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## NRRC lacks transparency over KPIs

Hans Lovejoy

Despite *The Echo* asking repeatedly, the NSW government's Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) have yet to explain what key performance indicators (KPIs) they are required to achieve in relation to the rollout of their taxpayer funded programs for the flood-affected north coast.

The programs are Resilient Homes, Resilient Lands and home buy-backs.

Under the previous Liberal-National government, the NRRC reported to the Department of Regional NSW and the NSW Deputy Premier's Office. The NRRC website only says the page is managed by the Department of Regional NSW.

NRRC Chief Executive is career bureaucrat, David Witherdin.

The question of NRRC accountability was also put repeatedly to NSW Minister for Housing and the North Coast, Rose Jackson.

Her office is yet to reply, after *The Echo* was referred to her office by the NSW Deputy Premier's Office.

## Local musos pumped for fest



Byron Music Fest Director, Nick Sergi, with Groove Terminator, Simon Lewicki. The festival will be held in Denning Park, Byron Bay, on June 17. Simon says he can't wait to play for everyone, including his kids. Photo Eve Jeffery

After a successful event in 2021, and a missed year in 2022, to say that Byron Music Festival Director and Byron Music owner Nick Sergi is looking forward to the event coming back is a huge

understatement. He told *The Echo*, 'I am excited - extremely excited - to be bringing the festival back. It is an amazing feeling!'

Performers Ally Palmer, Yazmindi, Emily Lubitz, Nathan Kay, Resin

Dogs and many more, all live in the area, and are happy for the opportunity to play for their home crowds. The Byron Music Festival is just one month away - for more info, visit: [www.byronmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.byronmusicfestival.com.au).

## Mayoral and councillor pay packets likely to get a boost

Hans Lovejoy

A successful request by Byron Shire Council to reclassify itself from 'Regional Rural' to 'Regional Centre' may well pave the way for an increase in pay for councillors and the mayor.

All councillors have to do is vote for their own pay rise.

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal determines pay rates, and according to its April 2022 report, the maximum pay for a councillor in a Regional Rural Council (currently Byron Shire Council) is \$21,100 pa, while the mayor can receive up to \$46,040 pa.

### Extra perks

Yet there are perks, benefits and extra allowances available.

For example, a councillor who is a member of water utility Rous County Council can earn an extra \$10,550 pa, while the mayor can receive an extra \$17,330 pa as a member of Rous.

Both Mayor Michael Lyon and councillor Sarah Ndiaye are Rous County Council members.

The maximum a councillor can receive under the Regional Centre category is \$25,310 pa, while the mayor can earn up to \$62,510 pa.

According to the *Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Determination 2023* document, the tribunal received four requests for recategorisation: Liverpool, Byron, Tweed and Burwood Councils.

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## Reflections 'land grab' to be taken up with minister

Hans Lovejoy

Residents are again up in arms over Reflections Holiday Parks blocking public access along Simpsons Creek in Brunswick Heads.

The NSW government-run corporation operates the town's Terrace Reserve Holiday Park, among others, and the issue has

been ongoing for over a decade.

Long-time resident, Sean O'Meara, provided *The Echo* a picture of the latest encroachment - see page 5.

Local NSW MP, Tamara Smith told *The Echo* the issue has come about because 'a privatised entity (Holiday Park Trust) that makes profit from the holiday parks is the

same entity that puts forward a so called "community map" of the footprint of their park.'

'They set the boundaries of the holiday park and obviously have a vested interest in pushing the boundaries as far as possible.'

'When councils managed the parks, it was less of an issue because the parks could not be

sold off to private developers.

'However, since the State took over jurisdiction of holiday parks on crown land and has shown a penchant for selling off crown land - the community has every right to be concerned about both the loss of public land and the windfall to a future developer in gaining a larger

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Erin scores Noonan's support gig



Young local musician, Erin Woolsey, will open for Katie Noonan for both of her shows on May 20 and 21. Denise is the proud mum of the 16-year-old Byron High student, and she told *The Echo*, 'I sent Katie a copy of Erin's demo, and Katie came straight back to say it was "fabulous", and asked if she could open for her. Before we knew what was happening, Erin is now opening both nights. What an opportunity for her!' Photo Jeff Dawson

Open day this Saturday



Byron Bay Firefighters will be holding their annual open day Saturday May 20 in Denning Park, adjacent to Byron Bay Surf Club. Deputy Captain, Matt Crisp, told *The Echo*, 'We will be set up from 10am, with activities for everyone. There will be giveaways and free safety advice'. Three part-time on-call firefighter positions are available, says Matt. Visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au), or call him on 0421 498 340 for more info. Photo Eve Jeffery

Mayoral, councillor, pay-packet likely to rise

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Byron Shire Council's argument for the reclassification was that 'based on ABS 2021 census data, with a population of 36,077, it is on the cusp of reaching the population threshold of 40,000 residents'.

It reads, 'Council believes they meet several other additional criteria that supports their case for reclassification. Council's request is based on the following grounds: Non-resident population of 4,817 travel from surrounding locations to work in the LGA; A population growth increase of 7.2 per cent over the last five years, which is above the state increase of 5.3 per cent; Proximity to Gold Coast and Ballina-Byron airports; Byron being home to internationally renowned hinterland region; Byron being home to a large number of festivals and events.'

The tribunal say that Tweed Shire Council will be reclassified to 'Regional Strategic Area'.

The pay for executive council staff is pegged considerably higher; general managers can earn well over

\$200,000, depending on the size of the council.

In an email to councillors on May 10, Council staff member Esmeralda Davis said that the recategorisation was made, in part, owing to the criteria for Regional Centre being amended to include non-resident population.

'This places Council in the same category as Ballina and Lismore', she said.

Non-resident pop included in criteria

She wrote, 'The Tribunal determined a three per cent per annum increase in the minimum and maximum fees applicable to each category, effective July 1, 2023.'

From July, Byron Shire Council will be reclassified to Regional Centre and a new fee range will apply.

'As in previous years, a formal report to Council will seek resolution on the fees payable to councillors and the mayor for 2023-24, and these will be included in the adopted budget'.

The next Council election is scheduled for September, 2024.

Neighbourhood Centre benefits from St John's Primary barbecue

Funds raised by a parent group from Mullum's St John's Primary School has been donated to the town's Neighbourhood Centre.

St John's Principal, Dave Bermingham, told *The Echo*, 'Last year, we got a group of parents together and set the goal around "building community"; and this year, they are wanting to "support the wider community" and this is the first step towards that goal.'

He says as St John's Hall is a voting centre for elections, this year, the St John's parent group set up a stall with a sausage sizzle, egg burgers, drinks and baked goods.

'We had parents and staff on a rolling roster for the day', Bermingham said. 'Our prices were fair too, compared to what we saw in the surrounding voting centres.'

He says the parent group made \$500 from the stall,

which was recently donated to the Neighbourhood Centre.

'We thought that Neighbourhood Centre Week [May 8-14] was a great opportunity to pass the cheque on to the Mullum Neighbourhood Centre.'

'During and after the floods, they were a rock within the community, and a lot of our families were affected by the floods and found great help in the

Neighbourhood Centre, so it was an easy decision'.

'A common thread that runs through every one of the 1,000 plus centres, across Australia, including our own here in Mullumbimby, is their inclusive nature; anyone and everyone is welcome, and members of the community are encouraged to help in the centre's organisation, management and use'.



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## Lennox child-care centre DA on display

A DA for a contentious Lennox Head child care centre on land surrounded by fragmented littoral rainforest is on exhibition.

The childcare centre is on a busy road that services the Epiq suburb and is set to accompany a new fire station for Lennox. Last year, Ballina Council staff warned that if both developments went ahead, nearly half of the land's endangered rainforest would likely be destroyed, and what remained may lose its protection from salt-laden coastal winds.

The DA can be found at [www.da.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.da.ballina.nsw.gov.au).



## Paddle preps for Sunday

It was all hands on deck last Saturday when volunteers from the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club and Marine Rescue filled over 200 bags with sand to prepare the launch ramp in Heritage Park at the starting line of the 2023 Mullum to Bruns Paddle, to be held on Sunday. Newly-minted surf patroller, Cooper, was at the head of the team, getting the sandbags down for the event which is a three-way fundraiser for both the rescue services and the Brunswick Visitor Centre. Photo Eve Jeffery

## Mayor confident of IPC holiday letting suggestions being adopted

Paul Bibby

The future of short-term holiday letting in the Byron Shire has been 'put back into the hands of the Council,' according to NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully, the ABC reports.

As the ripples from the Independent Planning Commission's recommendation of a 60-day cap on non-hosted short-term rentals continue to spread across the state, Mr Scully this week granted Byron Council a short extension of time to formally propose how the recommendations could be implemented.

Once completed, this proposal will then go back to Minister Scully's office for a formal 'gateway determination', paving the way for it to

be enshrined in law.

Should Byron Council's proposal be accepted by the government, it would mean a significant shift in the local holiday letting landscape.

The Shire is currently littered with scores of properties whose sole purpose is to provide year-round revenue for out-of-town investors who rarely, if ever, set foot here.

This practice is said to take scores of properties out of the long-term, local rental market, which contributes significantly to the Shire's place as the housing stress capital of NSW.

Proponents of short-term holiday letting disagree, arguing that these houses and units provide badly-needed tourist and visitor accommodation and are thus vital to the local economy.

But the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) rejected this argument.

It recommended that any owner who wanted to rent out their property as a holiday let for more than 60 days a year, and did not live on the property, would need Council approval.

It also said that these owners should be required to pay a levy to Council – effectively a bed tax – to counter the effects of tourism on local amenities.

There was also a recommendation that the government adopt measures to improve compliance with the short-term rental accommodation code of conduct.

Speaking at last week's Byron Council planning meeting, Mayor Michael Lyon said recent conversations

with Mr Scully, and Housing Minister, Rose Jackson, led him to be optimistic that the IPC's recommendations would ultimately be adopted.

'I certainly got the feeling, and seeing Rose Jackson last night at the conference dinner, got the feeling, that this is going to be accepted,' Cr Lyon said.

### 'Brave not to accept it': Mayor Lyon

'He didn't specifically say that, but I think it would be brave for them not to accept it.'

'Right now, the key priority for us is getting these words into legislation or regulation or enviro plans, and how that's going to work. I don't envy the job of planning staff in that regard.'

## Feds promise \$236M for national disaster warning network

The federal government has pledged \$236 million over 10 years to fund a national flood warning network, in a bid to protect communities from the types of flooding that took place last year in the Northern Rivers.

Labor Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, said the funding would be used to purchase and upgrade flood gauges in disaster-prone areas, such as the north coast. Many were not operational during the 2022 floods.

### Known for a decade

'For almost a decade, experts have been telling us that we have to upgrade Australia's flood warning infrastructure,' Ms Plibersek said.

'We've seen really terrifying examples in recent years, where communities were left with not enough information; they were unprepared during floods because of broken or outdated flood gauges.'

Ms Plibersek said the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) owned about a third of Australia's flood gauges, but the rest were operated by state or local governments or private entities.

'Many of them are old, they have to be read manually, so you're sending people out into dangerous weather to read flood gauges,' she said.

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## Inquest continues into ayahuasca, kambo-related deaths

David Lowe

The inquest into the kambo-related death of Jarrad Antonovich at a retreat centre near Kyogle stopped abruptly mid-witness on Friday afternoon.

Family and media were later informed that the current witness would finish her testimony next month, with the rest of the inquest not due to be completed until February 2024.

For Mr Antonovich's family, sitting in the public gallery of Lismore Court-house, the whole experience has been extremely gruelling.

The proceedings opened with Jarrad's brother Christopher reading an emotional statement. He said his brother had much to live for, and that what the family wanted most from the inquest was that no one else would have to go through what they and his brother had. He said it had been 'particularly galling' to hear that the organiser of the ayahuasca/kambo retreat described Jarrad's death as a 'beautiful occasion'.

Next on the stand was Fred Woller, who works full-time as a manager at Arcoora, which rented its former Buddhist temple, now 'retreat centre' to organiser Lore Solaris for the Dreaming Arts festival, at the price of \$50 per person per day.

Dr Peggy Dwyer, counsel assisting the coroner, probed Mr Woller's history with ayahuasca, and Lore Solaris, establishing that Arcoora



Jarrad Antonovich.

had bent (if not broken) its own rules by renting the drug and alcohol-free property for an event revolving around mind-altering substances (whose illegality was a grey area at the time, according to Mr Woller), and without properly qualified first aid officers in attendance.

Mr Woller said there were first aid kits on site, and agreed with Dr Dwyer that it would be a good idea to formally require hirers to have first aid training and experience.

Regarding ayahuasca (main active ingredient DMT, and a sacred medicine in Peru, where he'd experienced it before), Mr Woller said he could find no evidence at the time of anyone being charged with using the substance in Australia, and no significant safety issues. He also noted ayahuasca was 'being used quite prevalently throughout the Northern Rivers and throughout Australia.'

He said he was entirely unaware, at the time, of the risk of perforation to the esophagus, from excessive vomiting.

Mr Woller said that it was normal for kambo to be extremely painful, but that afterwards he personally had felt 'really energised and clear'.

Dr Dwyer asked, 'doesn't it strike you that it is extremely important to have somebody with some proper medical training to be able to recognise symptoms that are going to be life threatening?'

Mr Woller responded, 'I haven't thought about it before, but that seems reasonable.'

He said that after what happened with Mr Antonovich, they would never allow kambo ceremonies on the Arcoora property again, and he could understand why it had been banned.

'This has been the most stressful and upsetting experience of my life,' he said.

At the end of his testimony, Mr Woller was asked to share what he'd learned from the tragedy.

He said he was deeply sorry that it had happened, but still believed 'in the power of these medicines to help people.'

He said better regulation was needed, but that Western medicine was 'failing a lot of people' particularly where addiction was concerned. He said lack of purpose and lack of connection was reaching epidemic proportions.

'I believe that the work Lore was doing was totally motivated by supporting and helping people's wellbeing,' said Mr Woller.

The final witness of the

day, who joined the Lismore Court from Western Australia, was Laurel Hefferon, who is no longer a kambo practitioner, but has extensive experience with the substance as a participant, practitioner and teacher.

She also trained Cameron Kite, who allegedly administered kambo to Jarrad Antonovich.

### Kambo expert speaks

Ms Hefferon proceeded to disagree with much of the evidence provided by other witnesses through the course of the inquest, saying the symptoms presented by Jarrad after he had kambo were not typical and that expert medical assistance should have been sought much earlier.

She said all kambo practitioners who trained formally had to have first aid qualifications, and that it was unheard of to leave a participant unattended while they were still being affected by kambo.

Ms Hefferon, who has also been a registered nurse, said that someone with the symptoms Jarrad exhibited – even an hour later – should have been driven directly to emergency.

Ms Hefferon said, in spite of the increasingly known risks, kambo was still being used all over the world, having only been banned in Australia, Argentina and Brazil.

■ *The Echo* will continue to cover this story as further information becomes available.

## Govt cost-shifting to Council puts pressure on budget

Paul Bibby

Byron Council 'doesn't have the money' to pay the \$260,000 increase in the Emergency Services Levy foisted on it by the state government, and will have to consider cutting programs or staff, Mayor Michael Lyon says.

The ink was barely dry on Council's draft budget earlier this month, when the new Labor state government announced that 128 councils across the state would be hit with levy increases.

### Emergency services levy increased

The increases are the government's attempt to pay for a 73 per cent rise in the State Emergency Services budget and an 18 per cent jump in the Fire and Rescue NSW budget.

Cash-strapped mayors across the state are up in arms over the eleventh hour increase, and have rallied together to try and fight it, sending a flurry of letters to the government.

Byron Shire Council resolved to join the letter writing club at its last meeting.

It will tell the government that its decision will lead to a 'reduction in important local services and the deferral or cancellation of necessary infrastructure projects'.

There will also be a call for the government to decouple the levy from the cap on council rates so that councils can recover the full amount from residents.

But so far, these demands appear to have fallen on deaf ears. 'It's unconscionable really,' Cr Lyon said during last week's Council

planning meeting.

'We don't have the money.'

'I know it doesn't sound like a lot. For the state government \$260,000 is a pittance, but it's not for us. For us \$260,000 is three or four staff in key critical positions.'

'Obviously, we need to see an increase in the emergency services budget, but I'm not sure why councils should be footing the bill for that.'

Speaking four days after the meeting, Cr Lyon said if the government refused to backtrack on the levy increase, Council would be left with the unenviable task of finding further savings in its budget.

'We've already had to make savings in so many areas owing to the floods and covid before that,' he said.

'It's very difficult to decide

which program is more important than another.'

The mayor also indicated that he would be moving forward with his plan to increase revenue by introducing paid parking in Brunswick Heads.

'We're doing the intercept survey at the moment... to get a better idea of the types of people who come to the town,' he said.

'We've already done the congestion analysis.'

'I don't think there'll be a Council vote [on the issue] before Christmas – hopefully by Easter next year.'

The state government says the levy increase is the fault of the previous government, which included the increase in the calculations for its pre-election budget, but failed to communicate this publicly.

# Reflections 'land grab' to be taken up with minister

► Continued from page 1 footprint of public land. MP Smith added, 'Since the Plans of Management [PoM] are premised on a "community map" of the park that is set by the private interest and not actual maps, whenever we see extension of the parks it is infuriating to say the least. I look forward to raising this absurd phenomenon with the new crown land minister.'

In March 2021, Reflections took Byron Shire Council to court over a 'deemed refusal' of activity approval for the southern section of Terrace Reserve. The case was settled in July that year, and Reflections were forced to reduce the number of camping sites, and undertake stronger measures to improve the health of endangered coastal cypress pine forest trees.

Residents had highlighted the declining health of those significant trees under Reflections' management.

Yet foreshore setbacks and other issues appeared to have been negotiated behind closed doors in court – resident Sean O'Meara said at the time that it 'undermined 15 years of discussions'.

Another resident, Patricia Warren, also asked at the time, 'How did setbacks even get into the hearing, when the community members and documents to the court were expressly and directly, on advice from Council, focusing on the environmental factors?'



**Terrace Reserve encroachment of public foreshore lands by Reflections.** Photo Sean O'Meara

Replies to *Echo* questions by a Reflections spokesperson around their agreement to not block public access were conflicting.

They said, 'There is no stipulation in the [2014] Plan of Management [POM] for Terrace Reserve regarding a three-metre public pathway along the foreshore.'

They went on to say: 'Where possible, Reflections has achieved a three-metre setback as per the regulations.'

When asked if Reflections is just adhering to the regulations it wants to, they replied, 'While there is no stipulation regarding a three-metre public pathway on the foreshore, as a community-minded organisation with a firm understanding of the footprint of the park, Reflections is, where possible, maintaining a three-metre



**Reflections CEO, Nick Baker, joined the corporation in July 2021, according to its website. Baker is the latest in a long list of CEOs.**

setback from the top of the embankment'.

Resident Sean O'Meara told *The Echo*, 'Reflections have once again said one thing and done another. Reflections got their approval to operate for the Terrace Reserve, only when they committed to providing a walkway along the entire foreshore, but three years later virtually nothing [has been] done, and instead of removing encroaching cabins, they are now putting in more.'

