



Food security report for Northern Rivers released

New research aimed to address local food security has found a lack of a co-ordinated government approach to disaster food security, with the burden of addressing food insecurity falling on the community.

The study, conducted by Plan C, UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures (UTS-ISF) and Wild Community, funded by the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, also found food insecurity is widespread across the nation, and affordable and healthy food is not always accessible, particularly for disadvantaged communities.

'When approaching this complex problem, a food systems approach is necessary,' says Fiona Berry, Research Principal at UTS-ISF.

The study provides ten key recommendations for creating a resilient and thriving circular food system in the Northern Rivers.

Seven of the ten are: enhanced food infrastructure; support for food produced in the region to be bought and sold locally; arable land protection; accessible food hubs; awareness and education on the benefits of local food; listening to traditional knowledge; and 'strong governance through a community-led regional food plan and policy council'.

Plan C CEO, Dr Jean Renouf, says 'These recommendations echo the recently released CSIRO Reshaping Australian Food Systems 2050 Roadmap, and other initiatives happening elsewhere in regional Australia. This includes the Canberra Region Food Collaborative, Sydney Food Futures and Logan Local Food Map.

The report can be downloaded at www.planc.org.au/foodsecurity.

Off the street and on their feet



From left: team leader, service user and organiser, Mathew; with service users Pete, Jack, Sam; and Byron Bay runner, Byron Community Centre admin and Fletcher Street Cottage volunteer, Sorrell. Photo Katie Love

A group of locals who have experienced homelessness firsthand are gearing up to run in the Gold Coast Half Marathon on July 1, to raise much-needed funds for the Fletcher Street Cottage in Byron Bay.

The cottage provides basic needs such as food, showers and laundry, and advocacy and referral services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Fletcher Street Cottage relies 100 per cent on community donations, as there is no ongoing government funding for the services.

As a former rough sleeper,

Mathew Broster is a cottage regular, and told *The Echo*, 'At Fletcher Street Cottage, many of us rely on the morning breakfast, showers, laundry and shelter that are essential assistance with our survival.'

Breaking the stereotype

'As we gather a strong group of us rough sleepers together, running side by side, we are creating awareness and breaking the stereotype of homelessness.'

Broster says, 'With a running coach on hand, a dog sitter planned, a beautiful coastline to run on, and a consistent training

program, our plan is to get "Off the Street, On Our Feet".'

'Every donation motivates us to keeping going!

'Please donate to this initiative to support rough sleepers in the Byron community.'

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For more info on the Fletcher Street Cottage, visit www.fletcher-streetcottage.com.au.

And to become a sponsor of the cottage, please get in touch at fsc@byroncentre.com.au or phone 0491 670 882.

'Punitive' busking policy on exhibition

Paul Bibby

Byron councillors have stepped back from endorsing a controversial new busking policy that would require local buskers to fork out for public liability insurance.

The policy is now open for public submissions, and contains a clause requiring that buskers 'provide documentary evidence that the applicant has obtained public liability insurance of a minimum \$20 million'.

However, no councillor moved a motion to amend staff's draft policy.

Instead, councillors removed their endorsement of the policy, and removed a line that stated it would automatically be adopted if no public submissions were received.

Regarding insurance, Independent Byron Councillor, Cate Coorey, told last week's meeting that she could not find any other councils, including the City of Sydney, which had a similar requirement.

'It's punitive,' Cr Coorey said.

'We're at a time now where many of the people busking on our streets are already strapped for cash, and if other Councils aren't doing it, there's presumably some other mechanism to indemnify them or find a way to manage it.'

Pushed by insurers

When questioned on the decision to include the insurance requirement in the policy, an unidentified staff member said it had been a requirement from Council's insurance officer and insurer.

The following revealing exchange then took place:

Mayor: 'Has it [the requirement]

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With the theme *Wild Imagination*, organisers say more than 120 writers and thinkers will converge at the Bangalow Showgrounds in a 'celebration of storytelling, literature and ideas'.

CEO and artistic director, Zoë Pollock, says of the *Wild Imagination* theme: 'As humans, our imagination is our superpower. It has set us apart, enabled us to create and transform the world.'

'As the climate crisis is teaching us, we must harness it more than ever. We must imagine a new world – one where the wild is free.'

International guests include Booker Prize



From left, Byron Writers Festival Communications Manager, Anika Ebner, CEO and Artistic Director Zoe Pollock, and General Manager, Shien Chee. Photo Eve Jeffery

longlisted debut novelist, Gabriel Krauze (UK), investigative journalist Anke Richter (NZ), Dr Robert Waldinger (USA), and Kevin Jared Hosein (Trinidad). They join

survivor-advocate Grace Tame, musician Bertie Blackman, Myf Warhurst, Tracey Spicer, and historian Henry Reynolds. Exploring the future of journalism in the annual

Mungo McCallum Panel will be Monica Attard, Paddy Manning, Osman Faruqi and Amy Remeikis. For more info visit www.byronwritersfestival.com/festival.

'Punitive' busking policy on exhibition



Under Council's draft busking policy, a group this large would be prohibited from performing and forced to perform as a four piece. They would also have to obtain \$20M liability insurance and display photo ID. Among the Codgers lineup is trumpet player, Harry Angus from the Cat Empire. Photo supplied

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been in there in the past? Staff member: 'In the past, it was meant to be enforced, and we weren't enforcing it.'

Mayor: 'But it has been in the policy?'

Staff: 'I don't know if it was in the policy, but it was recommended... The insurance officer advised us that our insurer would advise it, which would suggest to me that our neighbouring councils would also advise it because they have the same insurer...'

Other items within staff's

draft policy include the requirement for passport-sized identification photographs to be displayed while busking, limiting busking groups 'to a maximum of four performers', and that 'busking must not be repetitive in nature and must not result in offensive noise'.

'I don't want to say that we endorse the draft policy, because I certainly don't do that,' Cr Coorey said.

The matter will return to Council for a final decision after the public submission period has been completed.

Have your say on massive land rezonings

Hans Lovejoy

Public submissions close June 30 on vague plans to fast-track dwelling developments across the region by the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC).

As previously reported, the *Resilient Lands Strategy* claims between 530 and 800 dwellings could be built near the

Bruns highway interchange at Saddle Road, while between 340 and 500 dwellings are pegged for a large area just south of Bangalow.

Another area for medium-term development is earmarked between Bangalow and Binna Burra, on what appears to be near the Industrial Estate and on prime agricultural land.

Despite Mayor Michael Lyon refusing to comment to *The Echo* on the exact locations, or why he excluded other councillors from his closed door negotiations with the NRRC, he supported a Council motion last week that 'Notes the total lack of detail contained within the (NRRC) strategy, making it very difficult for stakeholders and the community to understand its benefits and impacts'.

The motion, by Cr Asren Pugh (Labor), also 'Reaffirms the importance of consulting with, and bringing the community along, in the development and implementation of [this] housing strategy'.

Additionally, it seeks, 'a masterplan process that includes community consultation structures; identifies how transport, including

public transport issues will be addressed; requests that Council's full 20 per cent affordable housing contribution scheme be implemented; notes the lack of detail about the makeup of the rest of the proposed release areas – how many flood-impacted people will be housed?; Requests that significant portions of the sites in Byron Shire be used for food security, such as market gardens, and environmental rehabilitation; and notes the lack of any detail on the identification of required new or improved infrastructure, and the likelihood that the identified \$100 million will not be enough for the whole strategy'.

To make a submission, visit www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/northern-rivers-reconstruction-corporation.

Byron has the state's highest number of rough sleepers

A street count conducted by Council staff and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice in the early hours of February 23 and 24, 2023 found 300 people sleeping rough in the Byron Shire, which is 'a significant increase from 2021 (198 people) and 2022 (138 people)'.

Council staff said in a press release that the '2022 figure did not include people in Brunswick Heads or Mullumbimby because of extreme weather'.

Staff say the figures put Byron Shire ahead of Sydney (277), with the highest number of people sleeping

rough in the state. In response to the situation, staff say, 'two public space liaison officers walk the streets and dunes each week to help connect people sleeping rough with the services they need'.

'Council has also created a community-based Collaboration Project, which aims to reduce and end rough sleeping'. Mayor Michael Lyon described there being 'an urgent and immediate need for assertive outreach services and supportive housing options in the Byron Shire', and said Council is doing everything it can to generate more 'affordable housing'.

inGrained NFP grants dished out

Story & photo Aslan Shand

Selecting just ten worthy groups to be the recipients of the \$201,000 of grant money from this year's InGrained charitable foundation set up by Stone & Wood was no easy task.

Receiving the grants were a range of volunteer and not-for-profit organisations, including Coolamon Community (who provide care packages for new Aboriginal mums), environmental groups, and Queer Family.

Evie Woods is co-founder and president of Coolamon Community. Her great-grandmother was part of the stolen generations, and her mother was removed from her Aboriginal father.

'I started Coolamon Community after I had just given



Frída Herrmann, Aiden Gentle, and Monique Vanderham from grant recipients Queer Family Mullumbimby.

birth,' she told *The Echo*.

After distributing the care packages between Ballina and Casino, Evie says, 'I had a conversation with Pam Brook from Brookfarm, and Pam said, "let's get this happening in a business way", and we got some really good sponsors, and we are able to now

put together bundles at a cost of about \$250 that are worth over \$1,000 retail.'

Coolamon Community is an all-volunteer organisation and works with the midwives of the Aboriginal Health Service.

Queer Family in Mullumbimby were also a

funding recipient, and are now assured of a 12 month rental after the Queer Family Clubhouse in Mullum was destroyed during the 2022 floods.

'We are very excited,' managing director, Aiden Gentle, told *The Echo*.

'This means we will be able to stabilise as an organisation, run workshops and collaborate with other organisations, and provide a safe space for people to come together.'

Other organisations who benefited from the grants include Mullumbimby's Shedding Community Workshop, Bangalow Koalas, Dementia Inclusive, Green Heroes, Human Nature Adventure Therapy, and Rainforest Rangers.

For more info visit www.ingrainedfoundation.com.au.

Flood funding meeting urgently sought

Paul Bibby

Council has called for an urgent meeting with the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRRC), Council staff and members of local community organisations to address the confusion and concerns created by the NRRRC's Resilient Homes program.

The release of the first tranche of the program earlier this month caused widespread consternation in the community, as it involved a significant reduction in what was originally promised.

Concerns were raised by the Mullumbimby Resident's Association, who requested an urgent meeting with both Council and the NRRRC.

Last week, councillors unanimously supported that demand. Should the meeting go ahead, it would seek to

clarify the scheme's eligibility criteria and how the mapping released by NRRRC might be interpreted by individual residents who have applied for support.

There would also be a discussion about the processing of individual requests, including the exceptional circumstances procedure and appeal procedure.

Lowball offers

When asked about the Resilient Homes package status, NSW MP Tamara Smith (Greens), told *The Echo*, 'There are a few ways to view the disappointing reality we find ourselves in with the roll out of the Resilient Homes packages.'

'One is that it's obvious there is a funding gap for tranche 2 - neither state nor federal governments have officially announced tranche

2, despite intimating they will. The shortfall of what is possible with tranche 1 looks to me like a cost blowout rather than a reliance on tranche 2.

'Secondly, the NRRRC and the State Reconstruction Authority are the ones having to sell an implausible notion to the community that flood data has driven the current eligibility list and offers - and the downgrading from what was promised and hoped for.

'And thirdly, the NSW premier has told me that the number of people taking buybacks is considerably less than the number of buybacks being offered.

'My office is starting to support people who have missed out completely in tranche 1, and naturally people are devastated. If there's money left over

because folk are not taking up buyback offers, then surely, we can go back through the lists and help the people that missed out!

'But meanwhile, how long are people expected to wait for that bureaucratic quagmire to be navigated?'

Ms Smith added, 'If people are not accepting buybacks is that because the offers are terrible? \$450,000 with no land to go to? Or are there other reasons?'

'Why is it so hard to get transparency through any of it? I continue to raise these issues in parliament and will not give up.'

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Friends rally around injured Tim Hanley

Local Byron Shire roofing plumber, Tim Hanley, had a bad fall last week, and remains in hospital with serious back injuries.

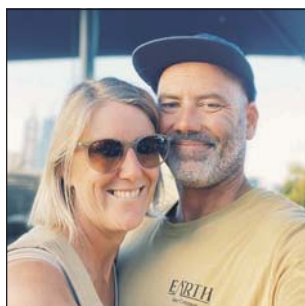
Partner, Michelle Popple, says she remains optimistic, despite 'not knowing what the future looks like'.

Can't move legs

'At this stage, Timbo can't move his legs', she posted on social media.

'Our life has yet again been thrown into turmoil.'

'Our home is still in tatters



Michelle and Tim. Photo supplied

from the storm damage last year. We are still trying to repair that with limited funds, because the insurance

company has not been forthcoming with financial assistance'.

A Gofundme page has been set up 'to show Timmy, Michelle, his friends and family how much we love him, and support him on his journey throughout recovery'.

'All donations made will directly help Timmy on his road to recovery, please donate any amount possible and leave a note that Timmy can read along the way'.

To help, visit <https://tinyurl.com/59h2yjky>.

Land tax unsustainable, says local commercial property owner

Are land taxes, set by the NSW government, contributing to spiralling inflation?

That's a question that local landlord and filmmaker, David Warth, is calling on other landlords to discuss at a meeting on land tax reform.

The meeting is planned for Monday July 3 at 5.30pm in the ANZAC room, at the Byron Bay Ex-Services Club.

Several aspects of reform are up for consideration says David. 'Land tax raised locally could, in part, be allocated locally. This could take pressure off the local council rates levy'.

'Land tax could be indexed to commercial interest rates with viable rental returns and CPI also being taken into account.'

'This would mean that it's still worth investing in commercial properties and tenants would have security and the ability to run a successful business'.

Most commercial property agents have been contacted personally on the issue, Warth says. 'From discussions with these agents, there was an understanding that some

tenants are very stressed, owing to the economic downturn. Fortunately, there are also some enterprises operating in the sector that have been able to maintain momentum'.

David told *The Echo* that there is a human side to the downturn being experienced everywhere. 'I'm thankful to have good relationships with my tenants, and I do my best to rent out my premises at rates that are sustainable.'

'I have very good tenants and I'm mindful of how important it is for them to succeed with their businesses, and for them to have the opportunity to really enjoy living and working in our beautiful part of the world'.

