone this week suggest enjoying domestic downtime with your inner circle while you process the changes this year's already brought.

PISCES: With this week's energetics in your zone of communication and local activity, you'll accomplish more by sharing your ideas at informal gatherings and neighborhood events than you will at your desk or on the phone. And with Mercury retrograde, be careful what you put in writing or share.

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Storyland takes place on **20 May**, at Park Beach Reserve, Gumbaynggirr Country, Coffs Harbour. It's an electric, eclectic ride on Storyland's main stage with **Genesis Owusu, Ngaiire, Hiatus Kaiyote, Emma Donovan**, and **Horns of Leroy** joined by two new artists – powerhouse First Nations, dance party duo **Electric Fields** join the lineup along with **K+LAB**, back from his North American tour, with his larger-than-life big bass and breaks set.

Storyland has a DJ tent, **The Yurt Locker**, curated by programmer **Coco Varma**, and throughout the festival are large scale film - inspired art installations. Animated by **Caleb Cowie**, and written by Storyland's Creative Directors, **Zakpage**, festival-goers will experience a signature Storyland narrative backbone that plays out over three chapters across the day and night.

Storyland is an 18+ adults only event. For tickets and festival info, go to www.slmf.com.au.

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AQUARIUS 50TH CELEBRATION IN MAY

Fifty years on we have a chance to regroup, get back to basics, find our tribe. 1973 organiser **Graeme Dunstan** said, way back then, that 'Art equals life equals politics equals culture equals the way you live'.

We need to once again seek to be harmonious with our planet and with each other. Learn how to have deep conversations and practise deep listening. For '73 Aquarians, the threat of an apocalypse was ever-present, and so to avoid it, it had become necessary to construct Utopia – away from cities – to try out ideas to become more self-sufficient in all ways. From food to medicine, clothing, and even our own ceremonies.

The construction of Utopia is still underway. Many paths have been walked and experimented upon. Many lessons learnt from what worked and what did not. With this year marking the 50th anniversary of Aquarius we will revisit many of the things that were birthed from the early days, for example: there are 70 intentional communities in the Northern Rivers that grew from shared ideals to live more in-tune with the land and with our own tribes; the alternative energy Rainbow Power Company; organic farming and agriculture; homebirth and midwifery care; self-knowledge and the idea of being a healer to oneself. All these innovations took place within a steady mix of activism in many areas, including saving forests while working with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, anti-nuclear protests, banning CSG, drug law reform and many other causes worthy of concerted action.

Over ten days in May the event will explore the many ways that things come to pass – each day has a theme, plus there are bands such as **Cigany Weaver** and **Tenzin Choegyel & Cye Wood**. See the website for a full program of events.

- Friday 12** First Nations Day, welcoming of Elders and Aquarians.
- Saturday 13** Spirit. Let there be light.
- Sunday 14** Holistic health, healing and homebirth.
- Monday 15** lternative energy, building and agriculture.
- Tuesday 16** Politics, activism and the environment.
- Wednesday 17** Art and artists – life is art.
- Thursday 18** Community – let's live together.
- Friday 19** Honouring elders, and remembrance, death and dying.
- Saturday 20** Youth day – for the young and young-at-heart.
- Sunday 21** Renewal and peace day.

'Valiant and untamed were we/ When we planted the Aquarian tree'. Graeme Dunstan, original organiser of the '73 festival rephrasing the poem *The White Magnolia Tree* by **Helen Deutsch**.

Aquarius 50th Celebration runs May 12 to 21.
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NRC PRESENTS NICK RUSSONIELLO



tenderness', and 'cool and mellow, the sax sounding like rich, gold chocolate... a dazzling virtuoso display by the composer and performer himself', is but a sample of the critical acclaim Russoniello has received so far.

Nick has been the recipient of a number of major awards, including the ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year Award and the Fine Music Kruger Scholarship. Nick has appeared as a soloist with the Adelaide, Queensland, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Symphony Orchestras and as a guest artist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Australian World Orchestra and the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra.

He is a sought-after chamber musician and his ensembles – Continuum Sax, Duo Histoire and The Golden Age Project – perform regularly across the country for organisations including Musica Viva, ABC Classic FM, Sydney Festival, City Recital Hall and Phoenix Central Park.

Nick's original compositions have been gaining attention at an international level with performances at events including the World Saxophone Congress (Zagreb), and the European Saxophone Festival (Porto). In 2019 Nick undertook a European tour, presenting his compositions at the Royal College of Music (London) and the Conservatorio Di Musica G. Verdi (Milan) and the Conservatoire De Strasbourg (France).

Nick's *Suite for Saxophone and Loop Station* was recently featured on the *Australian Romantic & Classical Orchestra's Voyages of Musical Discovery Program*.

Nick Russoniello, at the NRC Concert Room, on Saturday 20 May at 7pm.

The Northern Rivers Conservatorium will continue to offer free tickets to flood-affected members of our community through 2023.

We have many more fantastic events lined up in our Concert Room and other venues in Lismore.

Stay tuned!

