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## Paddle in pink

You couldn't have asked for more perfect weather to paddle the morning away at Sunday's Mullum2Bruns event. The top half of the two Rainbow Region Dragon Club vessels, with paddlers yellow, orange, red and green, followed their other half in blue, purple and indigo, to the finish line in Brunswick Heads. Photo Eve Jeffery

## Labor MP spruiks 2023–24 budget

Mia Armitage

Cost of living relief, investment towards net-zero and economic responsibility is how local federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot, has framed her party's first budget this term.

'I know for our region that's vitally important,' Elliot told BayFM's *Community Newsroom* last week.

The member for Richmond also took the opportunity to express outrage at the Greens' refusal to support Labor's *Housing Australia Future Fund Bill 2023*.

According to *The Guardian*, the Greens say they will not support it, 'unless the government offers substantial improvements', including \$5B of direct spending on housing

and a national rent freeze.

And overshadowing Labor's budget was their commitment to implement the previous government's stage three tax cuts, which will give those earning over \$200,000 per year a \$9,000 windfall.

Some of the nation's top economists told *The SMH* (Nine) in 2022, the tax cuts were 'unaffordable' and would drive inflation.

So, what's in the Labor government's federal budget for the people of the Richmond electorate?

A big component of Labor's budget aims is strengthening Medicare 'through a whole range of initiatives,' Elliot said, before describing the tripling of bulk-billing incentives as 'the real centrepiece'.

'We know this is an issue in our region, everywhere you go, we all know that people just cannot access doctors who bulk bill, I've heard this from many people in our region, many doctors as well,' Elliot said.

### Bulk billing returns, but only for some

Ms Elliot says the bulk-billing increase is the biggest investment in Medicare in its history, but the increase only applies to fees for concession card holders and children sixteen years and under.

Those on low incomes and without concession cards will miss out.

The increase isn't due to start

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## Flood repair bill at \$200M

Byron Shire Council staff have issued an update on Byron Shire's flood-damaged infrastructure from the 2022 floods, and say they are applying for around \$200 million in funding to cover the repair and reconstruction costs for roads, bridges, causeways and guardrails.

In a press release on Monday, staff say 42 separate funding applications have been submitted to the state and federal governments via Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for over 600 pieces of infrastructure.

Director Infrastructure Services, Phil Holloway said, 'We are in the same boat as all the other flood-affected councils in our region, waiting for news on the status of a number of our funding applications lodged to date, to repair the damage done by the floods last year'.

'And we are competing with

our neighbouring councils, and all the other councils in NSW that had infrastructure damaged by the floods last year for this funding.

'This is a very rigorous process and extremely time-consuming, because not only do we prepare the case for flood damage and subsequent funding, but TfNSW staff need to check every single detail of each claim'.

### New grant deadline

He says TfNSW's original application approval deadline of June 30 has moved to December 31, 2023.

'We have more than 50 per cent of our applications lodged for funding approval and tracking through the TfNSW process, and the preparation of the remaining applications is well advanced,' Mr Holloway added.

## Bangalow's big billy cart run



Hundreds of racers and supporters swarmed to the main drag of Bangalow on Sunday for this year's running of the Billy Cart Derby. Lachlan and Tiara came down from the Gold Coast to race in the derby, with some very special homemade carts. Mayor Michael Lyon won the celebrity race, with fellow councillor, Asren Pugh, coming in behind. Photo Eve Jeffery

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## 20 years on – how community and Council saved Byron's precious Paterson Hill

Mia Armitage

With bright yellow petals, the Byron Orchid is only as big as the tip of your small fingernail, longtime local, Veda Turner, says.

It's said to have been spotted in the Arakwal National Park, and surrounding areas, along Byron's coastline, between the lighthouse and Suffolk Park.

Turner has seen it, once, he told *The Echo*.

'I know a spot where it was, but I've never seen it there subsequently,' he says, 'I think they've been successful in collecting seed, down in Sydney, they were able to actually propagate the Byron Bay Diuris'.

Information from the NSW Environment and Heritage department confirms there have only been 20 of the endangered orchid plants recorded, all at 'a single location only, at Byron Bay'.

It isn't just the delightful sunny orchid that is rare and sensitive for the region, though.

Mr Turner says the entire



Christine Ahern and Veda Turner celebrate 20 years since the saving of Paterson Hilltop. Ms Ahern's home next to the rare heathland was the Paterson Hill Action Group HQ. Photo supplied

coastline represents dwarf graminoid clay heath.

'It's very specific to that area,' Turner says, describing a 'very shrubby community of plants'.

### Unique biodiversity

The history and majestic beauty of the rugged coastline are on display for all to see from the Paterson Hilltop.

The wetlands are 'full of Wallum Froglets', he says.

'It's so small, that you can't actually sneak up on it, it's gone well before'.

'But you can record the sounds and it sounds like bells. Little bells.'

But there was a time when the view was under threat of a fifteen lot residential estate. It was small enough in scope, but big enough to impact the wetlands below, Turner says.

The wetland is very sensitive, Mr Turner says, with the reeds and other vegetation growing on 'acid runoff or acidified water'.

'As soon as someone starts developing, and growing their roses, and having dogs in the yard and so on, it all goes alkaline pretty quickly,' he says.

Now 20 years on since the community victory, the long and passionate battle saw local environmentalists, like Turner and Byron Shire Council, pitted against the wealthy property developer.

In the end, the state government of the day made a move not seen in the Shire in recent years: it saved the site from development by buying it from the private owner and donating it to the Arakwal National Park.

Recalling the events, Turner says the development proposal was 'led by a gentleman who had very good

connections to the business and government community'.

'He had a company, which was a sort of employment agency for directors and CEOs and so on.

'He was well resourced.

'But he had a daughter, who went travelling after high school, and came back from her travels firmly in the green camp.

'This was all in the newspapers at the time when she came back, and she certainly pressured her dad that this was something that didn't need to happen.'

The developer's daughter's objections came after years of community backlash that came to a climax in May 2003.

'The Land and Environment Court had approved it, but with, like, 15 conditions, and the developer had not been able to meet all of those conditions,' Turner says.

### Militant locals

'We were very militant, keeping an eye out for any sign of earthmoving equipment.

'We had a few people who were out in their cars with the ancient mobile phones, watching the roundabouts and the intersections.

'Then we got a phone call: there's an excavator down in the bottom of Paterson Street.

'We actually rang BayFM, and thanks to that call, which resulted in that going out over the airwaves at seven o'clock in the morning, by eight o'clock, we had hundreds of people there, blockading Pacific Vista Drive.

'Sure enough, the excavator had turned up and we blocked the street.

'Of course, the police arrived and there was just, you know, three or four

police from the local station.

'Well, in the end, there were police from Tweed Heads, from Grafton, from Casino, they brought everybody in, because there was around 1,000 people actually blockading that area.

'They just kept taking people away if they got in the way, but in the end, they got right up to the top to the turning circle and it was looking like half an hour, they'd be digging away on the heath.

'And that's when Richard Staples, who was one of our early Greens councillors, took the opportunity to climb up onto the rig on the back of the trailer.

'There was a Council by-law that said councillors are able to set up their office anywhere in the Shire.

'He was setting up his office and the only person who would be permitted to demand that he come down would be the owner of the property or the owner of that vehicle, who was in Brisbane.

### Court injunction

'In the meantime, then Mayor, Jan Barham, was on the phone to Council solicitors, and was successful in taking out an injunction, because she believed, and was later proved correct, that they hadn't complied with all the conditions of consent, so then it went to the court.'

Turner says it wasn't long after the court case that the government offered to buy the land and the developer eventually agreed.

The rest is history and the view from Paterson Hill remains untouched... but good luck spotting the elusive Byron Bay Diuris Orchid or tinkling Wallum Froglet.

## Heritage Park Mullumbimby – have your say

Council's Draft Landscape Masterplan for Heritage Park will guide the layout and future development of this area including:

- Maslen Arboretum
- Heritage Park West
- Palm Park
- Tincogan Street intersection (near the park)

View the draft plan online and provide your feedback.

Or visit Council to view the plans and make a submission by Friday 23 June.

### More information

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Voice referendum  
Yarn Up May 29

A local reconciliation group will hold a Yarn Up Day on the Voice referendum in Railway Park, Byron Bay on Sunday May 28, from 11am to 3pm.

Co-organiser, Bronwyn Sindel, told *The Echo*, 'We invite you to come along and listen to the choir and speakers, join in the Voice Treaty Truth banner painting, and have a yarn on the Voice'.

According to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), 'As part of the Australian government's commitment to implement the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, a referendum will be held between October and December 2023, to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution, by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice'.

Kids get busy with fire preps



There's nothing like a fire truck to get a child's pulse racing, and on Saturday morning, dozens of kids lined up for the Byron Bay Fire Brigade's open day at Main Beach. Three-year-old Kai couldn't wait to put on his gear and show dad, Carlos, how to work all the gadgets. To get involved, visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au). Photo Eve Jeffery

Labor MP spruiks 2023-24 budget

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until November, unlike many of the other schemes announced in the budget, leaving Australians to go through another winter and associated flus before bulk billing kicks in.

'There are obviously starting dates for all of this,' Elliot said, 'but we have been looking at ten years of inaction'.

'I know many people are saying they just have made a choice previously to not go to the doctor because they just couldn't afford it,' Elliot said, 'so this is something that I'm really proud of as part of the Labor team'.



Local federal Labor MP, Justine Elliot

up to the age of 14 will be entitled to extra support, while those in charge of 15-18 year olds miss out.

Services Australia's website says those aged between 16 and 21 can apply for youth allowance as a job seeker.

Labor has also promised what equates to a maximum of \$31 extra per fortnight in rent assistance.

The biggest increase to the scheme in 30 years is still nowhere near enough to compensate for some of the skyrocketing rent increases that we've seen over the past few years, so what else has Labor got planned in terms of housing investment?

Housing fund stalled

Elliot says Labor's Housing Australia fund, worth \$10 billion, will also see an extra \$2 billion added in the budget.

'This includes predominantly social housing. There is some affordable housing, but it also includes 4,000 homes for women and children fleeing domestic violence,' Elliot said.

Yet the bill has so far failed to win necessary

support from either the Greens or the coalition, with the Greens calling for more housing support, while the coalition says the scheme is inflationary and unworkable.

'The Greens teamed up yet again with the Liberals and Nationals and we've seen this, we saw it with the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) over a decade ago,' Elliot said.

According to *The Guardian* on May 8, the Grattan Institute think tank says, 'The Greens rightly point out that this doesn't go far enough, but they over-egg their criticisms of the future fund model.'

Economic policy program director, Brendan Coates, said the future fund model is where the federal government provides funding to the states, then passes it on to housing organisations.

Locally, that could be housing providers such as Social Futures and North Coast Housing.

Coates said he 'can't understand' why Labor won't commit to a minimum yearly disbursement from the fund, noting that it doesn't appear willing to put more money on the table.

Last week, Elliot also announced on social media \$3M in joint funding with the NSW Labor government, 'to build more social and affordable housing' in Mullumbimby.

She was criticised online for it being too little, given '\$3M will nearly buy three houses'.

Low-cost loans for energy efficiency

Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, also promised support for all houses in Australia, including affordable and social housing, to become more energy efficient through double glazing and solar panels.

The budget shows around 110,000 households will be eligible for shares in a \$1 billion fund for low-cost loans to have double glazing, solar panels and other energy improvements installed.

Labor's \$1.6 billion energy savings plan also includes \$300 million for energy efficiency improvements in social housing and \$310 million for businesses investing in renewable energy and efficiency measures to receive tax deductions.

The member for Richmond confirmed all residential properties would be eligible for the energy efficiency scheme, including rental properties, with the landowner's cooperation.

Both the energy efficiency scheme and the government's automatic energy bill rebate for concession cardholders such as pensioners, veterans and seniors, recipients of Carers Allowance and some Family Tax Benefit recipients are to start in July.

'That will be \$500 in power bill relief in total that will come off people's bills,' Elliot said.

■ For more information, visit [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au).

Welfare support

Labor has also promised to provide an extra \$40 per fortnight for those struggling to survive on JobSeeker welfare payments – currently a single unemployed person without children can be paid \$693.10 a fortnight.

Yet this comes well short of what the government's own interim economic inclusion committee recommends.

It reported in April that JobSeeker payments act as a barrier to entering the workforce, as job seekers don't have enough to meet the 'essentials of life'.

But there is some respite for those aged 55 and over, with access to higher welfare support to become available. Until now, it was only available to those who were over 60.

Similarly, single care-givers in charge of children

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Bell and Ford’s Lesley Ford and Annette Campbell (left and second from the right), with supporter, Linda Grace, and the SHIFT Project’s Julie Wells. Photo Eve Jeffery

Hundreds of bargain shoppers helped to raise around \$38,000 for the SHIFT Project on Saturday, at the annual secondhand clothes sale held at the Byron Surf Club.

The SHIFT Project

supports women through the challenges they face moving from homelessness to independence.

**Funds up by \$9k**

Organisers say this year’s

effort was up about \$9,000 on the last event.

All the unsold clothing has been given to Lifeline, Anglicare and Global Ripple.

For more info, visit <https://shiftproject.org.au>.

Human bone investigated by NSW Police

NSW Police have told *The Echo* that officers attached to Tweed-Byron Police District are still investigating the discovery of a human bone, found offshore at Belongil Beach, Byron Bay, about


1.30pm on Saturday May 6. Police divers conducted further searches of the area on May 13.

After initial forensic examination found it was human, it will now undergo

further forensic testing to identify its origin, which will include comparison with known missing persons.

Police say a report will be prepared for the information of the NSW Coroner.


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Maha Bazaar owner sells up

Owing to the ill health of its owner, one of Byron’s original and iconic hippy stores, Maha Bazaar, is up for sale.

Dom and Sam, on behalf of their father and business owner, Radha, say the shop is one of the last remaining remnants of Byron’s counter-culture past.

The pair say, ‘The store is a treasure trove of exotic homewares and bohemian delights. Over the years, Maha Bazaar has become more than just a store – it has woven itself into the very fabric of the town’.

‘It’s a meeting place for artists, musicians and kindred spirits and a sanctuary of self-expression’.

‘Maha Bazaar remains as a symbol of the town’s vibrant and free-spirited soul, and a testament to the enduring spirit of the hippy movement’, they added.

The shop is located at 11 Byron Street.



Young Kalani, grandchild of Maha Bazaar owner, Radha. Photo supplied

Gig raises awareness for palliative care

With Palliative Care week commencing Monday May 22, a fundraising and awareness event will be held on Saturday May 27 at the Billinudgel Hotel to support a local service.

Lulu Shapiro, clinical manager of Lotus Palliative Care, says, ‘After the last sold out success, the funds raised have supported clients and their families with education, clinical and non-clinical care, advice, medical equipment and consumables’.

Shapiro says, ‘Palliative care in the home is a compassionate approach to end-of-life care that focuses on providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to clients and their families. It encompasses the principles of empathy, dignity, choice, and inclusiveness, ensuring that individuals receive personalised care in the comfort of their own homes’.

She adds, ‘From 4pm, there will be seven hours of banging music, from seven renowned local DJs, plus a giant silent auction’. Tickets can be purchased from [events.humanitix.com/lotus-at-the-nudge-2023](https://events.humanitix.com/lotus-at-the-nudge-2023).

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# Garden waste guru speaks May 25

The inventor of the globally renowned in-ground residential composting system, Subpod, has returned home to Byron Bay for a short stay before he embarks on a collaboration with a global company to take his latest project, WastePlant, around the world.

On Thursday May 25, from 6pm for a 6.30pm start, Andrew Hayim de Vries will host a public talk at his warehouse, where he will discuss why inground composting systems are perfect for residential food waste, and explain how to efficiently build your own DIY composting system at home.

Around three years ago, he says he left Subpod and moved on to develop WastePlant, 'a community compost system and facility based on the same principle as the Subpod, on a much larger scale'.

## Closed-loop design

According to [www.wasteplant.com.au](http://www.wasteplant.com.au), the closed-loop design turns garden and food waste into 'edible-plant-filled garden beds'. Substantial water efficiency is also achieved using



Andrew Hayim de Vries's mantra is, 'If we own the problem, we own the solution'. Photo Eve Jeffery

WastePlant's 'proprietary in-garden irrigation and water management system, Vermigation™'.

He told *The Echo*, 'For the past 15 months, I have been based in Indonesia, where I have been working with government officials, resorts, communities and universities, discussing plans to effectively solve their food waste issues'.

'If there is a solution in a tropical environment like

Indonesia, then there can be a solution in most parts of the world'.

## Global Ripple fundraiser

A silent auction of two large prototype compost systems will be held at the May 25 talk, and those funds, plus the \$5 entry fee, will be donated to the Global Ripple op shop, located around the corner in the Byron Arts and

Industry estate.

'Please feel free to bring a chair, otherwise this will be a standing event'.

A garage sale of all his remaining beloved warehouse items will also be held on Saturday, May 27, from 8am till 12pm at his Byron Arts and Industry unit, located at 1/22 Brigantine Street.

He says funds raised from the garage sale will also be donated to the Global Ripple op shop.



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[www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)**Rare dugong sighted  
in Tweed River –  
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Sighting of rare dugongs in the Tweed River over the last year have led to the belief that the dugong may have relocated to the Tweed River.