Responding to specific

claims around erecting cabins on the foreshore that block access, the spokesperson said, 'Reflections is installing three tiny homes on existing short-term sites that will be compliant with the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulations 2021*. A licensed surveyor will be onsite this week to mark out the boundary in accordance with these regulations.'

## Tiny homes installed

Another resident, Michele Grant, told *The Echo*, 'After fighting to get permanent structures off the riverbank, it's outrageous Reflections now suggests "tiny houses" are appropriate. There's also licence conditions, which include a 10m setback for all structures.'

'The 3m buffer zone is the minimum legal requirement, reiterated in the EPA court judgment. Legally, the 3m mark is the holiday park boundary. A new licence had to be issued after the court case, yet I've never seen it on Council's agenda. [CEO] Steve Edmonds resigned just before the court hearing.'

# Dance the maypole in Mullum, this Saturday

Aslan Shand

History shows us that there are many strange, wonderful, and odd experiences that people created in the past, and as the Brunswick Valley Historical Society (BVHS) celebrates its 40th year in 2023, they are taking monthly 'trips back in time' to discover a few of these amusing – and fun – activities.

At this Saturday's monthly Mullumbimby Community Market from 12pm, BVHS will set up a maypole, so that everyone can have a go at weaving a pattern on and off the pole.

'It is a very old traditional European dance that is thought to be a fertility rite, or celebration of the spring,' says Susan Tscialas from the BVHS. She will be instructing dancers on how to create the various maypole patterns.

The mapole dance was something that was danced at many of the local schools



**1903 Mullumbimby Rural School children. Left is the grand chain design, and pictured right is the gypsy tent.** Photo BVHS

and events historically, and Susan has taught the dance at various locals schools.

'I did it with the Wilsons Creek School kids first in 2008 for their centenary, and then again in 2009, with the Coorabell kids for the Coorabell Hall centenary.'

## Easy to learn

She has also taught students at Mullumbimby Primary School, and says both the boys and girls

have lots of fun learning the maypole dance, but that the most important thing is not to drop the ribbon.

'It doesn't take that long to learn. All the kids loved learning to do it and they did a great job.'

So, to learn a little maypole fun, head to the Mullum Community Market this Saturday, located on the corner of Stuart and Myokum Streets, on the lawn at the back of the shed from 12pm.

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**Funding obstacles for coastal walk/cycleway plan**

Could the popular Ballina coastal walk and cycleway be expanded to include Byron's famous coastline?

**Will Tweed Shire join the reusable nappy brigade?**

Babies require a nappy, well most of us use nappies when we have babies, with the result being that 1.5 billion plastic-containing nappies go into landfill each year in Australia.

**Lismore delegates for the 2023 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference**

With floods being in the forefront of our local issues, last night Lismore Council voted on who would represent the area at the 2023 Floodplain Management Australia (FMA) National Conference that will take place in Sydney from 23-26 May.

**Racing NSW inquiry into animal abuse investigates Ballina horse trainer**

Racing New South Wales met with local horse racing figures in Ballina last week for an inquiry into allegations of animal abuse against a local horse trainer.

**Low-cost building workshops – Murwillumbah**

Murwillumbah Community Gardens is running two low-cost building workshops about building with earth-based materials.

**Lack of housing a major contributor to women living with DV**

Women are more likely to stay in DV situations, and are more at risk living on the street, because they can't find alternative accommodation.

**Two dogs kill another dog as owners fail to get the message**

Your dog, your responsibility. That is the simple message that Tweed Shire Council rangers are trying to get through to dog owners. This follows an attack over the weekend that led to the death of a small dog.

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**Reconstruction Corp releases figures on its programs**

Hans Lovejoy

Upon request, the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) has provided *The Echo* with more detailed data around its rollout of programs.

They are Resilient Homes, Resilient Lands and home buybacks across flood-affected north coast local government areas (LGAs).

NRRC released a 'dashboard' update of the programs last week, yet figures on LGAs were only indicative and presented as a pie graph.

A NRRC spokesperson told *The Echo* they are 'prioritising homes in the highest flood-risk areas, and case managers are speaking with the most severely impacted homeowners first'.

'The voluntary buyback scheme will be offered to approximately 2,000 Northern Rivers residents located in the most vulnerable areas where major flooding would pose a catastrophic risk to life or where homes have been completely destroyed.

'This process reflects the important balance between notifying people about their eligibility for buybacks and the need to ensure everything we do is evidence-based



Exactly a month after the February 28 flood in 2022, Byron was hit by floodwaters on March 28. Photo Byron Shire Council

and data-driven, and fair and equitable across the region.

'All homeowners who have registered for the program, whether it is for buybacks, house raising or retrofitting, will be told their indicative eligibility by mid-year.

'A fortnightly update is now available on the NRRC website, which shows the amount of property owners contacted and forecast milestones.

'The NRRC appreciates everyone's patience as it works through the

eligibility of a large number of affected property owners.

'The Resilient Homes Program is part of the Resilient Homes Fund that was announced on October 28, 2022 and is one of the largest resilience responses of its kind in Australian history.

'The program has been developed by the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation to improve the resilience of homes in high-risk flood areas in the Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley,

Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, and Tweed local government areas.

'The program will offer eligible homeowners one of the three available measures: home buybacks, home raising or home retrofit, based on expert property assessments, flood impact severity data, safety risks and potential future flood levels'.

The following was provided by the NRRC spokesperson:

Property owners from all LGAs who have registered for the Resilient Homes Program across all three streams: Lismore 2,277; Kyogle 172; Ballina 700; Byron 816; Tweed 1,043; Clarence 392; and Richmond 1,071.

Across the region, the number of properties assessed so far as 'indicatively eligible' for a voluntary home buyback: Lismore 619; Kyogle 1; Ballina 3; Byron 3; Tweed 179; Clarence 1; and Richmond 25.

Across the region the number of properties approved so far for voluntary home buyback: Lismore 217; Kyogle 0; Ballina 3; Byron 1; Tweed 28; Clarence 1; and Richmond 1.

Of the 322 expressions of interests the Resilient Lands program received across all LGAs, the spokesperson did not reply as to how many properties were from the Byron LGA.

**CWA calls for NSW govt to reject waste-to-energy incinerators**

State Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin, says the NSW Country Women's Association (CWA) voted at its recent AGM to oppose waste-to-energy incinerators.

A waste-to-energy incinerator proposal for the Richmond Valley Jobs Precinct in Casino prompted local resistance, after a similar plan was rejected in Western Sydney owing to air pollution impacts. The Casino proposal, under the previous Liberals-National government, came without any community consultation.

Additionally Casino, Lithgow, Goulburn and Parkes were locations excluded from a state-wide incinerator ban by the then NSW government.

Ms Saffin said the Tabulam branch put the motion, which was one of

several successful motions from the North Coast Group at the AGM in Bathurst this month.

She says, 'The CWA has adopted a policy to advocate for the newly elected NSW government to rescind its decision to establish waste-to-energy incinerators, and instead immediately introduce technology and waste reduction programs that use methods that minimise greenhouse gas emissions'.

**Policy positions**

'Other north coast policy positions adopted at the AGM included calling for telecommunications providers to maintain coverage to disaster impacted communities, for stronger legislation to protect koala habitat, and for

ongoing resources for weed management plans.

'The CWA also supported the call from the Hume group for stricter regulation and cessation of online betting and mobile phone betting apps, particularly during TV sports coverage'.

The CWA donated \$500,000 in flood relief last year, says Saffin.

'In the last parliament, I was active in establishing a Friends of the CWA group, and I can report that we will be re-establishing the group in the new parliament.

'As a CWA member, I am proud to be associated with this organisation of women that has such a strong record of pushing through changes that improve the lives of women and rural communities, and support the social good in general.'

**Kingscliff ambo station tender awarded**

The Kingscliff community is a step closer to a new state-of-the-art ambulance station, says the NSW government, with a contractor announced to build the station.

NSW Health Infrastructure Executive Director, Rural and Regional, Amanda Bock, said in a press release that the new facility will be

co-located at the site of the new \$723.3 million Tweed Valley Hospital, replacing the Marine Parade ambulance station which has served the community for 65 years.

Following a 'competitive tender process', FK Gardner & Sons (FKG) were awarded the job. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2024.

**IAG and Rhelm launch new planned relocation report**

A report to help governments and communities assess when planned relocation is a viable option has been published by Australia and New Zealand's largest general insurer, IAG and natural hazards and resilience advisory firm, Rhelm.

Seven key recommendations are: 'Develop a national guidance on planned relocation; Prioritise and fund integration support measures for

relocated residents; Planned relocation should be coordinated by state and territory government agencies, while ensuring local government remains a key stakeholder; Responsible agencies should proactively identify high-risk locations, and develop community adaptation plans before a natural hazard event occurs; Federal and state governments should formalise funding arrangements; Establish legislative frameworks for accelerated approvals for planned relocation; Review the outcomes of large-scale implementations of planned relocation (e.g. NSW and Queensland Resilient Homes Funds) to inform development and refinement of National Guidance and frameworks'.

The report is available at [www.iag.com.au/about-us/research](http://www.iag.com.au/about-us/research).

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**New youth performance explores tech impacts, May 28**



*Nuance* performers. Photo supplied

A new production by Byron Youth Theatre (BYT) explores the mental health challenges arising from the ever-increasing addiction to texting, the impacts of tech on our internal dialogue, our relationships with AI, how societal conditioning affects our interactions, cultural insensitivity and gender dysphoria.

BYT director, Lisa Apostolides, says the cast researched and surveyed their peers about the changing nature of communication and its effect on interpersonal relationships.

The resulting play is called *Nuance* and includes an original music score by SAE students, Renee Galera Holliss and Serena Nesci.

It will be performed at Brunswick Picture House for one night only, May 28.

Lisa asks, 'As a parent, are you frequently disturbed by the amount of time your children spend on devices in the digital world? Young people would often call their parents hypocrites as they seem to be using their devices just as much but pass it off as "it's for work!"'

**Shift Project clothing sale this Sat**

The huge preloved clothing sale to raise funds for the Shift Project is on again this Saturday, May 20, in the Byron Bay Surf Club.

Now in its fourth year, the sale has become a much awaited annual event.

Organisers say last year, the sale raised \$29,000 for the Shift Project, which is a local program running

transitional, educational programs for women at risk of homelessness.

Organisers say, 'This year the quality of clothing is amazing with wonderful vintage pieces in the mix and fantastic donations of new clothing from local designers and clothing stores'. Doors open at 8am. The donation period has now closed.

**Young Queerios Hangs launch**

Local not-for-profit organisation, Queer Family, have announced that their Young Queerios Hangs are launching in May in Mullum and Ballina.

The Mullum hang is on at the The Paddock Project on May 16, 30, June 30 and 27, from 5pm till 6.30pm.

Organisers say, 'Queer Family is a community-based, peer-led organisation in Mullumbimby.'

'Thanks to recent government funding to support young people, Queer Family is working to bring young LGBTQIA+ people together and to create spaces and events that are accessible to all.

'Expect art, games, snacks, chats, and good vibes. These are free events for ages 12-24 for queer, questioning, friends, and allies.

'Regional Queer youth are vulnerable to isolation and disconnection from community; LGBTQIA+ Health Australia (2021) reports that 63.8 per cent of queer youth (14-21) have been diagnosed with a mental health condition - double that of their cisnet counterparts.

'Connecting kids and letting them form their own community gives them opportunities to be open, playful, and joyful. Watching these kids, often shy and reserved, laugh and bond is magical'.

To get involved with Queer Family, contact [queerfamilynorthernrivers@gmail.com](mailto:queerfamilynorthernrivers@gmail.com).

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# Too busy conforming

As a nation, we are a fairly compliant lot. The Rum Rebellion in 1808 was probably an exception; it was the first time that Australian military force was used to overthrow a government.

Then there was the 1851 Eureka Rebellion, where gold miners revolted against the British.

Former Labor PM Bob Hawke got a bit cheeky later on in 1983, when he said everyone should have the day off when we won the America's Cup.

There's a lot of conformity going on these days. And that's disappointing, because all the great advances in the world occur when we don't do what we are supposed to.

Musician Frank Zappa once said, 'Without deviation from the norm, progress is not possible'.

## The wrong people are being persecuted

With that in mind, there are questions about the integrity of federal Labor around its persecution of whistleblowers.

One is former tax office employee, Richard Boyle, who faces life behind bars for speaking his truth around his former employer's unethical behaviour.

The ABC reported this week, 'In March, the former Australian Tax Office employee lost his bid to be declared immune from prosecution on 24 offences stemming from his decision to go public on what he claims were unethical tactics used by his former employer to collect debts.'

ABC business editor Ian Verrinder writes, 'Ironically, Mr Boyle's Federal Court decision came just weeks after Peter Collins, the former senior tax partner at Big

Four accounting giant PwC, was barred from practising by the Tax Practitioners Board'.

Collins is accused of sharing confidential tax information in the organisation about a federal government initiative to clamp down on multinational tax avoidance.

As a result, Tom Seymour, chief executive officer of PwC, was forced to step down last week.

So given this revelation, will Labor sack PwC as a consultant?

PwC holds very, very lucrative government contracts, after all.

It's the ethical thing to do.

It could repair the reputational damage and send a message that integrity matters for everyone.

Another whistleblower who is under government persecution is Australian army lawyer, David McBride. He gave the ABC evidence of war crimes committed by Australian soldiers in Afghanistan.

And perhaps the bravest journalist of all time, Julian Assange, is still in a UK jail, and so far, the Labor government appears not that interested in his plight.

While politicians might say they value journalism and that whistleblowers should be protected, the actions don't add up

There is one species that appears protected from dubious ethical actions – it's career bureaucrats, such as Kathryn Campbell.

She was Secretary of the Department of Human Services and implicated in the Robodebt disaster, which resulted in deaths.

Instead of being held to account or sacked, she was rewarded by Labor with a \$900,000 a year job to help orchestrate the obscene AUKUS deal, according to www.theguardian.com.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

# A case for a Lib-Nats reformation

Trump Fatigue Syndrome (TFS) has been defined by American Professor, John Rennie Short, as 'a depressing sense of watching the same drama over and over again. And just like being stuck in a movie theatre watching a badly scripted and poorly produced B movie, it begins with feelings of exhaustion, then panic, with the realisation that it may never end.'

So I audibly groaned when a friend sent me one of Donald Trump's latest pearls:

'...if you don't love your children so much, and there are some people that don't – and maybe deservedly so – it won't matter, because, frankly, you don't have to leave them anything. Thank you very much. Have fun.'

Trump addressed these comments to Iowa farmers, in a speech reminding them of his initiative to abolish death taxes on the family farm. Sure, it's a legitimate policy for any conservative politician to oppose death taxes – but the way it is expressed highlights Trump's indefatigable knack for making a credible message divisive and hateful.

The Washington Post speculated his claim that some children are 'deservedly' unloved by their parents, is a 'dog whistle' to older conservative white Americans. It resonates with those who fear increasing diversity in America, and blame the younger generation of voters for caring about climate change and voting for Democrats, like Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

Whatever the logic, it is clear a toxic and rampant Trump is back and the hijacked Republican Party can't control or stop him.

Being found to be a 'sexual abuser' only seems to have energised his base. Trump's angry brand – denying facts, deriding minorities and bullying opponents – is likely to invade at least the next 18 months of newsfeeds, through to the November 2024 presidential election.

The impact in Australia has been to embolden fringe right wing groups, including neo-Nazis and evangelical Christians who, for years, have backed minor religious parties like Fred Nile's old 'Call to



*'Instead of learning from multiple election defeats, the moral decay of conservative politics in Australia seems to be accelerating'*

– Catherine Cusack, former Liberal MP

Australia' Party. That strategy has been replaced with a clandestine USA tactic of infiltrating the major conservative parties. For example, here in the federal seat of Richmond, where we were looking for local leadership after the floods, the Nationals selected a Pentecostal Christian candidate whose stated mission was to 'bring God's Kingdom to politics'.

The past week has seen extraordinary disarray and increasingly selfish behaviour derailing conservative politics. In Victoria, a religious right Liberals MP, Moira Deeming, was expelled from the Parliamentary wing of the Liberal Party after threatening to sue her own leader.

In Tasmania, two right wing Liberals resigned, putting the last Liberal government into minority, because they disagreed with a decision to fund an AFL stadium.

And here in NSW, Nationals MLC, Ben Franklin, betrayed his parliamentary colleagues, who wanted to keep pressure on Labor in the hung Upper House. In order to reduce the number of LNP votes, Labor offered Ben the highly paid, prestigious office of Upper House presidency.

By accepting, Mr Franklin has rendered the entire Liberals-National coalition irrelevant in opposition for four years.

Instead of learning from multiple election defeats, the moral decay of conservative politics in Australia seems to be accelerating.

I am one of many long time Liberals who have left in recent years, owing to a lurch to the right in policy and the unethical LNP deals, which have handed portfolios, including education, most of environment, Aboriginal Affairs, the Women's portfolio, and even Sydney Water, to the NSW Nationals – a party so backwards they are still voting against daylight savings and in favour of subsidies to turn

koala habitat into woodchips.

In Sydney, thousands of moderate Liberal voters have rejected these policies, turning instead to the Teals as representing their views better than the LNP. In regional NSW, many have turned to the Independents as an alternative to the Nationals.

Electing independent MPs is, in my view, a temporary fix for the problem. What is required is a full-scale reformation of Australian centre right politics – a reformed, or new, party that seeks to return to the patrician values of virtuous politics; cleansing itself of religious extremists and political bigots.

Step one on the journey to reform conservative politics has got to be dissolving the LNP Coalition agreement, thus freeing both the Liberals and National Party to be true to their roots, and authentically represent their communities.

The current arrangement amounts to mutual suffocation of each other's policies and activism via a secret, stultifying deal to act as one. It needs a reset.

They can always negotiate a new coalition agreement. I am just saying, take a break from each other, so you can work with your own members to recalibrate and be better.

The LNP has lost a lot of MPs this past week, but all of them defected for self-serving reasons. If this means they have removed themselves as hurdles to reform of their parties, then it could turn out to be a good thing.

The next year will tell if Australian Liberals have the depth and fortitude to detach from the Nationals, to choose their own path, or whether they are doomed like American Republicans to keep repeating the same Trumpian drama.

■ Catherine Cusack is a former Liberal; NSW MLC



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**Sam Maloney**  
Tyagarah

**Ban e-bikes**

While I agree not wearing leg ropes is dangerous, a far greater and increasing danger are electric bikes being ridden on the beaches.

Recently at Clarkes Beach an electric bike nearly hit my grandson. They go too fast and are starting to look like and drive like motorcycles. They need to be banned from beaches.

Not wearing helmets either!

**Wally Hueneke**  
Byron Bay

**Mark**

Don't know what he did but doubt he'll do it again!