Tickets: nick-russoniello.eventbrite.com.au

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WAY OUT WEST

BLUES ON BURRENGBAR STREET

The Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce is very excited about presenting **Blues on Burringbar Street**, an event to celebrate resilience, sharing stories and honouring the flood-recovery efforts in Mullumbimby.

On **Saturday 6 May**, a section of Burringbar Street between Dalley and Stuart Streets will be closed and become the venue for this wonderful event.

It's a community picnic, sharing circle, Blue Box Project, creative play space with performance, live art and music – and what a lineup!

First up are the **Palm Wine Ambassadors** – is there a sound closer to heaven than the kora? More than any other instrument it defines the texture of Byron Bay's Palm Wine Ambassadors.

The Ambassadors are followed by **Way Out West; Warren Earl** has teamed up with **Diego Zaragoza** to bring you a true representation of American Roots with a combo of western swing, rockabilly, jazz and rhythm and blues.

Then you'll hear the latest hot thing – **Loose Content** – an indie/alt rock outfit from Mullumbimby. The three-piece formed during high school in 2018, soon after winning the Mullum Music Fest Youth Mentorship, and have since gone on to play some awesome gigs.

Wrap that all up with **MC Joel Salom**, and you have a great EVENT!

Check out the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for more info: facebook.com/mullumchamber.

The **Northern Rivers Conservatorium**, in association with Musica Viva Australia, is pleased to present a special event in its Concert Room; a 'one-man band' mash-up presented by award-winning saxophonist, **Nick Russoniello**.

Russoniello presents a virtuosic tour de force of melodies, counterpoint and grooves. Armed with a loop station and multiple saxophones, Russoniello journeys through music from baroque to beatbox and beyond. Audiences will be taken behind the scenes of the creative process as the music is constructed, layer by layer, before their very eyes (and ears!).

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Music in the Meadow

A stunning outdoor classical music event conducted by **Barry Singh**, with the new *Caldera Chamber Ensemble*.

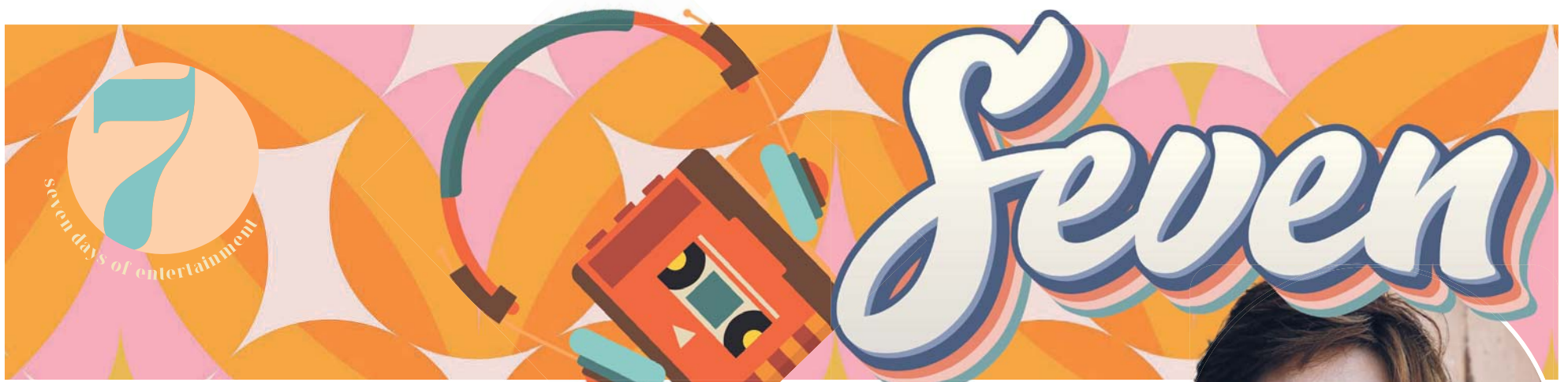
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Dress in 1800s apparel!

Book tickets online:
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Bring chairs or picnic rug, snacks and drinks.





EVERY TING OR NO TING



Hot from her run on the Australian festival circuit, stand-up comedian, Ting Lim, brings her solo show *Every Ting or No Ting* to the **Byron Comedy Festival** in June. *Seven* caught up with Lim to find out just why she is so funny...

Tell me in one sentence who you are?

I am Ting Lim, a Brisbane-based comic from Singapore with humour as dry as a shrivelled-up raisin.

What are the key themes of *Every Ting or No Ting*?

It is about the struggles I faced when I first immigrated here, hilarious stuff that happened along the way, and learning more about who I really am. It is a story about my life and my takeaways from it.

What made you leave Singapore? How did that decision change the course of your life?

I reveal this in the show. You will have to come and see it to find out!

What does your mum think of what you do?

My mum thinks I am either a clown or a motivational speaker. She doesn't really get what I do as stand-up comedy did not exist when my mum was growing up.

Why become a stand-up comedian? What would you have done if you never found that pathway?

I love stand-up comedy for its honesty and rawness. This really attracted me because I grew up in a time in Singapore where a lot of things were censored and there were certain unspoken expectations placed on women to be submissive and agreeable.

I think, if I did not find stand-up, I would probably be working really hard to stay in a job.