**CCTV released in  
appeal following  
public place shooting  
– Ballina**

Investigators have renewed calls for information after a number of shots were allegedly fired into a home at Ballina last month.

**‘Facing Up’ to climate  
and ecological crises**

The latest in a series of discussion events called Facing Up will feature Tim Hollo, Krysta McMahon and Cate McQuillen at the Regent in Murwillumbah.

**Stopping legacy  
developments on  
floodplains no easy  
task for councils**

The risk that legacy and zombie development approvals on floodplains represent is significant, yet local councils appear hamstrung to take any real action on the issue without significant financial risks to individual councils.

**Richmond Valley  
Council’s ‘ambitious’  
growth agenda**

A new Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for Richmond Valley Council has set what they call an ‘ambitious’ growth agenda for 2040, including more people, housing, jobs and green spaces.

**Cudgen Creek and  
headland being  
‘loved to death’  
– but can anything  
be done?**

At the last Tweed Shire Council meeting Councillor James Owen will proposed that ‘the Cudgen Creek Masterplan be prioritised’ as the area is being ‘loved to death’ by both locals and visitors. However, Council staff have not supported the notice of motion.

**Amber alert for blue-  
green algae at Uki**

Last week Tweed Shire Council issued an amber alert for blue-green algae in the Tweed River at Uki, two weeks after declaring an amber alert for Clarrie Hall Dam.

[www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au)**PM visits Tweed to promote budget**

Labor Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, was in Tweed Heads last week to highlight the important cost-of-living relief delivered in the Albanese’s government’s recent budget, including Labor’s plans for cheaper childcare.

Accompanied by local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, the pair visited Goodstart Early Learning Tweed Heads to meet with teachers and children at the childcare centre.

Elliot said, ‘Labor’s Cheaper Childcare Plan, delivered in the recent budget, means that from July 1, childcare will be more accessible and affordable, providing cost-of-living relief for around 1.2 million Australian families’.

Locally, she claims 5,600 families will benefit from her government’s changes



Local Labor MP, Justine Elliot and Labor Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese with kids from Goodstart Early Learning. Photo supplied

regarding cheaper childcare.

**Cost-of-living relief**

She said, ‘Our recent budget delivered on our promises and provided important cost-of-living relief for locals including more bulk

billing, making medicines cheaper, expanding paid parental leave, saving households money on their power bills, increasing rent assistance, making childcare cheaper, and delivering fee-free TAFE’.

**Parliamentary Inquiry called into NSW Police**

Upper House NSW Greens MP and Lismore resident, Sue Higginson, says she tabled a notice of motion in NSW Parliament on Tuesday calling for a Parliamentary Inquiry into NSW Police, following the tasering of 95-year-old dementia patient, Clare Nowland last week.

Higginson, who is also the Greens spokesperson for Justice, said the inquiry should include the subsequent revelations of other incidents of police causing harm to elderly residents in aged care homes across the state.

Her motion comes days after the conviction of Sydney police officer, Ryan Barlow, for the assault of a 16-year-old First Nations boy, who was filmed hitting the ground, face first, with a leg sweep.

Additionally, a report by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) on Tuesday ‘identifies a plethora of failings in matters of integrity and oversight in the NSW



NSW Greens MP and Lismore resident, Sue Higginson.

Police,’ Higginson says.

Higginson says she has also referred the tasering of Ms Nowland to the LECC, demanding a fully independent investigation, instead of the internal investigation.

**Footage refusal**

Her motion also calls for the bodycam footage of Ms Nowland’s tasering to be released to the public, ‘after Police Commissioner, Karen Webb, confirmed yesterday she would not watch the footage’.

Higginson said, ‘The tasering of Ms Nowland has

sparked a community outrage that shows how desperately we need police reform’.

‘The NSW Police are tasked with keeping our communities and vulnerable people safe.

**Tip of the iceberg**

‘Instead, people are coming forward with alarming examples of ways the NSW Police have acted out of turn and rarely faced consequences – I fear this is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the extent of the issue.

‘The refusal to release the bodycam footage protects NSW Police from public scrutiny for all the wrong reasons – the NSW community has a right to know exactly what happened when Clare Nowland was tasered, so we can start to take the steps needed for change.

‘We need to shine a light on policing in NSW now, and a Parliamentary Inquiry would allow us to do this’.

**Nolan to run again  
for Richmond**

Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan. Photo Eve Jeffery

In what may turn out to be Australia’s longest election campaign, and with barely a moment to come up for air, 2022 Greens candidate, Mandy Nolan, has announced that she will run again as the candidate for the seat of Richmond at the next federal election.

The Greens say the ALP-held marginal seat of Richmond, covering Ballina, Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay, Lennox Head, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads, is ground zero for both the climate and housing crises.

Nolan’s team of volunteers will immediately join the national doorknock effort, campaigning for a rent and mortgage freeze and a ban on new coal and gas mines.

The Greens say the seat of Richmond came down to the wire in 2022, and Nolan would need a 1.8 per cent swing from the ALP to turn Richmond green at the next federal election.

Ms Nolan said, Monday morning, that she is proud to be running again.

‘I’ve lived in the Richmond electorate for 30 years’.

‘This is where I’ve raised my five kids. This is my home and I’ll do everything I can to stand up for my home in the federal parliament’.

Nolan said that the appearance of the PM in the region last week ‘showed they’re worried’.

‘Labor are going to throw everything at keeping this seat. But with your help, I can win and hold them to account on the things that matter’.

**Man drowns near Lennox**

NSW Police say a man died after being pulled from the water near Lennox Head on Sunday.

At about 4.15pm, Sunday May 21, emergency services were called to Boulder Beach, between Lennox and Skennars Head, following reports of two men in distress in the water.

The men – aged 34 and 57 – were pulled from the water by members of the public.

Officers from Richmond Police District commenced CPR on the 57-year-old man before NSW Ambulance paramedics continued treatment; however, he died at the scene.

The 34-year-old man was not injured.

An investigation is underway into the circumstances surrounding the incident, and a report will be prepared for the coroner.

**What happened to the crabs around Lennox Head?**

David Lowe

Long-term local resident, Donald Opie, is worried about the loss of shellfish, seaweeds and crabs north and south of Ballina Shire Council’s Skennars Head outfall, near Boulder Beach.

Mr Opie is concerned that rising levels of oils, microplastics and other contaminants are finding their way through the water system and affecting marine life,

particularly in the intertidal zone and on the headlands, with small shellfish, like barnacles and periwinkles, increasingly hard to find.

He has been taking water samples from affected areas, and getting them scientifically tested. While fecal coliform counts so far have been low, he’s noticed increasing numbers of rainbow bubbles, which don’t occur naturally in the marine environment, and suspects they can’t be

explained by boat sources.

Having been walking around the rocks of Lennox Point, Shelly Beach and Skennars Head for decades, Opie has noticed big changes, especially in the last few years, with the crabs that once jumped off every rock when he was going for a surf now almost gone, and ‘not a single crab’ at Shelly Beach.

He says seaweed species are also vanishing locally, such as Neptune’s necklace,

which is still growing happily around unspoiled Sandon River, further south, both in the water, and in the rocks which are exposed at low tide.

Opie says that Flat Rock, by comparison, is missing many once common species.

He worries that Ballina Shire Council’s sewage treatment plant in Lennox is not keeping up with the pressure of so many new residents.

In February, Opie contacted the NSW

Environmental Protection Authority, (EPA), officially noting the local decline in marine life. The EPA replied, in part that, ‘Increased use of pesticides for farming crops such as blueberries and macadamias in the area may also be a causative factor’.

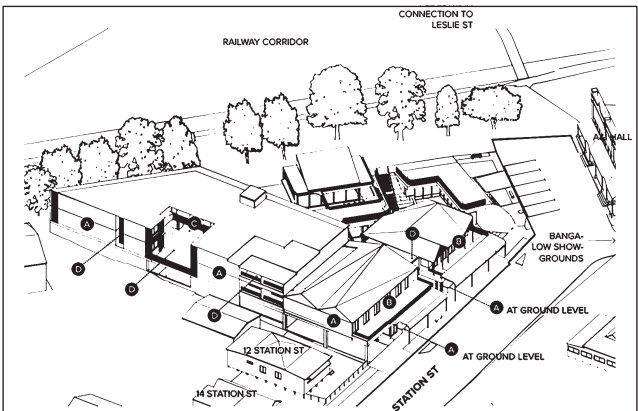
The EPA suggested he should contact NSW Fisheries, but Opie said, ‘I’d already done that, and the guy there just said to me, “Everything’s changing, Don”’.



Large Bangalow DA extended, concerns raised over bulk and scale

With the public exhibition for a large Bangalow DA for the arts precinct on Station Street being extended until May 30, Bangalow Community Association member, Sue Taylor, provided *The Echo* with her objection, saying it would ‘result in a massive impact on the town’.

DA 10.2023.35.1 proposes the construction of a commercial sector (up to 34 spaces) and 26 hotel rooms over three levels, with two levels of basement car parking. According to the supplied illustrations, it would dwarf neighbouring buildings, with a building footprint of 2,117.4m<sup>2</sup>. The parcel of land, currently home to an arts precinct, is located opposite



The 10 Station Street, Bangalow proposal is located opposite the A&I Hall. Image from DA documents

the A&I Hall, and is owned by development firm, CADRE. Taylor says the ‘proposal is non-compliant with the policy provisions set out in the Byron Shire development control plan (DCP) for the precinct of Station Street Bangalow’, and ‘does not comply with controls and guidelines for the Bangalow Heritage Conservation Area (Byron LEP Schedule 5) (Chapter C1 Heritage)’. Apart from a lack of adequate parking, Taylor

believes the proposal also does not reflect the context of the site in terms of form, scale, character, orientation, and setbacks of the streetscape – ‘or the character of the HCA/Station Street precinct (DCP Chapter C1.1.3) (DCP E2 Bangalow)’.

According to [www.6-10stationstreet.com.au](http://www.6-10stationstreet.com.au), the developer’s intention is ‘to preserve the heritage values, green and leafy character, village feel and sense of community, while providing fine grain commercial tenancies, much needed office space, short-term accommodation and significant public open spaces’.

■ Submissions can be made via Council’s website.

Mayor pushes to rewild Council-managed land

**Mia Armitage**

Byron Shire Council staff have responded unenthusiastically to a mayoral proposal for a new partnership with local schools and communities to plant thousands of trees on public land. In a three-part Notice of Motion (NOM) for this week’s

ordinary Council meeting, Mayor Michael Lyon is calling for a report on the possibility and feasibility of large-scale tree plantings on Council-managed land. The Vallances Road Sewage Treatment Plant ‘along the river and in the floodprone areas of the site’, Riverside Drive in Mullumbimby, and ‘any other suitable land, particularly riparian land’, are listed in the NOM as possible mass tree-planting sites. But Council staff replied in the agenda that while the idea has ‘significant merit, they lack resources for such a study, and if the initiative is prioritised, ‘existing planned works’

will need to be reviewed. They also say an existing land care program aimed at volunteers, ‘has suffered through lack of resource’. Speaking to *The Echo* in the leadup to this week’s meeting, Cr Lyon said he was confident his project would get started, even if it meant changing the wording of his motion.

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New shared path for Raftons Road, Bangalow

Council is designing a new shared path on Raftons Road and is seeking feedback from the community on two route options proposed.

Option 1 is on the northern side of the road, mostly in the existing grassed verge.

Option 2 is along the southern side and requires reduced road width due to widening of the verge.

Both options involve car parking losses.

See maps of the route options and have your say until Monday 12 June.

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## What about the young peeps?

**T**he Byron Shire is a popular place to live, and a sought after tourist destination, however it lacks infrastructure to accommodate young people.

Improvements with public transport are needed to complement the solar train and Bat Bus, which is a safe service run by the Byron Youth Service (BYS).

The purpose of the Bat Bus is to provide cheap transport for young people, however it requires a minimum booking of eight people, so it has its restrictions.

Improved bus services are needed, for people of all ages.

A significant increase in public transport for young people would reduce the number of road incidents owing to intoxicated or late night driving.

As a bonus, greater use of public transport decreases pollution and impact on the environment from driving private cars.

As a teen who has grown up in Byron Shire, I would like to see more inclusive developments, such as a Mullumbimby BYS, or a youth group involved with Council to advocate for community-run events such as concerts, open air flicks, and discos (blue light style).

Friendly, drug and alcohol free events for weekend evenings would be effective for entertaining and ensuring the safety of the region's teens.

It would also create connections between young people from different schools and towns in the region.

These events would promote relationships, friendships and community, in a world where the ideal

*'As a teen who has grown up in Byron Shire, I would like to see more inclusive developments such as a Mullumbimby BYS, or a youth group involved with Council.'*

– Tonalì Davies

of community is rapidly changing due to social media.

Currently, young people in the area are struggling to find safe and engaging activities, and reliable transport.

Many teens are relying on methods such as hitchhiking, or getting lifts with older people from events like parties and concerts, which can be dangerous owing to intoxication and reckless driving.

I believe that entertaining the Shire's young people will reduce the number of teenage crime incidents in the community, which is something we all can hope for.

Increasing liveability, connection and community for all ages and groups is an important issue for the region.

With the Shire's strong community and family values, it should be recognised that young people may not have the ideal infrastructure for a safe social life.

As a community, we need to ask what can be done to further promote activities, events and reliable transport for young people.

If you would like to contact me to help make Byron a better place for young people, email me at tonali15@icloud.com.

■ Guest editorial by *Echo* work experience student, Tonalì Davies.

■ News tips are always welcome: please email editor@echo.net.au.

## One year in, and federal Labor lacks the ticker for big picture challenges

**T**he budget didn't cause a ripple of anxiety among well-heeled Australians, big business or Murdoch shock jocks, and that was the precise intention of Treasurer Jim Chalmers. It was basically business as usual, with a few slight tweaks and a handful of lollies thrown in the direction of the needy.

Mustn't frighten the horses, must we? As a result, there were no banner headlines like 'SPEND! SPEND! SPEND!' or 'Albo Does a Whitlam!' and no thundering editorials excoriating Chalmers for profligacy.

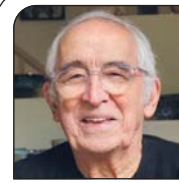
As Albo has clearly stated, to make change you need to be in government and to be in government you need to appeal to the centre. The question is though – where is the centre now? While Albo is busy trying to make Labor the 'natural party of government' as he said, there are millions who are desperate for real change, not just a slight shift in direction.

The Medicare bulk billing changes were welcomed, as was raising the youngest child age-trigger for single parents to be moved to JobSeeker, from eight to 14. The extra rent assistance was welcomed but, in so many cases, instantly gobbled up by greedy landlords.

The JobSeeker increase of \$20 a week was pitiful and downright cruel.

Every Australian knows it's impossible to survive on JobSeeker. Rents are still rising, as are food prices and everything else. These clearly are the most desperately poor in our society. Many people are simply unable, for a variety of reasons, to hold down any kind of regular job. There are some on the right who still think of unemployed people as 'undeserving dolebludgers'. There is almost no such person.

Why be so parsimonious towards the most needy? Possibly to stop the shock jocks baying about giving hard-earned taxpayers' dollars to the 'leaners' in a time of supposed full employment?



*'This wasn't an authentic Labor budget. It did nothing to tackle the huge issues of tax reform, and inequality.'*

– Richard Jones

An accounting quirk gave Jim Chalmers a temporary budget surplus to prove Labor has the management skills to bring the budget back into the black, even if only for a single budget according to their own forecasts. As the end of the financial year is but weeks away it is very likely there will indeed be a surplus.

The truth is, this wasn't an authentic Labor budget, even though Anthony Albanese is from the left faction. It did nothing to tackle the huge issues of tax reform, inequality, inadequate capital gains tax watered down by the Howard government, or getting anything like a reasonable return from our woefully undertaxed resources shipped overseas by largely foreign-owned corporations.

It said nothing about the massive multi-hundred billion dollar Stage Three tax cuts due to start next year. Apart from cruelty to the unemployed, the most glaring and unnecessary gap in the budget is the provision of accommodation for the homeless and those desperately trying to find affordable housing or recover from natural disasters.

With much fanfare the government has announced the \$10 billion housing fund, supposedly designed to build 30,000 dwellings in five years. It's like one of those fantasy 'announceables' in the ABC TV comedy *Utopia* and about as real.

The ten billion will be invested to attempt to generate sufficient funds to build six thousand homes a year. If the legislation is passed, intact in the next few weeks, it will take a while to invest the money; and in what, fossil fuels, nuclear submarine manufacturers, gambling corporations?

There's not a ghost of a chance that the fund will generate sufficient

income quickly enough to build 6,000 homes by this time next year. Anyone who says so is either deluded or lying through their teeth. The building industry is in crisis with lack of building materials, tradespeople, and rising costs.

The Greens want to turn the government's promise into a reality by negotiating a much better deal. To make it really happen we need innovative solutions; like energy efficient architect-designed prefabs, using sustainable materials. By now, we should have had a thriving hempcrete industry using locally grown hemp. Prefabricated factory built eco-houses could have been bypassing the shortage of tradespeople and traditional materials.

The Greens have resisted allowing speedy passage of the legislation while trying to negotiate a better deal that really would build thousands of homes quickly.