**Peter Walters**  
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**Mark, my word!**

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**Raphael Lee Cass**  
Byron Bay

**Dingo or wild dog?**

Dingos or wild dogs, it depends on how it impacts you. Locally, wild dogs have 50 to 75 per cent dingo heritage. They massacre sheep by the dozens as if for sport, leaving them to die slow, painful deaths. Cattle are more robust and normally can keep dogs at bay but at calving time dogs come in to eat the newborn calf poo, afterbirth, and will kill some calves.

There are government-funded baiting and trapping programs. After the fires choppers flew up the whole great divide of NSW and aerial-baited over national parks and state forest. Normally you would map, have done training, bury baits and after a few weeks dig them up if not taken. But apparently

there was no concern for quolls, goannas, snakes, marsupial carnivores, owls, eagles, and more. Ironically the koala people support this indiscriminate aerial baiting; some native animals are more equal than others!

I suggest Byron Council fund scientific wild dog/ dingo programs incorporating tracking collars, so we can become better informed.

**James Wright**  
Byron Bay

**Das wall**

President Ronald Reagan stood before the Berlin Wall and said Mr Gorbachev, 'tear down this wall!'

Kennedy stood before it and said 'Heute ich bin ein Berliner' (today I am a Berliner).

I would like to see Biden stand on the border of communist China and say, 'Mr Xi, free all the Falun Gong practitioners, Uyghurs and House Christians from the gaols and concentration camps. Get out of East Turkestan and Tibet. Give back the people of Hong Kong back the freedom they had under British rule. Today, I am a Uyghur, a Tibetan and a Falun Gong practitioner!'

**Bob Vinnicombe**  
Sefton

**Rail 'no fantasy'**

Shame to hear that because I support rail and trail together that Dave Lisle and John Scrivener say I'm a fantasist.

I strongly support bus service upgrades and total system overhaul too (as in my letter) as well as cycleways. The whole issue is not either/or or black and white.

Remember, there is a train

running on the line already and it could be extended to Mullum.

Unfortunately many rail trailers want only a trail. Most pro-rail in the community support trail as ancillary or next to rail i.e. not on the lines but next to it, which is called 'off formation'. This preserves the 33-metre-wide corridor for both rail and trail. That is what I take on as a councillor responsibility i.e. long-term strategic planning for the whole community. Rail and trail can coexist. That ain't no fantasy!

**Cr Peter Westheimer**  
Myocum

**Medical excellence**

Recently my daughter had a major medical issue.

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Thank you all, and to my granddaughter and wife for their great contribution. Thank you.

Name withheld

**Congratulations Germany**

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BBC Podcast. **HARDtalk** with Stephen Sackur. 23.7.18.

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# Is there a way to save our sandy beaches?

Jan Hackett

And so it goes... The 'strategies' being so called investigated to address beach erosion at Main beach, Byron Bay really have little to do with maintaining and re-growing our badly eroded beach. They have everything to do with protecting beach infrastructure and public amenity above the beach itself - like parking your car on the beach and lying around on grassy areas that should be dunes.



Main Beach, Byron Bay.

## Move the infrastructure

Everywhere north of Byron Bay - Kingscliff and the Gold Coast - councils have, when their beachfronts were similarly threatened, actually moved their infrastructure back and rebuilt the dune frontage. As a consequence, their beaches are growing, and their businesses and homes are safe and sound behind the growing dunes.

That's how nature works. Even the Bible says you can't build on the sand. It's a losing proposition. And I

don't see anyone up there complaining about seafront parking or having to walk 100 metres through the dunes to get to the beach.

But here? Byron Shire Council seems scared of businesses and surfers complaining, they are bending over backwards to accommodate their wants and needs.

Our surf breaks won't be diminished by a healthier, sandier beach. And *all* sand coming around the Cape,

be it less, or more, than last century, will be captured by the absence of rock walls, instead of being repelled and sent further north.

## Time to realign?

A realignment of the foreshore at Main Beach (aka the car park), be it back 10 metres or 20 or 30, and the removal of those rocks and groynes surrounding the car park on the old dunes, is the only way to go if erosion is to be slowed and our beach

maintained. The dunes will save our town, not the rocks.

Besides, a rocked-in carpark cannot 'alone' save the town behind it. Maintaining and rebuilding this rock impediment can only lead to rocking-up the entire embayment and leaving us with no beach at all.

But it looks like that's the way Council wants to go instead of learning from nature, as others have done. What a sad and sorry state of affairs.

► **Continued from page 9** we shouldn't go that way for energy use are Chernobyl and Three Mile Island, USA (Ukraine).

We have enough sun, wind, hydro renewable energy sources that we could transition tomorrow. But the powers that be won't allow that because their mates want to keep raping the environment for coal and gas (CSG), hydraulic fracturing (fracking). These industries pollute water, solar, air with methane.

We don't need or want this shit anymore or in the future, wake up Australia.

**Paul Brecht**  
Evans Head

## Nakba

Saturday, 13 May marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the state of apartheid Israel and no doubt Australian diplomats and politicians were celebrating at the Israeli embassy.

Palestinians will not be celebrating though. For them this occasion is known as the 'nakba' or 'catastrophe', in which Israeli terrorist groups, Irgun and Haganah, massacred hundreds, for example, at the village of Deir Yassin. Altogether in the 1947-49 Palestinian war, 400 villages

were razed to the ground. Israel drove out 750,000 Palestinians at gunpoint, who are banned from returning.

Israeli terror has ensured the nakba never ended.

Three members of the rocket-firing Palestinian Islamic Jihad were killed by Israel but the 'collateral damage' amounted to the deaths of four children and four women, the death toll is now 25!

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Byron Bay

■ According to the Palestine Health Ministry, 12 people were killed, including the wives and several of the children of the three Palestinian Islamic Jihad members, and twenty other civilians were injured on 9 May. - Ed

## Floodplain cynic

It has been like riding on the back of a bumblebee in the attempt to find sweet nectar and consciousness that legally outlaws development on floodplains. First of all the buzzing journey began when the previous coalition government representatives assured me over the phone, and the Department of Planning's secretary assured me too, that at that very moment Mr Roberts was working hard on the issue

and that a media splash would be shortly forthcoming endorsing the premier's statement: 'There would be no more development on floodplains.' I was talking to a neoliberal stooge (sorry folks, I am a cynic these days) but really I was feeling like an actor in a 1930s noir Jimmy Cagney gangster Chicago film. Will there be a wild tap-dance of joy? You guessed it, no media splash! Just 'polly speak'. Ticking the boxes to ease the pain of flood victims. No insurance/assurance for them! Just a pile of approved zombie/legacy floodplain DA approvals charging ahead, creating more flood victims.

Premier Minns has assured the public, just like the previous coalition government, that: 'There would be no more development on floodplains'. He had even visited Lismore! But, you guessed it folks, now that he is the premier he has not politically/democratically ratified approval for a moratorium. In true neoliberal strategy, the iron fist in the velvet glove will keep stroking the masses with legal puff. Meaningless legal statements. It's a minefield of legal emptiness, not just Jesus weeps but the whole feckin table of Apostles,

including whimpering Judas and his faux pot of gold!

Read the recent articles in *The Echo* and online ([www.echo.net.au/news](http://www.echo.net.au/news)) that see multiple groups calling for a moratorium on existing approved floodplain DAs while we work out a fair and equitable way forward.

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

## The Wong narrative

Australia's Foreign Minister, Penny Wong, recently gave a lengthy and discursive speech at the National Press Club, the transcript of which is available on the minister's website. In her speech, Ms Wong opined that strategic competition across multiple domains was 'all framed by an intense contest of narratives'. This opinion appears to accord with the prevailing ethos of corporate media, where narrative is king. Objective reality, historical context, empirical evidence, these count for nothing, narrative is everything.

Penny Wong claimed that our 'interests lie in a region that operates by rules, standards and norms, where a larger country does not determine the fate of a smaller country; where each country can pursue its own

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# Feros Care send notice of closure for 23 June – residents refuse to leave

Aslan Shand

Elderly Feros Village residents in Byron Bay and their families received notice on Wednesday, 10 May from Feros Care CEO Karen Crouch that the aged care facility would close on 23 June, 2023.

This follows the recent request by residents to the Minister of Crown Lands, Steve Kamper, for Feros Care to be removed as Crown Land Manager (CLM) for the site and a new provider to

be put in place who will continue to provide aged care to current and future residents.

In a press release regarding the closure, a spokesperson for Feros Care stated, 'Feros Care accepts that there have been passionate and vocal defenders of the home and that the decision to close Feros Village Byron Bay has been particularly challenging for some residents and their families. Remaining residents have been informed today of the closure date.'

'Whilst a small number of residents remain at Feros Village Byron Bay, Feros Care has been regularly advised over the past months of the ample, suitable residential aged care accommodation in the region for them to relocate into their new home. We have helped all residents in their moves since the initial announcement and once complete will close the Village.'

Feros Care had told everyone at Byron Bay Village that it would not close until everyone had found suitable alternative accommodation.

## Residents refuse to leave

Responding to the notice of closure residents and their families have responded in writing saying that they 'do not consent to leaving Byron Bay Village; and that the effort by Feros to obtain their consent is considered by them to be a de facto eviction'.

Residents have made clear that they do not 'know of any accommodation for them that is available, suitable and affordable' and that they consider that 'their resident agreements remain in place'.

The letter, from their lawyer Mark Swivel to Feros Care, continues, 'As you know, an aged care provider must not take action to make a resident leave or to imply



These older people are bold, and they're not intending to leave their home.

that a resident must leave a facility before suitable and affordable alternative accommodation is obtained – based on clause 11.2 of the residents agreements and the counterpart provisions of Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth). I put you on notice that my clients consider the letter itself and the ongoing conduct of Feros to be matters that place Feros in breach of the resident agreements and the statute.'

## Replace Feros?

The letter reinforces the residents' campaign to have Feros Care replaced as the Crown Land Manager (CLM), which Crown Lands is currently investigating.

'The minister is currently investigating the issue and working with Crown Lands to understand the options available,' said a spokesperson for Minister Kamper.

While Crown Lands

cannot compel Feros Aged Care to remain open the Minister can replace Feros Care with an alternative CLM and aged care provider. It is understood that Crown Lands have sent a 'please explain' letter to Feros Care, to which they have 14 days to respond, seeking more detail on their decision following their notice of closure yesterday.

## Closure required

According to Feros Care, the reason that they are required to close and redevelop the site is, 'The Aged Care Act provides for a complex range of regulations that Feros Village Byron Bay is not able to meet. For example the Act is clear that a residential aged care provider must provide ageing in place and this is not feasible at Feros Village Byron Bay.'

'The Byron Bay facility was built 33 years ago as

a low care hostel and not designed or built to the standards or requirements of a residential aged care site.'

The current aged care accreditation for the site is in place until 10 May, 2024.

## Residents

Speaking to the NSW Parliament yesterday, Ballina MP (Greens), Tamara Smith, highlighted the plight of Feros Village residents pointing out that Feros Care are 'behaving like they own the land when it is Crown land'.

'Why did they [Feros] not get Crown land approval before announcing the closure? and 'Did they [Feros] know that the residents have no obligation to leave the village under their contracts?' she asked.

Speaking to *The Echo* on 9 May Ms Smith sent a plea to Feros Care 'to please stop and let's get good heads to the table and sort this out. Because we have gone from 40 residents to 11. There has already been extreme trauma inflicted. The good will of the community is not there.'

'It's not too late for Feros management to stop what they are doing and work with local, state and federal government to get to the bottom of what their real issues are. Stop what you are doing, stop this process and ask for help to address the real issues. You cannot continue to traumatise these vulnerable people,' she said.

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## DON'T MISS OUT!

### CHESS by Ian Rogers

After February 2022 Peter Svidler did not play a crossboard tournament game for the next 14 months, finally emerging to win the Sigeman Masters in Malmo last week.

The 46-year-old Saint Petersburg native had many factors causing his inactivity but in late 2022 explained that his primary reason was lack of motivation: 'I honestly don't think I can get myself into the proper frame of mind to sit down and analyse. I feel like playing chess isn't important enough for me at this stage to actually do it. However, I am not the victim here and whatever inconveniences exist in my life right now are completely irrelevant compared to what is happening in Ukraine, to Ukrainians.'

This is not to say that Svidler did not have more than enough work. Many regard the eight-time Russian Champion as the world's best commentator and he was even flown to Saint Louis in September 2022 to work on the Sinquefeld Cup.

When Svidler finally emerged last week for an offline tournament in Sweden, neither he nor his many teenage rivals expected much, but a lucky break against veteran Boris Gelfand took Svidler to the tournament lead and by remaining undefeated he stayed there.

Going into the final round Svidler was tied with Abhimanyu Mishra, the US 14-year-old who became the youngest Grandmaster of all time two years ago. It was then that Gelfand did his former Soviet compatriot a second favour, by converting a queen plus pawn versus queen endgame in 125 moves and more than six hours play.

Why Svidler, who has moved back into the world's top 50 after his win, decided to come out to play again was not clear, but he gave some hints in the 2022 interview that he was not going to hide away forever.

'Before February 2022 I had made a sum total of zero political statements in my life, which has probably been a large mistake. I've stayed away from those topics for years and years and years, for reasons which currently seem stupid and/or cowardly. Much of my life is the path of least resistance, to be honest.'

'I don't consider myself a particularly big student of the Soviet past, but I do recognise it quite well, and I very much wish I didn't. I desperately want the war to stop, but there seems to be no will for it to stop here, and without that, how does it stop?'

Svidler was asked what he risked by speaking so frankly and replied that the risk was not zero. He wished it were, but 'not saying anything about this felt impossible.'

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► Continued from page 10 aspirations, its own prosperity'. The rules, standards and norms she refers to are those defined by the United States, not international law or the UN Charter. This clearly flies in the face of her assertion that a larger country does not determine the fate of smaller countries in our region.

She then nailed her colours to the mast with the bizarre juxtaposition of two wholly unrelated, inaccurate and irrelevant observations, asserting that: 'Our focus needs to be on how we ensure our fate is not determined by others, how we ensure our decisions are our own. And if there were any doubt, Russia's illegal and immoral invasion of Ukraine renders stark our interest in living in a region where no country dominates, and no country is dominated'.

As a representative of a country that has a long and sordid history of engaging in illegal and immoral invasions of other countries,

in company with our great and powerful ally, Penny Wong's rhetoric rings hollow and will no doubt look like hypocritical posturing to our northern neighbours. Only someone who is oblivious to our record of unprovoked aggression around the world, from Vietnam and Korea to Afghanistan and Iraq, could make a statement like this with a straight face and expect everyone to nod approvingly.

Sixty years ago, Donald Horne wrote 'Australia is a lucky country run by second rate people who share its luck'. He didn't stipulate if that was good luck or bad, but when it comes to our relationship with our imperial masters, a more apt moniker would be 'lackey country'. Australia is and always has been a loyal lackey of empire, an insipid, obsequious vassal with zero influence at the imperial court.

This impotence is demonstrated by our government's inability to rescue

our world-famous award-winning journalist, publisher and founder of Wikileaks, Julian Assange, who has been abducted and imprisoned by our Anglo-American friends and allies. Ron Drew discussed this failure in his excellent letter (*Echo*, April 26), exposing the extraordinary deference shown to the US by our government.

John Howard preferred the label 'deputy sheriff', but his predecessor Malcolm Fraser, in his edifying tome, *Dangerous Allies*, accurately described our relationship with the US as one of 'strategic dependence'. The only government we ever had that showed any inclination to pursue an independent foreign policy was the government of Gough Whitlam, and we all know what happened to him.

The notion that our region is not dominated by a great power defies the fact that our region is home to scores of US military bases, US-funded think tanks and

'pro-democracy' NGOs. The only people capable of denying this undeniable dominance are those who have so thoroughly assimilated the narrative of Western hegemony that they cannot imagine an Australian identity independent of America.

Paul Keating describes this cohort as having a compromised commitment to Australia. If Ms Wong and her speech writers believe their own narrative, they're delusional. If they don't really believe it, then they're being dishonest and deceitful. Either way it doesn't bode well for the future of our foreign policy or Australia's international relations with our region and the rest of the world.

Ms Wong and co. might want to contemplate Henry Kissinger's famous warning that, 'To be an enemy of America can be dangerous, but to be a friend is fatal!'

**John Scrivener**  
Main Arm

# RISING DEMAND FOR COUNSELLORS IN BYRON BAY

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# Head to Health Hub free mental health service in Lismore at SCU

A free mental health service for 18+ year old people based in Lismore SCU campus that was set up in the aftermath of the 2022 NSW floods is continuing to providing assistance for people with mental health difficulties who are looking to make significant changes to their life.

The Head to Health Hub, Lismore is a centre-based service whose model is for people who require more mental health assistance than can be provided from primary health but less than is provided by public mental health services.

The Head to Health Hub provides: interventions, information, and wellbeing apps; connection and referral to external services; and development of in-reach services where providers / services operate from the hub.

## Mixed staffing model

The service has a mixed staffing model at present including clinical staff – clinical services manager, mental health nurse, social worker and psychologist, and mental

health workers including peer/ lived experience workers.

Staff provide one-to-one appointments with people over the immediate, short (six weeks) and medium terms (26 weeks).

Head to Health staff can also remain engaged when clients are referred to external services to assist them to settle into the new service(s).

The Head to Health service uses a values-based approach assisting a person to align their actions to their longer-term values. The therapeutic models underpinning the approach are Motivational Interviewing and Acceptance and Commitment frameworks although other modalities/therapies are used, as appropriate.

## Services

In the longer term an in-reach model is to be developed where external providers can work from the hub to provide complementary services to clients.

Clients do not require a referral and can access the hub via a central intake number: 1800 595 212 or by

dropping in to the centre. The first appointment, either on the intake line or in person, is a structured assessment.

The second appointment is a collaborative planning session about future change.

The central intake operating hours are Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5pm. For service information and telephone assessment please contact 1800 595 212.

The Lismore Head to Health Hub operating hours are Monday to Friday, 10am–8pm, Saturday 12–8pm and Sunday, 10am–2pm.

New clients and service enquiries can be contact the Lismore hub directly on 0482 161 784. All other enquiries can be emailed to the Lismore hub team at [headtohealth.lismore@openminds.org](mailto:headtohealth.lismore@openminds.org)

The Lismore Head to Health Hub is at P Block North at Southern Cross University Lismore campus. (Clients can be walked to and from the centre by security guards if attending after hours and on weekends).

■ Read more stories on *The Echo* online: [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)

# Money money money!



David Lowe

Treasurer Jim Chalmers' second federal budget in seven months delivered a surprising surplus, some support for battlers, and the usual appalling devil in the detail.

The surplus of \$4.2 billion was quite a turnaround from the expected \$77.9 billion deficit, and appears to be largely due to the war in Ukraine, which has sent tax receipts from commodity exports soaring, along with increased employment.

Economic gurus said this was just a temporary glitch in the matrix, with deficits set to return soon, which will be a great relief to the Liberal Party, which has campaigned for decades on the ALP's inability to preside over a positive economic situation. Jobseeker has been extended by \$20 a week, there will be expanded eligibility for the single parent payment, and \$3.5 billion to improve incentives to doctors to bulk bill those most in need, plus more tobacco tax, and some power bill relief for struggling households. Kicked down the road has been any serious overhaul of the NDIS.