What do you love about being a stand-up comic?

The lack of stable income. I think that is probably my favourite part.

I love the excitement of trying a new joke and having it go well. And honestly, all

the kind words and conversations that happen after a gig.

What is the weirdest thing anyone has you heckled you with?

I've had so many weird heckles over the years, it is really hard to pick a favourite. A heckle isn't a good thing. It is like picking out your favourite STD.

The one that comes to mind was when a guy started lying on the floor during my set. Turns out the poor guy was having a heart attack. He was fine at the end.

Where do you get your inspiration – which comics did you look up to?

I enjoy Bill Burr for his cynicism and interesting angles he presents when arguing a point. I am a big fan of Dylan Moran for his lyrical jokes; he takes you on this hilarious journey that is totally made up, before ending it on a great punchline. I love Wanda Sykes – she is just straight up brutal, and funny at it.

What's the most 'Byron' thing you have ever seen?

I don't know enough about Byron to make

that call. Maybe a fedora hat or Liam Hemsworth. Chris is too popular now.

What's a perfect day for Ting Lim?

A sold out night for my show at the Byron Bay Comedy Festival! Haha. Nah, I am kidding. Probably just a day in the mountains with my dog, as long as she doesn't harass everyone.

What should we expect from your show at Byron Comedy Fest?

To have a good time and to learn a bit about Singapore, Chinese characters, and having a perverted cat. It is an hour of yarns from my life and the lessons I've learned along the way.

***Every Ting or No Ting* is at Byron Comedy Festival at the beach side hub of the Surf Club on Saturday 3 June at 4pm.**

Tix are \$30 from byroncomedyfest.com

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MUSIC IN THE MEADOW



Barry Singh, who was both the founder and conductor of the Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra, is embarking on an exciting new project called *Music in the Meadow*. The idea of having a concert on a beautiful grassy field on a relaxing autumn afternoon was born from the fact that covid was no longer holding the community in its grip. So much of life's enjoyment was curtailed during covid, and cultural events, which are so enriching to the soul, came to a standstill. With this in mind Barry has formed a new group called the **Caldera Chamber Ensemble**.

This small group of 15 string players and harp will perform a variety of very familiar pieces that will delight,

and also subdue any angst that may have been accrued over the last three years.

Patrons are asked to arrive in 1800s styled attire – this is not mandatory but it will certainly add to the flavour of the day.

Please bring rugs, chairs and tables and of course a picnic basket full of delicious food and drink.

Getting to the concert crosses terrain that is flat with plenty of off-road parking on the fields. Keeping in mind our older and infirm ones, a section will be cordoned off close to the stage for them.

Please note that if the weather is inclement on the day the concert will still go ahead but the performance will be moved to the Stokers Siding Memorial Hall.

The program will include: the beautiful *Harp Concerto* by Handel; *Air* from the *Water Music*, *Meditation* by Thais; Mozart's *Divertimento for Strings*; *Cavaleria's Intermezzo*; *Rusicana* by Mascagni; *Chanson du Matin* by Elgar – and more!

Bookings can be made online at www.trybooking.com/CGLPZ

Adults \$50, Concession \$40 and students 18 years and over \$20. Children 18 years and under are free. Cash-only tickets will be available for purchase at the gate.

Sunday 7 May, 2pm.
288 Stokers Siding Road, Stokers Siding.



ENTER THE SONIC VORTEX

A new sonic vortex has emerged in Mullumbimby that weaves instrumentation and technology into a captivating groove. **Paradigm Vortex** will perform live across **four Fridays in May** at the **Courthouse Hotel**.

Performing two sets per night; **a dinner set at 7pm**, and **an energised set at 9pm** – with **guest DJs from 5pm**.

Making use of 1970s music technology from Japan, the Paradigm Vortex trio improvise genre-defying sounds that enchant and intrigue. No two sets are the same.

Pulling from the traditions of the region's psychedelic music, alongside dub mixing methodologies, the centrepiece of the band is a heavily modified 1970s home organ made by Brother. Yes, the company known for sewing machines and computer printers! The Auto Emillion GX-151 features an analogue drum machine, and a selection of symphonic tones and old school accompaniments that evoke a steroidal level of nostalgia.

Local maestro, **Ken Naughton** – a classically trained multi-instrumentalist – rides the GX with gusto, and extracts euphoric and cathartic sonic progressions that take listeners on an evocative journey.

Rich Mann embellishes this sonic foundation with his Hammond 44HP Melodica, evoking bluegrass, roots and reggae vibes.

Equally important 1970s tech is the Hawk HE-2150 Tape Echo. Brendan Palmer is on the mix, and takes the signals generated by Ken and Rich and performatively 'dubs them out', amplifying the nostalgia to stratospheric levels.

Listeners seem to experience PV on a uniquely individual level, describing the sound in a diversity of ways including: 'It's jazz/ dub/ blues/ klezmer/ exotica/ arcade game music/ circus/ Middle Eastern/ Balkan/ Hawaiian and psychedelic...'; or, like Dave from Myocum said, 'It's music as I've never heard it before!'

