

## Will NSW Labor pay on-call emergency service volunteers?

Hans Lovejoy

The newly elected NSW Labor government have stopped short of committing to paying volunteers who attend emergencies such as fires and floods, but say there is investment and initiatives underway to support those who volunteer as emergency service members.

The Echo asked NSW Emergency Minister, Jihad Dib, 'During the 2022 floods, emergency services were clearly under-prepared, and it was the community, not the government or Council, who were on the ground immediately helping/saving each other from life threatening situations. It took around a week for any government assistance to arrive.'

'Given this, will NSW Labor commit to appropriately fund emergency services, so volunteers are paid for being on call, so they are prepared for future events?'

The minister replied, 'The NSW government remains committed to delivering world-class emergency services, and doing everything possible to keep communities safe from natural disasters.'

## Nearly \$200M in funding

He said, 'The NSW government has committed almost \$200 million in new funding to implement a number of the recommendations from the independent Flood Inquiry, including \$159.5 million to enhance NSW's flood rescue capability for our emergency'

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## A comedy tidal wave forecast



Four days of comedy are about to hit the nation's most easterly surf club, with a lineup including Bob Downe, Paul McDermott, a double bill of Mel Buttle and Kirsty Webeck... and more. And what is a Byron Comedy Fest without Mandy Nolan? She will host a morning show that asks humorists 'Can comedy save the world?' Pictured is local comedian, Akmal, who will premiere his new show at the festival. Akmal will also front a comedy slam with a \$1,000 prize pool for the best new comedic talent. For more info, visit [www.byroncomedyfest.com](http://www.byroncomedyfest.com). Photo Eve Jeffery

► See The Echo's interview with Akmal in Seven entertainment, page 46.

## Private partnership sought for bioenergy facility proposal

Paul Bibby

Byron Council have been forced to explore the possibility of a public-private partnership to fund its planned bioenergy facility in Byron Bay.

It's an option that would effectively mean privatising the plant and the public land it sits upon, for 25 years or more.

In the latest chapter in the six-year saga over the proposal to build the waste-to-energy plant next to the Byron Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), it has now emerged that Council cannot viably fund the \$23M project by itself, and that government funding is unlikely to be forthcoming in the near future.

At last week's meeting, councillors voted to submit a proposal to the state government for the project to be considered for 'initial assessment' as a Public Private Partnership (PPP).

## Rejected application

This follows an unsuccessful funding application to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, which Council had been counting on to bankroll the project as part of its business plan.

While this does not commit Council to going down the privatisation path, it is a significant step in that direction.

Preparing the application will cost the Council \$70,000, adding to the \$1.3M it has already spent on the plan.

In a written report to the meeting, Council senior project officer, John Hart, spelt out the financial challenges that Council now faced

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## Council compliance staff bolstered

Paul Bibby

Are the van campers of Brunswick Heads thoughtless travellers with no respect for the town and its inhabitants, or are many in fact local homeless folk looking for a safe space with toilets and running water?

That was a key theme during a passionate Council meeting last week, which ultimately saw councillors vote to close down the van camping hub on South Beach Lane,

and to spend \$250,000 on bolstering Council's compliance team.

South Beach Lane is located next to open parkland, a bridge and runs along the river, near Torakina car park.

A group of local residents living in the highly-sought-after strip of houses adjacent to the lane slammed the van campers who have set up a community in the car park there.

'I speak on behalf of my family,

residents of South Beach Lane and beyond, when I say that the relentless camping and loitering has reached an unbearable limit,' said resident Sam Boulton, whose family has lived on the lane since 1968.

'There's no reprieve and we've reached breaking point.'

Mr Boulton said there was continuous noise from engines, doors slamming, and music, and that campers dumped rubbish,

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# It's a tradie lady workshop!

Mullum High School hosted a practical workshop for Year Nine and Ten girls recently.

Supported by SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen) and the DoE EPP (Educational Pathways Program), the event allowed tradeswomen from all over Australia, as well as some working on the school's flood-recovery program, to join with, and inspire, the next generation.

The school's careers adviser, Leanne Clarkson, told *The Echo*, 'Students developed new skills and confidence in using machinery to complete projects'.



Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT) tradeswomen Hannah, Fi and Pamela, with Mullum High students and their caddie woodwork projects. Photo Eve Jeffery

## Mayor wants zero tolerance on illegal van camping

► Continued from page 1 gear and food waste in the nearby park and sometimes into people's backyards.

'The current circumstances mean that it is not a pleasant place for raising a child, study, working from home or simply enjoying home time,' he said.

'The attitude if asked to be quiet? "We can be here till 1am".'

Other residents spoke of campers defecating in the park next to the river, having loud parties, dealing drugs, and swearing and spitting at local residents.

'The principal of the primary school has to call the police to do a sweep before there's a cross country race down there,' another resident, Mark Bathie said.

However, as the meeting went on the Council heard another side to the story.

Sarah Jane McGrath, a long-term local who became homeless in 2020 and lives in her van, said she had 'total respect' for the residents who were being impacted by van campers, but suggested that it was not fair for everyone camping in Bruns to be

'tarred with the same brush'.

'I totally agree with shutting the car park in the future, if not tomorrow,' Ms McGrath said. 'It's clearly caused people so much distress, and that distresses me and my community. But I don't know who those people are, I don't hang out with them.'

McGrath implored the Council to come up with 'appropriate solutions' to address the lack of basic amenities for homeless people living in Brunswick Heads and the rest of the Shire so that they could find 'a little bit of peace of mind'.

'I don't sleep well at night either. That's because I live in a van. I never know when I'm safe, I never know when I'm going to have to get up at 3am in the morning and go to the toilet.'

'I have to deal with people coming up and staring in my van and taking pictures. I have to start educating them how to be appropriate.'

'If we're not being accepted, if we're not being respected, then you can understand why people stop respecting everything.'

Ms McGrath's request

for greater support for the local homeless community appeared to fall on deaf ears at the meeting.

### All parking to be removed from South Beach Lane

Instead, a majority of councillors voted to have all parking removed from South Beach Lane.

The matter will need to go to the Local Traffic Committee for approval, meaning the closure is likely to be at least a month away, and the decision will be reviewed in three months' time.

However, it will mean an end to the van camping community in that part of the town.

'I think we need to act on this now,' Mayor Michael Lyon said.

'I think those residents have been through enough.'

Three councillors voted against the immediate closure, arguing that there needed to be a broader and more strategic approach to the issue of unauthorised van camping in the town rather than simply shutting

down parking in one street.

Greens councillor Duncan Dey put forward a motion to this effect, but it was voted down by a majority of other councillors. However, Councillors were all on the same page when it came to bolstering Council's compliance resources.

They voted to spend an additional \$250,000 to hire two new compliance officers and buy a new vehicle.

'We don't want to live in a police state, but we do want to live in a Shire where people are following the rules,' Cr Lyon said.

'We do want to live in a Shire where our community feels protected and backed up by our Council's enforcement team. People shouldn't feel unsafe in their own streets.'

'I think we need to develop a reputation for zero tolerance [of illegal van camping].'

'On blogs and websites, the van living community think of us as a soft touch. If you want to come to our Shire and camp you have to pay your way - just like everyone else.'

## Will NSW Labor pay on-call emergency service volunteers?

► Continued from page 1 services agencies and volunteer organisations, including the NSW State Emergency Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, Marine Rescue NSW, Surf Life Saving NSW and the Volunteer Rescue Association; \$11.9 million to better support volunteerism, including training community members who may become 'spontaneous' volunteers in a disaster'.



NSW Emergency Minister, Jihad Dib

'The NSW government recognises that communities play a critical role in responding to disasters.

'A number of initiatives are underway to support them, including a grants program due to be launched shortly for local initiatives to improve the ability of spontaneous volunteers to respond in the event of an emergency; the development of a short education video resource package to support safe volunteering in high-risk areas; an enhancement of the SES's Spontaneous Volunteering

Program; and an expansion of the Aboriginal Community Emergency Management Program Pilot.

'However, this cannot be at the expense of ensuring emergency services agencies are appropriately resourced to respond appropriately in response to disasters.'

'This government will carefully consider the funding needs of emergency services organisations as part of the 2023-24 budget process'.

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## BayFM welcomes new station manager

Award-winning broadcaster, journalist, filmmaker and author, Tracee Hutchison, will start her new role as BayFM's station manager from June 5.

With a passion for community-focused media, Hutchison's career spans more than three decades in Australian and international radio and television, including on-air roles at Triple J, ABC TV's 7.30 Report, ABC NewsRadio, Radio Australia, ABC Lismore, and iconic Melbourne community radio station, 3RRR.

Hutchison is BayFM's second station manager, following Philip Shine, who resigned for health reasons last year after three and half years in the role.

Hutchison said, 'I first tuned in to BayFM in 1992, when I was hosting the morning show at ABC Lismore, and I moonlighted a few times with friends who had shows at the time. It's been a quiet dream ever since to one day find my way back to the station. I feel like I've been gifted a beautiful opportunity to be part of this



Tracee Hutchison. Photo supplied

much-loved, award-winning community radio station, at a time when independent and free-spirited media has never been more important. I'm a heartland community radio person, it's where I started my career, so I've come full circle, back to the community radio heartland, in the heart of the most dynamic, diverse and progressive communities in Australia. When I listen to BayFM I hear the incredible passion, connection and commitment of broadcasters and a station that is absolutely at the epicentre of its community. It's my kind of station, it sounds like home.'

## Let's explore Council's secret meetings!

Hans Lovejoy

Has Byron Shire Council improved with its transparency with regards to confidential motions?

Should councillors try and be as transparent as possible when dealing with assets that are publicly owned?

In last week's meeting, all councillors didn't bat an eyelid as they moved again into confidential session over two motions, one relating to land that Council owns in the highly valuable Belongil suburb (Item 9.5), and another that was just called a 'boundary adjustment' for another parcel of Belongil property.

No information was provided on the motion, so the public were left without any knowledge of what went on behind closed doors.

When delving into the reasons around the secrecy, Mayor Michael Lyon at first defended the secrecy as 'entirely prudent and appropriate', and, 'We are trying to solve a building encroachment on Council-land issue and we wanted to ensure that all ideas could be discussed without fear of litigation.'



Council's chamber in Mullumbimby. Photo Byron Shire Council

**'You should be able to read a Council staff report and know what's going on.'**

**– Jan Barham**

He said general reasons to close the doors on the public, 'would be matters where legislation prohibits us doing so, for commercial in-confidence matters regarding contracts and tender selection, appointment of members to panels and committees and finally, matters that are likely to be able to leave us open to being sued.'

When pressed, he said, 'The default position is that if something is of concern to staff, and raises an issue under the legislation, then they mark it as confidential.' 'We have had the

discussion quite a few times regarding whether to move away from this on a particular item, but it is rare that we disagree with staff's assessment, though it has happened in the past.

'I agree that the original motions, as proposed, should have been in the public agenda, and the background redacted if it contained problematic content, however, staff chose a different view, and they are responsible for production of the agenda.'

So, should councillors be

more engaged with what is confidential, and take the lead, instead of mostly relying on staff with such matters?

Former Byron Mayor and NSW Upper House MP, Jan Barham, told *The Echo*, 'In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the NSW Office of Local Government advice, the onus is on councillors to determine if confidentiality is required and maintain open processes to keep the community informed.'

'You should be able to read a council staff report and know what's going on. This is our story, this is our land, it's not theirs exclusively.'

Instead of holding confidential meetings in most cases, Ms Barham suggests redacting documents to maintain open governance.

'With tenders and the like, names and tender amounts can be redacted. The same goes for the appointment of members to panels and committees. It's important to provide a full picture of what Council does with all of its dealings. By informing the public, it builds trust.'

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## Private partnership sought for Byron Council's bioenergy facility proposal

► Continued from page 1 in trying to fund the project.

'The size of the financial contribution required by Council to the Bioenergy Facility Project is considerable, and has the potential to significantly increase Council's debt position if it chooses to deliver this project without any private sector financing via an approved PPP,' Mr Hart said.

He noted that, at June 30, 2022, Council had \$58.77 million owing in loans. '[I]t could take up to 25 years to recover the initial investment if Council had no alternative funding partner,' he said.

Mr Hart also noted that government grant funding in relation to waste was now directed mostly toward helping other NSW councils set up a three-bin garbage system to divert organic waste away from landfill.

He said that two new infrastructure grant streams were proposed at the federal level in 2023, but funds would not be forthcoming until 2024, at the earliest.

This left Council with few viable options if it wished to

continue with its plan to build the facility in the near future.

Under the PPP plan, a private company would obtain a 25-year lease for the land from Council. The company would also operate the facility. It would take up to two years for the facility to be up and running.

### All voted in favour

Councillors are divided over the privatisation plan, though they all voted in favour of exploring it as an option.

Independent councillor, Mark Swivel, spoke in favour, arguing that Council needed to find other ways of financing the project after its previous attempt to get federal grant funding was unsuccessful.

'A project like this should be Council owned, but given that option appears to no longer be tenable, I think we need to find other ways of financing it,' Cr Swivel said.

'It wouldn't involve any selling of land to a private entity, so it's not the worst kind of privatisation of public assets.'

'As I understand there

would be a buyback down the track.'

Mayor Michael Lyon said that he was only in favour of exploring the PPP as a 'last resort'.

'I want to put on the record that I don't want to do a PPP,' Cr Lyon said. 'I implore our federal representative to look for ways to fund this federally, as should have been done, and as was signalled by [federal government's] ARENA [agency].'

'If it's the last resort, and it's \$70,000 for an insurance policy, then I can accept that.'

### Closed-loop cycle

According to Council's website, bioenergy is a way of converting organic waste into renewable energy.

Council staff say, 'It is known as a closed-loop carbon cycle, because the carbon created ends up as plant matter and stays within the system.'

'Dry anaerobic digestion uses oxygen-free conditions to break down organic matter inside a contained facility. The resulting biogas is converted into energy.'

# Bayside Residents Association formed

A new residents association has emerged in what residents say is one of Byron Shire's 'forgotten' suburbs - Bayside Brunswick Heads.

The Bayside Residents Association (BRA) say the suburb is on the verge of a massive population increase from five separate developments.

BRA President, Peter Tanner, told *The Echo* they aim to make the suburb 'a true community, rather than a drive-in, drive-out housing development on the southern end of Brunswick Heads'.

Tanner said, 'Bayside's current population of about 350 will balloon to more than 1,100 over the next few years'.

'The BRA is committed to working positively with everyone concerned - residents, developers, Council - to make Bayside a great place to live,' he said. 'Bayside will be doing some heavy lifting to help ease the chronic housing shortage in the Shire. So it's important we act now to create the soul of Bayside before development gets away from us.'

He says the major development is the staged Wallum



**Bayside Bruns locals are stepping up to make sure their community has an adequate voice, given the predicted increase in population in coming years.** Photo Eve Jeffery

project, which entails 123 dwelling blocks plus three medium density lots.

'Fortunately, we have a good working relationship with Clarence Property, the developers of Wallum,' Mr Tanner said. 'They have listened closely to community concerns, and have significantly improved Wallum, including important environmental protections and revised block sizes.'

'Another development awaiting a start is a 20-lot community title subdivision, by long-term local landowners, John and Gloria Mills.

## Unresolved future

'There is also the Corso boarding house, whose unresolved future is blurred by the unannounced inclusion of flood-pods on their land, entailing major infrastructure work.

'Then there are the 27 flood-pods partly built on the suburb's small park, adjoining the preschool. The pods could be there for up to five years. Thereafter, the lease provides for the land to be "made good" and the vital Bayside Park returned to the community.

'The BRA will be alert to ensure this happens, in the absence of a watertight guarantee the lease terms will be honoured.

'We welcome the displaced people and are working to make their stay an enjoyable one,' Mr Tanner said. 'They are part of our community while they are here.'

'Finally, it is believed that a 46-lot housing subdivision is also being planned.

'Bayside is the only major suburb in the Shire which has no commercial outlets, and minimal public parks and green space. It has current and future issues with stormwater and sewage disposal. It also faces significant traffic challenges, with a choke point where the only access road meets the busy Brunswick Heads entrance near the highway.

Tanner added, 'The BRA will start a membership drive in the near future, and plans to stage a community welcome for residents of the pod village'.

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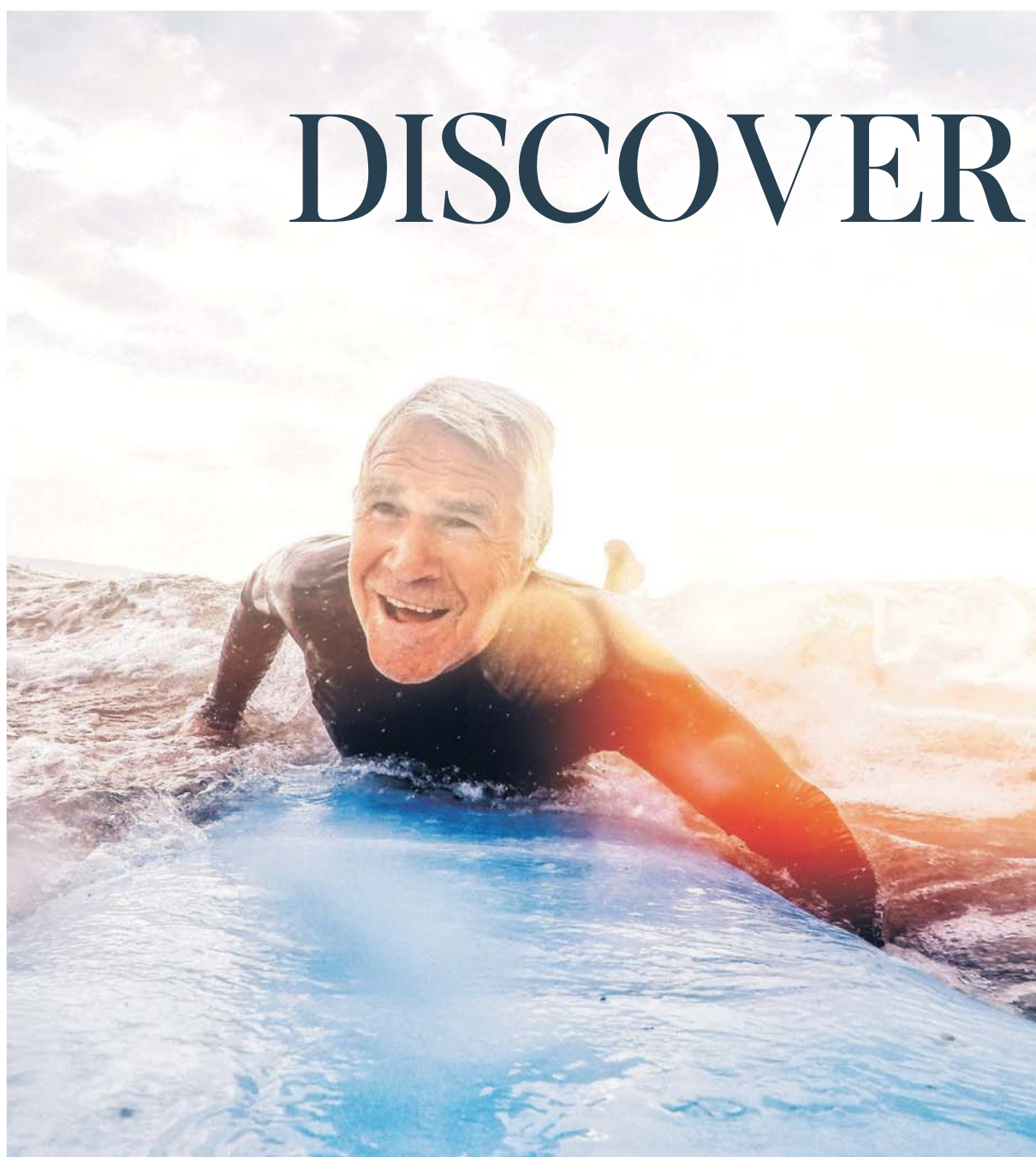
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# Sam's inspiring tale of beating cancer

Photo & story Eve Jeffery

Samantha Taylor Bloodworth says she knew she had a tumour for over five years, but did nothing about it.

As a single mother working full time, she thought she was too busy to have cancer – she was in denial.

After the fallout from a staggeringly bad divorce, how could the universe possibly give her cancer as well?

'If I had acted quickly, it would have meant a very small operation, but because I didn't, it resulted in chemo and a double mastectomy – I lost my hair, my sense of taste, my energy, my breasts, and all the self-confidence that goes with them. Yet I did not lose my love of life or my optimism for the future.'

These days, Sam is doing something about cancer, and last Thursday, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea day, she and her supporters sipped and quaffed and munched on cake and raised just under \$5,000 for the annual Cancer Council event.

Sam is the Northern Rivers Community Ambassador for the Cancer Council.

'Since my diagnosis and treatment, over 20 of my friends and family have been diagnosed with some sort of cancer and of those 11 have



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea host, Samantha Taylor Bloodworth (seated, far right), with Angela Catterns (behind) and dozens of supporters at the Community Centre event.

died. That's too many.'

Sam says local businesses generously donated yummy things to her tea – Dirty Little Herbivore, Baker and Daughters, North Byron Hotel, Byron Larder and Sunday Sustainable Bakery.

## Local biz donations

Leftover cakes were donated to Liberation Larder for the homeless to enjoy.

Sam says many of her supporters had their own reasons to help. 'The styling and florals were done by Simone Bennett-Smith and her team. Simone's mother passed

away from cancer years ago. Olivia 'Red Fox' Devere shook a barrel for me with the raffles – her mother died of cancer; Mandy Nolan gave us all some heartfelt LOLs – plus entertained much of Jonson Street in the process, and Angela Catterns lent us some gravitas as MC.'

## Half population diagnosed with it

'One of the main motivators for holding this event was my school friend, Melissa, living in Ocean Shores, who has just come through a

horrific treatment regime and is still optimistic and loving and smiling as ever.'

Sam says cancer is not a karmic punishment.

'It's not your fault, you can't bargain with cancer, it just happens to some people – about half of the Australian population will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.'

May 25 is the official Australia's Biggest Morning Tea day, but groups hold morning teas all over Australia in April, May and June, so there is still time to host an event.

For more info visit [www.biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au).

# Théo's family mark fourth year of his disappearance



Théo's mum, Vinciane and father Laurent, in Belgium in 2019, with their son Lucas, who is Théo's younger brother. Photo supplied

Eve Jeffery

Today is the fourth anniversary of the disappearance of Théo Hayez, an 18-year-old Belgian backpacker who was last seen leaving Cheeky Monkeys bar in Byron Bay at around 11pm on May 31, 2019.

Since then, hundreds of people joined searches and the community drew together to help a family from the other side of the planet find their beloved boy.

An inquest found that Théo was most likely deceased, but State Coroner, Teresa O'Sullivan, told the court the investigation was unable to determine the cause or manner of his death.

Though life goes on for the Byron community, and the Hayez family, Théo is always in their thoughts.

On Monday, *The Echo* spoke to Théo's dad, Laurent Hayez, in Belgium – a man who has always been deeply indebted to the community for their love and support throughout the years.

'We've been experiencing sadness and so many other emotions for four years now,' he said. 'Four years of

thinking about him every day and wondering what happened to him.

'For four years, we've been convinced that he must have bumped into someone between the Cheeky Monkeys bar and the Cosy Corner on Tallow Beach.

'And four years that we've been hoping for a testimonial to put an end to this mystery and this torture of not knowing.'

Laurent says that fortunately, thanks to the immense generosity and kindness of the community of Byron Bay and the surrounding area, he and his family have been able to discover the most beautiful part of humanity during this time.

## 'Théo deserves your affection'

'You have not been mistaken: Théo deserves your affection, because he was a sunny person who did good to those around him.'

'Having adopted him as a child of the village, you continue to keep his memory alive.

'Thank you for eternity.'

# Grief and gratitude circle to be held June 5

This coming Monday, June 5, Holding Hands Under Ground (HHUG, the organisation that runs Renew Fest) is hosting the first in a series of free online Grief and Gratitude Circles for people in the Bundjalung, Northern Rivers region affected by the 2022 floods.

Ella Rose Goninan will be facilitating the circles, and she told *The Echo* the well known adopted listening

circle format 'offers people the opportunity in a safe space to have their feelings and thoughts heard'.

## Storytelling

'Through emphasising personal storytelling, HHUG is offering these circles to engender empathy, mutual understanding, connection and communal care for the long-term impacts of grief,

loss, trauma and fragmentation involved in recovering from the floods.


'They will be, as the name suggests, simply listening circles. A confidential space to share your story and hear the stories of others. Protocols for attendees will include: deep listening, only speaking when it's your turn, speaking from your own experience, not responding to or commenting

on other people's stories, not talking about anything shared by others outside the circle'.

Ella adds, 'These circles are being offered to accompany Renew Fest's Vigil for Grief, to be held June 24-25 in the Fig Tree Grove of the Mullumbimby Showground'.

For circle and vigil details, visit [www.hhug.org.au](http://www.hhug.org.au) or [www.renewfest.org.au](http://www.renewfest.org.au).

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# Tree plantings on Council land face funding obstacles

Paul Bibby

Local school kids could take part in regular community tree plantings on land owned by Byron Shire Council, as a way of learning about bush regeneration and acting on climate change.

But the initiative is facing a funding challenge, with Council needing support from the community or government for maintenance of any tree planting project.

Last week's Council meeting heard that a planting event last year on Council land at Azalea Street, Mullumbimby, saw 800 trees planted by around 50 school students.

Initiated by the organisers of the Regeneration group, which has run a series of seed propagation workshops in schools over the past year, the event was a huge hit with students and the school community more broadly.