'This is a prosperous country and this is a very rich area. There shouldn't be this amount of stress when renting a property'.

During covid, he says he adjusted the rents accordingly, and brought them back up slowly.

'It wasn't pleasant to see my tenants so distressed at the time. It was terrible, but we got through it. Now due

to land tax increases, the pressure is on again.

Not tied to CPI

'Rents are often indexed to CPI, but land tax is not, and is going up in leaps and bounds.'

'These increases, coupled with rapidly increasing living costs, are directly impacting our community'.

David continues, 'Land tax was introduced in 1859 in colonial times. In 1906, the NSW government, under Premier JH Curruthers, actually abolished state land tax with the aim of providing local councils with an independent source of revenue. This situation lasted until 1956'.

'Land tax has become a very blunt instrument, and is creating real problems in an already inflationary environment. We now need a more sophisticated approach to this tax with built in safeguards.'

'Depending on how the meeting goes, I would like to see a representative or delegation enter into discussion with the state government on land tax reform. I feel this is a matter of urgency'.

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Rail line's future thrashed out in Council

Paul Bibby

The construction of a bike and pedestrian path along the abandoned rail line between Bangalow and Byron appears to be firming up as the most likely option for that section of the line.

As the ongoing debate over the future of the Shire's disused rail line continues, the matter came up for discussion at last week's Byron Council meeting.

During the discussion, Mayor Michael Lyon said there was a 'pretty decent move to have rail trail pretty much everywhere except Mullum to Byron'.

'We're going to get some reports back in August and that option is on the cards, and certainly on the table for discussion,' Cr Lyon said.

The comments somewhat dampened the excitement of rail advocates over a recent decision by the state government to grant them permission to conduct an in-depth study of the line to accurately gauge what it would cost to get it train ready.

'This is a big deal for us, because it's the first step in bringing rail services back in



The Murwillumbah to Casino rail service, which ran to Sydney, was removed by Labor in 2004. The daily XPT service connected Billinudgel, Mullum, Byron and Bangalow. While Tweed Shire now has a rail trail and Lismore's is on the way, Byron Council have so far resisted a rail trail. Photo Hans Lovejoy

our region,' Lydia Kindred of Northern Rivers Rail Ltd said during the public access section of last week's meeting.

'It's very exciting, and we're getting the process up and running to clear the tracks and see what the condition actually is so that it's very exact rather than just a guess as to how much it's going to be,' Ms Kindred said.

Ms Kindred said that her group had shown that

getting both trains and a bike path on the line was possible, both logistically and economically.

'It will only be 15 minutes on the train from Mullum to Byron, and we want to do 16 trips a day, there and back,' she said.

Biz plan on the way

'The financial side will be amazing. It will be very profitable. We're just getting our interim business

plan finalised now to show everyone.'

However, a number of councillors questioned where the original capital outlay to build the line would come from, an outlay which has ranged in size from \$20 million to \$100 million.

Labor Councillor, Asren Pugh, also raised the prospect of challenges created by threatened species that had taken up residence around the rail line since it had been abandoned nearly 20 years ago.

'Are you aware that the initial clearing that's been done on the old rail line between Mullum and Byron has identified a significant number of threatened ecological communities?' Cr Pugh asked Ms Kindred.

'The track's been abandoned for so long that these communities have set up home there.

'These communities may require referral to the federal government under the Biodiversity Act in order to clear those communities.'

Ms Kindred said she supported biodiversity offsets for any loss of habitat as a result of the rail renewal project.

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Update on Feros Byron Bay aged care standoff

Staff reporters

With ten elderly residents still refusing to move on after their eviction notice, and the Feros board apparently moving ahead with redevelopment plans, *The Echo* sought an update from Feros management and those refusing to leave.

In February, around 40 elderly residents were given notice to vacate the facility, prompting community outrage.

In a statement last week, the Feros board said closing the facility was 'the responsible thing to do... because it cannot meet the higher government requirements for residential aged care'.

Yet, as previously reported by *The Echo*, the board refused to provide documents that supported this view, and there is no evidence that any government agency was forcing its closure.

But the board did tell *The Echo*, 'The Aged Care Act 1997 provides for a complex range of regulations that Feros Village Byron Bay is not able to meet. For example, the Act is clear that a residential aged

care provider must provide ageing in place, and this is not feasible at Feros Village Byron Bay'.

'The Aged Care Act, the Aged Care Standards, the User Rights Principles and the Quality-of-Care Principles are significant pieces of legislation that set out the conditions for operating government funded residential aged care. The Byron Bay facility was built 33 years ago as a low care hostel, and not designed or built to the standards or requirements of a residential aged care site. And that is why it must close'.

And given the standoff with the elderly residents, the board says they 'have extended the closure date by a month to support the remaining residents to find a new home'.

Closure extended

'We do hope common sense prevails and that the ten remaining residents engage with us, because there is ample accommodation in the region for them to choose from, including within Feros Care'.

When asked about why



Diane and Maree both have parents at Feros in Byron.
Photo Eve Jeffery

musicians Gyan and Simon Greaves were ejected from Byron Feros by managers mid-way through their performance last week, they replied, 'Unfortunately, we were not notified the musicians would be performing. We would love to have them perform at Byron Bay, Bangalow or our home at Kingscliff. As you can understand for aged care facilities, there is a process that needs to be followed for the safety of all and if we were notified in advance this situation could have been easily avoided'.

Feros resident, Kate Smorty, told *The Echo*, 'We don't want to leave our

homes in our four cottages on this 2.25 acres of space and beautiful gardens. We don't want to move into a small room in a crowded facility with few or no gardens. I especially enjoy mealtimes, each in our own cottages with our ten fellow residents, we're like family dining together.'

'There is no suitable and affordable alternative place for me within easy reach of my family, who live close to Byron. Feros Bangalow has a mix of residents, with mostly people with high care needs, while I am still a mobile, intelligent, independent-living 95-year-old, who wants

to continue with my activities here in Byron village'.

Regarding ejecting the musicians last Friday, Kate Smorty said, 'Gyan and Simon were visiting friends at Feros village and having a sing to cheer us up. We, the residents, were mortified that they were stopped.'

'We thought that Feros management were just being nasty - not wanting us to enjoy the music.'

Feros is misleading

Maree Eddings, whose father Mick lives at the village and leads the families opposing the closure, told *The Echo*, 'The government has definitely not asked for the village to close, and has also not provided approval for any redevelopment, or for the closure itself.'

'Feros is misleading the community by saying they can close, when it is their duty to run homes for the aged, as the manager of this Crown Land site.'

'This explains why Byron Shire Council agreed in principle last Thursday to replace Feros as Crown Land manager. Families and

residents are grateful for the support of Council. If Feros doesn't want to run the aged care village, they should handover to someone who does. We want the government to take action to keep the village open. It's a valuable community asset that we cannot afford to lose'.

With regards to Gyan's performance, Maree said, 'Gyan is known to the village and has performed there previously without such checks. The Feros management response was not appropriate, and the residents report feeling abused and humiliated. They have lodged their own complaint as a group'.

Dianne Brien (Kate Smorty's daughter) told *The Echo*, 'I'm disgusted with the behaviour of Feros Care in this situation'.

'How dare they say they "hope common sense prevails"? I hope that compassion, real care and integrity prevail, so that our community-built Byron aged care village remains in our community as a treasured resource for our elders, now and into the future.'

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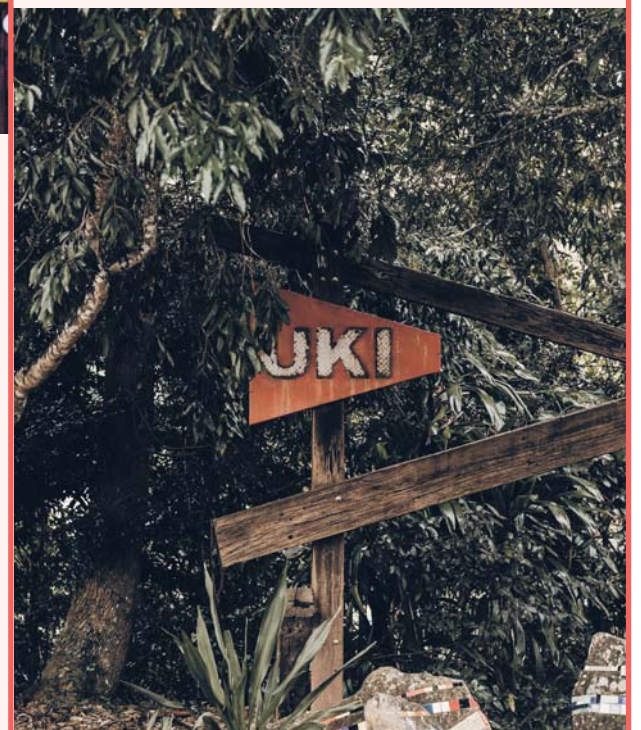
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Sunday 16 July

CEC has hosted the festival in Knox Park for the past 16 years. This year, exceptional presentations on endangered birds, native bees, forensic wildlife photography, earth building, and the featured issues of global plastic pollution and native forest destruction are being offered. These issues hold great significance to the area, and the festival aims to provide local solutions. The entertainment lineup includes a circus, live music, and a Japanese Taiko drumming troupe.

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UKI VILLAGE GREEN

Sunday 30 July

The Uki Stomp is a retro-style country village event with a local focus. The day begins with a Welcome to Country, a Smoking Ceremony, the Kids Caring for Country Dancers, The Best of Poets Out Loud, Bill Jacobi, Emmagen Raine, Way Out West, The Bianchetti Bush Dance, The Whopping Big Band, and the Stereogram DJ. Resilience Row features community/disaster/recovery services, plus food trucks and a licensed bar.

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Lismore Local Planning Panel is no more

Lismore City Council has just announced that the controversial Planning Panel has been disbanded and that planning powers will be returned to Lismore Councillors.

Tweed Council approves a 6.35 per cent special rate rise

Tweed residents will have a rate rise of 6.35 per cent, which includes a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 2.35 per cent. The SRV was approved by Tweed Shire Councillors at last night's meeting.

Ballina goes back to 26 January, by one vote

By a close margin, Ballina Shire Council has voted to return its official awards date to Australia Day in 2024, after deciding to try something different at its previous meeting.

The flood community – you're gonna hear them ROAR

With a focus on getting some answers, flood survivors and concerned community members from around the Northern Rivers will gather on Friday the new NRRC Pop-Up Homeowner office in Lismore

Exercise Pelican SES rescue training in Lismore

If the fires and floods in recent years have taught us anything, it is that preparation is key to minimising the impacts of disaster on local communities.

Old bastards produce great outcomes for kids

The Australasian Order of Old Bastards (AOOB) have been supporting Story Dogs since its foundation in 2009; the Twin Towns branch is sponsoring dogs Kaya and Lulu this year.

Lismore launches Housing Grant program on July 1

Quick off the mark, Lismore City Council had made it official after voting on the issues less than a week ago and will launch a \$1.2 million Lismore Housing Grant program on 1 July.

Free parking at new Tweed Hospital still not confirmed

It was the promise of every election candidate that they would support the previous government's promise for free parking at the controversial new Tweed Valley Hospital at Kingscliff. Yet Northern NSW Local Health District and Health Infrastructure are yet to confirm this will be provided.

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Get ya herd guarded by an ass!

Aslan Shand

The modern-day donkey was domesticated around 7,000 years ago from the Nubian and Somalian subspecies of African wild ass.

While the Nubian ass is now extinct, the modern-day ass is finding a new calling in Australia as a guard donkey.

In an innovative trial in the Central Tablelands, trained donkeys have demonstrated their value in protecting sheep from wild dog attacks, according to Local Land Services (LLS).

Landholders, Butch and Fiona Pilley, worked closely with LLS to introduce two donkeys as guardian animals into their Hill End grazing operation, with no dog attacks recorded over the three years since, said Senior Biosecurity Officer, Paul Gibb.

'We started working with Butch and Fiona on the donkey project about three years ago,' Mr Gibb said.

'Since we've started, there have been no attacks from



Butch Pilley with LLS Senior Biosecurity Officer, Paul Gibb. Photo supplied

wild dogs on sheep with the donkeys in the mob – knowing the history of this area, it's been a great outcome.'

Wild dog attacks

The Pilleys and other landholders in the area have suffered significant livestock losses owing to wild dog attacks, which carry large economic, welfare and emotional costs.

'You could come down to a paddock in the morning and find twenty to thirty sheep killed in one night,' Mr

Pilley said.

'They can also kill a lot of lambs – one year we lost around 250 lambs with a follow-on impact on ewes lambing in the following years.'

Australia has 'the world's largest population of free-roaming donkeys, with around 70 per cent of their global population'.

Donkeys are well suited as guardian animals and have a long history of protecting livestock in parts of the world. However, not just any

donkey will do a good job of guarding your herd, they must be bonded carefully with livestock to ensure a successful result.

It is understood that between the donkey's natural territorial instinct, calm temperament and good training, they are effective at guarding against wild dogs, foxes etc, but are less effective against packs of animals, according to the Modern Farmer's Guide to Guard Donkeys.

'Donkeys are well-matched against a wild dog, and can be quite aggressive,' Mr Gibb said.

'They can strike at a dog with their feet and grab it with their mouths, so they're very good defensive animals.'

The trial is one of the ways LLS works with landholders to support effective pest management to reduce their impacts on livestock and the environment.

To find out more visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au or call your Local Land Service Office on 1300 795 299.

Ballina adopts Biodiversity Strategy, but...

David Lowe

At its last meeting, Ballina Shire Council adopted the Biodiversity Strategy which has been on exhibition recently, but there were questions about whether it was purely an aspirational document, and wouldn't mean anything on the ground without adequate funding.

Cr Rod Bruem described the diversity plan as a wonderful document. 'It's scary in terms of the number of endangered species we have in our Shire that we need to protect, and I hope that this policy will go a long way towards addressing it,' he said.

Cr Phil Meehan, meanwhile, was concerned about funding of the strategy.

General Manager, Paul Hickey, reiterated that the idea was to fund the strategy 'over time', from existing resources, and hopefully also new government grants.

Cannabis industry needs protections, says MLC

David Lowe

Newly elected MLC, Jeremy Buckingham, was in the Northern Rivers recently, touring Cymra Life Sciences' medical cannabis production facility near Alstonville.