Guest DJs will be tuning in each week and contributing their own mix of exotic sounds:

5 May, Sheerien and Dubchaman; 12 May, Bamboozle and Crucial D; 19 May, Fahrenheit, and Victor Xray; and 26 May, Naked Ninja, Cinco Cinco Conco and Mantiki.

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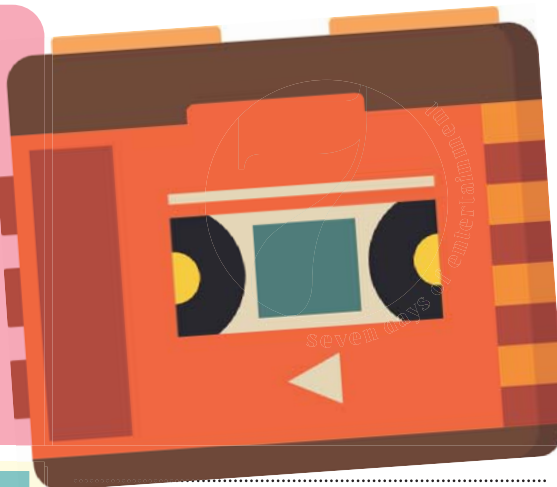
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WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **ANNA & JORDAN**, 8PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **COMEDY - STEVEN J WHITELEY**

THURSDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LEIGH JAMES**, 8PM **KANE MUIR & THE HOWLERS**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **KAREN FROM FINANCE**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **GUY KACHEL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARK CHAPMAN**, 10PM **DJ QUENDO**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - MC: MANDY NOLAN, STEVEN J WHITELEY & JOHN PEACOCK**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6.30PM **ACID BLEED**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **OPEN MIC COMEDY**

FRIDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **LIFE IS A MYTH**, 8PM **MADDISON KAT**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **SCREENING: HERE FOR NOW - A WILDLIFE STORY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE, **JAMES SUTHERLAND**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **SAM BUCKLEY**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **DISCO DISCIPLES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFÉ, NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM **THE JAZZ CLUB**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **BALCONY BEATS - DJS POB & RIA LISTIC**, 8.30PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **MULLUM'S LOVE SIGN FUNDRAISER**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 5PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**, 9PM **DJ CAWS**
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE, 7PM **WOMEN OF SONG**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SHANNON BEAUMONT BAND**, 8PM **DJ BEATDUSTA**

MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM DR BAZ

- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **ROCKIN' RON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE COMMITMENTS REVIEW**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **HAYSTACK NEEDLE & THE DETRACTORS**

SATURDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SUPERCHEEZE**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **THE HONEY SLIDERS PLAY NEIL YOUNG**
- SCOUT HALL, BYRON BAY, 12PM **BYRON BAY PRINT FEST + ZINE FAIR**
- BYRON TWILIGHT MARKET 5PM **EMPRESS KATIA**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLE FALCOR**, 10PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY & DJ TAI DANIELS**
- MARVEL ST HALL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **LOOSE CONTENT + MESS**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE DUO**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **LENNOX GROOVE 'TURNED UP' FT. ROYAL CHANT**
- THREE BLUE DUCKS, EWINGSDALE, **ALEX TILLEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **SARAH GRANT**, 7.30PM **BEN WALSH DUO**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 3.30PM **THE LITTLE POET'S MASQUERADE BALL**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ XENIA LAGUNE**
- MAIN ARM GENERAL STORE 3PM **THE IMPERIAL BLUES REVIEW**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7.30PM **GITTERATI RIOT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **BEN WHITING**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 6PM **KELLY BROUHAHA**, 8PM **THE COMMITMENTS REVUE WITH JEFF DUFF**
- ELTHAM HOTEL **COOL SOUNDS + ZEFERELI**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **SPACE X DRAGON**, 8PM **DJ SINQ**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **PUSH**
- KNOX PARK, MURWILLUMBAH, 10AM **MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH FEST**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **STOCKADE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **MEL SCARLETT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **RAW ORDIO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM **CHOCOLATE STARFISH - BAT OUT OF HELL**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 7.30PM **DIVISION 4**
- ELYSIAN FIELDS, WONGLEPONG, QUEENSLAND, **THE LONG SUNSET**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **TJ & HURI**

SUNDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCOR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM **PABLO LAVERDE**, 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **SOREN CARLBERGG QUARTET + SAM BUCKLEY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4.30PM **JUNGLE NORTENO FT. PAUL A. GEORGE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **JOE O'KEEFE**
- LENNOX COMMUNITY MARKET 9AM **CHEYNE MURPHY**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 10AM **UKE STRUM ALONG**, BOARDWALK 2.30PM **SUNDAY BLUES SESSION - IMPERIAL BLUES REVIEW WITH GUEST GEOFF WRIGHT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **WHO'S CHARLIE**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM **NEIL MCCANN**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS, 1PM **LONE WOLF**

MONDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- ELIXIBA, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **COMEDY NIGHT MC KATE PAYNE**

TUESDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **'90S MOVIES TUESDAYS - THE TRUMAN SHOW**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **KELLY BROUHAHA**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7.30PM **CELTIC ILLUSION**

WEDNESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **BEN WALSH**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **VERMEER: THE BLOCKBUSTER EXHIBITION**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **SIP AND PAINT / OLE FALCOR**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **STAND UP COMEDY WITH KYLE LEGACY**

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Interactive Theatre International presents: *Faulty Towers the Dining Experience* - straight from London's West End via the legendary Sydney Opera House, this international sensation is returning to the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club in May.