'To be able to put a tree in the ground and get your hands dirty is really satisfying when you're finished,' nine-year-old Louis Moynihan-Burne told the meeting



Byron Bay Public School students taking part in the recent tree planting on Azalea Street, Mullum. Photo Ray Moynihan

during public access. 'And even more satisfying in 10-15 years' time, when you're able to look at the forest, and say, "I planted that tree or that forest"'

Councillors agreed to explore what parcels of land it owns that might enable further school tree planting activities in the coming years.

This includes possible sites on Vallances Road and Riverside Drive in Mullumbimby.

However, the meeting heard that, in addition to finding suitable sites, getting the initiative up and running

would require \$15,000 to fund regular maintenance of the trees to ensure they did not become overrun by weeds.

## Strapped for cash

With Council extremely strapped for cash, the money will need to come from other sources.

As the mover of the motion, Mayor Michael Lyon also went against staff recommendation.

Council staff will now prepare a report for Council regarding a possible parcel, or parcels, of land where tree planting might take place.

# Developer responds to large Bangalow DA concerns

The developer behind a large mixed use DA opposite Bangalow's historic A&I Hall has defended his proposal, saying, apart from 'a lift overrun' and non-compliant car parking plans, DA 10.2023.35.1 is compliant with Council's planning instruments, including the nine metre height limit.

Development firm, CADRE, 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 with a building footprint of 2,117.4m<sup>2</sup>.

Public submissions were extended by Council staff, and closed May 30.

CADRE Director, Christopher Tyas, responded to claims made by longtime resident, Sue Taylor, who told *The Echo* last week that the proposal contravenes the heritage conservation area (DCP Chapter 1.1.3).

Describing the comments as 'subjective and inaccurate', Tyas told *The Echo*, 'The proposed development has undergone a detailed design

process involving hundreds of person hours in relation to heritage consultation alone, to ensure that the design reflects the requirements of the DCP to "retain the fine grain pattern of development" through variety in built form on the site as opposed to one building.'

## Redesigned

Further defending his plans, he said. 'We undertook a comprehensive pre-lodgement community engagement program, which we were not required to undertake. We then spent five months redesigning the development to take in all of this feedback. We invested in a peer review from a respected local architect,' Mr Tyas told *The Echo*.

He says, 'We have had as much feedback that there is too much space for parking, as feedback that there isn't enough. We have met all the performance criteria of the DCP relating to heritage character, bulk and scale.'

'While some of the buildings are three storeys, owing

to the design and the slope of the site, all of the sight lines are two storeys only.

'Contrary to the comments made in *The Echo* story [comments by Ms Taylor as above], there are other buildings along Station Street that are at least as tall as our proposed buildings.'

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)'.

'The scheme we submitted to Byron Shire Council opens to the rail corridor, provides a range of community spaces, including an "artist in residence" space and has been designed to pay homage to the magnificent A&I Hall. We encourage people to visit our website [www.6-10stationstreet.com.au](http://www.6-10stationstreet.com.au) and contact us directly with any questions or concerns,' said Mr Tyas.

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Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation

# Seeking Construction Industry Feedback

The tight labour market in the Northern Rivers, and beyond, is making the reconstruction of our region a challenge for business, industry and government.

At the NRRC, we're actively working to address this issue through a Reconstruction Workforce Strategy. With your expertise and experience in the region, you can play a critical role in advising our efforts to meet the demand for skilled workers for our reconstruction efforts.

To begin, we are seeking feedback from business and industry via a quick 5-minute survey.  
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**Labor Government committed to the demerger of Murwillumbah Education Campus**

The significant issue of a merger of several Murwillumbah schools has been ongoing since 2020 when the then state government announced via Sarah Mitchell MP that four public schools would be amalgamated into a single Kindergarten to Year 12 campus at Murwillumbah High.

**The humpbacks are heading north**

Multiple pods of whales have been spotted off the coast from Seal Rocks to Coffs Harbour in recent days as the northern migration humpback ploughs its way to warmer waters.

**Government rental figure for first temporary housing village revealed**

The Ballina Shire Council has revealed receipt of \$100,000 in land rent for its first temporary emergency housing village on the Northern Rivers.

**New initiative to enliven Lismore's CBD**

Lismore City Council, the Lismore Regional Gallery and owners of vacant shops, have announced the launch of the Lismore City ArtVenture.

**Tweed Shire Council to seek legal advice on legacy DAs**

The clearing of the site on the banks of Cobaki Creek, by MAAS Group Holdings from Dubbo, to progress a 27-year old development approval has triggered Tweed Shire Councillors into action to seek legal advice on what, if anything, can be done to bring these legacy/zombie developments into line with current standards.

**What is the future of Shaws Bay in Ballina?**

How we manage our coastal areas have long-term effects both on our natural and built environments. Ballina Shire Council are currently seeking community feedback on the future management of Shaws Bay in East Ballina, an important environmental and recreational area.

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**Co-author of *Uluru Statement* speaks in Lismore, June 22**

Thomas Mayo, one of the authors of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, will speak at Lismore Politics in the Pub on Thursday June 22, from 7pm.

Mayo will discuss the notion of an Indigenous Voice being enshrined in the Australian constitution.

The volunteer-run organisation say it is their first post-flood event in their new venue – the Lismore Heights Bowling Club.

Organisers say, 'Thomas is a compelling speaker who has traversed the nation for the past six years, advocating the need for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, which



Thomas Mayo. Photo [www.thomasmayo.com.au](http://www.thomasmayo.com.au)

will be decided by the forthcoming referendum. Thomas aims to provide a broad-ranging and inclusive discussion that will allow

voters to make an informed decision'.

The Lismore Heights Bowling Club is located at 181 High Street, Lismore.

**Kinship fest returns**



Pictured are Byron locals, Holly English, Craig Scanlan (president of Suffolk Park Community Gardens), musician Cleis Pierce, and Rapha, who is Craig's carer. Photo supplied

Murwillumbah's Kinship Festival returned on Saturday at Knox Park, which is a celebration of Aboriginal culture, belonging, participation and connection to land.

The day featured Indigenous dancing, Elders' storytelling, a First Nations healing space and workshops and free bush tucker and children's nature crafts.

**NSW govt failing to regulate local govt sector: NSW AG**

The NSW Auditor-General's latest report into the regulation and monitoring of local government claims the NSW government is not conducting 'effective, proactive monitoring to enable timely risk-based responses to council performance and compliance issues'.

The report by the oversight body examined the role of the Office of Local Government (OLG) in relation

to providing guidance to local councils, and the tools needed for councils to maintain accountability, efficiency and effective regulation.

The report also found that the OLG is failing to 'demonstrate that it is effectively regulating the local government sector'.

Within the report, Margaret Crawford PSM, says, 'Overall, the OLG has made limited progress on projects

that have been identified since 2019 to improve its sector monitoring'.

**Resourcing issues**

Crawford says the Department of Planning and Environment and the OLG have, 'identified that resourcing issues present a risk to the OLG's regulatory functions. Projects since 2021 to review the OLG's budget did not progress. The OLG does not routinely

review the costs or evaluate the effectiveness of its regulatory activities'.

Among its eight recommendations for improvement was publishing a 'council risk-assessment tool to support councils to self-assess and report on performance and compliance issues, including to their audit, risk and improvement committee'.

For more information visit [www.audit.nsw.gov.au](http://www.audit.nsw.gov.au).

**Mental health funding needs a boost**

**Echo work experience cadets, Mika Kahn-Casey & Tonal Davies**

The availability of mental health services in Byron Shire is currently falling short of the growing demand, according to local psychiatrists and those seeking help.

Dr Sarah Evans, a prominent psychiatrist and advocate for improved mental health services, emphasises the gravity of the situation: 'The demand for mental health support in Byron Shire has outpaced the available resources. It is essential that we address this issue promptly to prevent a potential crisis.'

However, by increasing funding, attracting more mental health practitioners, promoting community involvement, and embracing technological solutions, the region can take significant strides toward improving mental health availability.

Teletherapy, for instance, enables individuals to receive counselling and support remotely, reducing geographical barriers to care. By investing in digital platforms and telehealth services,

mental health practitioners can extend their reach and provide assistance to a wider audience.

Sharon Patel, a mental health advocate and technology enthusiast, emphasises the potential of the technology.

She told *The Echo*, 'Teletherapy has the power to revolutionise mental health care in Byron Shire. It enables us to bridge the gap between patients and professionals, ensuring that help is just a click away.'

**Worker shortage**

Another primary challenge faced by the mental health system in Byron Shire is the shortage of trained professionals. The limited number of psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors makes it difficult to provide timely care to the growing population.

Emma Thompson, a local resident who faced significant challenges in accessing mental health care, shares her experience: 'I reached out for help, but I had to wait for months before I could see a therapist. It was incredibly frustrating, and left me

feeling even more helpless.'

Community involvement and education also play a crucial role in improving mental health availability. Local organisations and community centres can collaborate with mental health professionals to host workshops and awareness campaigns. By raising awareness about mental health issues and destigmatising seeking help, individuals will be more inclined to reach out for support.

John Walker, the director of a community-based mental health centre, emphasises the significance of community-driven initiatives: 'It's essential for us to foster a supportive environment where mental health is discussed openly.'

'By engaging the community and empowering individuals to seek help, we can create a healthier and more resilient society.'

As Dr Sarah Evans aptly summarises, 'It's time to prioritise mental health and ensure that everyone in Byron Shire has access to the support they need. By coming together as a community, we can make a real difference and build a brighter, healthier future for all.'

**Rural Recovery Support Service**



**Applications for Rural Assistance Authority current flood and storm grants close on 30 June 2023**

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# Sustainable fashion course on offer

Mia Armitage

Born in Byron, bred in a sweatshop, made from earth-destroying parts and brought back to you with copious carbon miles... it's fast fashion, but it's not a good look.

Australians, it seems, must choose between going naked or wearing clothes that never quite fit their increasingly informed ethical standards.

While Byronites are known to enjoy baring all, winter is upon us and the Byron Community College (BCC) is offering another path: a six-week course in sustainable fashion.

Cate Coorey, known to many for her work as an



From left, sustainable fashion student, Gabriel Shine, designer and guest tutor, Jenny Bannister with course co-ordinator, Cate Coorey. Photo supplied

independent Byron Shire councillor, is also a long-time tutor at BCC, and has coordinated the course, featuring guest experts and

leading sustainable fashion practitioners.

Emerging designers and anyone who 'wants to learn how to live more

consciously' is expected to benefit, Ms Coorey says.

'Each day has got a different aspect to sustainable and ethical fashion,' Ms Coorey told *The Echo*, 'reducing the amount of fashion purchased, taking things out of the waste stream, and then looking at how to make clothes that are kinder to the planet and to people.'

'It isn't just a conversation, we'll be giving practical information on how to do it.'

The Sustainable Fashion course starts June 2 with tuition fees waived for NSW residents, although resource fees apply.

Places are limited. For more info visit [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au).

# Mental health minister visits



NSW Labor MP, Rose Jackson. Photo Eve Jeffery

NSW Labor MP, Rose Jackson, recently visited the Mullumbimby Safe Haven to see firsthand the successes and challenges of flood recovery across the region, and efforts to progress more access to mental health services.

Healthy North Coast, The Buttery and Safe Haven North Coast in her capacity as Minister for Mental Health.

Her other ministerial portfolios include Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Minister for Youth, and Minister for the North Coast.

# NRRC spruiks its success, despite the criticisms

Hans Lovejoy

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) has released its latest progress update last week, claiming 340 valuations were undertaken under the buyback program, 260 offers made, and 104 offers accepted.

The corporation was established on July 1 last year, and operates without any parliamentary scrutiny.

*The Echo* understands that Planning Minister, Paul Scully, along with the Department of Regional NSW, are now responsible for the NRRC, which sits under the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

The NRRC continues to be criticised for its slow progress with its programs.

The ABC reported on May 26 that the Lismore Mayor is 'heartbroken' by the slow progress by the NRRC.

And two Lismore residents, who are part of the community-based group, Reclaim Our Recovery, told *The Echo* that NRRC's recovery efforts reveals 'a failure in the political arrangements that privilege top down decision making, and a neoliberal market

driven approach'.

Miriam Torzillo and Andrew George say the failures include the 'impact on tenants and the rental market from the relocation of homes on the floodplain, and the lack of transparency and consultation by the NRRC, the agency tasked with that process'.

They say, 'The recovery project and the work of the NRRC is very much a business-as-usual approach, where corporations are profiting from the disaster'.

'There is inequity everywhere, between investors and owner-occupiers and between renters and the homeless and everyone else.'

'At the same time, the state continues to support and facilitate carbon polluting industries and the destruction of our environmental carbon sinks and ecosystems'.

Meanwhile, the NRRC say, 'Buybacks in some of the hardest flood hit areas of Lismore, Tweed, Byron Bay, Richmond Valley, Kyogle, Ballina and the Clarence Valley are being prioritised in the first phase of the program'.

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# Cop charged with DV offences

A senior constable attached to a command in the Northern Region will appear in Lismore Local Court on Wednesday July 5 charged with historical domestic violence related incidents between 2017 and 2021.

According to NSW Police

Media, in December 2022, officers attached to the Professional Standards Command established Strike Force Drove to investigate the 31-year-old. Subsequently, the Command suggested the charge of two counts of common assault (DV).



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## Priorities? Compliance

Despite a 'tough budget environment', where Council can't find \$15,000 per annum to maintain a tree planting initiative on land it manages, there will be \$250,000 spent on employing two more compliance officers and purchasing another 'enforcement' vehicle.

It's worth noting that Council is actually really stretched with its finances, and is dipping into its reserves to stay afloat.

After covid and the floods, most have felt the effects, and the Shire's largest employer is no different.

There are a few big projects that former Mayor, Simon Richardson, pushed upon us, that have now been found difficult to fund. Vallances Road burial ground, the Myocum solar farm, the bioenergy facility, and Lot 22 'affordable housing' in Mullum are the big items now on the backburner, after serious money and staff time was spent preparing those proposals.

Anyway, the staff report on the compliance priorities program 2022, as tabled in last week's agenda, was long and detailed.

It contained a lot of self-congratulatory language too, which has become the new norm.

Yet staff were careful not to disclose how many compliance staff are usually employed.

What do they earn? We'll get to that in a minute.

From the report, author Sarah Nagel breaks Council's compliance team into four 'Enforcement' subgroups: Animal, Community, Parking and Environmental Health Officers.

The total number of requests by the public to attend to compliance matters has decreased from 4,117 in 2021 to 3,624 for this year.

As heard on Thursday's Council meeting, there are significant resources directed at illegal camping, which saw 400 issues finalised in 2022.

Complaints around dogs have increased to 721 from 653.

As the report states, 'The vast majority of the team's work was again

dominated by vehicle, illegal works, animals, and camping.'

Illegal works, such as earthworks, clearing, building and the like saw 550 issues finalised in 2022, says the report, while a total of 745 complaints were received.

In response to a 'resourcing request', staff's proposal, which was adopted last Thursday, was to allocate \$250,000 to employ two additional staff and purchase an additional enforcement vehicle.

The cost will be \$90,000 pa for a Community Enforcement Officer, an additional enforcement vehicle at \$45,000 and \$77,000 pa to employ another Parking Enforcement Officer.

And buried in the report was the claim that 10,869 penalty infringement notices for parking earned Council \$1,910,067, which was slightly up from the previous year.

Nagel writes, 'To accommodate the impact of a focus on extended unauthorised camping and parking patrols, animal enforcement and education programming, it is recommended that Council reduce the compliance priorities program to two response categories.'

'To recognise the expanded nature of the services provided by the team (i.e. that they are no longer simply compliance matters, but also include services such as homelessness support), it is also recommended that the *Compliance Priorities Program* be re-titled to the *Environment and Safety Priorities Program*.

And Nagel's new priority recommendations appear to have been adopted by councillors last week.

They are: '1. High risk activities which require an urgent and immediate response. High risk activities are defined as activities that place people's lives at immediate risk or that cause or are likely to cause a significant risk of environmental harm or pollution.'

'2. Other activities which require a routine response during strategic/regular duties.'

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## When western medicine doesn't work

Once I finally admitted I needed help with vicarious trauma, I tried a few techniques to ease my troubled mind.

Lord knows I needed to – the screaming nightmares were acute, and my head felt like it was going to burst.

Talk therapy only seemed to make things re-triggeringly worse, pills made me feel dead in the water (only a slight exaggeration), and cognitive behavioural therapy was hard work for limited reward.

A psychologist friend referred me to an EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitisation Reprocessing) practitioner. 'What wacko crap' I thought – moving the therapist's fingers in front of my face while I thought of yucky things that had left me frightened of my own shadow.

But it worked. It worked so well over ten sessions that I could feel those experiences shift from some uncontrollable frantic part of my brain, to a sedating and manageable zone. It was physical, metaphysical, remarkable, and successful. When the groobles come hunting me, I have a whole armoury at my fingertips – literally – with tapping my go-to practice.

At the time, EMDR/tapping was seen as fringe. Not so now.

Another time, we were in the heights of the Andes, and days' travel from medical help and my eyes got progressively foggier and my vision blurry.

I was convinced by our guide to go to a healer with a car-battery blender in the markets, and what felt like half the village stood around while he translated my symptoms to the large smiling woman shaman.

She listened carefully and started putting potions and herbs and liquids into the blender.

The villagers were laughing at this almost blind westerner game enough to try local concoctions.

Then she grabbed a bucket from beneath the table and grabbed a handful of live froglets out and plonked them into the blender. Before I could say 'I am a vegan' she whizzed them up, cackling with expectation.



*'Suffering breeds risk, because the pain of untreated existence is sometimes too great.'*

– David Heilpern

Pride, pressure, hope and fear stopped me backing out, and I drank the still shimmering mixture struggling not to puke. It did nothing for my eyes, but that night it did give the definition of food poisoning a real work out.

And so to toads. I was staggered at the vitriol and tsk-tsking directed at the participants and 'healers' with kambo over the last few weeks.

People who have not healed by traditional means will try unconventional methods to get better.

Suffering breeds risk, because the pain of untreated existence is sometimes too great. It is as though there is one great big roller-coaster medical experiment going on with trial and error exploration by those who have not been helped by traditional means. And that is one way we find out what works.

Vomiting my guts up and shitting my dacks is not my go-to idea of a remedy, and neither was the wiggle-finger-eye movement, and drinking amphibians.

But reading the commentary from locals was like watching a throng baying for revenge. Lock them up! Increase the penalties, tar and feather the false shaman!

Australia is the only country in the world to outright ban kambo as a medicine.

And yet last week, I met some folk still engaging in its use and teaching underground. That is the heart of the problem. Driving use into the illicit dark zone does nothing for safety.

Other countries not blighted by some generational rum-rebellion addiction to banning everything see beyond reactionary penalising and toward harm reduction. Prohibition is never the answer if community safety is really your goal as opposed to the false warm glow of the big stick.

Surely, we have learned by now that banning things actually can do more harm than good. What lessons haven't we learnt from the war on drugs?

We have safe injecting rooms for illicit drugs, and we need more of them. We are moving toward safe spaces for the use of mushrooms and amphetamines. Similarly, we need safe rooms combined with education to reduce the risk of death from kambo and other exotics.

It is true that there have been no studies that show any medicinal benefits with kambo.

So I guess all those people are burning themselves and putting toad secretion into the wound then cramping and excreting because they are masochists who think vomiting and diarrhoea is more fun than the movies.

Or maybe, just maybe, like psychedelic assisted therapy and medicinal cannabis and other previously derided substances/practices, it might just do some good. I really don't know.

The users I met swear by it.

What I am sure of is this – education as to alarming dangerous symptoms, regulation about the need for onsite paramedic help, a blanket immunity from prosecution if emergency services are called – these things save lives.

I have been so desperate for help that I have tried physical and mental practices that seemed cray-cray.

One worked, and one didn't.

I am really glad that the prohibitionist lynch mobs didn't get to the government first.

Post Script – the blurry eyes turned out to be a tear duct infection, treated with antibiotics once I returned to the big smoke.

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**20 years on – Patterson Hill**

Shame on those who suspect that the Patterson Hill activists 20 years ago might have been more concerned about having to share their fantastic Pacific Vista than about the environment.

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Crabbes Creek

**Waste to energy?**

I was delighted to see community opposition to waste-to-energy proposals on the north coast.

On a lecture tour to Japan on the topic of waste minimisations my hosts invited me to view their 'state-of-the-art' waste-to-energy incinerator that burnt household waste to provide heating for the local community.

This incinerator did produce energy from waste, but at what cost? I suggested

that this multi-billion yen investment to burn waste would constantly need to be fed with waste, so there was no incentive to generate less waste in the first place, which is the most effective measure to actually minimise waste. I was invited back to Japan to explore ways to minimise waste, but I wasn't invited to view any more waste-to-energy incinerators.

The future is what we choose, so how do we choose to generate less waste? Choose to manufacture and use many less single-use, disposable products; manufacture and use many more reusable products; and recycle many more products that are genuinely recyclable and for which there are genuine viable markets. Then our children and grandchildren will know that we are all serious about the importance

of adopting waste minimisation – a basic fundamental and vital change in our way of life if we are serious about adequately addressing the climate emergency, our children's greatest challenge.

Harry Johnson  
Iluka

**Schoolboy's moral courage**

I would like to give a big shout out to the Bangalow Public School boy who showed courage and admirable moral fibre during afternoon breakup time on 23 May in Station Street, Bangalow.

I am the manager of the A&I Hall in Station Street and was just showing an interested visitor from Sydney around when a half golf ball sized rock came at rather good speed past us before hitting the wall of the hall.

I know I got a bit of a start, not sure about Sam from Sydney, and swung around to address the cause of this projectile's sudden acceleration in our direction. There was only one possible cause and he was a dark-haired boy, of slim build in school uniform and aged around eight or nine years old. He was walking nonchalantly down the street away from us. I called out in a rather stentorian voice that surprised even myself, as to whether he was the originator of the launching of this missile, and to his credit he turned around and admitted it.

I said something to the effect of the hidden dangers of launching missiles at innocent bystanders with the potential of causing collateral damage. Even further to

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► **Continued from page 13** his credit, he came walking up the street towards us and twice apologised. I went walking down to meet him and congratulated him on his courage in owning up, and to good social manners in apologising. We had a high five and parted on good terms; and in my case anyhow, as friends.

Mate, I don't know your name, but you and your parents can take a bow. You showed courage and a good social conscience. You have a good, responsible, sensible head on your shoulders and we need more like you.

**Brian Warrick**  
Bangalow

**Backlash Stan Grant**

Extraordinary negative and callous statements regarding Stan Grant in the recent edition's Backlash section. Grant was a terrible host? Grant made the show unwatchable? Stan restored control to debates that previous hosts had struggled with in a calm and professional manner. Stan is the epitome of class.

Recent episodes debating the upcoming Voice referendum were outstanding.

Stan is willing to ask hard questions about our colonial past that should not make people feel so uncomfortable. It must be horrific dealing with constant racial abuse. Interesting decision for Backlash, deciding to add more negative comments about Stan Grant to the public record. What were you trying to achieve?

**Brendan McKenna**  
Suffolk Park

**Speak Stan**

The scribe is human. The scribe holds onto hope, love, and peace. These ingredients are essential for survival and creativity as the scribe dares to walk into the social furnace, to find words to articulate the genocidal horror and terror of colonisation and power.

Stan Grant, ABC journalist and First Nations representative, exposed his soul on ABC TV, his pain, and that of his family when he addressed,

very publicly, the deep hate spears and articulated hurtful racism that dominate in the outpost penal colony called Australia.

His spirit and heart strength are in tatters; but hope is not lost, although the intense political/ media system of oppression, dehumanisation and hate does eat the social/ individual soul.

Daring to bear witness to this history Stan communicates our complex settler history and the resultant horrific resonances of ignorance and denial as we embrace 'normalisation'.

The question remains: 'Can we, as a nation, inoculate our damaged psyches as we walk to/ with the *Statement from the Heart*; which will give constitutional recognition to First Nations peoples brutalised for 230 years of ongoing wars of colonisation?'

Do we understand the incalculable cruelty we display when we imprison ten-year-old children? Is there anything that is not weaponised when we address First Nations rights? It seems that values no longer exist in Australia. We incarcerate tortured refugees too – defying rights upheld by international charters.

Australian punitive economic technologies cling to epistemic violence to enhance economic systems of incarceration and brutality. Yes, it gets worse as we incarcerate our children for resisting the powers that are destroying the planet. Are we that 'normalised'? What happened? Have a rest, Stan, but come back stronger. There does exist a consciousness that sees love

as an existential state, it's just that all of the media shite has knocked this realisation out of our 'normalised' souls, and hearts, but not our vision!

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

**Treachery**

It is with great concern and disappointment, but not surprising, we have to declare that the brief hope we had for a nuclear-weapons-free future, through the efforts of ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) and supporters, for the present, has been derailed. And there is no hope that this present Labor government will keep its commitment to signing the treaty.

The recent gathering of the G7 in Hiroshima, at which Albanese was present, has scuttled the whole process with more lip service and rhetoric, and nothing concrete to move into the future. Political parties! Who needs them?!

As for the so-called Greens party, we suggest their behaviour is schizophrenic; after all they did get behind the Labor Party in a big way by giving their preferences.

What we need is good strong Independents with principles like Ted Mack (ex-mayor of North Sydney) in the late '80s, who refused to take his perks and guaranteed lifelong pension on retirement, along with MP Andrew Wilkie. And we need the public to get off their apathetic and complacent butts, and attempt to keep politicians accountable.

As for the so-called 'Chinese threat', Australia would be in a far worse economic position if it wasn't for the

cheap labour and trade that we get from them.