Some tax loopholes for wealthy retirees have been closed, and there will be some new incentives for households and businesses to transition to renewable energy.

## Burning stuff

Being a Labor budget though, there has to be a but, and as usual it involves the unelected government of Australia, namely the mining industry, which got another green light on budget night to proceed on its climate-wrecking way.

Trumpeted by the treasurer was a modest change to the Petroleum Resources Rent



Above: A gas flare – a lot of hot air with little to show for it. Photo David Lowe

Top left: Back in black already! Jim's beginner's luck? Image: Cloudcatcher Media with Midjourney AI



Vladimir Putin. Image: David Lowe with Midjourney AI

Tax, expected to raise about \$2 billion over four years.

This was immediately undercut by the Australia Institute, which published a list of things that each raise much more tax money for Australia than the PRRT, including beer, visa applications, hard liquor and cigarettes, which is odd considering that we are now a dirty energy superpower, even without considering coal. In Australia (unlike our main gas competitor, Qatar) most of this money flows straight off shore.

Protesters hit the green lawns of Parliament House, calling on the government to listen to traditional owners in the Northern Territory and ban shale fracking, which is set to expand massively in the next few years thanks to Labor governments in the territory and federally.

Widjambul Wia-bal woman and GetUp chief executive, Larissa Baldwin-Roberts, said Labor had broken promises to traditional owners across the country. 'They've been saying "no" to fracking on their country and they've been saying that they want to protect their cultural heritage and their water,' she said.

'What we saw in last night's budget was millions

and millions of dollars going in to supercharge these projects and steamroll our communities in order to get fracking going.'

## Thanks Vlad

Ironically, current global supervillain Vladimir Putin is also responsible for rescuing the fracking industry in Australia, which was teetering on the brink of financial collapse – until the Ukraine war.

Soaring gas prices have now triggered a boom, accompanied by all the destruction and instability of similar booms in the past.

But the 'opposition' in Canberra wasn't interested in any of that, of course. The Liberal Party's response to the budget boiled down to the suggestion that helping poor people slightly would be 'inflationary', in spite of Mr Chalmers' protests, along with some dog whistling from Peter Dutton about immigration.

And so we went from 'Back in Black' to 'Hell's Bells', with no guitar solos from Angus Young to ease the pain.

■ David Lowe is writing a weekly political comment on *The Echo* online at: [www.echo.net.au/articles](http://www.echo.net.au/articles)

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# Scientists have begun an ambitious field trial in New South Wales, vaccinating wild koalas against chlamydia

Cosmos Magazine

Many of us have grown up hearing the 'fun fact' that 90 per cent of koalas have chlamydia. But this is no laughing matter. The disease has spread dramatically among koalas since the 1990s and can have deadly consequences.

Actual infection levels vary in different populations. It is believed that half of all wild koalas in Queensland are infected. In some populations, up to 100 per cent of individuals are believed to be infected with the sexually-transmitted disease.

A 2018 study of nearly 300 dead koalas found that 18 per cent of the deaths were attributable to chlamydia.

'It's killing koalas because they become so sick they can't climb trees to get food, or escape predators, and females can become infertile,' University of the Sunshine Coast microbiologist Dr Sam Phillips told Associated Press.

The new trial aims to catch, vaccinate and monitor around half the koala population in the Northern Rivers region of New South

Wales – roughly 50 animals. The first koalas were caught in March, and the trial is expected to last three months.

The single-shot vaccine is specifically designed for koalas and has already been tested by vaccinating hundreds of koalas brought to wildlife rescue centres for other reasons.

Now scientists want to understand the impact of vaccinating wild koalas.

Koalas are given a check-up to make sure the animals are in good condition before being given an anaesthetic and the vaccine. They are then kept for observation for 24 hours after they wake up to confirm there are no unexpected side effects.

## Reduce infection

'We want to evaluate what percentage of the koalas we need to vaccinate to meaningfully reduce infection and disease,' Phillips says.

Their goal is to vaccinate healthy koalas to prevent chlamydia infection.

Inoculated koalas are given a pink dye patch on their backs to prevent being caught twice.

It is not clear what has



Koala hanging out at East Coraki. Photo Ina Egermann

caused the chlamydia epidemic in koalas. But scientists believe the marsupials initially caught

the disease after exposure to the faeces of livestock brought from Europe in the 19th century.

Chlamydia then spreads through the koala population either sexually or is passed from mother to offspring.

The disease is caused by bacteria and can infect hundreds of different species.

In humans, *Chlamydia trachomatis* causes one of the most common sexually-transmitted diseases. The World Health Organisation estimates about 131 million people are infected every year. But this can be treated and cured in humans with a simple course of antibiotics. Not so for koalas.

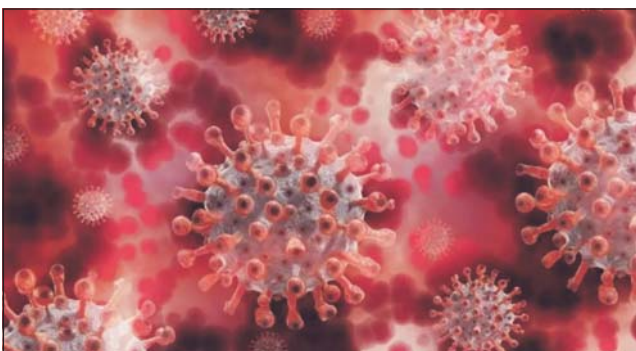
Koalas are highly

specialised eaters, feasting almost solely on eucalyptus leaves. A complex array of microbes in the koalas' stomach help neutralise the toxins in the leaves. But this also leads to the neutralisation of some medicines, meaning koalas don't respond well to antibiotic treatments.

The use of vaccination among wild populations of animals is not yet widespread. It is resource-intensive and requires high levels of human intervention.

But, the benefits may outweigh the risks when it comes to defending the beloved marsupials.

## COVID-19 update for New South Wales



CGI artist impression of the COVID-19 virus.

Let's not forget that COVID-19 is still a big issue in our community with 31,935 cases reported across Australia in the last week – an average of 4,562 cases per day.

In New South Wales there were 12,980 new cases reported, with 6,614 positive results from PCR tests and 6,366 positive results from rapid antigen tests (RATs).

There were 59 deaths reported across the state last week as per the national surveillance definition, deaths are reported as COVID-19 deaths if a person

died with COVID-19, not necessarily because COVID-19 was the cause of death. Deaths are only excluded if there is a clear alternative cause of death that is unrelated to COVID-19 (e.g. trauma).

Of the reported 12,980 new cases about 10 per cent (1,292) were admitted to hospital and 31 people are in intensive care.

To date there have been 4,011,770 cases confirmed in Australia and sadly, 6,832 people have died from the virus.

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**SUN 21 MAY  
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## PROGRAM

### PADDLE FUN & CHALLENGES 7.30-10.10am

Coffee cart & breakfast from 7am at Heritage Park.  
Water, programs & info at the Heritage Park Info stall.  
Register at least 30 minutes prior to start.

- 8-10am: **Echo Fun Paddle** – Register and start from 7.30am – Heritage Park
  - 9.30am: **Sun Protection Australia Stand Up Paddle Challenge** – Heritage Park
  - 10am: **Ocean Village Shopping Centre Dragon Boats** – Heritage Park Ramp 2
  - 10am: **Hotel Brunswick Paddle Challenge** – Heritage Park
  - 10.15am: **Summerland Double Paddle Challenge** – Heritage Park
- Heritage Park logistics supported by Byron Shire Council

### BRUNS TERRACE PARK FUN & AWARDS 9am-2.30pm

- 9am-2.30pm: Info Tent, T-shirts, lost property & children, first aid – Sponsored by TURSA
- 9am-2.30pm: Fundraising food stalls by Brunswick Surf Club, Visitor Centre & Marine Rescue
- 9am-2.30pm: Let's Go Surfing SUP Clinic
- 9am-2.30pm: Positive Change for Marine Life Paddle river clean up and 'Bring it Back Bruns' waste program. (Banner and Terrace Parks)
- 10.30am: Dragon boat flotilla
- 10.30am-2pm: Marbles Fun
- 10am-2pm: Summerland Credit Union Giant Jenga, Giant Connect Four, Giant Chess Set and other activities.
- 1pm: OPENING and Welcome to Country
- 1.20pm: Awards presentations
- 1.40pm: Reflections Holiday Parks Participants' Draw (you must be present to win)
- 1.45pm: Mona Apartments Raffle Draw – winners not present will be contacted
- 2pm: Mullumbimby Comprehensive Health Centre Duck Race

### LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM | Sponsored by Summerland Credit Union

- 9.30am: Unsuspected
- 10.45am: Kombucha
- 12.00: Concrete Gold



Avoid the early morning queue! Pre-registration is available at the Hotel Brunswick from 4.30pm on Saturday 20th May.

Online registrations, close at 8pm on Saturday 20th May.

Fun paddlers only can register on Sunday 21 May morning at the start line. Pick up wrist bands and pre-purchased merchandise or purchase t-shirts and adaptive caps to wear on the day.



## AWARDS • RAFFLE • DRAW

Starting from 1pm

### HOTEL BRUNSWICK OPEN PADDLE CHALLENGE AWARDS

Men's & Women's divisions - Awarded 1st, 2nd & 3rd place medals

1. \$150 Cash Hotel Brunswick (Value \$150)
2. \$130 Brunswick Heads Massage Voucher (Value \$130)
3. \$25 In the Pink Voucher (Value \$25)

### SUMMERLAND DOUBLE PADDLE CHALLENGE AWARDS

Awarded 1st, 2nd & 3rd medals

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2. Mojo Surf Lesson \$75 + \$15 In the Pink (Value \$90)
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### REFLECTIONS PARTICIPANTS' DRAW

Entrants are automatically included in this draw. Paddlers need to take their wrist bands to the Info Tent to enter and be there to win!

1. REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARK \$500 Voucher + two vouchers BRUNS CHEEKY PICTURE HOUSE \$238 (Value \$738)
2. \$50 BUNNINGS VOUCHER + \$50 MAHASHE VOUCHER (Value \$100)
3. BRUNSWICK HEADS HEALTH FOODS VOUCHER \$50 (Value \$50)

### MONA APARTMENTS RAFFLE DRAW

Tickets \$2 each or three for \$5 from the VC, Marine Rescue & Surf Club tents on the day

1. MONA APARTMENTS FAMILY HOLIDAY (Value \$3000)
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ORGANISING COMMITTEE: The volunteer committee which organised this community fundraising event is comprised of representatives of each of the 3 beneficiary organisations. Jo-Ann Spiteri (Co-ordinator), Jonathon Wilcock, Leigh Robbins, Nick Varga, Craig Reid, Cherie Heale, Belinda Burton, Kim Rosen, Bill Mun, Chris Ashton. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped.

**CRAFT LOADING & UNLOADING, LAUNCH & EXIT**

A special unloading zone is provided at Heritage Park. Please unload your kayak or other craft quickly and then park your car elsewhere. The finish line is at the entrance to Simpsons Creek this year. Paddlers exit at Memorial and Banner Parks. Craft minding by LJ Hooker is available from 9.30am until 2.30pm for a \$2 fee.

**SHUTTLE BUS TO MULLUM**

Please wait at the bus stop outside the Fire Station in Fingal St. The first bus departs at 10am and then approx every 20-30 mins (or when full) until after the Duck Race.

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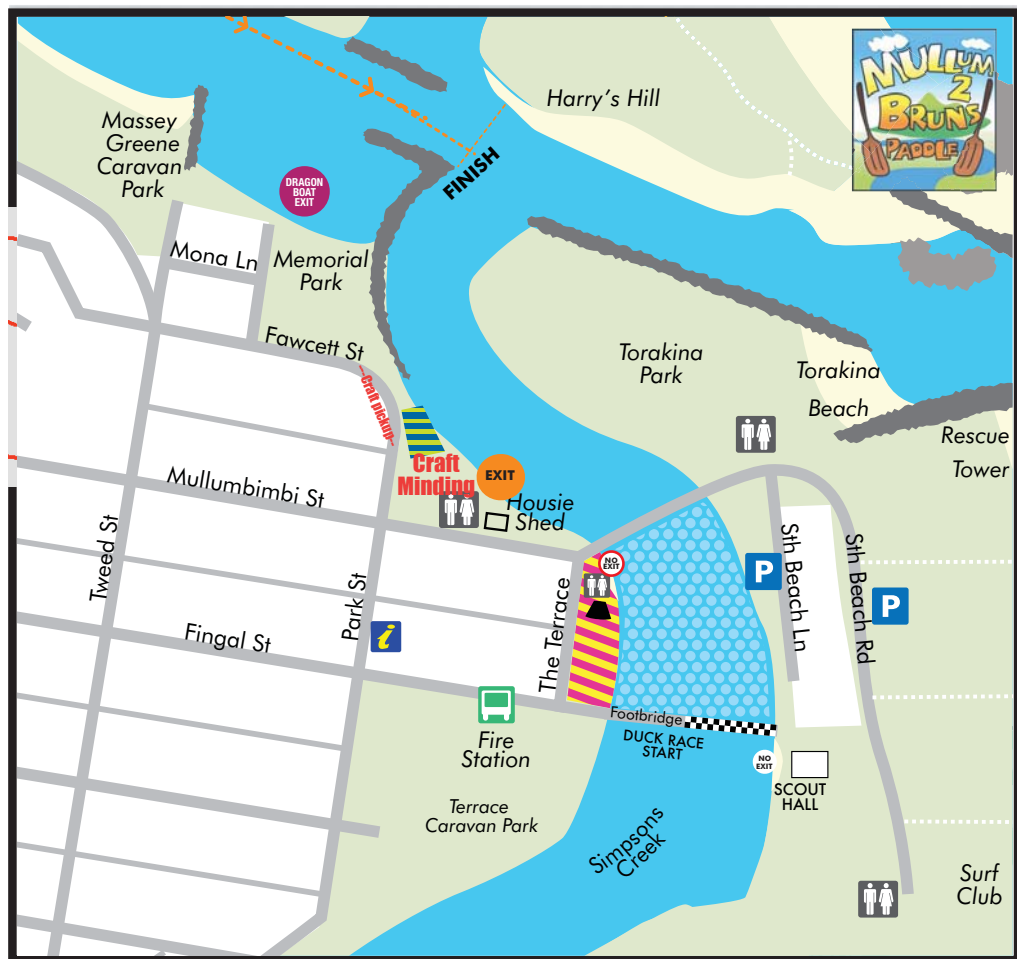


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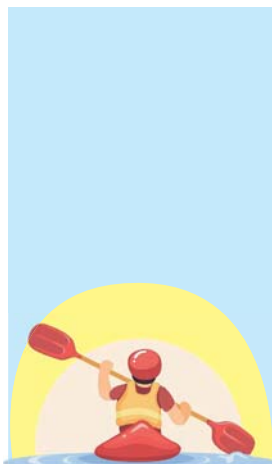
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## THE ICONIC SUMMERLAND CREDIT UNION BANGALOW BILLYCART DERBY RETURNS ON SUNDAY MAY 21

### On your marks, get set, GO... It's Bangalow Billycart Derby time!

The iconic Bangalow Billycart Derby is back to its regular autumn timeslot on Sunday 21 May 2023, featuring children, adult, novelty and celebrity races, street parade, rides, games, delicious food, pop-up bar and live entertainment.

Bangalow Lions Club President, Greg Nash, said that he was thrilled the event, which runs from 9am to 3pm, was back this autumn.

'You can't beat a beautiful May day with kids and families everywhere and billycarts zooming down the main street. There is a real buzz in the village and we can't wait,' Greg said.

'So, get your winning billycart ready for our daredevil event and let's get excited!

'There will be all of the crowd favourite race categories – kids, adults, traditional, novelty, celebrity and schools' challenge.

'Races start at 9am and the street parade is at 12.30pm. And everyone's favourite, the celebrity race, will be at 1.15pm... you just never know who might pop up!

'The street parade will feature the Lismore Pipe Band, Byron Takio Drumming, classic car clubs, preschools, dancers, martial arts clubs and many more!

'With less than a week to go, polish those wheels and make sure your billycart is ready to go. There are certain specifications you need to follow – and always wear a helmet!

'But here are some simple steps:

1. Research your design and get inspiration—there's lots online, or see the Men's Shed for assistance.
2. Gather materials
3. Design the frame
4. Cut the wood
5. Build the frame
6. Attach the wheels and brakes
7. Build the steering column
8. Install the steering wheel
9. Add finishing touches and personality
10. Test brakes and steering, adjust and make sure it complies



'Participants must print off the registration form, complete it and present your billycart for scrutineering and tagging in the Foodworks carpark from 7am. Then proceed to the Bangalow Hotel for registration, payment (cash or EFTPOS) and lanyard collection.

'Similar to previous years we are pleased to combine with the Bangalow Public School's Annual Fair – The Pit Stop,' Greg said.

P&C President, Anna Vinfield, said that crowd favourites like rides, delicious food and snacks and games would also be returning for another fun-filled community day.

'We are pleased to be expanding our offering with a pop-up bar run by local brewery Common People Brewing Co and a dedicated children's entertainment stage headlined by Poppy Galactic and the Beat and Spaghetti Circus,' Anna said.

'Our famous cake stall will also be there – and look out for some homemade treats as well. We will have woodfired pizza, sushi, pocket curries, gyoza, gourmet meat pies, barbecue meats, drinks, coffee and ice cream, plus some other surprises in store!

'There will be games like choc shot and jar tombola and craft and activities. Everyone's favourite Shorty Brown will also be making an appearance, and you can get your face painted by Sally the Painting Princess.

'It's such a great day out and, alongside our mega raffle, the Pit Stop is our school's biggest fundraiser. We are raising funds for our new nature playground, which will hopefully commence construction later this year.