Officially the world's most sought-after tribute to the original BBC sitcom, *Faulty Towers the Dining Experience* is simply unmissable - and 'outrageously funny' (*BroadwayBaby!*)

Become part of the action as Basil, Sybil and Manuel serve up mayhem on a plate. Expect nothing short of guaranteed fun.

With over 70 per cent of the performance content (not the food) improvised, this is completely immersive and highly interactive comedy where anything can happen - and usually does!

An Australian creation that began in 1997, *Faulty Towers the Dining Experience* has been receiving critical and audience acclaim ever since. It has appeared in 41 countries and tours constantly in Australia, Europe, Scandinavia, and Asia. It also returns for extended seasons every year to Adelaide Fringe, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, and

Edinburgh Fringe, and has an ongoing residency in London's West End. Having recently sold its millionth ticket, it is clear that this is the most successful interactive comedy show of its kind.

The cast for Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club is **Gemma Drummond** (Sybil), **Jack Newell** (Basil) and **Andy Foreman** (Manuel). Performer bios are on the About/Actors page at www.faultytowersdining.com

The show was a tremendous success when last in Mullum, selling out in record time and we are expecting it to sell out again. So, book early to avoid missing out.

Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, Saturday 6 May 2023. Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm.

Tickets: \$75 - all tickets include a three-course meal and two-hour interactive show.

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GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3 (CTC) Grand Preview Event Wed: 6:30pm	80 FOR BRADY (M) (NFT) Daily: 2:15pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm	Daily excl. Wed: 1:10pm, 7pm Wed: 1:10pm
OLGA (M) Charity Screening Wed: 6:00pm	A GOOD PERSON (MA15+) (NFT) Daily: 1:45pm, 3:15pm	Daily excl. Wed: 11:00am, 6:00pm Wed: 11:00am
ARGONUTS (G) Daily: 11:45am, 1:50pm	AIR (M) Daily excl. Wed: 11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm Wed: 11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm	Daily: 4:15pm, 6:45pm
MAVKA: THE FOREST SONG (PG) Daily: 11:00am, 1:45pm	DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: HONOUR AMONG THIEVES (M) Daily: 11am, 3:50pm, 6:30pm	Daily: 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm
		Daily: 11:00am
		Daily: 11:15am, 4:30pm
		Daily: 2:00pm, 4:20pm, 6:30pm

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Senior: \$12				
Child: \$11				
APRIL/MAY				
80 FOR BRADY M 95 MIN				
THU 27 TH	FRI 28 TH	SAT 29 TH	SUN 30 TH	MON 1 ST
10:10 AM	10:10 AM	10:10 AM	10:10 AM	10:10 AM
2:25 PM	2:25 PM	2:25 PM	2:25 PM	2:25 PM
5:40 PM	5:40 PM	5:40 PM	5:40 PM	5:40 PM
AIR M 112 MIN				
12:15 PM	12:15 PM	4:15 PM	4:15 PM	12:15 PM
4:15 PM	4:15 PM			4:15 PM
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: HONOUR AMONG THIEVES M 134 MIN				
3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM
GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 3 M 149 MIN				
JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4 MA15+ 169 MIN				
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	6:30 PM
MAFIA MAMMA MA15+ 101 MIN				
11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	11:45 AM
3:50 PM	3:50 PM			3:50 PM
POLITE SOCIETY M 104 MIN				
10:20 AM	10:20 AM	10:20 AM	10:20 AM	10:20 AM
1:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:55 PM	1:55 PM
7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
THE POPE'S EXORCIST MA15+ 103 MIN				
12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	12:00 PM
7:45 PM	7:45 PM	7:45 PM	7:45 PM	7:45 PM
THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE PG 92 MIN				
10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
1:40 PM	1:40 PM	12:20 PM	12:20 PM	10:00 AM
6:00 PM	6:00 PM	3:50 PM	3:50 PM	6:00 PM
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Try some of the interesting heirloom varieties like purple broccoli, watermelon radish, purple cauliflower, and baby broccoli. Good companion plants for kale and other members of the cabbage family are dill, bush beans, celery, onions, spinach, marigold, nasturtium and strongly scented herbs such as peppermint and oregano. Plant some white alyssum, too, to help deter the white cabbage moths.

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Miss Tree Nursery is at the Lismore Farmers Market every Saturday from 8 to 11.30am, at The Channon Market every 2nd Sunday and at the Bangalow Market every 4th Sunday. Bring your bags and boxes and



stock up on great value quality native plants. You can always find something beautiful and special from the vast selection, including grevilleas, banksias and kangaroo paw. Miss Tree provides a diverse range of quality native plants at great prices and is always happy to share her extensive horticultural knowledge. - S.Kap.

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Michelle Louise Textiles



How many items of clothing or homewares do you have that need some love? A missing button here, a hole there or what about that favourite dress that's a little too large or long?