He told *The Echo* that Cymra is growing their plants in a series of large greenhouses, under tightly controlled conditions.

'It was really, really inspirational to see a medical cannabis facility growing these amazing products organically,' he said.

'There's a lot of intellectual property being created there, as well as producing high quality medicine. I think it's a sign of things to come.'

Mr Buckingham said Cymra's facility near Alstonville is the biggest he's seen, and not just in NSW.

'Yes, they're the largest greenhouse growers of medical cannabis in Australia. They've got a 4,000 sqm greenhouse, producing two tonnes of dried cannabis per year, with many kilos of extracts.'

'They employ 35 people, from white collar through to agronomists; contracting local industries of course, and then a lot of people working in the production and processing of the medicinal cannabis.'



Legalise Cannabis Australia MLC, Jeremy Buckingham, at Cymra, near Alstonville. Photo Crystal Buckingham

So what message did he take away from his trip to Cymra, as a legislator?

'They would like to see the Australian product protected from cheap imports,' said Mr Buckingham.

'The Australian medicinal cannabis market is being flooded with poor quality products from the Americas, principally from Canada.'

'Basically, that's second rate product, they are not subject to the production standards that Cymra are, and Australian consumers don't know that. So I'll be raising that in parliament.'

Learning from Vic

'The other fact that I was alerted to, which I'm going to raise in parliament, is that Victoria has developed

a comprehensive medicinal cannabis industry policy,' said Jeremy Buckingham.

'Since 2018, this has set out a regulatory investment and assistance package for the industry in Victoria, which means the industry is going from strength to strength there.'

'The same does not exist in NSW. There is no industry policy for medicinal cannabis here, and no specific government assistance for that sector. So they are looking for government assistance on an industry policy. Another part of that is reducing the regulatory burden,' said Mr Buckingham.

Is the Minns Labor government at all receptive, or are they still being quite hardline about these issues?

'They are much more receptive, I think, than the previous government. I've already raised the issue of the hemp industry.'

'Cymra have a medicinal cannabis license, but also a hemp license,' continued Mr Buckingham. 'They are producing CBDs as distinct from THC containing cannabis.'

'So I've already raised the issue of the cannabis industry with the Minister for Agriculture, Tara Moriarty [also Minister for Regional NSW], and I have requested a meeting to convene an industry task force to look at ways to facilitate the industry.'

'She said she's open to that, and I'm hoping for that to happen in the short term. The other thing that I've done is moved a bill to deregulate the hemp industry, that's the Hemp Deregulation Bill.'

Legalise it

Mr Buckingham said he's also moving a bill for the legal regulation of recreational cannabis this week.

'Of course, if that happens, that would be an enormous boon for the medicinal cannabis sector as well, because they could then [expand] into that industry. So I'm raising that issue with the minister too.'

'We certainly have the ear of the government, whether or not they respond in a way that's meaningful, we will see.'

Back in parliament

What's it like, *The Echo* asked Mr Buckingham, being back in parliament [after quitting the NSW Greens in 2018]?

'It's fantastic,' said Mr Buckingham. 'It's great to reconnect with community. I'm working hard on a number of environment issues, on water and on coal seam gas.'

He said he's developing a bill to ban coal seam gas on the Liverpool Plains, which is a fight he and the region have been engaged with for many years.

'Yes, it's really great to get my teeth into some issues and to use the skills that I've developed in my previous eight years.'

In terms of cannabis, Jeremy Buckingham says few people realise what a big local employer Cymra Life Sciences is, both for Ballina Shire and the wider Northern Rivers region, with further strong growth expected after three years of operation.

'Yes, they are in the process of capital raising to grow. They've got a great team. They're very clever,' he said.

BayFM boosted by funds, but more needed

BayFM management say they are thrilled to receive \$191,000 in federal government funding from the Community Broadcasting Foundation, which will support their much-needed studio upgrade, further enhance their flagship community news and current affairs coverage and specialist First Nations and multi-cultural on-air programming.

BayFM Station Manager, Tracee Hutchison, told *The Echo* the funding was decided following 'a robust, independent and competitive grant process'.

Funding gap

Hutchison said, 'This funding brings BayFM \$80,000 closer to our \$250,000 funding goal to upgrade our studios, both to sustain our current broadcast capacity, and ensure our preparedness for future broadcast technology into digital delivery.'

'We are also thrilled that our award-winning Community Newsroom team, led by Mia Armitage, received \$60,000 to enable us to continue our incisive coverage of local news and



Community Newsroom anchor, Mia Armitage. Photo supplied

current affairs; and our specialist First Nations and multicultural programs received over \$30,000 to further support BayFM's commitment to diverse voices and perspectives in our local community.

'We are so proud to be Byron Bay's local community radio station, and very grateful for the support from this incredible community – and

particularly thank our local MPs and community leaders who wrote letters of support for our grant applications.

Independent voice

'BayFM has been a vital, independent local voice for our community for over 30 years, providing critical information and support through the recent floods in the region and through

two years of covid.

'This funding is very welcome and timely; however, we still need the support of our listeners, our sponsors, donors and our community to keep us on air and thriving into the future.'

The full breakdown of funding for the community broadcasting sector is publicly available on the CBF website: <https://cbf.org.au>.

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Will the nation find its Voice?

Later this year we will be asked if we agree to establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Opinion polls show that opposition to the Voice proposal is growing.

The polling trend against the referendum can be explained in many ways, from an innocent misunderstanding of its constitutional effect through to outright racism, but the strongest factor is undoubtedly the misinformation being pumped out by the usual suspects.

When you encounter a question you lack the knowledge to answer, a good rule of thumb is to look at the kind of people who have gathered on both sides of the argument.

The referendum proposal is an attempt to realise the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, which can be read here: ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/. It is supported by charities, sporting organisations and progressive political groups. It is also backed by federal and state Labor and the Greens, by many federal Liberal backbenchers and by the Liberal parties of NSW, WA and Tasmania.

Apart from a handful of First Nations people who say the proposal is irrelevant to their aspirations, the 'No' case is supported, financed and exaggerated by right-wing politicians, white supremacists, the Murdoch media and reactionary Christian groups.

Creatures as soul-damaged as Peter Dutton, Pauline Hanson and Clive Palmer are leading the negative campaign, which should tell you all you need to know about its motivation.

They have latched on to a typical culture war cause: they pretend the Voice is damaging to the interests of ordinary Australians, that it curtails their rights and gives

Indigenous people privileges.

It is the same lie that far right populists constantly proclaim: we are the aggrieved parties, we are the victims here – not the children in detention, not the Aboriginal people murdered by police – we are the oppressed, who will suffer terribly if something, anything, is given to 'others', to people who are not us.

When improving the lives of a small number of 'others' is represented as damaging to the wellbeing of a larger entitled group, what is intended by this lie is the maintenance of inequality.

The populists won't hear of positive action, even if everybody gains – as is the case when improving the health, welfare and education of minority groups massively benefits the community as a whole.

Another argument against enacting any progressive agenda, an argument favoured by John Howard, is that the present generation did not have a hand in whatever historical crimes may have been committed against First Nations peoples, and so their predicament today should not cause citizens any guilt, or inspire any remedial action.

A little reflection shows the difference between 'fault' and 'responsibility', and that responsibility falls on us if we are beneficiaries, however innocent, of a fault. A whole continent, with all its riches, did not become our inheritance by accident, and we cannot deny present obligations by wilfully forgetting the past.

Looked at with ordinary human empathy, the answer to the question posed by the referendum is a simple 'Yes'. For more detail see www.voice.gov.au.

David Lovejoy, *Echo* co-founder

Murdoch's latest war – trans people

One of the weird side benefits of my job at Southern Cross University is a free subscription to all the Murdoch rags around the country.

It's 'know your enemy' time for me, and it is like watching Fox/Sky news combined with populist anti-intellectual wankerism.

The signature features are an inability to distinguish between news and opinion, and side taking. It seems like there is a chronic incapacity to write a news article without some right-wing agenda seeping through.

Articles about crime gangs have digs about immigration, stories about young people drip with racial undertones. On choosing sides, it's like there's some big whiteboard with lists of 'bad' and 'good' that must be adhered to. ABC bad, Fox good. Brittney Higgins bad, Bruce Lehrmann wronged. Meghan Markle evil hussy, Princess Catherine wondrous and decorative.

The Voice, really bad.

Solar evil, fossil fuels great. Windfarms really really bad, coal-seam gas good. It is so binary.

It is great sport watching what happens when the horse that they are backing gets scratched.

Charlie Teo was really good until he suddenly wasn't. Then Ben Roberts-Smith was blameless, before he fell firmly from grace.

And then the Murdoch press just pretends they never existed.

But overwhelmingly, over the last year or so, there is bizarre daily attention to transsexuals, who are universally bad in Murdoch-land.

And this got me thinking – why are they so anti-trans? Why all this attention on the threat to women's sports and change rooms and young bodies and minds?

Frenzy and confected outrage at the thought that trans people might read stories to children in libraries.

Publicising and supporting those international and local zealots who discourage vigilante violence coming from one side of their mouths, while actually encouraging it from the other.

Why all this hurtful, harmful



'Participatory sport has nothing to fear from trans participation, and so much to gain.'

David Heilpern

hate speech and vilification when the whole topic could be dealt with sensitively and compassionately like in almost all other mass media?

If you get the chance, watch the National Press Club address from April 2023 by Georgie Stone, actor and trans activist. Wowzers.

Along with Grace Tame in the same venue a year before, it's one of the great speeches of our time.

How heartening to see that the power of oratory lives on in these young women. I dare you to watch this without crying. When asked what her message was to the anti-trans Murdoch media she answered – 'just stop trying to kill us'.

Overseas, the Murdoch empire proudly quotes bigots, like Nikki Haley, who is in the running to be US republican presidential candidate:

'How are we supposed to get our girls used to the fact that biological boys are in their locker rooms? And then we wonder why a third of our teenage girls seriously contemplated suicide last year'.

Yep – the key reason girls are suicidal is because there are trans people in their locker rooms.

Now that same-sex marriage is a lost cause after decades of Murdoch opposition, there is no point harping on about lesbians adopting or being forced to bake a cake for a marriage between Bruce and Tom anymore.

We have euthanasia in every state and territory now, so terror stories about killing granny for the inheritance just get a yawn.

Abortion is legal everywhere too, so they can't very well bang on about sexual promiscuity as a result like they did for years. Even buggery is no longer a crime. Hence the focus on transsexuals their latest go-to topic for stirring up resentment and horror.

A hint of sexual depravity despicably framed within a women's rights framework.

The truth is that participatory sport has nothing to fear from trans participation, and so much to gain.

There are some terrific examples locally in community and schools where trans sportspeople are welcomed without problems.

Excluding women who are trans reinforces stereotypes about cis women (a cisgender person has the same gender identity as that presumed for them at birth), and discriminates against a vulnerable group needing team acceptance more than most.

Elite and professional sport – well, that can be sorted calmly, consultatively and without negative judgmental language.

The locker room or bathroom predator scenario is overplayed and exceedingly rare. Besides, a determined pervert could get in there by fancy dress anyway.

This is actually about making it impossible for trans women to safely be in yet another public space or activity. Prejudice disguised as feminist moral protective outrage. Even the Nudgee Highway Service Centre has a gender-neutral change room and bathroom.

Go Queensland!

Finally, let's all bust the myths that gender is binary, always apparent at birth, identifiable through biological characteristics and can never change over time.

Trans women are real women. People are who they say they are.

I heard the mother of a trans young person interviewed on the radio recently. She was so excited to be part of her child's journey – questioning, challenged, but learning all the way to her open heart.

Murdoch could learn a thing or two from her. If he had a heart.

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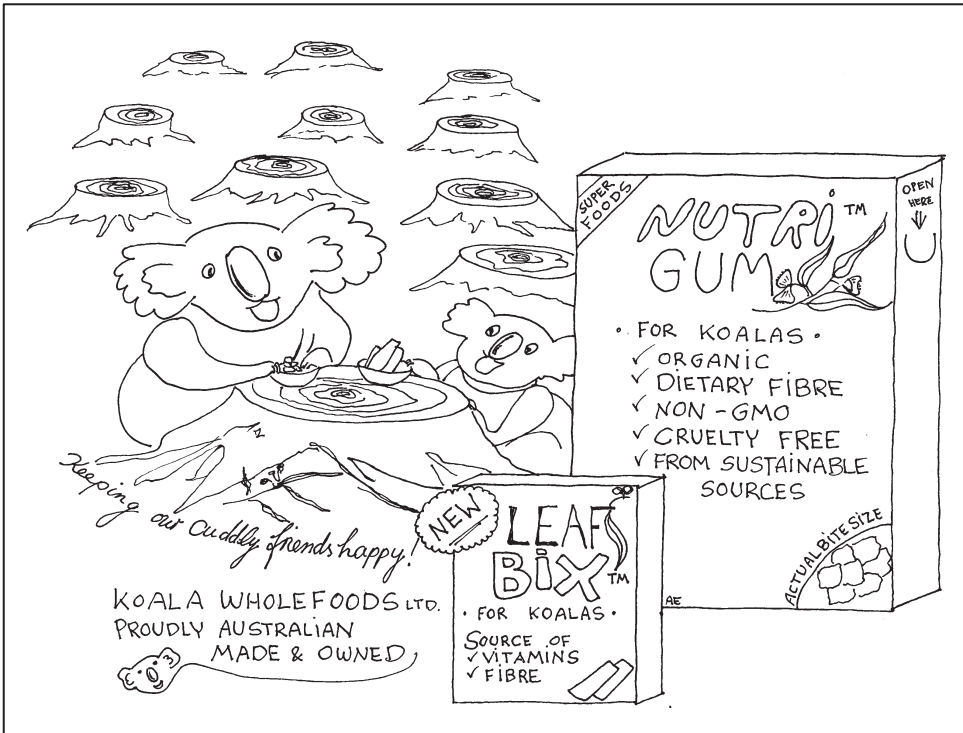
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Antivax class action

Last week a call went out from Goonengerry for all those who believe they suffered harm from COVID-19 vaccination to join a class action.

All medications have the potential to cause adverse side-effects in some people. In the case of covid vaccines, the rate is one per cent. If you are one of the unfortunate few, contact the compensation scheme set up for this very reason. This proposed class action has Buckley's chance of going anywhere, but it will gainfully employ quite a few lawyers.