Senator Pocock too has suggested doubling the fund to \$20B.

Sadly, local Labor MP, Justine Elliot, has taken the opportunity to bash the Greens mercilessly in an advertising blitz.

Her message is so misleading: 'The Greens, Liberals and One Nation have yet again teamed up to prevent a Bill on affordable housing and emergency accommodation for those fleeing domestic violence'.

She knows the Greens and those others are worlds apart.

Labor cannot get elected without Greens preferences. Greens voters got them into office. Instead of bashing your allies, it would be better to sit down and negotiate a much better, genuine, housing deal. Playing dirty party politics at such a time is inexcusable.

■ Richard Jones is a former NSW MP and is now a ceramist.

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Referendum Yarn Up

Was disappointed when I heard the Prime Minister's Garma speech on the Voice referendum.

I was concerned that the Voice committee facilitation will be embedded with the elected parliament, rather than constitutionally enshrined under the Voice committee's management. But considering the contention on even just putting this federal Aboriginal representative committee in place, this pragmatic referendum proposal is a worthy first step, that does honour the *Uluru Statement's* three elements of Voice, Treaty, Truth.

Not sure why some propose rejecting the Voice to instead move straight to a Treaty. The Voice committee, drawing representatives from the various Aboriginal mobs, would seem the best way to progress the naysayers' Treaty negotiations. And with most of the Close The Gap proposals failing, the Voice committee will immediately have the ear of government to initiate proposals, and to advise on what is working and what isn't.

The *Uluru Statement* is an outstretched hand for Australians of immigrant backgrounds to take, to walk together with Aboriginal people in respectfully integrating the fairly new 235 years bit into this country's 60,000-year history. The Byron Shire's reconciliation groups are holding a Referendum Yarn Up on Sunday, 28 May, from 11am to 3pm in Railway Park, Byron Bay. There will be current referendum information sheets, a banner painting (put your handprint on this Shire's referendum support!), and we will kick off with The Big Voice Choir singing up reconciliation, including 'From Little Things Big Things Grow'. Let's grow Australia's reconciliation BIG, with this little referendum thing!

John Lazarus  
Byron Bay

Rail trail?

Byron Shire Council has sanctioned another report on the feasibility of reinstating a rail service between Bangalow and Yelgun, or part thereof (*Echo*, 10 May). Perhaps it could also investigate extending the rail trail from Eltham to Bangalow, given



this section has apparently been excluded from the train investigations.

Chris Hennessy  
Ballina

Community voice

Further to Annie Radermacher's 'Valuation shock' letter published (*Echo* 28 April) I am writing to suggest that the community considers objecting also at a local level because of the following reasons:

1. Potential increases in weekly rents as property owners decide to pass on the costs of increased land tax and increased rates.
2. A compounding of the lack of affordable rental properties in an area with an already chronic lack of affordable housing.
3. Increased rates contributing to the decision of self-funded retirees to sell their principal place of residence and relocate elsewhere, thereby destabilising the sense of community.
4. Potential lack of service provision due to a labour shortage in low paid sectors, such as hospitality, because people can't afford to live and work in this area.

I wrote to my local member, approximately a week ago. In the absence of an acknowledgement or a response. I followed up with a telephone call. It was suggested by a member of her staff that I contact Stephen Kamper, Minister for Lands and Property. This minister

can be contacted either via a web form or at the following email: rockdale@parliament.nsw.gov.au

I am of the opinion that a single voice won't effect change but as a community whose members will ultimately all be affected, albeit differently, we need to raise a collective voice instead.

Libby O'Loughlin  
Lennox Head

Building waste

Surely Byron Council can do something about the lack of recycling at building sites in Byron Shire? In the recent house builds near our house I've seen over ten skips leave one property. On several occasions the tradesmen were cutting up perfectly good timber and long lengths of pvc pipes to fit into skips and one skip was filled with only gyprock offcuts!

I've heard that companies allow for ten per cent plus as wastage in quotes. Surely we can do better and make recycling mandatory? How many potential dwellings are going to landfill?

Wally Hueneker  
Byron Bay

Posturing politicians

While Greens in the Senate endure the irony of being pilloried by the government for speaking passionately about social justice and housing, Patricia Warren's letter (*Echo* 10 May) on the role of the banking lobby in

this debacle, was informative and timely. It brought to mind a graph I came across in *Pearls and Irritations* recently (<https://bit.ly/3ojwc6P>) detailing how 17 of the top 20 ASX listed companies in Australia in 2019 had majority shareholdings based in the US. Of course this included the big four banks. Who would've thunk it? I wonder if things have changed much since then.

John Mester  
Clunes

Koalas

Don't rely on any regime to save anything that's endangered because their mates the miners and developers pay them too much money to look the other way.

Remember the Rum Corps in the good old days when we were a penal colony; a jail for poor unfortunates from Pommy-land?

The song remains the same, it's all corrupt and won't change until something drastic happens.

What that will be, Mother Earth only knows, and we'll find out soon enough won't we?

What needs to happen is to stop the logging of koala habitats that get wood-chipped and taken to sugar mills in Northern NSW and used for fuel.

What a bloody sham NSW, and an indictment of the system that allows this to happen.

Paul Brecht  
Evans Head

Fake gov

For those interested in a reality check, particularly those deluded apologists for the fake corporate puppets  
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and weapons manufacturers known as the Labor Party, one may like to check out the recent very coherent speech of Greens Senator Max Chandler-Mather to parliament. This shows the laughable inadequacy of Labor's housing policy and their insulting, dismal excuses.

This speech, going viral on Tik Tok, can be found by searching: Housing in the 2023 budget – Max Chandler-Mather on YouTube.

Penny Wong's hysterical attack on Chandler-Mather displays her true colours.

If this isn't enough, why was one of the top bureaucrats, Kathryn Campbell (who totally fucked up, by her own admission) who administered the 'Robodebt' debacle, which caused disgusting consequences for a great many Australian citizens, given a \$900,000-plus job of 'Senior AUKUS advisor' to the present government?

And people still vote for these fake shysters.

**Rod Murray**  
Ocean Shores

### Greens for survival

At the recent Nimbin Town Hall where Sue Higginson, among others, was active in an affirmative action workshop where they

talked about the new world of political order that the Greens are a part of in NSW.

I then attended the monthly meeting of the Byron Chapter of the Greens where Tamara Smith and Mandy Nolan discussed the potentially exciting future for this country and the Green movement.

Music, art, theatre and dance are what I call the change elements. People are and can be transformed in their thinking by the use of these elements. My proposal is that the Greens adopt the use of these elements to convey the party message. Ideal for involving locals in the movement. The three ladies that I saw yesterday all had that theatrical appeal as they danced upon the stage of politics to help this area and this country face the challenges and excitement of the future.

My name is Boyd Warren. I am a landscape architect and planner living in Main Arm, Byron Shire. I set up an affordable community in Main Arm called Main Arm Eco Village in 2002 with help from Byron Council including Jan Barham, who was mayor at the time. I sold lots for a start price of \$75,000. A bit different from the \$2.4 million for a lot for sale at Coorabell today.

My family moved from Melbourne to Canberra in 1952 when Canberra had a population of 20,000 people. My father was an architect and worked closely with my mother as a team. They were involved in repertory theatre between my ages of 8 to 16. Repertory was my babysitter. My father Bob Warren designed sets and was involved with the running of the theatre, and mother Joy Warren was the leading lady for the theatre in many plays during that time.

Once a year Joy gathered some of the female social hierarchy of Canberra to launch Arts Balls to help fund the continuing performances of repertory. Bob would design the setting and organise the props for the mood of that year's ball.

Between my age of 17 and 57 my parents opened and ran Solander Art Gallery in Yarralumla in Canberra. They were a part of the cultural development of the national capital utilising politicians such as Bob Hawke and local politicians to open art shows.

My proposal is based on experience of how the change elements of music, art, theatre and dance can be utilised for change. I have attended festivals where

such greats as Merboy's Daughter performed in theatre shows and dance performances to add humour to the idea of change.

**Boyd Warren**  
Main Arm

### Simply the best

Take a bow Jim Chalmers and the Albanese Labor government, what an outstanding effort in delivering such a great budget under very difficult conditions.

Hamstrung by a one trillion dollar debt and a staggering interest bill of \$2.5 million an hour, thanks to an incompetent Coalition government that just cannot handle money, this highly efficient proactive Labor government has managed to deliver a budget surplus within 12 months of taking office – and the first one for 15 years. This is exactly what a government that is governing for all Australians looks like.

Recent world events have sent shock waves through the economies of all OECD countries and sent interest rates soaring, putting immense financial pressure on all their budgets, and cost of living pressures on their citizens, including Australia. Above all this doom and gloom, Labor has delivered energy bill relief, cost of living relief, rental relief, affordable housing relief, JobSeeker boost, cheaper pharmaceuticals, strengthening Medicare, and reducing government debt.

How good is it to see not only a government actually delivering on their election promises, but actually expanding on them in their first budget, unlike a devious coalition that lied profusely in order to get elected then unashamedly reneged, and the non-delivering, all p\*\*s-and-wind Greens.

**Keith Duncan**  
Pimlico

### Voice. Let's get real

Let's get real. If we are to rewrite history to make right, there is some mighty righting to do, and it will call upon all citizens worldwide to pack up and get walking, because all of us are trespassing on what were lands occupied by others.

We know humans were here at the time of Captain Philip taking possession, but we don't know if they were the descendants of those living here 60,000 years ago. It could be that the humans of 200 years ago were themselves conquerors. That's the beauty of Aboriginals not writing their history down

– they can claim anything.

What we do know is that there is no way that the descendants of Captain Philip's time would be in possession of this land today – it would have been claimed by Spain, the French, the Dutch, the Philippines, the Malaysians, the Japanese, Hitler – indeed by anyone armed with more than a spear. Let not the Aboriginal descendants of today forget that. They were doomed – just as all nations unable to guard themselves today are doomed.

It's great for the Aboriginal descendants of today to still believe in Dreamtime dreams, but dreams would not have stopped the conquerors with superior arms.

**Ian Pratt**  
Bilinga

### Israel's 75th

Gareth Smith is right about one thing, yes, we along with Australian diplomats and politicians are celebrating the amazing country that is Israel. Allow me to give you some very, very basic facts about the region that was known as Palestine.

Never in history has there been an independent country or state known as Palestine, as it was simply the name given to the region by the Romans when they finally defeated the Jews in battle.

Jordan was established on 78 per cent of mandatory Palestine, so why is there no mention of Jordan as 'Palestine' or a 'Palestinian' Jordanian identity?

In November 1947, the UN voted and agreed to partition the remaining part of the region of Palestine into two states, a Jewish state and an Arab state (up until this point in history, the people the Arabs referred to as Palestinians were the Jews of the land and the Arabs simply called themselves Arabs, as they found the title beneath them).

The Arabs completely rejected this resolution as they did not want one inch of the land to be shared with the indigenous Jews, whilst the Jews gladly agreed, and on 14 May 1948 Israel was declared an independent state.

One day later, on 15 May, five mighty Arab armies from the surrounding countries invaded Israel and were intent on completely annihilating the newly-formed Jewish state. The invading armies instructed the local Arabs to temporarily leave the land so it would be easier to kill the Jews, and return once the massacre was over (the plan was not to create an independent Palestinian state but to absorb the

# FESTIVAL OF THE STONE 2023

## NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BYRON SHIRE.

After working closely with Byron Shire Council and the RMS, consultants have formulated a traffic management plan to manage and minimise the potential traffic impact in proximity to our festival site at our Byron Brewery: 100 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay. We wish to inform you that the following changes will take place from 9am Saturday 3 June – 12am Sunday 4 June.

**FESTIVAL TIMES:**  
**SATURDAY 3 JUNE - GATES OPEN 3PM, CLOSSES 10PM.**

### TRAFFIC:

- Centennial Circuit closed from 9am Saturday 3rd June.
- Detours will be in place on Brigantine St, Bayshore drive and part of Centennial Circuit.

### PARKING:

- Free parking located at Cavanbah Centre, 249 Ewingsdale Rd, Byron Bay.
- A signed footpath will connect the Cavanbah carpark to the festival site.
- There will be no parking on Centennial Circuit for the event.

### PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

- There will be a pickup and drop off zone located outside of the brewery, 100 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay.

### SHUTTLE BUSES:

- Shuttle buses will run every 30 mins from Byron interchange (rail corridor adjacent to Butler St) to the festival and Cavanbah carpark.
- The northern villages shuttle bus will run from Ocean Shores, leaving at 3pm, travelling to the festival via Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. The return bus leaves at 10pm.
- All shuttle bus information can be found on the Stone & Wood website.



Heavy lies the head that wears the crown...

■ Whereas I feel robust political commentary and debate are fair enough in a newspaper, I dislike the continual snide disparaging of the British (English monarchy). It is unpleasant to see my birth nation's institutions trivialised and sneered at, especially when such reverence and tender regard for the cultures of other foreign nations is in my opinion generally afforded, except maybe for Putin's Russia or Trump in the US.

It always amuses me to witness how even supposedly committed republicans seem to be 'duched' once they get an invitation to a royal ceremony in England.

Even though writers like Shelley in the 19th century and others would be verbally caustic and disparaging of such dubious monarchs as George III and The Prince Regent (George IV), the monarchy as institution weathered their comments. It is not an individual to be sneered at; it is an institution. It represents England itself. It is up to the nation, through its parliament, legitimately to reject the constitutional monarchy.

The monarchy allows for individuals in the role who may have many character quirks, and in the case of George III, be actually mentally ill. In the case of a constitutional monarch it scarcely matters to the state.

But if a president is mad, bad and dangerous to know (sorry, Lord Byron!) it is a worry. I wonder were one to add together the incomes of leading CEOs in today's England or Australia, what the annual expenditure would be?

And then there is the obscene wealth of film stars and pop stars; but I shall not say so. A head of state is entitled to some respect. As Trump insisted not so long ago. Mind you... Oh, and the British are not the only ones who 'stole stuff'. If the fabled Kohinoor diamond were returned to India, do you imagine, Mandy, its value would help the lives of the people there one jot? I think not!

David Morris  
Byron Bay

■ I was very disappointed to read the short piece in Backlash last week with regard to the monarchy and King Charles in particular. It's obvious that the writer knows nothing about Charles and what he's been up to for the past 50 years or so.

I believe Charles was only in his late twenties, maybe early 30s, when he established the Prince's Trust, an endeavour that has enabled thousands of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to live fulfilling and happy lives. He started that trust with his own money – the wages he'd earned while

serving in the air force.

He's also been a long-time champion of the natural world, drawing attention to the major problems of pollution, especially of plastic.

He is also a very keen organic farmer, understanding not only the importance of the plant kingdom, including the trees, but also the role of the birds and the bees and all those creatures who create a sustainable reality for us human beings and all other living creatures.

People of wealth and status in the world are in a unique position to make positive change, and if they are of an evolved nature themselves also understand that their blessings come with the responsibility to act for the benefit of others.

If we sincerely wish for a healthy and responsible world for the children of today and tomorrow then surely the least we can do is to support those who are invested in making some effort to ensure that future will come about. Wealth and prominence does not always encourage those so blessed to work for the greater good, but I for one believe that Charles is in a position to have a very positive impact on the current critical situation that exists on our planet, and I wish him a long and active reign.

Bronwyn Sindel  
Mullumbimby

► territory mainly into Egypt and Syria).

Most Arabs were happy to do this whilst a small percentage were in fact forced to leave by the newly-formed Israeli army.

Israel, by pure miracle, and having no choice but to fight for their lives, survived, and the Arabs that left the land were cast aside by Arab states, and refused citizenship by these same Arab leaders that encouraged them to flee. The claim that the 'Zionists' forced the bulk of the Arabs to flee is a complete and utter lie.

In fact, 150,000 Arabs chose to remain in Israel after the war, were granted full citizenship and were welcomed by the newly-founded Jewish state. Today these citizens have flourished and comprise 20 per cent of the population.

On the other hand, after the establishment of the state of Israel, Arab countries stripped 750,000 Jews of citizenship, froze their assets

and forcibly expelled them from their homes often after murderous pogroms against their Jews.

Palestinians and Israelis both deserve good lives and to live in peace. It is time to stop the lies, brainwashing and propaganda against Israel and finally create two states that live side-by-side in peace and harmony, otherwise we will be having the same stupid debate in another 75 years.

Danny Wakil  
Billinudgel

Questioning the ten commandments

On the ten commandments, briefly: If you are not indigent to land, you would have had to ('Thou Shalt Not Kill') kill to stake your claim of private property; ('Thou Shalt Not Steal'), steal and then lie covering it up; ('Thou shalt not give false testimony'), lie.

With these tenets torn asunder in the building of empires from the Hellenic

to the Roman Empire, to modern imperialist empires, how much is systematically taken for granted when, for example, the Indigenous, or the African Americans and their history of slavery in the Americas, or the Palestinians in Palestine in the institutions (government, policing, and education) of modern-day colonies and their various forms of ongoing oppression, which can only exist while the same systems turn a wilful blind eye to the brutality and corruption of courts, institutions, politicians and peoples that is required to hide its own past, but the living history in terms of generational trauma, dispossession and enslavement carried in personages? A horrific future portends if the colonisers fail to account for their hand in this history. An apology is only the beginning of reconciliation. The New Testament is particularly misogynistic.