Sewing School has arrived in Evans Head! Michelle Louise Textiles is run by local high school Textiles Teacher, Michelle Gray. Michelle is passionate about sustainability

and stepping away from fast fashion. She teaches her students to mend and sew their own clothing as part of the solution for a less wasteful and more sustainable fashion industry.

Adult classes include beginner-friendly sewing basics and simple projects. You will learn how to mend and adjust clothing and how to sew clothing using a commercial pattern. Sewing machines and most materials are supplied. Wednesday evening classes.

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Julie-Ann Manahan is here for you

Julie-Ann has been helping the Northern Rivers and Tweed Community for nearly 10 years, having relocated from Sydney in 2014 and last year stepped out of a franchise to launch her own real estate brand.

“Launching the brand was a huge project and required a lot of attention in the first few months, but we’re in the perfect space now for me to put my focus back into what I love most... working with my clients,” said Julie-Ann.

Vendors began contacting Julie-Ann directly, asking her for advice or to visit their property for a personal appraisal and then requesting she manage the sale. Some recent clients came through recommendations, with their property already on the market, seeking direction on the best way to sell.

Julie-Ann is known throughout the community for her down-to-earth approach and honest and open communication. It’s not all about the ‘sales pitch’ for Julie-Ann. Julie-Ann assesses each property and guides the vendor on the market situation, offering advice and options. And this is what separates MANA from other real estate agencies.

Julie-Ann is providing solutions for clients from Lismore to the border. Book a catchup with Julie-Ann today.

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“

Julie-Ann was absolutely amazing – from introduction through to sale – in less than one week! Her professionalism was, and is, first class and she provides an excellent service. We have no hesitation in recommending Julie-Ann to anyone considering selling their property,” - happy vendor, David.

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Unique Heritage Charm in Byron Hinterland

5 beds 3 bathrooms 4 cars 1,012M²

- Circa 1911 "The Old Church" is situated on a lovely leafy quarter acre block and is ideal for a holiday letting investment or as a beautiful holiday home
- There is DA approval for a substantial extension of 600sqm of habitable space with a full set of detailed and coordinated construction drawings
- The property showcases original features throughout including stained glass windows, arched walkways, polished timber floors and pressed metal ceilings
- Only a 150m walk to town to enjoy Harvest Cafe and Deli

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar

Auction Guide: \$1.7m – \$1.85m

Auction On-Site Thursday 4th May 2.30pm

Open: Thursday 27th April 2–2.30pm

Saturday 29th April 11–11.30am



Denzil Lloyd
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Luxury Designer Home Located in Prime Byron Position

4 beds 2 bathrooms 2 cars 480M²

- Located in a tightly held, quiet cul-de-sac is this superb modern designer home with high-end finishes, absolute privacy, and pure luxury
- Large, private courtyard with easy care cactus garden and limestone tiles
- Outdoors features an olympic size in-ground trampoline, Alpine Lucania 6 seater spa and a tranquil native bush backdrop
- Main bedroom features stacker doors opening to the beautiful back yard

26 Oakland Court, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$2.85m

Open: Saturday 29th April 12–12.30pm



Su Reynolds
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Architecturally Designed Hinterland Treasure – Two Homes

4 beds 3 bathrooms 3 cars 2.02HA

- 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: \$3.55m – \$3.8m

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Spacious Hinterland Block with D.A Approved Plans

3,916M²

- Elevated 3,916M² block with a beautiful rural outlook that offers a rare opportunity for you to build your dream home
- D.A approved plans for an ultra-modern home and pool
- There are engineers drawings and certifications so there is no time to be wasted to proceed to a constructions certificate, so you can get ready to build!
- The site offers lots of space to add veggie patches, and chicken pens
- Positioned in the beautiful hinterland only a 3 minute drive to Federal village

7/19 Teak Road, Federal

Price Guide: \$895,000 – \$980,000

Open: By appointment



Helen Huntly-Barratt
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Commercially Zoned 809m2 Block with Original Cottage

3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 cars, 809M²

- Perfectly positioned in central Mullumbimby is this original home on an expansive 809m2 commercially zoned corner block with endless possibilities
- Opportunity to develop either a large centrally located home, commercial development, multiple buildings or potential strata subdivision (STCA)
- Classic 3 bedroom cottage with spacious layout and high ceilings throughout
- Corner position with dual access with Tincogan and Dalley Street

20 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby

Price Guide: \$1.395m – \$1.525m

Open: Saturday 29th April 10–10.30am



Tara Torkkola
0423 519 698



Hinterland Retreat with Running Creek and Separate Tiny Home

1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 3 cars, 2.7HA

- Situated on 2.7 hectares of spectacular scenery is Wyuna -an exceptional modernised, farmhouse style property in the tightly held Crabbes Creek
- The open-plan living area is sure to amaze, with floor to ceiling windows providing uninterrupted views of the stunning surroundings
- Alongside the freshwater creek are sub-tropical gardens, walking trails and four swimming holes
- 3 mins from Crabbes Creek General Store, primary school & Rail Trail

273 Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek

Price Guide: \$1.9m to \$2.09m

Open: By appointment



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Byron Beachside Cottage Plus Development Potential

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 767M²

- This superbly located property offers a great beachside home with development potential to create a dual occupancy or duplex (STCA)
- The home is in its original condition and a freshen up would offer a simple, yet charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with open plan living
- Featured is a wide deck, perfect to enjoy the expansive natural backdrop
- Easy stroll to the beach, Top Shop Cafe, town centre and restaurants

48 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$2.8m – \$3m

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Michael John

22.05.1949 – 22.04.2023

Much loved father and father-in-law of Scott & Sarah, Joanne (dec), Troy and Kellie & Abe. Loved grandfather of Lachlan, Ella, Cooper, Tilly and Lexi. Loved brother to John, Frank (dec) and Mary.