Thanks to antivaxers, measles and chickenpox are popping up in our local school populations, and meningococcal has not gone away. It can kill young people quite rapidly if undiagnosed. So, do yourself and the herd a favour – vaccinate rather than sue.

Alan Watterson
Hastings Point

Farewell Michael

I was sad to read in last week's *Echo* of the death of Michael Borenstein, born 1946. He was a kind, intelligent person with a great sense of humour and a stalwart of Mullum's theatre community.

Michael played in our tennis group now and then and I always enjoyed our chats in the street.

Michael McDonald
Bairnsdale VIC

Compliance 2.0

I am writing in support of the letter 'Compliance' by Sharon Kelly (21 June) in regard to the compliance system

operated by Byron Council. Recently a townhouse was constructed on the boundary of my property for which the DA specified the house colouring to be anything but white. When constructed, the house was painted white, and because of the proximity to my boundary it causes glare to my adjacent deck.

When I pointed out that the colour was not as specified in the DA to the private certifier, he said he was not aware of this requirement but undertook to look at it.

The result was that, presumably, he asked the owner to submit a DA variation to approve the white exterior, and I understand that this was approved as the house has remained white and the glare to my property continues.

No one from the Council Compliance Department contacted me to discuss this matter or to assess the impact on my property.

Why does Byron Council have a DA process with specific requirements that can so easily be amended without consultation with neighbours who are affected by the decision? Why do we have DA processes that can be so easily amended to the detriment of neighbours? Is this private certification at its best? I would agree with Sharon Kelly that the private certification process seems to take precedence over Council's own compliance regulations which seem to be easily amended to suit developers.

Nerida Clarke
Byron Bay

Music moments

Walking down the backyard with a loaded house paintbrush and wondering if anyone would notice the drips of paint on the yucca plant, I was suddenly caught by a Xavier Rudd song emanating from the church hall and the movement class nearby. Mullumbimby still does this.

Chris Cooney
Mullumbimby

Democracy rules

According to the Parliamentary Education Office (<https://peo.gov.au/understand-our-parliament/how-parliament-works/system-of-government/democracy/>): 'Democracy means rule by the people. The word comes from the ancient Greek words "demos" (the people) and "kratos" (to rule). A democratic country has a system of government in which the people have the power to participate in decision-making.'

Here in Byron Shire, our right to participate in decision-making continues to be eroded. Consider the three examples cited by Hans Lovejoy in last week's editorial (21 June). We've been three times denied our say in one week! Add to that the attitude of the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation (NRRC) that provides its email address for people to ask questions, while not answering them – and what do we have? Certainly not 'the power to participate in decision-making'.

In answer to the editor's question with which he concludes last week's editorial,

it would appear in this Shire that Councillor Duncan Dey is the only one 'poking their head out of the tent and telling us what the hell is going on'.

Thanks to Mr Lovejoy, Councillor Dey and the few Northern Rivers politicians who are calling out the unacceptable behaviour of the NRRC and Byron Council. Perhaps it's time to take a leaf from Lismore's MP, Janelle Saffin, and put the Byron Shire Council on notice?

R Whelan
Myocum

Voice goes local

I am a private person. I don't have a cat or a dog, and dog parks are a foreign territory to me. Yet, last week, I put on my 'Yes' t-shirt, picked up my corflutes and flyers, and headed off to a popular local dog park to talk to strangers about the Voice referendum.

There were six of us in t-shirts, we set up our signs at one end of the oval and started to offer our flyers. Over the next hour, we talked to about 60 people while their dogs chased balls and played rambunctiously.

'Bend your knees', said a dog owner when a mass of wrestling dogs writhed around me.

People and dogs were very friendly. Most people intended to vote 'Yes', many were thinking about it, and a few were definite 'No' votes.

From across the oval, I looked back at our little set-up – a handful of people and some corflutes. I saw that we were the face of the 'Yes' campaign in our community.

Some of the people we met were quite relieved to

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NRRC using out-of-date flood mapping to plan for future development



Dr Richard Gates

The Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation has a serious credibility problem. By its own admission it acknowledges that there can be 'larger' flood events than those included in their 'Priority Level Areas' maps for replacement housing and that 'therefore there is a residual risk beyond that which is shown in [their] maps'. But more than that the mapping is based on 'the latest flood risk studies, including flood hazard information (a function of depth and velocity of flood water)...', studies done before the 2022 flood events, some of them nearly 20 years old.

Large flood events not accounted for

So here we have planning for future housing for Northern NSW based not only on out-of-date material but mapping that excludes larger flood events, events we can anticipate in the future because of climate change. The reason for the exclusion of larger events is not given but is probably based on poor human decision-making based on flawed understanding of probability, or worse, some unspecified political expedient to which the public is not privy. Or it may be just lack of funds because of a black hole left by a previous incumbent government running up debts because of poor management and economic decision-making.

But the problem is worse than that – these plans were probably never subject to peer-reviewed, independent scrutiny. This means they were never examined critically before being released into the public sphere. Sure, the plans may go to someone else inhouse for comment but many are afraid to bite the hand that feeds it, particularly if they are on a contract, or are no better placed to critique what has

been planned because they come from the same school of thought. The plans may be put out for public comment before publication – but where is the critical analysis of the final plan made public so that we can see what has been said by experts in the field? Such critical analysis is essential to 'getting it right'. This is a well-trodden path in academic life where what is planned for publication gets critical review before final publication. Of course, there is a downside to all of this called 'delay in getting something done' but if the getting something done is wrong and costly, both financially and in terms of human life, that small delay is most probably worth it.

One of the disturbing features of the NRRC's flawed flood mapping is that we are seeing this information not only being used to drive priority decisions about replacement of existing housing but also for new subdivisions of significant tracts of land on floodplains. One example of this is the 60-house site subdivision at Broadwater on Rileys Hill Road, not far from the Richmond River. Houses across the road from the proposed subdivision flooded to the first storey in the 2022 flood.

By its own admission, those living on the proposed subdivision will need to be warned well ahead of time about a pending flood so that they can evacuate. This creates the very same problems that we experienced in the 2022 floods which has led to displaced people and all the problems that displacement creates.

Evacuation is dependent on an accurate forecasting system which takes account of the fact that 'no two floods are the same' and that the warning is given in a timely fashion. As we saw in the 2022 floods this did not occur. Those 'in the know' were ignored when they gave advice to evacuate well ahead of the floods, and when the very late advice



Top: Evans River in flood 1 March 2022, RSL in background. Right: Evans River in flood at the Fishermen's Coop, same day. Photos Dr Richard Gates

was finally given to evacuate it left many folks in 'harm's way'. These people had to be rescued from rooftops and upper-storey verandahs in swiftly-flowing floodwaters, not by the authorities but by locals willing to put their lives on the line to rescue others.

Let's pretend there was never a 2022 flood!

But there is another problem with the mapping – and that is the areas left out altogether, as if the 2022 flood didn't occur at all.

A case in point is Evans Head in the Richmond Valley flood maps; flooding occurred in low-lying areas as never before, and people lost everything from their houses.

There were three flood maps for the Evans River Estuary, but only one of them is published and available for public scrutiny. Even that 2014 map was incorrect as it excluded a significant catchment area, a issue brought to the attention of Rous Council for correction in 2014 before the study was published.

The other two studies were not held by Richmond Valley Council at all which raises serious questions about the adequacy of advice provided to those thinking of building in areas known to flood.

One example was critical to decision-making about the future subdivision of the Iron Gates for residential development, a matter before the Land & Environment Court

for hearing on 18 July. The Iron Gates site has now been removed from the future residential development 'potential' areas and has been placed in the area 'accepted' for future residential development. This is a 40-year-old legacy residential approval for development that has been accepted despite the clear evidence of site flooding. The fact that the developer illegally dug very large drainage canals which led to the L&EC removing their DA consent in 1997 is clear evidence of the fact that this site is on a floodplain.

So how do we hold the Northern Rivers Reconstruction Corporation to account when it is clear that its 'Priority Level' housing model is based on limited, and out-of-date information that has never been subject to independent critical review? We must question the decision processes of those charged with responsibility for doing this work. We must ask whether they are up to the task in terms of the critical skills needed for complex work of this kind. We need to question whether it is acceptable to exclude the latest flood data, particularly when we are looking down the maw of climate change, that tells us this information is ignored at our peril. It is time to take into account all the relevant flood information and ensure that we are not putting future housing and lives at risk of exactly the situation we are currently trying to resolve.



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► Continued from page 11 see us there because they were worried that the 'Yes' campaign was lagging. They wanted someone to do something about it.

I, too, want a strong 'Yes' campaign because this referendum is really important to me. I live on a street that has been a pathway to the river for thousands of years. How many millions of sunsets have Aboriginal people seen from my home area over tens of thousands of years?

We all know that policies and programs work better when end users are consulted, yet Indigenous people are rarely consulted about the policies and programs that apply to them. The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* calls this 'the torment of our powerlessness'.

I want to see an Indigenous consultative body

that can advise on policies and programs. I prefer for it to be in the Constitution so that, if a future government disbands the consultative body of the day, then they will be obliged to replace it with something.

This is the best chance we have of 'closing the gap' – at the moment only four out of the 19 targets are on track.

So, I have stepped up to be one of the faces of the 'Yes' campaign in my local community. A visible presence is a great encouragement to 'Yes' voters and gets people talking.

We'll be brave and talk to strangers to encourage them to vote 'Yes'.

If things get a bit gnarly, I'll remember the advice from the dog park, 'bend your knees', and I'll lean into it.

Gillian King
Roseville

Ballina – paradise

Last month I wrote about West Ballina's \$75 million DA to construct some 148 residences on wetlands. These wetlands were completely inundated in last year's horrific floods. Ballina Shire Council had subsequently lodged a submission to rezone the site as C2 Conservation, which would have effectively stopped that DA madness and maintained the unique biodiversity of our 'paradise'.

Council have a meeting scheduled for Thursday 22 June to finalise their submission and their agenda states that some 42 local submissions were received supporting their endeavour.

So, I would like to sincerely thank this group of 42 residents for making the effort to help 'save' our paradise. You have done a great service not just for Ballina, but for the wonderful place that the Northern Rivers is today. Hopefully this will be enjoyed by the next generation, whether they are 'thinkers' like yourselves or not.

The remainder of people, whether they were flood-affected or not and didn't lodge their support, I would place into two categories:

Firstly, those who were unaware of their opportunity to protect their paradise, and secondly those who were – but simply couldn't be bothered.

To the former group I sympathise with you, (I personally made in excess of 400 local letter drops, which is the limit of my meagre financial and physical capacities). I would suggest to you though, to endeavour to rectify this lack of information from recurring by making contact with Council, who are very happy to alert you when a DA is lodged that may impact on your lifestyle for whatever reason. Additionally, if, like me, you are not computer literate, the lovely people at your library are only too willing to guide you through the process, for example, of 'DA tracking' online.

To the third group (and I hope this is just a tiny fraction) I say this: Even though you may or may not deserve to live in paradise, by your silent inaction you have inadvertently made a huge contribution to the future of our paradise.

You have clearly demonstrated to future developers that even though we went through the worst and most devastating flood in living history, as a result of, and/or

exacerbation of, tampering/interfering with the unique biodiversity of our wetland ecosystem, only a mere 40 or so were upset enough to take five minutes of their time to ensure it doesn't happen in these catastrophic proportions again.

So, I can hear 'em saying: 'Hey, game on! Let the best lawyers win!'

Remember guys, you can't unscramble an egg. When paradise is lost, it's gone forever!

Laurence Johnstone
West Ballina

Tyagarah aquifer

Cr Lyon,
Re: Tyagarah Aquifer as a Source of Water in the Future Water Plan 2060

I note that you have expressed alarm at the prospect of Rous County Council (RCC) extracting water from the Tyagarah aquifer to augment its bulk water supply into the future.

The area to be mined is underneath a treasured nature reserve. You see a wicked conflict here and I believe that is because you imagine it is a choice between extracting from under the Tyagarah Nature Reserve or building a new dam at Dunoon if there is to be water security into the future.

This is not the choice. There are other options for RCC that are not so invasive, ultimately less expensive, and not likely to become a stranded asset as Dunoon Dam is predicted to be. Other choices are the Clarence Moreton Basin aquifer with its plentiful water supply, amongst others; recycling of various kinds, desalination, and having an ambitious demand management plan for water efficiency – not the weak one RCC adopted last year.

When Tyagarah became an option for a future aquifer, RCC's usual consultant, Hydrosphere Consulting, advised that before anything is done a full environment investigation is required. I examined all the submissions to RCC's Future Water Plan made during its public exhibition of April/May 2021. The only submissions against eliminating Dunoon Dam that seemed to me might have a case worthy of investigation were those arguing against using the Tyagarah aquifer because it could damage the nature reserve's precious ecology.

The ball is in your court Cr Lyon.

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Born in Munich in 1946 to survivors of the Holocaust, Michael and his younger siblings, Sam and Eva, grew up in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, where Michael met Sonia, to whom he was married at the South Head Synagogue in 1968. More than just his lifelong love, she would become the partner of so many of his creative activities.

After attending the University of NSW, where he majored in card playing, he worked for a time at the Taxation Department, but it was always the theatre that that triggered both Michael and Sonia's imagination. After joining WEA (Workers' Educational Association), Michael, at 19, directed Harold Pinter's *The Birthday Party*, and studied acting under Bryan Syron at the Independent Theatre.

In 1978, with their six year-old son Ben, the family moved to Goonengerry and, seeking an outlet for their love of the stage, Michael put up a sign at the Federal shop, hoping to find kindred spirits who might be interested in forming a drama group.

The response was overwhelming. The Federal Theatre Company was born, and with it an even stronger sense of community that was flourishing in



Michael Borenstein 1946-2023

the hinterland. Locally written plays and sketches were performed to riotous houses.

Champion of the Australian voice

Michael and Sonia's daughter, Ellie, was born in 1983, and in 1999 Michael's boundless energy and commitment led him to his involvement with the Drill Hall Theatre at Mullumbimby, where he directed Katherine Thomson's *Diving For Pearls* – Michael was forever a champion of Australian plays, believing that it is 'our' voice that should be heard on stage whenever possible.

As well as having a long stint as president of the Drill Hall Theatre Company, Michael found time to become a marriage celebrant and to work selflessly for Multitask, teaching drama to disabled people.