What hope is there for Julian Assange? Just more verbal diarrhoea.

How anyone could possibly trust the government with this referendum vote, is beyond our comprehension. Truth, justice, treaty and a Bill of Rights for all.

**Deborah & Mick Stacey**  
Ballina

**To Mandy**

I love reading Mandy's Soapbox, she reflects what I'm thinking, and many like me. In the 17 May column titled 'A crown is just a stupid hat' she asks 'Who cares?' regarding the commentary that went on for days about Charlie's coronation.

The part that I really liked was when she refers to the history of colonisation and the way it decimated cultures around the globe. She goes on to say that British royalty wear stolen diamonds and gemstones.

Geoffrey Robertson, in the book *Who owns history?* discusses the arrogance of the English when it comes to returning the Parthenon marbles, that were 'unlawfully' stolen from Greece by Lord Elgin in 1801. Robertson says 'his workmen removed 274 feet of the frieze around the inner chamber, fifteen of the metopes from the outer entablatures, seventeen statues from the pediments and severely damaged the structure of the building by removing the large architraves above the frieze in order to break the metal pins holding the marbles in place.' The Parthenon took 15 years to build in 447-432BC. It is time to call it for what it is and, as Mandy says, 'it is time

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

**Mary Briggs**  
Skennars Head

**Bangalow is not Kuranda**

For millennia prior to the advent of rail two centuries ago, the primary motive force of terrestrial transport was the horse. Hence we have many equine idioms and a few come to mind when I think about the disused rail corridor and its accompanying controversy. There's 'horses for courses', which means 'what works well in one place might not work so well elsewhere'. And there's 'don't stare a gift horse in the mouth', which means 'to squander an opportunity or be ungrateful for a gift'. And then there's 'flogging a dead horse', which means 'wasting energy on a lost cause'.

Peter Westheimer cites the Kuranda railway as an example of a successful tourist attraction, but I would point out that Byron Bay is not Cairns, Bangalow is not Kuranda and there is nothing comparable to the Barron Falls Gorge on the line between Byron and Bangalow. There are good reasons why the Kuranda railway is successful, but they don't really apply to Byron. Peter knows that most people don't want trains on their rail trail, given the costs, risks, and problems associated with Peter's 'off formation' idea. There are good reasons why this hasn't been done anywhere in the world.

The 2004 decision to close the local railway line wasn't based on the whim of a lycra-clad cyclist, it was made by ► **Continued on page 16**

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In the most recent year of ABS stats (2021), there were 786 Females + 2,358 Males = Total Suicides of 3,144.  
Because I've done the sums since 1921 (from Parliamentary Website), I know the % of Male Suicides has stayed stubbornly around 3 in 4!  
1 more sum tells me in '21, there were 2,358-786 = A WHOPPING 1,572 MORE dead Males than Females this year!  
While the TOTAL road fatalities for '21 was 1,123!  
WHY MIGHT THIS BE SO?  
It's now almost 10 yrs. since June 2013, when I placed my 1st fortnightly advert in the Barossa Leader, this is # 266 on this journey.  
I've had LOTS of time and reason to ponder this....  
• Males R loaded up with testosterone, and come from an evolutionary place where they needed strength and aggression to hunt and kill for food, + protect their group from harm from animals/other humans.  
• While these were assets back then, they R mostly NOT now, but when confronted by Crisis, Conflict, particularly re Family/Love Life issues...  
• Males R more likely 2B triggered back 2, e.g. Homicide; killing (EX) Partners with Guns/Hands/Knives, Cars, Fire; so often 4 \*REVENGE...  
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**CHESS by Ian Rogers**  
The Canberra Times [from which The Echo syndicates this material] has made the decision to terminate the chess column after June 11, so I will use these final weeks to look back on the three decades of chess news that the column has covered.  
Later that year the worst Olympiad of all time was held in Moscow.  
The Soviet Union had disintegrated three years earlier and Russia was a dangerous place. Any player who left the venue alone risked being mugged. (The Macedonian captain was mugged twice, finishing in hospital.) One female player, who entered her captain's room to analyse the day's game, was confronted by security guards, who believed she was one of the hotel's 100-plus prostitutes and wanted their cut.  
Add to that incompetent arbiters – one which could have cost Darryl Johansen his Grandmaster title – cheap unweighted chess sets, chairs only fit for children, and a playing area next to the hotel kitchen, and playing conditions were a disaster.  
The organisation was even worse. The same match was set up in different playing halls, leading to both teams claiming forfeits. The Palestinian team's boards were (at first) set up with Israeli flags. Worst of all, one third of the medals were awarded to the wrong players. (Extra medals were sent out six months later.)  
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# Getting real about the Voice

■ Responding to Ian Pratt in an attempt to 'get real about the Voice'. The proposal does not challenge the historical fact of conquest i.e. the appropriation both violent and otherwise of this land by the English some 200 odd years ago. The Voice originates from a national convention process representing numerous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nations, culminating at Uluru in 2017 with the stated intention of addressing the issues of recognition, powerlessness, truth, justice and self-determination.

The Voice in fact is a synthesis of First Nations peoples working within colonial disciplines to articulate a democratic and lawful way forward. The Voice presents a truly extraordinary opportunity because it seeks not to 'return to the Dreamtime but to walk forward together into a future that is profoundly Australian, that fully embraces Country, its kin and its history.

The Voice will open a practical and symbolic space in our constitution for First Nations people. Theirs will

be a voice of influence to be heard both symbolically and practically in relation to their own people and in accordance with the Australian constitution, this is not dissimilar to the role of the monarch under our current constitution. In fact, the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* acknowledges the sovereignty of the Crown alongside or co-existing with Indigenous sovereignty.

We Australians face a very exciting historical choice. Are we ready to re-design our constitutional structure? Truthfully acknowledging the past, listening to the formal consensus from our First Nations people, granting them the opportunity for a Voice for self-determination and forging a nation together that is unique and utterly of this extraordinary country.

Contemporary Australia remains in its own illusion; living a fundamental incongruity between the constitutional law we uphold and our trespass on the property and ownership of the land of First Nations people.

Paul Jones  
Byron Bay

■ The fast-approaching Voice referendum is a complete clusterf\*\*k for all Australians. It stinks of failure at each and every step of the way. By hanging our white colonial dirty washing out to dry we have basically thrown First Nations people under the bus whilst looking on to see who will clean up the mess. It's a shambles and one which Anthony Albanese and the broader top tier political guard should be ashamed of.

First up, the question needs to be asked: Why are white Australians even being asked to vote on this highly sensitive subject? Surely this is one for the broad palette of First Nations krew to work on and decide. Then, and only then should their decision be implemented into whatever constitutional change is required.

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* has to be sealed, signed, and delivered without turning it into a circus.

How is it, in 2023, that we are still voting on whether a voice and an influence in politics is valid for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander peoples? The mind boggles.

Referendum success rates in this country are below 20 per cent and they notoriously bring out the lowest common denominators of courtesy and manners into the public spotlight. The world has become plagued by keyboard warriors; hate speech and divisive bullshit aimed solely at destroying mild-mannered opinions and any hope of a fair go. It's like throwing our Indigenous Australians to the lions. Our government leadership has bottled it yet again. Nothing short of a fully endorsed bipartisan approach to full Treaty or Blak sovereignty is good enough here; a sovereignty of a spiritual nature which has never been ceded or extinguished, and one which can co-exist with the sovereignty of the Crown.

Instead, however, we prepare for battle. Racist Australia at its very worst.

Strap yourselves in. It's gonna get ugly.

Kol Dimond  
Mullumbimby

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► **Continued from page 14** the state government following extensive studies and consultation with professional railway engineers and administrators. The last twenty years have only furthered the social and environmental processes that ultimately led to the closure of the line. The opportunity to make good use of the abandoned rail corridor by giving a green light to the rail trail remains a viable but neglected alternative to the policy paralysis preferred by our local Council.

For ten years, Councillor Basil Cameron held the line against the rail trail, preventing any progress toward realising this practical and affordable project. Now we have Councillor Peter Westheimer to carry on Basil's legacy, perhaps another decade of indecision, all the while undermining the prospect and denying the benefit of a rail trail for the Byron Shire.

**John Scrivener**  
Main Arm

**'Peace Train'**

*'...Thinking about the good things to come  
And I believe it could be  
Something good has  
begun...'*

From 'Peace Train' by Cat Stevens.

If having imagination and vision on social policy is labelled as 'living in fantasy land', I'd like to see more of our elected representatives jump on the Peace Train proposition and enter that realm.

Counsellor Westheimer's ambitious vision of public transport for our region that combines rail, bus services, cycle and walking trails need not be fantasy. No one can seriously talk about climate change and exclude dialogue on public transport investment just because it's expensive. And we have a right to demand of government that they spend our 'hard earned' on projects that benefit the community into the future.

The Byron Shire is the most visited place in NSW after Sydney, and the fact that we have virtually no public transport in the Shire is irresponsible at all levels of government. Anyone who bothers to peek over the border will see the massive investment the Queensland government is making to develop rail and light rail links amongst other transport infrastructure leading up to the 2032 Olympics. It's expensive, but it's a long-term investment for the state.

The Brisbane Olympics are only nine years away and there will be international teams and visitors attending the games from all over the world, many of whom will want to pop down to Australia's most easterly point. I don't hear any of our local, state or federal representatives talking about what will be needed on the Far North Coast of NSW to prepare for this.

How about we envision a rail link from Gold Coast airport down to the Byron Shire. Instead of thousands of visitors driving to Byron to holiday or to attend one of the festivals (adding to more traffic congestion and pollution), they could enjoy the comfort of a train trip. Let's envision a walkway from Yelgun station over to the Splendour site.

While it is frustrating that the notion of having a functioning rail line and an 'off formation' rail trail (one that operates alongside a rail line) is seen as quixotic by myopic bean counters, the fact is that important infrastructure projects need vision and money. Let's 'believe it could be', and demand that of our elected representatives.

**Samaya Askill**  
Mullumbimby

**Vaccinating koalas**

It is interesting to read that the program of catching and vaccinating wild koalas against chlamydial disease is happening in the Northern Rivers region.

If your curiosity has been piqued by the recent article in *The Echo* (17 May 2023) let me assure you that although *Chlamydia pecorum* and *Chlamydia pneumoniae* can cause STD infections in koalas, it is not the *Chlamydia trachomatis* organism implicated in human sexually transmitted disease (STD).

Chlamydial infections in koalas is a disease endemic in nature and has not, in this or any other circumstance, emanated either from bats or a laboratory.

The following link provides an excellent summary of chlamydia in koalas in nature. <https://tinyurl.com/4e6nxatu> (take particular note of the paragraphs called 'Research' and 'Conclusions' on page 5).

I wonder: Was a study conducted to determine the risk versus benefit of this vaccine for preventing chlamydial infections in these wild animals?

Did the proponents of this project consider the physical and psychological consequences of human handling, capture, deprivation of natural environment, enforced medical interventions and disruption of normal life routine for these wild creatures? Did the proponents of this project consider whether or not the vaccinated animals on release would continue to cohabit harmoniously with any 'vaccine free' animals encountered in the wild?

Did the researchers conduct a randomised double-blind trial before commencing mass vaccinations in order to determine if there would be any vaccine injuries occurring in these animals? If yes, how many animals were surveyed? What was the age range and gender of the trial cohort?

Do the vaccinators intend to monitor the vaccinated animals at regular intervals in the future to discover whether or not unexpected consequences relating to this novel vaccine have occurred? Do the vaccinators intend to conduct regular press releases to inform us of the incidence of infections, the up-take of vaccines and the efficacy of this novel pharmaceutical product?

Did the proponents of this vaccination program consider non-invasive alternatives, such as advocating for the preservation of natural habitat where the koalas can

live a normal and productive life according to nature's intention?

After all, if there are any doubts as to how a mass vaccination program should be run, then we only have to 'follow the science' and review the last three years of human history.

**P Gumley**  
Wilson's Creek

**Playground at Clarkes?**

Wondering what happened to the money raised to build a playground near Clarkes Beach in the early 2000s?

Did Byron Council kill it or...?

**Wally Hueneke**  
Byron Bay

**Congratulations Minns**

Congratulations to Chris Minns for bringing in the new regulations about so-called VIP rooms in clubs and pubs. It's only a small step in the war against gambling but it's better than nothing.

Poker machines cause poverty. The clubs and pubs are like drug pushers - parasites and bloodsuckers living off someone else's misery, in this case the misery of addicted gamblers.

**Bob Vinnicombe**  
Sefton

**Biblical misogyny**

In the time of Jesus as per the accounts in the Bible, all women were lowly handmaidens, they were, according to 'Peter' lucky to draw breath, let alone live. It was a particularly oppressive system for women and girls, so much so that he made his consort, 'Mary Magdalene', an honorary 'man' in order to be treated with a modicum of respect. That is, to be able to speak in the company of the other disciples though her knowledge was held by Jesus to be far in advance of his male disciples, and she was the only one who did not lose hope upon his death and gave the disciples courage. She was by his side. Finally, like Joseph who got sold into slavery owing to the jealousy of his brothers, Magdalene was also ejected from Palestine by the patriarchs. Beneath the seething hatred for transgender people, drag queens, homosexuals, etc is the deeper desire for women to resume this condition as envisioned in Margaret Atwood's *A Handmaid's Tale*. Religious systems of oppression for women are reappearing in Israel, Iran, Afghanistan, and via the Supreme Court and the GOP in the USA.

Who benefits from this

attempt to void people of love, promotes hate of the 'Other' and a return to the feudal and slave-like oppression of women - other than the power-hungry sexually dysfunctional rapists of Mother Nature and her children? Those who seek dominion over nature. If it's the way this civilization really started, this only means you will be at Mother Nature's mercy.

**Danielle Haliczzer**  
Ocean Shores

**Confiscate bikes**

Two weeks ago I had to wait in Mooball, by the rail trail crossing of the Pottsville Road. During the 30 minutes I was there, maybe two dozen bikes crossed the Pottsville Road. There are big red STOP signs. Not one person obeyed the traffic rules and stopped. They deliberately cycled between the rails, or around them.

Later that same afternoon, my sister attended a music function at Stoker's Siding. Whilst traversing the Dunbible crossing in her car, a bike shot across in front of her. She shouted that he should obey the traffic STOP sign. He flicked her a V sign and told her to get f-----.

It is high time that the traffic police collected much needed revenue by fining these people who have no concern for road rules. As they show no means of identification, confiscate their bike and treat them no differently from us vehicle road users.

All crossings should be fenced off on one side. Fit a locked gate to the other for medical access if needed. And fit a one-foot step within the pipe rails so that they have to dismount and walk across all gazette roads. Road rules must apply to all.

**Mike Yarrow**  
Byangum

**Police compassion**

Mandy, you said (*Echo*, 17 May): 'There's not many 95-year-olds I wouldn't be able to overpower if necessary' and 'to disarm a 95-year-old with a steak knife'.

Well Mandy, I picture you up against one wielding a knife. You do not want to hurt her - but, equally as much, don't want to be stabbed by a frantic, scared, confused knife-wielder. Easy, is it?

We know 'our aged care system is broken' and 'our policing methods aren't far behind', BUT: have a bit of compassion for the police. Yes, I know, some of their actions are reprehensible. It's a non-win situation! They have been called - and confronted.

**MULLUM2BRUNSPADDLE**

**Thanks for another great paddle!!**

Paddlers were in seriously fine form (and even finer dress) at the **Mullum2Brunspaddle** on Sunday May 21, with everyone from SUP riders to kayakers and dragon boaters getting into the fun.

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# Commitment to practical reconciliation at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre

Belle Budden

With Reconciliation Week upon us and the upcoming Referendum on the Voice approaching, the Byron Shire can celebrate its own constructive commitment to First Nations people.

Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre (MDNC) has recently changed its constitution to include a Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Earlier in May the MDNC's Management Committee met for a special meeting to discuss the proposed amendment and the Statement of Commitment was unanimously adopted.

The Statement of Commitment was developed in partnership with the Bagwa Bugalma project team. Bagwa Bugalma is a local collective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been working the MDNC team for over a decade to advocate for improved health and community services for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Due to the lack of identified community services the

Byron Shire Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community is fractured with: no hub, no collection of authentic data on community needs, no expert peak organisation to represent the community in consultation with broader decision-making forums and no leadership in community development. This has led to a lack of strategic planning for community development, poor partnerships to develop opportunities with mainstream organisations, poor community cohesion and identity. For Bundjalung people this has resulted in difficulty living and working on Country and fulfilling cultural obligations, in turn creating social, economic and spiritual pressures. The community live with poor health support, poor education outcomes, and limited pathways to meaningful employment and are inevitably forced to move off Country.

The MDNC developed the Statement of Commitment to embed their commitment to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community into all their services and programs, and to guide the strategic development of



The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee adopted the Statement of Commitment. Photo supplied

the organisation.

MDNC's Manager, Julie Williams, was emotional at the meeting saying, 'I'm so proud to be a part of this organisation and to be making an enduring commitment to the First Nations people of our community.'

'It's a big time of change in our nation's history, and to be part of that change in our own practical way is so important to all of us at the Neighbourhood Centre.'

Leseera Kai, Centre Coordinator at the MDNC was elated at the outcome: 'I just feel so proud of our organisation making this enduring commitment to Mob in the community. I want to contact the prime minister to let him

know it's possible, and that we beat the government [to it].'

Yagel woman, Katie Tweedie, MDNC Targeted Early Intervention Program Coordinator said, 'It was incredible, a proud moment to be part of an organisation that has worked so hard and so long to achieve something like this. It's a genuine commitment to my people.'

### The Statement says:

'The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre acknowledge the acts of dispossession, settlement and discriminatory policies, and the accumulative acts of colonial and state governments since the beginning of colonisation have made

a continuing legacy of economic and social disadvantage that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced and continue to experience. In the spirit of healing we commit to working with local Bundjalung communities and the broader local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to address the injustices of the past.

Our organisation acknowledges the impacts of policies and practices which have led to the fragmentation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Our objectives are to work with the various stakeholder groups and acknowledge our responsibility to work with formalised stakeholder groups such as Native Title Corporations, Land Councils, Elders Councils, and Community organisations, in addition to community members.' (excerpt)

Case Manager, Brett Budd, Recovery Support Service Indigenous worker, based at MDNC said, 'I think it put peoples' mind at ease that they can access a service that is safe for our community. To see an Indigenous face here, to know that the programs

and services are safe for our people. It's an unbelievable organisation with a genuine commitment to our Mob.'

'This Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is a great example of genuine reconciliation and commitment to improving community support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and is a great example for other community services and organisations to follow.'

Julie Williams is committed to putting words into action, saying 'The next steps are for staff, volunteers and management committee members to be part of establishing strategic actions for implementation so that the commitment is a living process, not a document that sits on the shelves. Even though we don't receive specific funding for this, our organisation has made it a priority and now we need to live our commitment.'

'It's very important that we are part of positive and meaningful change for First Nations people in our community and I look forward to seeing these changes grow across the nation', she said.

► Prayers for Clare's family; it must be devastating.

Training and extra staff for the police?

Here's hoping the coroner's inquest brings some improvement.

Roger Seccombe  
Ballina

### Labor forever

Mr Duncan, judging from your last rant, would you be a rusted-on Labor supporter? Sorry for pointing out the obvious. You spruik Labor's mighty achievement of obtaining a surplus, but do you know the truth of how this eventuated? Maybe not, so I will enlighten you. Sneaky grim Jim Chalmers added the interest accrued from the Australian future fund, which helped them fall over the line. The coalition has never, and would never, stoop to this low. If they had they would have recorded a much greater surplus four years previously.

Good old honest Labor, you have been caught out being sneaky and unforgivably stupid. The travesty resulting from all of this is the fact no major media outlets reported this unforgivable act. How long will the voting public support this novice government?

How long will they condone Albo's dishonest rabble?

G MacDonald  
Pimlico

### Israel/Palestine

■ As usual Dany Wakil presents his distorted view of the Palestine/Israel conflict. His assertion that Arabs expelled other Arabs from their own lands to facilitate the murder of Jews is a bizarre one. He pointedly omits the role of Hagana and the Stern gang in the process of driving Palestinians from their country; to say that Palestine was never an official national entity doesn't detract from the fact that Palestinians have regarded themselves as one people for centuries, and incidentally a large portion of the population of Jordan are Palestinian refugees.

David Gilet  
Byron Bay

■ In his apology for Israel, what Danny Wakil failed to mention about Israel's formation is significant.

From his description you'd think the founding of Israel was a peaceful transition. There was no mention of the ethnic cleansing of thousands of Palestinian villages; no mention, for example,

of the Massacre of Tantura where several mass graves of Palestinians have been found recently. Instead, only whitewashed history.

The fact that Israel is now an apartheid state was conveniently ignored in his references to Israel's Arab citizens. As well, he ignores the illegal detention of thousands of Palestinians in Israeli prisons. Nor was there any reference to the devastating deprivation forced on Palestinians by the illegal Israeli blockade of Gaza. The illegal settlement of the West Bank by Israeli citizens was likewise forgotten. The Geneva Conventions, of which Israel is a signatory, specifically prohibit an occupier state from settling its citizens on occupied lands. Every settlement and every settler in the West Bank is illegal under international law. Through these settlements Israel is still stealing land from the Palestinians. The ethnic cleansing continues.

Israel is a criminal state. It commits thousands of human rights abuses every day and no amount of Danny Wakil's blandishments can alter this reality. He should stop deluding himself and face the facts.

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# Revisiting Aquarius: where we have been and where we need to go

Paula Morrow

It was 'far out' to be in Nimbin again for the 50th celebration of the Aquarius Festival.

I chose to arrive by public transport from Newcastle, usually a fun challenge. I like that you see life on public transport, but it was a bit stressful this time with one extremely noisy person.

It is always difficult and exhausting to get away. I have no idea how we backpacked around Australia at age 18, then across Asia and Europe at 19 and 20.

It was partly because we just – left – completely unprepared. Now I want to pack my herbal medicine and my lactose free milk for the trip, although there is a perfectly good buffet car on the train: one of the perks of the XPT.

## 'May the Long-time Sun Shine Upon You'

I tottered in at about 8.30pm, very pleased to see the Nimbin Pub where I was staying. And upstairs on the balcony was the only friend that I expected to be there – Barbara, from 50 years ago at the original 1973 Aquarius Festival, and a couple of her friends from Sydney. She had booked when I did. The staff at the pub were lovely, welcoming, as they had been when I booked on the phone.

Nimbin's coloured lights looked wonderful from the balcony. It was cold though. I couldn't remember it being so cold 50 years ago, although we did sit around a couple of fires. Not such good resistance to cold these days.

What I remembered from back then was the holding hands and dancing in a line while singing 'May the



Carlos Bellmaine and Sebastian Shand sitting on the left hand side of the stage, at the age of five, at the 1973 Aquarius Festival.

Long-time Sun Shine Upon You'. And the wonderful Hari Krishnas who fed us every night in the lead-up. I was there with my four-year-old son, Carlos. We were among the early settlers from Coopers Lane, Main Arm – where we lived in a banana shed on Nicky and Jane Shands' land – who came over to help set up the 1973 festival.

You can read more detail of these wonderful memories in my recently published memoir: *Alternatives! A Memoir*.

The theme of the festival in 1973 was 'survival'.

Three of us, Barbara Cleary, Andrew Pengelly and I (known as Paula Bellmaine back then) had volunteered to be responsible for a tiny cupboard-like space designated 'The Information Centre'.

I have always felt a bit guilty that I only stayed with the Info Centre for a few days – because I had met a wonderful new man, Bevan Morrow, and was a bit distracted!

But Barbara said, nearly

50 years later, when we met up in the State Library Cafe to discuss, among other things, whether we would go to the reunion in Nimbin, 'Oh, you two were so in love!'

Someone noticed and remembered!

Straight after the Festival, Bevan and I left to study natural therapies and have more children in Sydney, sharing a flat with his yoga teacher, Acharya; but we later returned to the region and practiced natural therapies in Lismore.

Saturday at the Aquarius Reunion was just a blur of running into old friends and new.

## Dancing in the rain

Then on Sunday I took a chance and jumped on the maxi mini-bus going to The Channon Market. I hadn't been for decades but had wanted to.

It drizzled slightly but it didn't matter to me. The stalls were filled with hand-made special things and the atmosphere was magical.

I was drinking coffee at

one of the well-positioned tables when the man in the couple opposite me and I vaguely recognised each other from 50 years ago. It was Christopher and Lynda Dean, and she said that they had been to the natural therapy practice Bevan and I ran in Lismore many years ago.

Bevan died of cancer, aged 35, in 1986. Following his death I took the younger children and moved to Newcastle. Carlos, my eldest, is about to start uni there.

The music, especially the drumming, was so good that I joined many others dancing in the light drizzle.

My last day at the Nimbin Reunion was spent in the Town Hall at a forum titled, 'Direct Action for the Environment, Do We Still Need It?'

This was where I really felt part of the tribe within a tribe. It was fantastic, inspiring, and so helpful for me. All of us agreed that this is the only game in town. Everything else depends on it.

I spoke briefly, showing



Catching up on the balcony of the Nimbin Pub on the evening of arrival.



Nimbin on opening night.



Paula Morrow's four books.

them my books: including the two novels *Life in Time*, and *Darwin's Dilemma: the damage done and the battle for the forests* – both with direct connections to the Aquarius Festival themes; the memoir mentioned above; and also *Healing Ourselves and Our Planet: the Secrets and Diary of a Natural Therapist*.

I told them that it might

help us to remember this gathering and metaphorically hold hands, as we had in person 50 years ago to give us strength to keep fighting for our wonderful planet and the life on her.