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8-8.45am	Practice runs
9am	Races begin!
9am	5-7 year old – traditional/homegrown
9.20am	8-11 year old – traditional/homegrown
10.20am	12-15 year old – traditional/homegrown
11.30am	Parent/Child – traditional/homegrown
11.45am	Schools Challenge – traditional/homegrown
12.10pm	Mothers Challenge – any billycart
12.15pm	Trophy presentation – morning events
12.30pm	Street Parade and lunch
1.15pm	Celebrity – any billycart
1.45pm	Open – traditional/homegrown
1.50pm	Junior – professional
2pm	Open – professional
2.30pm	Tag Team – any billycart
2.45pm	Novelty – special billycart
2.55pm	Novelty – special billycart



For Billycart specifications go to [www.bangalowbillycart.com.au](http://www.bangalowbillycart.com.au)

## DERBY RULES

- It is your responsibility to be in the right place at the right time. We do not delay races.
- A separate entry form is required for each billycart in each race category.
- Helmets are compulsory and protective clothing is recommended.
- All bilycarts will receive a minimum of two runs – the first is a practice.
- If entrant and billycart fail to arrive at the start line the race will commence on time.
- The same billycart cannot be used more than once in the same Race Category.
- Bilycarts entered into age categories 5-15 years – driver and passenger must be within the same age category.
- All bilycarts will start from a standing start.
- No outside assistance is allowed at start line or whilst racing.
- No pedalling, pushing, paddling or propulsion of any kind is allowed.
- Bilycarts must proceed under their own weight, but rocking is permitted.
- Drivers and passengers must remain seated whilst racing.
- Bilycarts must travel in a straight line, no swerving, weaving or turning from side to side.
- Any bilycarts that crash will be disqualified. At the discretion of the organisers any billycart crashed into may receive another run, time permitted.
- Tag team rules – three competitors per team, comprising three legs using the same billycart ie. the first leg team member rides billycart down the hill over the finish line, second team member runs the billycart on foot back up to the start line and tags the third member who rides billycart down the hill over the finish line.
- All judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- A billycart or driver may be disqualified at any time at the discretion of the Chief Marshall.
- Unsafe bilycarts, dangerous driving or bad conduct by participants will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion or possible disqualification from the event for the whole day. The Chief Marshall's decision (or that of their delegate) will be final and binding.
- All bilycarts and drivers must be available for scrutineering between 7am and 8.30am at the top of Byron Street Bangalow. Late entries will not be accepted.
- The Committee reserves the right to rearrange or cancel events.
- Three (3) wheeler bilycarts can only enter as "Professional" or "Novelty" category billycart.
- No refunds.
- All participants enter at their own risk.
- Please note that this event is meant to be a fun day for everyone and participation, not winning, is the desired outcome. It is designed primarily for the thrills and laughter of the day, rather than as a sporting competition. Please be patient and understanding and have a great time!

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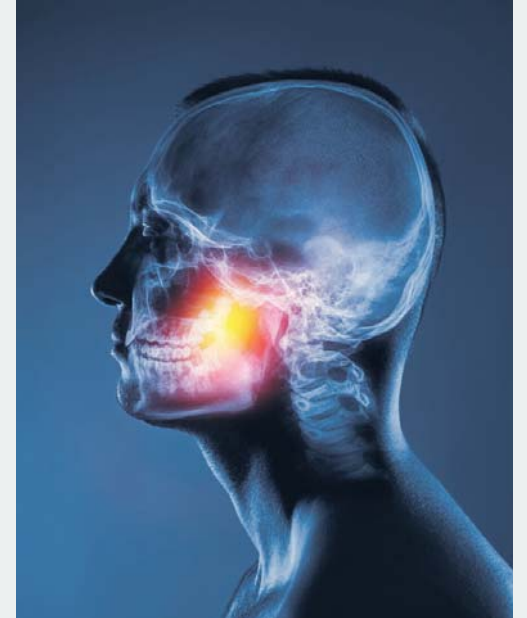
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Date: 18–21 August 2023  
Time: 10am–5pm daily  
Marvell Hall, 37 Marvell Street, Byron Bay  
Registration: contact Annie Ridgway  
[www.lakshmisoundhealing.com/soundhealingtrainingandworkshops](http://www.lakshmisoundhealing.com/soundhealingtrainingandworkshops)  
0417 242 978  
[annie.ridgway@academyofsoundhealing.com](mailto:annie.ridgway@academyofsoundhealing.com)

### Sangsurya Byron Bay Yoga Retreat

Held by Unearthed Retreats  
Date: 17 June 2023  
Time: 6 days, 5 nights  
95 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay  
[www.unearthedretreats.com/experience/byron-bay-yoga-retreat](http://www.unearthedretreats.com/experience/byron-bay-yoga-retreat)

### Gentle Heart Focused Breathwork

Held by Chrysalis Breath  
Date: Thursday 25 May & 8 June 2023  
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Time: 6pm – 7.15pm  
Address: Wollongbar Happy Mountain  
Admission: \$30  
Bookings: [www.byronbaybreathwork.com](http://www.byronbaybreathwork.com)

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Date: Friday 26 May 2023  
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Held by Byron Bay Detox Retreats  
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10–16 September, 15–21 October, 19–25  
November, 10–16 December  
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[www.byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au/byron-bay-group-retreats](http://www.byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au/byron-bay-group-retreats)  
Contact: 0458 633 869,  
[info@byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au](mailto:info@byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au)

### Weekend Reset Retreat

Held by Byron Bay Detox Retreats  
Date: 3–6 November  
Address: Blue Green Sanctuary, Byron Bay  
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[info@byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au](mailto:info@byronbaydetoxretreats.com.au)

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Program Director  
Date: Sunday 21 May  
Time: 6.30pm–8.30pm  
Fee: \$90pp Address: Zoom invitation  
Anne Lighthart: 0466 599 837,  
[annelighthartsupport@iinet.net.au](mailto:annelighthartsupport@iinet.net.au)

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Held by Andreas Embodiment  
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# Good Taste

# Eateries Guide

## BYRON BAY



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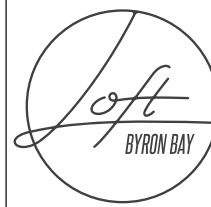
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# Good Life



## New stall: Greens on the Farm

Victoria Cosford

I've long believed that a green salad goes with most meals and nearly every night that's what I'll have. Now Greens On The Farm have a stall at the market I couldn't be happier because green salad mixes are one of their specialties. And oh, what mixes! Lemony French sorrel, endive, upland cress, mizuna, red chicory, edible flowers: there's a riot of chlorophyll-filled goodness before me as I chat to owners Josh and Lynette Dooley.

They might be new to the market, but Josh is a sixth-generation Byron local. He and Lynette, a long-time chef, began farming up at Federal some ten years ago. Lynette was personal chef to the Lanes, the founders and original owners of The Farm at Ewingsdale, and had begun cooking Paddock-to-Plate, a concept the Lanes took with them to The Farm.

'I started helping her', Josh tells me, 'and just fell in love with the whole farming thing.' Nine years and two babies later have not diminished his love, and for a long time now he's rented plots of land at The Farm and grown things. 'We started with a football field of lettuce', he recalls. 'We were green back then, but we



Josh & Lynette Dooley

learn! From then on we learned how to balance growth.'

They've been supplying the on-site restaurant there, along with shops around Bangalow and their local community, but the markets is a whole new thing for them both. 'It's a new start', Lynette says. 'After all these years we're getting to see the people we're selling to.'

Aside from that glorious salad mix they're selling jumbo Russian garlic (a tip from Josh: easier for home growers than other types as it handles more water); Asian greens 'ready to hit the wok'; herbs and fennel - with more to come! Greens On The Farm are at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7-11am.

## Hayters Hill Farm: in the family since the 1800s

Not many families can say they have a town named after them, but for local farmer David Trevor-Jones that's the case. In fact, his maternal great-grandfather, JJ Hayter, became one of the first landowners in Byron Bay after establishing a farm at Hayters Hill in 1881.

'Back in the 1800s, the government was offering land for selection in this area and my great-grandfather and his uncle, who were dairy farmers on the south coast, came up and cleared the one square mile of land to establish a dairy farm here,' David says.

'Back then, they were just taking the cream off the milk and turning it into butter which was canned and sent back to England.'

Today, the farm, which sits on the winding ridge of Bangalow Road overlooking Byron Bay, is still very much a family affair, with David, his brother and their parents all living on and working the land.

However, the family have moved from dairying and sending produce overseas to running beef cattle and pigs, which they sell locally at Byron and Bangalow Farmers Markets every week.

'Attending the markets and getting to know our customers - being part of their lives and watching their kids grow up - is pretty rewarding,' David says. 'And the markets have really allowed us to establish a viable family business and keep everything local.'

Being a multi-generational family farm, the focus has always been on maintaining the health of the land for future generations.

'We have the farm divided into about 40 paddocks and we move the cows every day into a new paddock so they always have fresh grass,' David says. 'This means they leave all the parasites behind and the pasture gets a chance to recover and

regenerate before the cows return to that paddock. The pigs have a number of pens and they are moved weekly.'

David says that all the butchery is also done on the farm. 'Everything we bring to the market we produce on the farm. We age the beef here before we butcher it and we offer a large range of sausages and smoked goods - all original recipes - as well as nitrate-free bacon.'

You can find Dave and his regeneratively raised beef and pork at Byron Farmers Market every Thursday morning and at Bangalow every Saturday morning.

Byron Farmers Market is held Thursdays 7-11am at Butler St Reserve and Bangalow Farmers Market is Saturdays 7-11am behind the Bangalow pub.



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## There is a new Cartel in town...

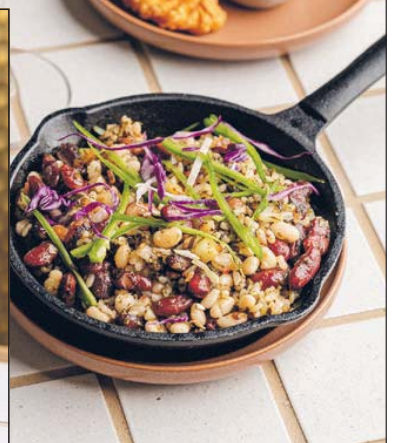
Anna Coelho

It's on a quaint little corner in the village of Bangalow. With a light and bright atmosphere, Corner Cartel is a New Mexican and Latin food restaurant, offering inside, al fresco and takeaway dining.

Don't be fooled into thinking it is simply Mexican fare. Yes, it has delicious tacos, guacamole and margaritas, but the menu also has a large Latin American slant, with a strong nod to Argentine flavours. With a well-rounded menu, share plate in style, it offers delicious small plates such as oysters with a mezcal vinaigrette, empanadas with chimichurri, ceviche and char-grilled octopus with chorizo. Some people may be surprised by a lack of spice in some meals, but for those who know Latin American cooking, it's not all jalapeños and chilli. Corner Cartel have a great mix of these Latin cultures across their menu.

The Argentine chefs are expert at cooking over coals (las brazas) with larger meals for two, like lamb shoulder with salsa verde and potatoes, and melt-in-the-mouth half chicken with roasted lemon and peppers. It is simple cooking done so well that you can't quite work out where the flavours are bursting from.

Corner Cartel caters for all dietary types with a large selection of gluten free and dairy free options, along with a variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes. They also offer a kids menu to suit even the fussiest of little eaters, with quesadillas, tacos and simple options like chicken and rice or guacamole and corn chips.



Opening hours:  
Wed to Sun, breakfast/ brunch menu 8-11.30am; Lunch, 11.45am-2.30pm.  
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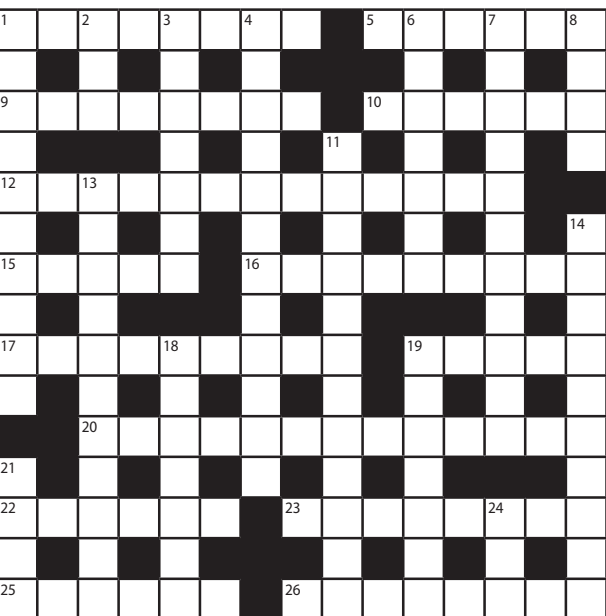
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# A crown is just a stupid hat



Charlie's coronation has cost upwards of a 100 million pounds. This is after a brutal winter during which nearly a quarter of UK homes couldn't afford heating.



**Cryptic Clues**

**ACROSS**

- Suitable steeple, commented Spooner, targeting the WWII fighter plane (8)
- Spies – Australian axis, the way I tell it (2,1,3)
- Old printer, largely superseded – admit it openly! (8)
- Fundamental, but strait-laced, Pacino (6)
- Nacre, the progenitor of Miss Bailey (6,2,5)
- Pythias's mate returns, a wanderer (5)
- Rebellions increased, and getting higher with the South (9)
- Aluminium, a force of nature (9)
- Supply Tom and the queen (5)
- Actual rations required, concerning space travel (13)
- Cricket team on the Spanish plain (6)
- Bloke getting old, but still coping (8)
- Dog me! (6)
- See a cruise ship – but it's cosmetic (3-5)

**DOWN**

- Unusual seal and ram and lizard (10)
- Irishman on a charge (3)
- F, a stupid person (7)
- Expert in making less – and making more! (12)
- Masters difficult courses (7)
- Let musician loose, become half crazy! (4-7)
- Old second person will cry out (4)
- April's wild celebration with two unknowns – one is Milky Way! (6,6)
- Make hard a worried lament – can be moody (11)
- Star role – go nuts for the seer (10)
- Former meter trained to the limit (7)
- Mew – a derisive cry (7)
- The French vessel? Not so much (4)
- Single article for Thorpe (3)

**Quick Clues**

**ACROSS**

- Sawfly larvae (8)
- Obey my instructions! (2,1,3)
- Machine that casts characters in hot metal (8)
- Ancient (6)
- Iridescent lining of mollusc shell (6,2,5)
- Itinerant (5)
- Mutinies (9)
- Basic; essential (9)
- Provide food (5)
- Describing space travel (13)
- Not quite a dozen! (6)
- Administering (8)
- Canine species (6)
- Make-up for the peepers! (3-5)

**DOWN**

- Type of amphibian (10)
- Atom that can be positive or negative (3)
- Dolt (7)
- Procreation (12)
- Creeks (7)
- Mad – but only 50-50 (4-7)
- Shout (4)
- A flat, rotating disk containing stars, gas and dust (6,6)
- Disposition (11)
- Fortune teller (10)
- Utmost (7)
- Boo; jeer (7)
- Fewer (4)
- Scottish John! (3)

**Last week's solution #490**



There is a man sitting in the street. He is homeless and he has a hat out, asking for donations. The cardboard sign is crudely drawn and says 'I am not a bad person. Bad things happened to me.' People walk by. One stranger stops, and proclaims 'Extraordinary! I have a lovely big house, I have a holiday in Noosa every year. I have three investment properties, and my kids are all at private school. But now – I can't rent my Byron Bay investment houses on Airbnb 12 months a year anymore! Bad things have happened to me too!' Then they throw in a few dollars.

I think you'd agree that was cruel. You'd think, 'Wanker!'. Flaunting your wealth is gauche, especially in the presence of people who are doing it tough. If you are in the presence of people who have nothing, you need to keep your affluence to yourself. Not everyone has intergenerational wealth.

And as we know, not everyone comes from a family that killed and colonised and stole to secure said wealth.

The recent Coronation of King Charles III was an outdated display of stupid entitlement. Couldn't he have just had a cake? Or maybe put on a keg of beer and a sausage sizzle? Or gone to an RSL club and hired one of their big function rooms and did some limbo, wore some silly hats... actually they nailed the silly hat section.

Charlie's coronation has cost upwards of 100 million pounds. This is after a brutal winter during which nearly a quarter of UK homes couldn't afford



heating. The weather there gets dangerously cold. This is fuel poverty. Meanwhile, people who can't afford to heat their homes were treated to a three-day celebration of privilege and meaningless wealth – paid for by the public purse.

All I could think was: 'Who cares? Why are we even watching? Why is every media platform carrying coverage and commentary for days and days? Why haven't we evolved past this? We know what they did. It's like celebrating the relatives of war criminals...'

Who even wears a crown anymore? I'm sorry, but anyone who puts a crown on looks like an idiot. It has the bike helmet effect on your street cred. And it gives you crown hair. That's hair flattened down by the weight of your privilege. Celebrating a history of colonisation and then getting the public to pay for it is like telling a homeless man how much you own.

How amazing to decimate cultures around the globe and then expect them to get excited watching your stupid party – while you wear diamonds and gemstones stolen from them. I've made the faux pas of

wearing a dress someone left at my house, posting a pic on socials only to have the owner comment 'That's my dress!'. Awkward. Don't the royal family feel embarrassed? Don't they squirm every time a nation they colonised asks for their stuff back?

Most of the riches displayed at the coronation ceremony belonged to other countries. India has long been asking for the return of the Koh-i-Noor. Owning this diamond – thought to be worth \$10-12 billion symbolises the power of the English monarchy and their 'colonial superiority'. It's why, even now, they won't give it back. It belongs to India. Give it back.

Charles could spend his first year as king at the post office, just sending back what his family stole: skulls, artefacts, precious stones, artworks... and maybe at his coronation, instead of engaging in a ritual that looked like Monty Python on acid, he could have pulled a few bon bons, worn a paper hat, and had all those struggling Londoners over at Buckingham Palace for a piss up.

It's time we stopped admiring and celebrating stolen wealth. It's time they gave it back.

## STARS BY LILITH

Authoritative Jupiter, persuasive Mercury and determined new moon in down-to-earth Taurus invite this week to come back to its senses...



TAURUS THE BULL

**ARIES:** With Jupiter exiting Aries for twelve months of practical magic in your money zone, the red-spotted planet's expansive influence could stimulate financial growth, perhaps even turn one of your recent brainwaves into a commercial success. But *prenez garde!* Mars charging into fiery Leo could pop the cork on some pretty fizzy reactions...

**TAURUS:** The final week of Taurus season ends splendidly with the rejuvenating energetics of resplendent Jupiter settling into your sign, which only happens once every twelve years. Plus, this year's new moon in Taurus is at its most beneficial for drawing up practical, simple, sustainable plans for the coming six months.

**GEMINI:** As a peripatetic Gemini, your need for stability isn't always easily achieved, but the steadying quartet of Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and new moon sees this week settle onto the metaphorical comfort couch. Then, before you know it, early next week, el Sol declares Gemini's stimulating social season officially launched.

**CANCER:** This week's beautifully practical new moon is one of the year's most auspicious owing to its harmonious aspects with Mars, Neptune and Pluto. This lunar shine in Cancer's zone of groups and the bigger picture energises any community projects you're currently involved in, working towards, or thinking of beginning.

**LEO:** A planetary face-off between Jupiter and Pluto this week forecasts a sizzling serving of flammable friction. But when the smoke clears and Mars charges into Leo for the first time in two years calling for Wardrobe, Hair and Showtime, the spotlight for the next ten weeks is on... guess who?

**VIRGO:** As an earth sign, Virgos are blessed by this week's quadrinity of planets in the sign of embodiment, strengthening physicality and determination. With Jupiter entering the realm of sensible sensuality, factor in more time walking, gardening, cooking and savoring the scents, flavors and delightful sensations you usually take for granted.

**LIBRA:** Strong celestial emphasis in the sign of security and holding on makes this week about finding your personal equilibrium between what's of value to retain in your life, and what's not. Make friends with this steady, resourceful and productive energy, because it's going to be around until May next year.

**SCORPIO:** This week's new moon signals a new growth cycle in your relationships, solidly backed by the influence of Jupiter for the foreseeable future. And that's not all; Mars moving from cautious to confident mode means things start to move forward with less vexation and more flow. Hello, community leader...