Michael's effect on so many lives was always positive. Creator of the legendary character Raymond Terrace in the comedy trio *The Odd Number*, he was a kind and gentle man, a great listener and encourager, and if his sartorial elegance will not go down in the history books, his heart and wit and wonderful humanity certainly will.

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Let's talk about the future of Bangalow

■ They've paved paradise and Joni and I are not happy!
Dear CADRE

(development at 6-10 Station St) members, I notice within your website you say that most people approve of your development in Bangalow? I find this unbelievable; as a local, everyone I speak to does not approve.

Multiple units, motel, and more retail stores is inappropriate in this heritage area upon a small site. The amount of concrete alone is not conducive to our town that still has some koalas existing here, amazing as that is.

No one I have spoken to approves of this development, so I would appreciate evidence substantiating your claims that most people gave a 'positive' response to your development. How many contacted you approving and how many contacted you disapproving?

I frequent the cafe on this 'site' each week and have had the privilege of seeing water dragons, blue tongue lizards, various bird species and even a snake or two. I believe that all of these native species will be

without a home when you arrive with bulldozers and concrete trucks.

The image on your website says everything – it appears to me that you are cramming in as much infrastructure and high-rise development as possible. This is a small area, valued by the local community, and to think Byron Council is approving this is outrageous!

I will be contacting Council. The closeness of the beautiful heritage A&I Hall just metres away is totally incongruous with the concrete 'jungle' you are proposing.

Sadly, there will be little green space remaining, and I see nothing that will resemble its current unique, charming character. The retail store owners I have spoken to are also very concerned and expect to either be leaving or be in a position where they cannot afford escalating rents.

The increased traffic volume alone is unacceptable in our beloved small town. This is not what our community needs or wants.

Lindy Stacker
Bangalow

■ In her letter *Echo*, (21 June), Antoinette Ensbey makes a plea for a shared pathway down Raftons Road and along Leslie Street.

While I sympathise with the idea of a footpath, building a three-metre-wide shared cycle/walking path is impractical, unsafe and environmentally harmful.

Austrroads is the collective of the Australian and New Zealand transport agencies, representing all levels of government. Their *Guide to Road Design Part 6A. Paths for Walking and Cycling 2021* says: 'Gradients steeper than 5% should not be provided unless it is unavoidable.'

That is a view shared by Bicycle NSW in their *Summary of Design Principles for Good Bicycle Infrastructure 7 May, 2020*.

The average gradient of Raftons is eight per cent and for Leslie six per cent. This means the elderly, children, mothers with prams and dog walkers would be sharing a path with bicycles, skateboards, and electric scooters travelling at 50km/h or more. It would be inherently dangerous.

Residents of Rifle Range

Road and beyond would most likely prefer the proposed shared rail trail path as a more convenient and level means of access into town, so building a major shared pathway down Raftons Road and along Leslie Street is unnecessary. It would soon become redundant.

Foot traffic along Raftons and Leslie is really quite light, so a standard 1.2 metre footpath would be more than adequate. That would save 1,400m² of grass verge and 350 tonnes of concrete. The footpath could be designed so that no trees are cut down and could be routed safely away from the road along upper Leslie Street to allow cars to park for markets and events.

Only then will a path meet the guiding principle of the Bangalow Village Plan: 'It aims to ensure that the things people love about Bangalow – its heritage buildings, green, leafy character, village feel, sense of community and natural environment – are preserved and enhanced into the future.'

Michael Ryan
Bangalow

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You have the evidence that an Environmental Impact Assessment is essential before any decision about the Tyagarah aquifer is confirmed. You can insist that this aquifer must be registered in RCC consciousness as a definite risk, that an EIA is budgeted, and the required expert study slotted into the timetable for the Future Water Plan.

Your constituents need you to step up.

Lyn Walker
Lennox Head

Development, housing, flooding

Last week's *Echo* reported Byron Shire Mayor Lyon suggesting increasing building height limits to permit more development in 'certain areas'. He adds that the Department of Primary Industries may have to give a bit regarding significant farmlands.

Sounds ominously like building on floodplains. Sounds like no emphasis on infrastructure to support this mad drive to cover our area with buildings.

Our infrastructure is already antiquated, inadequate and under-maintained. The answer given, to many ratepayers

expressing concern is: 'No money'.

If Council cannot currently fund necessary works to protect the town, how will they manage more extensive future development?

In answer to concerns expressed re flood mitigation, Mr Phil Holloway replied that the waterways surrounding Mullumbimby (silted-up rivers and blocked creeks), which are a major cause of flooding, are the responsibility of Roads and Maritime services.

Wouldn't it be a first priority of the Council we elected to make decisions that benefit our town and protect our property, to be diligently communicating with these agencies on our behalf?

Before Cr Lyon continues with any further irresponsible ideas regarding development and housing, I strongly suggest he applies his energies and resources (which we pay for) to making safe what he's currently responsible for.

Marlene Crompton
Mullumbimby

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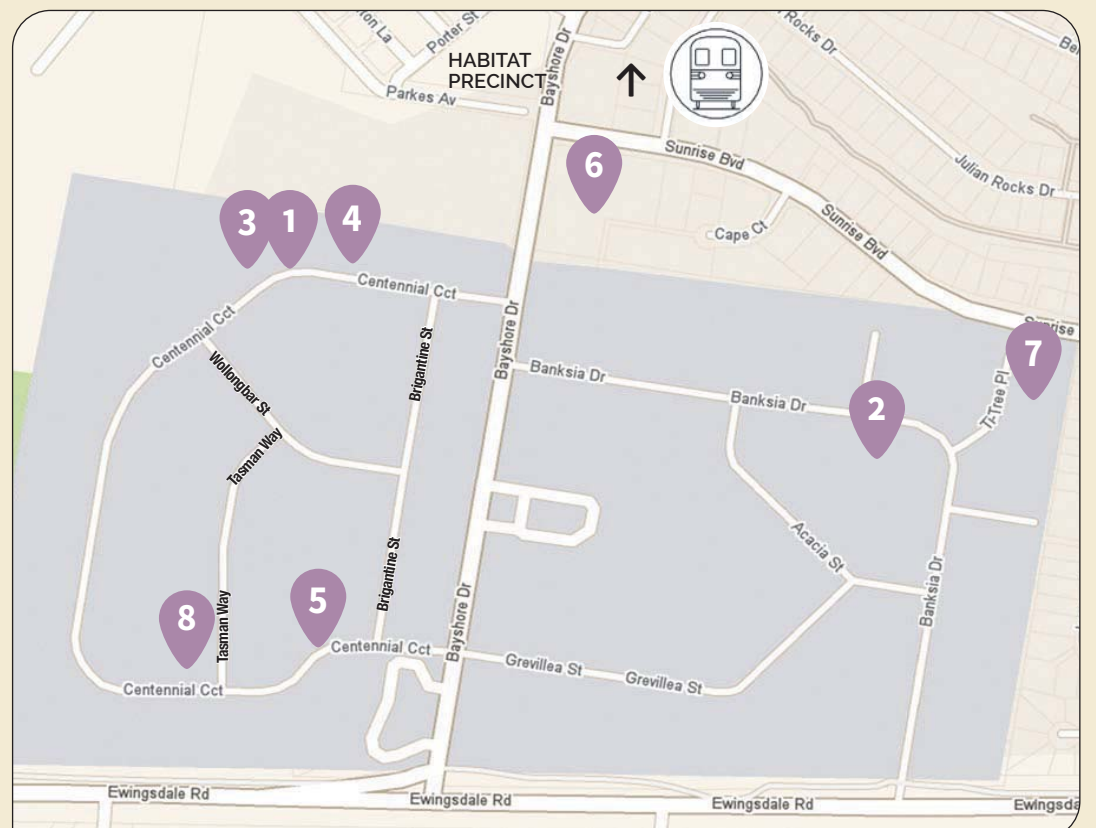
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HABITAT PRECINCT



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Easy Street, Habitat



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Does Ballina RSL have 'the perfect plate'?

The club industry's premier dining competition 'Perfect Plate' is designed to showcase the incredible quality and variety of food on offer at clubs across NSW and highlights the many talented chefs in the industry.

Ballina RSL Club have submitted a 'Ballina Prawn Laksa' as their competition dish.

'This is the best laksa I have ever had by a country mile', said ex-rugby league star, Nathan Hindmarsh, when he visited the club last week. Hindmarsh also said that the fresh local ingredients used in the dish, and the balance of the sweet, salty and chilli flavours, were a perfect match.

His scoring of the dish (4.7 out of 5) put a huge smile on the face of the Club's Head Chef, Jeremie Messenger.

The Perfect Plate Awards are judged entirely by diners. This means that every club has an equal opportunity to win. Diners simply scan a unique QR code after tasting their club's competition dish, and complete the form to submit a score between one and five. Diners will also need to upload a photo of their receipt to prove they purchased the dish to be eligible to vote.

You can have your say by dropping in, tasting the dish and voting. The competition closes on 9 July, 2023.



Ex-rugby league star turned laksa aficionado, Nathan Hindmarsh, with Head Chef Jeremie Messenger, and the Ballina RSL's CEO, Bill Coulter.



The Empire enjoys a winter refresh

If you haven't popped into The Empire in Mullumbimby recently, now would be the time. The Shire's longest-running cafe has just reinvented itself for the umpteenth time.

Finally putting the last of the flood repairs behind them, in recent weeks they have had a spruce up with a repainted facade, and have, at last, been able to replace the old damaged floor. But much more than just a cosmetic overhaul, there have been exciting changes behind the scenes with a new Head Chef, Mirko Rubino, coming on board.

Mirko and the team have been busy coming up with a new seasonal winter menu and a fresh approach. With a desire to offer excellent modern cuisine that makes the most of local and seasonal produce, the new menu features cafe classics with some innovative twists.

Some dishes they are rather chuffed with include the 'eggs benny' with a miso and brown butter hollandaise – combining deliciously with ham by Bangalow Sweet Pork. Another breakfast of beautifully balanced subtle flavours is the doughnut French toast with cardamom-poached pears, smoked manuka honey and candied walnuts.

A highly recommended lunch choice would be the soba noodle salad with



The Empire team: Owners Kevin and Elke, and chef Mirko Rubino.

cucumber, wakame, pickled ginger and a ponzu dressing – delicious just as it is, or take it to the next level with Korean fried chicken or crispy pork belly.

Chef Mirko has relished the opportunity to put together a modern-Australian breakfast menu. Hailing from Italy and trained in classical French cuisine, Mirko has found that the uninhibited Australian food scene suits him very well. Working in Australia's contemporary restaurant scene has exposed him to diverse cultural influences and exciting new methods.

Drawing on Mirko's

experience, and the wonderful regional produce, The Empire plans to continue to evolve and develop its offerings into the future. We can look forward to other seasonal menus coming later in the year.

To celebrate their new menu, The Empire have been offering special deals on their Facebook and

Instagram feeds – follow them online to find out more.

Plus, keep an eye on their socials and in these pages for their planned pop-up dinners.

The Empire is at 20 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby. Check out the new menu on their website at empiremullum.com.au and follow them @empiremullum.



Nudgel Nuts

Victoria Cosford

Today, I'm baking using Ian MacRae's Macadamia Biscuits recipe. I'm using the whole, fabulously fresh, roasted buttery macadamia nuts and folding them through a very buttery batter, and I know once I eat one, I may never stop.

Are macadamia nuts the best nuts? Ian, owner of Nudgel Nuts, and I are of the same mind here; Ian has been farming them for 26 years, and his passion remains undiminished, even though the long-time founder of the Mullumbimby Farmers Market, along with his wife Leone, have had the occasional break from them owing to crop problems or ill health.

There's a steady stream of customers as we chat, although Ian has noticed that people, given the current economic climate, are buying smaller quantities, 'Macadamias are a luxury', he says. The roasted ones are the best sellers, 'They're the crunchiest', he says, 'but there's a big demand for the chocolate-coated ones too'

he explains as one smartly dressed woman deliberates over dark or milk. These are the only product processed away from the farm – Lucia Chocolates at Southport 'enrobe' the nuts; a generous one-third nut to two-thirds chocolate. Everything else, from the picking to the dehusking, cracking and roasting, is done on-site. Hence that extraordinary freshness!

I asked Ian to share a little-known fact about macadamias. He replied that there are more than twelve varieties, he himself growing eight, distinguished by things like differing leaves, nut sizes and thickness of shells. I'm disappointed, however, by their prosaic names – like A4's and 741's and A16's!

How Ian likes to use the nuts in cooking is to add macadamia sprinkles to panko crumbs and cheese, then roll flattened pork schnitzels in the coating before frying – an idea I intend to try. As for those biscuits, Ian says he used to sell up to 300 a week at the markets! (See the recipe on the website.)

Nudgel Nuts are at Mullumbimby Farmers Markets on Fridays from 7–11am.



Cash tip

Simon Haslam

Personally, I like to round up the bill and leave a tip of around 10 per cent when I go to restaurants, in cash, regardless of whether my *Echo* rate of pay is actually higher than that of the person who serves me. But I find it quite awkward to do this when paying by card, wondering whether that money is really going to the person who served us (great), or spread around the staff (fine) or just going straight to the restaurant owner (bad).

Apparently, most Australians think our waiting staff are paid so much (the minimum rate is around \$22 p/h and it's set to rise by 5.75 per cent next week) that, unlike in the US, it's a point of pride that we don't need to tip. It turns out I'm not alone, also, in wondering whether tips paid through online platforms are just subsidising the restaurant owner, or obviating the need to pay staff properly.

According to Troy Green of the Australian Food Service Advocacy Body, 'tipping culture does appear to be changing', with an uptick in venues encouraging tipping, especially through online platforms, raising the question whether businesses are just passing on a cost to customers. Whether people are actually tipping more, given cost-of-living pressures, is another matter.

The credit crunch caused by rising interest rates and costs of living has seen annual spending on credit cards rise 20 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Having experienced the difficulty of repaying a credit card debt (on average the interest rate is around 17 per cent, according to RateCity) I prefer to pay in cash.