Three of my four books are available through Amazon as e-books and through Ingram Spark as paperbacks. Contact me at paulamorrowauthor@gmail.com.

## 29 SHIRLEY STREET & 2-4 MILTON STREET, BYRON BAY NSW

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment  
– Community Consultation Stage 1

One Project Management Group (the Proponent) is proposing to undertake development of a Residential Flat Building at the corner of Shirley Street and Milton Street in Byron Bay (29 Shirley Street and 2-4 Milton Street), NSW (hereafter referred to as the Subject Area). The Proponent is undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to understand the potential impacts to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) within the Subject Area.

The proponent can be contacted directly via:  
**James Davidson**  
Director, One Project Management Group  
james@onepmgroup.com

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010) and Clause 80C of the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009*, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the Subject Area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the Subject Area.



Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 20 June 2023.


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Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest to the Office of Environment and Heritage and the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council Local; unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

# Good Taste

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# Good Life

## Red hot stoner experience



The extracting of the stones.

Story and photos: Simon Haslam

I was lucky enough to visit Stone & Wood recently to see the initial brew being made of the 2022 Stone Beer, the star attraction at the upcoming Festival of the Stone at Stone & Wood's Byron brewery site on Saturday 4 June. Well, the whole 'festival' is a big party night really, with live bands and food trucks and a party crowd, as well as beer, but the excuse for the party is the unveiling of this year's Stone Beer – in some ways it's like going to a toddler's birthday party that just keeps going after the toddler's gone to sleep.

Having been on a number of tours of the brewery in the 11 years since they started over in Boronia Place in the Byron Arts and Industry Estate, I was surprised how much I learned in this tour. Either I'm a complete dumbass who can't absorb information, or there's a lot more to brewing beer than you'd think.

Something that struck me on this tour was the large number of malts (different types of malted barley in this case) that are combined to make the flavour profile of the Stone Beer, from the more common light malts right up to the dark chocolatey malt. Having crunched my way through the whole range, it will be a challenge to see how many different notes I can taste at the unveiling.

A master brewer can have a pretty good guess at how different malts will combine to form a beer, something which saves a fair bit of time and money at Stone & Wood, where the smallest worthwhile pilot brew is about 600

litres. That might seem hard enough without the additional challenge posed by Stone Beer: having to extract red-hot rocks from a firepit blazing in the courtyard and hoist them up to the first floor, where they are added to the 'mash'. This process (traditionally called 'rousing the mash') adds another level of character to the beer as the ingredients caramelize around the hot rocks, and that flavour gradually dissipates into the finished product.

I have to say the actual extraction and transportation of the red-hot rocks, which seemed to me a pretty cavalier process involving beer drinking and the cracking of the concrete at Boronia Place, has become slightly more professional over the years, but not so much that you'd notice!

The blokes who ran Stone & Wood sold out to Lion Nathan about a year ago, which was a big surprise to everyone, but according to the staff I talked to, the staff fared pretty well, and a lot of them remain, which means there's still a feeling that you're dealing with many of the old local Stone & Wood 'family'. But, check out the vibe for yourself, either at the brewery for a tasting or at the Festival of the Stone event, at which all profits raised will go to the Fletcher St Cottage, a recently re-established specialist homelessness centre in the heart of Byron.

**Festival of the Stone tickets available at Eventbrite. Saturday 4 June 3pm-10pm AEST stoneandwood.com.au**

## Francisco's table



Francisco in action at the markets

Victoria Cosford

A thick hunk of toasted sourdough, a joyous tumble of braised tomatoey capsicum and onion and beans, a perfect fried egg to crest it all – and there it is on the counter waiting for whoever ordered it and I'm so tempted to claim it!

It's just one of the gorgeous rustic dishes that Francisco is whipping up at his farmers' market stall, Francisco's Table. Those legions of fans who have long loved Nomadic Kitchen's offerings will not be disappointed by the pop-up.

Fran's is hardly a new face, anyway. For the better part of the last 20 years he's been in the area feeding the fortunate at long lunches in country halls, catering jobs, functions – not to mention Byron Bay's Barrio, whose kitchen he was responsible for getting up and running and which he manned in its early stages. A native of Argentina, he's cooked in top Australian restaurants but tells me his preference these days is for comfort food. 'The older I get,' he says, 'the more I want comfort; food that's wholesome and warm.' The food, in other words, you'll find at the markets.

What's most important to him, however, is his support for local producers, purchasing most of his ingredients from the markets. 'I know exactly where everything comes from,' he tells me. 'Every ingredient has a story, and that's a privilege.' He loves the social aspect of the farmers' markets too, 'the chance to see friends. It's a bonus!'

What we can expect over the coming months, months when it is precisely what we all want and need, is 'wholesome food,' he says. 'Lots of pulses, always one cake and biscotti.' Homely food with big flavours! Francisco's Table has his next long lunch happening at the beautiful Burringbar Hall on Sunday 25 June.

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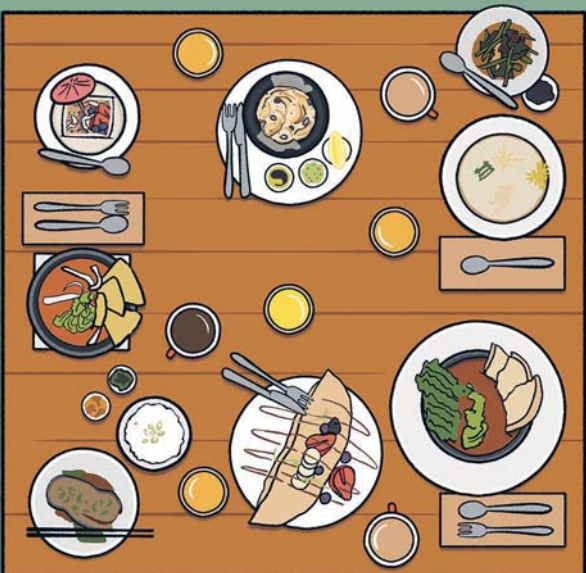
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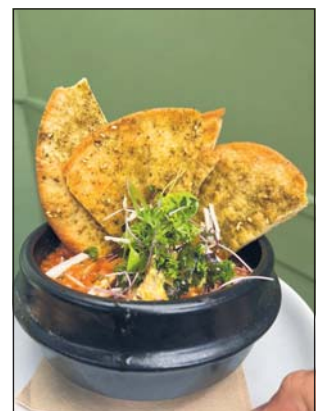
On the drinks front there is batch brewed bottomless filter coffee from local roasters Marvel St, Vietnamese coffee, baby coconuts and a range of teas, cold pressed juices and smoothies.

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And for those wanting a modern asian/mediterranean fusion feast at other times, the restaurant is also still open for dinner 7 nights a week, and lunch Tuesday to Sunday.

For all the latest Yulli's Byron Bay news and special events follow @yullisbyronbay.

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## Your choices will change the world

Aslan Shand

The time is now. That is the message that is being delivered to individuals, investors, companies and governments alike. The question is – what are people going to do? Because it is important to remember that investors, companies and governments are made up of *people*, it is people who make the decisions about how these entities act, on behalf of owners, and how governments act on behalf of voters.

So even if you feel like a tiny speck in an endless ocean of people, remember that each one of us has the power to influence the world around us every day with the decisions we make in our own lives, in our work lives, in our voting.

Throughout this *Sustainability* issue we have looked at a range of the challenges and opportunities that face us and how we might be able to react. How our representatives in government might be able to react, and how we might change the world. Because, quite frankly, that's exactly what we need to do; change the world through how we interact with it and what we expect from it.

There are all sorts of possibilities, from just not getting in that fossil fuelled vehicle to go around the corner, to how you invest your money, to the products you choose to buy and the expectations you have of the government. Not everyone is in the position to lie down on a railway line, hoist themselves up a tree or



stick themselves to the pavement in peaceful, nonviolent protest, but there are all sorts of actions available to us every day to make a difference.

It might be fighting for effective public transport or buying an electric car. It could be choosing to stop buying fast fashion or taking action at your workplace to reduce waste and recycle, or it might be investing in new technologies that will help us manage the outcomes of a fast heating planet.

But even if you choose to do nothing, that choice will result in change; business as

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usual is pushing us towards more global heating, and the resultant outcomes of drought, fire, flood, and disease. So, regardless of how you choose to move forward you will inevitably influence the future changes to this world. The question you have to ask yourself is what will your influence be?

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## Making nature our greatest ally in the fight against climate change

Dr Willow Hallgren

Humans are now at a stage in our relationship to our planet where our activities, and in particular, using the atmosphere as our waste-bin and clearing vast amounts of forest, have raised the global average temperature by 1.1 degrees Celsius.

Although land clearing is still the major cause of biodiversity loss (globally, this is largely for food production), climate change is playing an increasingly important role in the decline of biodiversity around the world. The current level of planetary warming has already had major impacts on ecosystems in the form of increased disease, mass deaths of plants and animals from extreme weather events, supercharged bushfires, and the movement of species away from warming areas to higher altitudes or latitudes.

These impacts have contributed to local extinctions in particular areas, and have led to the first recorded climate-driven extinction of an entire species. The Australian Bramble Cay melomys was the first mammal declared extinct due to climate change back in 2016.

Unfortunately, climate change impacts on the planet's ecosystems are only expected to increase over the coming decades and could even surpass the impact of human land and sea use activities in driving extinctions. Indeed, many scientists believe we are causing what is being

called the sixth major extinction event since life began on our planet.

Based on a systematic review of about 15,000 scientific and government sources, as well as indigenous and local knowledge, the 2019 Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services provided compelling evidence that human activities are causing a decline in nature at a global scale, and at rates which are unprecedented in human history. What's more, the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, and as the IPBES report says, 'the health of the ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide.'

Even if we could magically turn off all greenhouse gas emissions by flicking a switch tomorrow, there is already considerable warming (about 0.6 degrees) which is 'locked in' and unavoidable, thanks to the decades-long lag between the atmosphere heating up, and the oceans heating up, before the climate (maybe\*) stabilises at a higher temperature.

This means that we would still have to adapt to the physical impacts of climate change, which have been well predicted by climate scientists for the last 35 years, for hundreds to thousands of years to come. These impacts include



**Bramble Cay melomys are now extinct as a result of climate change.**  
Photo Luke Leung

warmer average temperatures, more extreme weather events: sea level rise, more frequent and severe flooding, bushfires, and longer and more severe droughts, to name just a few.

### Adaptation

Our need to adapt to ongoing climate change in the face of this mass extinction event necessitates an approach to adaptation which also benefits and enhances the natural world; this is referred to as nature-based (or ecosystem-based) adaptation: which can be defined as 'a strategy for adapting to climate change that harnesses nature-based solutions and ecosystem services' (UN Environment Program).

Nature-based adaptation often presents as a 'win-win' alternative, or complementary strategy to more engineering-based adaptation measures. This approach seeks to protect often vulnerable communities from extreme weather, and also provides many ecological benefits critical for our wellbeing, such as clean food and water. It can also provide and enhance wildlife habitat which simultaneously provides carbon sequestration opportunities instead of the carbon dioxide emissions that are caused by the loss and degradation of that habitat

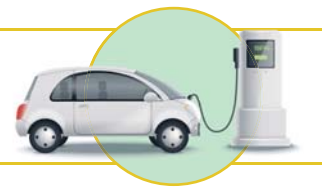
A well-known example of nature-based, (or Ecosystem-based) adaptation is planting or restoring coastal ecosystems such as mangroves and coral reefs. They provide a natural defence against flooding and increased storm surges, wave activity, and associated coastal erosion. A large study has shown that 'natural habitats were 2-5 times more cost-effective than engineered structures when it came to lowering wave heights'. An added benefit is that these ecosystems provide not only habitat for biodiversity, they are also a critical habitat for fish nurseries and local food sources.

Restoring natural wetlands and forests, and reforesting large areas, allows rainfall to be better captured and groundwater supplies to be recharged and stored for times of drought. These ecosystems also filter drinking water for millions of people

worldwide. A study of ten different world regions: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Russia, West Asia, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australasia shows coastal ecosystems globally are a net greenhouse gas sink for carbon dioxide.

And closer to home, in our cities and towns, as the climate heats up and exacerbates the well-known Urban Heat-Island Effect, increased urban tree cover is going to become more and more important. Trees in built up areas act like natural airconditioners, cooling the surrounding air by tapping into deeper groundwater and releasing this water through their leaves (evapotranspiration). A single healthy tree has the cooling power of ten airconditioning units (says science), and also provides shade which can reduce a detached dwelling's airconditioning costs by 20-30 per cent. The difference in air temperature between urban areas with a lot of tree cover, and those with none, can be considerable - up to five per cent, with enormous environmental and public health benefits.

Now, more than ever, we need to protect and enhance natural habitats and their biodiversity across the planet, and by implementing nature-based (or ecosystem-based) adaptation strategies to combat climate change, we can provide a 'win-win' solution - by restoring and enhancing natural ecosystems, we help both nature and ourselves.



# Home on the range - time to transition away from fossil dependency

Mandy Nolan

To limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius greenhouse gases must decline by 60 per cent by 2035 (Climatewire). Cars are a major polluter, contributing to 39 per cent of global carbon emissions. By choosing to drive an electric vehicle (EV) you help reduce harmful air pollution from exhaust emissions because an EV has zero exhaust emissions. If plugged into an electricity source powered by renewable energy, as opposed to the electricity grid, the emission footprint decreases significantly.

It's clear that if we are to meet emission reduction targets to keep global warming to 1.5 degrees, we have to transition to EVs. The target of 3.8 million EVs on Australian roads by 2030 is a pipedream without serious coordinated and sustained policy work that has bipartisan support across all tiers of government.

The first barrier that must be overcome is financial. While EVs first came in at the top of the market, more affordable models are making their way through. A new Toyota Corolla hybrid retails new for around \$40k, the Toyota Camry for just under \$50k. Companies like the Good Car Company provide high quality and affordable electric cars and vans across Australia to assist

**'Bring on some substantial government subsidies to help us drivers transition!'**

in an equitable transition to a low emission target. Using community EV bulk buys the Good Car Company is able to facilitate significant price reductions in vehicles. Many of these vehicles are purchased from countries like Japan where companies turn over vehicles with very low mileage, so the cars are in excellent condition.

On the upside, running costs are significantly reduced. Electric vehicles don't need the servicing and maintenance that petrol vehicles require, and are significantly cheaper to keep on the road, with fuel savings of up to 70 per cent per annum and maintenance savings at around 40 per cent.

### Making it affordable

The next barrier is what is termed 'range anxiety'. That's the fear that EVs won't have the required range the driver needs. I have to admit that's something I worried about. I do a lot of driving. Sometimes I can



Left: An electric Nissan Leaf. Right: An electric MG.

drive to Sydney with just a half hour stop for lunch. The Tesla Model S Plaid + can do this on a single charge. It holds about 837kms. But it's valued at around \$109,000. Without significant government subsidies that vehicle is out of reach for your average person. The average spend on a new car in Australia is \$40K. However, many buy second hand. I am 55 and I have never owned a new car. So for EVs to be taken up they need to be affordable. And that means they need to be available in the \$10-20K bracket.

I test drove a Nissan Leaf from the Good Car Company for a week. It had a range of around 230kms. I realised that when driving an electric vehicles you have to rethink the way you use a car. You have to think about where you need to go, and where you can charge if

you need to cover longer distances in a day. You can charge your EV overnight from your domestic electricity supply. Obviously, the lowest emission way to charge is if your house is on solar. I don't have a battery so my solar is active only during the day. When I was night driving this was optimal as I could charge during the day. But for day driving I needed to plug into the electricity grid.

Access to solar powered super-fast charging stations is imperative if we want drivers to make the switch to EVs. They are able to charge your car in around 20-30 minutes, as opposed to overnight. Or even a few hours. Parking provides an opportunity for vehicle to recharge, with many councils and businesses providing spots that have charging stations.

I loved driving an EV. They're quiet, responsive, and surprisingly powerful. I was amazed at the car's capacity to go from 0 to 100. Even at a lower range, once I rethought my day, and where I was going to park, I could manage the range. I never ran out of charge.

It was a bit like driving my iPhone. I just needed to remember to charge the damn thing.

And while 200kms is never going to be enough for my longer travels, it certainly covers daily local driving. We are a two-car family - so I am working towards replacing both vehicles with EVs. A cheaper, low range EV for local driving, and a bigger investment in an EV with a longer range.

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# The zero-waste movement and creating a circular economy

Jo Immig

Nature doesn't waste. Yet despite being a part of nature, it's we humans who invented waste. For all our grand achievements, this certainly isn't one. Plastic waste now pollutes the entire planet. It's turning up inside our bodies and impacting future generations. What went so wrong and how can we fix it?

Nature is a magnificent recycling system where everything is decomposed and renewed. Organic materials go round and round in a virtuous circle creating life. Somewhere along the line we exited the circle and sidelined nature.

The exploitation and commodification of resources and a production line approach fuelled the industrial revolution. The resulting take, make, waste paradigm drives overconsumption and a linear economy which answers to the demands of the marketplace, not nature.

With our cleverness we invented materials nature has never experienced and doesn't know how to break down faster than the rate at which we create them. The numbers

are staggering. Globally we produce around 3.5 million tonnes of plastic and other waste every single day. Plastic is particularly problematic with its fossil fuel origins, toxicity and resistance to biodegradation.

The plastic problem is so enormous; we're stashing it in giant warehouses, burying it, burning it, and dumping it at sea. In the scramble to solve the plastic crisis false solutions are being proposed such as processing and rebranding plastic waste as 'fuel' and sending it to poor countries to burn in unregulated furnaces.

Perversely waste itself has become a commodity and waste disposal is an industry with inbuilt incentives to keep creating waste. Nothing demonstrates this more aptly than the waste incineration industry. Waste incinerators cost around half a billion dollars and the corporate owners demand contracts to supply waste to burn for decades. In our uncertain climate future, further propping up the fossil fuel industry to keep making plastic isn't a solution, it's part of the problem.



Maria from the Empire Cafe holding her reusable cup. Photo Tree Faerie

## What can be done instead?

Governments must adopt zero waste policies and subsidise the circular economy based on the reuse and the regeneration of materials and products in ways that don't threaten the environment and our health. Imagine if 'built in obsolescence' was outlawed and every product could be shared, repaired, upcycled, recycled, or composted until its end of life?

Zero waste policies are being successfully implemented, including in large cities such

as San Francisco where zero waste commitments are legislated and funded. Zero waste movements are rapidly gathering momentum across the world.

Despite the citizenry being on board with solutions in Australia, successive governments have tinkered at the edges, leaving waste to the marketplace to solve. Clearly it hasn't worked. It's taken decades of concerted community effort just to ban single use plastic bags and get container deposit schemes up and running. Governments at all levels must adopt zero

waste policies and fund the right solutions. We need to get back to the circular economy with nature at the core

## More than recycling needed

Waste activists say, 'we can't recycle our way to a sustainable future'. Why? Recycling is of course part of the solution, but we've forgotten about the importance of the other R's: refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot.

Industry lobbyists, fearing legislation, hijacked the

waste debate by dangling the recycling carrot. By focusing solely on recycling, they gave themselves the licence to continue the take, make, waste production line.

Only around eight per cent of plastic gets recycled since most plastics can't be recycled due to their composite nature and properties. Industry knows this and is now promoting the idea of burning plastic in waste incinerators and greenwashing it as 'energy recovery'.

The idea of 'zero waste' might sound challenging since we've become so accustomed to waste. It might raise fears about missing out. The philosophy of zero waste aims to unroot the causes of wastage altogether. Nature has figured out what to do with 'waste', now we need to mimic those solutions and build them into the design of all our materials and products.

Each one of us can do our bit with our choices and by refusing, re-using, upcycling and composting where we can, but to really solve the problem we need to lobby governments at every level to adopt and fund zero waste policies.



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# New strategies needed to create a liveable future

Aslan Shand

It is no longer in the never never, or even twenty to thirty years away, that we might see our first breaches of 1.5 degrees Celsius in global heating; according to the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) it is likely to happen in the next five years. That is the global average, there are areas that have already breached the 1.5 degree threshold because not all parts of the world heat at the same rate. For example the Arctic has already seen a rise in temperature of three degrees or more.

According to the Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update for 2023–2027, released in May 2023, there is a major likelihood (98 per cent) that at least one of the next five years will be the warmest on record. There is a high likelihood (66 per cent) that the annual average near-surface global temperature between 2023 and 2027 will be more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one year.

## What happens at 1.5 degrees?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

has summarised what is likely to happen when the global average temperature reaches, and moves beyond, 1.5 degrees Celsius. Sea level is expected to rise by 26 to 77 centimetres, putting 10 million more people at risk from coastal storms and flooding. Heat waves will continue to get worse, exposing 14 per cent of the world's population to extreme heat. Up to 90 per cent of all coral reefs could die out, and about seven per cent of Earth's land area could shift into a new biome, meaning grasslands turn to desert, tundra turns to forest, etc. This affects where we can farm, how stable our future water supplies will be, how we will be able to generate energy and how we will be able to support both humans and other species on the planet into the future.

For people in the Northern Rivers the impacts of climate change have already been experienced over the last five years as drought was followed by the 2019–20 Black Summer fires. This was followed by three years of La Niña wet weather, which led to the devastating 2022 floods with people still left homeless as the government and insurance

companies struggle to meet the needs of housing and infrastructure for the current population in the region.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has now predicted that there will be a quick swing to a dry El Niño period in Australia without the usual break, or neutral period, between the wet and dry periods usually experienced. Once again this will lead to a high fire-risk summer as the high levels of vegetation growth from the last three wet years dries out.

## Fossil fuels

In 2021 the International Energy Agency (IEA) made a clear statement that if we are to stay within the safe limit of 1.5 degrees of global heating and meet net zero emissions by 2050, no new coal-fired power stations can be built, and development of new oil and gas fields must stop.

This point was reiterated by UN Secretary General, António Guterres, in May this year when he called for:

'No new coal and the phasing out of coal by 2030 in OECD countries and 2040 in all other countries.



Left: Fires on the island of Evia, Greece 2022. Photo ABC



Right: Floodwater damage at the new Byrrill Creek bridge, Northern NSW after the February 2022 flood.

'Ending all international public and private funding of coal.

'Ensuring net zero electricity generation by 2035 for all developed countries and 2040 for the rest of the world.

'Ceasing all licensing or funding of new oil and gas – consistent with the findings of the International Energy Agency.

'Stopping any expansion of existing oil and gas reserves.

'Shifting subsidies from fossil fuels to a just energy transition.

'Establishing a global phase-down of existing oil and gas production compatible with the 2050 global net zero target.'

He called not only on

governments to prepare plans for these actions but also investors and fossil fuel companies to be a driving force behind this transition.

## What can we do?

At the recent 50th Anniversary of the Nimbin Aquarius Festival, when attendees asked the question 'Do we still need direct action for the environment?' The answer was an emphatic, 'Yes'.

The question you need to ask yourself is what action can you take?

We can all reduce our emissions by hooking up to solar, composting, getting on

a bike or using our legs instead of getting in a fossil fuelled vehicle – but one of the most important things we can do is to hold our governments, and the parties you vote for, to account. It now requires large systemic change to produce an effective response to climate change.

From planning for bushfire response, water security, reforestation and regenerative farming to taking into account the risks of building on floodplains or landslip areas, every level of government needs to take action to ensure their citizens' safety. This will come at a cost, both to speculators like land developers who have been pursuing developments on floodplains (such as at 60 Tringa Street in Tweed or Iron Gates at Evans Head), and to governments at all levels.

From the Land and Environment Courts, to federal, state and local levels of government there needs to be a quick and effective response to the calls by the IEA, the IPCC, the UN and local communities who are warning us that business as usual is no longer an option if you want to keep the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

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# Maintaining the balance - the way of the future

Belle Budden

In a board context sustainability is the maintenance or support of a process or system continuously over time. In a First Nations context sustainability is about being in relationship with Country. This can be described as conscious and intentional strategies designed to create and maintain a balance between humans and the natural world and to preserve that balance for the benefit of future generations.

Colonisation and more recently globalisation have impacted upon indigenous peoples globally and interfered with these relationships with Country that have maintained sustainability for thousands of years. The short-sighted preoccupation with consuming everything for profit has led to short-sighted decisions to the detriment of future generations.

Traditional ecological and cultural knowledge held by indigenous peoples globally is recognised as pivotal to understanding and building resilience and survival in the face of intensifying climate change. However, this knowledge is still not prioritised, recognised as technical or expert, or resourced appropriately to be effective, and many bureaucratic barriers continue to prevent First Nations people leading sustainable approaches to care for Country.

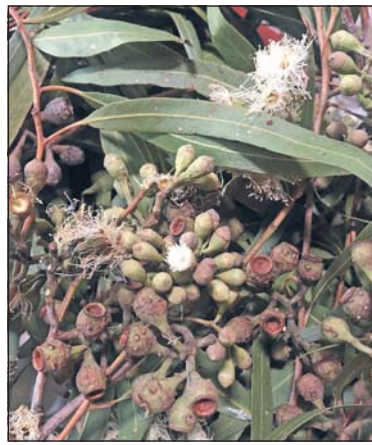
For more than 50,000 years, Australia's First Nations people continued to care

for Country with land management practices that worked with, and enhanced, the natural environment. Today these are called 'cultural land management practices' as they are part of an ongoing relationship within a cyclic framework that responds to the seasons. Everything has story, and these stories are an ongoing system of knowledge that is intrinsic to caring for or 'managing' the land.

Understanding the seasons of Country and the movement of the stars; understanding the relationships between species known as 'indicator species' and hunting in response; using traditional burning regimes; using aquaculture, including fish traps; and the cultivation and storage of plants among other practices, Mob were able to create systems that were sustainable and supplied them with the food needed. These systems have endured for thousands of years.