Michael will be sadly missed by all family and friends in the Bangalow community.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at St Kevin's Catholic Church, Bangalow on THURSDAY (May 4th, 2023) commencing at 11.00am.

Michael Currie at
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DANY CLERE

8/3/1951 ~ 3/4/2023

It is with deepest sadness that I share with you that my father Dany Clere passed away on 3 April 2023 in hospital with his family by his side.

A gathering will be held in celebration of Dany's life on Saturday 29 April at 773 Upper Burringbar Road, Burringbar 2483.

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ALLAN RAY HARWOOD
24/03/1933 – 23/04/2023

Passed away peacefully in Byron Bay on Sunday evening. Doting husband of Betty (dec), loving father of Garry and Susan, eternally loved grandfather and great-grandfather of Brooke, Rachel, Matthew, Curtis and Rylan.

Details of his celebration of life to come next week.

LIFE CELEBRATIONS

Amba/Siobhan Hagen

Healer, Naturopath, Beloved Friend to Humanity passed peacefully Saturday April 8th. You graced our lives and will continue to from the other side.

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26	W	6:09 17:18	11:47 21:57	0014.158 1226.100	0719.066 1749.065
27	TH	6:10 17:17	12:33 22:53	0108.150 1350.098	0826.067 1900.072
28	F	6:11 17:16	13:12 23:50	0215.145 1522.103	0930.065 2030.075
29	SA	6:11 17:15	13:47 00:24.1.44	0324.1.44 1630.1.11	1025.061 2151.072
30	SU	6:12 17:14	14:19 0:45	0424.1.47 1718.1.22	1109.055 2253.067
1	M	6:12 17:13	14:40 1:40	0514.1.50 1800.1.34	1144.049 2343.060
2	TU	6:13 17:12	15:16 2:34	0557.1.52 1837.1.45	1215.042
3	W	6:14 17:12	15:44 3:29	0636.1.53 1914.1.56	0027.054 1244.037
4	TH	6:14 17:11	16:14 4:25	0713.1.51 1950.1.67	0108.049 1313.032
5	F	6:15 17:10	16:47 5:24	0750.1.48 2029.1.75	0150.045 1344.029
6	SA	6:15 17:09	17:24 6:27	0829.1.42 2108.1.82	0234.042 1416.028
7	SU	6:16 17:08	18:08 7:32	0908.1.35 2149.1.84	0321.042 1451.029
8	M	6:17 17:08	19:00 8:40	0952.1.27 2234.1.84	0412.044 1529.034
9	TU	6:17 17:07	19:59 9:46	1040.1.19 2324.1.80	0509.046 1613.040
10	W	6:18 17:06	21:05 10:48	1137.1.13	0613.049 1704.048

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Bangalow celebrates Anzac Cup win

The Bangalow Bluedogs have won the 2023 men's premier league Anzac Day Cup with a strong 3-0 win over the Richmond Rovers playing at the Bill Harris Field in East Lismore.

'It's great to get the season going and on the right track, with the win,' Bangalow coach, Joel Rudgley, said.

'Richmond were probably the better team in the first 20 minutes, they were really up for it. If it wasn't for a couple of good saves from our keeper we could have been in trouble.

'After the early onslaught we got into our rhythm and we started to put a few in the back of the net,' he said.

The player of the match award was given to Bangalow's Josh Cole who scored two goals.

'Josh plays high on the left side, but has a free role,' Noel said.

The Bluedogs were also set to contest the Anzac Day Cup grade 16 against Alstonville last Friday in Alstonville,



A header from the Rovers was denied by the Bluedogs, who kept a clean sheet in their win. Photo Marilyn Hanigan

but the game was postponed due to the weather.

Byron Bay women

Byron Bay FC on the other hand had a 'very disappointing' day as A and B division teams had losses in the Callan McMillian Memorial Shield games.

They played in front of a home crowd at the Recreation Grounds last Sunday.

'In B division Byron Bay got off to a good start scoring the opening goal in the first ten minutes against Kyogle, but from there they upped

the defence and managed to block us out for the rest of the game,' Byron Bay's women's coordinator, John McKay, said.

In A division Byron played last year's premiers Alstonville FC, who 'were rampant,' John said, and went on to win the fixture 4-1.

'Alstonville have been the in-form team for the last few years. They are a stable, well-coached team that play aggressive football.

'We now have our eye on the premiership in what is a strong competition.'