Danielle Haliczzer  
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### BYRON BAY & BEYOND

# Planet warming now more likely to exceed 1.5°C threshold for the first time by 2027

Cosmos Magazine

The prospect of a strong El Niño event and increased greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere has prompted the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) to up the likelihood of the world exceeding one of the Paris Climate Agreement's climate thresholds.

The WMO now says there's a 66 per cent chance average global temperature will be 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels at some point in the next five years.

On top of this, it's near certain that one of those years will be the warmest on record, and that 2023-27 will be the warmest five-year period yet, although it is unlikely to be above the threshold across that average period.

These findings headline the latest climate update from the WMO, which only last year considered it an even chance that 1.5°C would be breached before 2027.

But while it's probable that the planet's average



Fighting the 2019-20 Black Summer fires. Photo PSA

temperature will move beyond 1.5°C at some point soon, it will likely be short-lived. Indicators suggest it will become a permanent situation at some point in the 2030s, on current trajectories. In isolation, Australia's leading scientists indicate the continent's climate is hovering close to that limit.

'This report does not mean that we will permanently exceed the 1.5°C level specified in the Paris Agreement which refers to long-term warming over many years,' says WMO

Secretary-General, Professor Petteri Taalas.

### Sounding the alarm

'However, WMO is sounding the alarm that we will breach the 1.5°C level on a temporary basis with increasing frequency.

'A warming El Niño is expected to develop in the coming months and this will combine with human-induced climate change to push global temperatures into uncharted territory.

'This will have far-reaching repercussions

for health, food security, water management and the environment.'

Kids born today face a far more extreme future than their parents and grandparents, say scientists. The Paris Climate Agreement signed in 2015 preferred to keep global temperatures beneath the 1.5°C mark, while setting a firmer 2°C target before the end of the century. The world's current carbon mitigation efforts are likely insufficient to prevent that temperature increase being exceeded.

## Coastal ecosystems key GHG sinks

The ability of coastal ecosystems to absorb and release greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) as part of the world's GHG budget has demonstrated that the majority are a net greenhouse gas sink. However, emissions of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) counteract some of the CO<sub>2</sub> uptake, according to international researchers led by Australia's Southern Cross University.

From tropical lagoons to polar fjords, from coastal mangrove forests to underwater seagrass communities, many coastlines around the world show high diversity in how their greenhouse gas sinks and emissions operate.

These new findings of the coastal greenhouse gas balance (CO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>4</sub> + N<sub>2</sub>O) in ten regions around the world are outlined in the paper, *Coastal vegetation and estuaries collectively are a greenhouse gas sink*, published recently in *Nature Climate Change*.



Fjord at Trolltunga, Norway. Photo Dong Zhang / Unsplash

### Australasia moderate

The strongest coastal greenhouse gas sinks identified were the archipelagic region of Southeast Asia, because of its extensive and productive tropical mangrove forests and seagrasses; North America because of its large areas of salt marshes, mangroves, and seagrasses, but also CO<sub>2</sub>-uptaking fjords; and Africa with large CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by mangroves and seagrasses that is moderately reduced by estuarine GHG emissions.

Australasia rated as a

moderate coastal greenhouse gas sinks with long stretches of coastal wetlands that take up CO<sub>2</sub>, but this region also has a large number of estuaries along its coasts, many of which are a source of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O.

Europe and Russia are the two regions that release more coastal GHG than they can take up from the atmosphere.

'Understanding how and where greenhouse gases are released and absorbed in coastal ecosystems is an important first step for implementing effective climate mitigation strategies,' said lead researcher, Dr Judith Rosentreter, Senior Research Fellow at Southern Cross University.

'For example, protecting and restoring mangrove and salt marsh habitats is a promising strategy to strengthen the CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by these coastal wetlands.'

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



Wednesday 17 June 2023

Dear residents,

This is a courtesy letter to advise you that a cultural event will be held at Denning Park, Byron Bay on Saturday 17 June 2023. This is an all-ages, all-inclusive event.

#### Event details:

Event name:	BYRON MUSIC FESTIVAL
Event type:	Community live music event
Date:	Saturday 17 June 2023
Event times:	11am – 8:30pm
Event bump-in:	Friday 16 June 2023
Event bump-out:	Sunday 18 June 2023

The expected attendance is a maximum of 3,000 people over the nine-hour duration of the event. A shuttle bus service will be running throughout the day, and Traffic Attendants and accompanying signage will be present to assist in the reduction and smooth flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. There will be live amplified music between the hours of 11am – 8:30pm. Provisions have been made to ensure this has minimal impact on surrounding residents. Noise levels will be monitored and recorded throughout the event to remain compliant with EPA standards.

We hope to see you at the event, in a celebration of our local creatives as a community, at a time when the music industry needs as much support as possible so we can continue to provide our community with connection, healing, and joy through music.

BMF is run by locals for locals; produced by the team at Byron Music Shop. For any enquiries during the festival, our hotline number is 0488 022 857.

For more information, please visit [www.byronmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.byronmusicfestival.com.au)

Kind Regards,  
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# Are we logging koalas to extinction?

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) is calling on people to take action to protect one of the most important koala habitats on the Richmond River Lowlands in response to the Forestry Corporation commencing logging in

Braemar State Forest – south of Casino.

NEFA spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, said that four days after the election of the Minns Government, the Forestry Corporation released their plan to log over 5,000 mature koala feed trees in

compartments 6 and 7 of Braemar State Forest. 'Last week they began roading operations'

'They are obviously taking advantage of the chaos after the election of the new government to log this habitat before the incoming Minns government can implement their promise to protect koala habitat.'

## Urgently write to environment minister

NEFA is asking people to urgently write to the new Environment Minister, Penny Sharp, and the new Forestry Minister, Tara Moriarty, asking them to immediately stop logging this important koala habitat in Braemar State Forest.

'In 2019 NEFA's koala scat searches revealed an exceptional density of koala scats and multiple koala high use areas in compartments 6 and 7 of Braemar State Forest, which under



One of Braemar's koalas that survived the fires, whose home is now proposed for logging.

though thankfully some survived in less heavily burnt stands, one study estimating a loss of 50–70 per cent of koalas.

'In August 2020 NEFA released a proposal for a 7,000ha Sandy Creek Koala Park on the understanding that the surviving koalas could rebuild their population over time.

'Instead of allowing the koalas to recover, the Forestry Corporation are intending to log 75 per cent of koala feed trees >30cm diameter (the size preferred by koalas), totalling over

5,000 mature feed trees, across the 187ha logging area.

'This is on top of the fire impacts, and will devastate recovering populations.

'Koalas are notoriously lethargic and they need you to take action on their behalf to convince the new NSW Minns government to honour their promise to protect koalas.'

the previous harvesting plan would have required over half the logging area to be protected for koalas.

'The then Berejiklian government reacted by adopting a new plan that removed requirements to protect koala high use areas, and instead only required the protection of five small potential koala feed trees per hectare.

'NEFA then began preparing for a blockade as we undertook further surveys to identify the extent of this important population.

## The Busby Flat fire

'On the night of 8 October 2019 the Busby's Flat fire burnt through these compartments, eliminating koalas from the most heavily burnt forests,

## Victoria to stop logging native forests, so must NSW

Aslan Shand

The call to stop logging native forests in NSW has been made loud and long with Victoria joining WA to end native forest logging.

'Tasmania, Queensland and NSW must be next,' said the Bob Brown Foundation (BBF).

'It is a historic and great day for Victoria. We send huge congratulations to the forest activists who, over decades, have made this happen. Fifty years after woodchipping drove a massive nationwide assault on native forests, Premier Andrews has brought it to an end,' Bob Brown Foundation Campaign Manager, Jenny Weber, said.

'WA is ending logging next year. Victoria were to phase it out over the next ten years but have realised that they need to take immediate action and have announced they will phase it out this year,' ecologist Dailan Pugh told *The Echo*.

'South-east Queensland is in process of phasing out logging of native forests, and NSW has got to follow suit.

'It is devastating the impact it is having on our



Logging Cherry Tree State Forest. Photo Dailan Pugh

native forests. We can't continue to degrade our native forests in this era of species extinction and runaway climate change. We need to allow our forests to regain their natural integrity. It is crucial that we give our forests the opportunity to regain their natural integrity to better withstand the accelerating impacts of climate change.'

## Repeal anti-protest laws in Victoria

'Climate and biodiversity are two sides of the same coin. Protecting native forests is a priority climate action. Leaving forests intact improves forest resilience in the face of wildfire and

maintains a vital carbon store,' said former Tasmanian Greens senator, Christine Milne.

'Not only that, for our survival, and the survival of many rare and endangered species like the swift parrots, koalas, masked owls, and gliders, native forest logging needs to cease and cease this year, as it will in Victoria.

'The BBF also calls for Victoria's anti-democratic, anti-protest laws to now be repealed. It was a desperate effort by the Andrews government to protect the logging industry and now they serve no purpose except to highlight just how far governments are prepared to go to protect industries destroying the planet,' said Ms Milne.

## CHES by Ian Rogers

The Darling Downs Open has been a fixture on the Australian tournament calendar for over a decade but this year the Toowoomba weekend suddenly became one of the strongest events of the year.

The difference – money! Thanks to an injection of funds by new sponsor Byron Capital, the Darling Downs prize fund leapt from \$4,000 in 2022 to \$14,000 in 2023.

The Australian record for a tournament first prize is \$5,000 though that amount bought a little more in 1971, when offered at the legendary Lidums Australian Open – still the strongest tournament ever held in Australia.

Certainly the prize fund attracted a record field. Among the 171 players were two Grandmasters and five International Masters, playing alongside more than 30 players who had yet to acquire a tournament rating.

The event also saw two leading players of the previous decade, GM David Smerdon, 38, and IM George Xie, 37, come out of semi-retirement, with Smerdon showing few signs of rust in tying for first place with fellow Grandmaster Moulthun Ly.

Smerdon, nowadays an economics lecturer at the University of Queensland, has not been cut off

entirely from the chess world, having developed a Fighting Index which has been used in Magnus Carlsen's online Champions Tour. He has also used his behavioural economics background to present suggestions about preventing cheating in chess.

Smerdon won his first six games in Toowoomba without undue difficulty, as did Moulthun Ly, and when the two met in the final round a short draw, securing \$3,000 each, was always going to be the likely result.

■ In the diagrammed position Ly, White, has a slight positional advantage due to Black's isolated pawns, but top seed Ikeda Junta could not have imagined that his next 'careful' move would be immediately fatal.

23...Kh7? 24.f4! Ree8 25.Nh5! Qe6 26.Bxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxd7!! A bolt from the blue; after 27... Qxd7, 28.Nf6+ regains the queen with interest, so Ikeda had no choice but to resign.



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# ACAP's Byron Bay Campus Offers Promising Career Path for Counsellors

**The launch of the new Community Hub centre in Byron Bay is set to offer a range of essential services to the community, including mental health, family support, and youth services, highlighting the growing need for mental health professionals in the region.**

## A Promising Outlook for Counsellors

According to Jobs and Skills Australia's Labour Market Insights, the job market for counsellors is expected to grow by 14.2% by 2026, adding 3,500 new jobs. The average weekly earnings for a counsellor in Australia are \$1,652, making counselling a great future career choice, especially in today's world where mental health and wellbeing are essential, as Mika Steele, ACAP's Byron Bay senior counselling lecturer, points out.

## A Future-Proof Career Choice

With a counselling degree, students will be qualified to work across a range of industries and roles, including drug and alcohol counselling, school counselling, rehabilitation counselling, child and adolescence counselling, mental health and wellbeing, and family and marriage counselling. The Australian College of Applied Professions (ACAP) at Byron Bay offers courses such as the Diploma of Counselling and Bachelor of Counselling to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

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	<b>QUARTZ GALLERY</b> Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12pm–10pm Upstairs at Mercato, above Woolworths, 108–114 Jonson St. Byron Bay Insta – @thequartzgallery Web – <a href="http://quartzgallery.com.au">quartzgallery.com.au</a>	<b>Crystals and cocktails, tapas and wine</b> In the heart of Byron Bay this crystal gallery is a stunning visual experience and a taste sensation not to be missed. Sit amongst magnificent crystals from all over the world while sipping on crystal infused cocktails. We also offer delicious vegan tapas by No Bones, an eclectic wine list, an event space, and a view of the Byron Bay lighthouse.
	<b>Barrio Eatery &amp; Bar</b> 1 Porter Street, North Byron Mon–Tues: 7am–3pm Wed–Sat: 7am–10pm <a href="http://www.barriobyronbay.com.au">www.barriobyronbay.com.au</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/barriobyronbay">@barriobyronbay</a> <b>0411 323 165</b>	Barrio brings together the local community in a relaxed environment for all-day dining. The wood-fired oven and open-flame grill is the heart of the restaurant. Keep an eye on socials for daily specials.
	<b>Wahlburgers Byron Bay</b> American style burger restaurant & sports bar Upstairs at Mercato on Byron, Jonson Street. <a href="http://www.Wahlburgers.com.au">www.Wahlburgers.com.au</a>	<b>American &amp; local sports played live</b> <b>Family Offer</b> Buy 1 kids meal, get 1 free. <b>\$8 after 8</b> \$8 drinks from 8pm Thur–Sun. <b>Live music Fri–Sun.</b> <b>Open 11am to 9pm daily – dine-in or takeaway.</b>
	<b>North Byron Hotel</b> 61 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay <b>Ph 6685 6500</b> Kitchen open Sun–Thu 11.30am–8.30pm / Fri & Sat 11.30am–9.30pm Bar open daily 11.30am–late Bottleshop open daily 10am–8pm <a href="mailto:hello@northbyronhotel.com.au">hello@northbyronhotel.com.au</a>	Step away from the centre of town and into a shimmering oasis away from crowds. A tucked away treasure, the North Byron Hotel is a thriving mecca of good food, great music, laughter and the 'chilled Byron Bay vibes'. Eat Drink Discover

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	<b>The Italian Byron Bay</b> 21, 108 Jonson St, Byron Bay Open Monday to Saturday 5.30pm to late <b>5633 1216</b> <a href="http://www.theitalianbyronbay.com">www.theitalianbyronbay.com</a>	The Italian Byron Bay provides a bustling, atmospheric restaurant, dishing up contemporary inspired Italian cuisine and some of Byron's finest cocktails and wines. <b>OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY. BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE BY PHONE OR THROUGH OUR WEBSITE. WALK-INS VERY WELCOME.</b>


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# Good Life

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The happy hour is available every day from 4pm to 6pm, bookings can be made via the Loft website [loftbyronbay.com.au](http://loftbyronbay.com.au), but walk-ins are also welcome.

Oysters are delivered daily by local suppliers Northern Rivers Seafood and Michaels Seafood, Byron Bay's premium seafood specialists with a focus on sustainability and high-quality seafood. The Loft Deli Board is a returning favourite and includes fennel salami, mortadella, bresaola, prosciutto, brie, cheddar, compressed rock-melon, pickles, sourdough and smoked butter.

Matt Hunt, Loft Byron Bay owner, says he's happy to extend the offering



during the popular happy hour. 'We are excited to offer even more for Loft Happy Hour. It's great to see locals and visitors enjoying our favourite food and drinks with their favourite people. And the Loft Deli Board is back!' he says.

Located just off the sand of Byron's famous Main Beach, and centrally elevated above bustling Jonson Street, Loft has the ultimate Byron Bay vibe. With the beach as its backdrop, Loft's menu boasts dishes comprised of Byron's renowned fresh produce, and signature cocktails that are a hit amongst locals and tourists.

New Head Chef, Juan Hernandez, who was appointed to the role

earlier this year, has developed a delightful mix of seasonal starters and sharing dishes, including the Rocky Point Cobia Ceviche, Burrata with sweet and sour eggplant, and the Australian Bay Lobster with homemade squid ink fettuccine, curated from sustainably sourced produce by local suppliers.

Located at 9/4 Jonson Street, Loft offers three beautiful terrace spaces, a private dining room and a bar, to cater to small, medium or large groups.

■ Cheers to Loft Happy Hour! Now on every day, seven days a week, 4–6pm. To secure your table, please visit: <https://loftbyronbay.com.au/book/>. Your beach-side drink awaits.

## No Bones: a plant-based restaurant for a new future

No Bones is a vegan restaurant that opened five years ago in Byron Bay and has recently expanded to Ocean Shores. This hidden gem is a must-visit for anyone looking to indulge in delicious plant-based cuisine that will satisfy both your taste buds and your conscience.

No Bones is more than just a restaurant, it's a movement towards a more sustainable future. By choosing to dine at either of their venues, you are not only treating yourself to a delectable meal, but also contributing to a better world. The restaurant's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint is evident in its use of locally-sourced, organic produce and its environmentally-friendly practices.

Their menu is bursting with creativity and flavour. Ocean Shores is open for breakfast and lunch six days a week and has some incredible dishes; from the soul and body nourishing kitchari, to a cheeky truffle mushroom toastie, and all kinds of goodies in between. Every dish is crafted with care and passion. Whether you're a long-time vegan or just looking to try something new, No Bones has something for everyone.

The restaurant's commitment to sustainability extends beyond its menu. No Bones uses compostable packaging, recycles its waste, composts all green waste and has eliminated single-use plastics. The team at No Bones is dedicated to making a positive impact on the planet, and their efforts are inspiring.