**SAGITTARIUS:** Your personal planetary guide moving into a new style of expression for the next year urges you to build on what you already have. It asks if you are living the lifestyle you truly value, or just surviving? Are you willing to ditch the comfort zones you've outgrown and commit to a passionately chosen life?

**CAPRICORN:** This week's earthy vibes suit clan Capricorn down to the ground. And the celestial small print advises not to let solid and steady rigidify into stuck and stubborn. So allow 'fixed' to be flexible, and 'stable' to stay supple; and let out anything locked-in if that's what it takes.

**AQUARIUS:** How is Jupiter's recent move likely to affect Aquirians over the next twelve months? While the general focus on the economy, supply chains, rising prices, material possessions and personal security intensifies, the giant planet in your home zone and/or base of operations suggests taking practical steps toward stabilising financial affairs as much as possible.

**PISCES:** Saturn in your sign accentuates framework, structure and discipline. And with the moon's lunar liftoff on 20 May supporting new habits, why not start with small, sustainable daily practices? The more physically enjoyable, the more they're likely to stick. Jupiter moving to your house of communications suggests economic opportunities could come via socialising.

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## STORYLAND: HIATUS KAIYOTE

Held on Gumbaynggirr country, Storyland is a brand spanking new, one-day music and arts festival at Park Beach Reserve in Coffs Harbour.

Melbourne-based, worldwide-beloved, twice-Grammy-nominated Hiatus Kaiyote are headlining, and though on the tail end of a US tour, SEVEN caught up with them for a moment last week to answer a few questions about the festival.

**What do you find your audiences appreciate most about your music?**

I think people can kinda get lost in it. We try to build ecosystems that people can explore in our recordings... live we do our best to recreate that, but really we feed off the audience energy and vice versa.

**Do you have a favourite song that you play, and why?**

It's always changing, usually the newest stuff, or when we flip an older song... 'Dreamboat' is a newbie that we have been opening shows with, which feels a bit grand and dreamy. 'New Nakamarra Flip' is heaps of fun too.

**When you get the chance - what types of entertainment, events and live music do you like to see?**

We all love checking out music from other countries and being exposed to new things. Pez loves getting to an NBA game when we are in the states, Nai

recently went to see mexican Wrestling when she was down there.

**Storyland is an exciting multi-arts event - what's been your favourite international festival, arts shows or visual installations?**

We did this tiny festival on an island in the Philippines once where we each stayed with a local family and experienced that, which was really beautiful.

**What has been the most challenging aspects of your musical journey so far?**

Being away from loved ones for long periods can be hard at times.

**What can the audience at Storyland Music Festival expect from your live show?**

I think we're gonna do a slightly trimmed down version of our Coachella set, but our friend Rhys is gonna be on visuals and mashing up some cool stuff.

**Storyland gates open on Saturday at 12.30pm. There will be tunes on two stages all day, ending 10.30pm.**

**Find out more at: [storylandmusicfestival.com.au](http://storylandmusicfestival.com.au).**



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## PIANOS FOR THE PEOPLE AT THE AQUARIUS FESTIVAL, PREMIERING CREDO

Composer, arts activist and founder of **Pianos for the People**, **Yantra de Vilder**, is bringing *Credo*, a multi-arts performance, to the **50th Aquarius Festival** on **Saturday 20 May at 5pm** at the **Church of Aquarius**.

With over 15 members of **The Central Coast and Northern Rivers Ephemera Choir**, some of whom were at the first Aquarius Festival, *Credo* is an inspiring manifesto of freedom, a unique production of storytelling through music and a multi-disciplinary artist's eye.

Composed and created by Yantra de Vilder, *Credo* expands and develops award-winning music art films in a dynamic theatrical event.

Immersed in stunning film visuals this multi-arts manifesto was written during lockdown and the Northern Rivers floods. *Credo* was birthed during unprecedented global restrictions – a time when group singing and dancing were forbidden.

*Credo* means 'to believe' – to believe in the power of arts and culture holding the space for a brave new world.

'I believe music and the arts have the power to lift our spirits. I believe they are essential services. I believe in a brave new world where we rise up for creativity and humanity,' says de Vilder.

A love of music and the environment led de Vilder to start the community-based initiative – **Pianos for the People**, and she is bringing a pre-loved grand piano to The Aquarius Festival.

'Pianos are reinvented trees,' says de Vilder, who is returning to the rainbow region after experiencing the



'I believe in a brave new world': De Vilder

power of music and the arts during her involvement with the Terania Creek protests in 1979.

In November last year as Founder of **Pianos for the People**, Yantra de Vilder, with the help of her patron, David Helfgott, delivered 12 pre-loved pianos to flood-affected families and public spaces in the Northern Rivers.

Next week will see the arrival of six more recycled pianos to Northern Rivers' destinations, including The Paddock in Mullumbimby, The Village in Byron Bay and The Church of Aquarius in Nimbin.

As an international award-winning film composer, Yantra de Vilder is now using her skills to bring together community, music and the arts to celebrate our brave new world.

**More information [www.yantra.com.au](http://www.yantra.com.au)**

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## NRYO 2023 EARLY BIRD CLOSING SOON



**Calling all young musicians!** Don't miss out on the opportunity to join the **Northern Rivers Youth Orchestra** in Lismore this July. Early Bird pricing is due to finish on 18 May.

Hosted by the esteemed Northern Rivers Conservatorium, this orchestra brings together talented young musicians from all over the region for a three-day-long intensive program of rehearsals, workshops, and performances. Led by inspiring guest conductors from associated regional conservatoriums, you'll have the chance to work with some of the best music educators in the country and learn from their wealth of experience.

As a member of the Northern Rivers Youth Orchestra, you'll have the opportunity to hone your skills, collaborate with other talented musicians, and perform at the Whitebrook Theatre in a public grand finale concert. You'll also make new friends and be part of a supportive and inspiring community of young musicians who share your passion for music.

NRYO participants can expect to learn a wide range of music; from the high energy to the sublime, sourced from movies, iconic bands and the great symphonies, and featuring many well-known composers, both contemporary and historical.

'Speaking as someone who has done it every year since 2012, it is such an incredibly fun, rewarding and motivating experience... alumni from NRYO have gone on to be world-class soloists and ensemble performers,' says Tilly Jones, local performer/composer and Northern Rivers Conservatorium librarian.

The Northern Rivers Youth Orchestra is split into a number of ensembles, including string and brass ensembles, symphonic wind band, quartet, and the full combined orchestra. The cost for senior orchestra participants is \$190, and for junior participants it is \$170. An early bird discount of \$15 applies until 18 May.

So why wait? Apply now for the Northern Rivers Youth Orchestra and join them for an unforgettable three days of music-making and learning. Don't miss your chance to be part of this amazing experience!

**You can enrol here: <https://enrol.nrcac.edu.au/nryo>. For more information, visit: [nryo@nrcac.edu.au](mailto:nryo@nrcac.edu.au), or to subscribe, visit: [subscribe.nrcac.edu.au](http://subscribe.nrcac.edu.au).**

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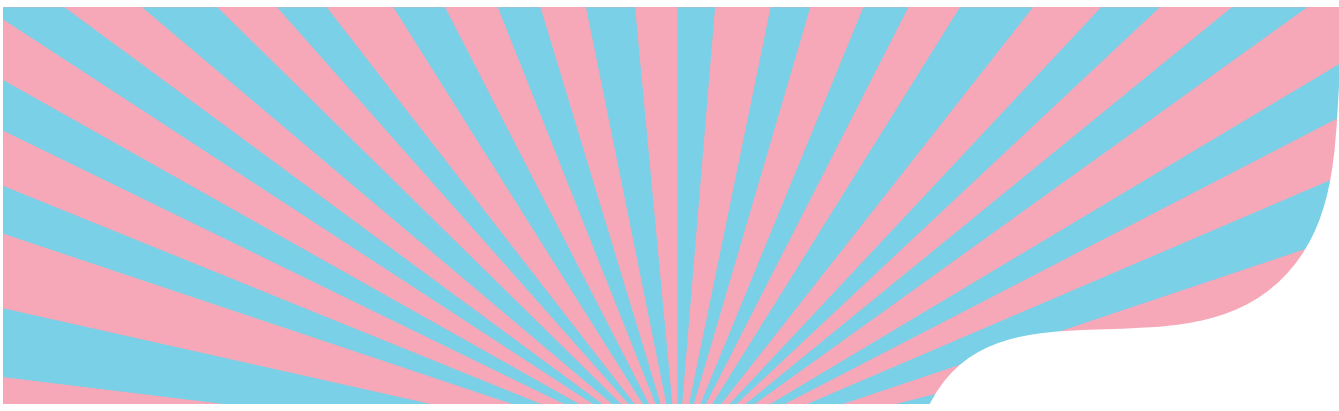
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# LAUGHTER IS OUR COPING MECHANISM

Shehan Karunatilaka, on writing brutal tales with a comic twist

*The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* tells the story of Maali Almeida, a war photographer who has woken up dead in what seems to be a celestial visa office. He has 'seven moons' to try and solve the mystery of his death and to help unveil a cache of photos that will rock war-torn Sri Lanka.

Byron Writers Festival share a sneak peek of author Shehan Karunatilaka's life and work, ahead of his appearance at Byron Theatre, next Tuesday 23 May.

Regarded as one of Sri Lanka's most brilliant minds, Shehan Karunatilaka lifts the lid on his country's dark and brutal past with his Booker Prize-winning novel *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida*.

Part murder mystery, part political satire, part love story and set amidst Sri Lanka's civil war in 1989, it follows a week in the afterlife of Maali, a gay atheist photojournalist who has seven moons to uncover the truth behind his death whilst reckoning with his past exploits and the death squads he was hired to expose. What unfolds is a dark and fearless – yet hilarious – trip through the underworld.

This Q&A extract from The Booker Prize reveals a taste of what to expect when Shehan takes to the stage at Byron Theatre next week...

**For those who might not be very familiar with Sri Lanka's civil war, what made you decide to set the book in 1989? What's the significance of that year and what are the parallels between Sri Lanka then and now?**

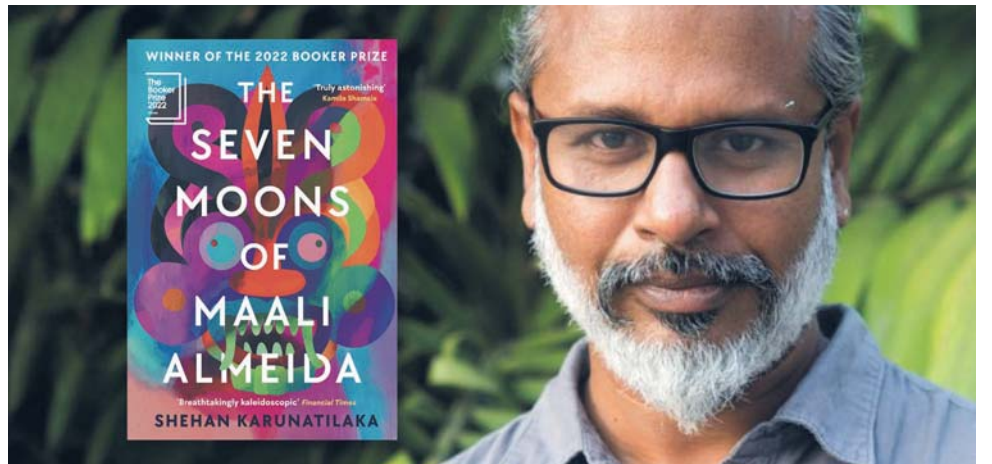
1989 was the darkest year in my memory, where there was an ethnic war, a Marxist uprising, a foreign military presence and state counter-terror squads. It was a time of assassinations, disappearances, bombs and corpses. But by the end of the 1990s, most of the antagonists were dead, so I felt safer writing about these ghosts, rather than those closer to the present.

I've no doubt many novels will be penned about Sri Lanka's protests, petrol queues and fleeing presidents. But even though there have been scattered incidents of violence, today's economic hardship cannot be compared to the terror of 1989 or the horror of the 1983 anti-Tamil pogroms.

We all pray it stays that way.

**Although set against a backdrop of violence, the book – like your first novel, *Chinaman* – is very funny. The Booker judges described it as being 'angrily comic'. Is that the tone you were aiming for and, if so, why?**

Despite having a grim history and a troubled present, Sri Lanka is not a dour or depressing place. We specialise in gallows humour and make jokes in the face of our crises. Just look at the zany footage of the 9 July presidential pool party and the many memes surrounding the *Aragalaya* [the Sinhalese word for 'struggle' that now defines the period when scattered protests coalesced into the largest unified protest movement in Sri Lankan history].



Laughter is clearly our coping mechanism. In *Chinaman*, I used the archetype of the drunk uncle, and for *Seven Moons* it was the closet queen. Both characters are known for a dark and cruel sense of what's funny.

**Do you ever imagine your own afterlife? If so, how does it compare to the one you've invented here?**

In the course of researching this, I didn't encounter any ghosts or have any convincing epiphanies on the hereafter. But I'm not sure if any of the great ghosthunters or famous spiritualists

have either. Who's to say my version of a disorganised bureaucratic afterlife with an absent God isn't the correct one?

**Join Shehan Karunatilaka in conversation with Paul Barclay, 6pm Tuesday 23 May at Byron Theatre. Bookings essential via [byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on](http://byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on).**

Interview originally published at [thebookerprizes.com](http://thebookerprizes.com), where you can read a range of features about books from the Booker Prizes library and interviews with Booker Prizes authors.

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## CINEMA



### FCK 2020: TWO AND A HALF YEARS WITH SCOOTER

We've just passed the halfway point of the **German Film Festival** being screened at the **Palace Cinemas in Byron Bay** and there are still plenty of great films to see if you haven't already got them in your diary.

One to look forward to on **Monday** is **FCK 2020: Two and a Half Years with Scooter**, It's a doof-doof 150bpm success story music documentary from

Cordula Kablitz-Post that follows Germany's undisputed techno superstars Scooter, and frontman Hans Peter Geerdes, aka HP Baxxter, the mastermind of Scooter.

During the '90s no German band polarised opinion like them, but what was formerly considered disposable music is today cultish, Dadaist madness. With simple and concise slogans like 'Hyper! Hyper!'

and 'How much is the fish?', Scooter became internationally known and has now sold over 30 million records.

Over the last two and a half years, Kablitz-Post followed Scooter throughout Europe - during private moments, in the studio, on the road and at concerts. Interweaving gripping live and private archival footage, this intimate portrait of the legendary frontman and band explores the emotional highs and lows in a time when parties and live performances were forbidden.

While the first part of the title 'FCK 2020' refers to a Scooter hit from 2020, it also responds to the pandemic-related imposition of a complete halt to all public music activities with surreal humour and an anarchic spirit of resistance.

**FCK 2020: Two and a Half Years with Scooter** screens at the **Palace Byron** on **Monday** at **8.30pm**

**PALACE CINEMAS** **Session Times**  
Thurs 18 May - Wed 24 May

SPECIAL SCREENINGS	ALL FILMS	HYPNOTIC (M) (NFT)
<b>IN FOCUS: THE LIFE AQUATIC (M)</b> Wes Anderson Retrospective Thu: 7:00pm	<b>AIR (M)</b> Daily excl. Thu/Wed: 4:40pm, 7:00pm Thu/Wed: 4:40pm	Daily excl. Sun: 11:15am, 2:15pm Sun: 11:15am
<b>MAYBE I DO (M)</b> Golden Club Preview Wed: 11:00am	<b>BEAU IS AFRAID (R18+)</b> Daily: 1:10pm	<b>JOHN FARNHAM: FINDING THE VOICE (M) (NFT)</b> Daily excl. Sun/Wed: 11am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 8:15pm Sun/Wed: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:15pm
<b>SAINT OMER (M)</b> Weekend Previews Fri-Sun: 1:15pm	<b>BOOK CLUB 2 (M)</b> Daily excl. Sun/Wed: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 6:00pm Sun: 11am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm Wed: 11am, 1:30pm, 4:15, 7pm	<b>LOVE AGAIN (M)</b> Daily: 3:45pm
<b>THE LITTLE MERMAID (CTC)</b> Grand Preview Events Wed: 6:30pm	<b>FAST X (M) (NFT)</b> Daily: 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm	<b>MARLOWE (MA15+) (NFT)</b> Thu/Mon/Tue: 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 8:15pm Fri/Sat: 3:45pm, 8:15pm Sun: 3:45pm, 6:00pm Wed: 1:15pm, 3:45pm, 6pm
<b>FAMILY FILMS</b>	<b>GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL.3 (M)</b> Daily excl. Wed: 11:15am, 1pm, 4:15pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm Wed: 11:15am, 1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm	<b>NOVEMBER (M)</b> Daily excl. Wed: 11:15am, 3:45pm, 6:00pm Wed: 11:15am, 3:45pm
<b>MAYKA: THE FOREST SONG (PG)</b> Daily excl. Sun/Wed: 11:00am Sun: 2:15pm	<b>INFINITY POOL (R18+)</b> Daily excl. Sun/Wed: 8:20pm	<b>THE GIANTS (M)</b> Daily excl. Sun/Wed: 11:10am, 6:00pm Sun: 11:10am
<b>THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE (PG)</b> Daily: 11:00am, 2:15pm		

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### WEDNESDAY 17

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ADAM BROWN**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **CHLOE JETT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **FIRE 'N' ICE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BEN WHITING**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**

### SATURDAY 20

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOUL'D**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**, 6.30PM **GABRIELLE LAMBE**, 8.30PM **DJ KIRA SUNDAY**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **GLITTERATI RIOT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **MATT ARMITAGE DUO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **JOSH HAMILTON**, 7.30PM **BROADWATERS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **KATIE NOONAN + JACK CARTY + ERIN WOOLSEY**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL 5.45PM **AQUARIUS 50 KIRTAN WITH FANTUZZI**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, **DJ ARUANDA COLLECTIVE / DARLAN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JB PATERSON**
- LISMORE GALLERY POP-UP 11AM **ARTIST IN CONVERSATION: XANTHE DOBBIE - CLOUD COPY**
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE, 7PM **NICK RUSSONIELLO**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **THE NICKYS WITH HORUS BEVAN**, 8PM **DJ 4'20' SOUND**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **DOC ROCK**
- CHURCH OF AQUARIUS, NIMBIN, 5PM **CREDO**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MARTIN WAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 7PM **DUBARRAY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **LEO & JOE'S BIG BIRTHDAY BASH**
- PARK BEACH RESERVE, COFFS HARBOUR, 12.30PM **STORYLAND**
- ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BALLINA, 3PM **ACACIA QUARTET**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **SUPERCHEEZE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **FAT PICNIC**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **KATIE NOONAN + JACK CARTY + ERIN WOOLSEY**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 4PM **THE GIN BUGGS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DUDU MARTINS**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 4PM **ROD MURRAY - A TRIBUTE TO JAZZ**
- BASIL SELLERS THEATRE, BOND UNIVERSITY, VARSITY LAKES, 2.30PM **GOLD COAST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

### THURSDAY 18

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DONNY SHADES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JORDAN MAC**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **PAINTED CROW**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **KARAOKE**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7PM **FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS FEAT LUCY FARRELL AND HAT FITZ AND CARA**