## Totemic lore

Each individual was required to contribute to the system of sustainability and totemic lore was one aspect of the responsibilities to Country. Totems connect a person to the physical universe, to land, water, the geographical features of Country, and to animals. In First Nations cultures, individuals are required to care for totems and manage the sustainability of totems and their interconnectivity throughout Country. First Nations people are accountable to



our totems and must ensure that they are protected so they thrive for future generations to inherit.

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is working on a new Aboriginal joint management model for NSW national parks. Joint management of national parks involves Aboriginal people and the NPWS working together to protect natural and cultural heritage. In the Byron Shire the Arakwal people have been internationally recognised for their work in joint management and are a model for government moving forward.

NPWS are expanding Aboriginal joint management across the national park estate. The new model will provide for the potential handback of title to all NSW national parks covering nearly ten per cent of the state over a 15 to 20-year period. The proposed model aims to deliver economic benefits for



Aboriginal communities by increasing Aboriginal employment and creating additional opportunities for Aboriginal businesses, as well as strengthening the role of Aboriginal communities in decision-making and enhancing the protection of cultural heritage. This is a significant step forward for NSW but is behind the practices of Victoria and Queensland and falls significantly short of the calls for 'Land Back'.

## Holistic and interdependent

First Nations sustainability frameworks are holistic and respect the interdependence and interconnectivity of all aspects of Country. Everything has a place and a part to play in healthy Country. In many communities, First Nations people struggle to live on their Country. For First Nations people to play our part in healing Country and

restoring a sustainable balance we must be prepared to commit a place on Country for First Nations people to live.

First Nations access to Country for housing and cultural practice remains an element of sustainability and is recognised as a right under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples. As Mob continue to lead in conversations of sustainable land management, and caring for Country, there needs to be an acknowledgement of past injustices that have removed people from Country and prevented the acquisition of intergenerational wealth. Scales must be tipped in favour of First Nations people to address these imbalances and enable Mob to access stable housing and places for communities to gather, heal, and continue to practise culture.

The dominant systems have disrupted cultural knowledge systems and in turn impacted on sustainability across many ecosystems. By comparison, Australia's colonial history has been considerably short, but has managed to cause havoc to these enduring sustainable systems. Rectifying the damage is urgent and requires drastic action through multilateral commitment of government and industry.

It is time to elevate First Nations people's knowledge of and relationship with Country and return a balance of power and authority to cultural land management and access to land.

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# The vehicle for a small planet

David Lisle

The bicycle is the perfect vehicle for a small planet. As well as being hyper-energy-efficient and super-fun, one of its key attributes is that it won't get you very far in a hurry. It therefore offers a pathway by which we might move towards a slower, more localised, less destructive economy.

The bicycle is a human scaled technology. If it seems slow, that's only because we are accustomed to such a fast-paced existence; to a world of instant gratification. Cyclists, especially those riding long distances, are generally considered strong and fit, and for this they are sometimes even valorised. But a more important credential is patience. If we want to challenge the mindset of endless growth and the wanton pursuit of wealth for its own sake, then perhaps we should embrace the virtue of slowness?

Car culture, or automobility – the system of mass car travel and its related ideology – is all about speed and overconsumption. It assumes a God-given right to get wherever you want, whenever you want, in the comfort of your private motor-vehicle, in the minimum time, on public roads.

The bicycle presents a counterpoint to all this. It is small, quiet and slow, requires minimal infrastructure, and



Photo David Lisle

is health enhancing and socially inclusive.

## Localisation

Comparing pushbikes to cars is kind of weird though; like comparing apples to oranges. The thing about cars is they expand horizons. By compressing space and time they shrink the world, much like jet travel. By contrast, bicycle use is self-limiting and when applied rigorously creates new time-space relations and forces localisation on us.

So when you see energy efficiency analysis implying that an electric car uses, say five times as much energy as a bicycle (or an internal

combustion vehicle using thirty times as much) – on the basis of megajoules per passenger km – it is deceptive, because cars take you further than you might otherwise travel under your own steam.

As the world has grown ever more affluent in recent decades, resource use and polluting emissions have risen far more rapidly than the technological improvements that ought to have mitigated them. Technology has been no match for our extravagant consumption. And yet, amid all the ominous signs of climate breakdown, we muddle along much as before, patiently waiting for some new technology to bolt onto our existing lifestyles so

**'Beyond a certain point energy consumption doesn't improve human welfare. Rather, it destroys the earth and degrades social relations.'**

that we might not have to change, while blaming governments for not making laws to stop corporations from selling us stuff which poisons our planet (like oil).

It is true that while individuals make choices, these choices and actions are framed by the social context in which they occur. But there must be a point when our actions match our lofty rhetoric; where we walk the walk. I am a partisan here of course. I have committed two decades of my life to the bicycle and remain a committed cyclist and bicycle advocate fighting for our rightful place on the road. And I work in a bike shop.

At the onset of the 1970s energy crisis, Austrian priest and polemicist Ivan Illich called for energy restraint in a book called *Energy and Equity*. Illich understood that beyond a certain point energy consumption doesn't improve human welfare.

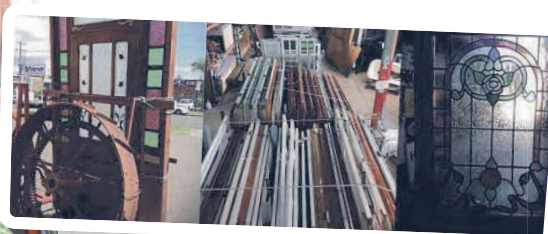
Rather, it destroys the earth and degrades social relations by, among other things, concentrating power and capital in the hands of the few. The book's first chapter finishes with this fine prescription: 'Participatory democracy demands low-energy technology, and free people must travel the road to productive social relations at the speed of a bicycle.'

Last year, the United Nations General Assembly called on member states to promote bicycle use, improve road safety and 'integrate the bicycle into public transportation, in urban and rural settings'. The resolution acknowledged 'the uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle, which has been in use for two centuries', calling it 'a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation, fostering environmental stewardship and health'.

The resolution referenced another from 2018, which had declared June 3 World Bicycle Day. That's this Saturday. What better excuse to get out and ride?

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# What makes food production 'sustainable'?

Jo Immig

Even primary school children these days ponder where their food comes from, and whether it is produced sustainably. But 'sustainability' means different things to different people, so how can we even assess it?

If we accept sustainability generally means 'meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' it gives us a broad definition to contrast different food systems.

Assessing any food system requires an understanding of how the food is produced, distributed, stored, packaged, consumed and the waste it creates. It should also consider how water, land and soil resources are used, as well as ethical questions about the way we treat other species. There are social considerations such as First Nations knowledge and rights, farmers' livelihoods, and community health and cohesion.

As the impacts of the climate and biodiversity crisis worsen, we're also challenged to consider the embedded fossil fuel dependence and greenhouse gas emissions of food systems and food insecurity in the face of natural disasters, economic instability, and projected population increases.

An industrialised food system was introduced after the second world war, so it hasn't been around all that



Mullumbimby Community Gardens was started in 2008 and now have organic veggie boxes available every Tuesday 10am-1pm. Photo Tree Faerie

long. It was a deliberate policy of the US government, sold to the rest of the world as the 'green revolution'. Its goal was to replace a network of small family farms and communities with concentrated larger farms producing more 'efficiently' while freeing up labour for city factories.

It was a 'get big or get out' approach entirely dependent on mechanisation, synthetic fertilisers and pesticides, antibiotics and, more recently, genetic engineering and robotics. Its widespread application swept aside generations of local farmers and cultural knowledge, carefully maintained healthy soils, a diversity of plant varieties, seed saving and good nutrition.

Instead, industrial agriculture focused on just a few crops of



high-yielding varieties of wheat, rice, soy and corn, concentrating the ownership of plant genetics in the hands of a few corporations. These crops are now used to feed animals in industrialised animal production and for processed foods.

### Yield increase stalled

Industrial agriculture's main claim to success is that it tripled agricultural production output over sixty years, providing an abundance of low-cost food, apparently saving millions from starvation as the population rapidly grew. But at what cost?

Yield increases have now stalled and it's widely documented the industrialised food system, entrenched in the global economy,

has dangerously polluted soils, air and water, reduced biodiversity through land clearing, and diminished genetic diversity. It has also contributed to a worldwide obesity epidemic, malnourishment, antibiotic resistance, and increased risks of zoonotic disease outbreaks.

There are food deserts in wealthy food-producing countries where people can't access nutritional fruit and vegetables at affordable prices. Globally, around one third of food produced is wasted and yet there are still millions going hungry every day.

These are not the signs of a food system meeting the needs of the present population let alone future generations. We find ourselves on the precipice of change once more. Some argue we must continue the high-tech

path and put our faith in global markets, corporations, and genetic engineering to keep feeding us into the future.

Meanwhile there's also a growing global movement of farmers and community moving away from heavy input agriculture and re-localising food systems. A farming revolution working with nature and ecological resources, rebuilding local knowledge and seed diversity and growing local food economies.

Shortening supply chains between where food is grown and how it is distributed can improve its environmental footprint and help build food resilience and community. Eating more seasonally and reducing animal-sourced foods can help to reduce the carbon footprint of food.

It's a common argument levelled against farming methods that protect and regenerate nature, such as organic, biodynamic and agroecological approaches, that they can't feed the world. Research already shows these methods can yield equally and with subsidies and research there is more potential.

Producing food locally and more in tune with nature also protects biodiversity and builds healthy soils and communities. Ultimately though, the issue of feeding the world isn't just about having enough food to go around since hunger is caused by poverty and inequality – not food scarcity.




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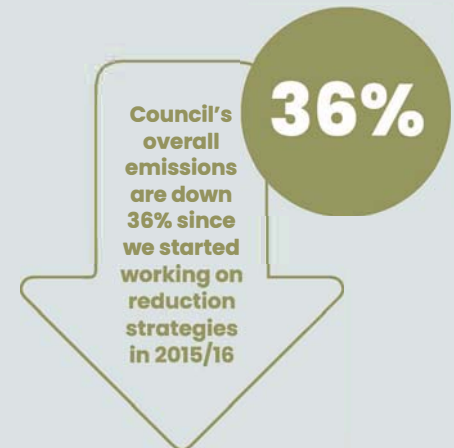
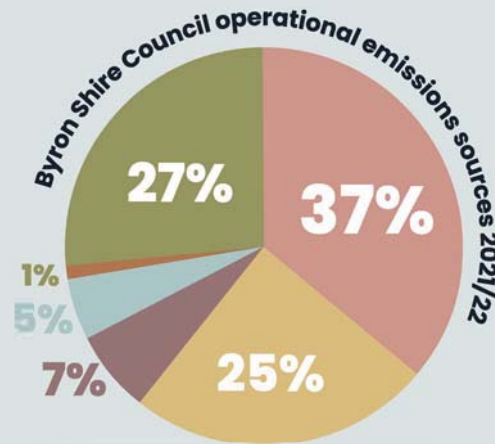
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#### Improved supply chains:

Council aims to work with suppliers on their emissions reduction targets, and to practice sustainable recruitment.

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How can we make changes to live with a changing climate?

#### Climate Conversations

New creative initiative that invites Northern Rivers artists to collaborate with community and explore ways we can adapt to climate change through the arts. Artists Sam Moss, Jess Poulsen and Shona Wilson were selected for their collaborative project 'Mending and Tending: Art that works for Nature'.

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# Unboxing a tiny home

Miica Balint

With housing crises, the climate emergency, regional migration trends and the new possibilities for remote work, alternatives to traditional housing are gaining momentum, and regulation in Australia surrounding creative housing solutions will soon catch up.

Between 2012 and 2021, Australian land size for approved new houses has dropped 13 per cent, whilst the floor area of new homes being built has dropped just one per cent. Meaning, we are stuffing substantially big-boned homes into smaller bodies of land. In fact, we are in the global lead for house size in 2023. A coinciding double-decade of steady decline in home ownership, especially steep for young Australians, could be a signifier that this housing trend for Australia is teetering towards grim. The independent research network AHURI (Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute) outlined that buying a home still resides as a key aspiration among the population, but as costs of living mount and wages stagnate, going little could be giant.

Though the origin story of the tiny home movement is unclear, this minimalist approach to living more within our means has had growing global engagement and curiosity since the late 1990s. Considering the actuality of needs in a home, tiny home design is spatially aware and



Left: Tiny home in nature. Photo Ben Chun/flickr.com

draws on the not-so-new notion of living gently. Simple. Gentle in the ecological impact we have, simple in the interest of both the planet, and the pocket.

### On or off-grid options

Little life in a tiny home can be powerful for cultivating a sustainable existence. They occupy less land, can be off-grid, tackle consumerism, require less energy, and are generally situated in nature, inspiring a life more in touch with the rhythms of the surrounding environment. Solar panels, a composting or incinerating toilet, a rainwater tank and a greywater system will get your tiny home off the grid. Importantly, the size of your roof will impact your collection of rainwater and solar power, so an additional trailer for solar panels and a detached shed

space with guttering could both be helpful. It would also mean you could place your home in shady spots. With the additional equipment, if it's a mobile tiny home life you are more inclined to, being off-grid may become challenging. For your house on wheels, there is an equation for the RVTC (realistic vehicle towing capacity), which is fundamental to homes on the move. There is a RV tow check calculator app that can perform the maths on your behalf.

This often-mobile way of life can come up against regulatory obstacles, which can make simplified living tricky. In Australia, regulations on where to park or place your home can be challenging, with varying rules across local councils. Typically

**'Little life in a tiny home can be powerful for cultivating a sustainable existence.'**



Tiny home on wheels. Photo faircompanies/flickr.com

(but not resolutely) tiny homes are met with the same regulations as a caravan. This also means home loans aren't possible, though some tiny home builders will offer assistance with financing. If it's a tiny house without the wheels, building them on land that has an existing primary dwelling seems to be the way to go. Approvals are more often than not required, so if you're a tiny home liver or dreamer, regulation research is essential. Tiny Tect, based out of Queensland, has a valuable database titled 'Your tiny house without the bureaucracy'.

In early 2020 Byron Shire Council lodged a tiny home village proposal, drafted as a measure to address homelessness in the region. The

proposal was withdrawn at the tail end of 2021, and while the motive for a tiny village on council land was exciting, the village premise was temporary, which comes up against the same regulatory obstructions that tiny homers currently face. If dwelling regulations were relaxed, multiple tiny homes could be situated on larger plots of land, igniting a sense of community living, away from caravan parks and temporary life. Tiny homes could share communal areas like a shed and edible garden as well as rainwater and resources, which could make the downsize less of a giant transition. The same goes for the less community-inclined, who would face less difficulty putting their tiny dream on permanent soil.

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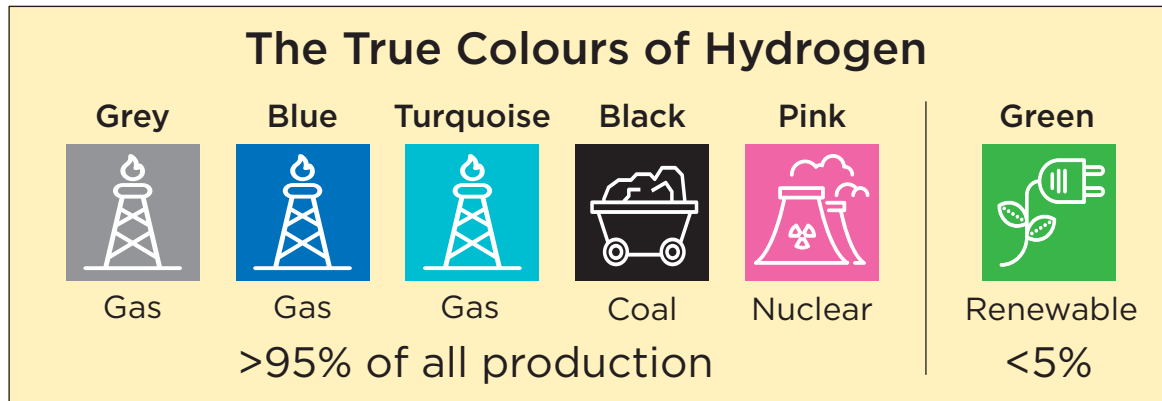
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# Hydrogen: Fossil fuel's bastard child

Charles Boyle

Hydrogen is touted as the fuel of the future that will bring the world to zero net emissions and solve the climate crisis. Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe, comprising 75 per cent of all matter, but it rarely exists as a gas and must be separated from other elements. Creating it can be very carbon intensive. Most importantly, when hydrogen is burned it releases more energy than gasoline and only releases water vapour – a truly clean fuel. Will hydrogen solve the climate crisis and save the planet, while allowing us to maintain a high-consumption, growth-based economy? The federal government thinks so, and in the latest budget \$2 billion was allocated to hydrogen projects.

Hydrogen production offers significant export opportunities for Australia but with current technology, it does not contribute to a zero-emissions future. The term 'clean hydrogen' is pure marketing genius, as deliberately misleading as 'clean coal'. We all know that hydrogen can be simply produced through the electrolysis of water, but the truth is that 95 per cent of the world's industrial hydrogen is produced from natural gas and coal. Yes, hydrogen is a product of the petrochemical industry and



is not sustainable nor renewable. The industrial use of hydrogen for fertilisers and steel production continues our reliance on fossil fuels. Hydrogen burns clean but producing it is a very dirty business.

## Sleight of hand

Hydrogen is enthusiastically endorsed by the energy giants (Twiggy Forrest was a major beneficiary of Albanese's recent largesse) because it ensures business as usual for them because they own the raw materials, the technological infrastructures and the marketing. While the world is ostensibly phasing out reliance on coal and gas, this brilliant sleight of hand turns coal and gas into hydrogen and labels it 'clean hydrogen'.

Of the seven commercial processes currently in use for hydrogen production, five extract hydrogen

from fossil fuels, emitting greenhouse gases in the process. The processes are labelled by colours:

'Grey' hydrogen is made from natural gas using steam methane reforming (SMR) and releases greenhouse gases in the process. It is cheap, dirty, and the most widely used.

'Black and Brown' hydrogen use steam reforming of black or brown coal releasing CO<sub>2</sub> and carbon monoxide. These processes are even more environmentally damaging than grey hydrogen.

'Blue' hydrogen production uses basically grey hydrogen production plus carbon capture of the greenhouse gases produced. Known as 'low carbon' hydrogen, it is also based on natural gas. The greenhouse gases produced are simply stored, not avoided

'Turquoise' hydrogen is produced using methane pyrolysis of natural

gas, generating solid carbon instead of carbon gas emissions.

'Pink' hydrogen is produced by electrolysis of water, using electricity from nuclear reactors. Electrolysis produces no carbon emissions, but nuclear power poses its own very significant threats.

## How realistic is green hydrogen?

Last, but not most important, is green hydrogen: electrolysis powered by renewable electricity (solar or wind) splits water into hydrogen and oxygen. This process uses no fossil fuels and produces no greenhouse gases.

The problem is that producing hydrogen from fossil fuels is easy and cost-effective but electrolysis is very expensive and inefficient. The only clean aspect of fossil

fuel-based hydrogen is that it burns clean, reducing some carbon emissions, but that benefit is heavily offset by the production process.

The only ethical, sustainable alternative is green hydrogen, but currently it is an inefficient way of storing renewable energy for later use. It is much more efficient and cost-effective to store solar electricity as electrons, i.e. in batteries. There are 30 million battery-powered vehicles in the world compared to 55,000 hydrogen-powered vehicles; by 2030 there will be an estimated 250 million electric vehicles (EVs) on the planet. While green hydrogen production is still in its infancy, technological advances will inevitably make it a viable alternative to the fossil-fuel based models. Australia with its sunny skies and wind power is ideally placed to be a major producer of green hydrogen, which is why governments are spending heavily on its research and development.

The switch to hydrogen will require new production and storage technologies, re-engineered high-pressure pipelines and hydrogen-specific appliances for the end user. While we're not there yet, a hydrogen-powered future is surely coming – bringing profound change to the course of civilisation.

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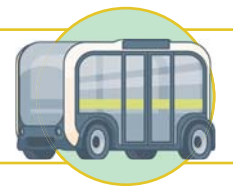
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# Public transport needs to be rethought for regional areas

Mandy Nolan

When I was in Melbourne for a month I caught the tram. Every day. It was wonderful.

Instead of negotiating traffic I had the joy of zoning out. Instead of looking at the road, I looked out the window. At my phone. At the other people on the tram. I even used it as an opportunity to sit with my thoughts. The anxiety of 'where the F will I park' or the financial slug of \$30 for a three-hour spot was gone. I tapped on. I also had the smug sense of satisfaction a climate activist can only get on public transport. I certainly don't get it in my diesel Jeep. In a world facing cataclysmic climate catastrophe public transport is a no-brainer. Shouldn't we all be leaving our cars behind if we can? Personal car ownership in major cities is in decline. There's nowhere to park and when a train or a bus can get you there faster, why would you drive?

Sadly, that's not the case for us here in the Northern Rivers. If you don't have a car you're screwed. You either have to walk long distances or hitch hike, or stay home.

As someone who lives in a region with barely any public transport, I forget that public transport actually exists. To me, it's just a school bus that I once caught because I lost my licence.



Small electric bus used in Lithuania. Photo J Stacevičius/LRT

**'Anyone who thinks we have adequate public transport needs to do a car fast.'**



Joylong E6. Photo joylongautomobiles.com.au

## Good planning needed

Anyone who thinks we have adequate public transport needs to do a car fast. Yep, hide the keys for a week and see how easy it is to navigate a regional area like ours without driving. See if you can get to work. To the shops. To your medical appointment. It's really hard.

Try being a young person in Mullumbimby who needs to go to TAFE in Kingscliff. It's a 30-minute trip by car. If you can find a bus route it's a three-hour journey that fails to get you there for a standard start. This result is that parents drive their teenagers, and some kids just can't attend TAFE because they can't get there. Access to public transport is life changing. It's not

just about accessing locations – it's about access to education and opportunities.

Public transport is utilitarian. Good planning means that systems are built to benefit as many people as possible. Public transport should be like the cardiovascular system – pumping people around the region with joyful regularity. Unfortunately, we are in arrest mode. Because no one in government ever wants to invest in a future they're never going to reap the voting rewards for.

## What are the best ways to improve transport in our region?

Firstly electrify, then scale down the size of the buses, but increase their regularity and expand their reach.

The Joylong E6 looks like a Toyota Hi Ace but features an all-electric powertrain, and seats 14. It's an electric bus that costs something like \$90k. We could buy ten for less than a suburban house in Mullumbimby. We could have buses like this, or slightly bigger, running every hour around the region, linking our coastal villages and our country back roads. Add a bus lane that prioritises public transport or rideshare during peak times and you've made it a very attractive option.

Scale and distance have always been barriers to regional public transport investment. We're an innovative community. It's time we rethought our transport options. How many people drive empty cars? Surely if people need transport and you are heading in their

direction, your vehicle can become a rideshare. I've always picked up hitch hikers, but if you don't want to stand on the roadside thumbing it, there are some pretty good carpooling apps – like coseats.com so you can schedule a trip.

Walking paths and cycleways are also key ways of linking communities, with many cities introducing electric scooters. I'd love to see our region try this, but wonder if scooters would work with long distances in a region prone to heavy rainfall.

I sometimes fantasise about gondolas on the Brunswick River, hot air balloons dropping me at Wategos. We lost our trains, so it's imperative that we plan for the future, so that transport options aren't just for the affluent – they are for everyone. And they should be free.

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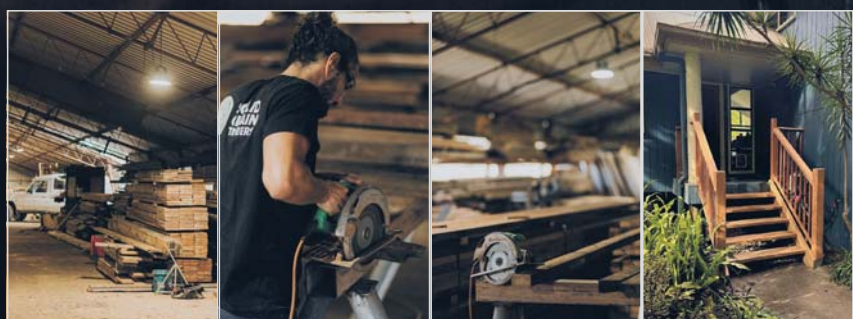
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# Councils on the Far North Coast are constantly

Eve Jeffery

## Tweed Shire Council working with community

Tweed Shire Council (TSC) works together with the Tweed community to reduce its impact on the natural environment and adapt to climate change for a sustainable future.

Council is continuing its progress towards reducing its greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations by 50 per cent by 2025 and achieving net zero by 2030.

In March this year, installation of the Tweed's largest renewable energy project commenced at the Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant. The size of a football field, the solar panels will increase Council's renewable energy output to 1.4 megawatts, saving an additional 730 carbon tonnes per year.

Its Environmental Sustainability Performance report for the 12 months to July 2022 noted emissions from electricity use in streetlights had halved compared to last year due to the replacement of 6,400 streetlights with LED lightbulbs.

The Tweed Organics Processing Facility – which processes food and green waste collected from green bins – has diverted almost 25,000 tonnes of organic material from landfill since its opening in 2021.

The organics collected at the facility is then processed and converted into high quality compost to be used in a range of soil rejuvenation projects.



Bush Stone curlew and chick. Photo supplied

'Encouraging the community to use the green bin service or their own composting solution means together we can reduce emissions, maintain soil quality and continue to grow our circular economy,' said a spokesperson for TSC.