No Bones is not just a restaurant, it's a community. The team at No Bones are passionate about spreading the word on plant-based living and sustainability, and they are always happy to share their knowledge and resources. If you're looking for a delicious breakfast or brunch that is good for you *and* the planet, look no further than No Bones Byron, and No Bones Ocean Shores. These vegan restaurants are not only a culinary delight, but a beacon of hope for a more sustainable future.



- No Bones, Byron Bay: Open seven nights from 5pm.
- No Bones, Ocean Shores: Open Mon–Sat for brunch from 8am–2pm, and dinner Thu–Sat from 4–8pm.



## Mount Chowan Organics

### Victoria Cosford

Lance Powell's stall is a glorious tumble of mostly bananas, barely blemished, all from his property at Mount Chowan. On the north eastern corner of Mount Jerusalem National Park, the mountain is a winding climb to a height of over 500 metres, and it's here that Lance's family has been farming for more than seventy years. The bananas have been there since Lance's father took over and, despite a cyclone in the late 1960s which, Lance tells me, took them all out, their subsequent replanting saw them 'back with a vengeance'.

From his teenage years, Lance – fit and tanned and looking easily ten years

younger than his age has worked on the farm. 'If you leave the property you're never coming back', his father told him. 'It was a different time then,' says Lance. All that is grown now is organic, which Lance says, is 'a challenge', demanding physical exertion and at least six brush-cutters. Aside from the bananas – which include the pretty pink dakkas, ladyfingers and good-for-cooking plantains – he grows avocados, squash, zucchini and pumpkin. The broccoli and cauliflower, he tells me, are just going in now.

That pumpkin, carved wedges of radiant orange, is making me think of soup, and I know exactly which particular pumpkin soup


I will make. Adapted from a Sara Lewis recipe, it's simple but unusual; a large knob of butter melted in a pot then a roughly chopped onion added to soften. Dice 1 ½ kg of pumpkin and throw it in, tossing around for five minutes before adding the grated rind and juice of two oranges, a litre of vegetable stock and three whole star anise. Simmer till soft, remove the star anise and puree the ingredients till smooth. Season accordingly and garnish with a whole star anise. Perfect for this cooler weather – and all that vitamin C as well!

■ Mount Chowan Organics is at Mullumbimby Farmers Market every Friday from 7–11am.




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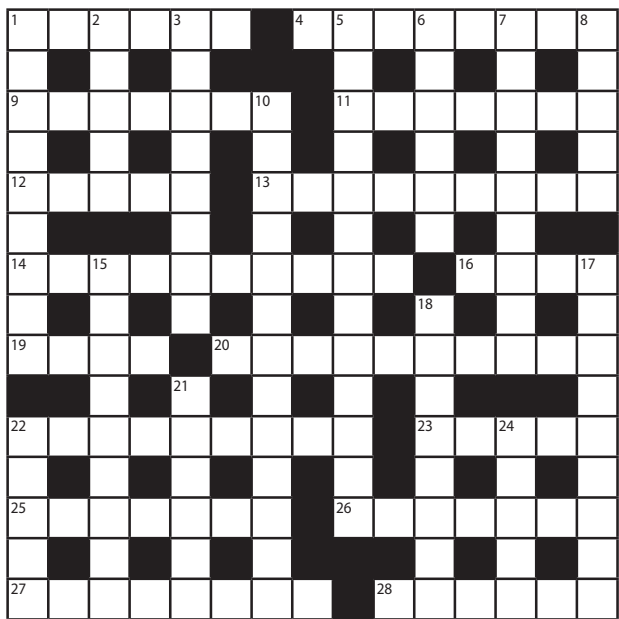


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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- G'day, rich smarty – start a round of golf (3,3)
- No riding instructions for the flexible structure (8)
- Snake to stop on the road surface (7)
- Makes certain – four directions around the old city (7)
- Shelter church from the parasite (5)
- Blake, a lawyer and a conservative – it's compulsory (9)
- Good star-gazing – but it's really about the food! (10)
- Beat back the game (4)
- Dress a wild goat (4)
- Forces flee in disarray from Bloom (10)
- Disperse pigs at the pasta (9)
- Piped back for a first appearance (5)
- Big bird dead – copy! (7)
- I regain status in this African nation (7)
- A false impression before future, for one (8)
- Snow vehicle, for example, around a distraction for the opposition (6)

DOWN

- Heavy metal, altitude, said Spooner, of the need for safe night driving (4,5)
- To urinate in a hat? (5)
- Exhibitionists – or they could be 1 downs (8)
- Very rare – 0.000001 in fact (3,2,1,7)
- Rogue artists over small state (6)
- Scrambled eggs royal – our mouths water! (9)
- Springfield, not too bad they say (5)
- Paine, Yoko, plump chooks – a Shakespearean drama! (5,2,6)
- Soldiers return to the wild – for authorisation (9)
- Joern Utzon – top dog (5,4)
- Wasteful pair – gold tossed around (8)
- Word sequence – shaper required (6)
- Farm animal – could sound like you! (5)
- Drilled, but found it tedious (5)

Quick Clues

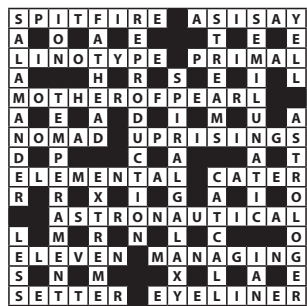
ACROSS

- The shot from the first tee (3,3)
- Supple (8)
- Bitumen (7)
- Guarantees (7)
- Bloodsucker (5)
- Obligatory (9)
- The art or science of good eating (10)
- Whip (4)
- Garment of ancient Rome (4)
- To blossom (10)
- Goes with Bolognese! (9)
- Premiere (5)
- Match (7)
- Country known for computer scams (7)
- Charade (8)
- An insult on the cricket field (6)

DOWN

- Worn by underground miners (4,5)
- Pith helmet (5)
- Blinkers (8)
- Very unusual or special (3,2,1,7)
- Scallywag (6)
- Decorative stone carvings, often on the roof (9)
- Covered in a grey powdery substance (5)
- One of the Bard's plays (5,2,6)
- Autograph (9)
- Very large canine breed (5,4)
- Extravagant (8)
- Group of words (6)
- Jumbuck (5)
- Fed up (5)

Last week's solution #491



# When your home is a prison

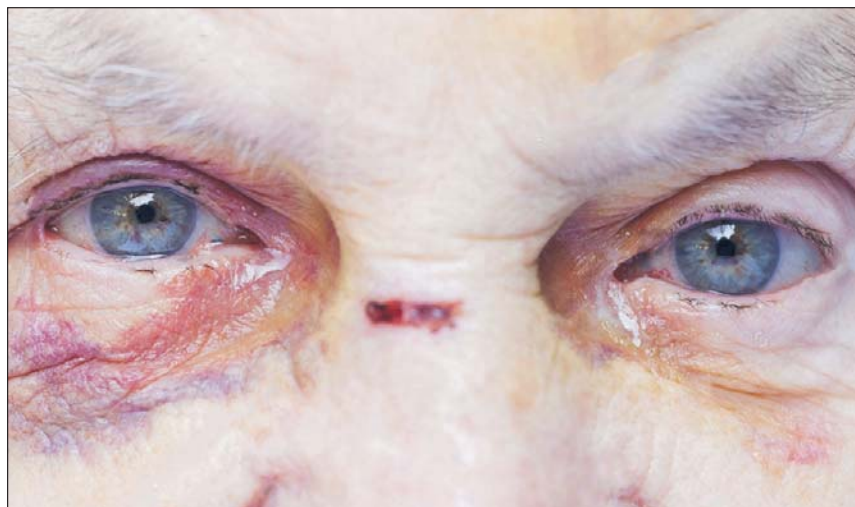
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When a 95-year-old woman is tasered in her nursing home, it's clear our aged care system is broken. It's clear also that our policing methods aren't far behind. Clare Nowland was on a walking frame, she has dementia, and she was clearly frail. Somehow the police ascertained she was a violent threat and tasered her.

I am 55. There's not many 95 year olds I wouldn't be able to overpower if necessary. I doubt it would ever be necessary. With the right tone of voice I reckon I could disarm a confused and scared dementia patient with a cup of tea and a chat. I don't know when the last time was that an assailant came at you with a steak knife, but coupled with a walking frame, it's a fairly benign threat. So why did the police taser Clare Nowland? How is it even legal to carry a taser in a nursing home? Aren't our police well trained enough to be able to disarm a 95 year old with a steak knife without the use of a weapon? If I could do it, then surely so could they. They could have simply offered her a steak, and I can guarantee that she would have been distracted. People with dementia forget what they are doing. They are easily moved from one idea to another, from one emotion to another.

There's currently an inquiry, but we are all shocked at the brutality of the action that caused Clare to sustain such a severe head injury she is now fighting for her life. According to police guidelines a taser can be used 'to protect yourself or others where violent confrontation or resistance is occurring or imminent.' They are also able to be used to 'protect an officer (s) in danger of being overpowered or to protect themselves or another person from risk of actual bodily harm'.

I've worked with people with dementia. I never once thought 'I need a taser for protection'. People with dementia



can become confused and distressed. Nursing homes are scary and disorienting places. If you were locked away in an institution full of other confused and distressed people, chances are you might act out. Kindnesses, a soothing voice, human touch, are all techniques that might reassure you. And if that doesn't work, I guess there's always mild sedation.

We put our elderly into aged care for their protection when they can no longer care for themselves, or their family can no longer care for them. But it's clear, many aged care facilities are understaffed, or their staff don't have sufficient training to cope with the stress. My initial surprise in this story was that police were even called. I'm untrained, but there are many ways to disarm a 95 year old on a walking frame. One is to just leave her alone. Put others into safety and leave her be. Chances are she'll forget what she's doing and go back to her room.

In the aftermath of this incident at Cooma another popped up on my newsfeed, detailing the story of an 81-year-old woman with dementia who was detained by six police officers – and two sets of handcuffs – when she took a lanyard from a staff member at a Sydney nursing home. I checked

which nursing home. It's where my mother-in-law is. I've been there many times. It's not some dingy facility. This place took a million dollar bond. The residents aren't rich, the facilities just take advantage of the lucrative real estate market that has modest family homes fetching millions. Why would you call the police to get a lanyard off a 45-kilo woman? And why would it take six police? It's overreach. It's brutal. It's failure. It's a nursing 'home', not a nursing 'prison'. These places are supposed to be the final place of residence. The people living there are vulnerable. They are not criminals. So why are we suddenly criminalising the elderly?

If nursing homes are calling the police to attend an incident they should be able to manage themselves then something is very wrong. And why are residents, in their often confused and disoriented state feeling pushed to the brink? Isn't this the place charged with their protection? Why aren't they being protected? And most importantly – why are they so desperate and unhappy?

We have to do so much better. Nursing homes shouldn't be run like prisons. And the police, if ever called, need to be trained to operate with kindness and compassion. And here's an idea: No tasers, or handcuffs, in a nursing home.



MANDY NOLAN'S  
**SOAPBOX**

## STARS BY LILITH

With the Sun in the sign of the quick and scintillating twins, this week, raise a glass of sparkling Gemini to lighten existential heaviness...



GEMINI THE TWINS

**ARIES:** Mars in over-the-top mode this week decrees more is more and too much just enough, so go the extra mile, make the extra effort. As Gemini season ignites the spirit of discovery, take the scenic route in your own local hood whenever you can and benefit from its unexpected interactions.

**TAURUS:** If communications in recent weeks featured scrambled signals and mixed messages owing to Mercury's retrograde in Taurus, now that the messenger planet's motoring forward through your sign, the force is with you for untangling crossed wires and misunderstandings. Pro tip: do it face-to-face or at the very least via voice – forget texting.

**GEMINI:** Happy birthday quicksilver Twins, at your most vivacious and eloquently expressive for the next few weeks. Persuasive too, and with your networking skills on fire you won't be at a loss for words getting people onside. So look for ways to amplify your message: whatever sparks dialogue is worth exploring.

**CANCER:** Mercury in your collaborative sector invites you out of your cocoon to connect, network, expand your social circle and upgrade your online profile. Start this week's conversations without an agenda and you might be surprised where they lead, especially with Mars keen to attract new income opportunities.

**LEO:** With motivating Mars revving your energy, late week moon in Leo, and the Sun heating up your celestial sector of teamwork and technology, collaborators could appear this week IRL and from all corners of the world. As new friendships form and social invitations soar, go right ahead and mix business with pleasure.

**VIRGO:** With Gemini season stimulating your zodiac zone of career and achievement, you'll want to be especially discerning about what you say 'Yes' to this week, because you need to prioritise, power down and pace yourself. Try not to overwork, and conserve your energy before driven Mars arrives in your sign.

**LIBRA:** Life lightens up in the way you like it during Gemini season when the sun moves into your expansive ninth house for a look at the bigger picture. With energiser Mars stimulating your sense of curiosity and adventure till 10 July, put your gorgeously appointed comfort couch on hold and go exploring.

**SCORPIO:** With intense Pluto, your ruler, turning retrograde in your domestic zone, you may have some repair work to do on a few of your closest ties. What's the good news? Lucky and expansive Jupiter in your relationship house definitely makes two your magic number for the next year, so keep options open.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Energiser Mars heating your enthusiastic and expansive ninth house up until July coincides with Gemini season setting off a month of togetherness energy. This means you don't have to do it all by yourself this week Archers, so get ready to spark synergies and team up with complementary, compatible people.

**CAPRICORN:** Jovial Jupiter's coming out to party in your romantic, creative sector of self-expression and artistic affairs lasts for a full year, until late May 2024, drawing attention to your talents and, ahem, personal magnetism. Does this cycle in the spotlight need a more adventurous approach, or a wild and glamorous new look?

**AQUARIUS:** Jupiter's move to your domestic sector... continued; Home, family and emotional foundations will be central themes for the next 12 months, with possibly a relocation, or an increasing role as mentor or boss figure. With this sensitive zone emphasised, moods can run deep and fluctuate often, so you'll definitely need extra self-care.

**PISCES:** Gemini season is prime time for interacting with family and community, but be advised to keep your communicating style brief and simple, witty and to the point. Long-winded back-stories are likely to lose this week's audience, so, for best connecting share breaking news and interesting updates.



# making SPACES

## Eden at Byron



If you haven't yet started planting the cool season kitchen garden, now's the time! The soil is moist, just add plenty of well-composted organic matter, and start planting.

All the brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, broccolini, kale, cauliflower) can go in now, as well as lettuce, dill, rocket, coriander, shallots, silverbeet, spinach and tomatoes. Asian greens are super quick to grow – you can start picking within a few weeks.

Peas, snow peas and broad beans are a winter treat. The climbing varieties will give you a greater yield, but there are dwarf ones too.

Plant successive crops, a few weeks apart, to extend your harvesting season. Watch out for pests, especially caterpillars and aphids, and use controls that are safe for beneficial bugs and for humans.

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## Rainbow Power Company

The 1973 Nimbin Aquarius Festival was a landmark event, celebrating counterculture and alternative lifestyles. It attracted like-minded individuals challenging the norm and promoting sustainable living. Among them were 'hippies' focused on renewable energy, leading to the formation of the Rainbow Power Company in 1987. Today, the company remains a leader in empowering customers with renewable energy in remote areas. In May 2023, Aquarius 50 Festival revived the vibrant spirit of Nimbin. The festival merged art, music, and conscious living, offering live performances, workshops, art installations, and diverse activities. Rainbow Power hosted workshops on sustainable topics like solar-passive architecture and composting toilets. From yoga sessions to sustainability talks, the festival catered to all.