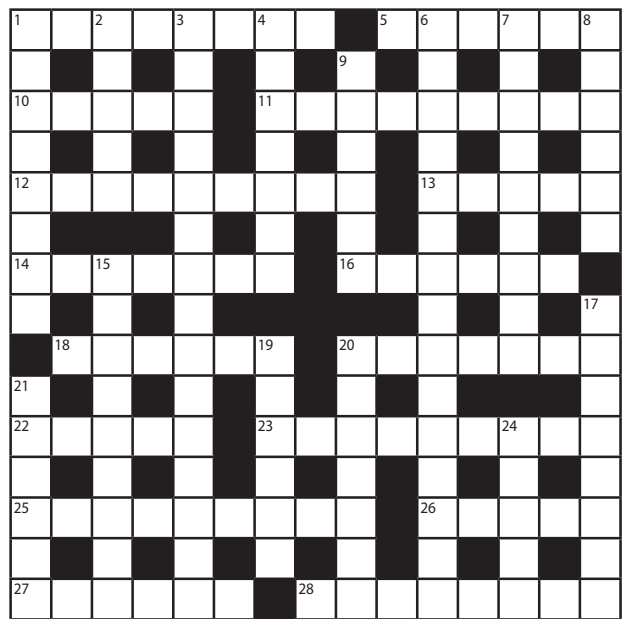
The other benefit of paying in cash is that credit card surcharge fees are increasingly being charged as businesses seek to defray costs; payment provider, Tyro, says that in May this year 40 per cent of cafes and restaurants levied surcharges, compared to 25 per cent in May 2022. Using a credit card for every transaction costs 1–1.5 per cent, a cost that quickly adds up. Debit cards cost less, premium credit cards cost more. There is no legal obligation for a business to accept payment in cash.

As the RBA points out in the March 2023 bulletin on the cash use cycle in Australia, cash use is declining and that's a self-reinforcing cycle, with the number of ATMs offering 'cash out' declining, bank branches closing, and therefore businesses finding it harder to source the change that may be required.

But as people carry less cash, they increasingly rely on the internet, and the big four banks to support them with proprietary tech solutions. The total system outage during the floods, and this week's Commonwealth Bank system failure shows that 'operational resilience', the ability of the payment system and its service providers to deliver critical operations during a disaster or tech event, is an issue for restaurants and other merchants as they transition to a 'cashless' system.



Mungo MacCallum's Crossword #497



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Master boy does badly – but he's a special person! (8)
- Ground fine – but walked daintily (6)
- Off in both directions (3,2)
- Wild boy allied in classic in tribunal (3,6)
- Stale jokes about body parts (9)
- Betting shop rings forbidden (5)
- Emigres discover new systems of government (7)
- Call father back – he could be the missing link! (6)
- Tree dweller said to feign sleep when playing (6)
- Excuse before writing (7)
- Gamble on big Bismarck (5)
- Settle the dispute – discourage Adani, for one (9)
- A rough stab with a new party – a whip required! (9)
- Two together with a former South African leader (5)
- Observe Kyrios, they say – quite spectacular! (6)
- Practise about a funeral car (8)

DOWN

- Evil eastern remedy – an easy job (8)
- Encountered about 39.37 inches (5)
- Recklessly built one mission for an Italian fascist (6,9)
- Stabilisers needed for 500 criminals (7)
- Russian tyrant? I haven't a clue! (4,3,8)
- Rejoice – Blanchett embraces worried rebel (9)
- Unadorned rubbish, decay (3,3)
- Poetry on the ship, and a Ukrainian port (6)
- Turn up, act, state requirements for refinement (4,5)
- Lowest class, the ox over time (8)
- Average blokes hold up help (6)
- Drug outlet – a road hazard (7)
- A conservative is making excuses (6)
- Bury, conceal in terrain (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Public figure (8)
- Chopped up (6)
- Unacceptable (3,2)
- English criminal court (3,6)
- Brown horses (9)
- Prohibited (5)
- Ordered ways of doing things (7)
- Human forerunner (6)
- Australian marsupial (6)
- An ostensible reason (7)
- Game of chance (5)
- Decide (9)
- Torture by beating feet (9)
- Former South African politician (5)
- Picturesque (6)
- Go over (8)

DOWN

- Money for old rope! (8)
- 100cm (5)
- Italian dictator (6,9)
- Funnel-shaped devices that reduce speed (7)
- The first Russian tsar (4,3,8)
- Commemorate (9)
- Effect of fungus growing on timber (3,3)
- A Black Sea port (6)
- Discernment (4,5)
- Cheapest accommodation on board (8)
- Mid-point value (6)
- Pit in the pavement (7)
- Proofs of absence (6)
- Entomb (5)

Last week's solution #496



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Mullet run

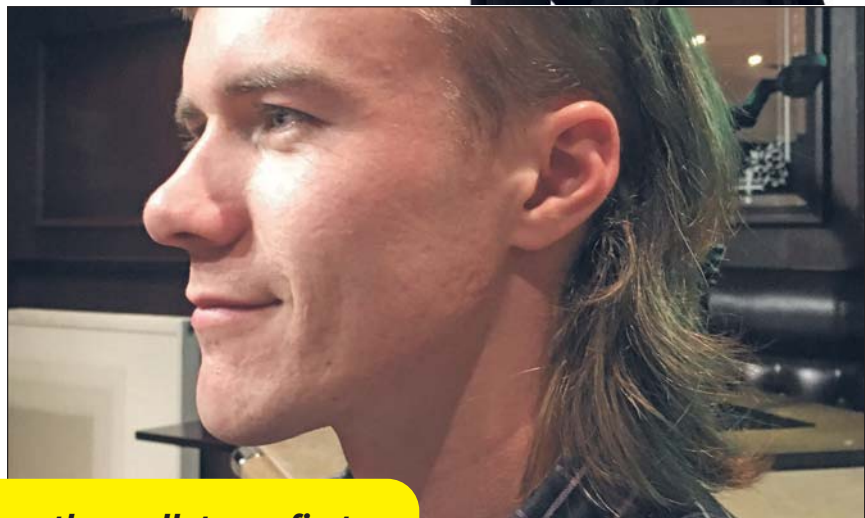
Have we reached peak mullet? I thought we had, but it seems they are breeding. Is it the haircut we intend to wear for the end of the world? Is it a sign that we have lost hope for a future? Certainly a mullet-free future.

The mullet has become the cane toad of the haircut world. They gather under street lights. On every street, inside every cafe or bar, in every family home lurks the mullet. Family photos are infiltrated every day.

It's an extraordinary haircut. Seemingly attractive people become less attractive with just a few snips. The short on top, long at the bottom, never fails to really reduce your sexy. Although some may beg to differ, but they've probably got a mullet.

The mullet is like a pair of Ugg Boots. Everyone has had one at some point in their life and secretly loved it. I had one in my teens. It was a curly mullet. I looked like a teenage girl version of the Hoff. My mum loved it. I don't think it was because she thought I looked good – I think it was because she knew that with that haircut I probably wouldn't be having sex any time soon. And she was right. The mullet was better than the pill.

So where did the mullet come from? The haircut found its way into fashion in the 1970s. We all remember the coolest mullets. Rod Stewart will be



Did you know the mullet was first worn by French fashion guru Henry Mollet, and later anglicised as 'the mullet'? I love that the most bogan of all haircuts was at one time the height of French fashion.

buried with his mullet. It has been loyal. He is king of the fluffy blowdry. David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust mullet was very cutting edge. Somehow mullets on everyone else never looked as good as they did on Bowie. It's the bogan cut of choice, but did you know the mullet was first worn by French fashion guru Henry Mollet, and later anglicised as 'the mullet'? I love that the most bogan of all haircuts was at one time the height of French fashion.

The mullet isn't just a haircut. It seems to have some evolutionary purpose. It keeps the neck warm. Bald men everywhere weep into their pillows on cold winter nights wishing for neck curtains. It's like a hairy scarf. For warriors, the short on top also meant their helmets fit better.

So why did the mullet make such a ferocious come back? Some theorise that it was covid. People had to cut

their hair at home for their zoom meeting – so they just did the front half. When they went back to work everyone had the same haircut so they mistook it for a trend.

Is the mullet the root cause of the decline in fertility? Sperm counts around the world are down. While science points towards increased obesity, poor diet and exposure to environmental toxins – I am wondering whether the mullet is to blame? Maybe it's not the sperm count that is decreasing, it's the mullet count that is increasing?

Look, I get the fact that the mullet is the great equaliser. It's the haircut for all. You can be a country music fan, a biker, a corporate banker and this haircut is the one that binds them all together. You are in a club – the mullet club. It fluffs in the breeze and screams shamelessly to the world, 'I am fun. I party and I enjoy riding in open top cars.' It also does seem to scream 'arrest me'.

So, let's use the mullet for good. How about a run for charity? Maybe to raise money for research into declining fertility we could have a 'mullet run'? ... And maybe they could keep running?

STARS BY LILITH

This week, wordsmith Mercury joins the Sun in the sign of the zodiac's kind, caring and only occasionally cranky crustaceans...



CANCER THE CRAB

ARIES: Maya Angelou's observation that 'People will forget what you said and did, but never how you made them feel' holds even truer than usual this month, when taking some extra time to tune into people's emotional cues could mean the difference between heartwarming connection and triggering clash.

TAURUS: With full moon on 3 July in the most practical and goal-oriented earth sign fertilising your ideas, it's worth using the coming month's slower pace to ground your current plans with solid market research – perhaps rebalancing your budget and consulting trusted friends or professionals if necessary.

GEMINI: With your mentor planet Mercury checking in to the sign of sensitivity this week, if conversations feel laced with subtext and innuendo because people are guarded about what to share and what to keep under wraps, ask clarifying questions that allow others to open up, but not so full-on they feel interrogated.

CANCER: As the cosmic combination of radiant Sun and eloquent Mercury in your emo sign unite your head and heart into a powerhouse of empathy and intuition so strong you're functionally psychic, this is a peak time for you birthday persons to trust your gut, especially around full moon on 3 July.

LEO: As Venus and Mars continue their entertaining sashay through your sign, creative juices flow and enthusiastic new connections or unexpected business opportunities can surface. Only caution? If you feel slighted or miffed, defensive or inclined to take things personally this week, ask yourself if that's really true before arcing up.

VIRGO: With wordy Mercury, your planet ruler, in the sign of sensitivity, be extra wary when giving advice, because feedback could be perceived as hurtfully judgmental or critical this week. During this emotionally touchy transit you'll catch more flies with empathy than helpful hints, however well-meant.

LIBRA: This week Mars and your patron planet Venus in the sign of dramarama, plus a challenging alignment between rule-making Saturn and rule-breaking Uranus all suggests that it might be time to take an inventory of your inner circle. As in, are your partnerships enhancing your personal growth?

SCORPIO: My, aren't some people moody and touchy, clingy and needy? At its least appealing, this week can be mind-changing, game-playing, fickle and tricky. So think nurturing treats, because the current astro-transit inclines humans to equate nourishment with love, and Scorpios to find comfort and security in intimate connections.

SAGITTARIUS: This weekend's Sagittarius moon offers lessons in the constructive use of response versus reaction. If you're feeling frustrated or unheard, current retrogrades provide an important pause for active listening, where the goal is to understand, empathise, and refrain from saying anything you wouldn't want said to you.

CAPRICORN: This year's full moon in Capricorn on 3 July is your annual chance to broker a new balance between personal priorities: pressures to produce, perform or provide weighed against your body and soul's need to stop, relax and really listen to what your inner intelligence is telling you.

AQUARIUS: With the celestial focus on home, roots and emotional bonds, this week calls for reaching out to your nearest and dearest, the stars of your innermost circle, the nurturers in your life. Let your family, friends and mentors know how much their love and support means to you.

PISCES: Your patron planet Neptune hits its annual speedbump this week in Pisces, merging you deeper into the waters of your subconscious for introspection and reflection. This transit is massively supported by Saturn in your sign, whose astrological duty is to steer your path through life with specific instructions and directions.

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7 DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT

THE DEAD LEGENDS RISE UP IN BRUNS

Bowie, Elvis, Queen and Aretha will echo through the Brunswick Picture House next weekend in *The Dead Legends Show*.

Mullumbimby musician, **Smokey Fields**, and a crew of local artists will perform acoustic love letters to artists who've changed the world.

Riding on the wave of his successful shows *Woodstock Reimagined*, and *The Beatles – Rooftop Revival*, Smokey Fields is saddling his pony again to shine a light on his favourite dead legends.

Smokey Fields says that, when a musician we love dies, their music and lyrics can take on a whole new meaning for us. 'I've gathered a few friends and together

we will perform songs, from the artists that have changed our lives with our own unique voices.'

Smokey has spent the post-flood period creating harmony-ridden acoustic versions of songs paying homage to dead legends like James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Tom Petty, Elvis, Roy Orbison, Queen, Pink Floyd, John Lennon and many more.

Smokey Fields and friends – **Abbie Cardwell** and **Alice Night**, along with Dusty's members **Mat Gulliford**, **James Dods** and **Nino Haggith** – will perform their *Dead Legends* show on **Saturday 1 July at 7pm** and **Sunday 2 July at 4pm**.

Tickets are \$40 and available at brunswickpicturehouse.com

16TH ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK FILM SCREENING



TANGKI (DONKEY), STILL

The program, curated from Flickerfest favourites, is a selection of inspiring Aboriginal storytelling celebrating this year's theme **For Our Elders**.

It will take you on a special journey with some incredibly strong and powerful stories, with compelling voices that will inspire and delight.

Come along and enjoy these unique stories from incredible filmmakers championing Aboriginal stories with this year's NAIDOC theme, and support the celebration of Aboriginal culture during NAIDOC Week. This event is a fundraiser for Arakwal Corp, held in partnership with Flickerfest & iQ Inc.

The 16th Arakwal NAIDOC Week film screening is on Tuesday 4 July at 6.30pm in the Byron Theatre.

Tickets: byroncentre.com.au.

EVERYONE HAD WAY TOO MUCH FUN

Last weekend was **Spaghetti Circus'** annual show with five shows across three days and more than 200 performers taking over the back shed at their home in the Mullumbimby Showground.

The show was called *Elemental* with the creative rationale based around the four elements of fire, earth, air and water.

Performers aged from three to 20 years impressed the audience with circus routines and skills they've been working on with their coaches all year.

The show was a huge success. The air was filled with laughter and sequins as the Spaghetti's did what they do best – turning upside down and inside out while having fun!

Enrolments for Term Three now open. www.spaghatticircus.com.



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SPLENDOUR'S FORUMS WILL BLOW YOUR MIND!

Festival philosophers, lovers of LOLs and campsite theorists – keep your head in the game as the programs for Splendour Forum, Comedy Club and Science Tent are revealed, including the inaugural Forum Live Podcasts!