### FRIDAY 19

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **SHAYA**, 8PM **WOLFMOTHER + SUPPORT**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **LIMINAL 'WHITE DOTS' ALBUM LAUNCH WITH APOSTLES & STEREO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ MATCHU**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **BALCONY BEATS**, 8.30PM **KRAPPYKOE WITH JESS**
- COURTHOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **PARADIGM VORTEX**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ DAKIN**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **MANDY HAWKES 'WE WERE JUST KIDS' ALBUM LAUNCH + MT WARNING DUO**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 5PM **SARAH GRANT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 6.30PM **NATHAN KAYE**, 9PM **DJ BRENTO**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **SABOTAGE**, 8PM **DJ THE WHO'S WHO**

### MONDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **OLE FALCOR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **GAUDION**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**

### TUESDAY 23

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **CHRIS FISHER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **SHEHAN KARUNATILAKA - THE SEVEN MOONS OF MAALI ALMEIDA**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **MOVING BEYOND US AND THEM**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **NURAINI ALSTON**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **OPEN MIC**

### WEDNESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TRILLIAH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JOE MUNGROVE**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **JOE WHITE**

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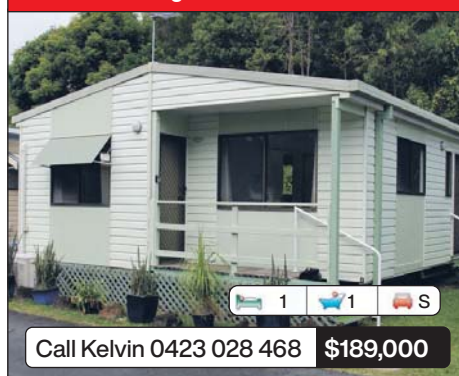
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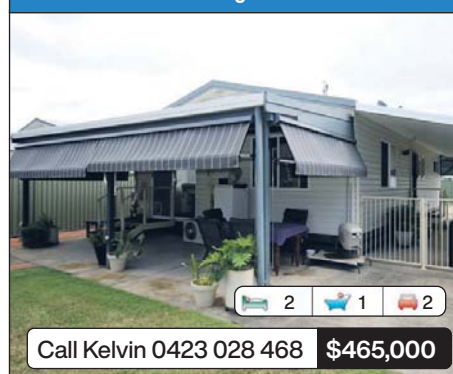
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Brunswick Heads



**AUCTION: 11AM SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2023**

8 Gin Gin Crescent, Ocean Shores

**MUST SELL**

4 2 2 LAND 2188m<sup>2</sup>

Moving to the Byron Shire is on the wish list for so many and finding a special timber home in the bush with privacy, abundant wildlife, minutes to the beach, river, golf course, Byron, shops as well as having an opportunity to generate income from the fully approved separate cottage, is hard to find, not anymore. Private established gardens, solid timber house with full running verandahs, quiet, elevated, flood free location. Modern

contemporary internal living with the charm only a timber house has, spacious rooms, double carport and tandem storage under the house, possible future development stca (2188m<sup>2</sup> block of land). The cottage carries similar characteristics as the house with a single room & private deck to the north. The privacy is outstanding and will be here forever with a reserve at the back. Contact Peter today!

**Auction**  
**Price guide**  
**View:**  
**Contact**

11am Saturday 3rd June 2023  
Bidding expected to start at \$1.55mill  
Saturday 12-12:30pm  
**Peter Browning** 0411 801 795





**Two Bed Retreat in Exceptional Location Across from Main Beach**

2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 car

- Positioned in a tightly held complex of 6 just 100 metres from Byron Bay's Main Beach, is this 2 bedroom apartment perfect for a holiday retreat
- On the ground floor of the property is the open plan living and dining area
- There are two bedrooms, each feature built-in wardrobes and have access to a private verandah through sliding doors
- Outside there is access to shared BBQ facilities in a gated garden area
- Fantastic location just 100 metres to the beach and 200 metres to town

**3/34 Lawson Street, Byron Bay**

Price Guide: \$1.5m

Open: By appointment



Su Reynolds  
0428 888 660



Renee Schofield  
0400 028 594



**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



Denzil Lloyd  
0481 864 049



Jane Johnston  
0466 327 375



**Architecturally Designed Hinterland Treasure – Two Homes**

4 bedrooms, 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

Open: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 12–12.30pm



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0428 888 660



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**Charming Cottage with Coastal Views**

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 car, 7,812M<sup>2</sup>

- Located along the blue-chip ridgeline of Old Byron Bay Road is this simple and private two-bedroom weatherboard cottage
- There is a classic cottage feel, with hardwood flooring and high ceilings throughout
- Main bedroom features a large walk-in wardrobe and ensuite bathroom
- The property enjoys a large, covered front and side deck with incredible mountain and ocean views, sure to impress
- There is an unbeatable sense of peace and tranquillity and 10 minutes to Lennox

**107 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar**

Price Guide: Contact Agent

Open: Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2–2.30pm  
Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 11–11.30am



Helen Huntly-Barratt  
0412 332 232



Beautiful Views of the Hinterland and Minyon Falls

3 beds 2 bathrooms 2 cars 2.5HA

- This ultra-private property offers a stylish main residence with high vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, a hand laid stone fireplace in main living area
- Set on 5 acres of open, park like grounds with established and easy-care gardens
- There is an enormous undercover and semi enclosed deck with a vaulted roofline and is easily accessed from several points of the home
- An additional bonus is the secondary dwelling circa 1970 with potential to become a Dual Occupancy (STCA)

41 Federal Drive, Eureka

Price Guide: \$2.395m – \$2.55m

Open: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 12.30–1pm



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0412 332 232



Immaculate Low Maintenance Home in "Sunrise"

4 beds 2 bathrooms 2 cars 623M<sup>2</sup>

- Positioned in the sought after Sunrise location on a large block is this easy-care brick and tile home, walking distance to local supermarkets and beaches
- The home offers a light-filled open floor plan with multiple living options
- Large sliding doors open through the living room onto the large, paved patio which is easy maintenance and the perfect place to entertain
- Featured are 4 spacious bedrooms the main with a private ensuite
- Convenient location close to supermarkets and beaches

6 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay

Price Guide: \$1.595m – \$1.75m

Open: Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 9–9.30am



Sharon McInnes  
0408 659 649



Sally Green  
0488 030 116



Commercially Zoned Rare Opportunity in Brunswick Heads

3 beds 2 bathrooms 1 car 613M<sup>2</sup>

- Spacious block with commercial zoning giving you endless possibilities
- The large block offers an existing 3-bedroom dwelling, but there is opportunity to redevelop or redesign in the best CBD position in the mecca we call Bruns
- The home offers a spacious floorplan with a large living and dining area that adjoins the kitchen with ample storage space and a large, level yard with dual lane access
- Central location walking distance to everything Brunswick Heads has to offer including the Brunswick River, world class beaches, cafes and fine dining

23 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads

Price Guide: \$2.395m – \$2.595m

Open: By appointment



Tara Torkkola  
0423 519 698



Location, Location, Location – Inspiring and Rare

3 beds 2 bathrooms 2 cars

- Positioned right on the edge of Arakwal National Park and offering views that will never be built out, in a small boutique complex of three
- The multi-level design and floorplan allows for ideal separation and privacy
- There are multiple outdoor living spaces with the main deck and main bedroom deck looking out to stunning ocean and lighthouse views
- The pristine natural environment of Arakwal National Park and walking trails is literally at your doorstep and only a 13 minute walk to Byron Bay town centre

2/3 Milne Street, Byron Bay

Auction: 3<sup>rd</sup> June if not sold prior

Open: Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2–2.30pm  
Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 10–10.30am



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# Brunswick River House

## SUBTROPICAL HAVEN HIGH UPON THE BRUNSWICK RIVER



### amir prestige

📍 1980 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, MULLUMBIMBY

3 4 3 3857 m2\*

Disclaimer \* = approx.

Positioned high above the Brunswick River, this luxurious property offers privacy and serenity yet is only minutes to Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads.

The 3 bedroom 3 bathroom house and architect designed studio afford stunning views of the Brunswick River which have to be experienced to be truly appreciate. Featuring large wardrobes, new hardwood floors and ducted aircon throughout.

With landscaped established gardens, large salt water pool and direct access to the Brunswick River this property offers a rare combination of privacy, lifestyle and proximity to bustling Mullumbimby and some the regions best beaches.

Inspection by Appointment

*Contact the Listing Agent*

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A spacious family home in a central location

4-6 GEORGE STREET, BANGALOW



4 beds 2 baths 1 car 674m<sup>2</sup>

PRICE GUIDE: \$1,550,000 - \$1,650,000  
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 20 MAY 9:30-10:00AM  
AUCTION SATURDAY 3 JUNE 10.00AM ON SITE

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A prime position in Cumbalum

6 DIVERSITY AVE, CUMBALUM



586.6m<sup>2</sup>

PRICE GUIDE: \$430,000 - \$470,000  
AUCTION SATURDAY 27 MAY 3.30PM ON SITE

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Eltham Springs

79 JOHNSTON RD, CLUNES



4 beds 3 baths 5 cars 85.97ha

INSPECTION: By appointment  
PRICE GUIDE: Contact agent

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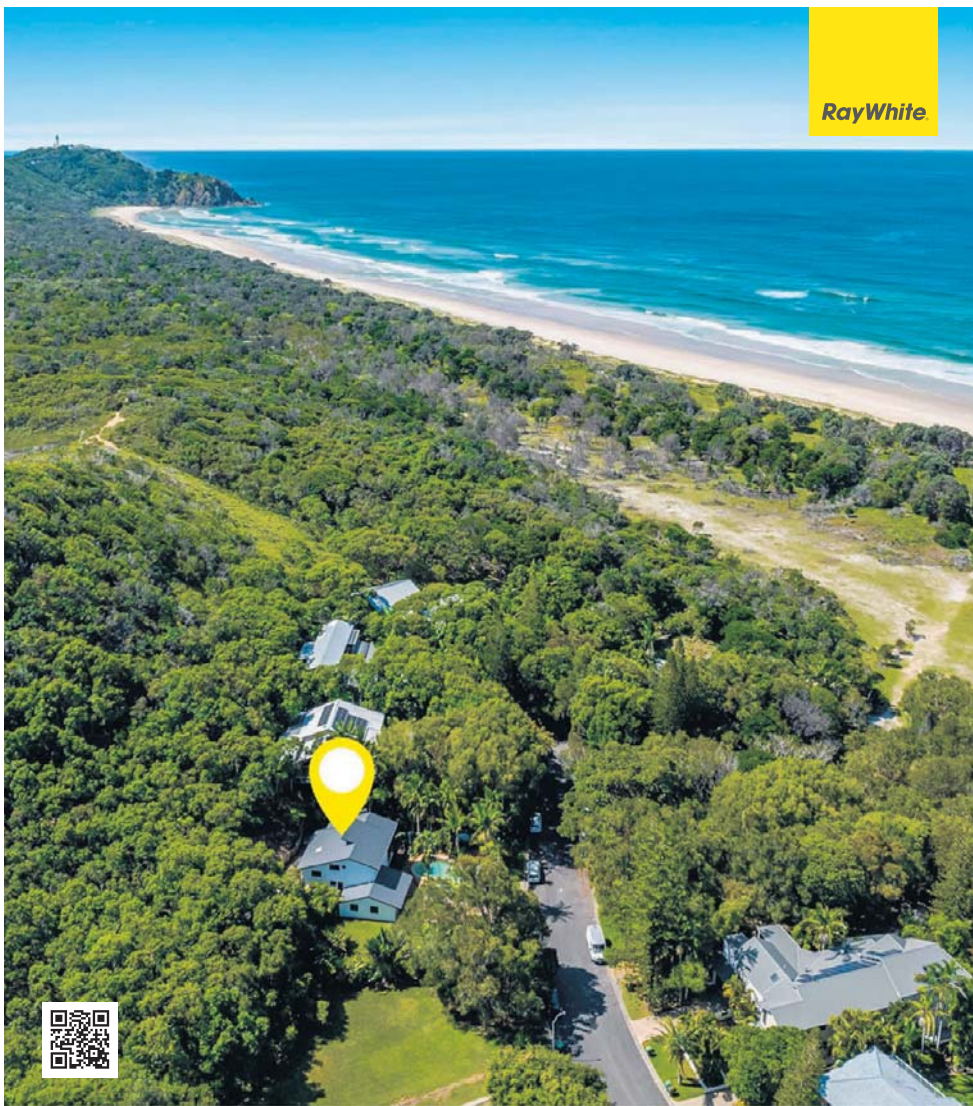
968 Dunoon Rd, Modanville



3 beds 2 baths 4 cars 1309m<sup>2</sup>

PRICE GUIDE: \$860,000 - \$940,000  
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 20 MAY 1:30-2:00PM  
AUCTION SATURDAY 27 MAY 1.00PM ON SITE

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**SALE**

31 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay

Located in a highly desirable enclave amidst the breathtaking Arakwal National Park and just opposite Tallow Beach, this property boasts a prime position. Within a mere minute, you can find yourself on the soft sands of Tallows, ready for a swim or morning stroll.

**WHY WAIT?**  
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3 3 2 721sqm

**Sale**  
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**SALE**

9/10-21 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay

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1 125m2

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**SALE**

6 Philip Street, South Golden Beach

This charming 100-year-old former school house, boasts a rich history and unique character that is very hard to find in the quiet beachside community of South Golden Beach. Wonderful position with loads of potential.

**WHY WAIT?**  
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3 1 2 639sqm

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**SALE**

1/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park

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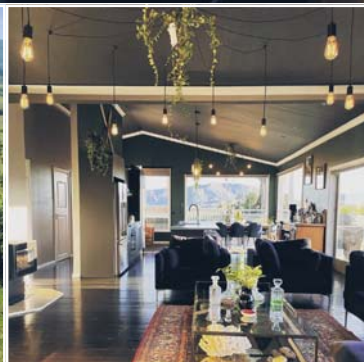
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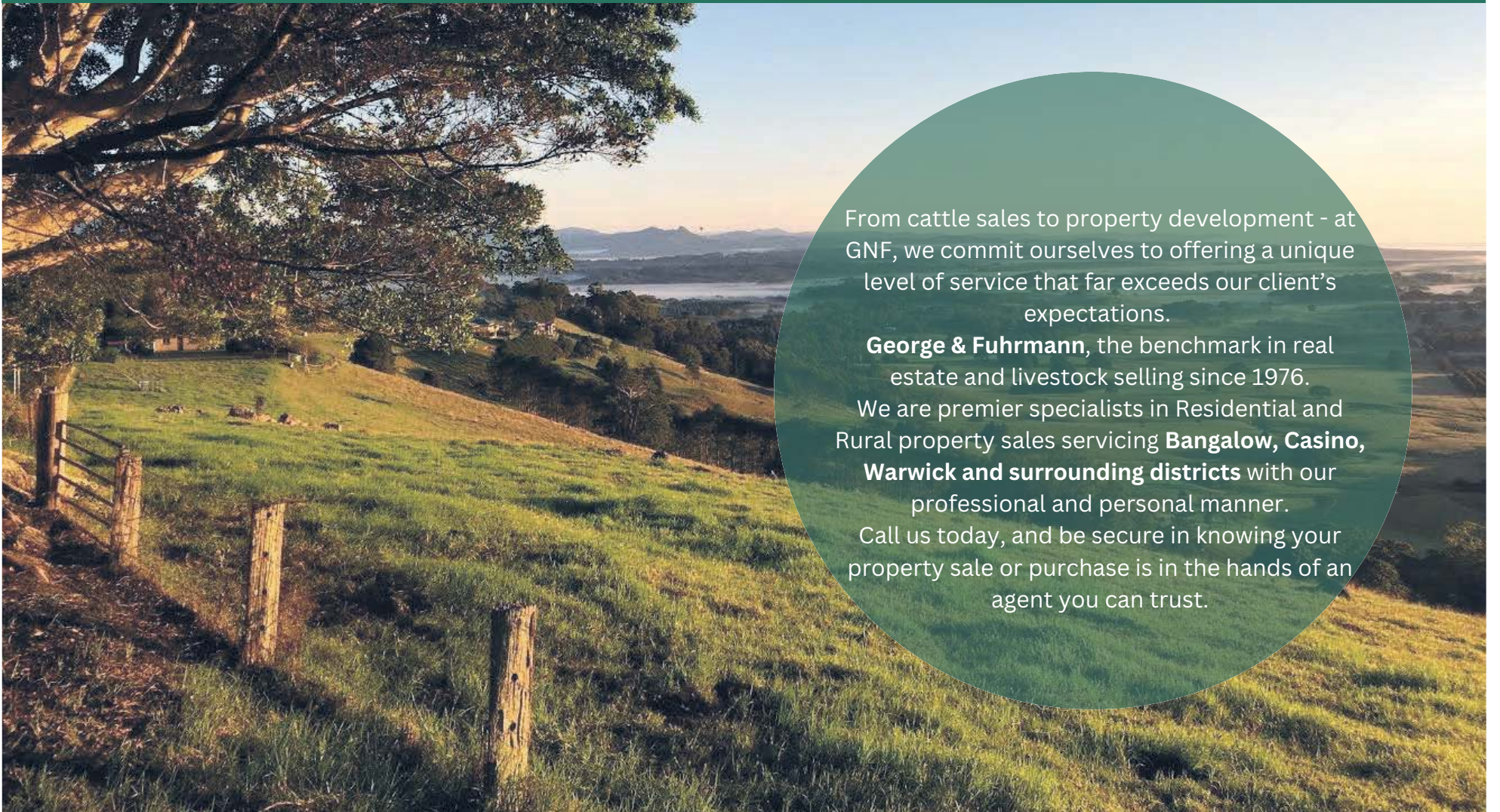
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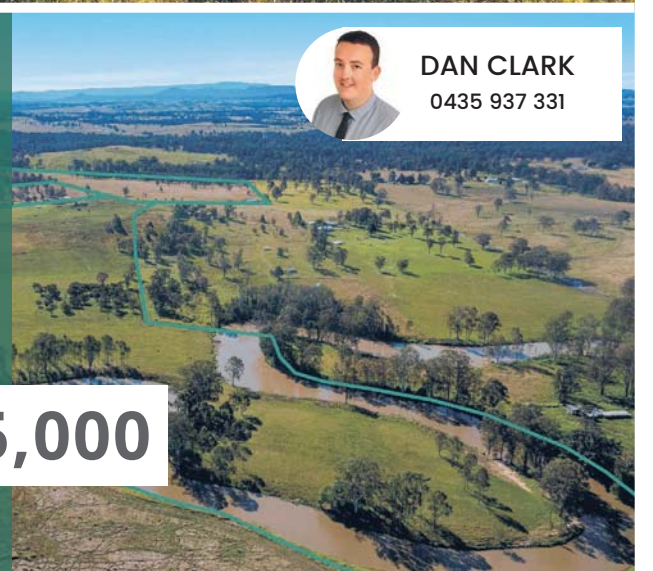
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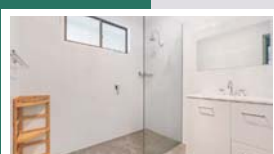
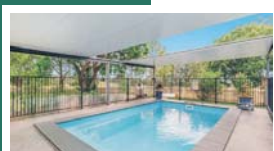


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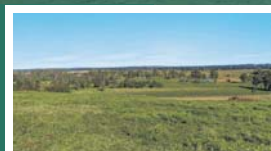
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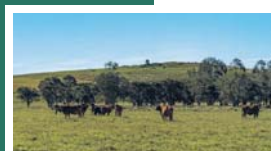


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Leases are for a proposed term of 5-years with a 5-year option.