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# BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE



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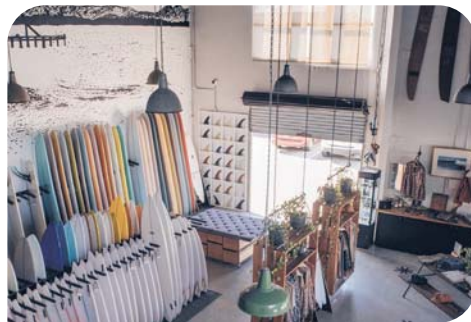


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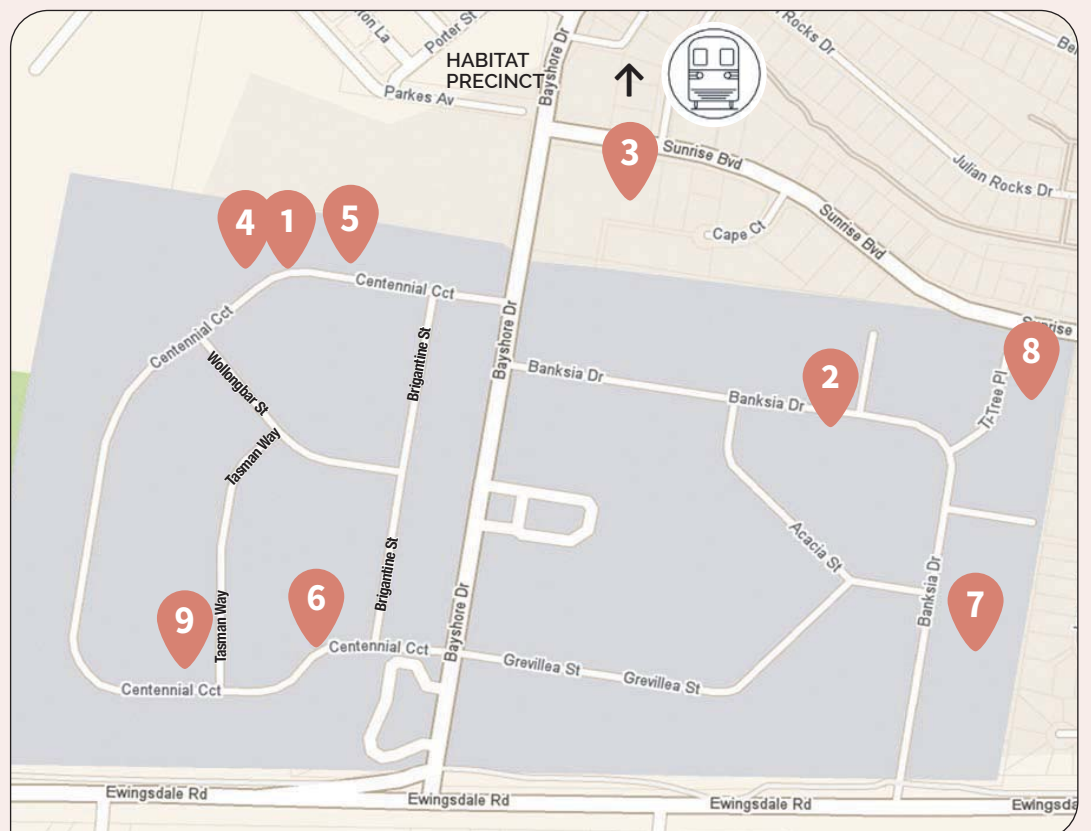
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# HABITAT PRECINCT



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Easy Street, Habitat



## 12. BYRON FAMILY LAW

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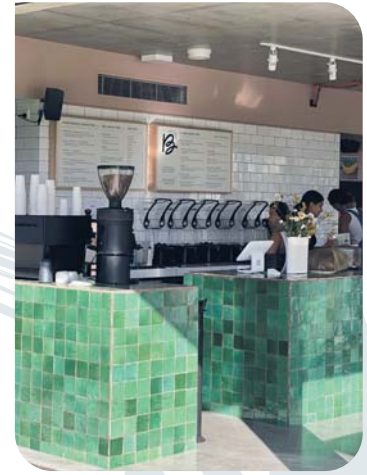
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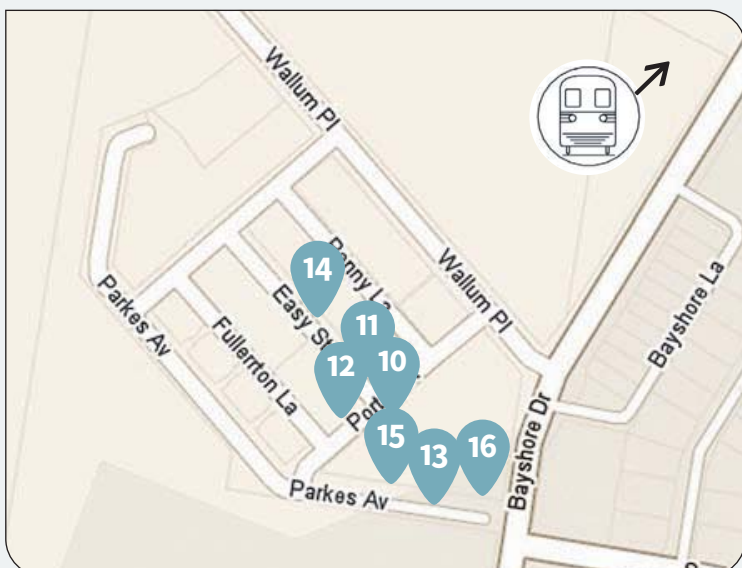
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## HABITAT PRECINCT

Habitat is a cleverly designed village in Byron Bay, where you can live, work and play, all in one place.

Over 20 years in the making, Habitat combines the best of old-school Byron (community, creativity, respect for the environment) with the latest in design and thinking (renewable energy, car sharing, hybrid live + work spaces) along with plenty of good times (bars, cafes, fitness, shopping) to create a little oasis within one of the most beautiful places on Earth.







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## LUKU NGÄRRA: THE LAW OF THE LAND



After two sold out screenings in Byron Bay, back in March, local filmmaker **Sinem Saban** is bringing her film *Luku Ngärra: The Law of the Land* back to the region for another preview screening at **The Regent in Murwillumbah on Sunday**.

This yet-to-be-released independent Indigenous-funded documentary has as its focus the remarkable Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra who has spent the last 45 years fighting for the spiritual and political freedom of his people. Unflinching in his delivery Dr Gondarra asks the big questions around what law, freedom, sovereignty and democracy actually mean, compelling audiences to look at their own paradigm and the views and structures that come with it, while presenting an illuminating message for all humanity. Journalist and filmmaker John Pilger described it as, 'A very fine film – and a rare one that took the trouble to examine and explain the spirituality of sovereignty.'

The event will include Q&A with the filmmaker and other guests, as well as live music by NT-based musician, **Shellie Morris (Yanyuwa/ Wardaman)**. For all who missed out in March, this is your chance to watch this ground-breaking film that will not be released until September 2023.

**Sunday 5pm at The Regent, Murwillumbah.**  
**Tickets: [www.the-regent.com.au](http://www.the-regent.com.au).**

## A BASIC TRUST OF PHOTOS



*Basic Trust: A Pinhole Photography Exhibition* is opening **this Saturday** with a talk by the artist.

Local photographic artist, **Bruno Kortenhorst**, expands the limits of producing art with a pinhole camera to a new level. A pinhole camera is basically any container that holds light sensitive material that is exposed through a tiny pinprick in a small metal plate. No lens, no viewfinder, no buttons – typically, the images produced are somewhat fuzzy, small, and often in black and white.

Kortenhorst's pinhole photographs of the desert regions of Australia are in exquisite colour, presented as large, framed images, measuring up to 1.3mx1.5m. The images are painterly and can transport the viewer into the majesty of the landscapes they were captured in.



The exhibition features 25 museum quality limited edition prints. The event is catered with chai, cakes, wine and light snacks. The artist will speak on his creative process, both in terms of the practicals as well as meaning and motivation. This exhibition is an invitation to enter into your own heart and an invitation to be touched by the mystery that we are all a part of.

**Saturday, 4.30pm at Thrive Clinic,**  
**138 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby.**

## CARL CLEVES & PARISSA BOUAS



If you came to Byron in the '90s, you would have danced to and been uplifted by local legends, songbird extraordinaire, **Parissa Bouas**, and songwriter/ author **Carl Cleves**, formerly known as **The Hottentots**. Since then they have been touring the world, have recorded 12 albums between them, and won countless awards and widespread international acclaim.

They are finally returning for a post-covid home concert that will highlight their classic favourites and brand-new songs while Carl will also launch his third book, *Soundtracks of My Life*, which takes readers on an intimate global journey in his search for the elusive feeling of *tarab*, the Arabic notion of musical and poetic ecstasy.

Intimate, meaningful, political, playful, inspiring, poetic and powerful, Australia's definitive coffeehouse couple weave stories with haunting songs, touching a deep vein of humanity combining exceptional lyrics with an international flavour that merges Parissa's sweet, rich and soaring vocals with Carl's rustic baritone and unique guitar style. Their genre-busting repertoire could be classified as folk, jazz, blues or world music, but in truth is a seductive blend of all. Be moved and transformed.

The concert will feature **Elliot Orr** on percussion, **Dan Brown** on keys and special guests.

**Friday, 2 June, 7pm at Marvell Hall, Byron Bay.**  
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Q+A with the film maker and special guests  
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# BASIC TRUST

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

PHOTOGRAPHING BLIND WITH A PINHOLE CAMERA

## BRUNO KORTENHORST



Saturday the 27th - Sunday 28th of May  
 Opening Event:  
 Saturday 4:30 pm - 8pm

Thrive Clinic  
 138 Dalley Street,  
 Mullumbimby





## LAUNCHING THE WAVE 2023

Shearwater is thrilled to announce the launch of *WAVE 2023: The Gatekeeper*, the 23rd year of the Mullumbimby Steiner School's Wearable Arts performance event and they are calling all design artists, fashion innovators, culture initiators and wearable inventors to join them.

*WAVE* is a major annual event in Shearwater's performing arts calendar, showcasing wearable artworks entered by designers and students from around Australia, in a highly professional, choreographed production that encompasses design, music, dance, drama and technology.

Whether you are an emerging artist, a student, an industry professional or a wearable arts savant, it's time to unleash your creative design skills and begin to imagine your costume entry for *WAVE 2023*. Entries will be assessed by a panel of independent judges and vie for a prize pool of up to \$8,000.

This year, Shearwater's textiles educators are offering **two free workshops to community members** who want to design and enter a garment in this year's competition – learn how to make a work of wearable art and the best materials and tools to use, as well as more industry tips.

**The first workshop is on this Saturday at Shearwater Steiner School, 349 Left Bank Rd, Mullumbimby. For more details call 66 843 223 or email [vanessas@shearwater.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vanessas@shearwater.nsw.edu.au).**

**Check out the website [shearwaterperformingarts.com](http://shearwaterperformingarts.com) for details on this year's competition.**



## YOUTH POST-FLOOD PHOTO COMP

**Uniting Church Australia** are running a photography competition for young people living in the Northern Rivers. The theme of the competition is '**Youth Post-Floods**' and the aim is to help young people in our community reconnect – to themselves and to the people around them.

There are thousands of dollars in prizes to be won and with a drone as first prize, you can take your photography to the next level!

**Cait Miers** and **Duncan Macfarlane** – both highly acclaimed photographers living and working locally – have agreed to be the special guest judges. **Entries close on Thursday 1 June.**

**There will be an exhibition at Ignite Studios in Ballina on Monday 26 June to announce the winners and display the work of finalists. Enter via the QR code in the advertisement on page 3, or use this web address: <https://form.jotform.com/231126637116854>.**

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- 4:00pm The Ashes (Aust v Eng in a stand-up showdown)
- 6:00pm Paul McDermott +1
- 7.30pm Akmal Live!



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# Seven

## UNAFRAID. UNBELIEVABLY FUNNY. UNMISSABLE.

By Mandy Nolan

That is how I would describe a Paul McDermott show.

I saw him a few years back at Adelaide Fringe and was blown away by the calibre of his comedy. I see comedy all the time. No one else is doing this kind of relentlessly biting political satire. Material that is absolutely on top of the zeitgeist.

His insights come from the keen eye of a cynical non-believer, who sees the political landscape for what it is – a worthy subject for comedic autopsy. What he started with the Doug Anthony Allstars all those years ago he finishes in Blood Orange. McDermott is a satirical comic at the top of his game.

McDermott won hearts in the '80s and '90s when he dominated the Australian comedy scene for over a decade with the Doug Anthony Allstars. The trio have remained in the spotlight; Richard Fiedler's *Conversations* on the ABC showing us how interviews are done, Tim Fergusson positioning himself as the country's foremost comedy writer and teacher, and McDermott continuing to do what he does best – disembowel authority with a wicked grin.

The Morrison government was rich political fodder for McDermott, I wondered how he might roll with Albo in the driver's seat?

'I'm not constrained by parochial aspects looking at the world', says McDermott.

'Everything is on the table. And it's so immediate. We are getting information from America and overseas the moment it happens so we don't have to be a colonial backwater focused

on ourselves. Yes, I am enjoying living in a country where there isn't as much on offer with the Labor government. They just aren't as bizarre as the last government. When they do something inherently evil like supporting Hillsong or integrate health and state, I'll be there.'

I loved Doug Anthony Allstars, so when I went to see *Paul McDermott Plus One: Blood Orange* I was nervous. Would his anarchist fire be snuffed out after years of screaming satirical obscenities in the wilderness? No. If anything, McDermott has got sharper. He gives a lot less fucks.

'People know what I do' says Paul, 'the style is the same, belligerent and opinionated'.

'I became more focused during the years of the pandemic, my isolation during covid, and I was just writing material of that personal experience and then it broadened into observations of people who were reacting to it in weird ways.'

So does McDermott find people interesting? Absolutely.

'I find people's behaviour bizarre at the best of times. During covid I think there was a lot of high weirdness.

Like the Trump thing of putting bleach into your veins to get rid of the bug. All those statements from a world leader who had a megaphone to speak from – they trickled down to people in this country. There is a lot of ratbagery...'

I find McDermott's outrage comforting. While housing certainly isn't a theme of his show, the privilege and power of the super rich certainly is. McDermott has strong opinions on absolutely everything. I wondered what his response to the housing crisis was?

'It is dire, in Sydney and Melbourne the median house price is \$1 million. How does anyone leaving school find their own home? Renting is frightening. We have sunk into servitude. If you can get a house you will spend the rest of your life paying it off. We seem to have adopted this idea that you just rent everything, you don't own anything, like streaming services, like books and movies – how they flow in and out of your house – once you stop renting they don't exist, it's the same as what is happening now in the housing market.'

I love McDermott's analysis. What I love most about his show though is his unrelenting takedown of Murdoch. The monster of global media is the bogey man at the heart of McDermott's satire.



'We are rapidly heading into a world full of things we aren't certain about, and things that aren't regulated. We have seen deregulation in places like America.'

'There used to be a law that you had to present information in a factual way. Murdoch got rid of it and has right wing entertainment as Fox News. It took this long to get their comeuppance.'

'Doesn't just affect America though, it affects the entire world, because we had the parroting of those ideas here by Morrison – trickle-down fascism – where we continue to import our outrage. Just recently in America they had fascists protesting drag queens [reading to kids] at libraries, then a few weeks later we had them doing the same here.'

McDermott continues to use his comedy superpowers to fight tyranny, injustice and ennui. His weapons? A guitar, a savagely insightful understanding of who pulls the strings of power, and a talented musician he calls 'Plus One'. Blood Orange is a dynamic collection of verbal and musical absurdity taking the audience on a crazy road trip through McDermott's comedy hell-cape. His physicality is joyous, and his messages are pure sarcasm. McDermott is truly the thinking person's comic. And he'll squeeze every bit of juice out of the comedy orange... until there's blood! *Blood Orange!*

According to McDermott, these are the key themes of *Blood Orange*: 'The fall of empire, rise of women, and wanking.'

'Not necessarily in that order.'

**Paul McDermott Plus One: Blood Orange at the Byron Comedy Fest, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June, with McDermott guesting on a panel hosted by yours truly on the Sunday morning. All shows at the Byron Surf Club, a totally magical and transformed venue! Tickets on [www.byroncomedyfest.com](http://www.byroncomedyfest.com)**

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### WEDNESDAY 24

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SARAH GRANT DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **TRILLIAH**
- PALACE CINEMAS, BYRON BAY, **GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MATT ARMATAGE**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JOE MUNGROVE**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **COMEDY COMMUNE OPEN MIC**
- THE LEEVE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **STAND UP COMEDY WITH JOE WHITE**

### THURSDAY 25

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **LIFE IS A MYTH**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR**, 10PM **DJ ZAC EWING**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - LINDSAY WEBB + MATTY B - MC MANDY NOLAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **LACHIE THOMAS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **KILLER QUEEN EXPERIENCE**

### FRIDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **INO PIO**, 8PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**, 10PM **DJ REFLEX**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **IN CONVERSATION WITH CRAIG FOSTER AM**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **OLE FALCOR**, 10PM **DJ QUENDO & DJ ZAC EWING**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **JORDAN MAC**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM **ALEX MCCLEOD**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **JESSE WHITNEY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **HOT DUB TIME MACHINE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7.30PM **SABOTAGE**
- YUM YUM TREE CAFE, NEW BRIGHTON, 6PM **ROD MURRAY - A TRIBUTE TO JAZZ**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ XUJA**

### SATURDAY 27

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **THE WHISKEYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **DEVU**, 8.30PM **DJ JAMIE LOWE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **BANDALUZIA FLAMENCO**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK CHAPMAN**, 10PM **DJ SIMBA & DJ QUENDO**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **LENNOX GROOVE 'TURNED UP' FT. DUST & HYPNIC JERKS**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **THE VERSACE BOYS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **HUBCAP STAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 2PM **JASON DELPHIN**, 7.30PM **LIFE IS A MYTH**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ LAINIE GODIVA**
- THRIVE CLINIC, MULLUMBIMBY, 4.30PM **BASIC TRUST: A PINHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION**
- THE LEEVE, LISMORE, 7PM **DJ THE WHO'S WHO**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **FELICITY LAWLESS BAND**, 8PM **DJ MAGNUS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE, 9PM **PUSH**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MARK AITKEN**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE STAGE 8PM **THE CHURCH**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 7PM **COOLY ROOTS MINI FESTIVAL VOLUME 8**

### SUNDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **SOULFISH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM **LUKE HAYWARD**, 4.30PM **MICKA SCENE DUO**, 7PM **DJ QUENDO**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **JOE CONROY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 10AM **STU'S STRUM & SING**, 2.30PM **SUNDAY BLUES SESSION - BURNING HANDS**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **FORTUNATE SONS - CREEDENCE TRIBUTE SHOW**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **KOOII**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6.30PM **NUANCE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **RUSTY**
- THE LEEVE, LISMORE, 4PM **THE LONESOME BOATMEN**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH, 5PM **SCREENING - LUKU NGARRA: THE LAW OF THE LAND**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 3PM **NATHAN KAYE**

### MONDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **MATTY ROGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANDY JANS BROWN**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- THE PUDDING SHACK, CLUNES, 11.30PM **CUSTARD POWER**

### TUESDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **GABRIELLE LAMBE**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARSHALL OKELL**

### WEDNESDAY 31

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **TIAGO FREITAS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**

# CINEMA



## FAST X

There is a certain type of movie fan who will get a bit excited when you say the names 'Vin Diesel' and 'Jason Momoa' in the same sentence. In *Fast X* the pair bookend an ensemble cast including: Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, Chris 'Ludacris' Bridges, John Cena, Nathalie Emmanuel, Jordana Brewster, Sung Kang, Scott Eastwood, Daniela Melchior, Alan Ritchson, Helen Mirren, Brie Larson, Rita Moreno, Jason Statham, and Charlize Theron. Diesel plays Dominic 'Dom' Toretto on one side as the good guy, and Momoa is on the other end as the nefarious Dante Reyes who seeks revenge for his father's death and the loss of his family's fortune.