Sit down and listen up as a host of prominent thinkers, activists, politicians and musicians raise the vibrations with lively discussion, panels, debates, documentaries and more at Splendour forums across the weekend.

Featuring an unmissable Australian exclusive interview with Pussy Riot founder, activist, and artist **Nadya Tolokonnikova**, Splendour is thrilled to announce that **Pussy Riot** will then also take to the GW McLennan stage for their only Australian live performance. Hip hop fans can catch a special directors-cut screening of *Burn Gently*, the story of Australian hip hop, plus, Splendour Forum will also host the first ever **Splendour Town Hall**; where patrons can get an audience with **Federal Youth Minister, Dr Anne Aly**.

Put your thinking caps on and see yourself to the Science Tent for its brain broadening 2023 edition, then round it out with a healthy dose of sh*t and giggles at **The Comedy Club**. This year Splendour also introduces Forum Live Podcasts. Kicking off Thursday and continuing Friday and Sunday, some of Australia's favourite podcasters, including the crew from *The Botoxa Advocate*, will record their programs live, in front of Splendour audiences.

On **Friday**, *You Wanna Work in the Music Biz?* but don't know where to start? Join Australian youth music organisation, **The Push**, as they chat to industry reps from music festivals, **Live Nation**, **Triple J**, **Moshtix** and more, breaking down everything you need to know about music career pathways. Join **Sam Koslowski** from *The Daily Aus*, as he deep dives into whether pill-testing at music festivals could soon become a reality. Hear from harm minimisation experts, including a live demonstration of the scientific equipment at *Pill-Testing is Here*. Then accompany **Nat Damena**

and **Marty Smiley** at *Generation F*CKED*, exploring why Gen Y and Z are the first generations set to be worse off than their parents.



Saturday sees the Voice forum – join host, **Brooke Boney**, and panel guests **Tony Armstrong**, **Rachael Cavanagh**, **Dean Parkin**, and **Carla McGrath** as they discuss what the Indigenous Voice to Parliament will mean from a social, political and community perspective at *The Voice to Parliament – Explained*.

Weed out the truth about *New Cannabis Laws* and join living treasure, **Dr Karl (AM)**, as he explains the hows of lots of stuff, then meet Pussy Riot's Nadya Tolokonnikova in conversation with Hamish Macdonald.

On Sunday, from hip hop godfathers the **Hilltop Hoods** to Australian Music Prize winner **Genesis Owusu**, new documentary *Burn Gently* celebrates 50 years of Aussie hip hop. This director's cut screening will be followed by a discussion panel with director **Antony Attridge** (*Sensible Antixx*), producer **N'fa Jones** (*1200 Techniques*) rapper **DOBBY**, and hosted by music photographer, **Michelle Grace Hunder**.

Meet Australia's Youth Minister, Dr Anne Aly, hosted by Cheek Media's **Hannah Ferguson** at Splendour's first ever Town Hall. Join as they talk politics for young Australians and how young people can shape the country for the better. Join Hannah Ferguson again for *Social Media x Sex Commerce: The Oldest Profession Meets the Newest Technology*. The rise of online sex work has created a new platform for female empowerment. Hear from some of the pioneers of OnlyFans and TikTok, discussing how they are harnessing the digital age to claim their power, the pitfalls of being 'social' famous, and what the future might hold in the eyes of an internet that never forgets.

There is way, way more – including live podcasts, and the **Science Tent** is back, bigger, bolder, and brainier than ever before – and as the sun sets on the **Forum**, the **Splendour Comedy Club** takes over, **Thursday through to Sunday**, boasting a lineup of festival favourites and some of Australia's freshest emerging comedy talents. Showcasing a (jimmy) buffet of comedy treats by some of the country's most hilarious stars of jest; you're bound to find your kind of funny.

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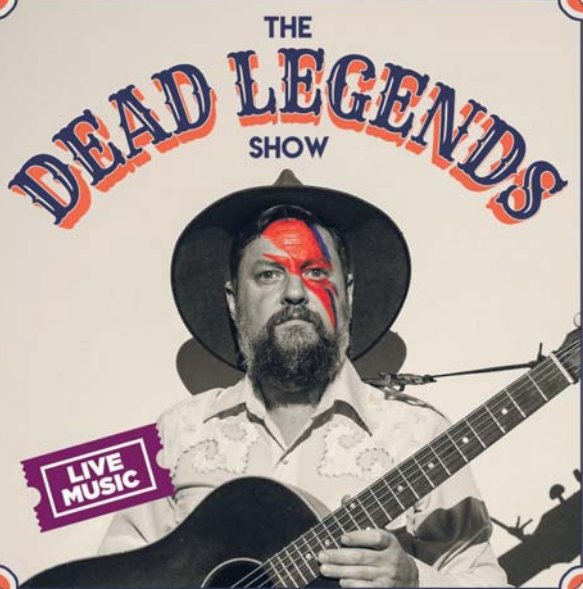
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WEDNESDAY 28

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE MAJESTIC NIGHTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **PABLO LAVERDE**, 8PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **ROD PAPP**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 6PM **FACING UP**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 6.30PM **KINGY COMEDY - FEATURING SHAYNE HUNTER**

THURSDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DONNY SHADES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **CHLOE JETT**, 8PM **SHAYA**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **KANE MUIR**, 8PM **MAGIC MEN**, 10PM **DJ SIMBA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 6PM **JESSE BALFOUR**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8PM **JAM NIGHT**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT - SHAYNE HUNTER + CODIE GRIMSEY - MC MANDY NOLAN**
- THE LEVEE, LISMORE, 5PM **THE LONESOME BOATMEN**, 7.30PM **POETRY COMPETITION**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **DJ BEATDUSTA**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **ARRIVAL ABBA TRIBUTE**

FRIDAY 30

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE SWAMP CATS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **MICKA SCENE**, 8PM **JEROME WILLIAMS BAND**, 10PM **DJ REFLEX**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **SCREENINGS - OBSESSION AND YAMA FILM + Q&A WITH FILMMAKERS**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 9AM **FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES BOOK FAIR 2023**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **MATTY ROGERS**, 8PM **MAGIC MEN**, 10PM **DJ KAI FARELLY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **FELICITY LAWLESS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 4PM **DJ TAZ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 5PM **BALCONY BEATS**, 8.30PM **KRAPPYKEE WITH JESS**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 7.30PM **ECSTATIC DANCE MULLUM WITH DJ DAKINI**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **DAVE POWER**

- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **ANDY JANS BROWN**
- LENNOX HOTEL HOTEL STAGE 8.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS DUO**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, **TAHLIA MATHERSON**
- BALLINA RSL LEVEL ONE 8PM **HIGH VOLTAGE THE AC/DC SHOW**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 7PM **THE NICKEYS WITH HORUS BEVAN**, 8PM **DJ BEATDUSTA**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE, 7.30PM **VANESSA LARRY MITCHELL - TEARDROPS ON MY DILDO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **GREER SULLIVAN**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN, 7.30PM **AN EVENING WITH GIBB & THE FAIRBAIRNS**

SATURDAY 1

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **THE DETECTIVES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 3.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**, 6PM **KALAKARI**, 8.30PM **DJ JOEY TUCKSHOP**, 10PM **DJ JAMIE LOWE**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **SCULPT PRESENTED BY AG DANCE**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 9AM **FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES BOOK FAIR 2023**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 12PM **DJ ZAC EWING**, 6PM **ANIMAL VENTURA**, 10PM **DJ SIMBA**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4.30PM **THE MAJESTIC NIGHTS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **DEAD LEGENDS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DJ ABEL TORO**
- CLUB LENNOX 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 6PM **MARSHALL OKELL**
- METROPOLE, LISMORE, 8PM **FUNNY GOATS BAND & DJ BOZ**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **JORGE & ELLIE**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS 5PM **NATHAN KAYE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD, 2PM **MEL SCARLETT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 2.30PM **JADE HURLEY**

SUNDAY 2

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **NATHAN KAYE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 1.30PM **OLE FALCOR**, 4.30PM **PETER HUNT & THE CORE FIRE**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 9AM **FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES BOOK FAIR 2023**

- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 9.30AM **SKYEATER & VERSACE BOYS**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 12PM **DJ KYRA**, 7PM **BEN WALSH**
- KARKALLA, BYRON BAY, 5.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY, 3PM **OPEN MIC WITH THE SWAMP CATS**
- WANDANA BREWING CO., MULLUMBIMBY, 3.30PM **DUDU MARTINS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **MOOD SWING & CHEVY BASS**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS PICTURE HOUSE 4PM **DEAD LEGENDS**
- CLUB LENNOX 3PM **DAX**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 10.45AM **BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB - FEAT DOUG LIEBE**, 2.30PM **BLUES CLUB WITH FBI + ROB PAPP**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA, 3PM **THE BILLY GUDGEON BAND**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 2PM **LISMORE JAZZ CLUB - MAROON**

MONDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **DAMIEN COOPER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **GAUDION**
- BYRON SURF CLUB 9AM **FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES BOOK FAIR 2023**
- THE NORTHERN, BYRON BAY, 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**

TUESDAY 4

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **NATHAN KAYE**, 8PM **PABLO LAVERDE**
- BYRON THEATRE 6.30PM **16TH ANNUAL - ARAKWAL NAIDOC FILM SCREENING**
- ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY, 6PM **TEA TEMPLE WITH MURRAY KYLE, ANNELEISE ROSE & DJ LO QI**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS, THE SHOWROOM 11AM **MORNING OF KNIGHTS**

WEDNESDAY 5

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON BAY, **JOCK BARNES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON BAY, 5PM **AKOVA**, 8PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10AM **KIDS DISCO PARTY WITH SHORTY BROWN**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **BANGALOW BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **THE MILK CARTON KIDS + VERA SOLA**

CINEMA



7 DAYS OF ENTERTAINMENT

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

Harrison Ford returns as the legendary hero archaeologist in the highly anticipated (or not) fifth instalment of the iconic *Indiana Jones* franchise – for the first time directed by James Mangold.

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny unfolds in 1944, during World War II, when American archaeologist Indiana Jones and his colleague, Basil Shaw, are in Europe to recover artifacts stolen by the Nazis and are to stop Jürgen Voller, a Nazi scientist, from obtaining the Archimedes Dial, a device capable of time travel.

Twenty-five years later, Jones is uneasy over the fact that the U.S. government has recruited former Nazis to help beat the Soviet Union in the Space Race. He is about to be forced into retirement because of his opposition to the practice.

Jürgen Voller, now a NASA member and ex-Nazi involved with the Apollo Moon-landing program, wishes to make the world into a better place – as he sees fit – by obtaining the dial, once again pitting him up against Jones.

Basil's daughter and Jones's goddaughter, Helena Shaw, accompanies Jones on his 'journey for the dial'...

While Ford reprises his role as the world-renowned globe-trotting archaeologist and college professor, Phoebe Waller-Bridge makes her *Jones* franchise debut as Helena Shaw, as does Mads Mikkelsen as this edition's bad guy (insert evil laugh here); Jürgen Voller.

Dial of Destiny is the only film in the series that is neither directed

by Steven Spielberg nor written by George Lucas, with both serving as executive producers instead. This outing was co-written by the director and Jez Butterworth, John-Henry Butterworth and David Koepp. It is also the only film in the series not to be distributed by Paramount Pictures, following Disney's acquisition of Lucas film that transferred film rights for future sequels.

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JOY RIDE (CTC) Sneak Preview Wed: 8:30pm	GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL.3 (M) Daily: 8:00pm	THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY (M) Thu/Mon/Tue: 2:00pm
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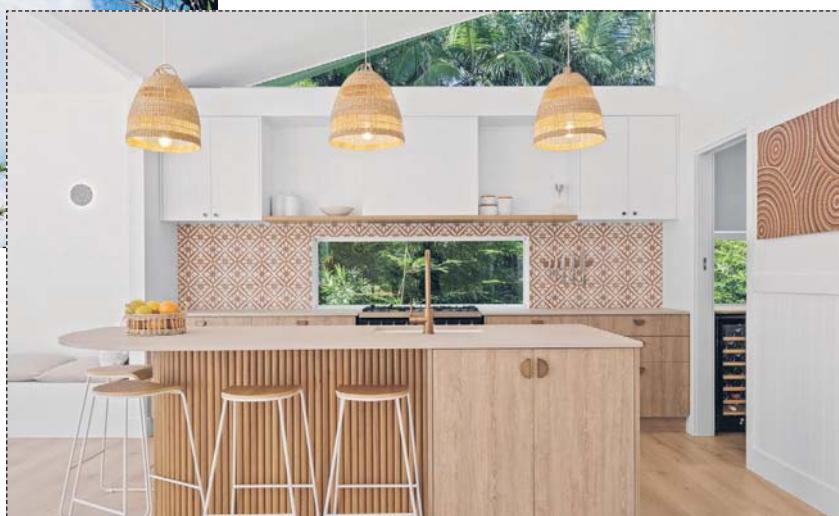


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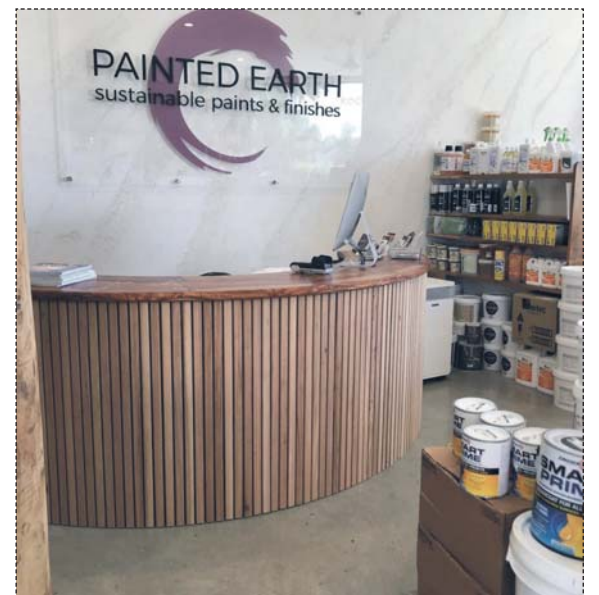
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2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 4 carports, 1526M²

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2 Coachwood Court, Federal

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4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 carports, 1.59HA

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- Original farmhouse has been extensively renovated and thoughtfully designed with a blend of original and modernist architectural finishes
- An entertainers dream with a spacious, poolside entertaining deck with views of the luxe infinity pool and mountain ridges
- The spacious floorplan offers a large living room with fireplace and reading nook

832 Federal Drive, Goonengerry

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Open: By appointment



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Wandarra – Charming Barn Style Five Bedroom Home in Picturesque Hinterland Location

- Fantastic wood and iron property with breathtaking views of rolling hills and a myriad of entertaining and relaxation areas to choose from
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- Sleek, well-equipped kitchen with quality appliances
- Generous covered verandah overlooking the stunning ten metre pool
- Uninterrupted hinterland views
- Grand 5 bedroom home with additional outbuilding/studio
- Approx 5 minutes from Mullumbimby and less than 20 minutes from Byron Bay

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 5 cars, 9357M²

45 Myocum Ridge Road, Myocum

Price Guide: \$2.6m – \$2.85m

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Mediterranean Inspired Beachside Home

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 cars, 550M²

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- Main bedroom features an ensuite and a large deck which backs onto Arakwal National Park with paths through to the Ti-Tree Lake and Broken Head
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30 MacGregor Street, Suffolk Park

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Su Reynolds
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Yarraga – Heavenly Historic Sanctuary in the Byron Hinterland

6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 cars, 34.02HA

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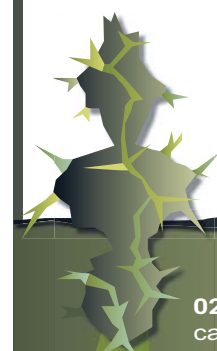
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Tweed Broadwater Village - Site 58

Village Name: Tweed Broadwater Village – Tweed Heads



\$469,000



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The Geographical Names Board is seeking public comment on a proposal by *National Parks and Wildlife Service* to dual name the following:

Julian Rocks as *Nguthungulli* for an islet. Julian Rocks consists of two prominent rocky islands about 3 km North-North West of Cape Byron within Byron Local Government Area.