An Australian government grant has enabled Council to partner with Griffith University to understand community perceptions of climate change and experiences with climate action, reducing emissions, and preparedness for extreme weather events in the Tweed.

Two hundred and fifty-two residents of the Tweed Shire completed the in-depth survey, with four follow-up co-design sessions exploring the findings in greater detail throughout May. The conversations will inform how TSC can enable community climate action and provide future support for climate risks and impacts.

Tweed Shire Council is tackling urban heat through its Cool Towns Urban Forest program,



Clean Up Australia Day Byron Bay. Photo supplied

prioritising tree planting in areas of the Tweed that will benefit from increased shade, particularly along arterial roads, shared paths, civic spaces and residential streets with minimal tree coverage. Its goal is to increase the canopy cover in urban areas to 35 per cent by 2030 and 40 per cent by 2040.

TSC actively monitors and manages threats to Bush Stone-curlew, listed as endangered in NSW. Loss of habitat and fox predation are the main causes for this ground nesting bird's decline.

Through a monitoring program, strategic fox control prior to the commencement of breeding season and nest protection measures, the population of these birds has risen rapidly since a single breeding pair was identified in 2012.

There are now at least 159 Bush Stone-curlews who call the Tweed home. 'For the first time, we are witnessing a natural population range expansion of Bush Stone-curlews into

neighbouring Byron, Richmond and Clarence Valley Shires,' says TSC.

In 2023 – 2026 Tweed Shire Council will be working with Byron Shire Council and other local LGAs to help protect these unique birds and expand their population further into NSW.

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## Byron Shire Council's achieving sustainability goals

Byron Shire Council (BSC) has a range of the projects that are helping achieve its sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Work recently started on Council's bulk upgrade of 1,147 streetlights which will be replaced with energy-efficient LED lighting which will save on electricity bills and reduce carbon emissions. Later this year, BSC will look to reduce corporate carbon emissions through sustainable procurement and will develop an electric vehicle transition plan for its vehicle fleet.

Have you heard about 'Re-Market'? It's the new name of the Byron Resource Recovery Centre's second hand shop (or tip shop) and it's all about providing space for workshops and education on repairing and reusing thrown away items. The Re-Market still offers people a place to drop off or buy great second-hand bargains too.

Talking about rubbish, Council staff joined more than 400 volunteers including school students and community groups for Clean Up Australia Day in March this year, and picked up more than 1,200kg of rubbish across Byron Shire. ▶

Ballina Shire Council's **Climate Change Policy** sets more ambitious targets than the NSW and Australian Governments to achieve rapid emissions reduction by:



reducing our operational greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero emissions by 2030



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# under pressure to innovate in sustainable ways

► Staff will be looking at the data surrounding the clean-up and use this to develop proactive and targeted anti-litter campaigns.

The quarterly flying fox count is one way BSC is helping to provide critical protection of this animal. 'Byron Shire is an area of high biodiversity, and BSC is doing everything it can to help protect this threatened species,' said a spokesperson for BSC. The council has been promoting the importance of flying foxes through the 'No Bat No Me' project, and staff say they are getting great feedback from their school visits and from community groups.

BSC has invested over \$100,000 in grant funding to plant and restore koala habitat in strategic locations on private property throughout Byron Shire. Temporary, variable message signs have been installed at high priority sites during the 2022 koala breeding season to alert drivers that koalas are crossing the roads. BSC is currently working with the state government to install some more permanent signage.

BSC's project 'Main and Clarkes Beach Dune Recovery Project - Working with Mother Nature (Byron Bay)' has been chosen as a finalist for the 2023 Local Government Excellence Awards in the category Environmental Leadership. BSC say that the first stage of the project, which aimed to restore the eroded sand dunes and create a more natural dune formation between Clarkes Beach and Main Beach at Byron Bay, was a great success.

A great way for rural landholders and producers to find out more about sustainable agriculture is through Council's Byron Farmers Network database which now has up to over 350 members who can take advantage of

workshops and training available. BSC is also continuing to mentor some local farmers through The Farmer Incubator program, and to support and promote sustainable agriculture initiatives in the region. For more information, visit: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au)

## Ballina Shire Council's range of energy efficiency initiatives

Ballina Shire Council is continuing to reduce its operational emissions through a range of energy efficiency initiatives.

Ballina Council has ambitious targets to achieve rapid emissions reduction. It aims to use 100 per cent renewable electricity for its operations and reduce its operational greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero emissions by 2030.

In the past year, emissions have reduced by six per cent compared with the previous year. They are currently generating ten per cent of their electricity needs from onsite solar installations and 50 per cent GreenPower is purchased for over 200 assets.

Sixteen solar power systems have been installed on Ballina Shire Council sites since 2017, a total of just over 1MW. In 2022 Council commenced the roll out of its Water and Wastewater Solar Strategy with the installation of 150kW of solar at the Alstonville and Wardell Wastewater Treatment Plants using the Australian 5B Maverick solar solution.

In addition to reducing emissions at the sites, electricity costs have reduced by around 30 per cent on the previous year. The Water



Ranger on beach on an e-bike. Photo Ballina Shire Council

and Wastewater Solar Strategy will see the installation of another 1MW of solar by 2024.

Soon Council will be adding another electric vehicle to its fleet as well as two zero turn electric mowers. You may also have noticed Ballina rangers getting about on e-bikes for patrols.

Council has also recently commenced its operational Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Planning process. This involves identifying climate change risks, assessing current controls in place, and identifying areas where adaptation initiatives are required.

Ballina Shire Council's Waste Education Team is making great progress delivering programs such as the Let's Get it Sorted School Challenge. Five schools are on board with this program, each with \$500 to spend on resource recovery support and infrastructure.

Other community waste initiatives include the hugely successful Kitchen Caddy Giveaway to divert food waste from landfill; plastic free party kits for loan at libraries and Wardell CORE; and the Scrap Together campaign which promotes use of organics bins and the circular economy.

Ballina Shire Council has developed a draft Biodiversity Strategy, which is in the process of being finalised. That strategy aims to protect, manage, and enhance the local environment with the collaboration of the community and other stakeholders.

Biodiversity outcomes can also be achieved through simple everyday actions, such as planting a tree. The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago, the second-best time is today.

Community members are encouraged to join the Lennox Head Community Tree Planting Day on Friday 9 June 2023, 9am to 12noon. Ballina Shire Council and GeoLINK have hosted this event since 2003 to coincide with World Environment Day. Native seedlings of littoral rainforest species are planted to restore what was once present on the headland pre-1800s.

If you're interested, meet at the top of Lennox headland (follow signs) with your sun protection, closed footwear and gardening tools (if owned). The Lennox business community and volunteer groups have generously donated a barbecue and refreshments. For further event information contact GeoLINK on 6687 7666.

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# Can farming and bush restoration be mutually beneficial?

Aletha Zylstra

For 253 years European farming methods have colonised and shaped the Australian landscape, contributing to biodiversity loss, canopy destruction, the loss of more than 100 species of flora and fauna, degradation of waterways and topsoil being swept out to sea. More than 1,700 species and ecological communities – found nowhere else in the world – are at risk of extinction, and the greatest threat to Australia’s remaining biodiversity comes from introduced species and habitat loss. Owing to their land use practices, reliance on introduced species and fossil fuel-based inputs, commercial and industrial farming industries are among the top contributors to the climate crisis.

Contrast the environmental costs of colonisation with the results of traditional First Nations farming. These methods – only recently recognised and acknowledged as deliberate and planned efforts to produce abundance – have been practised here for tens of thousands of years. These methods were developed to suit the Australian climate and landscapes, respected and nurtured the ancient soils, and maintained, indeed were integral to the health of, indigenous biodiversity.

The challenge we face is how to restore and protect biodiversity

in the irreversible context of a colonised landscape. In 2021 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the ‘Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–30)’ and called for the protection and revival of ecosystems all around the world, for the benefit of people and nature. The declaration aimed to lend the weight and prestige of the UN to the ongoing work of regenerating bushland and other natural areas in the hope of increased government and industry attention and funding.

Innovative primary producers began shifting toward sustainable and regenerative farming practices at least a decade ago; including through the restoration of riparian zones (waterways) often with the assistance of professional bush regenerators and Landcare volunteers. On the whole, regenerative farming practices are all about carbon capture, increasing native biodiversity, and decreasing reliance on fossil-fuel products – all supporting mitigation of climate change.

When Lisa Maclure and her husband bought their Dunoon Macadamia farm in 2017 they had never farmed before. The 2017 floods were a tough start. Lisa credits some excellent advice early after that flood with prompting farm-wide changes that improved its resilience when the 2022 floods came along, and which aided their survival in the current market.



Max Watt’s regen team at a property in Rappville. Photo supplied

The changes they made focused on four things: creating drainage contours that slowed and spread the water out, decreasing the number and size of the trees, supporting and increasing on-farm biodiversity through bush regeneration techniques, and adopting best-practice research in biological controls. These changes have worked together to improve and stabilise the soil, improve water quality in gully streams, and encourage healthy habitat for predator birds and insects.

### Reduction in costs

It’s still early days, but it’s hoped these changes will decrease farm expenditures on pesticide (and herbicide) to treat the inevitable imbalances that a monoculture attracts.



Open grassy forest cattle property assisted by bush regeneration in Kippenduff. Photo supplied

‘The health of the trees has definitely improved... in theory, in time, we’ll see if that has any effect on profits... but there’s a bigger picture we have in mind,’ says Lisa.

With funding secured by Landcare, bush regenerator and native grass enthusiast, Max Watt, has been leading teams of bush regenerators in the areas of Rappville, Kippenduff and Myrtle Creek, which were all severely affected by the Black Summer bushfires, and the 2022 floods.

For thousands of years before colonisation the ecology of this country of open grassy forests, winding sandy creeks and seasonal billabongs relied on cool, properly timed, periodic fires for its health and regeneration. Now, the land is largely used to farm cattle, but it is still home to a number of endangered species, such as

glossy black cockatoos and ancient weeping lillypillies.

Max explains how on properties where Indigenous burning practices have been maintained the damage from the Black Summer fires was less widespread, less intense, and the recovery faster and more balanced, in terms of plant succession. Also, where stock numbers are low, or cell-grazing is employed, the cattle can play a similar role in the environment to native herbivores, says Max, allowing native grasses, shrubs and groundcover species to be maintained. Properties like these act as cells of biodiversity.

Fostering a more balanced and reciprocal/ regenerative farming system takes patience. Changes that improve water and soil quality and that support riparian health can be relatively simple to instate. According to fire ecologist, Dr Andy Baker, reintroducing traditional burning practices is highly beneficial to whole-of-system health, but much more complex, requiring cooperation between landowners, volunteer groups and local government. Whether measures that increase farm biodiversity and improve resilience will decrease long-term expenditures on pest control, as well as improve quality and/or quantities of yield remains to be seen, but as Lisa says, there’s a bigger picture to keep in mind. Fundamentally, the climate crisis calls for a restoration of balance.



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Securing a sustainable supply of water for the future is a strong focus for Rous. The combination of a growing population and a changing climate is placing unsustainable pressure on our existing water sources. To face these challenges, we need to take an 'all options on the table' planning approach and investigate all the options that are available to us. Our method is holistic and includes water saving initiatives, expanding the capacity of our current supply sources, and providing new water sources.

Many in our community are mindful about how they use water, saving it where they can, and we are pleased to support this conservation through rebates for residential water tanks. However, these actions alone are not enough to guarantee a reliable supply into the future, especially in extended dry periods like El Nino. A resilient and sustainable supply of water may involve one or a combination of different options including water saving measures, groundwater, surface water, purified recycled water and desalination. Diversifying the range of rainfall independent water sources may also offer increased resilience to drought.

Every day, every member of our community depends on water. It takes a strong commitment to long-term planning to safeguard a sustainable supply now and well into the future.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES PARTNER WITH ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL TO REDUCE WATER USE



Cape Byron Power

Local businesses have been taking direct action to reduce their water use by joining Rous's Sustainable Water Partner Program. One such company to team up with Rous is Cape Byron Power. For more than two years Cape Byron Power has monitored its water consumption and developed projects that optimise its town water use. The project has achieved significant milestones, including the installation of new sub-meters and automated smart water meters, which has helped isolate different operations and provide accurate real-time data on water consumption.

Cape Byron Power's Co-Generation Operations Manager, Todd Andrews, said smart metering is now indispensable for its ability to monitor any unusual water usage. "Water is an essential part of operations at Cape Byron Power. Water efficiency and optimisation is not only important for our environment, but it makes sound business sense. Smart metering is an invaluable tool for Cape Byron Power to instantly respond to any unusual spikes in water use. The data that smart metering technology provides means we can efficiently monitor our water consumption and investigate and respond to any abnormalities in a timely manner. It has also allowed for the identification and implementation of projects that reduce demand on our precious drinking water supply," Mr Andrews said.

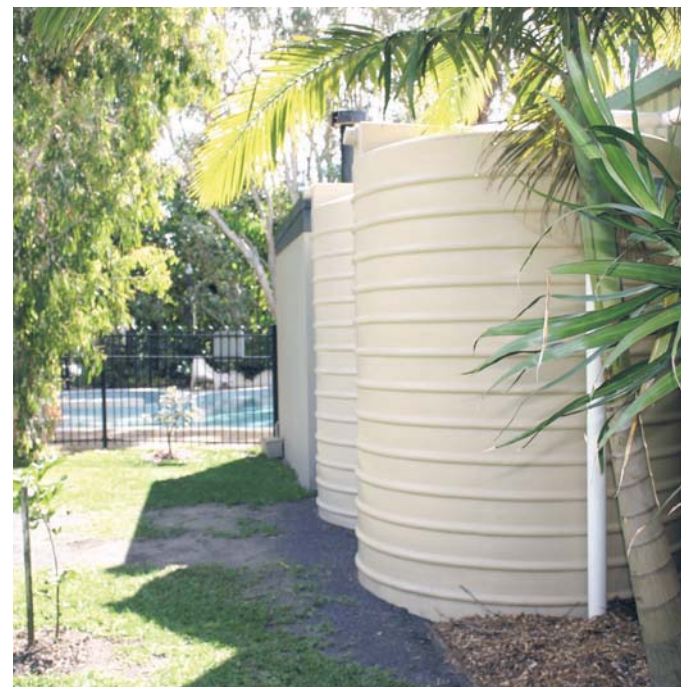
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# Getting dirty - a panacea for the modern world

Rebecca Whan

Maybe it's just me, but when I have my hands in the dirt a sense of presence and calm takes over me. I don't have green thumbs by any means, or have a job involving the outdoors. I'm an architect with a desk job, and possibly like you I'm trying to make sense of the world around me and have a purpose, whilst also trying to address the deep feeling that 'something is missing'.

That 'something' takes many forms, but for me I believe it is that loss of connection to nature, to our intuition, or as it relates to my profession our innate understanding of how to create shelter, structure, refuge. After all the word human comes from the Latin word *humus*, meaning earth or ground. We knew it all, we had it all, and we lost it. How did we allow this happen and where do we go from here?

The British scientist David Strachan first proposed the controversial 'hygiene hypothesis' in 1989, suggesting that in our modern, sterile world, lack of exposure to microorganisms in childhood was leading to impaired immune systems and higher rates of allergies and asthma.

Researchers have since refined that theory, suggesting that it is not lack of exposure to disease-causing germs at play, but rather to 'old friends' - beneficial microbes in the soil and the environment - and that mental health is also impacted.

## Good to get dirty

So getting dirty has been scientifically proven to be very healthy for body and mind. But how does this tie into sustainable design, and how could dirt be the key to helping us in the face of increased climate change pressure, whilst building a sustainable future?

In light of the recent flooding catastrophe in the Northern Rivers and the increasing climate-driven disasters around the globe, it has been easy to feel a sense of powerlessness in regards to the difference we as one person can make, and hesitancy to take 'sustainable' steps. After all, isn't the challenge too great, the seas have warmed too much and the forests have burned too far? Isn't it too late now to turn back the clock?

When we think of the changes happening all around us, and our place in it, it is certainly



Rebecca sharing earth construction techniques with indigenous communities in Ibicoara, Brazil. Photo Miroca Resende

easy to feel a degree of hopelessness and despair. If you look around the globe though, you might realise that this sense of helplessness is a somewhat developed-world problem. What we have lost over the years, and what creates the foundation of developing countries, is connection, community, and shared experience, and along with that comes shared hope. Individual wellbeing, as a side effect, is also greatly increased.

It was made abundantly clear during the aftermath of the recent floods that the key reason we recovered as quickly as we did in the Northern Rivers (and one

of the reasons we continue to live in flood-prone lands) is primarily because of our strong community. However, not simply a Covid hangover, Australia-wide we are experiencing an epidemic of loneliness. We might be less affected than our city friends when living in the regions, however we are still affected. Almost everything is found online these days, and with the advancement of A.I. our reliance (or over-dependence) on technology will surely only increase.

So how does loneliness (or lack of human connection) affect 'sustainability', or how can it be harnessed to increase the health and wellbeing of our individuals as well as our communities whilst fortifying us for increased change? This is called social sustainability, and it provides us with the backbone for thriving, and not simply surviving through these times.

Make no mistake - it's great to install solar panels on your roof and low-flow shower heads in the bathroom - you will tick many 'sustainability' boxes for your local council and may also receive some government incentives for 'going green'.

However, what have you learnt to better connect to your neighbour? And who will be reaching out a helping hand when your family gets into a crisis? Activities that not only help the planet but help promote human health and connection to place, whilst connecting to other people, are the most sustainable, and necessary, steps forward as we move into more uncertain times.

Earth building is one such activity or technique, as this is usually a shared activity - and therein lies its joy, as well as its intangible but also invaluable and far-reaching benefits.

As an architect I've always thought it curious that the 'other' building material, and one that has been built with for well over 5,000 years, is not taught to architecture



Community earth building day, Murwillumbah. Earthbag technique is used here, a robust and simple earth construction technique. Photo Rebecca Whan

students at university. Is it because natural and abundant materials are inherently hard to commercialise? Each patch of soil is unique, its imprints and handprints the work of generations before us. In some ways it knows us more than we know about it. Does this make working or building with the earth difficult and unwieldy? Not at all. It is a delightful material, one that can be worked by young and old, and very rewarding to work with.

Getting your hands dirty, and (re) learning to play, experiment, and make mistakes; this all creates huge opportunities for personal growth. However, connecting to others whilst creating something meaningful (and beautiful) is the true reward.

Much like the pharmaceutical industry, we have stopped listening to our forebears (and our own intuition) and using local herbs, tinctures and ointments to assist our wellbeing. When building we also have forgotten that once, not so long ago, we were building houses for ourselves without architects, tradespeople and engineers.

## Handmade homes

There are many reasons why you should consider building with the earth, and not just because traditionally we did across the globe, and also here in Australia.

Earth building refers to the use of natural, locally-sourced materials such as clay, sand, and straw to construct buildings. This age-old technique not only reduces the carbon footprint associated with the production and transportation of traditional building materials but also offers numerous environmental and energy (as well as community) benefits.

Earth buildings such as adobe (mud brick), rammed earth, or cob structures, are well known for their excellent

thermal properties. The high thermal mass of these materials allows them to absorb heat during the day and release it slowly at night, maintaining a comfortable indoor temperature without the need for excessive heating or cooling. This inherent energy efficiency makes earth buildings a great sustainable choice especially in the Northern Rivers, reducing our reliance on mechanical heating and cooling systems as well as lowering energy consumption whilst electricity prices continue to rise.

It has been proven that 'you feel better' and are generally healthier when living in an earthen building because of the way the walls breathe and regulate humidity as well as the ambient temperature. With modern living exposing us to more and more environmental toxins every day, earthen walls offer an opportunity to escape this overload and instead surround ourselves with organic, natural materials in the most important place, our home environment.

## Where to from here?

Get outside and get involved in a practical workshop! By connecting to nature and incorporating earth building techniques alongside other sustainable strategies, we can move closer to a future where our built environment is in harmony with the planet, promoting resilience, energy efficiency, and a healthier future for generations to come. Most importantly, it provides us with a chance to reconnect to place, and to others. A way to experience true joy and be present in the moment.

As a recent workshop participant observed "I feel like you have shared with me some sacred knowledge..."

What we have forgotten, is this knowledge is all within us. It's time to relearn what we have lost, and in doing that create a sustainable future for ourselves and our children.

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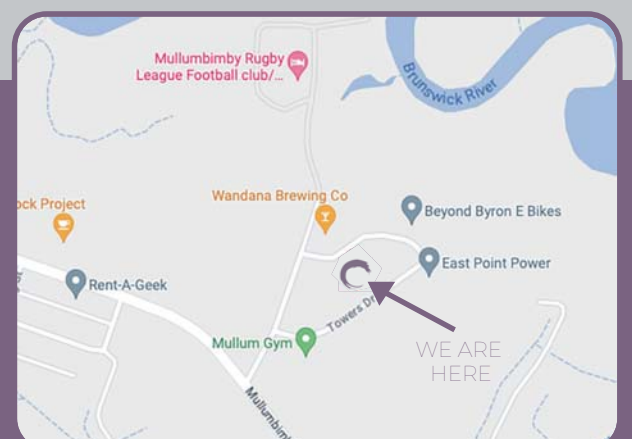
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# The clothes on our backs

Adel Pheloung

Fast fashion – the widescale production of cheap clothes to keep up with trends – clearly has Australians locked in its grip. Wanting to wear relevant and stylish clothes that are still affordable is possible when buying from the fast fashion industry. Mass retailers such as Kmart, Big W and Target offer everyday Aussies the opportunity to buy clothing, homewares and other lifestyle basics at extremely low prices; it's the boasting point of each brand.

Yet with textile production and manufacturing having huge social and environmental impacts, such as contributing to pollution, being extremely resource heavy, using toxic materials, and hosting atrocious working conditions in developing countries, these 'cheap' clothes come at a cost.

Australians buy roughly 56 new clothing items per year, according to the Australian Fashion Council's 2018–19 report. That makes Australia the second-highest consumer of textiles per person, second only to the USA. Further, most of these clothes end up as trash. Former Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management, Trevor Evans, estimated that 'Australians discard close to 800,000 tonnes of clothing and textiles each year, a rate of 15 tonnes every 10 minutes.'

That's a lot of waste. The simplest way for individuals to reduce their clothing contributions to landfill is by adopting the mindset that clothes are not meant to be thrown in the garbage. Unless they are so riddled with holes that not a scrap can be spared, there are so many alternatives to just tossing clothes by the wayside.

If clothes are still in good condition, they can be sold second hand, using online marketplaces or garage sales. Alternatively, charities around the world are always accepting donations, whether that's via the local op-shop drop off bin, or at a homeless shelter. Particularly, clothes that are well worn, but usable, can still be of use to those in need. And when clothes get too holey to donate? They can be cut into rags for cleaning and patches for mending. Unless clothes are completely soiled and tattered, there is almost always an alternative to them ending up in landfill.

### '30 wears' rule

Another way to prevent textile waste is by reducing the sheer volume of consumption that occurs when people go shopping. According to the UN, \$500 billion USD is lost every year due to the underutilisation of clothing. A simple way to prevent the purchase of unnecessary clothing, and thus save resources and wallets, is to remember the '30 wears' rule; if the clothing item

**'Australia the second-highest consumer of textiles per person, second only to the USA'**

won't be worn more than 30 times, or won't last that many uses, then it isn't worth the money or the Earth's materials. By following this rule, there is then more money to spend on the clothes that will get 30 or more uses, and it becomes a little easier to afford the slightly more expensive items that enable the manufacturers to be paid a liveable wage.

### Greenwashing

When there is an absolute need for new clothes that can't be sourced second hand, one should look for brands that have transparency throughout the entire manufacturing process (from where and how the materials are sourced to the working conditions in factories to the packaging used to transport goods). Businesses that sell clothes will almost always have some sort of an impact on the environment, and brands that are honest about this and give customers the opportunity to trace the practices used, are more likely to be genuinely attempting sustainability. Otherwise, there is the risk of falling for greenwashing; when businesses paint their product as eco-friendly so



Top: Female garment workers in Bangladesh. Photo www.ilo.org

Bottom: Used clothes discarded in the Atacama Desert, in Alto Hospicio, Iquique, Chile. Photo Martin Bernetti/AFP



that they can increase their market audience, stay socially relevant, and have an excuse to increase prices, without having to make any notable sustainability efforts.

So, the best way to have a sustainable wardrobe? Wear what you already have, thrift what you don't, find

alternatives to discarding clothes in the trash, and research the genuinely eco-friendly brands that will provide you with clothes that last for more than 30 uses. The clothes on our backs are one of the many places where we can start to, relatively easily, incorporate sustainable lifestyle changes.

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# Home battery technology charging ahead

David Lowe

In the fairly recent past, if you were going off-grid, there weren't many options for batteries. There was only lead acid, a technology that hadn't changed much since its invention in 1859 (apart from sealed gel variants), and still used in most car starter batteries. Lead acid batteries were big, heavy, had to be managed carefully, and didn't last all that long.

Now it seems like there's a new battery technology announced every month. Unfortunately, many of these aren't yet available for sale, at least in Australia, and new pitfalls are emerging along with the new technology, including fire risk, unsustainable mining, labour exploitation and recycling issues. Overall though, the future is looking very bright for batteries of all sizes, with unprecedented levels of investment and consumer demand.

A lot of this is being driven by batteries for portable devices and electric cars, with larger fixed batteries tending to remain in the shadows, but benefiting from improvements in other sectors of the industry. Elon Musk's company Tesla has been responsible for a lot of the hype around fixed batteries, but there are many other significant players, including companies based in Australia.