Byron Magpies mark return to AFL with big win

Ross Kendall

The Byron Bay Magpies have won their first game of the season, convincingly beating the Northern Beaches 15.29.119-1.0.6, after travelling to Wilgulga Sports complex in Woolgoolga.

'The dominance came from the experience of the Byron side, as well as hard running and better positioning,' Byron AFL's Daniel Tiffin said.

'We had more steam in the tank, we ran them off their feet,' he said.

But the side has plenty to get right before next week's game considering the number of shots at goal that were off target and only scored behinds.

The game marked Byron Bay's return to competition football after passing last



The Women Magpies will be looking to rally for this week's game at home, after a first round loss. Photo supplied

year due to lack of numbers.

'To get a team in the SE Queensland competition you need full premier and reserve sides, so this year, with just one senior side in the men's and women's competitions, we are back in the NSW competition,' Daniel said.

The women also made

the trip to Woolgoolga but came off second best going down 11.7.73-1.1.7.

Next week the Magpies host Sawtell/Tormina at the Cavanbah Centre with the women kicking off at 1.00pm on Saturday.

Neither of the visiting teams had a win last week.

Big waves for OzGrom surfers

Local girls Ocea Curtis and Leihani Kaloha Zoric are among the champions crowned last week at the tenth annual Billabong Oz Grom Cup.

While the younger competitors had 1-1.2-metre waves at Diggers Beach near Coffs Harbour, the older age groups took on the bank with two-metre waves.

There were plenty of high scoring rides by the girls across all ages. This was exemplified by Byron Bay's Leihani who opened her U/12s final with a perfect ten-point ride.

She went on to dominate the heat and scored on eight waves, leaving her nearest rival, Navah Holmes, requiring a 9.91 to wrestle away the lead, which didn't happen.

Lennox Head surfer Ocea also dominated her U/16 final, scoring the best wave of the heat with an 8.33 ride, and having, in total, three of the best five waves of the heat.

Evans Head surfer Max McGillivray also posted a ten-point ride to get him to victory



Chunky swell was on offer for the groms last week. Photo Kyle Chapman/Surfing NSW

with a 17.84 lead in the U/16 boys final.

Harley Walter (Angourie) continued with critical manoeuvres throughout the U/18 men's final, giving him the lead against Coffs Harbour local Creed Smart.

Jack Cox on board to ace Bangalow tennis

Experienced local tennis coach, Jack Cox, is the new owner of the Northern Rivers Tennis Academy in Bangalow.

Jack has over eight years of experience as a senior coach of the Northern Rivers Tennis Academy in Bangalow and Ballina, and was the head coach at the Byron Bay Tennis Club prior to that.

'Jack is a fantastic tennis coach, and we look forward to partnering with him to build on the valuable community asset we already have, while adding his own personal style,' Bangalow Tennis Club president Jeremy Burn said.

Jack played elite level junior tennis and was part of the national high-performance academy at the age of 14. At 17, Jack was considered one of the top juniors in the country, competing on the ITF Junior



Jack is ready to see you on the courts. Photo supplied

circuit, with a Babolat brand sponsorship.

In 2020 Jack received parliamentary recognition for his work in women's tennis, with his memorial tournament event honouring local legend and over 85s world champion, Margaret Fisher.

'It is an honour and privilege to be a part of developing the amazing junior talent in the area, as

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With Lismore City Council staff threatening the demolition of the iconic Rainbow Temple in Rosebank, owner Guy Feldmann is appealing for a pro-bono engineer to help him establish that his construction is safe and meets requirements. Guy can be contacted on 0439 882 132.



A celebration of Mary Gardner's life will be held at Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell St, Byron Bay on Saturday May 6, from 2.30pm for a 3pm start. All are invited, but for catering purposes, please RSVP: brg2481@gmail.com.

With 2.1km of Whian Road works now complete, Council staff say crews are back in Main Arm to continue roadworks there. Staff are asking for public awareness after the office, set up at the intersection of Palmwoods and Main Arm Road, was broken into on Monday April 17. They say some equipment was damaged, 'and this is really disappointing'.

The Dynamic Drawing classes, after a marathon 20



It appears the CIA has been experimenting with disguising chemtrails to reduce public alarm. Will trials over Mullum last Thursday achieve that aim? Photo magic Jeff Dawson

years (2003–23) of Wednesday morning classes at Mullumbimby's historic Drill Hall Theatre, will be relocating to the Brunswick Heads RSL Hall on Fawcett Street, every Thursday morning, from 9.30am–12.30pm, from April 27.

Current and former Shearwater parents, kids and friends are invited for a meet up from 1 till 3pm at Torakina Beach, Brunswick Heads, on Tuesday, April 25. Organisers say it's a day to socialise and meet, without any agenda.

Should Murdoch's 'entertainment' media outlets have 'not for human consumption' warnings? Fox News has settled with voting machine maker, Dominion, for \$US787.5M after the Murdochs' lawyers figured they would do worse by facing an open trial. The public were made aware during the case that Fox anchors lie to their audience. And another good outcome was

Lachlan Murdoch dropping his defamation claim against independent publisher *Crikey*, after *Crikey's* Bernard Keane

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