*Fast X* (the Roman numeral for 'ten'), a.k.a. *Fast & Furious 10* is, of course, the next chapter in *The Fast and the Furious* franchise, with another edition coming out in 2025.

The story begins with Dominic Toretto and his team who are requested by the Agency to steal a computer chip during its transit in Rome. Dom and his wife, Letty Ortiz (Rodriguez), stay behind with his son Brian 'Little B' Marcos, while the rest of the team travel to Rome. However, a wounded Cipher arrives at Dom's home and informs him that Dante Reyes is on a vengeful warpath.

From then on it's pretty much cars, cars, cars, cars, a motorbike, cars, a van, cars, cars, a car chase, another car chase, cars, a submarine, and more cars. You get the drift (did you see what I did there?)

Dom Toretto and his family have outsmarted and outriven every foe in their path. In *Fast X* they confront the most lethal opponent they've ever faced. Fueled by revenge, he's a terrifying threat from the shadows of the past to shatter Dom's world and destroy everything - and everyone - he loves.

**Check it out at Ballina Fair Cinema**

### PALACE CINEMAS

Thurs 25 May - Wed 31 May

#### SPECIAL SCREENINGS

**IN FOCUS: THE DARJEELING LIMITED (M)**  
Wes Anderson Retrospective  
Thu: 7:00pm

**BANK OF DAVE (M)**  
Previews Fri-Sun: 1:20pm  
Sparkling Prev Fri: 6:30pm

**OPERA DE PARIS: HAMLET**  
Sun: 1:00pm Wed: 11:00am

**THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY (M)**  
Morning Tea Preview  
Wed: 11:00am

**THE BOOGEYMAN (MA15+)**  
Fright Night Preview  
Wed: 7:30pm

#### FAMILY FILMS

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Daily: 11am, 1:45pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm

#### SUPER MARIO BROS (PG)

Daily excl. Fri/Sun: 11:10am, 1:30pm  
Fri/Sun: 11:10am

**MAVKA: THE FOREST SONG (PG)** Daily excl. Wed: 11:00am

#### ALL FILMS

**AIR (M)**  
Daily excl. Thu: 7:00pm

**BOOK CLUB 2 (M)**  
Daily: 11:15am, 4:20pm

**FAST X (M) (NFT)**  
Daily: 11:15am, 4:30pm, 7:30pm

**GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL.3 (M)**  
Daily excl. Fri/Wed: 11:15am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm  
Fri/Wed: 11:15am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm

**JOHN FARNHAM: FINDING THE VOICE (M) (NFT)**  
Daily: 2:15pm, 8:30pm

#### MARLOWE (MA15+)

Daily excl. Sat/Sun: 3:30pm, 8:15pm  
Sat/Sun: 11:00am, 8:15pm

**MAYBE I DO (M) (NFT)**  
Daily excl. Sun: 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm  
Sun: 11:30am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm

**NOVEMBER (M)**  
Thu/Fri: 1:15pm, 8:00pm  
Sat: 8:00pm Sun: 6:00pm  
Mon/Tue: 1:15pm, 6pm, 8pm  
Wed: 6:00pm, 8:00pm

**RENFIELD (MA15+) (NFT)**  
Daily: 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm

**SAINT OMER (M) (NFT)**  
Daily excl. Sun: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm  
Sun: 11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:50pm, 6:00pm

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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 27 MAY 9:30-10:00AM  
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In the heart of Eltham village

**447 ELTHAM ROAD, ELTHAM**



4 beds 1 bath 1 car 430m<sup>2</sup>

PRICE GUIDE: \$850,000  
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY 27 MAY 11:30AM-12:00PM  
AUCTION SATURDAY 10 JUNE 1.00PM 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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A classic cottage in a beautiful rural setting

**968 DUNOON RD, MODANVILLE**



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

PRICE GUIDE: \$860,000 - \$940,000  
OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2:00-2:30PM  
AUCTION SATURDAY 27 MAY 1.00PM ON SITE





### Location, Location, Location – Inspiring and Rare

 3  2  2

- Amazing location – positioned right on the edge of Arakwal National Park and offering views that will never be built out
- Exceptionally well built, boutique complex of only 3 townhouses
- Multi-level design and floorplan allows for ideal separation and privacy
- Multiple outdoor living spaces with the main deck and main bedroom deck looking out to stunning ocean and lighthouse views

#### 2/3 Milne Street, Byron Bay

Online Timed Auction: 03/06/23 10:30am  
Starting Bid – \$1.9m

Opens: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2.00–2.30pm  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10.00–10.30am



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### Charming Cottage with Coastal Views

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- Located along the blue-chip ridgeline of Old Byron Bay Road
- Predominantly level land with room to expand on the existing home, add a granny flat and a pool
- A bright and airy, classic weatherboard cottage with hardwood flooring and high ceilings
- Enjoys a large, covered front and side deck providing shade and weather protection while still being able to sit and enjoy the views

#### 107 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar

Price: SOLD



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0412 332 232



### Immaculately Presented Beachside Suffolk Home

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- Positioned in a gated enclave which includes a private pool, cabana area, and maintained gardens
- The renovated kitchen and living room open through large sliding doors onto the north-facing paved courtyard ideal for entertaining
- 3 spacious, carpeted bedrooms, the main with a private ensuite
- Walking distance to beaches and Suffolk center

#### 22/58 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park

Price Guide: \$1.1m to \$1.2m

Open: Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 1.00–1.30pm



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9 7 5 22.15 acres\* Disclaimer \*≈ approx.

Only once in a generation will such an exquisite and exceptionally rare property opportunity present itself. Immersed within a pristine natural wonderland in Byron Bay's hinterland and sprawled across 22.15 acres, "Longwood" promises unrivalled peace, privacy and panoramic views. A uniquely secluded sanctuary with no neighbours and sweeping views, it's also an approved dual occupancy estate. The 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom plus powder room Stone House (primary residence) is a luxury architectural triumph infused with heart and soul. Wrapped in galleries of glass (including the breezeway) to ensure an ever-present connection to the magnificent outdoors, it co-exists in complete harmony with the lush landscape. Rich with history, showcasing reclaimed bridge timbers and rare convict sandstone, these pair perfectly with no-expense-spared finishes to create this consummate entertainer.

**AUCTION 27TH MAY, ON-SITE 11:00AM**

Inspection by Appointment.  
Open Home Saturday 10:30 am

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61 GARDEN AVE, NUNDERI

4 2 2 1.31ha\*

Resplendent in an oasis of the utmost tranquillity and privacy, this Mediterranean-inspired lifestyle residence highlights sublime interiors and a stunning backdrop that will be excitingly familiar to some. Set on 1.31ha, the expansive family compound is a testament to architectural design, detail and a premium lifestyle experience. Superbly designed, the home features four generous bedrooms, custom kitchen with butler's pantry, second-level studio and resort-style master suite with expansive outdoor terrace. A premium lifestyle proposition located only a short drive from Carabita Beach, the Gold Coast and Byron Bay.

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Tweed Broadwater Village - Site 58

Park/Village Name: Tweed Broadwater Village – Tweed Heads  
🛏️ 2 🚿 1 🚗 2 \$489,000



Your own fully renovated private retreat in a fantastic location on the village perimeter has delightful water views across Terranora Inlet!

The home’s configuration includes a welcoming living area opening onto the back patio, which is an ideal spot to extend and create a fabulous indoor/outdoor alfresco entertainment area.

Freshly repainted throughout with new light fittings, ceiling fans and split system air conditioner, it also features new hybrid timber planked flooring.

Stunning brand-new kitchen features stone benchtops, and new appliances.

Completely renovated bathroom with large shower recess, stylish vanity unit and toilet.

Situated minutes from Tweed Heads/Coolangatta, the ‘Pet Friendly’ over 50’s lifestyle village is just a stroll to the Tweed River and there is public transport at the entrance to the park.

Village amenities include a swimming pool, club house, social club and library.

Retirement living at its best without the associated costs of exit fees and no stamp duty.

**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Kelvin Price 0423 028 468 / Heike Wilson 0403 713 658  
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- 38 Avocado Crescent, Ewingsdale. Sat 10–10.30am
- 7 Ocean Avenue, New Brighton. Sat 10–10.30am
- 3/18 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 48 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 41 Gordon Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 17/58 Armstrong Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 15 Newes Road, Coorabell. Sat 11.30–12.15pm
- 9 Newberry Parade, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm
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- 41 Federal Drive, Eureka. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 273 Crabbes Creek, Crabbes Creek. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 46 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
- 8 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach. Sat 10–10.30am
- 72 Bonnydoon Road, Uki. Sat 11–11.30am
- 3/1 Yalla Kool Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 21 Pacific Street, New Brighton. Sat 11–11.30am
- 66 Castle Field Drive, Murwillumbah. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 1/8 Yengarie Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 86 Castle Field Drive, Murwillumbah. Sat 1–1.30pm

McGrath Byron Bay

- 14/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Thur 4–4.30pm
- 47 Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 9.30–10am
- 14/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 66 New City Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.30–11am
- 65 Hyrama Crescent, Brunswick Heads. Sat 10.30–11am
- 19/18 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 13 Yamble Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.45am–12.15pm

North Coast Lifestyle Properties

- 1 Byron Street, New Brighton. Sat. 10–10.30am
- 6/20 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat. 10–10.30am
- 5 Wahlooga Way, Ocean Shores. Sat. 11–11.30am
- 2 Glendale Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat. 12–12.30pm

Ray White Byron Bay

- 31 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 1/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Wed 2–2.30pm
- 6 Philip Street, South Golden Beach. Wed 4–4.30pm
- 65 Currawong Way, Ewingsdale. Thurs 1–1.30pm
- 65 Currawong Way, Ewingsdale. Fri 1.30–2pm
- 6 Philip Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 10–10.30am
- 31 Beachcomber Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 13 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. 11.30am–12pm
- 13/146 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 11 Angus Kennedy Close, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 13/146 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30–1pm

Real Estate of Distinction

- 2 Giaour Street, Byron Bay. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 413 Crabbes Creek Rd, Crabbes Creek. Sat 10–10.30am

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- 11 Quail Way, Mullumbimby. Sat 11 – 11.45 am
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- 8 George Street, Bangalow. Sat 9–9.30am
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- 447 Eltham Road, Eltham. Sat 11.30m–12pm

New Listings

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- 18 Edward Place, Knockrow. Contact Agent

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- 59 Dry Creek Road, Upper Main Arm. \$800,000–\$850,000
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- 5 Wahlooga Way, Ocean Shores. New Price \$875,000
- 11 Riverside Crescent, Brunswick Heads.

Auctions

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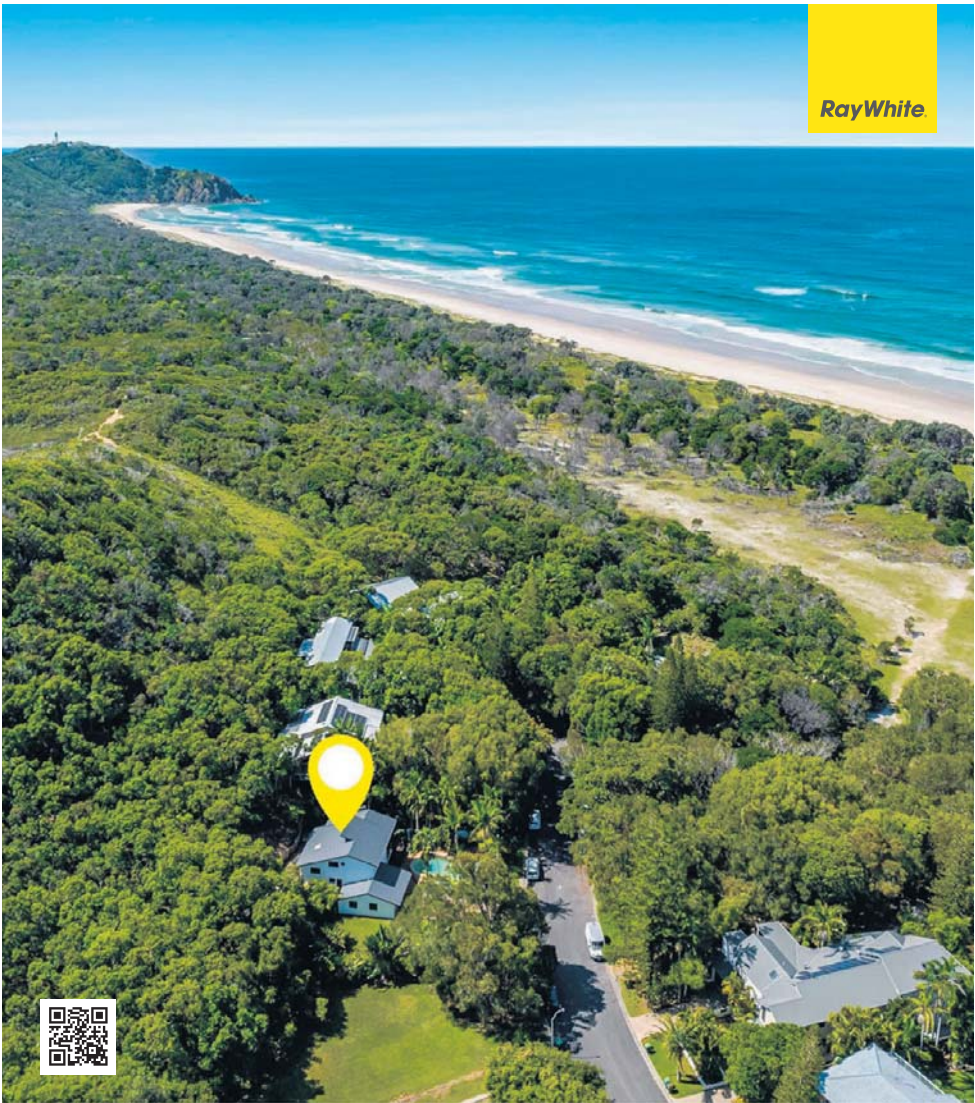
- 65 Currawong Way, Ewingsdale. Friday 2.00pm

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- 6 Diversity Avenue, Cumbalum. Sat 3.30pm







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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

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SALE

9/19-21 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay  
Strata title small factory outlet in the Mecca Centre Byron Bay. The property is well set up as a hassle free investment with current tenants in place till December 2023. Total floor area 125m2.