Right now, fixed batteries account for only about ten per cent of the global battery market, but this is rising as more renewable installations come



online, and more people appreciate the freedom and cost-savings of being off-grid.

If you're looking at upgrading an older off-grid solar power system, and your batteries are cactus, you might be able to upgrade the batteries independently if the solar panels are still okay. Depending on your system though, you will possibly have to replace other components at the same time.

## Which battery is best?

Lithium-ion is still the main battery type globally, appearing in devices of all sizes, but requiring toxic, problematic materials such as cobalt, nickel and manganese, along with lithium, which is comparatively abundant. Much research is currently focused on improving anodes and cathodes, as well as other battery ingredients, including nano-materials.

Battery variants such as lithium-sulphur use cheaper, more commonplace materials, with Monash University researchers recently claiming the addition of ordinary sugar solves issues of degradation with these cells.

Already available for sale in Australia are lithium iron phosphate and lithium titanate batteries which promise many more recharges, a better environmental footprint and a lower fire risk than lithium-ion, without additional cost.

Sodium-ion batteries don't need lithium at all, but use abundant salt as the main chemical ingredient. Formerly available in Australia, an improved version of this tech has now surfaced in China.

Vanadium batteries may be the future for industrial facilities, but are much too big for home installations. At the opposite end (very small devices),



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there's a lot of excitement around energy intense graphene batteries. Graphene is a human-made carbon-based product which has many exciting science fiction properties, but a graphene battery is yet to be sighted outside the lab, let alone powering anything big.

## When a battery is not a battery

If you're an early adopter in Australia, you can now get on the waiting list to buy a home hydrogen 'battery' which only requires water and solar energy as inputs, plus some very clever tech.

In Scotland, a company called Gravitricity is experimenting with gravity-based energy storage devices. The troubled Snowy 2.0 scheme is basically the same idea, but using large amounts of water. Other

people are using weights on steep railway lines, with excess solar energy pushing the weight uphill during the day, and gravity generating energy at night. The beauty of Gravitricity is it can run in abandoned mining shafts, or elevators, or anywhere there's a decent drop.

The holy grail of batteries is solid state technology, which won't require any messy chemistry, won't wear out, will release and regain energy faster than wet batteries, and pack much more energy into a smaller space.

Volkswagen has done a deal with one solid state battery company which claims it will be ready to put its product into cars in 2025. If this milestone is reached, a version for houses will inevitably follow. This could have similar implications for energy to the solid state revolution in data storage.

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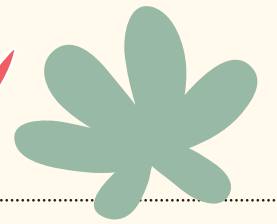


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## BYRON'S FAVOURITE BLOCK PARTY

Australian roots legends, **The Beautiful Girls**, will headline **Stone & Wood's winter block party, Festival of the Stone**, when it returns on Saturday.

Held at Stone & Wood's Byron Bay brewery, The Beautiful Girls head up a musical lineup that spans two stages and celebrates a night of community coming together, with all profits from the event going to Byron charity, Fletcher Street Cottage.

Joining them on the bill are **Crocodylus, Bullhorn, Billy Otto**, and **Smokey Cake**, with **DJs Casimir, Mase, Reflex, Cashew, Numbers, Richie Carter** and the **Club Raiders** DJs crushing beats from the Brew Deck stage inside.

The region's finest food trucks will be lining up with toasty treats to keep you dancing, and the pride of the festival – Stone & Wood's dark porter, Stone Beer – will be pouring for the first time in 2023. Also flowing over the bars will be all your Stone & Wood favourites, as well as a selection of Sunly Seltzers, Little Dragon Ginger Beer and a range of non-alc options.

A family-friendly festival, Malt Disney – a children's activity space – returns, giving parents and kids the chance to kick up their heels. And for those feeling lucky, a huge raffle for Fletcher Street Cottage will be making the rounds.



As part of their commitment to their local community, Stone & Wood are thrilled to be working with the incredible people from Fletcher St Cottage again. A specialist homelessness service in the heart of Byron, the Fletcher Street team provide a welcoming and safe space for the region's growing homeless and rough sleeping population.

Held for the first time in 2014 at their Boronia St Brewery, Festival of the Stone began as a celebration of the release of Stone Beer. Back again in a limited release, Stone Beer 2023 is set to warm your winter cockles for another year.

With the announcement of this event, Stone & Wood would like to acknowledge they will be coming together on Bundjalung Country and pay their respects to the local Arakwal people and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past and present.

Head to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) to secure your spot at Byron's favourite neighbourhood block party. For more Festival of the Stone news and updates, head to [www.stoneandwood.com.au](http://www.stoneandwood.com.au) and Stone & Wood's social media channels.

...an excellent vehicle for two virtuoso performers and Kennedy and Grives do not disappoint.  
 - Meredith Walker, Blue Curtains Brisbane

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## BAKERSFIELD MIST

Following a successful run in Brisbane, PlayHavoc in association with Ad Astra is thrilled to be bringing Stephen Sachs' iconic play, *Bakersfield Mist*, to **Byron Theatre** for three performances on **15, 16 and 17 June**.

Maude Gutman, an unemployed bartender living in a trailer park in the Californian desert, believes the painting she bought in a thrift store for three dollars, as a gag gift, is really an undiscovered Jackson Pollock that is worth millions. Is this the find of the century or simply a clever forgery?

When eminent New York art historian and expert Lionel Percy arrives at Maude's trailer to evaluate the painting, the two embark on a fiery debate over class, truth, and what we personally perceive as valuable. Inspired by true events, *Bakersfield Mist* asks vital questions about what makes art and people truly authentic.

A taut, hilarious and poignant drama with two larger-than-life characters refusing to shift their perspectives; Lionel's 'the picture is a fake,' and Maude's 'the picture is genuine.' A battle of class, education, common sense and experience – get ready for the rollercoaster ride that is *Bakersfield Mist*.

'Grives brings a strong vocal quality and undeniably believable passion to

his character, says Annabel Gilbert of Theatre Haus. 'Kennedy paves pathos into her crafted characterisation... we find ourselves warming to Maude's character and understanding her world,' says Meredith Walker of Blue Curtains, Brisbane.

Maude's home is wonderfully captured by Bill Haycock's superb stage design. Every detail has been meticulously considered and carefully placed to create a space where you feel that you are sitting with the central characters inside Maude's trailer.

Jennifer Flowers' vast experience, both as a performer and director, means she knows how to please an audience. As the Director of *Bakersfield Mist*, Jennifer has created a production that is a joy to watch.

Only at Byron Theatre for three performances. This international hit comedy drama and clever battle of wits is not to be missed. For more information contact Byron Theatre or book via the address below for *Bakersfield Mist* ([byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/108154](http://byron.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/108154))

Be sure to follow PlayHavoc on Instagram @play\_havoc, where you'll get to learn more about how a production like this comes together and be kept up to date with everything *Bakersfield Mist*!

## HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, LAUGHS AT AKMAL

The Byron Comedy Festival is on this weekend with the event closing out with Akmal Saleh's third show, proving that he who laughs last, may just laugh best. *Seven* caught up with the funny man in the surf on the weekend...

**In a sliding doors scenario, what would you have done for work if not comedy? And would you have still been funny?**

Well, as I have no other skills, I probably would've taken up crime, and my sliding door would've been made of steel and locked at 9pm.

I still would've been funny, but for different reasons, which I will not get into here.

**Do you think Comedy Festivals create a momentum wave that all the artists can ride, that is, after the first show, are you all headliners?**

Comedy festivals are more like tornados. Only the comedians who have prepared well for this event will survive, and the rest shall perish. It's in the Bible.

**Why do you think you're funny?**

I don't think I'm funny; I've watched all my DVDs and never once laughed, mainly because I've heard the material before and could predict every punchline.

**Are you a naturally 'on' person? Or do you go home and become the 'don't-expect-me-to-be-funny' person?**

I am a naturally 'on' person. What it is that I'm on is none of your business.

**Does your missus think you're funny, or is she over you?**

She thinks I'm at my funniest when I'm over her. She finds me funny when she



sees me in the nude; she hasn't laughed for over a year.

**What do you love most about comedy festivals?**

Mostly the comedy, but also the feeling that I'm superior in every way to every other so-called comedian in the festival. I can make this judgment by intentionally not seeing anyone else's act just in case I'm wrong.

**Who are you looking forward to seeing most?**

I'm looking forward to seeing my uncle Gad, who is arriving from Cairo on Tuesday, although I fail to see why this should be of any interest to anyone else.

**Who's your favourite comedian of all time?**

The person who has made me laugh the hardest and for the longest time would have to be former Prime Minister, Scott Morrison.

**Akmal is performing at the Byron Comedy Festival**

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VELVET TRIP



### A VERY FULL WEEKEND AT BYRON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Byron Music Festival has announced the full epic lineup for its (mostly) free satellite events to be held throughout Byron Bay over the festival weekend **16–18 June**.

Over three days Byron Music Festival will host a diverse lineup of all-local musicians throughout multiple venues, including **Belongil Treehouse, The Great Northern Hotel, Byron Bay Services Club, Saltwater Social Club**, and an iconic beachfront event in **Dening Park**. Spanning all genres and demographics, the program is designed to appeal to and be accessible to locals.

From the launch party on **Friday 16 June** at The Great Northern Hotel (+18, free entry) with: **Flying Machine, Off Judy, Soy Division, Stoned Waves, Ratmongers, Fauve, Billy Bailey, Cecile, Kira Sunday, and Ben Walsh**, to the after party on **Saturday 17 June**, at the Byron Bay Services Club (all ages, free entry) featuring: **DJ Sun Jazz, Velvet Trip, Colbey, The New Language, The Versace Boys, and Tahlia Matheson**, and the after after party on **Saturday 17 June**, at the Saltwater Social Club (+18, \$10 Entry) with DJs playing sets long into the night – there is so much music to listen to!

A community beach clean-up followed by beach soccer and a barbecue – co-hosted with Positive Change for Marine Life – on **Sunday 18 June**, at Dening Park and Main Beach (all ages, free) will help round out the weekend – but wait! You guessed it, there's more...

There will also be a recovery day/ closing party on **Sunday 18 June** at Treehouse (all ages, free entry) featuring **Summer Woods, Felicity Lawless, Animal Ventura, and Burning Hands**.

Festival Director, **Nick Sergi**, is over the moon, 'We're so excited and proud to showcase as many local artists as we can over the festival weekend. The diversity of musical talent in our area is immense. Many of these artists are on the precipice of exciting careers so we want locals to get out to see them, support them, and celebrate them while they can!'

BMF is an all-ages, all-inclusive, multi-venue, weekend-long music festival combined with a flagship cultural placemaking event that celebrates the immense creative talent of Byron Bay and beyond.

Byron Music Festival is fundraising for BayFM and Byron Youth Service. The fundraising goal is \$10,000. Any individual or business who would like to donate a prize to the mega raffle (drawn on Sat 17 June) can register via [info@byronmusicfestival.com.au](mailto:info@byronmusicfestival.com.au).

BMF is supported by Byron Music, Create NSW, Byron Bay Brewery, Stone & Wood, Husk Distillers, Flip Insurance, Hnry, Treehouse Belongil, McGrath Real Estate, SAE, Jonson Lane, The Great Northern Hotel, Byron Bay Services Club, Salty's, Hertz, McWilliams Wines, Azteca Margarita, Altos Tequila, Explore Byron Bay, Humantix, ByronBay.com, and BayFM.

**Byron Music Festival 2023**  
**Friday 16–Sunday 18 June 2023**  
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**For more info, visit: [byronmusicfestival.com.au](http://byronmusicfestival.com.au).**

### DANCE AND ESCAPE AT THE NUDGE

Dance and escape before their winter break at June's **Nudge Nudge Wink Wink: The Ultimate Party with a Conscience!**

The party of the year is ready to ignite the dance floor one last time for its 2022–23 season which ends on **3 June!**

This weekend's incredible lineup includes: the triumphant return to Nudge Nudge Wink Wink of Leftfields's sensational first UK tour **DJ Phil Perry**, Byron Bay's very own DJ sensation, **Summer Woods**, shed debut of the one and only **DJ Jessie Belters** who

recently moved to our Shire. They join our beloved Cunning Stunts resident DJ extraordinaire, **Lord Sut** in the shed.

**This ticketed 18+ event is on Saturday from 4pm to 11pm at the Billinudgel Hotel.**

Attendees have helped the Cunning Stunts crew raise, to date, \$380,711; which has helped 34 charities since December 2015. Community supporting its own!

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Supporting Sangeet for the evening are **Shen Flindell** on Tabla and **Darshill Shah** on Bansuri, both visiting from Brisbane.

Sangeet Mishra was born into the legendary Mishra family of the renowned Benares Gharana (school of music) in northern India. Originally trained in vocals, he began learning sarangi from his maternal grandfather, Pandit Bhagwan Das Mishra and his beloved father, Pandit Santosh Mishra. With a long lineage of sarangi players before him, he is firmly rooted within the ancient traditions of classical Indian music. Sangeet plays in both traditional settings and fusion collaborations of varying genres, and manages to blend contemporary musical thought without compromising the traditional purity of his playing.

**The concert is a general admission event on Saturday at the Bangalow A&I Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for chai and treats, followed by the concert at 7pm. Advance tickets are available at Humanitix – with a range of pricing options available. Contact Dana Mynard on 0428 539 232.**



## BANGERS ON THE GREEN

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This will be a glorious afternoon of brilliant live music at The Bowlo featuring these four headliners.

**The Floodlights** dynamic live performance is raw and intimate, intertwined with powerful outbursts and marching

rhythms. Evocative lyricism lies at the heart of their songwriting and is enhanced by their unique sound. They explore themes of personal turbulence, national identity and the Australian landscape as a form of escapism. Floodlights write honestly and poetically in the hope that it resonates with others.

Brisbane/ Meanjin-formed psychedelic rock quintet, **Nice Biscuit**, are uniquely distinct in the mesmerising sonic and visual world they create. A swirling combination of krautesque bass and drums with powerfully ethereal dual vocals interrelated with heavily modulated, fuzzy guitar tones, the band create hypnotic psychedelia that sets them apart.



THE FLOODLIGHTS

**The Rions** are four schoolmates from Avalon who show song writing skills and musicianship well beyond their years. After going back-to-back in consecutive Hottest 100 countdowns they're set to continue their rise with upcoming single Scary Movies.

**Blake Scott** is the songwriter of beloved Naarm/Melbourne band The Peep Tempel. In 2020 he released his debut solo LP, *Niscitam*, which received much acclaim both locally and abroad. *Niscitam* is articulate and diverse, questioning the 'everyday Aussie' cliché.

The man is brilliant and remains somewhat underground to the general public. Blake likes to 'feel out the room' and let the energy breathe life into the live show. His smaller room shows can go in a full chaotic punk direction, or if the mood weaves it – the Buffloat Zen... it's a meditative groove.

Other awesome acts include: **These New South Wales, Workhorse, Luke Morris & The Heavy Hitters, GIMMY, Sweetie** and **Siobhan Cotchin**.

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **TIAGO FREITAS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MARK CHAPMAN**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM BANGALOW BRACKETS **OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM KINGY COMEDY – **FEATURING: LINDSAY WEBB**

## THURSDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **LILLI**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- BYRON SURF CLUB **BYRON COMEDY FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **DAN HANNAFORD**, 8PM **RUST + HAIRY MOTHER OF GOD & GUSSET RATS**, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **THURSDAY JAM NIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **MARK HEAZLETT**

## FRIDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 8PM **FAT ALBERT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **KALAKARI**, 8PM **TOM JACKSON**, 9PM **DREAM FRANKIE DREAM**, 10PM **DJ QUENDO**
- BYRON SURF CLUB **BYRON COMEDY FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**, 10PM **DJ ZAC EWING & DJ QUENDO**
- MARVELL HALL, BYRON BAY, 7PM **CARL CLEVES & PARISSA BOUAS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ ARUANDA AND DJ JORGE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **BALCONY BEATS**, 8.30PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUMBIMBY WITH DJ SHIAN LOVE**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM **ANDY JANS BROWN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **CASH SAVAGE AND THE LAST DRINKS**

- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **CARLY & ROO**, 8PM **DJ BOZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **STEVE SAVAGE**

## SATURDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **AMONG THE RESTLESS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **OLE FALCO**, 9PM **DJ MY HAPPY PLACE**
- BYRON SURF CLUB **BYRON COMEDY FESTIVAL**
- STONE & WOOD BREWERY, BYRON BAY, 3PM **FESTIVAL OF THE STONE 2023 – FEAT THE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **HARRY NICHOLS**, 8PM **SLY WITHERS REGIONAL (ISH) TOUR**, 10PM **DJ TAI DANIELS & DJ SIMBA**
- HOWL & MOAN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **AHIRU, PUFF & GREAT DAZE**

- A&I HALL, BANGALOW, 7PM **SANGEET MISHRA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **SKY EATER DUO**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ ROBIN SYDNEY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 4PM **NUDGE NUDGE WINK WINK – DJ, PHIL PERRY, SUMMER WOODS, DJ JESSIE BELTERS & LORD SUT**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- LISMORE GALLERY POP-UP 11AM **XANTHE DOBBIE – CLOUD COPY, AUSLAN-LED TOUR BY SIGRID MACDONALD**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 6.30PM **PAUL (FLUFFY) SINCLAIR**, 8PM **LINELOCKERS, DJ DEEP FRYER**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **MERLIN**
- THE CITADEL, MURWILLUMBAH, 7.30PM **NEIL MURRAY**
- AMBROSE BROWN PARK, POTTSVILLE, 5PM **THE LIGHTERMEN, GYPSY GIN DUO, GOLDEN FLOWER & THE ALL STAR JAM**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **LEE-ANNE JOY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 8PM **THE AUSTRALIAN EAGLES SHOW**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 8.30PM **MASON RACK**

## SUNDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **KANE MUIR**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM **GABZAK**, 4.30PM **NICKY BOMBA**
- BYRON SURF CLUB **BYRON COMEDY FESTIVAL**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7PM **MARK USHER**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 9.30PM **FELICITY LAWLESS, YAZMINDI & JASPAR**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **BEARFOOT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 10.45AM **BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **LISMORE JAZZ CLUB – THE MAGNIFICENCE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 3PM **DON'T CHANGE – ULTIMATE INXS**

## MONDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASPER GUBBAY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**

## TUESDAY 6

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **TIM STOKES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **KANE MUIR**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM **FAR NORTH COAST DANCE FESTIVAL**

## WEDNESDAY 7

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JASON DELPHIN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 6.30PM **ALEX TILLEY**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 7.30PM **SLEAFORD MODS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 7PM **FAR NORTH COAST DANCE FESTIVAL**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 11.30AM **COOLY ROCKS ON**

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Weekend Previews Fri-Sun: 4:30pm	FAST X (M) (NFT) Daily: 11:10am, 6:40pm	THE BOOGEYMAN (MA15+) (NFT) Daily: 11:40am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:30pm
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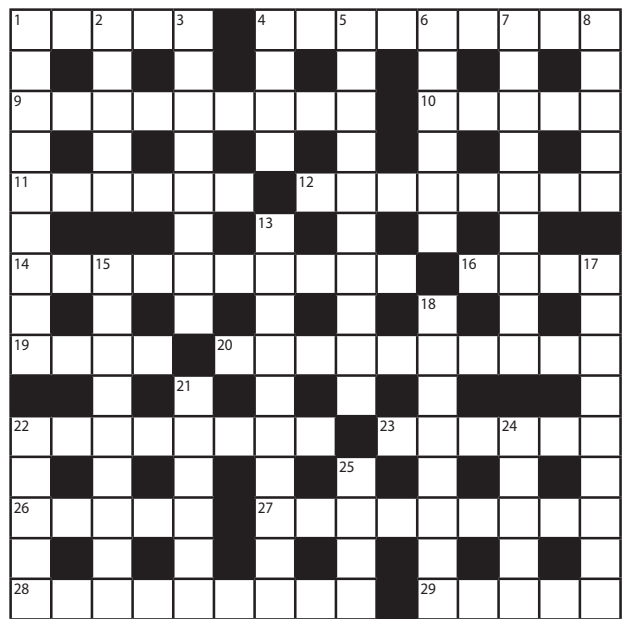
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## Mungo MacCallum's Crossword #493



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

1. E G Damson British? Absolutely! (5)
4. Open seats, but they take away the colour (9)
9. Messy screen around the meadow – wash it again (9)
10. German, we are included in von Braun service (5)
11. Frantically tries around a thousand for a hit (6)
12. Hiding away the waste product in a confidence trick (8)
14. Watch a new dismissal – but it was too late (4,3,3)
16. Lazy Eric (4)
19. Right team – or possibly left it (4)
20. Christmas chicken for the playwright (4,6)
22. Seaside disease, garden danger and bedroom boredom (8)
23. Opera for motorists? (6)
26. Tutor has no alternative – turn it around all together! (5)
27. Dark horse – can be frightening (9)
28. They say knight quits and desists from action (9)
29. Cheats in beds (5)

#### DOWN

1. Ticks as parties mingle (9)
2. Filthy lucre leads to stomach problem (5)
3. Waves to journalists who produce scoops (8)
4. Musicians barred, they say (4)
5. The day before, new time, crammed with unknown but interesting phenomena occurring constantly (10)
6. Sea voyage and its reported workers (6)
7. Help a saint die in Calcutta, or thereabouts (4,5)
8. Quiet carpet – toss it off (5)
13. Registrations to join up creators of lent sermon (10)
15. The rat, as portrayed at Alice's tea party (3,6)
17. Brings peril to aim tantrums (9)
18. Amorous royal order – caper! (8)
21. Speaks, begs for adulation (6)
22. Bets, but upset not available (5)
24. A note, repeated about Florida resort (5)
25. Urges on ova (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

1. Perpendicular (5)
4. Uncovered spectator benches (9)
9. Remove dirt a second time (9)
10. Our (German) (5)
11. Walk off the job! (6)
12. Secreting (8)
14. Why the project couldn't be finished! (4,3,3)
16. Tick over (4)
19. Edge (4)
20. Composer of 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen' (4,6)
22. Words formed by rearranging letters of another (8)
23. Singer ... Miranda (6)
26. All musicians take part (5)
27. Disturbing dream (9)
28. Endings (9)
29. Cradles (5)

#### DOWN

1. Spongers (9)
2. Open, painful sore (5)
3. Electrical safety devices (8)
4. Belt (4)
5. Noteworthy (10)
6. Coast; drift (6)
7. English spice trading company (4,5)
8. Treat as unimportant (5)
13. Enlistments (10)
15. Jervis Tetch (3,6)
17. Threatens (9)
18. Idyllic (8)
21. Extol (6)
22. Wagers (5)
24. Florida city (5)
25. Cackleberries (4)

#### Last week's solution #492



# Asking for what you want

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*Beyoncé likes her dressing room at 25.5 degrees. She likes chicken legs seasoned with cayenne pepper and rose scented candles. I don't know how anyone can smell the rose above the chicken.*

When you are a super famous megastar you are permitted the luxury of unreasonable requests. It's called a 'rider'. Quite simply it's the condition of putting on a performance – it's what you expect when you're backstage. As a performer for over 30 years who has sat crammed next to toilet rolls in a supply room, dealt with dirty undies in the manager's office and sat in a cold concrete outdoor space under a tarp in cyclonic conditions, I understand that when you crack the big time you might pull a few diva requests. I guess it's a reminder to yourself, and the rest of the world that you have 'arrived'. It's payback for the plastic chair in an unlit storeroom next to the janitor's wank tissues.

When I tour with Ellen Briggs for *Women Like Us* we have a rider; it's two bottles of water, two chairs and a kettle. We bring our own tea bags. We don't insist on fur-lined seating or fancy china. The last shows we performed at didn't even have cups. So we two divas were going through bins looking for an improvised receptacle to have a cup of tea. The leg on my chair was wonky and there was an arctic gale blowing through the room. There was no toilet. Or mirror. The carpet hadn't been vacuumed since about 1979. In the corner was a rolled up blanket that looked like a body was inside. Neither of us was game to check. Outside, hundreds of women were screaming in enthusiasm for us to take the stage. Meanwhile the stars were drinking Beroccas out of recycled cardboard cups. I said 'Ellen, we have to up our rider game. And we might have to bury that body'.

There's nothing as thrilling as a fancy dressing room. Mirrors with lights around them fill me with joy. A velvet lounge, bunches of flowers, a fruit platter, bottles of wine, sandwiches... I don't drink alcohol or eat gluten, but that's not the point. It's fabulous. In that pre-show moment when you have to get your head together to face an audience, it's nice to be reminded you're a star – even if you're not. Casinos have some of the



MANDY NOLAN'S  
**SOAPBOX**

most fabulous dressing rooms. I guess that's what gambling and the misery of someone else's loss buys you.

I did a casino show a while back. It was a 2000 seat theatre, so the dressing room was pretty incredible. It had separate rooms with couches and flowers. The doors had stars with the performer's name on them. The main room had a choice with a giant table full of snacks. Comedians usually can't handle it. I did see one comic just park himself at the food and smash nearly all the sandwiches. He went into a carb coma. Every drop of booze was drained. I'd been there before. I said to one of the staff 'I was here a few months ago and you've changed all the red couches to white. They looked brand new – why the change?' There were probably ten couches in the whole area. He told me that Mariah Carey had been through, and she only sits on white leather. I was like 'Wow, I wouldn't even think about requesting seating colour. I'm lucky to get a plastic chair'.