Photo: Cape Byron Lighthouse Café  
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Photo: The Pass Café  
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Both cafés are in prime locations within the Cape Byron State Conservation Area, which is visited by more than 1 million people annually. The Cape Byron Lighthouse Café takes in unrivalled panoramic views over Byron Bay and The Pass Café is metres from one of Byron Bay's best surf beaches.

The cafés present an exciting opportunity for operators to develop thriving hospitality businesses supporting

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NPWS welcomes proposals to operate the Cape Byron Lighthouse Café and The Pass Café individually or collectively.

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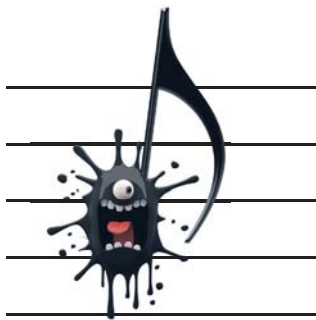
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DATE (MAY JUNE)	DAY, MOON PHASE	SUN RISE/ SET	MOON RISE/ SET	HIGH TIDES, height (m)	LOW TIDES, height (m)
17	W	6:22 17:02	3:37 15:23	0624 1.54 1905 1.71	0016 0.48 1228 0.28
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21	SU	6:24 17:00	7:45 18:01	0908 1.23 2145 1.82	0335 0.47 1444 0.36
22	M	6:25 17:00	8:44 18:51	0946 1.16 2224 1.77	0420 0.49 1517 0.42
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24	W	6:26 16:59	10:27 20:42	1110 1.07 2344 1.63	0552 0.57 1634 0.56
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26	F	6:27 16:58	11:45 22:35	0030 1.56 1305 1.05	0730 0.61 1825 0.70
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<b>AMBULANCE Mullumbimby &amp; Byron Bay</b> .....	<b>131 233</b>
<b>POLICE Brunswick Heads</b> .....	<b>6629 7510</b>
<b>Mullumbimby</b> .....	<b>6629 7570</b>
<b>Byron Bay</b> .....	<b>6685 9499</b>
<b>Bangalow</b> .....	<b>6629 7500</b>
<b>STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE</b> Storm & tempest damage, flooding, .....	<b>132 500</b>
<b>BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE</b> Primary rescue .....	<b>6685 1999</b>
<b>BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER</b> .....	<b>6685 0148</b>
<b>BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL</b> .....	<b>6639 9400</b>
<b>BYRON COUNCIL: EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS</b> .....	<b>6622 7022</b>
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE</b> (Mullumbimby) .....	<b>6684 1286</b>
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b> 24 hour crisis line .....	<b>1800 656 463</b>
<b>LIFELINE</b> .....	<b>131 114</b>
<b>MENSLINE</b> .....	<b>1300 789 978</b>
<b>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS</b> 24 hours .....	<b>1800 423 431</b>
<b>AL-ANON</b> Help for family and friends of alcoholics .....	<b>1300 252 666</b>
<b>NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS</b> Meets daily .....	<b>6680 7280</b>
<b>NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE</b> .....	<b>6687 2520</b>
<b>HIV/AIDS - ACON</b> Confidential testing & information .....	<b>6622 1555</b>
<b>ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS &amp; CATS)</b> .....	<b>6622 1881</b>
<b>NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS</b> .....	<b>6628 1866</b>
<b>KOALA HOTLINE</b> .....	<b>6622 1233</b>
<b>WIRES - NSW Wildlife Information &amp; Rescue Service</b> .....	<b>6628 1898</b>

## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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#### Volunteers: thanks

Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre thanks all its volunteers, past and present, for their efforts and contribution to the centre and our community. Your excellence drives our success. We are so grateful for your hard work and dedication, thank you for your time and patience. You are the change makers and our everyday heroes, and we will never forget your contribution. We love you and so does the Mullum community!

#### Gnosis Society

Gnosis: Course in the mysteries of life and death. Topics include: the

knowledge of oneself, awakening conscious faculties, alchemy, tantra, kabbalah, the path to self-realisation, sacred symbolism, the elementals of nature, establishing order in the psyche, the death of the ego, meditation and esoteric practice. Monday nights in Byron at the Gnostic Society. By donation. More information and the address phone: 0412 020 243 esotericstudies.com.au.

#### GCAT Activity Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday, 21 May, 9am to 12 noon. Meet in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Afterwards enjoy a free

barbecue and be in the draw to win one of four excellent prizes. Inquiries to Veda 6685 7991 or Miles 0403 206 190.

#### Lismore Community Hub reopens

Lismore Community Hub is reopening after being closed since February floods.

#### Yoga for seniors

Byron Yoga Centre, 50 Skinners Shoot Road, Byron Bay is providing free yoga for seniors on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 May till 21 June from 3.30–4.30pm. Come along, no booking required.

#### C'ty space OS open

The Hub Baptist Church has opened a new space for the Community in Ocean Shores on Wednesdays 10am–12 noon. Connect, access support, free food and lunch and free clothes. The space has

games such as lawn bowls donated by The Brunswick Heads Bowls Club, card making, lunch available, and relief from cost of living pressures.

#### Cancer Support

The Byron Bay General Cancer Support Group has been running for six years and welcomes new participants. The aim of the group is to provide a safe, supportive, and friendly environment for people with cancer to discuss how they are feeling and to connect with other people with cancer. Meetings take place every four weeks on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am. The next meeting on Tuesday 6 June at the Byron Bay Services Club, Jonson St, Byron Bay. For more information Contact the Cancer Council on 13 11 20.

#### Biggest Morning Tea

Mullumbimby Golf Club's Biggest Morning Tea that raises money to help those impacted by cancer will

take place on Friday 26 May, 10am till 12 noon at the Mullumbimby Golf Club, 600 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Bring a friend, and enjoy a fabulous morning tea for a good cause.

#### Richmond-Tweed Family History Society

The Richmond-Tweed Family History Society holds its monthly general meeting on the first Saturday of every month at Players Theatre, 24 Swift Street, Ballina, from 2–4pm. At each meeting we have a presentation. Topics for the upcoming meetings: 3 June, 'First Clue that Sparked a Line of Enquiry'; 1 July; 'A Photograph that Tells a Story'; 5 August, AGM plus talks on 'The Black Sheep in the Family'.

#### Chemical Free Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare working bee at Saltwater Creek,

Saturday 20 May, 8am until 12pm. Meet at Mullumbimby Community Garden carpark.

#### Ten years of Lismore Rainforest Botanical Gardens

Open Day on Sunday 28 May will celebrate the tenth Anniversary of the opening of the Lismore Rainforest Botanical Gardens. Guided walks, local native plant sales, educational and historical displays, children's activities, book and card sales and a morning tea stall will be taking place. There will be an official celebratory gathering at the Visitors Centre at 10am. The Friends of the Gardens would love to see anyone who has been a volunteer at the gardens at any time since 1992 at the anniversary event.

**Please note:** This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

#### Mullumbimby District Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday–Friday 9.30am–4pm (closed from 12.30–1.30pm for lunch). We offer a variety of services. Everyone is welcome. Call reception on 6684 1286. Some of our services include: **Flood Recovery Support Service:** personalised, long-term support for those impacted by the floods. **Community support:** Food parcels, meals, showers, assistance with electricity bills. Work Development Orders. **Listening Space:** free counselling. **Free Yoga:** every Tuesday 3–4pm. **More Than A Meal:** Free Community lunch Tuesday–Friday 1.30–1.30. **Financial Counselling** **Staying Home, Leaving Violence program.** Information, referral, and advocacy **Gulganji affordable pantry shop:** located at 3 Bridgeland Lane **Orange Sky:** Free laundry service Mon morning & Tue afternoon To enquire about accessing any of these services call reception 6684 1286, check our website www.mdcn.org.au, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram. @mullumbimbyneighbourhoodcentre

#### Byron Community Centre

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

#### Low-cost or free food

**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food**

**Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10–12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILs referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

#### Respite Service

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

#### Alateen meeting

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

#### ACA

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

#### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the Shire – www.aa.org.au. Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. www.na.org.au. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.org.au.

#### Support after suicide

StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at:

www.standbysupport.com.au or call 13 11 14. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

#### End-of-Life Choices

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

#### Carers' support

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

#### Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (and sometimes at Ballina) on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Contact Marian 6688 4058, mazzzerati2010@gmail.com.

#### Older adult exercise

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

#### Pottsville Community Association

Pottsville Community Association meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at the Anglican Church in Coronation Drive, Pottsville. Have your say on what is going on in your local area. For details contact secretary@pottsvillecommunityassociation.com or via Facebook.

#### Language exchange

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

#### Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc

The Museum is on the corner of Myocum and Stuart Sts Mullumbimby, open Tuesdays and Fridays 10am–12pm and market Saturdays 9am–1pm. Discover your local history, join our team – 6684 4367.

#### \$5 pilates classes

Pilates for the price of a coffee! Come and join us for \$5 Pilates classes every Thursday at 8.45am in the Memorial Hall, 22 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads and Monday at 8.45am in Mullumbimby. It doesn't matter what level you are, as beginner to advanced

options are shown. Just bring a mat and water. My goal is to keep the Shire active and feeling great one person at a time. No need to book just show up. For more information contact Di on 0427 026 935.

#### Library fun

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

#### Social sporting groups

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

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#### Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.15 for 6.30pm at Byron Bay Services Club, Byron Bay. Online attendance allowed. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters:** Mullum Magic provides a safe and fun environment for members and guests to develop their public-speaking and leadership skills. Meeting 6.30–8.30pm every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church, 104 Stuart St, Mullumbimby. New members and guests welcome. Contact Bruce 0418 515 991 or Ninian 0411 629 982.

#### Brunswick Heads CWA

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

#### Byron Gem Club

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

Facebook @ Byron Gem Club. Club workshed located past Sky Dive Byron at Tyagarah Airfield. Contact 6687 1251 or 0427 529 967 for more info.

#### Meditation

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

#### Lions Club

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

#### Craft group

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

#### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby – open each Saturday 9am–12 noon. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Cathy 0432 606 849. **Mullumbimby Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am–4pm, Saturday 9am–12noon. Volunteers needed, enq to shop 6684 4718. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Tuesday to Friday 11am–3pm. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–1pm, Sun closed.

#### Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors

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

#### CWA Bangalow

If you are interested in making new friends by supporting the Byron Shire community through fundraising and lobbying, pursuing craft interests and learning new skills, think about joining Bangalow CWA. Come along to our rooms, 31 Byron St, Bangalow between 10am & 2pm Monday to Friday to find out more. We are open Monday to Friday 10 to 2 and Saturdays 9 to 12. Our popular cake stalls are on the last Saturday of the month 8 to

12. Find us on Facebook or contact cwasecbangalow@gmail.com.

#### Toy Library

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

#### Up your skills

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

#### Muslim prayer

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

#### Free ESL

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

#### Landcare

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

#### Soap Aid saving lives

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

#### Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

#### Volunteers sought

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

#### Bridge club

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

#### BV scrabble club

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

# Locals take state honours as 1,100 punters take on the Byron Bay Triathlon

Eleven hundred competitors turned up for a full weekend of events as part of the Byron Bay Triathlon, which has been running since 1997.

'It was a different format this year. The idea was to run a multisport festival to make the journey to Byron more worthwhile and inclusive,' said Byron Tri Club manager Deb Fuller.

The Byron Tri Club and Byron Bay Cycle Club helped run the not-for-profit event with NX Sports.

'The main events on Saturday included an Olympic and Sprint triathlon, as well as a mini-triathlon called a Tempta. There was also an Aquabike, an Aquathon, Kids Tri and team events..

'Basically an event for everyone,' she said.

The day finished up at the Surf Club with an after party at the Village.

Sunday included a



Triathletes hit the water at Main Beach. Photo supplied

Lighthouse Fun Run that attracted 300 competitors, as well as Mothers Day yoga.

On top of this the Sprint Triathlon was considered a NSW State Championship event, and was also the sixth race of the North Coast Interclub League.

In terms of the Interclub League the final results for the local club are still being calculated.

'After the Kingscliff Triathlon we climbed back on top of the (Interclub) ladder. Sadly our club was lacking

in numbers on the weekend due to injury or unavailability so there was a lot of pressure on the remaining members to produce the results,' Deb said.

## Overall results

The top three finishers in the Olympic Triathlon (1,500m swim/40km cycle/10km run) were: (men) Nathaniel Lindsay, Travis Coleman and Samuel Salter; and (women) Richelle Hill, Jessica Purbrick and Briarna Silk.

Top three finalists in the Sprint Tri (750m swim/20km cycle/5km run) were: men: Barry Hudson (U/17), Jake Russell and Sam Russell; and women: Bella Lane, Georgia Ensbey and Joanna Hancock.

## Locals' results

Byron Tri Club results in the Sprint Tri included: Jaime Cascajares first 35-39 male (1:06:38), fifth overall, and NSW State Champion; Huw Jones first 55-59 male (1:18:13) and NSW State Champion; Nick Engerer fifth 35-39 male (1:18:42); Brooke Ferguson third 20-24 female (1:21:49); Gracie Richter fourth 20-24 female (1:21:54); Christie Horsley third 40-44 female (1:24:46) and NSW State Champion; Zvi Azimov tenth 35-39 male (1:24:57); Larissa Whitton seventh 25-29 female (1:26:27); Elize Strydom first 35-39 female (1:36:39) and NSW State



Richelle Hill claims the Olympic Tri prize at Byron last Saturday with a time of 2.06.17. Photo NX Sports

Champion; Claire O'Meara third 55-59 female (1:33:01); Margreet Wiegers sixth 40-44 female (1:34:32); and James Aris 21st 35-39 male (1:47:04) in his first ever triathlon.

In the Olympic Distance Filippo Orsini took 13th in the 30-34 male (2:34:25); and in the Aquabike (1,500m swim/40km cycle) Irvin Evans was the first 40-44 male (1:04:04).

## Three generations

It was also a big day for the Killen clan who had three generations of the family racing on the day.

'Sandra is an amazing triathlete, her son Adam Killen lives in Byron and his son Teddy Killen is 12,' Deb said.

'It was Adam's and Teddy's first solo triathlon'.

## Shores United ready to take on the top sides

Shores United women's football team has had another good win for the season, beating Alstonville seconds 1-0 last Friday night at home on the Bob Bellar Field.

After six rounds the team is sitting in sixth position with three wins.

The side was formed in 2019 and had plenty of success in second division, including winning last year's premiership.

This year the women's premiership and second division have been combined, but the side has already had some wins against the top-level sides of Bangalow and Maclean.

'We are really happy with the way we are going. Especially considering we don't have a second team to call on for more players, although some juniors are



Ocean Shores (white) charge at Bangalow Bluedogs earlier in the season, where they won 4-1. Photo supplied

coming through,' said coach Melissa Phillips.

'The team has a big emphasis on fun and fitness. If we are not having fun, there is no point,' she said.

The team has another challenge this week when they take on the second-placed team, Richmond Rovers, playing away in Lismore.

'They are another competitive side and have a few premiership-quality players. They'll be hard to beat, but we are looking forward to it,' she said.

'It's good to have the support of a wonderful club. We try and get down to see the men's games, and they watch ours. It's awesome to have so much support'.

## Mullum Giants take a win over Casino

The Mullumbimby Giants signalled their intent last Sunday in front of a home crowd by beating the Casino Cougars 24-16.

In the five-tries-to-three triumph, Thomas Sowerby and Dean Rooney both scored two for the locals, and Mason Davies went over as well. Brett Kelly-Wirth converted two.

The win follows a 10-10 draw last week when the Giants travelled to Kyogle to take on the Turkeys.

The win leaves the Giants in fourth spot on the ladder after six rounds.

The win was welcomed by a home crowd that watched the Giants lose the earlier encounters on the day.

In the Ladies Touch, Casino won 24-4, in the 18s the visitors dominated 26-4, and in reserve grade they



The Giants played some solid football against Casino, but will have to step-up this weekend. Photo Elna Nelson

ran out winners 40-6.

This weekend the teams travel to Kingsford Smith Park to take on the Ballina Seagulls, with the action kicking off at 10.10am for the LLT, before the first-grade game at 2.45pm.

The Seagulls sit on top of the first-grade ladder and haven't lost a game this year.

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The full page ad on page 19 last week raised eyebrows, as somebody called Mark was ousted as a philanderer. It was in fact a spoof ad to promote the band Jungle Giants.

More rain predicted! Just as well the federal government has pledged \$236M for a much-needed national disaster warning network. Unfortunately it's going to take ten years to upgrade flood gauges and the like.

Correction regarding the ayahuasca and kambo story from last week: an ayahuasca ceremony requires two ingredients: the (monoamine oxidase inhibitor) vine *Banisteriopsis caapi*, as mentioned, as well as the DMT (*N,N*-Dimethyltryptamine) component, the chacruna plant (*Psychotria viridis*). An *Echo* reader says that these compounds also grow naturally in Australia.

Big week for federal Labor, with a budget that grants an extra crumb of \$20 pw to those struggling to survive on Newstart. But wait! Those earning below \$200,000 pa will be \$1,000 a year worse off, says independent journalist Michael West and *SMH* analysis, while those who earn above \$200,000 pa will receive a tax break of around \$24 a day, or \$173 a week (\$9,000 pa). And Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek just approved her first coal mine. Labor must think climate change is a hoax and the poorest need to suffer more.

It's not just NSW that has seen obscene increases in property values (which can lead to an increase in rates). The ABC reports that rural Qld property owners are objecting to 'ridiculous' land value



As part of the Nimbin Aquarius Festival 50th anniversary, a living peace mandala was formed at Sunday's Channon Craft Market. Co-organiser, Harsha Prabhu, told *The Echo*, 'Peace activists urged governments the world over to stop funding the military industrial complex, and to convert wasteful and dangerous spending on weapons of mass destruction to Earth repair, in honour of Mother Earth'. Photo Beverley Callow

increases by their Valuer General. In NSW, you can object to your valuation via [www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au](http://www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au).

NSW Labor MP, Rose Jackson, says her party 'has put a freeze on the sale of public housing'. She tweeted on Monday: 'The previous Liberals-National govt sold off a staggering \$3.5 billion worth of public housing - that ends today!'

Attention audiophiles: BayFM Community Radio is hosting their second Record Fair Day, on Sunday May 21, from 10am till 4pm at the Byron Bowlo on Marvell Street.

Psst: There is Airbnb subletting going on by tenants at Reflections Holiday Parks. It's only \$947.35 for two people, for two nights in a small Bruns cabin. Now that's a bargain!

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