WHY WAIT?  
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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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Sat 10am-10.30am

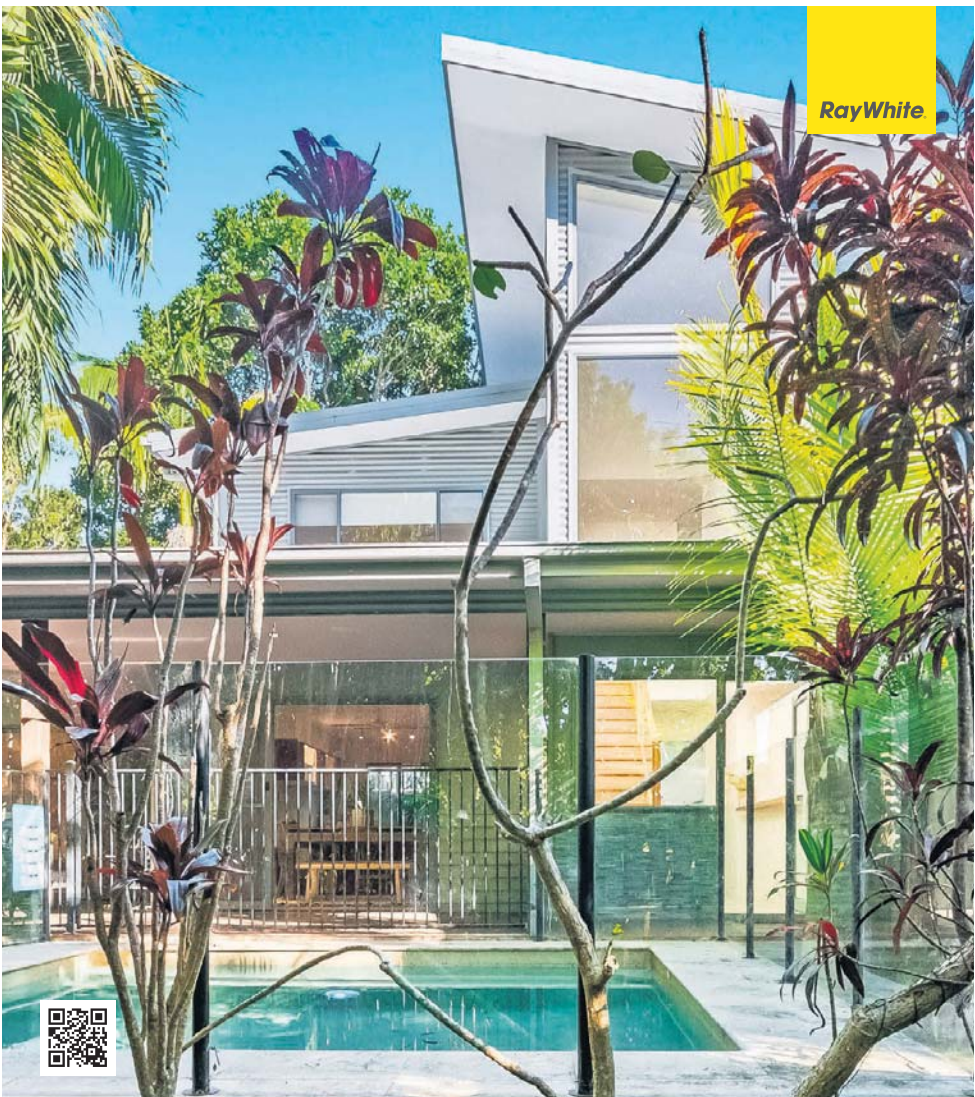


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1/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park  
Stylish and Spacious Beachside Living: The Perfect Family Home  
Step inside, and you'll be impressed by the well-thought-out floor plan designed with family living in mind. The open-plan living areas and dining area are bathed in natural light and feature modern finishes.

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4 3 2 588sqm

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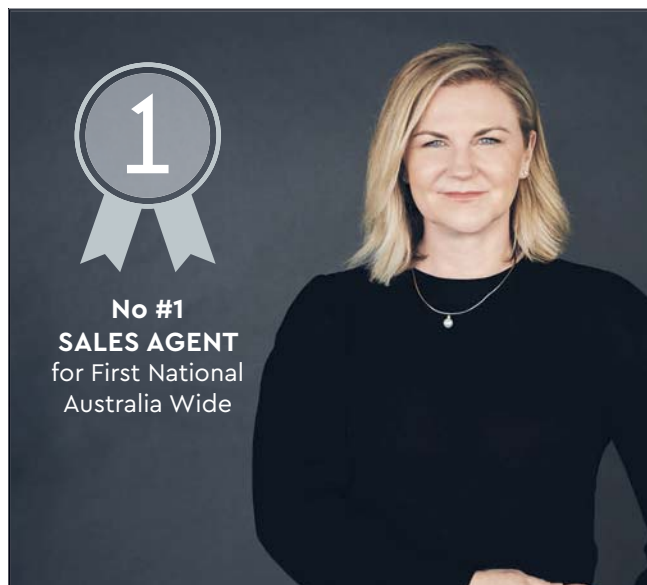
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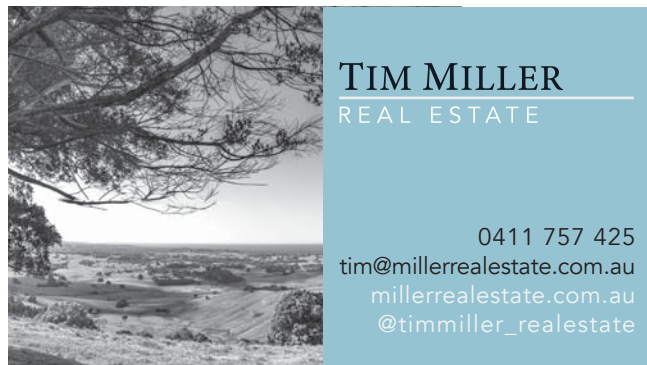
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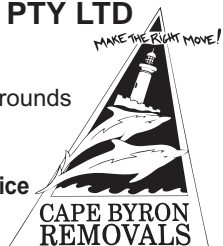
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## PANTLE Dr Annette

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Mother of Andrew, Francesca and Blair.  
Yiayia of Olivia and Alexandra.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Chris Strybos**  
passed away peacefully, in his sleep, surrounded by loved ones, on 17th May 2023.  
Beloved husband of Linda.  
Devoted and much loved father of Nathaniel, Jordie & Katie.  
Dearly loved brother of Michelle, Marianne, Nicola & Karen.  
Chris will be sadly missed by his grandchildren: Poppy, Chloe, Hugo & Marius, and his many other friends & family.

## LIFE CELEBRATIONS

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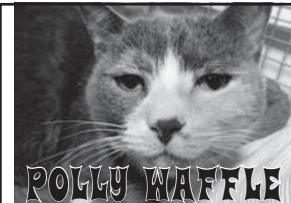
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1st SAT Brunswick Heads	0406 724 323	4th SUN Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
1st SAT Byron Bay	6685 6807	4th SUN (in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
1st SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333	5th SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498
2nd SAT Flea Market, Bangalow	0490 335 498	5th SUN Nimbin	0458 506 000
2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631	5th SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159		
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433	<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807	Each TUE New Brighton	0424 168 672
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141	Each TUE Organic Lismore	6628 1084
2nd SUN Coolangatta		Each WED 7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
3rd SAT Mullumbimby	6684 3370	Each WED 3-6pm Nimbin	0475 135 764
3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024	Each WED 4-7pm Newrybar Hall	
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina		Each THU 8-11am Byron	6687 1137
3rd SUN Federal	0433 002 757	Each THU 2.30-6.30pm Lismore	0450 688 900
3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150	Each FRI 7-11am Mullumbimby	0424 168 672
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338	Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
4th SAT Evans Head	0439 489 631	Each SAT 8-11am Duranbah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299	Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
4th SAT Kyogle Bazaar	<a href="http://kyoglebazaar.com.au">kyoglebazaar.com.au</a>	Each SAT 8.30-11am Lismore	
4th SUN Bangalow	6687 1911	Each SAT 8.30-12am Blue Knob	
4th SUN Nimbin	0475 135 764	Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

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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
18	TH	6:22 17:02	4:38 15:57	0707 1.46 1948 1.79	0110 0.46 1303 0.27
19	F	6:23 17:01	5:41 16:34	0748 1.38 2029 1.83	0200 0.44 1337 0.28
20	SA	6:24 17:01	6:43 17:15	0829 1.30 2108 1.84	0247 0.45 1411 0.31
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
23	TU	6:25 16:59	9:38 19:46	1027 1.11 2302 1.70	0506 0.53 1554 0.49
24	W	6:26 16:59	10:27 20:42	1110 1.07 2344 1.63	0552 0.57 1634 0.56
25	TH	6:26 16:59	11:09 21:39	1200 1.05 2381 1.59	0639 0.60 1723 0.63
26	F	6:27 16:58	11:45 22:35	0318 1.44 1305 1.05	0730 0.61 1825 0.70
27	SA	6:28 16:58	12:18 23:30	0122 1.50 1421 1.08	0824 0.60 1938 0.74
28	SU	6:28 16:58	12:47	0220 1.46 1531 1.16	0915 0.58 2054 0.75
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Data sourced from Bureau of Meteorology. Times adjusted for Daylight Savings when applicable.





## U/15 footballers making strides under new coach



**Coach German (L) with his hand-picked U/15 MBVFC squad.** Photo supplied

The Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC's U/15s mixed team has been charging all season, but met their match last Saturday when they went down to Alstonville (red) 5-4.

Prior to the game both teams were undefeated with five big wins apiece.

The only thing separating the teams was goal difference. Over the first five games MBVFC scored 52 goals, conceding just six. But they were out done by Alstonville (red) who notched up 67 goals and gave away just four.

The team includes a 12-year-old and two 13-year-olds who are playing up this year.

'We didn't win but it was a great game to watch, and the team played really well. Football has three results: winning, losing and draw. You may have a good team but it doesn't mean you will win every single game. It is only the start of the season. I am very proud of the team, coach German Mtonh said.

Tanzanian born German has been attributed with bringing a new level of professionalism to the team, including great results so far.

'Watching the young people in this team develop under German's guidance has been a real joy for me. They turn up for each other, they encourage their team mates,

and they've really improved their skill level right across the team.'

'They set a fine example representing our club across the Northern Rivers. I'm looking forward to a fun year watching this team grow and achieve the goals they set for themselves,' said parent, Andrew Nichols

German believes this is the right age for players to start getting serious about football.

'This is where you can create a platform for more professional development,' he said.

'It's about trusting yourself and being committed to being the best you can be,' he said.

## Byron Magpies fly to top of the AFL table

The Byron Magpies have flown to the top of the ladder after a convincing win in their top-of-the-table clash with the Coffs Breakers (14.17.101-5.8.38).

Both teams were undefeated going into the match, the fifth round of the North Coast competition.

Playing at home the Magpies got off to a slow start and the visitors were matching them goal for goal, according to captain Daniel Giffin.

For the rest of the game it was all Magpies.

'I think we played with more heart and we went

harder at the footy. We just really started to string it all together,' he said.

'Some of the new guys to the team this year really started to show that they had found their place. All round it was just really accountable footy.'

Despite the dominance to date the team 'will not be resting on their laurels, we have work to do' he said.

'This will not be our best game, we have more to give'.

Standout players on the day included: Jackson Coppin, Blayne Hull, Gus Staley and Dave Cox..

The Byron Bay women

also had a great game beating Coffs Harbour (6.10.46-3.4.22).

It was the team's second win for the season.

'The team was absolutely dominant across the paddock. They made short work of Coffs,' Daniel said.

'There were some really good player displays across the game, but Lillian Hutchins was a standout with three goals,' he said.

The women Magpies now sit in fourth place on the ladder behind Northern Beaches (but equal on points), Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

## World's biggest surf festival wants you

Surfing Australia will launching the world's biggest female surf competition and festival 'Seas the Day' at Kingscliff over June 17-18.

The aim is to encourage women to compete in a pressure-free environment alongside a program filled with females of the surfing industry, great food, live music and entertainment.

At its heart Seas the Day is a fun, tag-team contest open to female surfers of all abilities (foamies allowed) in Open Women's Shortboard, Open Women's Longboard and U18 Shortboard divisions.

On shore there will be three hubs with guest speakers, as well as workshops.

Surfing Australia has women working in leadership roles across the organisation and many will be speaking at the event: including the seven-time



**Surf photographer Hannah Prewitt will join a panel discussion on Careers in Surfing.** Photo supplied

World Champion Layne Beachley; former CT athlete Kate Wilcomes; 2005 World Champion Chelsea Hedges; as well as wellbeing coach Michelle Mitchell.

Topics will be ranging from sustainability to careers in surfing and wellness.

'This festival provides a space for women of all skill levels to come together and celebrate their love for the sport, while also

empowering them to pursue their goals in a welcoming and supportive environment,' Layne Beachley said.

Other well-known Australian surfers will also be on hand at the festival to give their support and encouragement including Lauren Hill and Josie Prendergast from Byron Bay.

To enter go to: [www.seasthedaysurffestival.com/surfcomp](http://www.seasthedaysurffestival.com/surfcomp).

## Rainbow Dragons Abreast scoop international win

Seventeen members of Ballina-based Rainbow Dragons Abreast joined 'Aussie Dragonfly' teams to race at the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBPCP) dragon boat festival on Lake Karapiro in New Zealand last month.

Rainbow Dragons Abreast are the breast cancer contingent of the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club.

The weather played havoc with racing conditions, but the survivors' team was delighted to finish 17th overall out of 81 crews from 37 different countries in the 500m event.

Later, the Aussie Dragonflies supporters' team blitzed the 24 team 200m racing field to become the international IBPCP Supporter Team champions.

With nearly 2500 participants, the event was the



**Just some of the 'international contingent' from Rainbow Dragons Abreast at Lake Karapiro.** Photo supplied

largest gathering of female athletes anywhere in the world for 2023.

### Finale

RDA members, Angela Smith and Juliette Sizer, were selected to take part in the Sandy Smith Global Finale, in honour of a remarkable woman and her work promoting dragon

boating for breast cancer survivors.

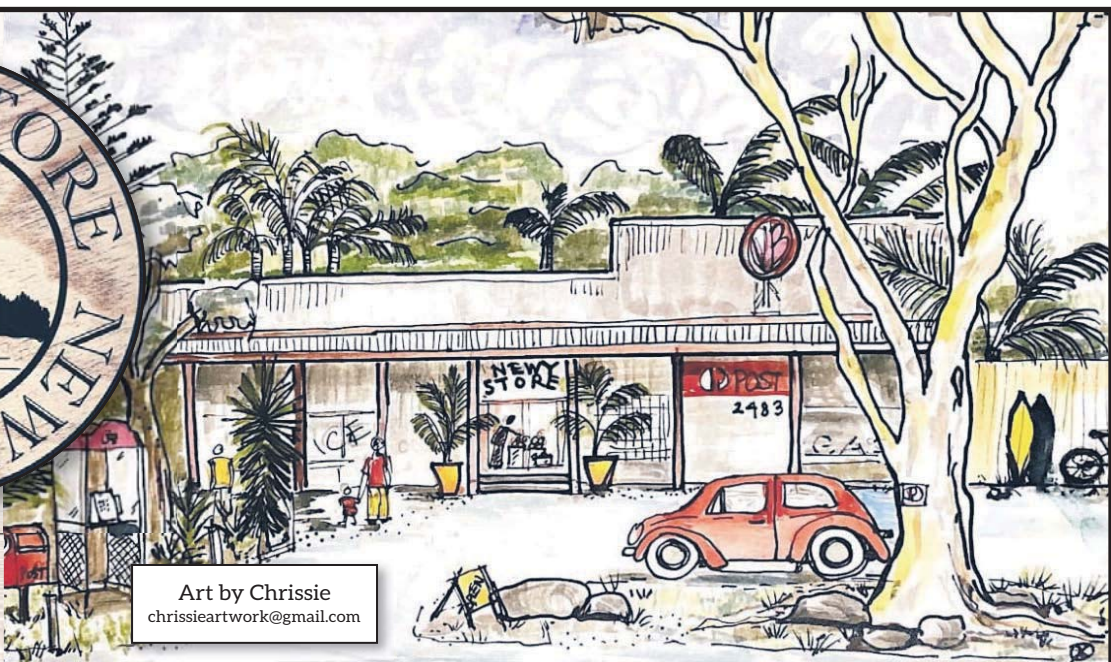
'Rainbows demonstrated amazing teamwork and adaptability, fitting in wherever they were needed and supporting each other, both on and off the water,' RDA president Sizer said. 'They're now looking forward to the Australian Masters competition in October.'

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The Echo wishes former councillor and school teacher, Jenny Coman, a speedy recovery after being hit by a car near her home in Bangalow a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, her injuries are quite severe, especially given her advanced age, and she sustained many broken bones and fractures.

With federal Labor chalking up its first year in office, Greens candidate and comedian, Many Nolan, launched her campaign on Monday and will again challenge local Labor MP, Justine Elliot at the next election. Housing will no doubt be an election issue again, but without any nuance and analysis, won't it be just a Trojan horse for making Byron Shire like the Gold Coast?

While Stan Grant's departure as ABC's Q&A host seems reasonable, given what he says was sustained racist abuse, it should also be pointed out Grant was a terrible Q&A host. Like David Speers from *Insiders*, Grant made the show simply unwatchable.

It's worth noting that the US screenwriters' strike over the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on their profession is heading into its fourth week. AI pioneer, Geoffrey Hinton, recently quit Google, warning that AI is an existential threat to humanity.

Psst: Orcas are attacking boats. According to [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), 'A spate of encounters between orcas and boats off the Iberian coast has puzzled scientists and sailors recently, as seemingly coordinated ambushes by the killer whales led to the



This photo, taken by Gabriel Shipton, the brother of imprisoned journalist and publisher, Julian Assange, was from a meeting with Assange's wife, Stella (pictured centre) and federal politicians across the aisles at parliament, on Tuesday, May 23. PM Albanese was asked in question time by independent MP Andrew Wilkie (pictured front, right), why he refused to meet Stella upon her visit. Albanese told parliament – in a very waffling manner – such a meeting would be a 'grandstanding' and 'wouldn't produce an outcome'. It's an odd reply, given Albanese had plenty of time to sit down with evil Murdoch mouthpiece, Piers Morgan, while he was recently in the UK for the King's coronation. Free Assange!



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sinking of three vessels. The reason for the attacks, according to one scientist who has studied the phenomenon, may be revenge'.

A group passionate about bringing rail services back to the abandoned rail corridor – A Northern Rivers Rail Ltd – are holding a barbecue at the Mullumbimby Community Gardens on June 10 from 12–4pm.

Two Echo readers say they were devastated to find a dead wallaby on Suffolk Park beach on Tuesday morning, and, given the bite marks, they suspect it was killed by a dog. They say the area is a 'no dog' zone and rangers have been notified. Please, dog owners, keep your dog within designated doggie areas.

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