Paul McCartney apparently doesn't do animal print. He's a committed vegan and he doesn't even like synthetic animal print. Nothing backstage can be an animal product. Beyoncé likes her dressing room at 25.5 degrees. She likes chicken legs seasoned with cayenne pepper, and rose scented candles. I don't know how anyone can smell the rose above the chicken. And she has a sponsorship arrangement with Pepsi, so

absolutely no Coca Cola. I really need to get a sponsorship arrangement. Maybe Berocca?

Adele asks for a packet of ciggies, fresh fruit, but absolutely no citrus. Van Halen is such a dick he likes M&Ms, but the brown ones have to be removed. Kanye likes a barber's chair and a tub of yoghurt. I don't want to know what he does to himself in that chair.

Rihanna insists everything is draped with dark blue or black with icy blue chiffon on top; white tulips – no foliage. Justin Bieber is kind of adorable, he asks for soft drinks, a Vicks inhaler, an ironing board and a size XS T-shirt. He asks for a private bathroom. Which I think is fair enough. You should be able to leave five-star skid marks on the porcelain before you take the stage. Will Ferrell probably has my favourite rider request. An electric three-wheel mobility scooter with a painted rainbow on the wheels and a 15 foot tall fake tree. Clearly he's taking the piss. But when he turns up – the scooter, the rainbow and the tree are all there. That's star power. Ellen and I can't even manage to get real cups.

So I've written up a new rider. I thought long and hard about what I want. I don't give a shit about foliage, or what colour the chairs are. I would like to keep working until I'm old. So I've put in just one thing: 'End climate change'. Let's see how they go with that. Makes Will Farrell's rainbow-painted wheels look easy.

## STARS BY LILITH

With this week's Sun and full moon in the zodiac's most vocal signs, the hills are alive with the sound of mouth music...



GEMINI THE TWINS

**ARIES:** A peak week for multicultural mingling, in-depth convos with people of different backgrounds and taking a verbal 'walk on the wild side'. Ideas are flying high – but there is a down side, which is others taking what you say the wrong way, so stay as simple and clear as you're able to.

**TAURUS:** This week's Mercury/Uranus meetup in your material-minded sign fosters a growth mindset. So instead of just going along with the same old, same old, use this transit to explore cutting edge technology and learn about innovative ways of making your day-to-day routine jobs more efficient and interesting.

**GEMINI:** Mingling could morph from being your personal art form to the status of full blown cardio this week, as you find yourself at the center of a buzzing vortex with no choice but to ride the momentum. If weekend full moon brings something to a close, look for a new opportunity waiting in the wings.

**CANCER:** Full moons tend to mark turning points, where something comes to either fruition or closure. If you feel a chilly breeze from someone's cold shoulder during this weekend's optimistic full moon, don't take it personally. Better to focus on diversifying your friend circle, starting a new venture and/or taking a trip.

**LEO:** Your sign rules the heart centre, so with Mars synching into your rhythm, why not light a heartwarming bonfire or firepit during the weekend's fiery full moon and celebrate any win you've had lately. Make your full moon ritual as simple or sophisticated as you like, but outdoors in nature is always the most potent.

**VIRGO:** Ready to shed some old skin and consider a new, exciting future? This week's full of bright ideas, many of them worth investigating, especially since your astrology chart's visionary sector is presently getting energised to the max. Pro tip? Don't let unhealthy thought patterns keep distracting you.

**LIBRA:** Saturn, the planet of structure, is presently suggesting slowing down and re-evaluating whether you're being overly optimistic or ambitious. Do a reality check to ensure you're on track, or if you still want to be on that track. Break plans down into smaller steps so you don't get overwhelmed.

**SCORPIO:** Pluto retrograde in your home zone and base of operations isn't the most comfortable of astrological cycles, but it might help to think of it this week as the cosmic gardener turning over your life's compost. Some stuff may be a bit on the nose, but look at the wealth of buried treasure that's surfacing.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Sagittarius is the sign associated with the hips, the energy centre for our emotions and sexuality. Loose lips may sink ships but loose hips can be liberating, and your annual full moon this weekend is the perfect time for putting on some music, breaking out some hip circles and seeing where that takes you...

**CAPRICORN:** Neptune and your boss planet Saturn combine to remind you this week that planners also need surprises. Givers also need to receive. The thoughtful need to be thought of. The considerate need to be considered. This planetary coalition suggests it's time to take a step back and factor in extra self-care.

**AQUARIUS:** Aquarian songbird Shakira singing 'Hips Don't Lie' is the perfect soundtrack to this weekend's full moon whose airy, mental energy may benefit from some earthing. If you feel like you need grounding, soften your knees, sway that pelvic cradle, picture congested head energy streaming down to your feet – and voila – rebalancing!

**PISCES:** This week's mobile energy keeps you on the move. And our hips are the energetic storehouse for emotions and deepest vulnerabilities, so it makes sense to be moving them during the weekend full moon, ruled by the sign of the thighs. If emotions bubble up, let those feelings flow freely...

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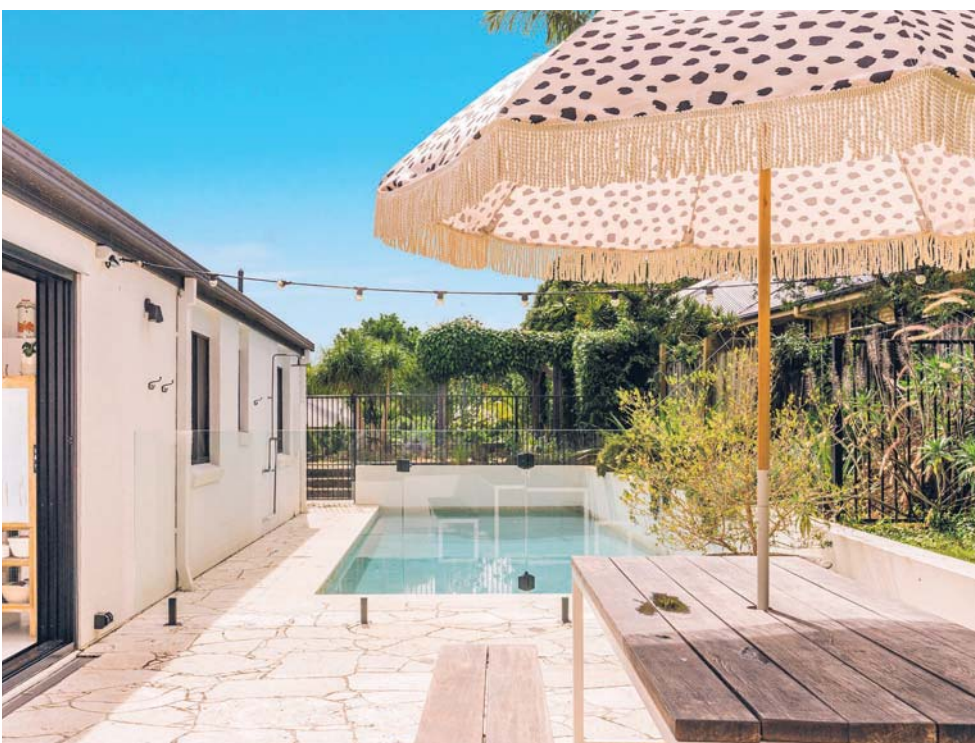
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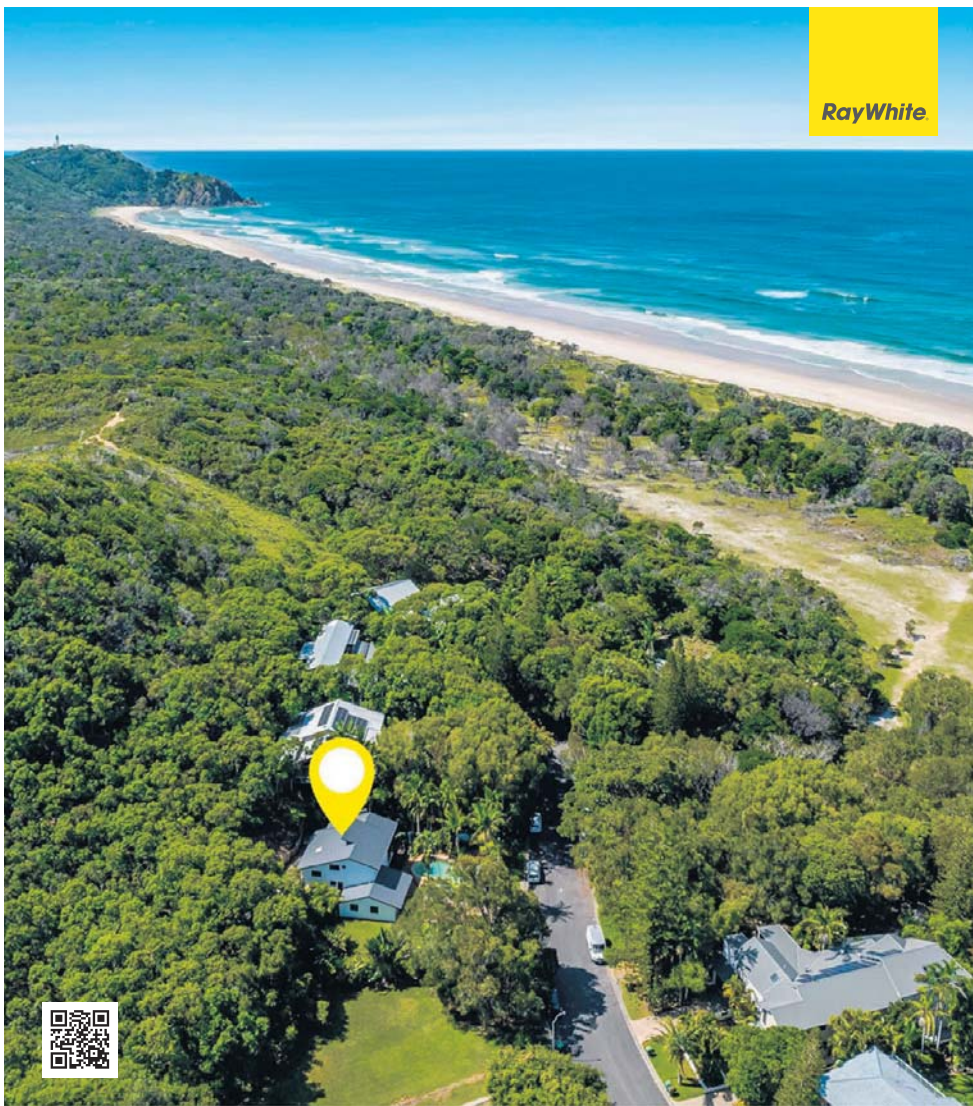
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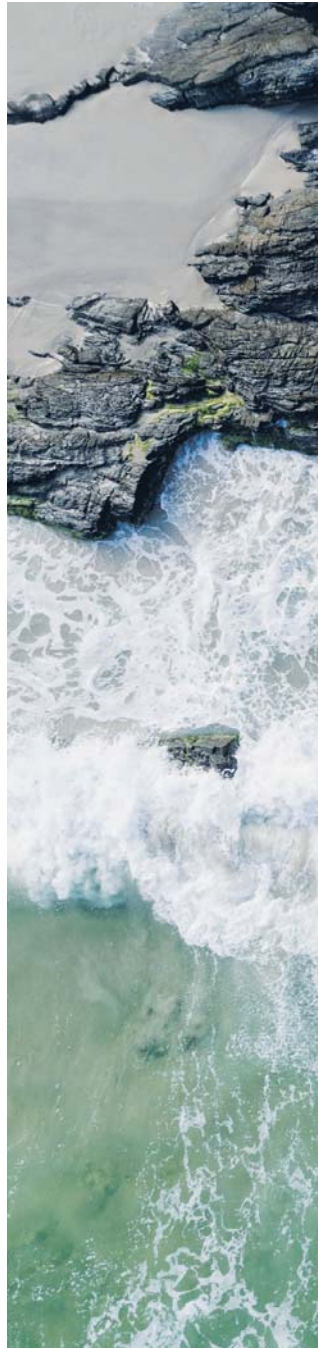
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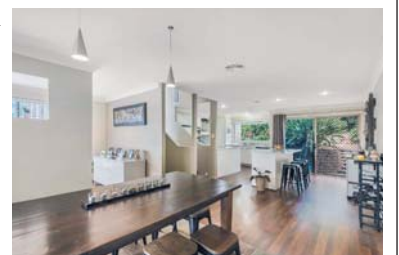
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**Tues 6th June**  
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**Sun 11th June**  
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2nd SAT Woodburn	0439 489 631
2nd SAT Tabulam Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN Lennox Head	6685 6807
2nd SUN Chillingham	0428 793 141
2nd SUN Coolangatta	
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3rd SAT Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SAT Salt Village Market, Casuarina	
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3rd SUN Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN Ballina	0422 094 338
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4th SAT Wilsons Creek	6684 0299
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<b>FARMERS/WEEKLY MARKETS</b>	
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Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	0424 168 672
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT 8-11am Durambah Rd (Tropical Fruit World)	
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530
Each SAT 8:30-11am Lismore	
Each SAT 8:30-12am Blue Knob	
Each SUN 7-11am Ballina	0493 102 137

The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.

# Community at Work

## On The Horizon

**DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY**  
Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

**AIRNCB**  
The next meeting of the Association of Independent Retirees Far North Coast Branch will be held on Friday 2 June in the RSL Club, Ballina, 9.30 for 10am. The guest speaker will be Tere Sheehan, General Manager of Cherry Street Sports Club on the Club's input to the community. Yearly subscriptions are now being collected. Enquiries to President/Secretary, John Ritchie on 0437 509 618.

**BV VIEW**  
The next Brunswick View Club committee meeting is on the 1 June. BV VIEW luncheon meet every second Thursday of the Month at 11am at Brunswick Bowling Club, next one 8 June. For those unable to attend ring Wenda on 0449 563 580 or email wjhunt@yahoo.com before Monday.

**BV Probus**  
The Brunswick Valley Probus Club meeting is on Tuesday 6 June at 10am at The Ocean Shores Country Club. The guest speaker is John Bancroft from the Rescue Helicopter Service. Visitors welcome. Inquires ring Margaret on 6680 3316.

**Bangalow Community Association**  
The June general meeting for the Bangalow Community Association will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 20 June at Bangalow Men's Shed, off Station St car park. All citizens of the 2479 postcode area are invited to attend and comment on community wide matters relating to development and infrastructure. The key item at this meeting being the proposed development for 6-10 Station Street, Bangalow. An engaged community can deliver better outcomes for our village so come along and become involved.

**Ballina Memorial pool**  
Ballina Shire Council will close the Ballina War Memorial Pool for the month of June and the Alstonville Aquatic Centre for the month of July for essential annual maintenance. For the latest information visit: [ballina.nsw.gov.au/community-swimming-pools](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/community-swimming-pools).

**Bruns CWA**  
Brunswick Heads CWA Crafty Women meet Fridays 10-2pm, corner of Park and Booyun Streets, Brunswick Heads. Join us for a chat, a cuppa and bring along your craft projects including sewing, knitting, crocheting, memory books or quilting. Beginners welcome. Gold coin donation. <https://www.facebook.com/CWAofBrunswickHeads>

**Old and Gold**  
The Old and Gold CWA Market Day Saturday is on 10 June, 8am-1pm on the corner of Buyung and Park Streets, Brunswick Heads. Craft work, bake delights, jams and pickles, flowers and plants and takeaway tea and scones. Cash only.

**Fireworks night**  
Rous Public School P&C invites you to the 42nd Annual Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display. Delicious hot food, Café de Rous, live entertainment, country stalls, chocolate wheel, tractor rides, show rides, games and activities for the kids, a huge bonfire and spectacular fireworks display. Gates open at 5pm on Saturday 17 June at Rous Public School (on Rous Road about five mins drive from Alstonville). Single entry \$5, \$10 for a family of four.

**Organic veggie boxes**  
Mullumbimby Community Gardens have fresh, organic, seasonal veggie boxes available on Tuesdays from 10am to 10pm. Suggested Donation \$20. All welcome.

**Volunteer call out**  
Support for New Mums Inc. a Northern NSW community program are recruiting volunteers in the Byron Shire. We offer a free of charge, home visiting program for mothers with babies. For more information email Deb: newmums8@gmail.com.

**Gnosis Society**  
Gnosis: Course in the mysteries of life and death. Topics include: the knowledge of oneself, awakening conscious faculties, alchemy, tantra, kabbalah, the path to self-realisation, sacred symbolism, the elementals of nature, establishing order in the psyche, the death of the ego, meditation and esoteric practice. Monday nights in Byron at the Gnostic Society. By donation. More information and the address phone: 0412 020 243 [esotericstudies.com.au](http://esotericstudies.com.au).

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

**C'ty space OS open**  
The Hub Baptist Church has opened a new space for the Community in Ocean Shores on Wednesdays 10am-12 noon. Connect, access support, free food and lunch and free clothes. The space has games such as lawn bowls donated by The Brunswick Heads Bowls Club, card making, lunch available, and relief from cost of living pressures.

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

## Regular As Clockwork

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

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

**Byron Community Centre**  
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The Byron Community Centre provides community services and programs including meals, advocacy and counselling for locals in need. **Fletcher Street Cottage:** A welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness can come to get practical relief opportunities, find connections and

access broader support. Fletcher Street Cottage services are open Monday-Friday. **Breakfast:** Monday-Friday, 7am-9am. **Showers and Laundry:** Monday-Friday, 7am-12pm. **Office Support:** Monday-Friday, 9am - 12pm. **Support Appointments:** Individual support appointments with community workers or specialist services. For bookings please call 6685 6807. Fletcher Street Cottage, 18 Fletcher St, Byron Bay. More info: [www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au](http://www.fletcherstreetcottage.com.au). **Byron Community Cabin:** Seniors Computer Club (school term only), 9-11am, Friday, Carlyle Steet. More info: [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) Phone: 6685 6807

**Low-cost or free food**  
**Food Box Thursdays** 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. You may purchase cheap food, obtain free veges, and enjoy a cuppa. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Wednesday 10-12noon at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajor Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILS referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **Liberation Larder** Takeaway lunches and groceries Monday and Thursday 12 till 1pm. Fletcher Street end of the Byron Community Centre.

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

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

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

**Drug support groups**  
Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the Shire - [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au). Are you experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 1300 652 820 or text your postcode to 0488 811 247. [www.na.org.au](http://www.na.org.au). Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? **Al-Anon Family Groups** meetings held Fridays at 2pm by Zoom. 1300 252666 [www.al-anon.org.au](http://www.al-anon.org.au).

**Support after suicide**  
StandBy provides support to people who have lost someone to suicide. They provide free face-to-face and telephone support and are accessible 24/7. Follow-up contact is available for up to one year. Find out more at: [www.standbysupport.com.au](http://www.standbysupport.com.au) or call 13 1114. If you, or someone you are with, are in need of immediate support please call an ambulance or police on 000.

# Local know-how not enough to take NSW Mid-Amateur golf tournament

Local golfers, David Calvert and Mat Crandell, have finished third and fourth in the 2023 Srixon NSW Mid-Amateur held at Byron Bay and Ocean Shores Golf Clubs last week.

Mat had moved to the top of the leaderboard after a second successive even par round last Tuesday, in the three-round event.

The run put him one shot ahead of Damon Stephenson (Parkwood International) who shot 73 and 72, a combined one over par.

'I'm very happy with the start, I've had two solid rounds of 72,' Mat said.

'Being my home course is obviously a big advantage because it can be tricky, especially when the greens are this quick and there's a bit of wind. It's definitely been an advantage knowing the ins and outs of the place. I've played a lot of golf too at Ocean Shores.'

But Damon pulled out a magic final round of 68 that



Byron Bay's Mat Crandell lines up a putt during his second par-round at the Srixon NSW Mid-Amateur. Photo supplied

gave him a total of three under par (73,72,68), and the championship.

It was almost a bogey-free affair for the Gold Coast native, with birdies on the second, fifth, sixth, seventh and 14th to snuff out any chance his fellow competitors might have had. Stephenson's only blemish,

a bogey on the 18th, merely a blip in an otherwise almost perfect performance.

'I'm a little bit tired, but good. It was a long week and a tough day today but I played pretty well for the 18 holes,' he said.

'I hit a lot of good shots, made some good putts and managed to keep the other

three at bay, so I'm really happy,' Damon said post win.

Michael Williams (Moore Park) came in second with plus five (69,77,75) just ahead of Byron Bay's David Calvert, also on plus five (70,76,75).

Despite his midway lead Mat finished in fourth place after a final round of 79 left him seven over par.

Local's did celebrate a win in the Men's Nett competition where David topped the field of 166 competitors.

In the women's event locals were lead by Kimberley Howard (Ocean Shores) who finished in eighth position (plus 55).

Cath Stolz (Shelly Beach), won the contest with a combined plus 22, ahead of Gemma Dooley (New South Wales) plus 25 and Lucie Quillam (Moore Park) plus 31.

Kimberley also took home the honours in the nett competition topping the ladder with plus 7, ahead of Helen Haynes (Cromer) plus 17, and Lucie also plus 17.

# Lennox Head Trojans find their winning mojo



The Trojans charge over for a try to seal their first win of the 2023 season in the President's Cup. Photo supplied

The Lennox Head Trojans have turned their season around with back-to-back wins in the Far North Coast Rugby Unions' President Cup.

The run started the weekend before last in round six when the Trojans took on Evans River at home, and won a nail biter, 27-26.

The home crowd ultimately enjoyed a fast and furious game, but would have been less than optimistic about the fortunes of the Trojans when Evans ran in a try from the first kick-off.

After this though, the game settled into a high-action contest with full field rugby, and the teams matching it try for try.

The game was only settled in the final minutes when Trojan Hayden Blair got over the line to deliver Lennox Head, a come-from-behind win and their first competition points for the season.

It was a good win considering Evans River were in third place on the competition ladder.

Other try-scorers for the Trojans were: Zac Alexander (2), Tom Wauch, Jorelle Yok, and Hayden Blair, with Zac converting one.

The side backed up the win last Saturday when they travelled away to beat the Kyogle Cockies 32-14. The Cockies are yet to register a win for the season

The winning run puts them in the slot for a chance at the finals. Richmond Range (25 ladder points), Evans River (21) and Yamba (20) are well in front on the ladder but Mullumbimby (12), and SCU (11) are within reach, with plenty of the rugby season yet to play.

Next week the Trojans have a bye before being tested when they travel to Mallanganee Sports Field to take on the competition leaders, Richmond Range.

# Bangalow Bluedogs win 9-0



Bangalow's top women's team celebrated Women in Football Week with a resounding 9-0 win over the Goonellabah Hornets at home last Sunday. Photo supplied

# Oscar to play AFL for NSW



Ballina Bombers U/15 AFL player Oscar Healy and co-captain has been selected for the NSW Public Schools representative team. Photo supplied

## CALLING ALL SPORTS

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Councillors went into confidential session last week over land it owns in Belongil. Why? A similar motion was also in a closed doors session around land adjustment for private land. Either Council is working for the community, or it isn't. Fun fact: [www.nine.com.au](http://www.nine.com.au) reports 1-3 Don Street at Belongil Beach, is set to hit the market with price hopes of \$45 million. Whose interests are Council protecting?

Congrats to Ballina brewery, Seven Mile Brewing, which just won the prestigious Champion Trophy, along with four gold medals at the Australian International Beer Awards, held in Melbourne.

Grab the popcorn and a cushion – the PwC consulting scandal is getting bigger. Former NSW top cop, Mick Fuller, is now a PwC senior partner. He is friends with AFP commissioner, Reece Kershaw, as established in recent federal estimates hearings. The AFP are investigating PwC. Federal Greens MP, David Shoebridge, tweeted Tuesday that estimates heard, 'Defence has a whopping 54 contracts with PwC, for a total value of \$223,299,943.56. Given the sensitive nature of information inside Defence, and the known issues with PwC, this is deeply concerning'.

Tweed Shire businesses that have achieved success in a relevant business area are invited to apply for the Tweed Business Awards 2023 before June 19. The contact is [tweed.awardsplatform.com](http://tweed.awardsplatform.com).

For the first time ever, the Tesla Model Y was the best-selling car in the world



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is screaming ahead, albeit without much government oversight. While Chat GPT is banned in most Australian schools, the ABC reports 'Some independent schools are incorporating it into teaching, creating fears of a "digital divide"'. Pictured is a friendly Google bot, perched on a Google car, recently recording Byron Shire for its Google Maps app.

Photo Jeff 'Nothing To See Here' Dawson

in the first quarter for 2023, according to JATO data. And this week, Musk's Neuralink got US approval to start clinical trials implanting chips in human brains.

Farewell outgoing West Australian Premier, Mark McGowan (Labor). While he says he's exhausted and needs a break, there's always a possibility he is avoiding a landmine that is waiting to explode. It did after the exit of NSW Deputy Premier, John Barilaro.

From Mike Carlton: 'The Murdochocracy began their war with the ABC in 1936, when Rupert's odious father, Keith, tried to stop them broadcasting news. They're still at it today. The ABC has no obligation to provide a platform for Murdoch's hack commentators. None at all. They should stop it now'.

A big shark was spotted in Belongil, near the Don Street car park on Monday morning. Greg Banova says

On Saturday, June 3, family and friends of hang gliding pioneer, Joe Scott, are inviting all that knew him to join in the 20th anniversary of his death, and celebrate his enduring legacy at the Byron Bay lighthouse from sunrise. Family say the festivities will continue at the Brunswick Pub from 12pm onwards.

With the Voice referendum looming, it's worth pausing to consider that successive governments have failed to successfully 'close the gap'. New figures from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (Bocsar) reveal Aboriginal people are still statistically over-represented in prison. More than half of imprisoned children in NSW are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

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