Cape Byron as *Walgun* for a headland. Cape Byron is a rock promontory, being the most eastern point of Australia, projecting into the Coral Sea in Byron Local Government Area.

The proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board website at gnb.nsw.gov.au from 28 June to 28 July 2023. Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Avenue, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

In accordance with Section 9 of the *Geographical Names Act 1966*, all submissions lodged may be subject to a Government Information (Public Access) application and may be viewed by a third party to assist the Board in considering this proposal.

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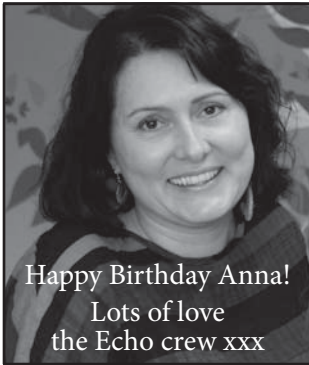
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REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS OF THE PROPOSED New Radio Facility at Koonyum Range Mount Jerusalem National Park



PUBLIC EXHIBITION

NSW Telco Authority has submitted a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Planning and Environment (NPWS, DPE) for a proposed new radio facility at Koonyum Range in Mount Jerusalem National Park.

The REF is on public exhibition from 22 June 2023 to 22 July 2023. The documents are available for viewing on the DPE website at environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say and at the following locations:

- NPWS office at 22 Tallow Beach Road, Byron Bay NSW 2481 (9:30am-4:30pm daily)
- NPWS office at Level 1/135 Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah NSW 2484 (8:30am-4:30pm weekdays)

SUBMISSIONS

Persons or organisations wishing to comment on the REF are invited to make written submissions by 22 July 2023.

Post your written submission to: Senior Project Officer, Utilities, NPWS, PO Box 2228, Jindabyne NSW 2627
Email your submission to: NPWS.Utilities@environment.nsw.gov.au

Or make a submission via the website: environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say

The submissions will be used by NPWS, DPE to assess the likelihood of the proposed activity causing a significant impact and if approval should be granted for the proposal under s.153D of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

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AARON MOON, long time marketeer with The Big Orange passed peacefully last week. A strong, inspiring man, respected for his directness. We will remember his cheeky smile & witty humour.
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Much loved wife of Frank Mills (dec). Loved mother of Jenny, Richard, Lindy and Paul.
Loved grandmother of Emily, Jack, Scarlett and Christian. Judy will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral service to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on Tuesday 4th July 2023 commencing at 10.00am followed by burial at Mullumbimby Cemetery.

Michael Currie at
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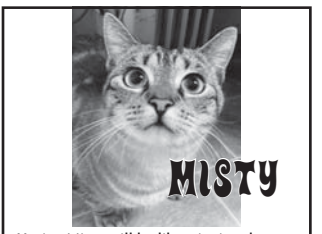
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The Echo updates this guide regularly, however sometimes markets change their routine without letting us know. Please get in touch if you want to advise us of a change.

GILMORE, MARGARET JOY



Passed away peacefully with family at her side. Adored wife of David. Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Peter (dec) & Michelle, Sue & Foz, Carol & Andy, Michael (dec), Danny, Jess & Darren, and Ben & Kristy. Loved by her fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Maggie will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Aged 80 years

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at the Uniting Church, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby on FRIDAY (30th June, 2023) commencing at 2.00pm.

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Big futsal future for Mullumbimby High as students ready to represent Australia

Mullumbimby High School students are continuing their success with futsal and are embarking on new representative journeys, including international competition.

To start with, six Mullumbimby students will be representing South East Queensland at this year's Australia Futsal Association National Titles.

'Ruben Polo-Angeli, Tullan Tyrell, Archie Baines, Finn McKenzie, Neehal Wijaya, and Polly Jefed have all been accepted.

'With training starting soon, they are all excited about the new challenge ahead of them,' Mullum High teacher and futsal coach Brian Head said.

As well as this, two girls from last year's successful U/16 girls' team will soon be travelling overseas to be part



Mullumbimby High Futsal stars: (L-R) Finn, Reuben, Neehal, Archie, Ella, Honey and Polly. Photo supplied

of Australian team tours.

They accepted these invitations after their amazing efforts last year when the Mullumbimby High School team, against the odds, finished second at the national titles last year.

Ella Brittain from Year 11 will be part of the U/16 team travelling to the USA, while Honey Mowbray from Year 10

will be part of the U/15 team travelling to Brazil.

'Both girls are also obviously very excited about their upcoming adventure,' Brian said.

'With training facilities hopefully restored by the end of the year, the future of the futsal program at Mullumbimby High looks very bright.'

Fun for all on Activate Inclusion Sports Day

Byron Bay's Activate Inclusion Sports Day 2023 was held at the Cavanbah Centre on June 14 and was met with enthusiastic support from many schools in the region.

Activate Inclusion Sports Days (AISD) are one-day programs that encourage students with disability to participate in regular community sport and active recreation.

These events are delivered for the benefit of students, between the ages of five and 18 years, with learning, physical, intellectual or sensory disabilities.

Over 120 children participated in the event, which included wheelchair sports, tennis, rugby league and basketball.

Support was provided by Social Futures and the NRL. The tennis component of the day was provided by Byron Bay Tennis.

'Overall, the Cavanbah Centre's Activate Inclusion



Students line up for a hit of tennis during the Active Inclusion Sports Day 2023. Photo supplied

Sports Day was considered a great success and has potential to be an ongoing positive influence within the Northern Rivers region,' Andrew Bates from Byron Bay Tennis said.

'Providing the opportunity for children to participate in sports, with their friends, develop skills and have fun, will

have a continued positive impact and is expected to result in increased regular participation in sports and recreational activity for children that may otherwise not participate in sport,' he said.

AISD were established in 2016 by Sport NSW with local councils, state sporting organisations, universities and the NDIS.

Ballina Bombers women getting stronger

The Ballina Bombers women's AFL team powered their way to a 10.15.75-1.1.7 win over Redland-Victoria Point in their clash at Frigg Oval, Ballina two weeks ago.

The side held the visitors scoreless till half time, only letting them score twice in the third quarter.

Top players included: Rebecca Ward, Amy Jones, Amy Keen, Ellie Mcfadden, Meg McGuiness and Alanah Osborne.

Up front, Amy Keen scored three goals while Lisa Parkin scored two.

The win puts the team narrowly into third place on the Queensland AFL competition ladder.

Tweed Coast lead the competition and are undefeated. Mt Gravatt has two losses, as does Ballina, both to the Tweed Coast.



Rebecca Ward on the charge for the Ballina Bombers in their big win over Redland-Victoria Point. Photo Rob Parkin

The first time they played in round one they went down 36-7, but reduced that to an 11 point deficit the last time they played in early June.

The senior men's Bombers side is sixth on the competition ladder, and with two weeks of byes across

the competition, is hoping to bounce back from an injury-plagued first half of the season.

The Reserves are hanging on to the wooden spoon, at this stage, but have everything to play for and nothing to lose.

Ballina Athletics Club set for memorial day

The running season is in full stride for the Ballina Athletics Club that hosts a cross-country run every Sunday during winter at Shelley Beach.

The BAC is in its 43rd year and now has 350 members, with 130-150 turning up each week. Ages range from veterans all the way down to three or four year olds, according to organiser and club stalwart, Janice Saxby.

Runners can choose a course distance a one, three or six kilometres across the beach and tracks.

The BAC is focused on being inclusive and does plenty of fundraising to keep registration fees of \$50 per family and \$20 per individual; 'as cheap as possible', Janice said.

The BAC is gearing up for



It is on for young and old when the BAC hits Shelley Beach each Sunday morning in winter. Photo supplied

one of their biggest days of the year when they run the Ted Batterham Memorial Event on Sunday July 9.

'In this event runners have to take off their watches and try and get a time as close as possible to their official handicapped time,' Janice said.

All the action from 9am at Shelley Beach, Ballina.

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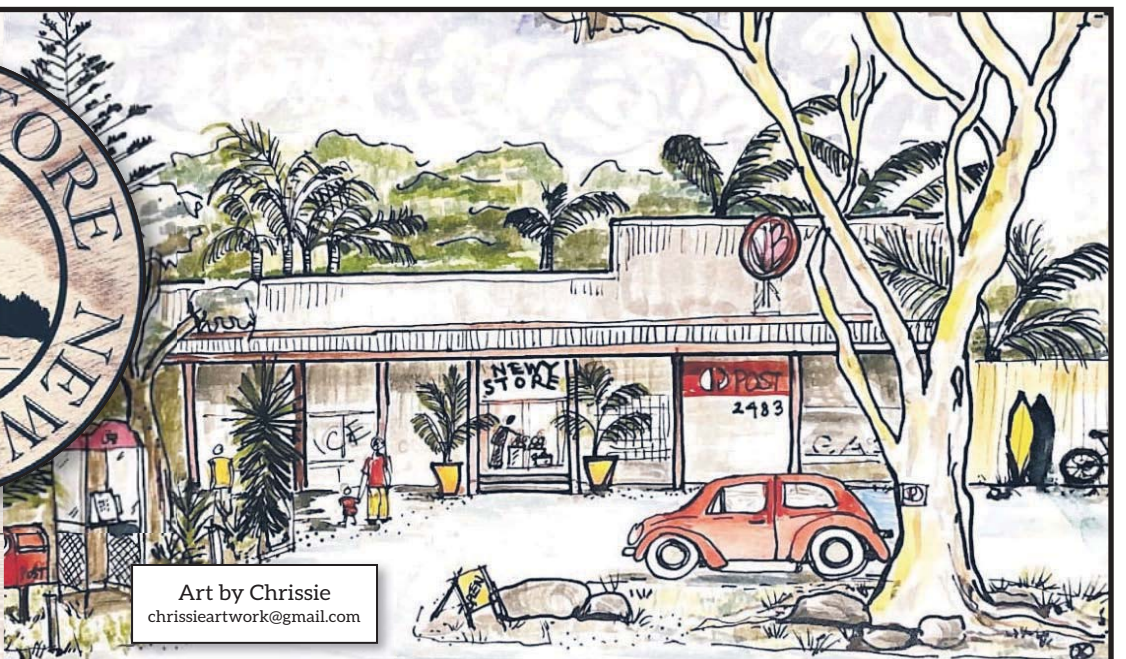
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Council continues to be allergic to transparency, after yet another unnecessary closed door meeting was held last week. It was to discuss how to develop a busy Mullum car park into 32 'affordable housing' units. While Council can redact tender amounts from documents and keep the public informed, General Manager, Mark Arnold refused that request by *The Echo*.

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An alliance of environment, agriculture, industry and land management groups are calling for urgent action on Australia's fire ant outbreak. They say the global 'super pests' are spreading beyond the southern Qld outbreak and threaten life across Australia. 'A fire ant invasion across Australia will be worse than the cane toad. They can kill people and wildlife,' say the Invasive Species Council.

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Are Aussies getting stronger? 20 years ago, it took two adults to carry \$100 worth of groceries. Now a kid can do it.

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Here's a sobering stat: the NSW Council for Civil Liberties says one per cent of Australian taxpayers own nearly a quarter of all property investments across the country. It says, 'The



Wizards of the wire! *The Crossing* is a spectacular highwire tribute to Con Colleano, a Gamilaroi man born in Lismore in 1899, who became the greatest tightwire artist of all time. The free highwire show is on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July, 1-5pm, and is presented by SeedArts at Lismore Quad. It stars Dylan Singh and Rindi Harradine, pictured. Photo Eve Jeffery

wealth divide in Australia is at an all time high, and our tax system is set to become even less progressive with the advent of the so-called 'Stage 3' tax cuts next year'.

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Those wanting to get informed about the upcoming referendum on the Voice can see what progress has been made with www.closingthegap.gov.au.

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The Byron Bay Rail Corridor Park and Northern Rivers Trail Masterplan and Strategy both won awards at the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW Awards recently. The projects each won a Regional Achievement Award for Northern NSW.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Further to the page 3 story, the NRRC is hosting a Mullum pop-up on Wednesdays at the Council offices from 9am-1pm. The NRRC says to book, call your case manager, info hub

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Elixiba Byron Bay is closing Friday

Unless you and/or your friends would like to keep it open.

This is a tremendous opportunity for somebody without capital to go into business on a walk-in/walk-out basis.

The restaurant is fully set up with a smart operating kitchen, fully furnished and decorated with a licensed bar and liquor license.

Centrally located with long lease. For further details contact Ray 0418 610 059 or ray@elixiba.com